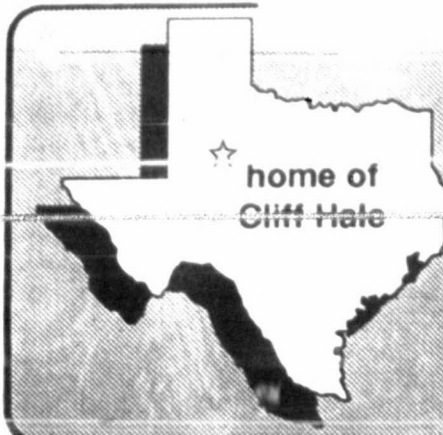


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Sales tax rebates are up for both city and county

Sales tax rebates for the City of Snyder and Scurry County were up this month, according to the state comptroller's office.

December's figures reflect taxes collected on October sales and reported in late November by businesses filing monthly returns.

The City of Snyder received \$63,453.97 this month, up 13.26 percent from the \$56,026.45 received for same period in 1989. That rebate brings the year-to-date total to \$789,450.52, up 2.44 percent from \$770,609.17 last year.

Sales tax rebates to the county

were up 15.96 percent for the month, comparing figures of \$37,346.20 this December to \$32,206.51 the previous December. To date, the county has accumulated \$497,943.77 for the year, up 10.32 percent over \$451,368.19 in 1989.

Merchants collect the state and local taxes and send them to the comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its share and sends cities and counties the local portion of the sales tax each month.

Monthly and year-to-date rebates for area communities are as follows:

—Abilene: up 99.28 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$1,089,298.05 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$546,609.60. Payments for 1990 are \$14,185,076.92, up 77.70 percent.

—Andrews: up 28.57 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$54,074.30 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$42,058.03. Payments for 1990 are \$675,046.90, up 10.28 percent.

—Big Spring: up 74.04 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$181,028.07 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$104,016.28. Payments for 1990 are \$1,521,287.93, up 6.74 percent.

—Colorado City: down 11.32 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$20,426.07 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$23,033.58. Payments for 1990 are \$347,750.98, down 6.52 percent.

—Lamesa: up 0.30 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$34,039.12 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$33,937.20. Payments for 1990 are

(see REBATES, page 11A)



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...Two-year-old Kayla Hartzog tells Santa what she wants for Christmas. Santa has made several appearances in various Snyder locations this holiday period. Hundreds of children also wrote letters to Santa through the Snyder Daily News. The letters are published in today's edition.

Judge rules against worker's comp law

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge Friday said the new workers' compensation system appears to violate the Texas Constitution and issued a temporary order to block the state from implementing most parts of the act.

"I am extremely pleased that the judicial process is working to guarantee the constitutional rights of Texas workers," Joe Gunn, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, said.

"We opposed the legislation when it passed because it was bad law. We regret we had to appeal to the judicial system for justice, but that's why we have a governmental system of checks and balances," Gunn said.

Gov. Bill Clements called the decision "horrendous."

"This is another example of judicial encroachment into legislative business," Clements said.

The status of the law set to take effect Jan. 1, however, remained

up in the air following the state district court ruling in Eagle Pass.

The attorney general's office immediately began appealing Maverick County Judge Eugene Stewart's ruling, saying that action would allow the law to take effect as scheduled.

"By us filing the notice of appeal, the judge's injunction is null and void," said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Jim Mattox. "It is superseded, so the workers' compensation act will in fact take effect Jan. 1," Dusek said.

Gunn, however, called the state's appeal with the 4th Court of Appeals in San Antonio "a brief glitch" in organized labor's fight to overturn the law.

He said the AFL-CIO will ask the appeals court to rule on the state's motion quickly and was confident the court would uphold Stewart's order.

Family of serviceman waits for word from USS Saratoga

From local, AP reports A Snyder family was still waiting late Saturday morning for word of their son, who is stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga.

A ferry carrying about 100 U.S. soldiers from the Saratoga capsized and sank in rough Mediterranean waters early Saturday morning. At least 19 drowned, police from Haifa, Israel, said. The rented ferry was transporting sailors from

Christmas shore leave back to the carrier.

Gilbert and Linda Hinojos have been trying to learn if her son, Petty Officer 2nd Class Gabriel Hinojos, was aboard the ferry. Mrs. Hinojos, who is a records supervisor with Scurry County Appraisal District, said the family knew the son was on leave in Israel, but does not know if he was aboard the ferry.

Gabriel, who is a graduate of Snyder High School, also has a wife and a child in Virginia.

Mrs. Hinojos said she has been trying to contact authorities by telephone but has been unable to get through.

American and Israeli rescue teams searched for soldiers feared missing more than 10 hours after the Israeli ferry Tuvia went under shortly after midnight in windy, choppy seas about 200 yards from the Saratoga, which was about a mile off the coast.

The sailors were among hundreds who spent their holiday liberty Friday in Haifa, some with wives and girlfriends who had flown from home to meet them.

The Saratoga, part of the U.S. Sixth Fleet based in Italy, is stationed in the eastern Mediterranean as a battle group included in the multinational force opposing Iraq. The carrier has a crew of about 4,500.

Haifa Police spokesman Chaim

Avinoam said a total of 19 bodies had been found. All but two were recovered by midday from the two-deck, 57-foot ferry, sunk about 80 feet below the surface, police said.

There was no official report on the reason for the sinking. Witnesses said they believed there were too many people in the back of the boat when it suddenly capsized. An employee of the boat company said it was not overloaded.

The port of Haifa was declared a closed military zone after the accident and flares illuminated the bay, dotted with search ships, helicopters, and U.S. and Israeli frogmen searching the sunken ferry.

Forty-seven sailors were hospitalized and 38 rescued unharmed from the choppy seas, according to state-owned Israel radio. It said four were in serious condition and most of the others had been released later in the

(see FAMILY, page 11A)

County court to meet two times Monday

County commissioners are set to name an undesignated road in Precinct 4 during their 10 a.m. Monday meeting at the county courthouse.

The court has also scheduled a 1:30 p.m. meeting with Bob Robinson of the Texas A&M Extension Office in Lubbock and an applicant for the county agriculture agent.

Robinson attended last week's court meeting to answer questions from a group of local citizens interested in the hiring of the position. He told the group of farmers and businessmen that he was looking for an agent with experience in cotton and cattle production and one that is interested in working with the 4-H because these are basic elements of Scurry County agriculture.

Robinson said he would like to have someone in the position before the end of the year. The county has been without an agent since the first of the month when Marvin Ensor's resignation became effective.

Ensor announced his resignation in October to assume the county agent's position in Gaines County.

The court accepted the resignation "with regret" and in November passed a resolution honoring Ensor and his almost eight years of service to Scurry County.

Ask Us

Q—Who has the right-of-way at an unmarked intersection?

A—According to the Texas Driver's Handbook, you are to yield the right-of-way to any vehicle which has entered the intersection on your right or is approaching the intersection from the right. If you are driving on an unpaved road which intersects with a paved road, you must yield to vehicles traveling on the paved road. You also yield to vehicles driving on a divided street or roadway.

2 days until Christmas



Local

Holiday plans

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

The Dec. 24 edition will be delivered Monday morning. As usual, there will be no publication on Christmas Day. The normal publication schedule will resume Wednesday.

Hermleigh

A Hermleigh Community Association dance will be held Saturday, Dec. 29, at the National Guard Armory in Snyder from 8 p.m. until midnight. Proceeds will benefit the Hermleigh water works.

Tickets are \$5 each at the door. The Sydney Porter band of Sweetwater will provide music. Call 863-2334 for more information.

Sr. Center

Scurry County Senior Center will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas holiday. Since the center will also be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, a New Years party for senior citizens is planned for Friday, Dec. 29. The observance will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the center.

Golden K Kiwanis, which usually meets in the center at noon on Tuesdays, will meet on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

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 Friday, 12 degrees; low, 6 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 7 degrees; no measurable precipitation; total precipitation for December, 1.41 inches; total precipitation for 1990, 30.45 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday, cloudy and cold with a 20 percent chance of light snow. High in the lower 20s. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph. Saturday night, cloudy and cold. Low around 12. Sunday, partly cloudy and not as cold. High in the mid 30s. Outlook for Christmas Day, partly cloudy with a low near 20 and a high in the upper 30s.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

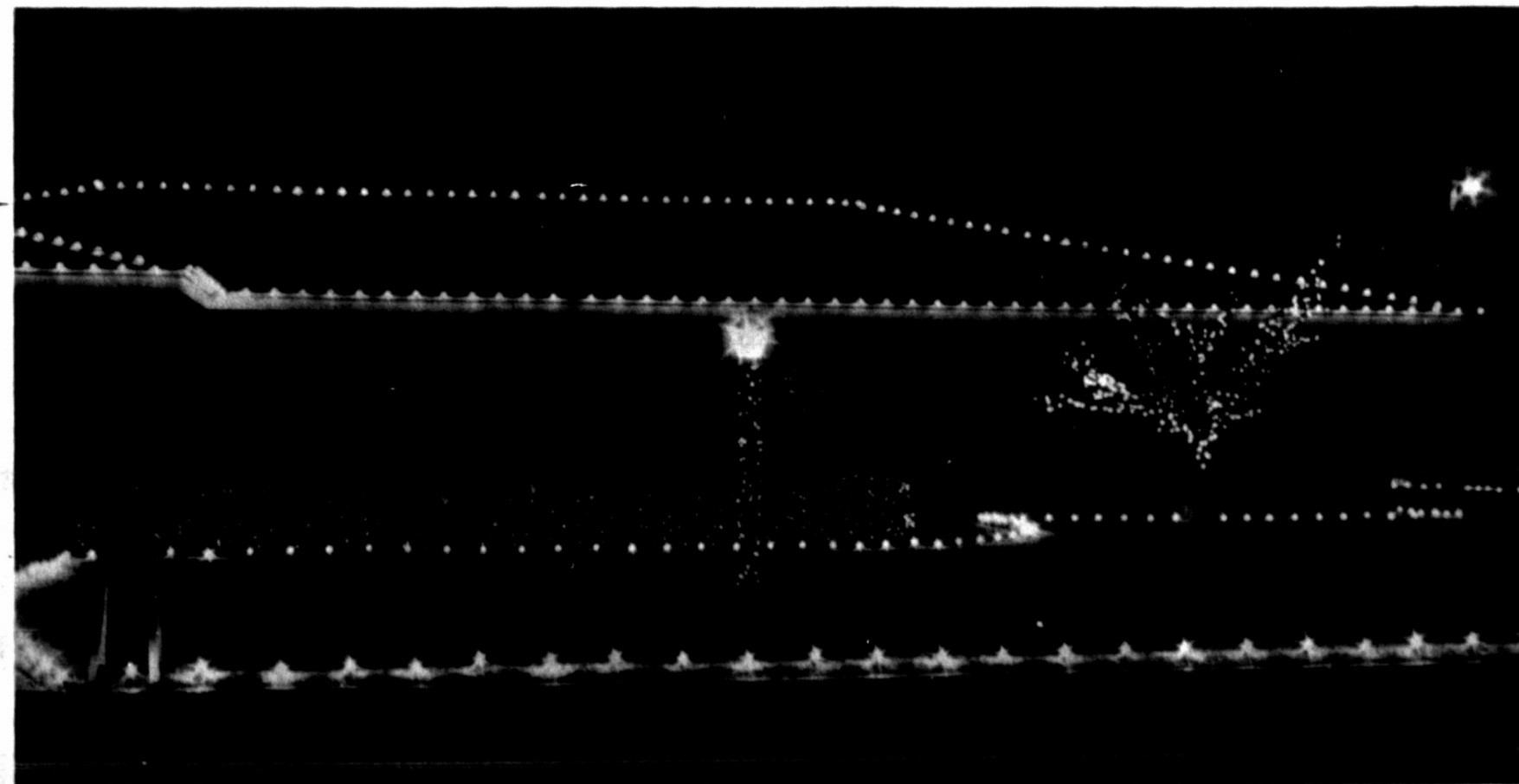
The feller on Deep Creek says, "Merry Christmas..."

A group of third graders were discussing the validity of Santa, so the teacher asked the students to write how they can tell if the jolly gentleman from the North Pole is a fake.

- If he can't name all of his reindeer.
-If he kisses your mom.
-If he rides a motorcycle or arrives in a helicopter.
-If he doesn't have blue eyes and wear wire-rimmed glasses.
-If he isn't fat all over. His tummy should feel like Jello when you hug him.
-By smelling his breath. If it smells like Cheese Puffs, get down and go look for the real one.
-If you can see the thing that holds his beard on.
-If he won't show you his ID.
-If he is cranky.
-If he is suntanned.

- If you hug him real hard and feel the pillows.
-If he has freckles.
-If he asks you what you want for Christmas, again.
-If you ask for a whole bunch of things and he says something like, "I don't know if I can give you that many."
-If you have to pay money to see him or have your picture taken with him.
-If his cheeks aren't old.
-If his sleigh and reindeer aren't in the parking lot.
-If his breath smells like cigarettes.
-If the tag inside his red suit says, "Made in Taiwan."

The way to know if it's the one and only Santa is how you feel on Christmas Eve. If the anticipation on Christmas Eve makes it hard to go to sleep, you've run into the real Santa sometime during this holiday season.



LIGHTING WINNER — The John Risenhoover residence at 4510 Garwood won first place in the lighting category of the Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest held last week. (SDN Staff Photo)



"SANTA KNOWS BEST" — West sixth graders in Cindy Lickey's and Donna Farley's classes recently combined their talents for "Santa Knows Best." Farley's students (photo one) include Misty Badgwell, Emily Bavousett Emily, Zack Briseno,

Haley Brown, Christina Bullard, Jamie Burleson, Chad Carter, Mark Cave, Curtis Clay, Brady Collier, Casey Doyle, Traci Eicke, Laura Gonzales, Chris Halbert, Todd Hall, Michael Hensley, Jenise Judah, Melanie Kidd, Eric Lang, Crystal Lee, Tif-



fany Salter, Starling Shields, Joey Steakley, Daysha Weaver and Robert Woods. Lickey's students (photo two) include Troy Allen, Kristin Bailey, Tyra Brooks, Jerry Burton, Clark Church, David Clarady, Christy Garner, Melanie Gibson,

Jessica Hodges, Jay Holley, Patrick Jordan, Kevin Lacik, Ryan Landes, Sarah Lilly, Nicole Lyons, Robert Nitsch, Teddy Murray, Cas Reneau, Emily Rice, Russell Riggan, Crystal Suarez, Laura Stansell, Molly Wilson and Emily Zeck. (SDN Staff Photos)

Israel's immigration flood largest in 40 years

JERUSALEM (AP) — Jews are fleeing the Soviet Union and flooding into European transit points in trains, buses and even bicycles as they swell the biggest influx of immigrants to Israel in about 40 years.

Israel on Friday ordered the national carrier to use every available plane to ferry the Jews from Europe. The government waived the prohibition against flights on the weekly Jewish Sab-

bath, from Friday evening through tonight.

Three El Al planes left Friday night for Warsaw, Bucharest and Budapest and were to return today with 750 Soviet immigrants. Four more planes were flying today to pick up more immigrants, El AL spokesman Nachum Kleinman said.

He said El Al had promised the Israeli government it would operate as many flights as

necessary to airlift the immigrants.

An upsurge of emigration occurred this week amid growing political tensions in the Soviet Union and the resignation of Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, who warned the country was sliding into dictatorship.

Many Soviet Jews fear the liberal emigration policies of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev will soon end, said Alexander

Bronstein, 55, a chemistry professor who arrived from Moscow at Ben Gurion International Airport on Friday.

"The resignation of Shevardnadze is bad for Gorbachev, bad for democracy and bad for U.S.-Soviet Union relations," Bronstein told reporters. "It is certainly possible that the gates may close."

In the past three days, more than 1,500 Soviet Jews have landed in Israel daily, nearly doubling

the previous daily average of about 800, said Gad Ben-Ari, a spokesman for the Jewish Agency, which oversees immigration.

Soviet Jews have also been fleeing to Germany in East Berlin at the rate of 125 a day recently. German governors decided Friday not to put a quota on the number of Jews they will allow to immigrate to their states.

Officials expect more than 30,000 Soviet arrivals in December, bringing the year's total to about 200,000. That figure includes Jewish immigrants from Ethiopia and elsewhere.

In 1949, the biggest year of immigration, 240,000 Jews arrived in Israel. About 170,000 came in 1950 and 175,000 in 1951. Until this year immigration never again

reached 100,000.

Officials expect 1991 to easily be the biggest year of immigration to Israel.

"If we planned for 500,000 Jews next year, it is quite possible that with a radical change in the situation in the Soviet Union we will have to absorb twice as many in a short time," Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Israel radio.

Israel's population is only 4.7 million, not including the 1.7 million Palestinians and 100,000 Jewish settlers living in the occupied territories.

Palestinians are worried the emigres will be used to colonize the occupied territories. The Israeli government recently announced plans to build new housing for Soviet arrivals in Arab east Jerusalem.

**Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service**
First Presbyterian
Church
28th St. and Ave. R
**Monday,
December 24,
11:00 p.m.**

Webb County budget legal

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — The controversy that's clouded the new Webb County budget and the raises it authorizes for elected officials is over — at least for now.

Judge John Dominguez, a visiting state district judge, ruled Friday the current county budget is legal.

Patricia Barrera, a Webb County taxpayer, filed a lawsuit accusing the county of failing to follow a legal timetable for adopting the budget and for failing to properly publicize the budget hearings.

The new budget gives county

commissioners, the county attorney and constable salary increases ranging from \$6,700 to \$14,800 a year. Other elected officers will get a five percent raise.

Dominguez's ruling preempted any action by the jury and allowed the county to win the lawsuit without presenting any witnesses in the weeklong trial, The Laredo Morning Times reported.

Julio Garcia, Barrera's attorney, said the ruling would have been different if a jury had decided the case.

"The jury believed that ignorance of the law was no excuse," Garcia said.

Garcia said he isn't sure if Ms. Barrera has enough money to mount an appeal to the judge's ruling. "We've been shoestringing it all along," he said.

Webb County Attorney Anna Laura Cavazos Ramirez rejected Garcia's arguments that the county violated the law when it adopted the budget.

"We went over and above what we were required to do," Ms. Ramirez told the judge in her motion for an instructed verdict.

The county attorney maintained that a state statute which requires a 10-day public notice for any budget hearing does not apply to Webb County.

**Senior
Citizen
Menu**

MONDAY
Closed

TUESDAY
Closed

WEDNESDAY
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Green Bean Casserole
Tomato Wedges
Tropical Apples

THURSDAY
Boneless Barbecue Ribs
Pinto Beans
Whole Kernel Corn
Tossed Salad
Oatmeal Cookie
Mixed Fruit

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Blackeye Peas
Vegetable Medley
Macaroni Salad
Cornbread
Coconut Pudding

Ruby Hall is SDN winner

Ruby Hall of 3303 Avenue A is the December winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who either renew or subscribe for six months or more.

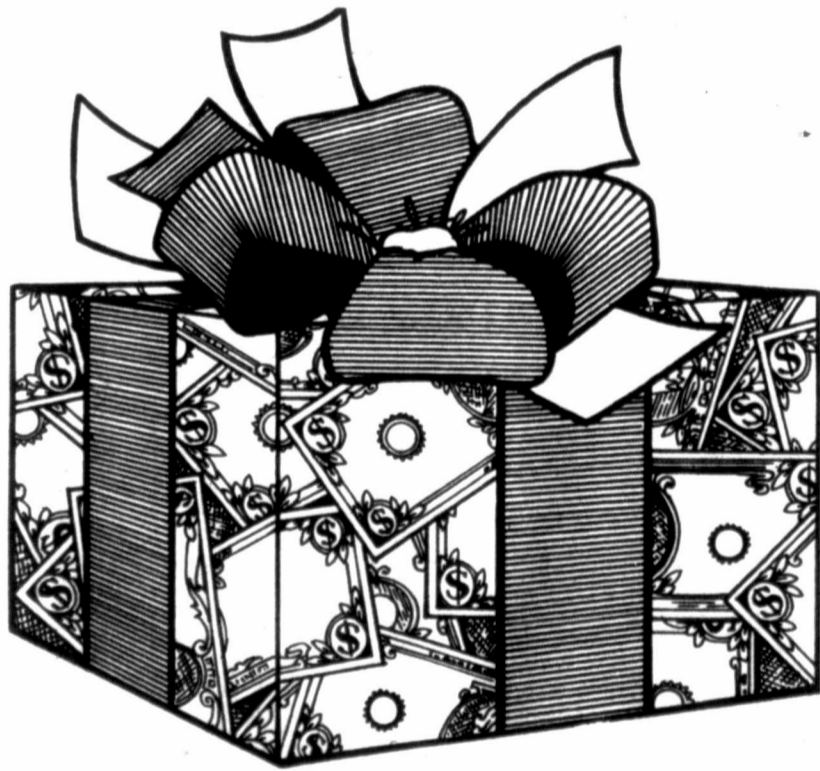
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FIRST PLACE — The seventh grade homerooms of Tommy Echols and Amanda Herrera won first place in Snyder Junior High School's Christmas door decoration contest. From left are, Jessica Rocha, Joylynn Shepard, Cinna Torres and Jodi White. Bill Moss, chamber of commerce manager, was the judge. (SDN Staff Photo)



TOP WINNERS — Darlene Robbins' eighth grade homeroom won first place in Snyder Junior High School's Christmas door decoration contest. From left are, Ruben Munoz, Jaime Duncan, Dennis Creager and Ryan Eime. Judge was Bill Moss, chamber of commerce manager. (SDN Staff Photo)

Official inquiry finds no CIA link to S&L scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators found no evidence to support published allegations that the CIA was involved in several savings and loan failures, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee says.

"We came across no evidence of CIA involvement," Rep. Anthony Beilenson, D-Calif., said Friday in a telephone interview. "We do not suspect, we have no reason to suspect at all, that any of these allegations is true."

But the newspaper that initially published the claims reported Saturday that the committee relied on the CIA to provide information about itself.

The Intelligence Committee on Friday released results of a nine-month investigation that included a hearing and dozens of staff interviews. The inquiry was undertaken at the request of the House Banking subcommittee on financial institutions.

The subcommittee sought the inquiry following reports in the Houston Post that the CIA was involved in the scandal that has overtaken the S&L industry.

In a two-page letter to subcommittee Chairman Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., Beilenson said his panel did identify five individuals who "at some point in their lives"

had an association with the CIA. Beilenson said, however, there was nothing to show that those associations "were used in any way to facilitate fraudulent activities at financial institutions."

But the Post Saturday quoted the committee's chief counsel, Michael Sheehy, as saying that

all the CIA-related information in the committee's report came from the agency.

Sheehy also told the Post that the panel's staff had not attempted to track any of the S&L money obtained by CIA operatives to determine if it had been used for illegal CIA-related

purposes. The newspaper said Sheehy could not answer questions about how the staff found evidence of unauthorized CIA activities.

Beilenson said that in some cases, individuals claimed to know sources with information about CIA involvement in savings and loan failures. But he

said they "either refused to identify the source or the source refused to be interviewed."

Congressional investigators did find that the CIA had been a customer of four institutions that were named in the original published reports, Beilenson wrote, but "those relationships were consistent with routine agency financial practices."

Police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago in 1968 as the Democratic National Convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

Bush, John Major see 'eye to eye' on Gulf

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — British Prime Minister John Major was ending his 40-hour U.S. visit Saturday after talks with President Bush that made clear the longtime allies stand together on the Persian Gulf crisis.

Major and Bush planned a joint news conference at this mountaintop retreat before the British visitor's departure from Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The two leaders came here by car Friday and spent the night.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Friday that Bush and the recently installed Major are in "full agreement on almost every point" on the gulf situation. He did not say where the two disagree.

They agree on the need to implement the United Nations resolutions on the gulf and that "partial solutions are unacceptable," Fitzwater said.

He added that the leaders also expect that Soviet support for the U.S. position on the gulf will continue notwithstanding the resignation of Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze on Thursday.

"They had a very friendly trip. They are on a first-name basis," Fitzwater said.

Besides the gulf, they discussed the impact of the Shevardnadze's resignation, the NATO alliance in the post-Cold War era and efforts to revive the global trade talks, which collapsed two weeks ago.

The Bush administration was distressed when former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher stepped down three weeks ago, but Major has moved quickly to ensure a policy of continuity, particularly on the gulf question.

Sweetwater cattle auction market reported

The market was steady, active and higher on all classes of cattle for the Wed., Dec. 19th, sale. Stocker steers steady and active with stocker heifers \$1-\$2 higher. Feeder steers steady with feeder heifers \$1-\$2 higher. Cow and calf pairs and bred cows steady and in demand. Packer cows \$2-\$3 higher with packer bulls \$3-\$4 higher.

- Good to choice, L/W stocker steers, \$1.25 to \$1.35 per pound.
- Good to choice, M/W stocker steers, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per pound.
- Good to choice, feeder steers, \$.89 to \$1.00 per pound.
- Short and plainer kind, 5 to 6 (than goods) lower per pound.
- Good to choice, L/W stocker heifers, \$1.05 to \$1.15 per pound.
- Good to choice, M/W stocker heifers, \$.90 to \$1.00 per pound.
- Good to choice, feeder heifers, \$.82 to \$.88 per pound.
- Short and plainer kind, 5 to 6 (than goods) lower per pound.
- Good cow and calf pairs, \$800 to \$1,200 per pair.
- Older and plainer kind, \$600 to \$750 per pair.
- Good bred cows, \$650 to \$825 per head.
- Older, plainer light bred cows, \$450 to \$650 per head.
- Better kind packer cows, \$.54 to \$.59 per pound.
- Lower yielding packer cows, \$.48 to \$.54 per pound.
- Few old halley cows, \$.44 to \$.48 per pound.
- Better kind packer bulls, \$.65 to \$.70 per pound.
- Lower yielding packer bulls, \$.60 to \$.65 per pound.

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can, I'd like hot pink. I'd like some books to read. It doesn't mater what kind. I'd also like some cloths, It doesn't matter what kind, I'd just like some cloths. Most of all I'd like a cat! If you can, I'd like a black kitten

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Each employee at Cogdell Hospital was given an opportunity to vote for their choice of "Employee of the Year" from those previously selected as "Employee of the Month".

We are pleased to announce that Kathy Wilson, R.N., Nursing Supervisor, was selected for this honor.

Kathy was "Employee of the Month" for September, 1990.

Mrs. Wilson has been employed at Cogdell Memorial Hospital since October, 1989. A native of Big Spring, Kathy received her B.S. from Texas Tech, and B.S.N. at UT El Paso. She completed a four-year tour of duty with the USAF, and served as clinical dietician at several hospitals. She was also associated with the San Angelo Dialysis Center for two years.

Kathy is married to Stan Wilson, who is employed as Chaplain at the Price Daniel Unit. They have three children: daughter, Cindy, son-in-law Ernie and granddaughter Brittany live in Tifton, Ga. A son Cliff, lives in Crane, and daughter JoAnna is a student at the Living Skills Center at Humble Smith School.

Congratulations to Kathy Wilson,
Employee of the Year

Philadelphia paper to print apology

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Inquirer, stung by charges of racism over an editorial suggesting more poor women should use contraceptives, will take the unusual step of publishing an apology in its Sunday editions.

"I think maybe the best thing to say about it now is it is an apology and it's a change of position," Inquirer Editor Maxwell E.P. King said Friday.

On Dec. 12, the Inquirer printed an editorial that suggested the contraceptive Norplant, recently approved by the federal government, could help solve the problem of poverty among blacks.

"As we read those two stories, we asked ourselves: Dare we

mention them in the same breath? To do so might be considered deplorably insensitive, perhaps raising the specter of eugenics. But it would be worse to avoid drawing the logical conclusion that foolproof contraception could be invaluable in breaking the cycle of inner city poverty," the editorial said.

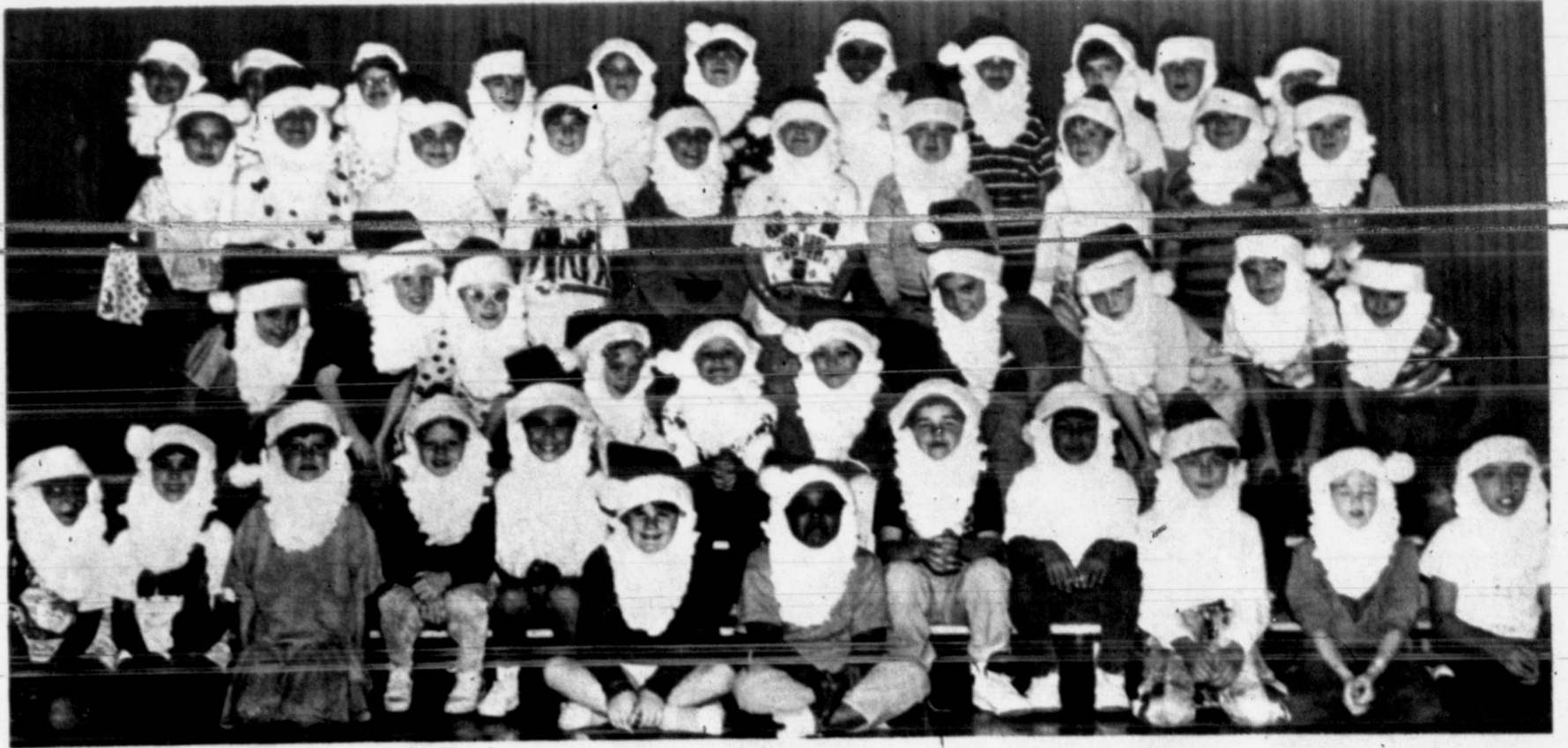
The editorial, written by deputy editorial page editor Donald Kimelman, acknowledged better prenatal care and better schools as possible solutions to the problem. But it also said, "It's very tough to undo the damage of being born into a dysfunctional family. So why not make a major effort to reduce the number of children, of any race, born into such circumstances?"

Hermleigh Methodists set Christmas services

The youth at Hermleigh United Methodist Church will present their Christmas program at 6 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited. A Christmas Eve Communion and Candle Light Service will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Christmas Eve.


Worship will begin with the ringing of the old church bell, singing of carols and the lighting of all the advent candles.

Everyone is cordially invited to participate. Rev. Carol Crumpton is pastor of the church.



HOLIDAY PLAY — "Christmas Peace" was presented at East Elementary by second and third grade students of Becki Lewis, Sharlot Sparlin, Karen Ensor, June Holcomb and Betty Thompson. Third graders pictured are Matt Boyd, Amy Free, Josh Hall, Glen Paul Burk, Christina Holder, Russell Wall, Orlando Garcia, Lashunda Collins, Tiffany Warr, Jamie Grice, Audra Garcia, Lane Umsted, John Ortegon, Melissa Bennett, Jennifer Escobedo, Chris Stahl, Delinda Tidwell, Jared McMillan, Wesley Gilbert, Amanda Melton,

Mindy Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Deanna Renshaw, Jeremy Goodlet, Kenneth Poland, Crystal Conway, Michael Loper, Kaley Ensor, Crystal Porter, Tara Howard, Duane Allred, Ashley Baremore, Daniel Perez, Christy Wright, Courtney Rinehart, Kaycee Marricle, Olivia Vasquez, Debbie Foster, Jacob Martinez, Jodie Martinez, Dana Fahnttrapp, Buddy Whittenburg, Amber Schwertner and Joe Esparza. (Second graders are pictured in the photo below.) (SDN Staff Photo)



Prepared Childbirth Classes

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Jan. 3-Feb. 7


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Becky Miller, L.V.N.

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- Tips to Avoid Complications
- Breathing Techniques
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Walesa sworn in as Poland's president

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Lech Walesa, the electrician who led a workers' movement that deposed Communist rulers to begin sweeping changes in Eastern Europe, was sworn in today as Poland's first popularly

elected president. The 47-year-old labor activist, elected earlier this month by a landslide, assumed the country's highest office at an inauguration ceremony before both houses of Parliament.

He took power 10 years after he led the shippard strike that created Solidarity, the East bloc's first independent trade union.

One year ago, he put together Poland's first non-Communist government, and democratic revolutions against other Soviet-influenced Communist regimes swept across Eastern Europe in the weeks afterward.

"I solemnly swear to the Polish people that I will be faithful to constitutional decisions. I will protect the dignity of the nation, the sovereignty and security of the state. I swear. ... So help me

God," Walesa said in a firm, clear voice. His wife Danuta stood at his side as the oath was administered by parliament Speaker Mikolaj Kozakiewicz. "The evil era when the authorities of our country were appointed under pressure of foreigners or as the result of forced compromises is ending," Walesa told the parliament immediately after his oath.

He pledged Poland would become "an element of the peaceful order in Europe" but said Poles would have to believe in themselves to revitalize economic life.

"Passivity and apathy — these are the biggest obstacles on the road toward the well-being of Poles," he said.

Walesa, elected Dec. 9, had refused to accept the post from the incumbent president, Com-

munist Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, who was this nation's last Communist leader. Jaruzelski was not invited to the ceremony.

Jaruzelski jailed Walesa and other Solidarity leaders during the martial law crackdown in 1981.

Federal judge refuses bail for J. Gotti

NEW YORK (AP) — Reputed crime boss John Gotti was denied bail Friday and will spend Christmas in jail while facing charges of murder, racketeering and conspiracy.


U.S. District Judge I. Leo Glasser of Brooklyn decided against bail after a three-hour closed hearing.

During the proceeding, prosecutors played secretly recorded tapes they say show Gotti and his two co-defendants are a threat to the public and should be held without bail.

Glasser reopened the courtroom after the hearing to announce his ruling.

"I have concluded that the government has sustained its burden by clear and conclusive evidence," Glasser said. "There are no conditions of release that would reasonably assure the safety of any other person in the community."


Gotti, 50, and his co-defendants, alleged underboss Frank Locascio, 58, and reputed mob counselor Salvatore Gravano, 45, have been jailed since Dec. 11. Federal agents arrested them on murder, racketeering and conspiracy charges.



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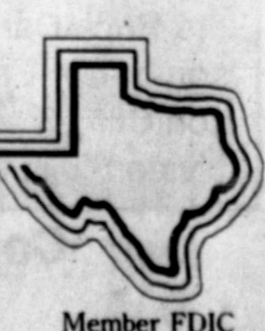
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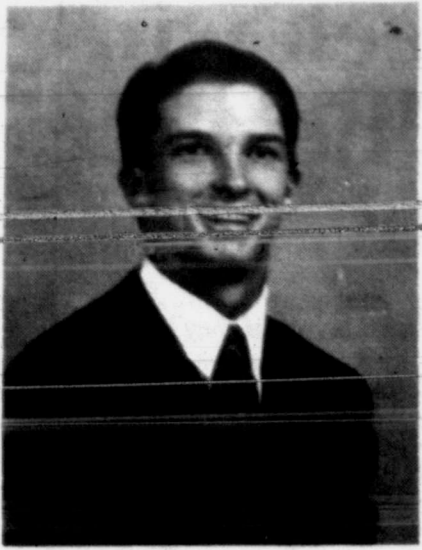
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He is the son of Larry and Neva Bufkin of Snyder.

Up to 480 deaths predicted for this holiday

CHICAGO (AP) — Safety experts on Friday projected between 380 and 480 people will die in traffic accidents on U.S. highways during the four-day Christmas holiday.

The National Safety Council each year estimates the number of holiday traffic fatalities for the heavily traveled holiday period, which began at 6 p.m. Friday and ends at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday.

Last year, 372 people died during the three-day Christmas holiday.

This year's projection is higher because Christmas falls on a Tuesday, extending the holiday period an additional day, said council statistician Terry Miller.

Safety officials say the death toll could be lower than in previous four-day Christmas periods because high gasoline prices may deter people from making long car trips or from going to social events.

"People may just decide to limit their driving to necessary errands, going to the store and other things of that nature," Miller said.

MISSION, Texas (AP) — Texas citrus growers nervously looked over their shoulders Friday as the first day of winter arrived with a cold blast in the north and worries about the future of their crop in the south.

This winter is a crucial one for the fragile Texas citrus industry, still hurting from a tree-killing freeze that blew during Christmas weekend a year ago.

The arctic blast tormented growers who thought they would enjoy their first good year since being wiped out by another Christmas Eve freeze in 1983.

An Arctic front moved into Texas Friday, sending temperatures into the single digits in the Panhandle, while in the Rio Grande Valley, 850 miles away, thermometers still read in the mid-70s.

Although forecasters predicted colder temperatures through the weekend, it wasn't expected to freeze.

Hard freezes steadily have shrunk the state's citrus industry to one-tenth the acreage it had 40 years ago. Another bad cold spell within the next few years could sour its chances of ever rebuilding to a significant size, industry observers say.

"If we get some bad weather, it could be the end of the industry as we know it in Texas," said Ray Prewett, director of Texas Citrus Mutual, a growers' organization based in McAllen.

Texas growers have no crop to sell this year, thanks to last year's devastating cold wave in the subtropical Lower Rio Grande Valley. A low of 16 degrees last Dec. 23 was the coldest temperature recorded in the Valley this century. It killed the old trees that produced the most fruit, and damaged the younger trees.

Roadside fruit stands and gift fruit packers in the Valley this year had to import fruit from Florida.

Prewett expects a small crop next fall, but not much more than will be needed at the local fruit stands and gift packing houses. It will take two years, he said, until the Valley starts shipping much fruit.

The 1983 and 1989 freezes set the industry back years. It takes five years for a tiny nursery tree

to grow enough to produce a decent amount of marketable fruit.

Some people can't or won't wait that long again to see income from their trees. Despite two "once-in-a-century" freezes in the same decade, many are rushing to replant if they can find new trees.

"People for the most part are jumping right back in," said Clay Everhard, who operates Everhard Nursery in McAllen.

Like other nursery operators, Everhard has sold eager citrus growers all of the stock available since last year's freeze. He expects a shortage of nursery stock for about the next two years in the Valley.

Growers are willing to risk another freeze because citrus, particularly fresh grapefruit, is one of the most profitable crop per acre in the Valley, with profits of up to \$4,000 per acre in a good year.

The number willing to risk it, however, has steadily declined after several hard freezes since the late 1940s.

There are a little more than 12,000 acres planted in citrus, almost all of it in the state's two southernmost counties, Hidalgo and Cameron. A year ago, there were about 35,000 acres of Texas citrus.

In 1983, Texas had 70,000 acres of citrus and a crop that would have been worth about \$100 million, employing about 10,000 people. That acreage was considerably less than the peak of 120,000 acres the industry reached in 1947.

Prewett said he expects the acreage to come back up to 25,000 or 30,000 within five years, if the weather behaves.

"We're going to be coming back, but if nature slaps us again, I don't know what will happen," said John Pawlik, who

grows grapefruit and grows citrus with his brother on 90 acres near

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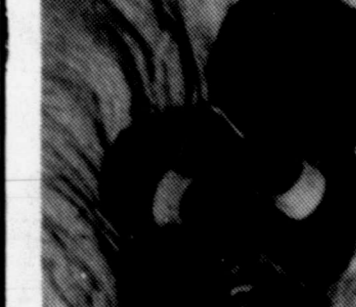
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NFL glance

Bills, Miami fight for crown

by The Associated Press
The AFC East title, a week off at the end of the season and home-field advantage throughout the NFL playoffs.

Those are the rewards awaiting the Buffalo Bills if they beat the Miami Dolphins on Sunday.

"I'm starting to feel the butterflies now," said Frank Reich, who will replace injured Jim Kelly as Buffalo's starting quarterback in the key game.

The Bills (12-2) hope to avenge a 30-7 beating by the Dolphins in Week 2. Miami (11-3) also has a chance to win the division title, but must close the season with wins against Buffalo and Indianapolis.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Buffalo	12	2	0	.857	390	220
y-Miami	11	3	0	.786	299	201
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429	229	302
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	237	324
New England	1	13	0	.071	164	391

Central

Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	243	206
Hogston	8	6	0	.571	351	253
Cincinnati	7	7	0	.500	299	318
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	214	406

West

y-LA Raiders	10	4	0	.714	292	232
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	324	226
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	259	264
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	282	240
Denver	4	10	0	.286	297	344

NATIONAL CONFERENCE East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	298	180
y-Washington	9	5	0	.643	324	252
y-Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	356	275
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	231	265
Phoenix	5	9	0	.357	216	349

Central

x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	311	245
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	236	324
Green Bay	6	8	0	.429	241	301
Minnesota	6	8	0	.429	310	278
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	339	366

West

x-San Francisco	13	1	0	.929	323	209
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	241	248
LA Rams	5	9	0	.357	315	373
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	302	345

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday, Dec. 22
Detroit at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Washington at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23
Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Both teams are pointing toward their earlier meeting this year; the Dolphins are using it as a confidence-builder, the Bills as a rallying cry.

"We know that we pounded them the first game and that we can beat them if we go out and take care of business," Dolphins cornerback Tim McKyer said.

"The bottom line is we were just not ready to play," Buffalo's Andre Reed said. "That ain't gonna happen Sunday, I'll tell you that right now."

In other games Sunday, it's Houston at Cincinnati, Kansas City at San Diego, Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Dallas at Philadelphia, New England at the New York Jets, the Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta, Tampa Bay at Chicago, New Orleans at San Francisco, the New York Giants at Phoenix, and Denver at Seattle.

The weekend action begins with three games Saturday — Detroit at Green Bay, the Los

Angeles Raiders at Minnesota, and Washington at Indianapolis.

The biggest difference in the Bills and Dolphins since their first meeting is the absence of Kelly, who is out for at least three weeks with a knee injury suffered against the New York Giants, and the presence of Reich, a career backup.

Yes, Reich is nervous. But he said he was as nervous last season, when he led the Bills to a 3-0 record after Kelly went out of the lineup with a separated shoulder.

"That's how I felt last year against the Rams," Reich said. In his first start last year, Reich threw two touchdown passes in the game's final 2½ minutes to beat the Rams.

"I think I'll maybe handle it better this year having that experience from last year," Reich said.

Coach Don Shula, whose Dolphins were the third team Reich beat during his brief tenure as starter last season,

said he expects both Reich and the Bills to be more confident because of the experience.

"I think the fact that they went through this last year and that Frank Reich stepped in there and won three ballgames for them (helps Buffalo)," Shula said. "One of them was a big game against us, a very meaningful game in the race for the playoffs. He did a heck of a job."

The Bengals will face one of the NFL's hottest quarterbacks in Warren Moon when they play the Oilers in a crucial AFC Central Division game.

"This guy is playing, right now, about as good as any quarterback I've ever seen play," Cincinnati coach Sam Wyche said.

Last week, Moon passed for 527 yards, second-most in NFL history, as the Oilers defeated Kansas City 27-10.

Moon has become a larger-than-life figure entering the Oilers' biggest game of the season. He leads the NFL with 4,401 yards passing.

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Cowboys seek win for playoff berth

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are within a victory of completing the greatest one-season turnaround in NFL history.

The Cowboys, 1-15 last year under first-year coach Jimmy Johnson, can earn a wild card berth in the playoffs if they beat the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday.

Dallas (7-7) is a 7-point underdog against the Eagles (8-6), who will play a wild card game against the Washington Redskins. The Cowboys end the regular season against the Atlanta Falcons.

To win the home-field advantage in the wild card game, the Eagles have to win their last two, closing at Phoenix, and the Washington Redskins need to lose one of their final games, against Indianapolis and Buffalo.

The Cowboys have won four straight, the longest current winning streak in the league, and could accomplish a few other things Sunday when they put aside the Buddy Ryan-Johnson show and play football.

They can forge their first five-game winning streak since 1983.

They can boost their record to 8-7, best since the 1985 team was 10-6 and won the NFL East for the Cowboys' last trip to the playoffs.

They can end a seven-game losing streak against Philadelphia. Not counting the 1987 strike games, the last time Dallas beat the Eagles was 1986.

They can assure their first winning season since '85.

They can remain undefeated in December for the first time since 1979.

They can give Johnson his second career road victory over an NFC opponent.

Almost lost in the daily exchange of needling between Ryan and Johnson is Randall Cunningham's bid to break the league record of 969 yards rushing by a quarterback, a record set by Bobby Douglass for the Chicago Bears in 1972.

Cunningham has 828 and needs 141 in these last two games to erase Douglass' record. Douglass set his mark on a 14-game schedule. Teams now play 16 games.

Cunningham, the leading passer in the NFC and fourth in the league, has completed 242 of 418 passes for 3,150 yards and 27 touchdowns. He's been intercepted only 10 times.

Dallas' Troy Aikman ranks 13th overall and last in the conference, but the second-year quarterback has completed 62 percent of his attempts during the four-game winning streak, going 62 of 102 for 866 yards and six TDs.

On the health front for the Eagles, running back Heath Sherman returns to the lineup after missing a week with back spasms, and defensive tackle Mike Pitts is expected to see his first action since undergoing knee surgery after the second game of the season.

Cunningham still is nursing a deep thigh bruise. Safety Wes Hopkins is sidelined with an Achilles problem.

Tight end Rob Awalt is listed as doubtful for the Cowboys.

Ryan and Johnson continued their feud last week.

Ryan referred to Johnson as "whatshisname."

"If he can't remember my name, he might be getting senile," Johnson retorted.

"I only remember important things," Ryan snapped back. "I saw him with some head phones on. He must be coaching now," he added.

The Ryan-Johnson confrontation started last year when, after losing 27-0 to the Eagles, Johnson accused Ryan of placing bounties on Aikman and kicker Luis Zendejas. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue cleared Ryan of the charges.

When Dallas came to Philadelphia later in the season, the game was billed as "The Bounty Bowl." The Eagles won, 20-10, and the Philadelphia fans pelted Johnson and his players with snowballs.

Knight draws start at safety for Oilers

HOUSTON (AP) — While the reporters flock with their note pads to interview the stars of the Houston Oilers run-and-shoot offense, reserve safety Leander Knight uses his own note pad to keep track of just about everything.

Now the reserve safety has moved to the forefront for the showdown game Sunday with the Cincinnati Bengals. He'll be starting because Bubba McDowell has an injured knee.

Knight, who was signed as a Plan B free agent from the New York Jets, is known for quietly doing a good job when he comes into the game on passing situations.

"I've always been kind of quiet, naturally," Knight said. "I just like to go about my business."

Oilers general manager Mike Holovak, who signed Knight, says, "He didn't really stand out or anything. He just did some good things. He's been good to have around. He's filled in nicely."

Knight keeps a note pad for

taking down notes on such things as team meetings and other instructions.

"We called him 'note pad' in (training) camp," said McDowell, who partially dislocated his right knee in Kansas City last week. "He's the only guy that would take his notebook into meetings. He'd take it everywhere."

"Other guys would take their notebooks, but (Knight) would actually write things down," he added.

"He documents everything," Oilers defensive coordinator Jim Eddy said. "He takes notes in every meeting, which really makes him a trustworthy player."

"He's an error-free, totally committed player who goes through his work day doing all the little things that could make a difference," Eddy continued.

"It just helps me feel prepared better than I would otherwise," Knight said. "I try to know what's coming before it happens."

Knight has 16 tackles and interception and a fumble recovery

while playing only in special situations and on the special teams.

The Oilers don't seem to be worried about having Knight to fill in for McDowell.

"No one is worried," McDowell said. "I've always had confidence in him. Even the first time I saw him in camp, I knew he could play. The only reason he hasn't made the spectacular play is because he hasn't had a real

chance."

Knight has always labored in obscurity. He went to college at tiny Montclair State and didn't get a break in the National Football League until he played in some strike games for the Atlanta Falcons.

"I just have to do the job when I'm called upon to do the job," Knight said. "I've always tried to make the most out of opportunity."

Chicago DT dies in crash

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Bears rookie defensive tackle Fred Washington was killed in a car crash early Friday, a Bears spokesman said.

Washington played college football at Texas Christian University and high school football at Denison High school.

Washington was driving northbound on Illinois 43 in north suburban Lake Forest when the car went over a curb and struck a tree, said Bears spokesman Bryan Harlan.

Richardson pronounced Washington and a female passenger dead on the scene.

The identity of the passenger was not released immediately.

Richardson said there was no bad weather when she arrived at the scene.

The Bears drafted Washington in the second round of the 1990 draft. The 6-foot-2, 277-pounder from Texas Christian had been used sparingly until recent weeks, when he began seeing more playing time for the injured Dan Hampton.

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NBA action...

San Antonio outshines Suns

by The Associated Press. The San Antonio Spurs have had the Phoenix Suns' number ever since No. 50 joined the team.

NBA glance

Table with NBA conference standings: Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Central Division, Western Conference Midwest Division, and Friday's Games.

Spurs since a 121-111 win on April 22, 1989, at San Antonio.

"It seems every time we play them these days, there's a playoff intensity," said Phoenix guard Kevin Johnson, who had 34 points and 16 assists.

Elsewhere, it was Detroit 113, Atlanta 87; Chicago 114, the Los Angeles Lakers 103; Indiana 137, Charlotte 114; Philadelphia 126, Miami 102; New Jersey 111, Cleveland 103; Washington 87, New York 85; Dallas 103, Milwaukee 89, and Portland 117, the Los Angeles Clippers 107.

The Spurs have now won eight consecutive games, six of them on the road, and the loss snapped a seven-game winning streak for the Suns.

"We're very fortunate," Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "It seems like we've been coming back in the fourth quarter for the last month. It's very hard to do it away from home against a quality team like the Suns."

Terry Cummings scored six of his 27 points in overtime for the Spurs, who outscored the Suns 35-25 in the fourth quarter.

Mavericks 103, Bucks 89. Rolando Blackman scored 11 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter as slump-ridden Dallas snapp a three-game home losing streak.

Randy White scored 20 points and Derek Harper 19 for the Mavericks, who had lost eight of their previous nine games.

Pistons 113, Hawks 87. Detroit snapped Atlanta's six-game winning streak despite the ejections of Isiah Thomas for fighting and coach Chuck Daly for arguing.

James Edwards and Joe Dumars scored 24 points each for the defending champion Pistons. John Battle led Atlanta with 22 points.

Trail Blazers 117, Clippers 107

Portland improved its record to 23-3 and handed Los Angeles its fifth consecutive defeat as Clyde Drexler scored 11 of his 24 points in the third quarter when the Trail Blazers outscored the Clippers 42-19.

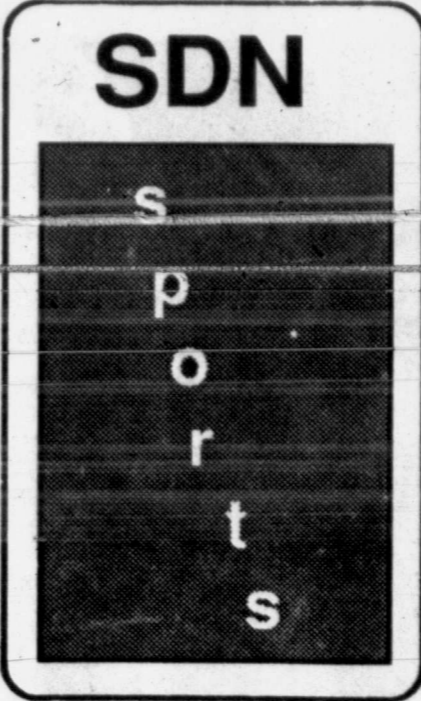
The Clippers were led by rookie Bo Kimble's 24 points.

Pacers 137, Hornets 114. Chuck Person scored 34 points and Vern Fleming 26 on perfect shooting from the field and free-throw line as Indiana won Bob Hill's debut as Pacers coach.

Fleming made all of his nine shots from the floor and eight straight free throws.

Bulls 114, Lakers 103. Michael Jordan scored 33 points and Scottie Pippen 28 as Chicago won for the 11th time in 14 games.

The Bulls led only 92-89 in the fourth quarter before a three-point play by Horace Grant and baskets by Pippen and Stacey King opened a 99-89 advantage.



Bowling News

Table with bowling league results: MAJOR LEAGUE 12-18-90, JACK AND JILL 12-19-90, KOFFEE LEAGUE 12-18-90, HIS AND HERS 12-17-90, ROLL-N-HOPE 12-3-90.

Suspension of fees ends Jan. 1 at lake

Suspension of fees at Lake O.H. Ivie will end soon and the regular schedule for all Colorado River Municipal Water District lakes will take effect Jan. 1 according to a recent CRMWD release.

Meanwhile, surveys by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicates fingerlings introduced here last year have experienced good growth and there may be some keepers for fishermen next summer.

Richard Halfmann, lake superintendent, announced the Concho (south) and James Padgett (north) recreation areas at Lake Ivie, will be opened for camping Jan. 1, hence there will be no hour schedule.

Boat ramps and toilet facilities are available at each of the recreational areas and additional units will be set up and roads opened to them.

Fees are \$2 daily for adults 17-65 years of age, \$20 annually for individuals and \$50 per year for up to 10 guests. Permits may be obtained at Ridge Rock Grocery and Nick's Bait Shop near the Concho bridge on FM 1929 and Voss Grocery on FM 503.

"When Lake Ivie was opened to the public Sept. 29, CRMWD directors elected not to impose fees for the balance of the year in appreciation for cooperation and patience of the people in the area," explained Ernest Lillard, administrative assistant.

"Our operations are financed by the sale of water, so we try to make recreation support itself insofar as possible. Fees and regulations will apply alike at lakes J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence and Ivie.

Those interested primarily in seeing the lake and dam will have access to the observation point, reached by turning off FM 2134 a mile and a half north of Milesview and going east on a country road three miles and north a mile and a half to the District's airstrip and two miles to the point. The observation area is open from 9 a.m. to sunset.

Following closure of the dam last April, Bill Follis, marine biologist for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at San Angelo, supervised the stocking of the lake with over a million Florida largemouth bass, small-mouth bass, crappie and channel, blue and flathead catfish.

Some of the bass measured recently have reached 10 inches in length.

Except for an 18-inch minimum for bass, all other state regulations apply at the lake.

Crowd joins fight in cage tilt

HOUSTON (AP) — The University Interscholastic League may re-examine rules governing extracurricular sporting events in the wake of a fight between players and fans at a high school basketball game in Baytown.

A basketball game between Baytown Lee and Houston Clear Lake high schools ended with 22 seconds to play in the third period Thursday when spectators joined a fistfight between two players.

Two Clear Lake players were injured during the four-minute altercation.

"I feel sure this will be a matter that will come before the state Executive Committee because it was a stands-clearing situation and it was among members of two different districts," UIL Executive Director Bailey Marshall said in The Houston Post's Saturday editions.

"If we did have fans joining in, the fight, it is the worst incident we've had this year," he said.

Marshall said the incident at Baytown Lee will be heard by the UIL's Executive Committee in January. Penalties could range from reprimand to the suspension of the players or teams involved, Marshall said.

The host team is responsible for security and crowd control under UIL rules.

Game officials asked for assistance from Baytown Lee administrators to clear the gym, but were told there was none available. There was only one uniformed Baytown policeman working security.

Clear Lake forfeited because coach Bill Krueger refused to let his team continue without proper security. Clear Lake was leading 55-53 when the scuffle began.

The altercation could prompt UIL Legislative Council

members to approve legislation proposed last year which would require the presence of at least one school administrator at every sporting event.

"I wish we didn't have to have those kind of rules," Marshall said. "But what we have to be concerned about is education. I'm concerned that what kids are learning is more negative than positive.

"We've got three or four cases already in front of this one to be heard by the Executive Committee. We had one coach with a doll dressed like an official. The coach turned to the crowd and pulled the doll's head off."

Marshall said the proposed rule would curb some of the violence that has plagued Texas high school sports in recent years.

"I think it's less likely to happen if the people see the administrator there," he said.

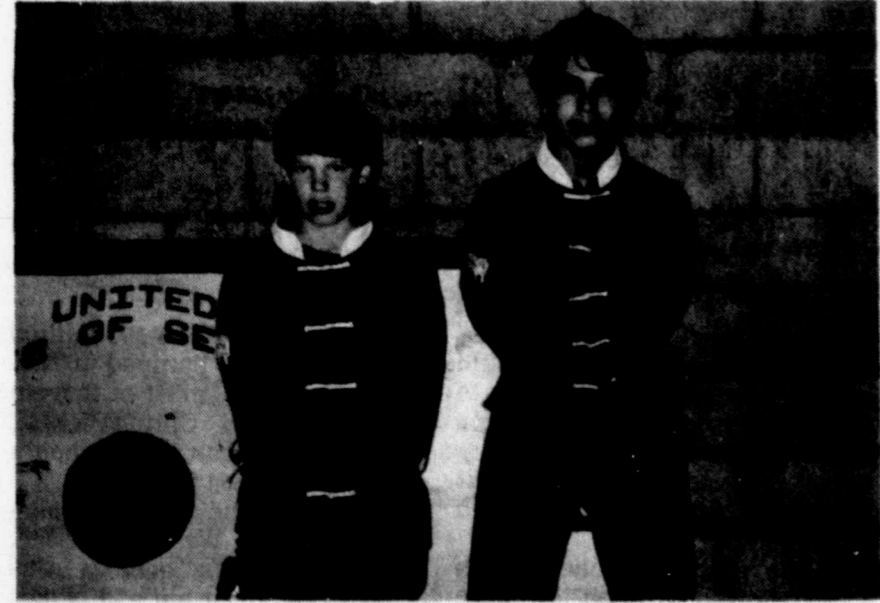
Cotton Bowl is a sellout

AUSTIN (AP) — Thousands of University of Texas football fans who had hoped to attend the Cotton Bowl game between Miami and Texas were unable to get tickets, a UT official said.

Assistant Athletic Director Craig Helwig said Thursday that 34,000 tickets were requested by mail in Austin, but UT had only 20,000 to distribute.

About 5,000 tickets were given to Texas students and about 2,500 were distributed to various traveling parties, including the band and other university officials, leaving 12,500 for the general public.

All 72,032 tickets for the Jan. 1 game in Dallas have been sold, said Rick Baker, director of Cotton Bowl marketing.



NEW BLACK BELTS — Dale Beard, left, and David Yanez, right, were recently promoted to first degree black belts by the American Karate Black Belt Association.

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EMPLOYEES DONATE — Employees of Taco John's donated toys to the Jaycees for the group's annual Toys for Tots campaign. Employees pictured are, left to right, Trish Aplin, Beverly Porter, Jean Loyola, Lisa Martinez and Julie Johnson. (SDN Staff Photo)



ALL THE PRESIDENTS — West fifth grade students in Meloney Early's class all dressed up as an American president recently for a history project. Students in photo one pictured with their teacher are April Baker, Ben Brown, Clay Berryman, Harley Burnett, Dustin Sexton, Ben Cook, Melissai Flores, Gabby Lucero, Erin Maytubby, Trevor Thompson and Shane West. Students in photo two include Rachel Billingsley, Angela Breuer, Angie Folkes, Jennifer Humphries, Samantha Keller, Joseph Martinez, Wesley McCarty, Duane Sutherland, Traci Nelson, Daniel Parker, Matt Preston, Linley Rinehart, Brandon Roberts, Cory Trujillo and Angelia Berkley. Beth Shannon is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

Walker extradited to Dallas

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Former Texas insurance executive Robert H. Walker was extradited from Barbados to face federal charges in Dallas that he defrauded his customers of more than \$50 million.

Walker, 60, was due to arrive at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Saturday afternoon.

The former chief executive officer of National County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Dallas was arrested by Barbados police July

4 on a U.S. warrant accusing him of 29 counts of wire and mail fraud.

An extradition order was granted on Oct. 9 in Magistrate's Court, but Walker appealed.

High Court Justice Sir Denys Williams dismissed the appeal last Friday, clearing the way for Walker's departure.

The former insurance executive had been incarcerated in a Bridgetown, Barbados jail since his July 4 arrest.

Walker was arrested at the Barbados Beach Village, a resort he owns on the Caribbean island, where he had been living for three months.

"I was surprised because I did not know anybody was after me," Walker said as he was about to board a plane to San Juan.

Financial Focus

A sales charge, or management fee, on a mutual fund is a one-time fee paid to brokers for marketing the fund's shares and servicing the account in future years.

In 1980, SEC Rule 12b-1 permitted a special deduction from the fund's assets for commissions, advertising and marketing. This is in addition to, and sometimes larger than, the management fee.

The 12b-1 fee has created controversy since its inception. What makes 12b-1 a bitter pill for many investors is that it can be assessed forever, which effectively creates a no-limit sales charge. As investors become more aware of 12b-1 fees, their protests increase.

Like any controversy, there are two sides to the 12b-1 story. On one side, many mutual funds that use 12b-1 offset the fee by reducing their initial sales charge. This allows you to buy the fund at a lower initial cost and have more invested dollars at work immediately. Each year, however, a 12b-1 fee is deducted from your fund's net asset value and shared with the brokers who sold you the fund. This is not intended as a bonus for brokers. It is paid by the fund only to brokers who continue to service your account.

But, what if you get no service and still pay 12b-1 fee? That's the rub.

The National Association of Security Dealers (NASD) and the Security and Exchange Commission are working on plans to give mutual fund investors a break from 12b-1 fees.

Through the NASD's proposal, shareholders would have to pay no more through 12b-1 charges than what the maximum initial sales charge would be. The plan would effectively lower charges regardless of what they are called - front loads, rear loads or 12b-1 fees. It would, however, allow the fund to levy a reasonable and limited annual fee for servicing.

There is no doubt that as mutual fund shareholders increase in number and demand more in service, the funds must tap their assets to pay these costs. Time will tell if 12b-1 fees will continue to be that source.

As always, when changes occur, they must be explained in the fund's prospectus. Don't be misled by general reports of 12b-1 changes. Read the fund's prospectus to know your costs. And, don't be afraid to ask questions.

Texan drilling for oil in W. Tennessee

LEXINGTON, Tenn. (AP) — A Houston man has spent \$750,000 in hopes of coming up with a special Christmas present: black gold in them thar hills of West Tennessee.

Lewis A. Manson and fellow investors have been drilling for oil for the past month on a 2,200-acre tract of rolling farmland in

Henderson County. "There is oil down there; it's just a question of how much," Manson, 72, said.

"It's been a tough fight with a short stick, but I think we're finally getting close. We should know how much is down there pretty soon."

A drilling crew from Oneida,

Tenn., is working around the clock. It has burrowed through more than 2,000 feet of earth and has detected several pockets of oil and natural gas, Manson said.

"No one has ever explored much beyond 200 feet in this area," Manson said. "If nothing else, we're doing some good here in the research sense."

Manson, who said he has been in the oil and mining business since 1951, believes the well could be rich enough to produce up to 1,000 barrels of oil per day for several years.

But Tennessee state geologist Edward T. Luther doubts much will be found.

He said scientists believe fresh water washed through the loose earth centuries ago, flushing out

oil and most everything else in those layers.

"In looking for oil, you would hope to find some local pocket that hadn't been flushed out," he said. "But that isn't very likely. If it (the drilling) produces genuine commercial production, it would be a first, and a very important find."

He said fewer than 100 million barrels of oil are pumped in Tennessee annually, most of it from the counties of Clay, Pickett, Scott and Morgan — six hours east of Henderson County.

There are some small, independent drillers in West Tennessee, but the region's geology has discouraged most big companies from sinking wells.

Judge raises doubts for reorganization proposal

DALLAS (AP) — A federal bankruptcy judge says Southland Corp's bankruptcy reorganization plan won't be confirmed and needs to be resubmitted to creditors.

"As of now, I don't see an accepting class, I don't see a plan that's worthy of confirmation," U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson said Friday, the third day of hearings on Southland's bid to restructure \$1.8 billion in debt.

Dallas-based Southland, owner of the 7-Eleven convenience store chain, filed to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in October, saying it was overburdened by debt from its 1987 leveraged buyout.

The company filed a "prepackaged" plan, one already approved by creditors, in hopes of getting through the bankruptcy process sooner.

Lawyers for dissident bondholders have argued the poll on the bankruptcy plan was conducted too quickly and many individual investors weren't able to

cast their ballots because their bonds were held by securities houses that voted in bulk.

Southland filed its plan after failing several times to get enough creditors to complete an out-of-court settlement.

Abramson did not make a final order on a new vote. But he said, "We will have a mechanism to find out very quickly what the vote is. And everybody wins or loses by that vote."

Southland is seeking speedy confirmation of its bankruptcy plan in order to take advantage of a \$430 million buyout offer by its Japanese affiliates, Ito-Yokado Group Ltd. and Seven-Eleven Japan Co. Ltd., that expires March 15.

Under the proposed restructuring plan, the Japanese buyers would get 70 percent of a new Southland and bondholders would trade in their high-yield junk bonds for a combination of lower-yield notes and a 25 percent stake in Southland. The founding Thompson family would retain a 5 percent stake.



STAFF DONATION — Juanita Glass, right, presents Jaycee Elda Garza with a check from the staff at Humble Smith for the Jaycees Toys for Tots project. (SDN Staff Photo)

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RIBBON CUTTING — Belva J. LaRoux, certified Alcohol Drug Abuse Counselor and executive director, and Nancy LaRoux, program director, of the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, opened their new office at 2513 College Ave. Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats.

Shown behind the ribbon from left, are Jack Smartt, Gold Coat; Shelley LaRoux, daughter of Nancy LaRoux; Sue Ering, serving on the SCADA board; Belva LaRoux; Maxine Falls; and Donna Gray, Gold Coat. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cruzan's fate still in the public eye

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP)

— Nancy Cruzan's father and anti-euthanasia demonstrators exchanged sympathetic words on the steps of a hospital where the brain-injured woman lies dying.

Meanwhile, a federal judge Friday criticized activists who want state health officials to restore a feeding tube removed from Nancy Cruzan last week.

The action was the latest in a series of petitions denied since food and water were withdrawn Dec. 14 from Ms. Cruzan, who has been in a persistent vegetative state for nearly eight

years. Joe and Joyce Cruzan obtained court permission to have the tube removed after providing testimony that their daughter would not want to live in her present condition.

"I guess I'm very concerned about you people being out here, particularly the young people," Cruzan told about a dozen people bundled in parkas, caps and mittens in 15-degree weather. The demonstrators have been holding a round-the-clock vigil.

Cruzan came bearing a peace offering. He gave a coffee maker to David Hall of Fort Worth, Texas, director of a right-to-life group.

"Our prayers are with you," Hall said Friday, fighting back tears. "It's a very tough time, but we don't begin to think we could understand or go through what you have gone through. We're standing out here praying and doing all that we can do in a way that we feel God would have us do."

"And we are doing the same," said Cruzan, a 55-year-old construction worker. "We are doing what we feel God has directed us to do, and that is to carry out what we believe. We believe we are in the best position to know what would be Nancy's wishes."

Ms. Cruzan, 33, has been in a vegetative state since a car crash nearly eight years ago. Doctors are convinced she will not recover.

Police activity quiet Friday

Snyder police activity was quiet Friday.

At 3:38 p.m., police were called to the 2500 block of Ave. X where a woman said she was being harassed by a male subject. The subject was gone when police arrived.

A hit-and-run accident was worked by an officer at 7:33 p.m. in the 100 block of 35th St. A city dumpster was struck by a vehicle that left the scene. Damage was reported as minor.

A subject was transported to Cogdell Memorial Hospital by Snyder EMS following a one-vehicle accident in the 2300 block of Ave. M at 7:49 p.m. Jose Rodriguez, 17, of Route 2 was treated and released for minor injuries after the 1990 Ford pickup he was driving ran over a curb and struck a city dumpster.

Obituaries

Bill Hammit

1919-1990

Services were to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Bill Hammit, 71, of San Angelo. Bill Looney, associate minister of 37th St. Church of Christ, was to officiate. Paul Shero, minister of Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo, was to assist. Burial was to follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Hammit died Friday at his home in San Angelo. He was born in Fisher County on Oct. 17, 1919. A geologist, he moved from Snyder to San Angelo in 1980. He attended college eight years, and was a member of Southgate Church of Christ in San Angelo. Mr. Hammit married Nell Blythe on Oct. 22, 1976, in Snyder and he served in WW II with the Air Force.

Survivors include his wife of San Angelo; three daughters, Carol Mhoon of The Woodlands; Gradine Roemisch of Hermleigh, and Donna Robinson of Snyder; a son, John David Hammit of Odessa; a sister, Gladys Sanders of Abilene; a brother, Elmo Hammit of Waco; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care.

Rebates

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\$489,357.85, down 8.21 percent.

—Lubbock: down 1.82 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$1,063,742.47 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$1,083,435.20. Payments for 1990 are \$15,510,774.85, up 2.81 percent.

—Post: down 7.10 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$12,212.96 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$13,146.79. Payments for 1990 are \$161,951.53, down 1.37 percent.

—Roby: down 10.28 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$604.56 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$673.80. Payments for 1990 are \$16,871.72, up 2.81 percent.

—Rotan: up 124.01 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$8,470.33 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$3,781.30. Payments for 1990 are \$68,366.59, up 1.54 percent.

—San Angelo: up 7.87 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$383,988.00 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$355,967.17. Payments for 1990 are \$5,854,944.97, up 1.68 percent.

—Sweetwater: up 67.07 percent, comparing this period's net payment of \$89,103.84 to the corresponding payment in 1989 of \$53,328.39. Payments for 1990 are \$763,013.16, up 0.98 percent.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 25 years.

Mischief probed by sheriff's office

Scurry County sheriff's office investigated a criminal mischief report Friday.

Bill Jones of Fluvanna advised at 9:54 a.m. that a bottle had been thrown through a window at a shop where he and his son had been working the previous night.

In other activity, a county deputy transported Ruymundo Rios, 28, from Lubbock County Jail for an outstanding felony driving while intoxicated warrant.

A local Department of Public Safety trooper arrested a 27-year-old male at 1:25 a.m. Saturday on U.S. 180 for outstanding warrants for speeding, seatbelt violation, failure to appear and theft.

AP news analysis...

Hostages in Lebanon see little hope

WASHINGTON (AP) — Near the eve of Terry Anderson's sixth silent Christmas in captivity, his lot and that of five other Americans held hostage in Lebanon is shrouded still, with no message of holiday hope for freedom.

The latest word from the administration is, as so often before, that there is no new information on prospects for their release, and that the government is doing everything it can to get them out.

That is a familiar message, and a jarring one to the families of the Lebanon hostages, who have just seen hundreds of American hostages freed on orders of Saddam Hussein and flown home from Iraq and Kuwait.

"Today, thanks to President Bush's firm policy, the nightmare has ended for Saddam's American hostages," Vice President Dan Quayle said of their release.

The families of the Lebanon hostages say the government has not done enough to end their nightmare. Peggy Say, Anderson's sister, said she has begged the government for action. She said the Iraqi release "shows what can be accomplished with the full attention of national leadership." Thomas Cicippio of Norristown, Pa., whose brother, Joseph, has been held since 1987, said the hostages must pray for Bush's help.

But as the administration points out, a government — even an enemy government like Iraq's — is a structure against which policy or pressure can be applied, and there is none in the case of the hostages in Lebanon. While their captors all are linked with the pro-Iranian group called Hezbollah, or Party of God, they are held by different factions. The one clear demand made for the release of Anderson and Thomas Sutherland, who also was kidnapped in 1985, was for the release of 15 Shi'ite Moslems imprisoned as terrorists by Kuwait. That was made moot when Iraq invaded Kuwait; the prisoners who were held there are believed to have

been sent to Iran, and two who are Lebanese reportedly have returned to their homeland.

Other Shi'ite groups have linked the hostages' fate to other grievances, including prisoners held in southern Lebanon by forces aligned with Israel, and the imprisonment of one of their clerics, Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid. Israeli forces seized him in a Lebanese village in July 1989.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press, is the longest held of the 13 western hostages in Lebanon. He was kidnapped on March 16, 1985, by a group called Islamic Jihad. The last direct message from Anderson was in a videotape released by his captors in October 1988. Other hostages freed since that time have told of seeing him in captivity.

Two American hostages, Robert Polhill and Frank Reid, were released by their Lebanese captors in April.

Family awaits word

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morning. Survivors, some wearing Israeli army uniforms to warm themselves, shivered at a hospital, drinking hot soup from plastic bowls.

There was confusion over the number of casualties because some sailors aboard a nearby ferryboat, the Carmelite, jumped into the water to help rescue their colleagues, said U.S. Embassy spokesman Don Cofman.

Some of the Carmelite passengers later were pulled from the water by rescuers, leading to uncertainty as to how many of the approximately 100 sailors aboard the ill-fated Tuvia were accounted for.

An unidentified American sailor described the scene of the ferry's sinking in darkness and high winds.

"More and more water came in and then 'woosh,' all kinds of water was coming in and everyone started to panic," he said. "Everybody wanted to get

When the plight of the hostages still held in Lebanon was raised as the administration welcomed the release of Americans from Iraq, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney said that while there was no lessening of concern, their situation "has been murky from the outset."

"We haven't had the kind of central focus in terms of our ability to be able to deal with a specific government as we've had in the case of Iraq, where you clearly have an identifiable individual, identifiable government that was pursuing that policy," Cheney said.

He said he had nothing new to offer on their prospects for freedom. "I know they weigh heavily on the president's mind, and we continue to do everything we can to pursue their release," Cheney said.

The White House said Bush raised the question of the Lebanon hostages when he met

out. "Everybody started opening the windows. Everybody was trying to crawl out of a little window ... five, ten people on one window trying to crawl out," the sailor said. "Thank God, I got out. I looked up and all I could see was dark. I grabbed onto this guy's leg and he pulled me up."

Shaul Raziell, director of the Israel Port authority, said a combination of events probably caused the capsizing. "The seating, or movement in one direction, a sudden wave, and the disaster happened," he said on Israeli army radio.

The Saratoga is accompanied by the destroyer Sampson, cruiser South Carolina and combat stores ship Sirius, said Cofman. Officials said the naval task force carries 6,200 men, including more than 4,500 aboard the Saratoga.

The Saratoga is normally based at Mayport Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla., but has been in the Mideast since the Aug. 2 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Doctors prescribe medicine for stroke

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 70 years old and had a mild stroke about a year ago. Can you give me any suggestions as to how I can avoid another one?

DEAR READER: Strokes come in two forms: hemorrhagic and thrombotic. In general, these are diagnosed by a CT scan (special X-rays) of the brain.

In the former, a blood vessel bursts in the brain, causing hemorrhage into delicate nerve tissue. This is a common consequence of uncontrolled hypertension, in which excessive pressure exerted in arteries literally pops them. Some patients with hemorrhagic strokes appear to have congenitally weak blood vessels that leak or burst for no apparent reason. Treatment for hemorrhagic strokes consists primarily of medicine to reduce blood pressure.

Thrombotic strokes, a far more common affliction, are due to blood clots that become wedged in the brain's arteries, shutting off nutrition and oxygen, and leading to nerve damage. The clots are probably carried in the bloodstream, after having broken off from the rough and inflamed lining of arteries in the neck or chest. This is a consequence of arteriosclerosis. In such cases, doctors often prescribe medicine, such as aspirin or Coumadin, to retard clotting

and reduce the risk of further strokes. Anticoagulant drugs should not be used for hemorrhagic stroke.

Most experts agree that therapy for stroke is largely unsatisfactory. Doctors await more definitive treatment that is not currently available. Except for treating diseases, such as hypertension, that cause stroke, (and giving aspirin in appropriate cases), there is no preventative for stroke.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does a deficiency of vitamin B-12 cause burning of the feet?

DEAR READER: Yes. Pernicious anemia (vitamin B-12 deficiency) causes many neurological complications, as well as burning feet.

These complications may occur long before the anemia is evident and include: weakness, numbness and difficulty with balance. Vitamin B-12 deficiency also is associated with depression, irritability, burning tongue, liver enlargement, loss of appetite, abdominal pain, anemia and fever. In other words, most of the body's tissues are affected by the deficiency because vitamin B-12 is necessary for the formation of RNA and DNA, the vital compounds that control the life processes of all human cells.

When nerves are deprived of vitamin B-12, they begin to function abnormally, hence the appearance of symptoms such as burning, numbness and weakness.

Pernicious anemia is an autoimmune (self-allergy) disease marked by withering of certain cells in the stomach that are required for the proper absorption of vitamin B-12 in the diet.

The treatment of this disorder is quite inexpensive and straightforward: B-12 injections, usually given once every one or two months. Injectable B-12 is rapidly utilized by the body and will reverse all the symptoms I mentioned, including the nerve malformation.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my health Report "Fads I — Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, O 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

It began as a class assignment, blossomed into friendship and continues today as a very special relationship between two teenagers who did not even know each other until a letter writing project brought them into contact with each other six years ago.

Today, Malli Galloway of Snyder and Pam Buckner of Willis are bosom buddies and with Pam visiting in Snyder this past week, Christmas 1990 is just a little bit better for both girls and Malli's family, including her parents, Bill and Lana Galloway, and siblings, Katye, 11, and Duffy, 15.

Pam is the daughter of Jim and Mary Buckner. Her family raises roses and cut flowers on a flower farm and makes dried flower arrangements.

Both girls, who are seniors at their respective high schools, have spent each waking moment since Pam's arrival late last Sunday evening, visiting, talking and just plain catching up. It's been like this for the past six years also. Both girls couldn't be happier and each praises their respective teachers whose joint assignment brought them together through a piece of paper, envelope and stamp.

The teachers — who are related — gave their students a routine English assignment, with a twist.

Sammi Jarrell, Malli's sixth grade teacher at Stanfield, and Mrs. Jarrell's daughter, Melanie, gave their students the task of exchanging letters between the two classes.

Those first letters were somewhat generic in nature, just each student telling about himself or herself. For a majori-

ty of the students, one letter was all that was ever written. Others corresponded for a while but eventually, the interest faded.

No so with Malli and Pam, who were almost immediately drawn to each other. And it's no wonder as they each share many common interests and plans.

Similar interests and a ever deepening friendship have kept the two teens in contact. For years, it was frequent letters and personal picture exchanges.

Then, a few months ago, they began sending tape recordings to each other.

Occasionally, they talk on the phone and find "it hard to drag themselves away."

They exchanged birthday presents for the first time last year. This year they will also exchange Christmas gifts.

The two teens love Danielle Steele books, soap operas, anything chocolate, Mexican food and the same type of music and movies.

Both are quiet, somewhat reserved, and top students which includes National Honor Society membership.

Both also like children and want to become teachers someday. Pam enjoys working with small children and is considering becoming a special education teacher.

Pam is a member of her school's Art Club which she describes as fun. In September, someone stole a school bus and drove it through the building, causing considerable damage as they tried to use the bus to break open the school's safe. The area was boarded off and while repairs are underway Pam and other Art Club members have made pictures to cover up the plywood.

She will participate in her school's Academic Decathlon set in February. As a sophomore, she was also involved with home economics.

Malli has participated in choir for four years and was named to the District Choir this school year. She is also a member of Sw-



PEN PALS — Pam Buckner of Willis, left, and Malli Calloway of Snyder, right, have been pen pals since a sixth grade letter writing assignment brought them together six years ago. The two teens met in person for the first time last August. More recently, Pam was in Snyder this past week to visit Malli and her family. (SDN Staff Photo)

ing. Malli recently took part in the local effort to write letters to U.S. Forces in Saudi Arabia. She has since received a reply from a dentist who is part of Operation Desert Shield.

Mrs. Galloway said that Malli always seems to have the best luck when it comes to receiving answers to her letters.

Mrs. Galloway calls Malli's friendship with Pam a "special blessing for her family" because they admire the courage with which she faces life. Pam is handicapped because of a birth

defect — spina bifida — but in no way does she act handicapped, even when confined to a wheelchair during school hours or when she uses crutches to walk.

Activities kept Malli and Pam busy this past week, including attending the high school Christmas play, a church party and a trip to South Plains Mall in Lubbock.

Other plans included eating pizza and Mexican food and visiting with Mrs. Galloway's sister who is visiting in Snyder from her home in Sweden, and

having a reunion celebration, so to speak, with Mrs. Jarrell and her daughter.

Since earliest childhood, Pam has had to deal with her handicap. Spina bifida meant she was born with a hole in her spine, and while there is as yet no cure for her condition she has undergone several surgeries to correct problems related to her birth defect.

She attended early childhood programs in Willis with other children with handicaps for about a year before she registered for kindergarten. Then it was a half-day of

kindergarten and a half day in the special program.

She uses crutches at home and while she was in elementary school, but junior high proved more of a physical challenge because she couldn't get to all the places she needed to go with crutches. She started using a wheelchair while in junior high and in high school members of the shop class made specially built desk tops so that she could attend each of her classes and not have to get out of her wheelchair.

Pam has never thought of herself as handicapped and said she has managed, one way or another, to do most of the things she has wanted to do because early in life she decided "not to let it get to her."

She can do just about anything she sets her mind to do except strenuous physical or mobility activities. She doesn't mind traveling alone even when this past weekend's weather caused trip delays and last-minute schedule changes, because — in spite of some frustration — she said she knew she would "eventually get here."

Fog forced the Lubbock Airport to shut down. Pam flew to Houston first, then Dallas and finally to Amarillo where she took a bus to Lubbock, where the Galloways were waiting to take her home for a week-long visit.

The experience was nerve wracking for the girls and their respective families, but it was worth it the moment the two pen pals saw each other again for the first time since last summer when Pam's parents took them, plus Malli's sister, Katye, and Pam's cousin (to whom Katye is now corresponding) to Colorado.

The Galloways have been more than happy to share their home with Malli's pen pal who has definitely made Christmas 1990 more than just a little special for the Snyder family.

The Social Security Act became law in 1935, creating unemployment insurance and pension plans for the elderly.

The SDN Section B

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PEACE

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**Scurry County
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The Scurry County Library has many materials available for check out. Books, magazines, vertical file materials, and records may be taken out for a two-week period and can usually be renewed by phone. Teachers may check out a collection of 25 books for their classroom for a four-week period. Teachers may also check out two videotapes for a period of one week for school use.

BOOK FEATURE:

"Inside Job: The Looting of America's Savings and Loans," by Stephen Pizzo. The biggest heist in U.S. history is going to cost every American taxpayer at least \$1,000. This is the compelling story of where the money went. Over a period of seven years, a greedy network of swindlers, mobsters, S&L executives, and con men have capitalized on regulatory weaknesses to thoroughly fleece the thrift industry. Savings and Loans are in the condition they are in today due to rampant fraud, as much as other factors.

NON-FICTION

"Camcorder Survival Guide", by Robert I. Wolenick
"Scroll saw Country Patterns," by Patrick Spielman
"Energy Alternatives: Home Repair and Improvement," by the Editors of Time-Life Books.

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MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE LYONS

English, Lyons wed

ABILENE — Patricia Ann English of Abilene and Clarence Marshall Lyons of Snyder were married Dec. 8 in Abilene with Anthony Roach, minister of Minda Street Church of Christ, Abilene, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Laura Wade of Long Island, N.Y. and the late Theodous Wade. The groom is the son of Alma Lyons of Manhattan, N.Y. and the late Clarence Lyons.

The bride's attendants were Wilhelmina Williams of Houston, maid of honor; Cene Hassel of Abilene, matron of honor; and bridesmaids were Bernice Powell and Patsy Fleming, both of Abilene.

The groom's attendants were Martin C. Lyons of Fort Worth, best man; and groomsmen were Waldorf Brown of Phoenix, Ariz., Anthony J. Gipson and Nelson English, both of Abilene.

Ushers were Douglas Daye of Abilene and Robert Sherrod. Laressa English of Abilene was flower girl and Derrick Prince of San Angelo was ring bearer.

The bride attended Abilene Christian University and Texas Tech receiving a bachelors degree in education and a masters degree from Abilene Christian University and is a doctoral student of Texas Tech. She is employed by Abilene ISD. The groom is employed at West Texas State Bank, Snyder.

The couple will be at home in Abilene.

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COUPLE MARRY IN LUBBOCK — Teresa T. Fitzpatrick and Charles N. Longbotham Jr. were married at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 1 in the First Methodist Church in Lubbock, with Jimmy Nunn officiating. Matrons of honor were Ghai Jackson and Phyllis Lutrick, both of Ransom Canyon. The groom's attendants were Joe C. Longbotham of Dallas, his

brother, and Johnny Lutrick of Ransom Canyon. The bride is the daughter of Jack Tippit of Wilton, Conn., and Christina Brown of Westport, Conn. Parents of the bridegroom are Dr. and Mrs. R.B. Pierce of Snyder. The couple will reside in Ransom Canyon. (Family Photo)

Penwomen read verses at meeting

Snyder Penwomen met early December at the historical Dermott schoolhouse for their Christmas supper and program with Jean Everett hosting. Giving thanks before the meal was Janelle Burk.

Following the supper, Penwomen read their work. "What Else Can We Say About Christmas?" by Mary Westmoreland; "When Christmas Was Only Two Days Along," an article by Dorothy Cox; "A Child's Christmas" and "The Holiday Season," by Betty Boyd.

Also read was "A Child's Christmas" and "The Holiday Season," by Betty Boyd, and "The Little Stable Boy," by Garnet Quiett.

Guests Roy Burk, Franklin Bryant, Bob Martin and Foy Westmoreland told about some special Christmases they remembered as a child.

The numbered gifts under the tree were distributed and opened.

The club's next meeting will be Jan. 16 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Killgo. They invite interested writers and guests to attend.

The easiest way to know if your baby is drinking enough water is to check how many times a day the child wets the diaper. Anywhere from four to eight times a day is normal, say experts at Beech-Nut Nutrition Corp.



MR. AND MRS. M.F. BELL



WED 50 YEARS — Mr. and Mrs. M.F. Bell of 2811 Ave. U will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception 2-4 p.m. Dec. 30 in the Garden Room of First Baptist Church. The event will be hosted by their children, Lennart and Sherrell Johanson of Sweden; Charlie and Vicky Bell and Bill and Lana Galloway, all of Snyder. The couple married Dec. 30, 1940, in the First Baptist Church, Snyder. Bell is retired, having worked for USDA and ASCS. The couple has seven grandchildren. (Family Photos)

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MONDAY

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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.
Revekan Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 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.
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.
Business and Professional Women's Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.
Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX06; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
Scurry Lodge 706; 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

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th; 9-4.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh 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.
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

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tea; Cogdell Hospital; 1:30-3:30 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.
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.

SATURDAY

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).
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.



TUNE STUDENTS IN RECITAL — Piano students of Barbara Tune were in a recital, "Sounds of Christmas," Dec. 2 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Featured in Recital I are, from left, seated, Callie Bane, Jordan Hardin, Laurie Kerley, Ashley Grimmett, Rachel Billingsley, and Lacey Kidd. Standing are Jason Billingsley, Blake Bell.

Lexie Beard, Tiffany Jones, Melissa Bredemeyer, Jacob Crawford, Julie Doolittle, Joshelyn Helm, Misty Badgwell, Melanie Kidd, Vanessa Jones and Natalie Hill. Not pictured is Tia Drum. (SDN Staff Photos)



MORE TUNE STUDENTS — Performing in Recital II were, seated, Bryan Monroe, Crissada Tyler, Amber Lyle, Amber Rich, Whitney Webb and Jennifer Roemisch. Standing are Casity Reneau, Cara

Stansell, Jennifer Bigham, Regina McNair, Susan Bigham, Rachel Pena, Becky Romero, Jessica Hodges and Lisa McNair.

Polly's Pointers by Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — Here are a few more tips for recycling and cutting down on trash.

Use newspapers for cleaning windows and mirrors and for filling boxes when mailing packages.

Use boxes from stores for mailing packages, including cereal boxes.

Use leftover deposit slips for scrap paper for such things as score keeping, grocery lists, memos and notes (cut off the account number for security).

Remember to coast whenever possible to conserve gasoline.

Use only one good all-purpose cleaner for all household cleaning jobs.

Give magazines and books to neighbors and nursing homes.

Use brown paper bags for wrapping packages to be mailed.

When answering a letter, use the blank side of the one you received from that person.

Use the back side of clean paper placemats from restaurants for writing letters. — KAY

DEAR POLLY — Here is a helpful pointer for those who like to make cupcakes in paper cupcake cups but

don't like the mess of the cupcake sticking to the paper cup. Spray the inside of the paper cup with your favorite non-stick baking spray. When the cupcakes are done, they will come out easily. — HEATHER

DEAR POLLY — Since I am a little overweight, I have to order queen-size panty hose. They are made with a panel in the back side to fit better. I find that since I have more on the front side than the back side, I can wear them backward with the panel in front and they fit even better! Try it, you'll like it. Some may think I sound like a dope, but I am not. — L.S.D.

DEAR L.S.D. — On the contrary, I think you're a smart lady. This trick of wearing the queen-size pantyhose backward also works when you're pregnant, turning regular queen-size hose into maternity hose! Your pointer earns you the Pointer of the Week award

Polly will send you a Polly Dollar (\$1) if she uses your favorite Pointer, Peeper or Problem in her column. Write POLLY'S POINTERS in care of this newspaper.

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Holiday cookie recipe

SNOWBALL COOKIES
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups finely chopped pecans
¼ cup sugar
1 cup butter, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Powdered sugar

Heat oven to 325 degrees F. In large mixer bowl combine all ingredients except powdered sugar. Beat on low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed, about 3 to 4 minutes. Shape rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into 1-inch balls. Place on cookie sheets. Bake in a 325-degree F oven for 18 to 25 minutes or until very lightly browned. Roll in powdered sugar while still warm and again when cool, or shake powdered sugar through a strainer held over cookies. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

(Recipe from: Land O'Lakes)

Newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst died in Beverly Hills, Calif., in 1951.

CHOCOLATE PRETZEL GLAZE
6 ounces semisweet chocolate
6 tablespoons warm water

Melt chocolate over medium heat in the top of a double boiler. Add the 6 tablespoons warm water. Stir until mixture is smooth. Dip half of each pretzel cookie into the glaze; place on waxed paper or cookie sheet and refrigerate until glaze hardens. Store in an airtight container. Cookies may also be frozen in an airtight container.

(Recipe from: Korbel Champagne)

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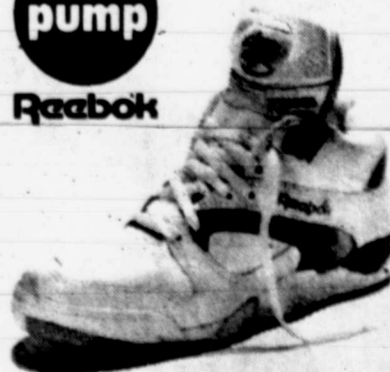
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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS — Students of Mrs. Connie B. Dickerson were presented in a piano recital recently in the Trinity United Methodist Church. In the "Christmas Festival of Music" program were, first row from left, Calli Pierce,

Michael Hensley, Johathan Hensley, Jeremy Bowden, Janette Allen, Matthew Lovett, Kaycee Marricle; top row, Sarah Pierce, Jared Dennis, Joshua Kelley, Shahala Marricle, Jocelyn Pinkerton, and Allison Bowden. (SDN Staff Photo)

Handbell choir program at club

The Altrurian Daughters Club met at Martha Ann Woman's Club Dec. 12 for a Christmas luncheon with members of the Colonial Hill Handbell Choir as their program.

The choir entertained with a selection of Christmas music under the direction of Jerald Garner, director of music at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Members of the choir were Starla Kubena, Barbara Ashley, Donna Ryan, Andrea Garner, Melissa McCright, Jeffri Long, Kathy Post, Mary Pryor, Jeannie Rice and Glenda Boyd.

Club members opened gifts which had been bought by June McGlaun, project chairman, assisted by Nina Nesbitt. To purchase gifts they used funds composed of donations made by club members at the November meeting. The gifts were admired and then packed to be taken to the Noah Project for children in the shelter.

Hostesses were Gussie Gray, Nettie McBroom and Sadie Longbotham.

Bethel Studio Recital

Bethel Studio of Music presented "Music Around the World" at 6 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. A Mexican candlelight dinner was attended by 230 guests. Pupils incorporated piano solos and duets, songs and dances with narration of many countries. These are pupils of Lynn Bethel of Bethel Studio of Music.



MUSIC MAKERS — Performing piano music from other countries were from left, front row, Jennifer Petty of Colorado City, Carol Strayhorn, Cheryl Reed, Emily Zeck and Shelly Jones. On the top row are Julieanne Dooley, Leigh Anne Fowler, Sterling Cave, Brooke Kubena, Ellen Strayhorn, Mandy Strain of Colorado City, Ruth Ann Riddel of Rotan. (Bethel Studio Photo)

Bridge By James Jacoby

12-22-90

NORTH
 ♦ K Q 9 4 2
 ♥ A J 9 5
 ♣ — — — —
 ♠ Q 6 3 2

WEST
 ♠ 10 7
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ K J 8 8 3
 ♣ A J 9 7

EAST
 ♠ 3
 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 4
 ♦ A Q 10 7 2
 ♣ 8

SOUTH
 ♦ A J 8 6 5
 ♥ 2
 ♣ 6 5 4
 ♠ K 10 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Dbl. *	4 ♣	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	Pass

*negative double

Opening lead: ♥ 6

Here is a deal featuring Australian Stephen Burgess. Playing in five spades doubled, he correctly analyzed that West held four clubs for his negative double of one spade. Watch how he structured the play to leave West helpless to defeat the contract.

Declarer won dummy's ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. He played a spade to dummy's queen and a club back to his king. West won the ace and played a second trump. Burgess now took the ace, ruffed a diamond, ruffed a heart, ruffed a diamond, and ruffed dummy's last heart.

At this point dummy was left with a trump and the Q-6-3 of clubs. West held J-9-7 of clubs and two diamonds. But West had to discard on this trick. If West threw a club, declarer would simply play a club to dummy's queen and give up a club. So West threw a diamond, keeping all his remaining clubs. No matter. Declarer ruffed his last diamond and played a low club from dummy. West had to win the seven of clubs and lead away from the J-9 to give declarer the last two tricks and his doubled contract.

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 Pharos Books. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Uruguay declared its independence from Brazil in 1825.

Double whammy

By James Jacoby

FAMILY FOCUS

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HOW CAN MY FAMILY COMMUNICATE BETTER?

It seems to be universally accepted that strong families have effective communication skills. But what does the term effective communication really mean?

Communication skills are often confused with verbal skills, or the ability to use language well. Although the two are related, they are by no means the same. Highly verbal families do not necessarily communicate more effectively than less verbal ones. In fact, too much verbalization is often a barrier to effective communication.

The goal of effective communication is not necessarily agreement, but understanding. When good communication occurs in a family, members are both expressing their own needs, ideas, wishes, and feelings, and responding to the needs, ideas, wishes, and feelings of others. Family members feel that they are heard; that it is okay to share private thoughts and feelings; and there is confidence that working together will lead to a solution, not a stand-off.

For some families, good communication seems to come naturally, but for most it is the result of hard work. Like every other skill, effective communication is to a great extent learned. It is acquired through patience and practice.

Good communication involves both verbal communication, or that which we do with our words, and nonverbal communication, or that which we do with our bodies. Good communication involves not only talking, but also effective listening.

Although the principles of effective communication are relatively simple, applying them is not always easy. However, families who put in a conscientious effort will notice significant improvement in their families' communication patterns.

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3. Shirley Drum, Helen Hood

Christmas party held by Patchwork Squares

The home of Freida Dever was the site for the Patchwork Squares Christmas party and covered dish luncheon Dec. 10.

The group toured Mrs. Dever's home and viewed Christmas items from Panama, Equador and Costa Rico.

The group exchanged tree ornaments followed by installation of officers by Kathryn Roberts, extension agent. Officers are Dorothy Campbell, president; Vivian Cockran, vice president; Joyce McCoy, treasurer; June Greenway, secretary-reporter; and Ruby Clark, council delegate.

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PERFORMERS — Taking part in the program featuring music from other countries were front row, Tia Bassham of Colorado City, Brook Baldrige of Jayton, Carrie Perkins of Colorado City, Brandi Murphree of Rotan and Rebecca Daves. On the top row are Nickolas Means, Brett Gibson, Melissa Harris of Jayton, Nicki Riggs of Colorado City, Stephanie Hoyle of Colorado City, Paul O'Conner, Trey Gorman, Jim Chisum and Ryan Gibson. (Bethel Studio Photo)



YULETIDE PERFORMERS — Spreading Christmas cheer with music from other countries were these students of Lynn Bethel in a recital held recently at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Shown above, from left, are Allison Harvey of Jayton, Karomy Drum, Jenise Judah, Amber Kelley and Angela Riggs, both of Colorado. Below are Blanden Chisum, Laura Hamby, Cynthia Stansell, Jason Warren and Clell Knight. Students not pictured are Amy Armstrong, Alicia Kubena, Mark Marshall, Deborah Zeck and Andrea Helm. (SDN Staff Photo)



Study club tours local museums

Members of the 20th Century Club gathered at the Scurry County Museum recently to begin a Christmas tour. Following the trip through the museum and the Country Store, they traveled to the Cornelius-Dodson House and the Dermott School House.

While touring the Dodson House they made note of the Christmas tree decorated with Victorian lace ornaments handmade by docents. The Victorian theme decorations were carried out in the other rooms as well.

While in the Dermott School they viewed a large cedar tree decorated with simple, homemade ornaments.

They ended their tour in the

home of Mrs. Bob Dupree, the day's hostess. After arriving, refreshments were served, followed by Mrs. Franklin Bryant's reading several poems she has written.

In conclusion, club members signed a Christmas card to send to a former member, Mrs. Fred Davis and her husband. Mrs. Davis is a past president and was a 20th Century member for 25 years.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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Republican law officer is going to inauguration

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bexar County Sheriff Harlon Copeland, who riled Ann Richards by publicizing a claim that she used an illegal drug, plans to attend the governor-elect's inauguration.

"He got an invitation. He's going to go," Colleen Cody, an aide to Copeland, said Thursday. "She won a hard-fought campaign. Congratulations are in order."

The Republican sheriff helped publicize a disputed 13-year-old drug allegation against Richards, a Democrat, during the heat of the gubernatorial campaign.

An investigator for Copeland obtained a sworn statement from a New Mexico man who claimed he saw Richards use cocaine at a 1977 party in Dallas. After a story about the incident appeared in an Albuquerque newspaper, Copeland held a news conference to discuss the sworn statement.

Copeland supported Republican gubernatorial nominee Clayton Williams, although the sheriff said he wanted both candidates to reveal their past medical records to prove they had not used illegal drugs.

Richards angrily accused Copeland and the Williams cam-

paign of orchestrating the incident, and claimed Copeland went too far by using his office for political purposes.

Copeland denied Williams was involved in the incident and said the action was not political.

Ms. Cody said Copeland intends to watch Richards take the oath of office Jan. 15, although he does not plan to attend the inaugural ball.

"He hopes he sees her. He has no intention of refusing to shake hands," Cody said, referring to a campaign incident in which Williams refused to shake Richards' hand.

Ms. Cody said Copeland watched the mail for an inauguration invitation. "He would have been disappointed if he hadn't gotten one," she added.

Richards spokesman Bill Cryer said Richards' staff sent invitations to more than 100,000 people, including all county elected officials.

"The sheriff was invited as an elected county official," Cryer said.

Cryer said numerous invitations went to people that "Ann Richards would not be pleased to see on a personal basis." He added that Copeland fit that category.

Houston port gets first winter fruits from Chile

HOUSTON (AP) — The Port of Houston's first shipment of Chilean winter fruit arrived at its new cold storage facility as the port attempts to compete in the international fresh produce industry.

Nearly 80,000 boxes of grapes, peaches, plums, nectarines, cherries and apricots were unloaded from the Orient Rex Thursday and transferred to the 236,000-square-foot cold storage warehouse operated by International Cargo Network.

The Orient Rex is the first of 22 ships scheduled to bring 4 million boxes of Chilean fruit to Houston over the next three months for distribution in Texas, California, Florida and Michigan, said Don

Holloway, chairman of ICN.

"We have been handling some Chilean avocados for the last year in relatively small quantities, but his shipment of grapes is a precursor of a lot of Chilean import fruit destined for the Southwest and Upper Midwest," said Jim Pugh, executive director of the Port.

International Cargo opened its new warehouse a few weeks ago.

"We timed it to coincide with the beginning of the (winter fruit) season," Holloway said. "We have been working on this for three years. It's something totally new."

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DEAR ABBY: I have always had a deep love for all living things. I have a house full of thriving plants.

About five years ago someone gave me a half-dead Boston fern. I took it home, repotted it, watered it and gave it plenty of love. (Boston ferns are very hard to grow.) It lived and grew into a huge, lush, thriving plant.

Every year, after the last frost, I put it outside. After being indoors all winter, it would grow like crazy! I kept it outside on my picnic table all summer. By the end of October I would bring it back inside for the winter, and it would be just beautiful.

Well, last Monday somebody stole my plant in broad daylight! Abby, it was in a 50-pound flowerpot. I cannot begin to tell you my shock and hurt. How could anyone be so low?

I hope that whoever took it knows how to care for it, because Boston ferns are very fragile and need loving care. Abby, why in this world would anyone want to steal a plant? Perhaps if you put this in your column, the thief will bring it back.

MOTHER EARTH

DEAR MOTHER EARTH: Sorry about your plant, but please don't hold your breath until the thief returns it. You ask why anyone would want to steal a plant. "Elementary, my dear Watson." A thief will steal anything that isn't nailed down. And, if a thief has the time and the tools, also things that are nailed down.

I doubt that a plant lover stole your plant. In all probability it was stolen because it could be sold for a few dollars to another crook who buys stolen merchandise to sell to sleazy characters who ask no questions.

DEAR ABBY: Please correct me and a host of friends and relatives on "new tradition." We have a longtime

family member and friend who are giving a 40th anniversary party. They have rented a banquet room and are charging \$35 per person to attend.

Friends and family members are livid because we feel that an anniversary party should be given at their expense (if they are giving it) or someone else's expense if someone

else chooses to give it, and then have a money tree for those who want to put money on it. They are making this a very formal affair, but the invitations that we received are photocopied fliers, which I think is totally tacky.

I have heard that this is a "new tradition." Please inform the world of this new tradition (if there is one) and also inform a handful of cheap-skates if it is not.

CONFUSED ON TRADITION IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: When a party is given to honor someone, the person (or people) who gives the party pays for it. It is not uncommon for a group of close friends to get together and organize a "no host" party where everyone pays for himself. But for a family member to plan a party and bill each guest for his or her share of the party is tacky.

CONFIDENTIAL TO EDWARD JAY IN MINNEAPOLIS: Happy birthday!

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DEAR READERS: John Zuckerman of Stockton, Calif., asked if anyone else was still around who saw Charles Lindbergh land in Paris in 1927, so I asked my readers. Did I get letters? A sample:

DEAR ABBY: I was 6 1/2 years old when my father took me to Le Bourget airfield to see Lindbergh land. He had to be protected by the gendarmes from the crowd who wanted to touch him. It was a very emotional experience for the French people because two weeks earlier, two Frenchmen, Nungesser and Coli, had attempted to fly from Paris to

New York and were lost at sea. FRANCOIS J. WALTZ, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: I was in Paris when Lindbergh landed. My uncle, Albert Champion, owned Champion Spark Plug Co. in Flint, Mich., and Paris, France, so we lived in both places. I remember the excitement when Lindy landed. The restaurants and nightclubs stayed open all night, and people were dancing in the streets! I doubt if the French people ever loved an American so much before — or since.

EVELYN DURHAM, PACIFIC PALISADES, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I was a student at the Sorbonne when the radio announced that Lindbergh had been sighted over Ireland and would be landing in Paris in a few hours, so a classmate and I took a bus to the airport. We were among the thousands of spectators restrained behind a wire fence. When Lindbergh landed, the crowd pushed the fence over and ran out on the field. The police had to rescue him from his enthusiastic admirers. I am 85 and an American citizen now.

(MR.) JEAN A. BODIN, HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: I was a 30-year-old Parisian in 1927 and had not yet been to America. I was at the theater when an announcement was made at intermission that Lindy had landed safely in Paris. Everyone cheered and left the theater to join a wild celebration in the streets, dancing and hugging strangers! The next day, Lindy was honored with a huge parade down the Champs-Elysees. It was one of the highlights of my life. I am 93, and am now an American citizen living in a nursing home in New Jersey.

FLORA J. MAHONEY

DEAR ABBY: We arrived in Paris from Switzerland by train, got a cab and asked the driver to take us to our hotel, but we were soon in the middle of a big traffic jam with everyone

yelling, "We're going to the airport — Lindbergh has landed!" We instructed our driver to head for the airport where we joined the crowd. I was 17 at the time and will never forget it.

MRS. W. CALVIN WELLS JR., JACKSON, MISS.

DEAR ABBY: I recall hearing the newsmen yelling, "Edition Speciale!" ("Special Edition!") on the streets of Paris. Lindbergh had successfully crossed the Atlantic in a solo flight. The press reported that he had to borrow a tuxedo, formal shirt and shoes to be honored the following evening by the French government in the company of your American Ambassador Merrick.

JEANNETTE FACER, PALM SPRINGS, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I cannot pass up this opportunity to brag that I was 18, living two miles from Le Bourget airport, and I not only saw Lindbergh land, I touched his plane!

ANDRE GROSS, SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I was a crew member of the USS Mayflower, the presidential yacht that brought Lindbergh from New York to Washington, D.C. (Calvin Coolidge was president.) I am 86 and will never forget the thrill.

TIPTON EILAND, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Two selected

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — "Life Goes On" actor Christopher Burke, Iditarod dog sled racer Susan Butcher and Kansas City Chiefs placekicker Nick Lowery were named to the U.S. Jaycees' Ten Outstanding Young Americans for 1991.

Burke, 25, of Point Lookout, N.Y., is an actor with Down's syndrome who plays Corky Thatcher in the ABC series. He is the spokesman for the National Down's Syndrome Congress.

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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

They've got the living manger scene set up at the Light of Our Lord Baptist Church.

Crazy Joe Hettermeyer has a role again this year. Imagine. Crazy Joe Hettermeyer a wise man. The people in Lubbock would never believe it.

Last year was the 10th anniversary of the manger scene at the church and it was even more special than usual. Everybody agreed that it was something to see. People came from as far as Amarillo during the nine evenings that it was put on by the church. Several congregations from Lubbock sent buses down on Christmas Eve.

It was a fine cast, too. There was Mary Ann Bottoms, Slappy's wife, who played Mary. Zeb Jackson's boy Skeeter stood tall and proud as Joseph. Slappy, Smithy Thompson and Uncle Elber were the wise men, all decked out in gold, white and black sequined robes. Tyrone Matthews was the shepherd. Had him a staff and a couple of sheep. Joe was the inn keeper, carrying a basket full of food which was strapped to a donkey's back.

To commemorate the 10th year, Reverend R.T. Clyde worked up something of a script. It wasn't much, but the reverend had them rehearse it over and over again. Each member of the cast would slowly walk up, kneel by the crib and present a gift. The inn keeper was to be last, with an offering of food for the weary family.

The cast was grateful for something to do, too, because it was bitterly cold that Christmas Eve.

The whole thing was to end with the choir bursting into "Joy to the World."

Christmas Eve night, everything was going fine. Mary Beth knelt and said a few words. Skeeter followed. The three wise men came forward and each knelt and placed gifts before Baby Jesus. Tyrone Matthews was next.

Finally, it was Joe's turn.

But Joe wasn't anywhere around. People waited and waited. Five minutes. Ten minutes. The reverend sent a couple of deacons out to search, but they couldn't find Joe either. The crowd began to get fidgety. Mary Beth, Skeeter, and the three wise men made another pass in front of Baby Jesus. Reverend Clyde, normally a very patient man, was pacing back and forth behind the manger, occasionally throwing his arms up in the air and looking skyward.

Suddenly, there was a commotion in the back of the crowd and you could see Joe making his way through. No mule, no basket. Just Joe. In his red flannel underwear.

A lady in the crowd saw Joe, screamed and fainted. Everybody else just stood there, in shock.

Joe hurried up to the manger, and though you could tell he was freezing, he said a brief prayer over Baby Jesus. Then he took his place beside Tyrone, the shepherd.

The choir was so startled that Reverend Clyde sang the first few bars of "Joy to the World" by himself.

Afterward, when the crowd had all gotten into cars and the buses from Lubbock were headed back down the highway, they sat Joe down in the church office. Somebody got a blanket to help warm him up — and cover him up.

"Joe," said Reverend Clyde, trying hard to control his anger, "I'm disappointed in you. You know what this meant to this congregation. Most of those people came all the way from Lubbock and then you went and embarrassed all of us! We'll be the laughin' stock of Texas!"

Tears ran down Joe's face. "I-I-I'm s-s-sorry, P-p-preacher," he said, still trembling from the cold. "I-I-I d-d-didn't mean to embarrass everybody."

"What was on your mind, Joe? What happened?" the reverend demanded.

"W-W-Well," said Joe, "I-I-I left my p-place early, had t-that f-fine, t-thick robe on and was w-walkin' along with ol' Charlie's d-donkey when I c-came across M-M-Mrs. J-J-Johnson by the road. S-S-She'd been t-to t-t-town with those younguns of hers to g-get t-things for a little C-C-Christmas gift. Y-You know, she d-don't have much s-s-since her husband d-died las' June. But she had made a few d-dollars sewin' and she was b-bound and d-determined to give those kids a real nice meal."

"She no more p-pulled into town when t-that ol' pickup a hers b-busted a water hose, and she had to spend ever last cent gettin' it f-fixed. T-Then, they made it almost all the way back home when the truck just up and q-quit on her."

"Well what did you do, Joe?" Uncle Elber asked.

"Well, those p-poor p-pitiful kids was getting c-c-colder and c-colder out there in that p-pickup. And they was cryin' and Mrs. Johnson was cryin' and I t-thought I b-better do somethin'."

"S-So I thought about it and I decided I could c-carry the basket, and so I p-put them kids on that donkey's back. An I helped Mrs. Johnson up on the mule, t-too. But they was just a s-s-shiverin' from the cold. I thought another minute and I figured that there was nothin' to do but give 'em that n-nice, warm robe. And so I took it and put it around 'em r-real t-tight."

"And I thought I could still hurry up and g-g-get the b-basket to the manger but as I turned to leave, I-I-I heard one of them kids s-say, 'Momma, I guess we just wasn't meant to have a good Christmas this year.'"

"And Reverend, I saw the tears roll down from that l-little child's blue eyes. I got to thinkin' that if givin' and Baby Jesus is what Christmas is all about, then, well...then maybe this is what Baby Jesus w-would want me to do. The thought of them l-little kids not havin' a nice meal just tore me up. So I ran after 'em and I gave that b-basket of food to Mrs. Johnson. She said she couldn't accept it but I t-told her she should b-because it was from Baby Jesus hisself. And

she ast' me why. And I-I-I didn't know what to say, R-Reverend, so I jus' remembered somethin' I'd heard you s-say. So I tol' her, 'Well, M-Mrs. Johnson, the Lord, he works in m-mysterious ways.'"

"And Reverend," Joe said softly, "you shoulda seen Mrs. Johnson's eyes light up when I gave her that basket. And the s-smiles on those youngun's faces. As long as I live, I'll never f-forget those s-smiles."

He paused a moment, then looked up. "I'm s-sorry I embarrassed you all. Especially you, Reverend, 'cause I know how much this meant to you, havin' the manger scene for them f-folks from Lubbock. And I won't never ast to be in ho manger scene again."

Joe started to get up but the reverend put a hand on his shoulder. Nobody said anything. We all just kinda stared down at our shoes.

Finally, he looked up and said, "Joe, what you did tonight was a whole lot more important than playin' an inn keeper. In fact, I think you've made this church proud tonight. And I think Jesus will see it that way, too."

"But what about them p-people from Lubbock?" said Joe.

"I guess they'll just have to remind themselves of one thing. That the Lord does indeed work in mysterious ways, Joe. Yes sir, he does indeed work in mysterious ways."

Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

FIVE YEARS AGO

The Gary and Kathy Landes residence won first place in the Snyder Jaycee Christmas Lighting Contest. Second was the Sam Bruner residence and third was the Ned Byrd residence.

Shannon Lunsford was selected as a finalist in the 1986 Miss West Texas National Teenager Pageant to be held in Odessa. She is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. David Lunsford of Snyder.

10 YEARS AGO
After 35 years being engaged in business involving service to motor vehicles, Rex Fields retired as a partner with Stanley Noah at Central Tire Service Co.

15 YEARS AGO
A Christmas gift of considerable historical significance was presented to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Noble. The deed to 2300 block of Ave. R was presented to Joe Williamson, chamber president. Noble is

the second owner of the property, purchasing it from the Nunn family which settled here in 1877 several years before Scurry County was organized. In the early days Ave. R was known as "Jackass Ave."

Mrs. Frances Brown, 23-year employee of Lone Star Gas Co., was honored with a reception at the Lone Star Gas Company office for her retirement.

20 YEARS AGO
A holiday party for former Snyder High School Black and

Gold Band members was held at the R.J. Walker residence. Attending were Doug Pitner, Bruce Kenner, Caroline Stansell, Linda Wesson, Gary Perser, John McBeth, Max Mearse, John Phillips, Mollie Walker (hostess) and Charles Easterwood.

25 YEARS AGO
Class favorites were named at Snyder High School. They were Empress McFarland and Jimmy Hogan, seniors; Emily Kincaid and Murry Bowden, juniors; and Pam Cumbe and Tim Mebane, sophomores.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

My brother doesn't have any kids, by choice, and sometimes I confess that I envy him. Neither does my brother-in-law (again, by choice), and a couple of sets of close friends. The thing about childless couples is that they get to plan out their lives in five-year increments. Their lives are so ORDERED. Once they make these plans, they start to put back money in savings and everything runs smoothly until the next five-year plan.

They don't have to take two kids shopping for sneakers two weeks before Christmas and spend 150 bucks. They don't have to haul a kid in a week before Christmas break for a whole slew of x-rays, like one friend of mine did.

And their homes are so nice, filled with expensive furniture and lots of beautiful things. So ORDERED. They never have to clean vomit up off the carpet, as I had to do once two days after it was installed. (I mean, the kid threw up all the way to the bathroom. We hadn't even moved in yet and didn't have so much as a paper towel.) They never have to miss any sleep that they don't want to miss or choose to miss because of work-related projects. Their nice things never get broken, either.

And when they have work to do at home, like, say, writing a newspaper column, they don't have to do it with Debbie Gibson blaring from a nearby stereo. They don't get interrupted with crisis calls like, "The cat just fell in the toilet and I didn't flush yet!" (Right in the middle of a

paragraph.) Strange kids don't phone their home ten times per night and twice as much on weekends.

They get to go out to eat to nice restaurants, without having to say, "No, dear. They don't serve hamburgers here. I don't know why not. They just don't. Pizza? I'll see."

Yep, sometimes I envy them.

Except now. I can't imagine a home decorated for the holidays without refrigerator art lovingly crafted at school. Or hanging old, cherished ornaments on the tree that say things like, "Baby's First Christmas." And I want to know...do they work their way through the holidays without hearing Burl Ives tell the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer? (Twenty-six times and it's still not too many.)

Are their homes so ordered that only department store-wrapped gifts take up space under the tree, so that there are no clumsily-wrapped presents with the paper all wadded and the ribbons hanging loose — gifts they have to promise to open first?

Do they take time from their busy schedules to just sit and watch the tree lights? (With kids, you haven't any choice in the matter.) And when they do their holiday baking, who mixes up the egg yolk and food coloring paint and slathers it on the cookies in pop art designs? Or do the cookies come out like their lives — all orderly and perfect?

And what about Christmas Eve night? Does the excitement reach

an almost unbearable pitch? Since Santa only visits homes where children live, I guess they don't bother to put out milk and cookies for him.

Things must be very quiet in their homes on Christmas Eve. You know. Peaceful. Ordered. Probably they go to bed early and the house never gets messy.

Only, there's one thing I've

observed about my childless friends and relatives — even those who swear they don't even like kids. Thing is, they sort of show up in the homes of relatives who have children, don't they? They bring too-expensive gifts that are often too "old" for their neices and nephews and friends, but you know they had a ball (see Country Life, page 7B)

Service mailbox

- Snyder Daily News lists the following names and addresses of Scurry County servicemen and women currently overseas for area residents interested in corresponding with them. Additions, corrections and/or deletions to the list should be mailed to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Texas, 79549.
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VF-74 IWT
FPO New York, NY 09504-6113
 - 1LT Jayme Jones
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SDN Letters to the Editor

Dear Santa!

Well, here it is another year gone by since I wrote to you last year. And I am still at the Daniel Unit. But you know something, Santa, each year is easier to face because I know you're waiting at the end of the year to rejuvenate my hope. Oh Santa, what would I do without you? You're the only one who understands me. When I sit on your lap and tell you what I want, you always make me feel so good. I love you, Santa. I have tried very hard to be nice and not naughty. I know I can't hide anything from you 'cause you know who's been naughty and who's been nice. Please, dear Santa, when you fly over Daniel Unit in your sleigh with your reindeer, please, oh please stop by my window and leave the following:

remembered all of the little boys and girls everywhere of whom are less fortunate than others.

2. News that you remembered our U.S. servicemen in the Persian Gulf and their loved ones.

3. Please sprinkle some pixie's dust and wave a magic wand over the Daniel Unit that will cause our personnel to always make the right decisions.

4. Leave me a book entitled "I am fortunate to live in the United States so don't forget to count my blessings."

5. Please hit me with a reindeer chip when I cry and moan over petty problems.

6. Please send me a new pair of green shoes.
Dear Santa, sweet Santa, when I hear your sleigh bells ringing

and hear your jolly laugh of Ho Ho Ho, and your command of up Dancer, up Prancer, on Comet, on Blitzen, on Donner and Vixen and Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, I will know that you will leave peace on earth and goodwill toward men for another year. I cry so hard Santa, when I hear people say you are not real. They are the same people that don't believe in Peter Pan and Tinker Bell and they have never travelled on the yellow brick road to see the wonderful Wizard of Oz! When I quit believing in you, Santa, that's when my world will end. I love you, Santa, and I'll be watching for Rudolph's red nose coming through the sky. From one who will always believe in Santa Claus,
Bufford McDonald
48558 Price Daniel
Snyder, Texas

To the Editor,
You don't have to leave our Great City to find wonderful and generous people.

Tuesday night, the Snyder All-Sports Booster Club had a drawing for a 51-inch, giant-screen color TV. The winning ticket was Ed McDaniel. Did he keep it? No, he gave the TV to a young boy confined to a wheelchair.

Thank you Ed Mac for showing thousands of people the true meaning of Christmas. May God bless your family.

Eddie Johnson
2604 33rd St.
Snyder, Texas

Study clears supercollider

DALLAS (AP) — Federal inspectors finished their final environmental impact of the supercollider and concluded the project poses no significant threats to the environment, an Energy Department official said.

Barring a delay in funding, this last test clears the way for the \$8 billion atom smasher's construction in Ellis County. Collider officials are aiming for startup by late 1999.

The study showed a greater depletion of farmland production in the area, and more historical sites will be affected than expected. But detrimental effects to the environment will be slight, the study found.

"The whole project will

operate as a good neighbor," Thomas Baillieul, project manager for the study, told the Dallas Times Herald. "The safety record of accelerators is, I think, well-proven."

The study's findings come in the wake of concern expressed by dozens of Ellis County residents who wrote letters and testified at public hearings. Much of the concern questioned previously released findings that the collider's radiation emissions would be relatively small.

Baillieul said officials considered the residents' statements but stand by their findings.

"An accelerator like this is not a major source of radioactivity, and that point seems to be lost on a lot of people," he said.

The final report contains few changes from a previous draft released in August.

Officials have said, in touting the collider's safety, that people will be able to live and farm above the tunnels. Some land will be leased back for cultivation, but the government cannot say how much pending a land management program and gauging farmers' interest.



Environmentalists contemplate lawsuit

HOUSTON (AP) — Environmentalists said they will sue if necessary to protect wetlands they maintain are in the area of a proposed airport 35 miles west of the city.

The Army Corps of Engineers tried to clear the way for the new airport, ruling on Wednesday for a second time that there are not wetlands on the West Side Airport site.

Col. Brink P. Miller, the Galveston district engineer, said there are areas within the 1,432-acre airport site that "meet the mandatory criteria for wetlands."

But he said the Corps, working with the Soil Conservation Ser-

vice, had determined the site is "prior converted croplands" and does not require a wetlands permit from the Corps.

A federal wildlife official, however, disagreed with the Corps' ruling, and a Houston Audubon Society spokesman said the environmental group is considering a lawsuit to protest it.

If required, a wetlands permit could delay construction of the airport or force officials to pick another site.

City Aviation Department spokesman Gene Burke said the wetlands decision resolves a major portion of the environmental impact statement needed for the airport. The remaining issue involves a waterfowl impact study that should be completed in four to six weeks, with public hearings on the complete environmental statement in March, Burke said.

But David Hankla, area ecological chief for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the Corps' decision was apparently based on its new guideline for agricultural areas.

The croplands guideline was designed to reassure farmers they would not need a wetlands permit for normal agricultural practices. But Hankla said the guideline does not apply to such depressional wetlands areas as potholes and playas.

Santa Letters

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a trampoline and a Baby-a-live. This is all I want.
Merry Christmas,
Janet Eckert

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Teddy Ruxpin and a Pretty Ballerina and a TV and a puppy and a bike. My sister Allie wants a little playhouse and a chair and toys.
I love you,
Kendall and Allie

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a trampoline, a Baby Sparkles and some pretty clothes. This is all I want.
Merry Christmas,
Toni Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a big Foot and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Also, I want a Bart Simpson doll.
Merry Christmas,
Billy Lambaren

Dear Santa,
I want a monster truck and a F14 Tomcat jet because it is cool. I also want a Teenage Mutant Ninja turtle and a chucky doll.
Merry Christmas Santa,
Salvador Luna

I want a G.I. Joe general, a monster truck and the whole mutant ninja turtles set. I also want a racing bike. Have a merry Christmas.
Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Santa,
David Digby

Dear Santa,
I want a G.I. Joe general, and a F-14 Tom Cat. And a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. I also want a M16 machine gun, a bigfoot, a sewer set and a Bart Simpson toy.
Your Pal,
Robert Stanley

Dear Santa Claus,
Hi. My name is Cherie Gasaway. I'm 6 years old. I've been pretty good this year. I think I would like these following things for Christmas. I would like a baby doll, an Ice Capades Barbie, Make-a-Meal diner from Playdoo, and whatever else you think is best. I'll leave out some milk and cookies for you on Christmas Eve. I hope you and Rudolph have a good trip this way. Merry Christmas Santa!
Love,
Cherie Gasaway
P.S. Please bring my sister Tanya something to.

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Go-Go My walking pup and I want a baby alive too. I also want a P.J. Sparkles. But most of all I like the Go-Go my walking pup. I have been good. I like Christmas.
I love you Santa.
Your Pal,
Kami Bates

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a big foot, a F-14 Tomcat, and a M-16 automatic machine gun. Will you make me a Chucky doll? I would like it. They are so cool. My grades are good this year. Merry Christmas. I hope Rudolph has been good.
Your buddy,
Michael Roberts

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a P.J. Sparkles and Bart Simpson toy. I have been a good girl.
Love, Lisa Sanchez

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a toy Bigfoot, and a picture of you, a Bat man Toy, a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, a machine gun, a Shotgun and a ten speed bike.
Merry Christmas,
Bryan Thomason

Dear Santa,
Can you make me a bike? Can you make me a Big Foot? Can you make me a Football? I want these things because I have been good.
Your Buddy,
Chris

Dear Santa Claus,
I want a Go-Go, my walking pup, a Baby alive, a P.J. sparkles and a Nursery Baby. I have been good.
Your buddy,
Lori Eckert

Texas attorneys approve changing grievance process

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawyers have approved changing the grievance process that disciplines the legal profession and increasing their State Bar membership dues to pay for it.

"The new disciplinary rules will provide for increased public protection," said James Parsons of Palestine, State Bar of Texas president.

Nearly 62 percent of the 54,000 lawyers licensed by the State Bar participated in the month-long balloting, which concluded Thursday.

Almost 64 percent approved increasing bar dues, and close to 83 percent approved the disciplinary rules.

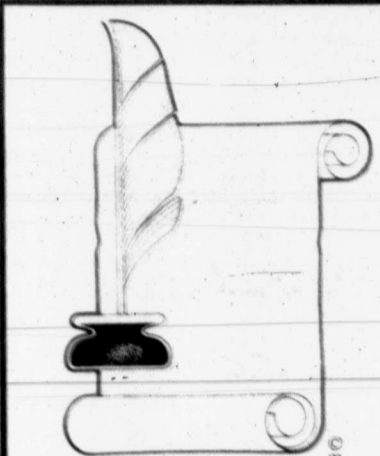
The new rules are meant to

provide greater uniformity in sanctions and quicker disposition of complaints.

An administrative hearings process will be created in response to consumer complaints that the system is too slow. Lawyers retain the right to a jury trial.

Under the dues increase, which will raise an estimated \$4.5 million, lawyers licensed three years or less will pay \$68, up from \$35; those licensed three to five years will pay \$148, up from \$75; and those licensed more than five years would pay \$235 annually, up from \$120.

Lawyers must belong to the State Bar to practice in Texas.



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Country Life

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selecting those gifts. Somehow, these couples seem much more animated to me at this time of year. They don't even seem to mind the noise and the mess and the disorder.

And when all the glittery paper has settled and the cookies have been devoured and over-excited children put to bed early, they seem to linger just a bit in the wake that follows. And I wonder if, at times like these, that maybe, just maybe...they envy me just a little bit.

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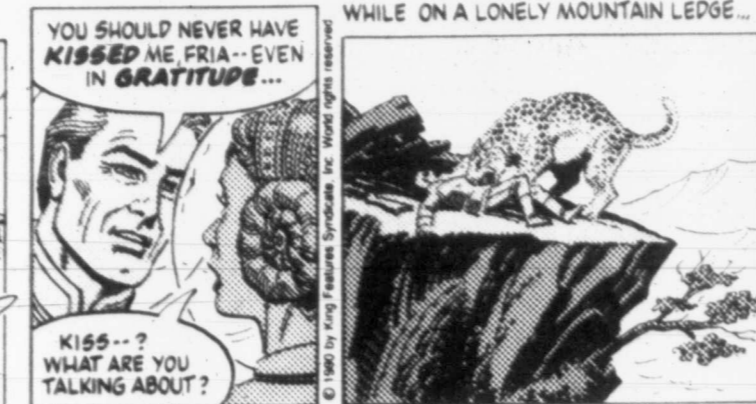
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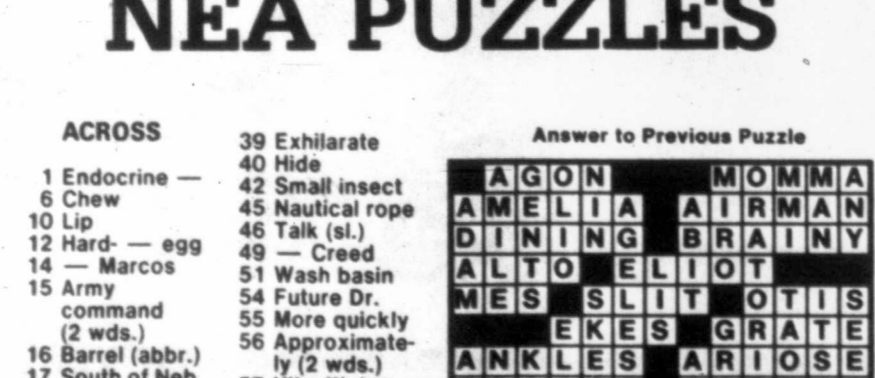
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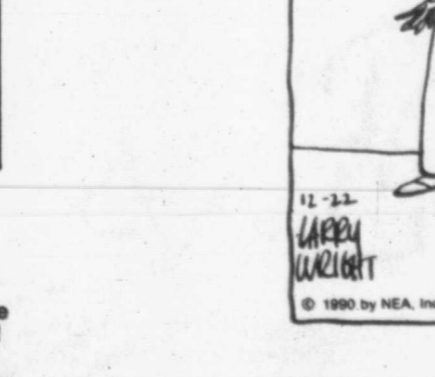
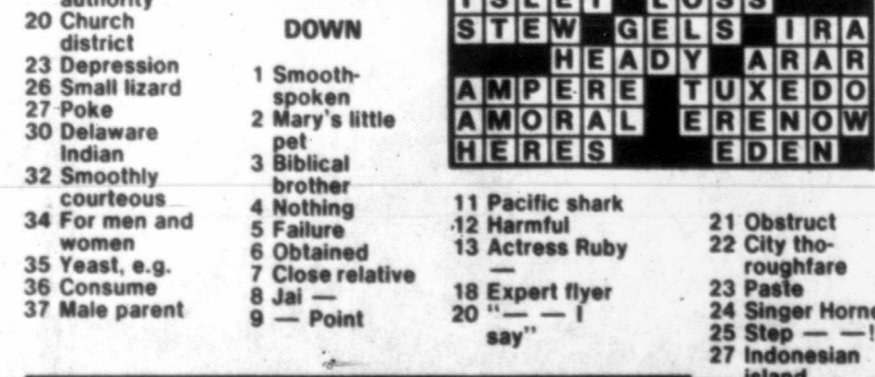
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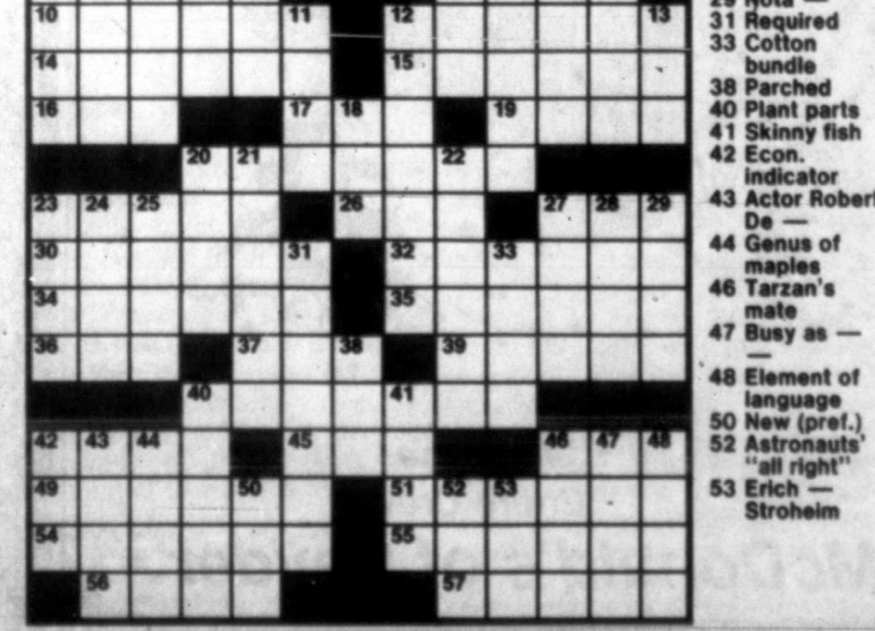
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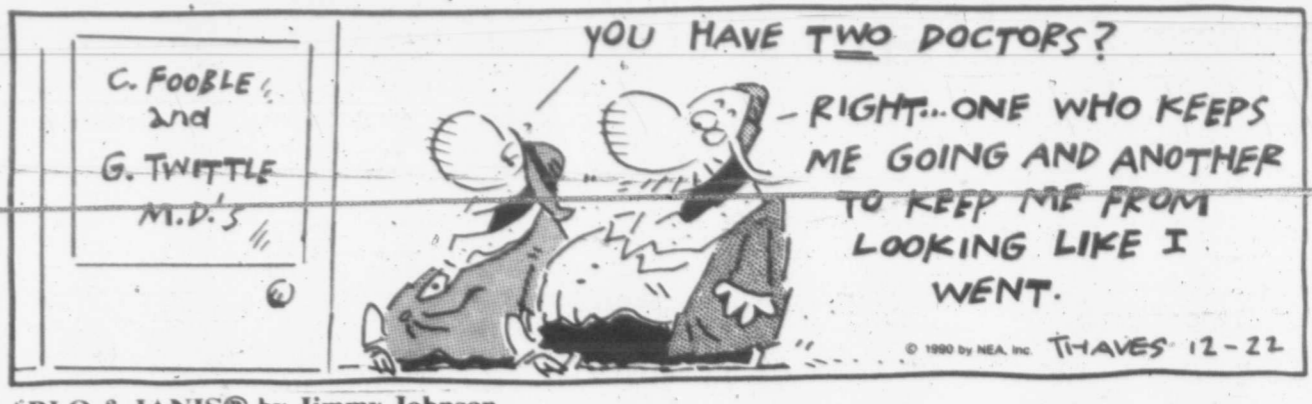
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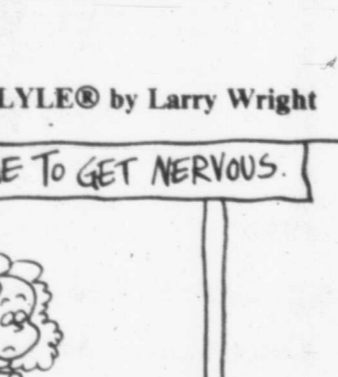
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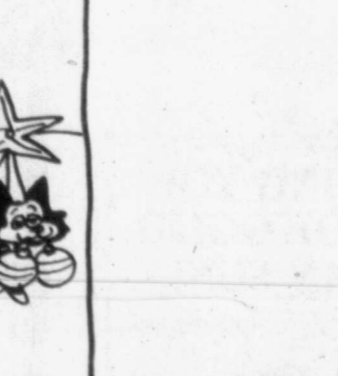
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NEA PUZZLES

ACROSS

- 1 Endocrine
- 6 Chew
- 10 Lip
- 12 Hard — egg
- 14 — Marcos
- 15 Army command (2 wds.)
- 16 Barrel (abbr.)
- 17 South of Neb.
- 19 Quote as an authority
- 20 Church district
- 23 Depression
- 26 Small lizard
- 27 Poke
- 30 Delaware Indian
- 32 Smoothly courteous
- 34 For men and women
- 35 Yeast, e.g.
- 36 Consume
- 37 Male parent

DOWN

- 1 Smooth-spoken
- 2 Mary's little pet
- 3 Biblical brother
- 4 Nothing
- 5 Failure
- 6 Obtained
- 7 Close relative
- 8 Jai —
- 9 — Point

Answer to Previous Puzzle

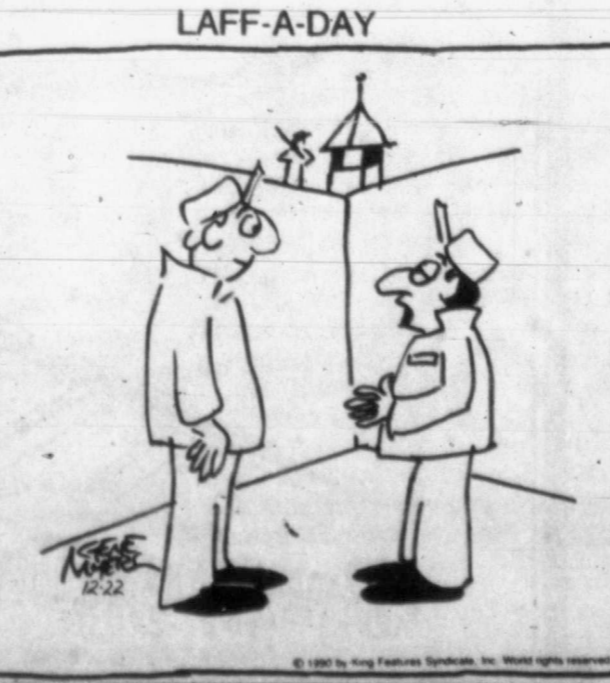
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CAESAR	ISLET
LOSS	STEW
GELS	IRA
HEADY	ARAR
TUXEDO	AMPERE
ERENOW	AMORAL
EDEN	HERES

- 11 Pacific shark
- 12 Harmful
- 13 Actress Ruby
- 18 Expert flyer
- 20 " — I say"
- 21 Obstruct
- 22 City thoroughfare
- 23 Paste
- 24 Singer Horne
- 25 Step — I
- 27 Indonesian island
- 28 Dill seed
- 29 Mota
- 31 Required
- 33 Cotton bundle
- 38 Parched
- 40 Plant parts
- 41 Skinny fish
- 42 Econ. indicator
- 43 Actor Robert De —
- 44 Genus of maples
- 46 Tarzan's mate
- 47 Busy as —
- 48 Element of language
- 50 New (pref.)
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- 53 Erich — Stroheim

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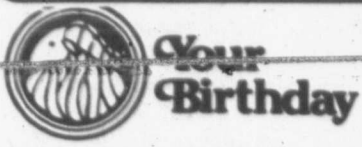
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Astrographs

By Bernice-Bede Osol



Dec. 23, 1990

There should be a marked improvement in the year ahead in major trends that contribute to your material well being. As conditions begin to improve, set some funds aside in case you have to deal with a rainy day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll be imaginative and creative today, but your greatest asset could be your ability to transform the basic ideas of companions into something better than what they initially envisioned. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Situations relating to your career or financial prospects look extremely encouraging today. There's a chance something pleasing could develop in both areas.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are still in a favorable cycle where hopes and expectations can be gratified, provided you strive for achievement in a methodical and practical manner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something in which you casually involved yourself with another today could turn out to have more benefits for you than you realized. Operate with an open mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to break away from your usual routines today, especially those of a recreational or social nature. Do something new about which you've been thinking but haven't as yet tried.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your possibilities for fulfilling your practical objectives today are better than usual, because your ambitions will be in harmony with your abilities. Good luck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Involvements that give you an opportunity to express yourself creatively or artistically will be the ones you're likely to find the most gratifying today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The timing looks good today for making some changes you've been contemplating that could produce benefits for you as well as for others. It will be up to you to prove their feasibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The secret to getting others to be supportive of you today is to first show them how willing you are to be cooperative. A good example will be inspirational.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be alert today, because something unique could develop that will make an endeavor on which you're presently working more profitable and attractive. You'll recognize the signals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your tact and graciousness will enable you to deal with a delicate development today in a manner that will serve everyone's interests without anyone's feelings being slighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your possibilities for personal acquisition look very good today. In fact, you might be the recipient of something that is of little worth to another, yet of substantial value to you.



Dec. 24, 1990

Don't be discouraged in the year ahead if the breaks for which you're hoping don't come about in the ways you anticipate. Your prospects are very encouraging, but you must be patient.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you are selling something today, don't overrate or overstate that which you are offering to others. The stronger you make your pitch, the less appealing your proposition could become. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Drive cautiously this evening if you have to go out and take care of some errands you've neglected until the last minute. No one will be keeping a stop watch on you for time trails.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone who knows you to be the generous person you are might attempt to take advantage of you in a weak moment today. Match your generosity with practicality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be appreciative of persons who go out of their way to try to do nice things for you today. Feelings will be hurt if their efforts go unacknowledged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not worry about negative things today that haven't as yet happened and probably never will. If you're positive, optimistic and self-assured, these qualities will serve as your shield.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's looks like you'll be in control of situations most of the day, but as evening draws nigh, your energies levels could diminish a bit and you might be subjected to a cranky mood swing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Without realizing it, you might be a bit more insistent than usual that others do things your way today. This is a time to be tolerant and charitable, not dictatorial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to make an issue of something today that in reality is rather trivial. If it's infused with importance it doesn't deserve, it might create unnecessary complications.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The small print is exceptionally important today in any commercial contracts or agreements you negotiate. Take time to read every word and detail carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The interests of family members might not be completely in harmony with yours today, especially toward evening. If you go along with the will of the majority, it'll keep things happy on the home front.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to make an effort to take care of important matters as early in the day as possible. You might not be able to do things the way you desire if you let time slip through your fingers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might be wise not to buy expensive merchandise for the house today purely on impulse. If you haven't discussed this purchase with the family first and know for sure all would like it, pass it up.

City imposes stricter rules

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The City Council has outlawed the use of water sprinklers during most daylight hours all year.

The ordinance takes effect Dec. 30 and extends to a year-round basis a water conservation measure that took effect last summer during drought-like conditions.

After feisty debate, the council approved the measure Thursday.

The ordinance prohibits lawn-watering by sprinkler between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Watering by hand-held hose, buckets and drip irrigation is allowed.

"This is sincerely an attempt to do a common-sense thing," Councilman Weir Labatt said. "There is nothing intentionally punitive."

Labatt said the measure won't pose a hardship because "everyone in the landscape business says it is preferable to water once a week, preferably in the early morning hours."

Councilwoman Helen Dutmer said the ordinance would help the city show leadership to other cities in the Edwards Aquifer region.

The aquifer, a huge underground water reservoir, is San Antonio's only source of drinking water.

The apparently haphazard wanderings of elephant family groups studied in Zimbabwe were not random, but were coordinated with one another for weeks at a time, even when the groups were far apart.

Pakistan became independent of British rule in 1947.

Santa Claus industry thrives on fantasy throughout world

ROVANIEMI, Finland (AP) — The old man with the white beard and the red suit meets 400,000 people a year, and most of them sit on his knee.

This global gift-giver never seems to tire however, even when grown-ups bounce on his lap and ask for presents. He says hello and goodbye in any of 20 languages.

"The Japanese never ask for a present, only for peace and good health," Santa said. "Although one Japanese woman did ask for a boyfriend. She was 27."

Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, is on duty in Rovaniemi every day, even through the summer when giant mosquitoes can make life miserable north of the Arctic Circle.

Finns call him Joulupukki, the Christmas goat, recalling pre-Christian days when celebrants of year-end festivities wore goat horns.

Some shrewd private marketing and generous government help have turned this small-town capital of Finnish Lapland into a center for the rapidly growing Santa Claus industry in the northern hemisphere.

In Canada, the post office answers more than 700,000 letters to Santa Claus, including some in Braille. Letters indicating desperate need are referred to welfare agencies.

Magnus Hamsund, Norway's principal Santa, makes goodwill trips to the United States and Australia.

Greenland's government is setting up a permanent Santa's workshop in Nuuk, the capital, and selling \$20 Christmas packages. Profits will benefit a 388,000-square-mile wilderness park, as big as France and Germany combined.

About 2,500 handicapped British children were being flown this year to a Santa village in Mora, Sweden.

Less than 1 percent of Japanese are Christian and Christmas is not a holiday, but Hirocho, a small town on Hok-

kaido island, has sponsored Santa festivities for the past six years. Town spokesman Kazuhiro Doshita said Masahiko Tsugawa, an actor and toy distributor, has bought a Scottish castle to be rebuilt in Hirocho as Santa's dreamland.

In 1927, a Finnish radio announcer broadcast the discovery of Santa's home on the remote Korvatunturi hill. The fantasy charmed the Finns, balancing precariously between the Soviet Union and the West and depending largely on logging to make their way in the world.

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— Luke 2:4

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Study: aid to Soviets now would be wasted

WASHINGTON (AP) — While urging the Soviet Union to accelerate its economic reform efforts, a study of the Soviet economy concludes that massive amounts of Western aid would be wasted if offered now.

The study, the most comprehensive look by the West at the economic difficulties facing the Soviets, was released simultaneously Friday in Washington, London and Paris by the agencies that undertook the five-month review.

Officials in the Bush administration and international lending institutions said the report recommends an infusion of technical assistance to help the Soviets move to a market economy. At the same time, they said, the study warns against massive amounts of immediate Western aid on grounds the money would be wasted because the Soviet economy is in so much disarray.

The officials, who spoke on con-

dition of anonymity, said the report portrays a system that was even more backward than expected and practically paralyzed in its stumbling efforts to implement the restructuring program of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Inflation is accelerating at a pace that is difficult to measure with the old centralized order being replaced by a chaotic system of bartering and black marketeering, it said.

The study depicts the most visible sign of the Soviet Union's economic problems — the widespread shortages of food and other consumer goods in major cities — as only a symptom of far more widespread difficulties facing Gorbachev.

The report recommends that Gorbachev speed up the movement away from seven decades of a government-run economy to a market system. It proposes such politically painful reforms as curbing wages while at the

same time removing price controls on basic products, the sources said.

The study, by discouraging massive amounts of immediate Western aid, represented a victory for the Bush administration, which has argued for months that such aid would be wasted until Gorbachev made more extensive moves to reform his economy.

The study was conducted by the International Monetary Fund with assistance from the World

Bank and two European-based economic agencies, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

President Bush met with IMF Director Michel Camdessus and World Bank President Barber Conable on Thursday to discuss the report, which was ordered up by Bush and other leaders at the seven-nation economic summit

last July in Houston.

The study represented a compromise last summer between demands by the French and Germans for an immediate \$15 billion Western aid package and resistance to direct economic aid by Bush and the other summit leaders.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the administration did not believe the surprise resignation Thursday of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard

A. Shevardnadze would derail the efforts to get Western technical assistance to the Soviet economy.

Fitzwater said the United States would discuss the findings of the report with the other summit countries — Germany, Japan, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — in an effort to coordinate efforts. Finance ministers and central bank presidents of the seven nations are expected to meet in Washington in late January.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations
Bill Wilson Leasing Corp., 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.
Michael Elkins, 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.
Tommy Vineyard, 1991 Ford Explorer pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jerald Smith, 1991 Buick from Howard Gray Motors.
Gerald Watkins, 1991 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.
J and J Machine and Water Flood Supply, 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

B.D. Appleton, 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses
Bruce Ward Stewart and Becky Paulk Jordan, both of Snyder.

Roy Joe Holland and Christine Annette Garcia, both of Snyder.
Michael Darren Jackson and Jackie Sue Drake, both of Snyder.

Hope to MidEast

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Hope will spend another Christmas entertaining U.S. troops, this time amid looming war tensions in the Middle East.

"He's going through piles of material and he's busy rehearsing with Ann Jillian and Khrystyne Haje and Delores (Hope)," Hope spokesman Ward Grant said Thursday.

The 87-year-old entertainer will be joined by the Pointer Sisters, Marie Osmond, country singer Aaron Tippin, former Cincinnati Reds baseball player Johnny Bench and former Chicago Bears running back Walter Payton.

The troupe will depart Los Angeles this weekend and plan to return Dec. 29. Their exact itinerary was not disclosed.

Hope first entertained troops for Christmas in 1948, during the Berlin airlift. Since then he has spent the holiday with troops in Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon (1983) and the Persian Gulf (1987).

"One of the loves of his life is the GI audience," Grant said.

Newton must pay

ROUND HILL, Nev. (AP) — Entertainer Wayne Newton's failure to submit a plan for restoring an erosion-damaged stream on his 241-acre Lake Tahoe retreat will cost him \$15,000.

The renowned Las Vegas showman also must post a \$150,000 bond for missing a May deadline for submitting the improvement plans, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency said.

Mark Edward Ham and Terri Sue Crowder, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court
In the marriage of Vickie Lynn Chellete and Billy Ray Chellette, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Barbara Dean Ragsdale and Harold Jack Ragsdale, divorce granted.

American State Bank, vs., Michael Reed, default judgment for plaintiff.

Source Services Inc., vs., Jerry Burrow individually and d/b/a Burrow Land and Royalty, default judgment for plaintiff.

Stanley L. Gehring, Roe B. and Violet A. Vincent, vs., Muhammed Ilyas, order compelling answers.

Warranty Deeds
Forrest Collier, et ux, to Mark Doty, et ux, the west 66 feet of Lot 15 and the east 6 feet of Lot 14, Block 3 of the Highland addition.

Gary L. Holt, et ux, to Bonnie K. Dodson, a 4 acre tract in Section 133, Block 3 of H&GN Survey.

Billy Ray Browning, et ux, to Henry Harrison Treat, a 2.399 acre tract in and out of Section 339, block 97 of H&TC Survey.

Prudential Relocation Management to Daryl Van Drain, et ux, .62 acre tract in Section 13 of J.P. Smith Survey.

Craig Merritt, et ux, to Antonio Gallegos, et ux, the south 85 feet of the east one-half of Lot 4, Block 25 of Grayum Heights addition.



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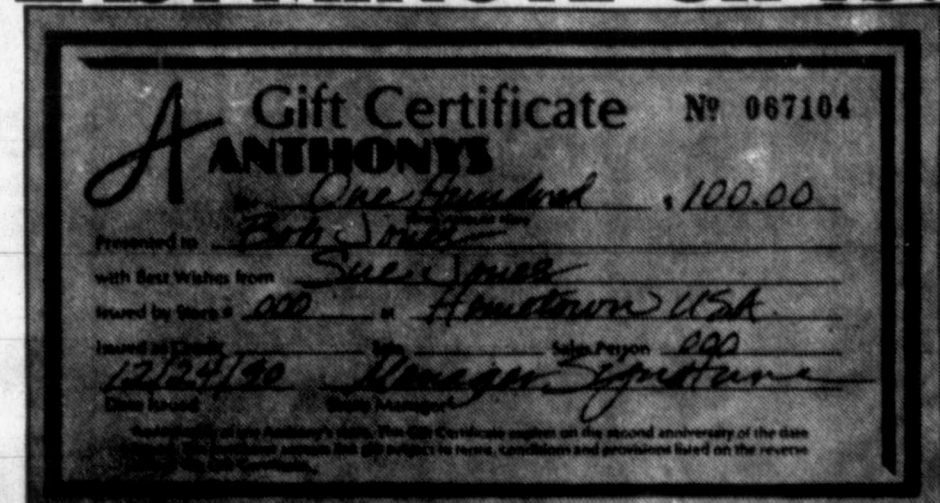
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