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Ask Us

Q—I noticed in the paper where the city budgeted \$167,000 for water line replacement. I thought this figure was in excess of \$200,000. Which is correct?

A—There are two projects. Water line replacement is estimated at \$167,125 for the first year. The mortar-lining project along Avenue T is estimated to be \$41,000. Together, they amount to \$208,125.

In Brief

School probe

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A Randall County prosecutor has set a 1991 date to meet with state officials to discuss whether West Texas State University violated state laws in its use of funds.

County Criminal District Attorney Randy Sherrard said Friday he will meet in Austin on Jan. 18 with representatives from the state auditor's office and the Travis County district attorney's office about details of an auditor's report on WTSU finances.

An October audit report said the Canyon university might have dipped into state and federal funds to cover shortfalls in the school's athletic budget.

Cash found

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A newspaper reported Saturday that investigators have seized 15 weapons, cash and luxury goods worth over \$100,000 from the home of deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

Police have told Ershad he is suspected of corruption and abusing his office, but formal charges have not been filed.

Local

Masonic Lodge

The regular meeting of Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 on Tuesday, Jan. 1, has been cancelled but there will be a called meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

All Master Masons are welcome.

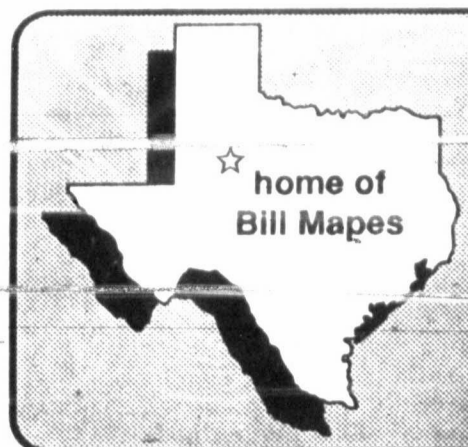
Reception

The public is invited to an open house and reception in honor of Janell Bearden from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Texas Production Credit Association, 5111 College Ave.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 59 degrees; low, 30 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 49 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for December, 1.45 inches; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 30.49 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: cloudy and turning much colder after midnight with a slight chance of sleet or freezing drizzle. Low in the lower 20s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph becoming north after midnight. Chance of measurable precipitation 20 percent. Sunday: cloudy and cold with a 20 percent chance of sleet. Possibly mixed with snow. High in the mid 30s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Outlook for New Year's Day: partly cloudy and cold. High around 30 with a low near 20.



Court will consider shifting clerical duties to treasurer

A two-year turf battle will continue into the final day of beleaguered 1990 as Scurry County Commissioners Court will again consider shifting of clerical duties from the auditor's office to the county treasurer's office.

The item is on the 10 a.m. agenda Monday, and a similar discussion two weeks ago caused District Judge Gene Dulaney to voice strong opposition to part of the reorganization.

Any action by the current court could be short-lived, however, as three new members are scheduled to be sworn into office the following day.

County Judge Bobby Goodwin and Commissioners Tommy Pate and Ted Billingsley will be serving the final day of their terms.

Goodwin was defeated by Republican Bob Doolittle in the November general election and Pate lost to Republican Roy Idom. Billingsley did not seek re-election to the court, and he will be replaced by Democrat Jerry Gannaway.

Partisan politics in the courthouse surfaced six years ago when Dulaney, a Republican, was first elected to the 132nd District bench. One of his duties is to appoint the county auditor. At that time, Dulaney named former Republican county commissioner Bernhard Bartels to the auditor's post.

Two years ago, Dulaney refused to re-appoint Bartels to the two-year post of county auditor for his failure to fire deputy auditor Ann Walton.

Dulaney said that Walton had campaigned for Pete Greene in Dulaney's race for re-election. Both Walton and Bartels filed suit and an undisclosed settlement in favor of the plaintiffs was reached in federal district court last April.

Instead of appointing Bartels, Dulaney named Linda Franklin

as county auditor. This month, Dulaney informed Franklin she would not be re-appointed and two days later named Eddie McHaney, a recently hired deputy (see COUNTY, page 10A)

Non-aligned leader meets to avert war

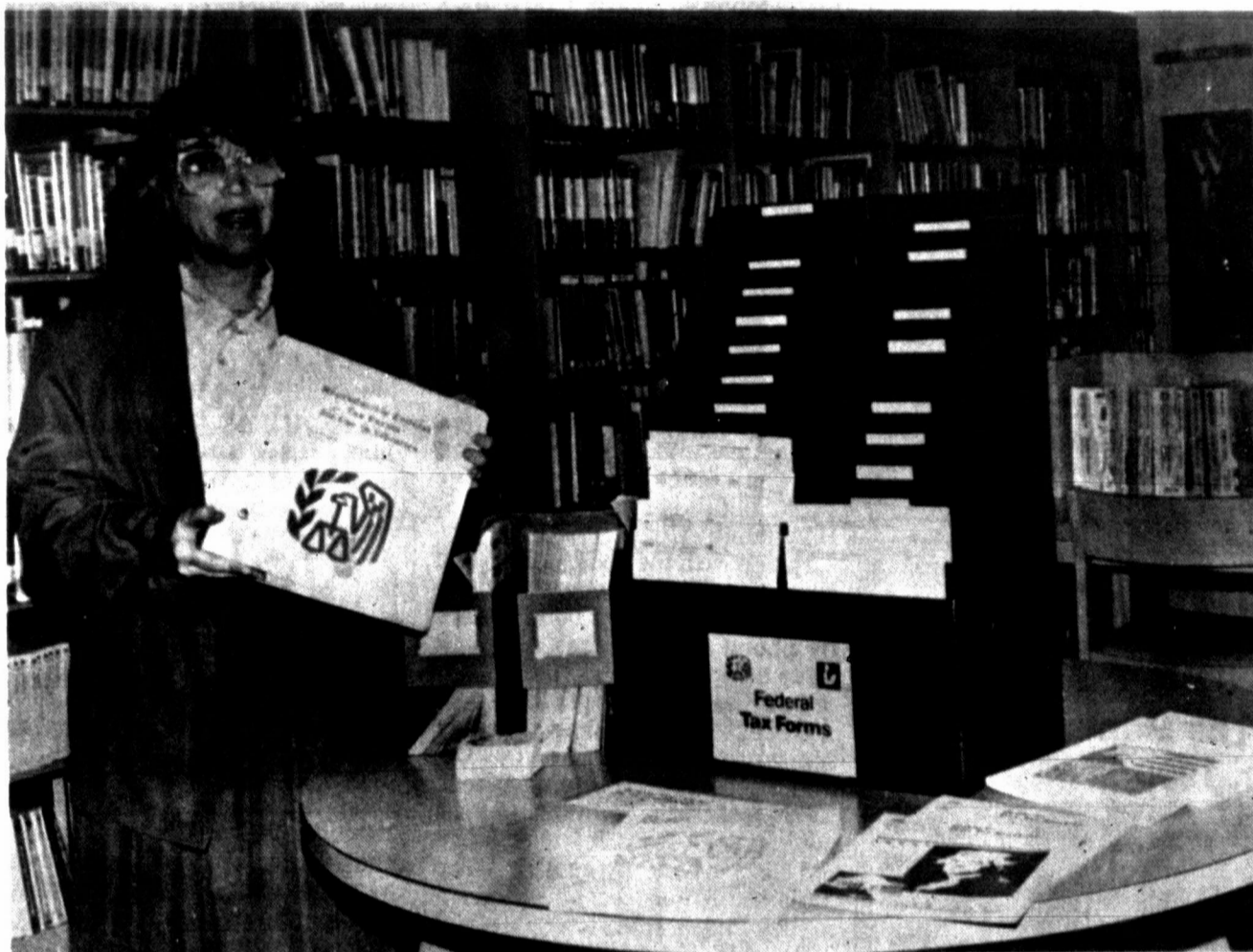
by The Associated Press
Iraq met Saturday with the foreign minister of Yugoslavia, a representative of the world's non-aligned nations, to discuss ways to avert war, diplomats said. Iraq denied it has had secret diplomatic contacts with the United States.

Britain said it would inoculate its gulf troops against biological weapons, following a similar U.S. announcement.

The meeting in Baghdad between Yugoslavia's foreign minister and his Iraqi counterpart, Tariq Aziz, came 17 days ahead of the U.N. deadline for Iraq to end its occupation of Kuwait or face possible war. Yugoslavia, leader of the 102-nation non-aligned movement, appeared to be launching a new mediation effort.

The Yugoslav official, Budimir Loncar, was also scheduled to meet with Saddam Hussein, Yugoslav diplomats said on condition of anonymity. Loncar visited Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Syria and Jordan last month for talks.

Previous attempts at mediation have failed but this new initiative had at least one distinction: Both Iraq and Kuwait belong to the non-aligned movement, which rejects any formal military alliances with East or West.



TAX INFORMATION — With tax season just around the corner, Scurry County Library has several instruction booklets, information publications and tax forms to assist local taxpayers in preparing their 1990 tax returns. Pictured with the tax information is Janice Mitchell, director of the library, who notes that library staff will assist people in locating tax information, but the staff is not qualified to give tax advice. (SDN Staff Photo)

Unemployment up slightly but still below four percent

Unemployment in Scurry County rose slightly in November, but still showed the second lowest rate of the year, according to the Texas Employment Commission.

The jobless rate for the county was 3.6 percent in November, up .3 percent from October, which at 3.3 percent has been the year's low. According to TEC estimates, Scurry County had a civilian labor force of 10,329 in November, of which 9,961 were employed. There were 368

unemployed but seeking work, which is 3.6 percent of the entire labor force.

Texas had an unemployment rate of 6.8 for November, in contrast to the nationwide jobless rate of 5.8 percent.

The Bryan-College Station area continued to lead metropolitan statistical areas across the state with a rate of 3.3 percent unemployment. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the state's worst unemployment rate at 20.5 percent.

Scurry County began the year with an estimated civilian labor force of 8,709 and 4.8 percent unemployment. The jobless rate rose to 7.6 in February but fell again to 4.8 in March. The rate fluctuated only slightly — showing monthly figures of 5.2, 4.5, 4.8, 4.6, 4.8 and 4.2 percent — before falling to 3.3 percent in October.

A list of November unemployment rates for area counties follows.

—Andrews: 3.1 percent, based on a labor force of 6,820, of which 6,606 were employed.

—Borden: 3.7 percent, based

on a labor force of 428, of which 412 were employed.

—Dawson: 5.9 percent, based on a labor force of 6,818, of which 6,413 were employed.

—Fisher: 6.6 percent, based on a labor force of 2,370, of which 2,213 were employed.

—Garza: 5.2 percent, based on a labor force of 1,972, of which 1,870 were employed.

—Howard: 5.1 percent, based on a labor force of 13,814, of which 13,114 were employed.

—Kent: 0.9 percent, based on a labor force of 587, of which 582 were employed.

—Lubbock: 5.3 percent, based on a labor force of 116,843, of which 110,651 were employed.

—Mitchell: 7.0 percent, based on a labor force of 3,627, of which 3,374 were employed.

—Nolan: 7.4 percent, based on a labor force of 7,708, of which 7,136 were employed.

—Taylor: 6.4 percent, based on a labor force of 52,238, of which 48,870 were employed.

—Tom Green: 5.8 percent, based on a labor force of 43,831, of which 41,307 were employed.

House Speaker...

Lewis is indicted

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis was indicted Friday on two misdemeanor charges of violating state ethics laws for allegedly taking a gift from a high-powered law firm and failing to disclose it.

"Although these crimes are misdemeanors, they are among the most serious crimes a public official can be charged with," Travis County District Ronnie Earle said.

(see HOUSE, page 10A)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you don't think cooperation is important, just look what happens when one wheel comes off."

It seems that 1990 can best be described as the year of leadership bashing. A good resolution for 1991 would be to put the past behind, and start with a fresh spirit of community cooperation.

The attitude toward neighbors who step forward and work for community improvement, last year, was one of distrust. While we hoped that new leaders with fresh ideas would emerge, we saw the same people trying and the same people crying.

While there is normally plenty of blame to spread around, there are never enough willing volunteers ready to pick up the pieces and move forward.

Snyder has a long and distinguished tradition of making good things happen — things that even under adverse conditions will benefit us all. We need a return to that positive tradition.

Someone left "Anatomy of a Leader" on our desk:

1990 in review...

Variety of events mark 2nd quarter

Editor's Note: This is the third in a five-part series detailing events during 1990. Today's article deals with the second quarter of the year.

An escape at the Price Daniel Unit, board elections and the use of an ineligible student by the high school drama department which led to a probation ruling were just a few of a wide variety of events which occurred during the second quarter of 1990.

There were highlights - 300 volunteers came together to make repairs to 25 homes in the city.

Western Texas and Snyder ISD recognized top students with year-end awards, several entities put together their 1991 budgets,

and American State Bank merged with American State Bank of Lubbock.

Snyder High School got two new coaches as assistants moved up, and several promotions were awarded at the college.

APRIL

—It was announced in early April that American State Bank would merge with American State Bank of Lubbock. In August, Helen McLeod was named senior vice president and Pam Murray was named vice president of the local financial institution.

—In April, Western Texas College student Troy Dale Williams was named one of 10 finalists

for the American Association of Community and Junior College's National Distinguished Student Scholar Award of 1989-90. The award was won by Sonja Keen, a student from Motte Community College in Michigan.

—Cogdell Memorial Hospital secured a contract to provide pharmaceutical services to the 2,250-bed Clements maximum security prison. The contract was estimated to produce gross revenues to the hospital of approximately \$250,000. The contract expired Aug. 31, but was granted a 90-day extension. It was then contracted again for the fiscal 1990-91 year in mid-December.

—Kelly Bloom, 26-year-old

Snyder woman, died Wednesday, April 18, following injuries suffered in a two-vehicle accident the day before.

Mrs. Bloom and her three-year-old son, Tanner, were in a pickup driven by the mother when it was struck broadside by a tractor-trailer rig that officers said ran a stop sign at a county road approaching FM 1611 north of Snyder. Tanner Bloom was in serious condition following the wreck, but later recovered.

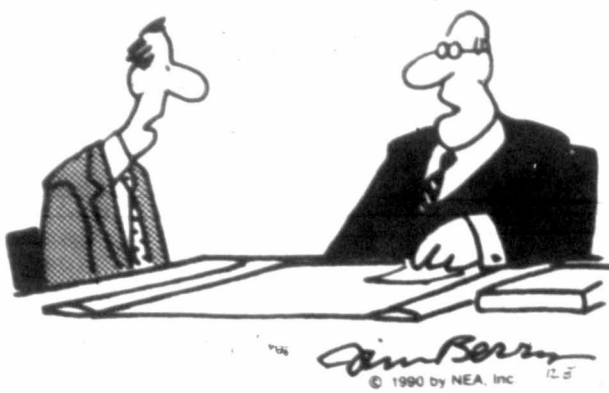
The 31-year-old driver of the tractor-trailer rig, Terry L. Burns, was indicted in May for involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault.

—Greg Parker of Albany and Shea Fenton of Snyder were an-

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Phone plans quashed

DALLAS (AP) — Southland Corp., in its attempts to win support for its financial reorganization, has been prohibited by a federal bankruptcy judge from lobbying dissident bondholders by telephone.

"This court isn't in the direct sales or siding business where we call people on the phone," U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Harold Abramson said, during hearings Friday.

Southland filed for Chapter 11 protection in late October and reported more than half of its bondholders approved the financial reorganization plan.

But following protests by dissident bondholders, Abramson discarded the initial vote. Although the first vote satisfied Securities and Exchange Commission procedure, the judge said it failed to fit the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

In line with the code, he warned company officials they will not be permitted to contact bondholders by phone because the court will have no control over what is said or how the plans are portrayed.

Under Southland's plan of reorganization, Ito-Yokado Co. and Seven-Eleven Japan agreed to invest \$430 million in the convenience-store chain in return for 70 percent ownership. The Japanese investors' offer has a March 15 deadline.

Peter Wolfson of the New York law firm Milgram Thomajan & Lee said the judge's warning will work in favor of his clients, who oppose the reorganization plan.

"In the initial vote, everyone who came in with a no vote, (Southland) picked up the phone and called. They're not going to do that this time," Wolfson said.

Dissident bondholders won court approval for their request to include a letter in a second mailing to bondholders urging them to reject the vote. The bondholders, primarily wealthy individuals, hope to get a sweetened offer from Southland, he said.

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OPEN HOUSE — Chamber Goldcoaters were among those attending an open house Friday at the office of Dr. Stanley Allen, orthopedic surgeon. Pictured in front with local Goldcoaters are office staffers Sam Dennis and Lynda Grantham. Pictured in back center are Dr. Allen and Pam Foster. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cogdell Memorial Hospital
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Becky has been employed at Cogdell Memorial Hospital since March, 1980. She graduated from the L.V.N. program at Western Texas College in 1980, and received her R.N. degree through the Howard College ADN program in 1990. She received a scholarship from Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary to complete her R.N. degree. Becky is currently working nights in the Emergency Room.

Becky and her husband, Darrell, who is employed by the Snyder Fire Department, have three children. Daughters are Christi, age 11, Tiffany, age 6, and son, Timothy, age 9.

INS has plans for crossing fee for all express lanes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service says it will set up express lanes at certain crossings along the Mexican and Canadian borders and charge a fee for the expedited service.

INS spokesman Verne Jervis said Friday that the agency would have the express lanes and border-crossing fee in place sometime in 1991 as part of a pilot program authorized by Congress this year.

Supporters of a border-crossing toll say the INS' proposal is a start but that the agency "clearly has wriggle room" under the legislation to adopt a more ambitious program of border-crossing fees.

"They have an opportunity for an aggressive, intelligent program, and the results could provide for a permanent, effective financing vehicle for sound border security, and they're ducking for cover already," said Dan Stein, executive director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

But Hispanic rights activists question whether INS can handle another responsibility, given its reported management and financial troubles. The General Accounting Office, in a draft on the agency, said INS has serious problems, including weak management and a deplorable, chaotic budget process.

Jervis said the fee had not yet been established and that other details of the program were also being worked out, such as locations for the express lanes. In exchange for paying the crossing fee, express-lane users would be given a document or decal and would be subject to a cursory inspection.

The fees would be used to finance the program.

GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, said the INS has critical shortages of inspector staff at the largest border cross-

ings, and those shortages have contributed to delays for travelers.

Waits of several hours are not uncommon for travelers at some of the large land border crossings, GAO said.

In addition, GAO said, INS faces a "significant and unnecessary degree of potential fraud due to inadequate controls over nearly \$300 million in annual fee revenue."

Jervis said the agency wouldn't be tackling a new program "if we didn't think we could handle it."

Cecilia Munoz, senior immigration policy analyst at the National Council of La Raza, said she is not convinced the money raised by the new fee would be used wisely.

The fee would be in addition to bridge tolls already paid by travelers at some crossings.

One killed and 180 injured in northeast transit mishap

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities blamed the first snowstorm of the season for an electrical fire that trapped four rush-hour trains in a smoke-filled subway tunnel, killing one person and injuring more than 150 others.

In Boston, authorities investigating a trolley accident that injured 33 people Friday said tests showed the trolley driver had high levels of alcohol in his system. It was the second rail accident this month in the city's Back Bay section.

The driver of the trolley, which rammed a streetcar that was unloading passengers, blamed faulty brakes for the collision, officials said. But investigators ruled that out as a possible cause, said Peter Dimond, spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

The fire Friday morning in New York filled trains with smoke in a subway tunnel linking Manhattan and Brooklyn. Fire and transit officials said melting snow from a 7-inch snowfall overnight apparently caused an electrical short-circuit.

Passengers heard explosions and then saw smoke, first pouring into the tunnel and then into their trains.

"We really thought we were gone, that we wouldn't see New Year's," said Gertrude Hoyte, a 51-year-old Brooklyn resident trapped in the tunnel. Some people began vomiting into their newspapers, she said.

"People were screaming, 'We're going to die!'" and others prayed out loud, said 28-year-old Dana Sullivan.

Andrew Rea, 29, said that as smoke began filling the train, it "got so bad you couldn't see halfway down the car."

"A lot of people passed out," said Naomi Smalls-Watson, 23.

Transit Authority spokeswoman Caren Gardner said the exact cause was unclear, but that snow may have fallen onto the electrified third rail and caused an electrical cable to short.

The dead man was identified by Transit Police spokesman Al O'Leary as Peter Hagen, 35, of Smithtown. The cause of death was under investigation. A woman who initially was considered dead at the scene was revived at a hospital.

Authorities said 151 people were injured, including some police and firefighters. Injuries ranged from smoke inhalation to cuts and bruises.

Transit Police Capt. Michael Ansbro said 300 to 400 people were on the 10-car train that carried most of the injured.

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- Closed
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- Whipped Potatoes
- Spinach
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- Peach Cobbler
- THURSDAY
- Salisbury Steak
- Cream Style Corn
- Green Beans
- Jello Salad
- Coconut Cookies
- FRIDAY
- Fried Fish
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Buttered Corn
- Tossed Salad
- Pineapple Flap Cake

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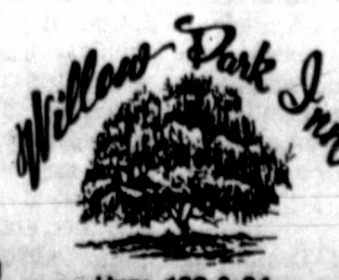
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Industries making changes for bill

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Business owners in this West Texas city already are making changes mandated by the Clean Air Act that President Bush signed into law just over a month ago, and city leaders are breathing a little easier.

The city is even planning stricter auto emission regulations.

"I saw the handwriting on the wall and invested \$100,000 this year in putting in state-of-the-art equipment," said Jack Barron, who operates Coronado Cleaners' Laundry Inc. with his wife, Elizabeth.

Barron bought two new dry-cleaning machines that recycle perchloroethylene, a toxic cleaning solvent, and keep it out of the air.

"We were fortunate we could do it," Barron told the El Paso Herald-Post. "A lot of folks out there probably will just close up and walk away at some time."

Financially, the law may hit some of El Paso's industries hard by requiring them to pay permit fees according to how much pollutants they release.

City industries affected by the law include Chevron U.S.A. Refinery, El Paso Refining Co. and the ASARCO copper smelter. The city's largest air polluters emitted 698,000 pounds of toxic substances into the air in 1988, the last year for which data is available from the Environmental Protection Agency. The companies also release air pollutants not classified as toxic.

The companies are launching multi-million dollar projects to

clean up their acts. That's partly because new master air permits required for companies will cost up to \$25 for every ton of pollutant released into the air. The maximum charge is \$100,000.

Businesses aren't the only ones being stirred to action.

Jesus Reynoso, supervisor of the air-quality program for the City-County Health District, said the mayor and City Council have ordered the district to come up with the city's first local package of controls on air pollution. The health district now enforces only state and federal air-pollution regulations.

El Paso has five years to reduce the carbon monoxide in its air so that it doesn't fail to carbon monoxide standards as it did 11 times so far this year. It has nine years to meet ozone standards, which the city failed to meet eight times so far this year.

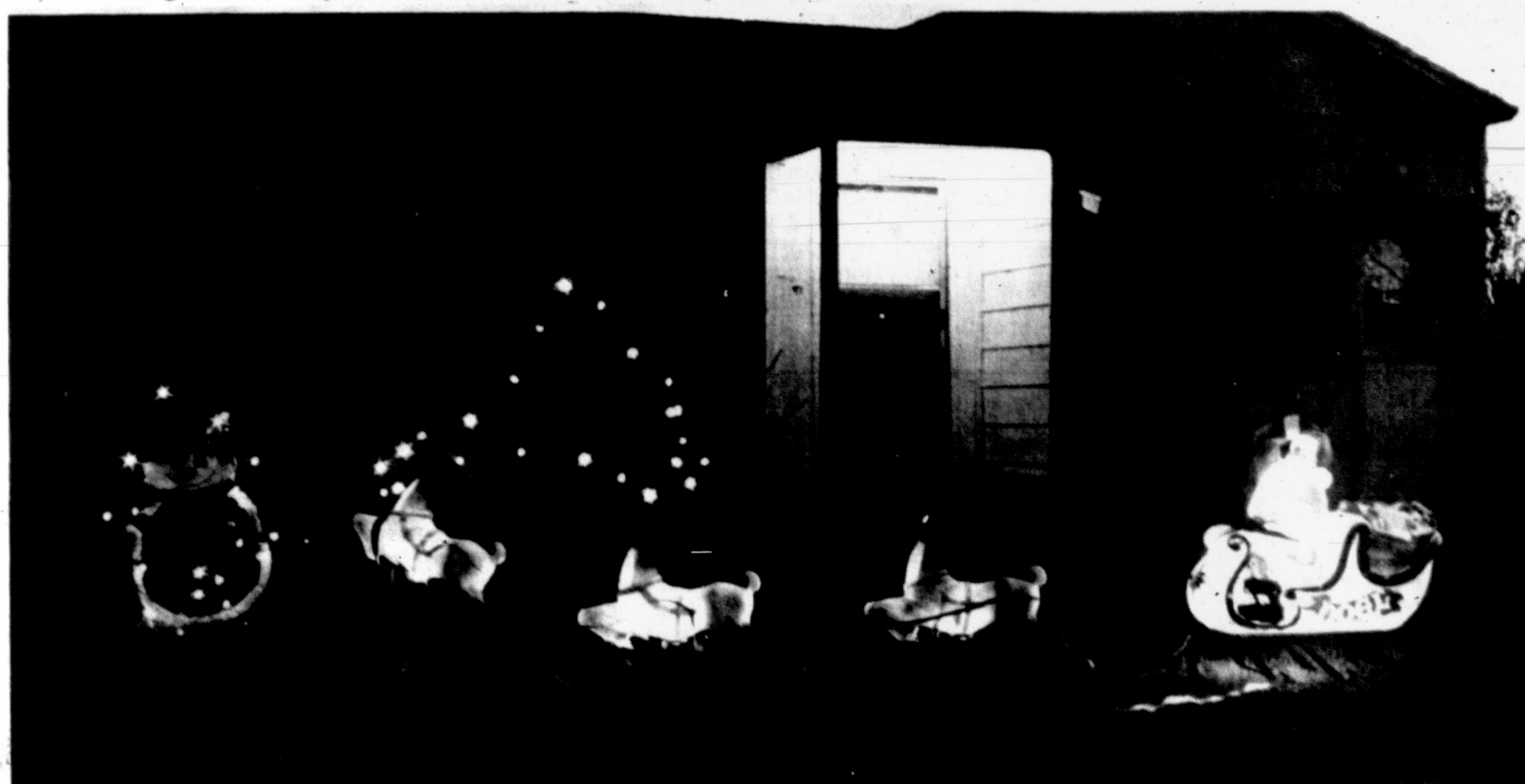
Health district members are thinking ahead to 1993, when cleaner fuel mandates are enacted, and they plan to require gas stations to sell cleaner-burning, oxygenated fuels beginning next winter.

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SANTA AND COMPANY — Santa Claus and company, including Mrs. Claus (right) and Frosty the Snowman (left) adorned this yard throughout the Christmas holiday. (SDN Staff Photo)



READY TO GO — Santa Claus and his reindeer were getting ready to take off Christmas Eve for deliveries to children around the world according to this holiday yard display. Frosty the Snowman, left, is another holiday favorite. (SDN Staff Photo)

Firm accused of deceptive cereal claims

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Tony the Tiger may say Frosted Flakes are great, but attorneys general from Texas and four other states say he isn't telling the full story.

The officials allege Kellogg Co. has used deceptive and misleading health claims about Frosted Flakes and two other cereals, while a company spokesman accused them of harassment.

In documents filed Friday in federal court in Des Moines, Iowa, the attorneys general responded to Kellogg's claims made in a lawsuit against the Iowa attorney general and secretary of agriculture in August.

The officials from California, Florida, Minnesota, Texas and Wisconsin also made several counterclaims, among them that Kellogg's lacks "reasonable substantiation" for claiming Frosted Flakes is a healthy snack food and that it is superior to other snacks including bananas, oranges and apples.

Such representations fail to disclose "that Frosted Flakes is 40 percent sugar by weight, that the product has an adverse effect on dental caries (cavities), that a large percentage of the calories derived from the product is non-

nutritive and that the fruit to which Frosted Flakes is compared have other valuable nutrients, such as fiber or vitamin C, which Frosted Flakes lack," the brief states.

Regarding Special K, the officials said Kellogg's misrepresented the cereal's benefit by saying those who eat it can "keep the muscle, lose the fat."

They said such representation failed to disclose that "for the vast majority of consumers and even for those on a diet, eating one serving of Special K would have virtually no effect on preventing the loss of muscle as the majority of dieters are in no danger of losing muscle, and for those who are, a serving of Special K would be insignificant."

Kellogg's claims that Special K is a "high protein" cereal also are misleading, the attorneys general alleged.

Kellogg's representation that a cereal formerly named 40+ Bran Flakes had a particular benefit because it contained the "maximum amount of fiber plus iron" for people over 40 failed to say the cereal was not formulated particularly for people over 40, the officials said. In addition, there was no proof that people

over 40 needed the ingredients contained in the cereal more than younger people, they said.

Kellogg no longer is marketing its bran flake cereal under the 40+ name. But Jim Jacobson, a special assistant attorney general in Minnesota, said, "the fact that they stopped doesn't negate the harm that's been done."


Jacobson said the lawsuit against Iowa by the Battle Creek, Mich.-based company sought to prevent Iowa and the five states that filed Friday's response from enforcing their laws against deceptive advertising.

Kellogg filed the lawsuit, Jacobson said, after negotiations between the company and the states broke off following an investigation of advertising claims for the three cereals.

Joseph Stewart, Kellogg's senior vice president for corporate affairs, said Friday's filing was "another indication of the harassment" the state officials have engaged in against the company.

Stewart said Kellogg officials had tried for two years to resolve the matter but the state officials had "no real desire" to do so, short of an admission by the company of wrongdoing and the imposition of penalties.

"After two years, we had to take the initiative to bring it to a close" by filing the lawsuit against Iowa, Stewart said.



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Soviets shift Cuban policy over economics

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union is expected to dramatically reduce economic aid to Cuba in January, and some legislators say a re-evaluation of political ties with the longtime ally may be next.

Cuban leader Fidel Castro has scoffed at President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's 5-year-old reform campaign, and some Soviet deputies say he continues to foment insurgencies around the world while ignoring the needs of his people.

"Some members of parliament ... are fed up with the export of revolution. If they (Cubans) continue the so-called 'old course,' we'll let them continue. But

foreign aid won't be as it was before," said Nikolai V. Neyland, a member of the Supreme Soviet's Foreign Affairs Committee.

Officially, the Kremlin is sticking by Castro politically. But Castro's steadfast refusal of Soviet-type reforms may play a role when the national Supreme Soviet legislature considers a foreign aid bill.

Western experts estimate Soviet economic aid to Cuba at \$5 billion a year, and military aid at about \$1.5 billion. Soviet reformers say this is a luxury the country cannot afford when it can't feed its own people, and cuts are expected in trade talks

beginning next month.

The foreign aid bill, proposed by Gorbachev, envisions a 75 percent cut in "gratuitous" foreign economic aid, apparently affecting all Soviet allies.

It would accompany a new policy, starting Jan. 1, requiring allies to pay convertible currency at world prices for most trade with the Soviet Union. That would end a practice of giving aid — in the form of favorable trade terms — to countries such as Cuba, Vietnam, North Korea and Ethiopia.

In other changes, the Soviets also are pushing for a thaw in U.S.-Cuban relations, a 31-year antagonism that nearly led to

nuclear war over the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

Gorbachev, preaching "new thinking" in foreign affairs, said during a visit to Cuba in 1989 that he rejected Castro's support for Communist revolutions in countries such as El Salvador, Angola and Nicaragua.

Still, the official reason given for the cutback in aid is economic.

"We have given up the state monopoly on foreign trade, given enterprises the right of access to the international market, given up ideological-ridden approaches which used to lead to waste of resources in relations with some countries," Gorbachev told the

parliament last week.

The huge Russian republic, with 90 percent of the country's exportable energy, is seeking more say over some foreign policy questions and could lead the way in asking hard questions about ties with Cuba.

"We don't want to interfere in the internal affairs of Cuba. Cubans must decide for themselves," said Yevgeny Kozhikhin, chairman of the Russian legislature's committee on foreign relations.

"But as we come to any consideration (about aid), we should just consider what kind of regime we have before us."

and criticized Cuba as a "totalitarian" state.

In November, an expose in the reformist daily Komsomolskaya Pravda reported that Castro has 32 houses, a personal security force of 9,700, and five children by his "present wife." That would shock many Cubans, who have been told only that Castro was divorced 35 years ago.

The report prompted the Communist Party daily Pravda to run a response by Cuba's ambassador to the Soviet Union, Jose Ramon Balaguer Cabrera, calling the report "lies."

Since the fall of hard-line governments in East Europe last year, Cuba's favored status among Soviet allies has come under bolder attack. Commentators have questioned the value of the Kremlin's commitment to a country they say has offered little in return.

District judge quashes anti-hate law

DETROIT (AP) — Christopher Justice was accused of two crimes by a prosecutor: setting fire to a house and using a racial slur to describe the inhabitants.

"Don't worry, it's just a bunch of niggers," Justice allegedly

told neighbors after the fire.

District Judge Thomas Shea agreed there was enough evidence to order Justice to stand trial on the arson charge. But he said the U.S. Constitution protected Justice's right to say whatever he wanted about his neighbors, contrary to Michigan's law prohibiting ethnic intimidation.

Judge Patrick Conlin is scheduled March 18. Justice faces up to 20 years' imprisonment if convicted.

Delhey's office has asked Conlin to reinstate the ethnic intimidation charge, and he might rule by the end of January, said David Lady, chief assistant prosecutor.

Shea said the law was unconstitutional because it violated First Amendment guarantees of free speech and was too vaguely worded. The American Civil Liberties Union agrees with him.

"The law's too vague to be able to stand," said Howard Simon, Michigan ACLU director. "The appellate courts have got to come down with an interpretation."


Justice's attorney, Don Ferris, believes the law violates free speech. But he also said prosecutors failed to prove Justice was motivated by prejudice.

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Similar laws in other states have survived challenges on constitutional grounds, Honigman said.

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The law, which took effect April 1, 1989, makes it a crime to threaten or harm persons or their property because of their race, religion or ethnic background. Conviction carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and allows a jury to award triple damages to a plaintiff.

At least 30 other states have similar laws.

Shea's Nov. 28 quashing of the law applies only to his five-township jurisdiction about 20 miles west of Detroit. But Prosecutor William Delhey said he's afraid that eastern Washtenaw County could become a haven of hatred.

"We think Judge Shea was wrong and we want a determination of the constitutionality of the ethnic intimidation statute so it will be applied uniformly in the entire county," Delhey said.

Justice, 21, of Superior Township, remains jailed in lieu of a \$500,000 bond on the arson charge stemming from the Nov. 9 fire at the home of Sherwin McDonald. A trial before Circuit

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The author of Michigan's ethnic intimidation law predicted Shea's ruling would be reversed. "It's definitely constitutional," state Sen.-elect David Honigman said. "It doesn't regulate any kind of speech whatsoever. It regulates conduct."

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FBI joins probe of \$250,000 robbery

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The FBI has joined the investigation of a \$250,000 armored vehicle robbery in which a guard was wounded in the leg, police said.

Brownsville police also said they are investigating the possibility that the robbery, which occurred Sunday night, was an inside job. Authorities are seeking information about a Chevrolet Suburban seen near

the robbery site.

A lone gunman made off with the \$250,000 in cash outside the Texas Commerce Bank in downtown Brownsville, police said.

Eddie Hernandez and Luis Plata, employees of Rochester Armored Car Co., told police they went to the downtown bank to deposit money and receipts from several businesses when the robbery occurred.

Man changes life after finding newborn baby

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Leslie G. Frye says if he had not found a newborn baby in an alley last year, he probably would still be sitting in a dark place with a beer in his hand.

Instead, he has reunited with a son he abandoned and stopped drinking excessively.

"Some (people) might think the baby was lucky I was there," Frye said. "But I think I was the lucky one. I think the baby was there for me."

who had wanted a child for a long time soon adopted her, said Drew Bennie, adoption specialist with the TDHS in San Benito.

Finding the baby prompted Frye to think about parental responsibilities he had neglected. Ten years before, he left his wife and 8-year-old son "to just go out and do things on my own," he said.

After several years of wandering, Frye decided to return home to Florida in the summer of 1989 to repair his life. He met his son and wife again by the end of 1989.

"My wife hated my guts," he said, "and I don't blame her."

Frye's son Jarrett, now 19, also resented his father's long absence.

Frye said his wife didn't want him back in her life, but she allowed the son to go live with Frye.

They moved to White Lake, N.C., where Frye found a job. Jarrett, who had dropped out of school, returned to the books and is now trying to finish high school.

Jarrett keeps in touch with his mother and Frye maintains a courteous relationship with her.

"Things are better for me now that I've finally grown up," he said.

He gives the baby girl he found in the alley credit for helping him.

Early on April 15, 1989, Frye found a baby girl next to a trash bin in an alley in downtown Brownsville.

A cry caught his attention as he and another man walked in the alley.

"I thought it was a cat ... but I looked down and I saw something move by a Dumpster," he told The Brownsville Herald. "I got closer and ... there she was, the little baby."

He contacted Border Patrol agents who took the infant to a hospital.

Police said she must have been abandoned shortly after birth and was about four hours old when Frye found her. She still had her umbilical cord attached and had not been thoroughly cleaned.

The Texas Department of Human Services put the baby up for adoption. A San Benito couple

Financial Focus

A shareholder of a high-yield government income fund was alarmed when his IRS Form 1099 showed that a portion of his regular monthly income was return of capital.

He understood that the value of his shares changes as the value of the fund's portfolio securities fluctuates. What he failed to realize was that in order to "enhance" monthly distributions, his fund sold options on a portion of the fund's bonds. The monthly checks this investor received were in part from the net investment income and in part from the premiums earned by selling options.

This is not a new or alarming situation but one you should understand before investing in any high-yield fund. High-income government funds invest primarily in securities that are issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the U.S. government. Because of the use of options, however, preservation of capital is generally not an objective of these funds. The use of options limits the ability to actively manage the portfolio for stability of principal.

For example, when interest rates decline, the options written on the higher yielding bonds in the portfolio are usually exercised and these bonds are bought out of the portfolio. Only the unexercised portion of the portfolio, which could range from 20 percent to 80 percent, participates in the rally. On the down side, however, these optioned funds will decline along with the general market when interest rates rise.

Why would anyone consider a mutual fund with such shortcomings? Remember the stated objective of these funds is to create high current income. Many of the better-managed high-yield government funds have done this. If you are not concerned with total return, high current income could be attractive.

Understand the risks of any high-yield fund, and how these risks affect you. No fund is consistently able to provide unusually high income and maximum safety of principal. Before you invest, ask yourself: (1) Is high current income a top priority? (2) How important is preservation of capital? (3) Would a total-return fund with less income be more appropriate?

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Leading indicators signal protracted slump

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge plunged in November, the fifth consecutive monthly drop, and analysts said it signaled increased joblessness and a slump extending until late next year.

"The basic message is there's no light down there in the tunnel that we can see," said economist Robert G. Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "The recession is clearly in place and clearly has further to go," he said.

Friday's announcement of the November decline of 1.2 percent in the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators was the latest in a spate of gloomy news about economic conditions last month.

Unemployment jumped to a three-year high of 5.9 percent. New orders to factories for "big ticket" durable goods such as automobiles and appliances

plunged 10.5 percent, matching the worst decline on record. Consumer spending and income growth was virtually flat, and construction of single-family homes fell to the lowest level since 1982.

Analysts said the latest drop in the leading index, designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance, offered almost no hope that the economy will revive soon.

Less than three weeks ago, most private analysts believed the economy, having entered a recession in the fourth quarter of this year, would begin to grow again next spring.

The November decline in the leading index followed a 1.3 percent drop in October, the steepest since the month after the October 1987 stock market crash.

The decline left the index at 139.7 percent of its 1982 base of 100, down 4.4 percent from its

146.2 peak in June. It has been the worst multiple-month retreat by the index since 1981, at the start of the last recession.

"The November indicators leave no doubt that a serious and lengthy recession is under way," said economist William K. MacReynolds of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "... This is good evidence that the current recession will last at least through the third quarter of 1991 — longer than could have been foreseen just weeks ago."

"It means a continuous drop in jobs throughout most of next year and a rise in the unemployment rate to about 7.5 percent," he said. "That's a loss of more than a million jobs from where we are now."

Top administration officials, including President Bush, have been reluctant to label the slump as a recession. But on Thursday Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind.,

chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said, "We will, in fact, have a recession," and warned the unemployment rate could go as high as 8 percent.

However, analyst Samuel Kahan of Fuji Securities Inc. the nation's economic prospects may not be as bleak if the Persian Gulf crisis is resolved early in the year.

Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait sent oil prices soaring and the confidence of American

consumers plummeting. That, in turn has caused sharp pullback by businesses, he said.

"If the war is settled, we might get a boost in consumer confidence, which could turn the whole thing around rather quickly," he said.

In November, eight of the 11 forward-looking components of the Commerce Department's index fell.

Pulling it down were a jump in new claims for unemployment benefits and declines in new

orders to factories for consumer goods, prices of raw materials, the backlog of unfilled orders at factories, new orders for business investment equipment, the length of the average workweek, the inflation-adjusted money supply and building permits.

The only positive contributors were an increase in stock prices, a slowing in business delivery times and a slight improvement in consumer confidence.

Entertainment of '90

Films looked back; TV looked ahead

By Andrew J. Edelstein

NEW YORK (NEA) — The blockbuster line mentality seemed to rule Hollywood in 1990 like never before.

No more was this evident than in the torrent of sequels the movie studios unleashed during the year: "Rocky V," "Three Men and a Little Lady," "RoboCop2," "Back to the Future 3," "Gremlins 2: The New Batch," "Exorcist III," "The Two Jakes" (a sequel to "Chinatown"), "Die Hard 2," "Predator 2," "Another 48 Hours."

Many of the sequels scored well at the box-office, even if they couldn't match the thrills of the original motion pictures.

Film industry profits and Hollywood's rising impact worldwide caught the eye of foreign interests again in 1990. Matsushita, Japan's largest electronics firm, agreed to buy MCA Inc., the owner of Universal Pictures, for about \$6.5 billion. It's the largest U.S. acquisition ever by a Japanese company.

It would bring foreign ownership to four of the seven major U.S. film studios: Japan's Sony Corp. owns Columbia; Italy's Pathe Communications owns MGM/UA; and News Corp. Ltd. of Australia owns 20th Century Fox.

The most-anticipated movie sequel of 1990 was timed by Paramount for release on Christmas Day — "The Godfather: Part III." And what everyone wanted to know about this trouble-plagued film was could director Francis Ford Coppola come back and recapture the story?

"The Godfather: Part Three" ended a year in which films about gangsters re-emerged. Joe Pesci and Ray Liotta gave chilling performances in Martin Scorsese's "GoodFellas," while the Coen brothers' quirky "Miller's Crossing" and "The Krays," about a pair of twin British brothers-criminals, also breathed life into the genre.

Amid all the mindless violence, the year's top box-office hits came out of left field.

"Ghost" with Patrick Swayze, Demi

Moore and Whoopi Goldberg, was an unusual combination of romance, thriller, suspense and comic genres. It became the No. 1 box-office movie of the year and revived the careers of its stars.

It also proved to Hollywood that female moviegoers had plenty of clout. The studios had hoped that such male-oriented movies as "Total Recall," "Die Hard 2," and "Days of Thunder" would duplicate the 1989 success of "Batman." But "Ghost" — and another surprise hit film of 1990,

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"Pretty Woman" — contradicted that kind of thinking.

At year's end, amid films starring such box-office names as Robert Redford ("Havana") and Kevin Costner ("Dances with Wolves"), the most popular movie proved to be yet another sleeper: "Home Alone." It's John Hughes' film about a little boy who has to outwit a pair of burglars when he's on his own.

Earlier in the year, Academy Awards were handed out to "Driving Miss Daisy" for Best Picture, Daniel Day-Lewis ("My Left Foot") for Best Actor and Jessica Tandy ("Driving Miss Daisy") for Best Actress.

In 1990, the TV networks found their viewer shares eroding (to cable and home video, mostly). They tried counteracting the trend with so-called "innovative" programming. But while critics may have applauded these attempts, TV audiences, for the most part, tuned out.

The new TV series attracting the lion's share of attention was "Twin Peaks," offbeat film director David Lynch's quirky vision of the dry rot

beneath the surface of a small town. After it debuted on ABC in April, the drama received praise unprecedented in recent TV history, and it kicked off a mania for donuts, cherry pie and "damned good coffee."

But its central mystery of who killed Laura Palmer — a high-school cheerleader with a murky past — was not resolved at the end of the spring season. By the time Lynch got around to telling us (in November) who had done it, many of those viewers caught in the original mania had abandoned the program.

Another off-the-wall TV show capturing attention was Fox's "The Simpsons," who began life as two-minute interstitial segments on "The Tracey Ullman Show." The characters grew into a national phenomenon.

The first prime-time animated hit since "The Flintstones" 30 years earlier, "The Simpsons" focused on a slightly askew working-class family whose values were totally the opposite of TV's reigning family, the Huxtables on "The Cosby Show." In the fall, Fox upped the ante by moving "The Simpsons" from Sunday to Thursday nights against NBC's "Cosby."

The one innovative trend the networks tried for the fall season — mixing music with drama — flopped. ABC's "Cop Rock," an attempt by Steven Bochco ("L.A. Law," "Hill Street Blues") to fuse the Broadway musical with the hard-boiled police drama, was a noble effort, but it never drew viewers. NBC's "Hull High," which reminded some of MTV meets "Fame," was the first new fall series to be dropped.

In fact, the most successful new program was simple and cheap to produce. ABC's "America's Funniest Home Videos" asked viewers to send in pictures of family members doing dumb things, and TV audiences couldn't resist watching.

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Judge will not oust appointed attorney

HOUSTON (AP) — A state judge changed his mind Friday, deciding to allow a lawyer for Carl Wayne Buntion to continue representing the accused police killer.

State District Judge Bill Harmon phoned lawyer Philip Scardino on Christmas Eve to tell him he was off the case. Harmon refuses to say why publicly. But Scardino said the judge told him he feared that the attorney would do something to cause a mistrial during court proceedings.

Scardino, appointed with attorney Allen Tanner to defend Buntion in his capital murder trial, said Harmon had no authority to remove him.

"Until he orders the bailiff to drag me out of the courtroom, I'm representing the defendant," Scardino said Thursday. "My first duty is to my client."

Late Friday, Harmon said he was not convinced the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals would uphold his decision and he did not want to delay the trial, which already became bogged down in lengthy jury selections.

Harmon told KHOU-TV he still believed, however, that Scardino would attempt to sabotage the trial.

"Not only would I never plan on doing that as an attorney, I wouldn't know how to do it," said Scardino, adding that he never

has caused a mistrial in his 13 years of trying cases.

Buntion, 51, a seven-time convict, is accused in the shooting death of Houston police Officer James Irby on June 27. Testimony in his trial is to begin Jan. 8 after about five weeks of jury selection.

Harmon appointed Tanner to defend Buntion and told him to get another lawyer to assist him. Tanner chose Scardino, who has since aided in the defense.

Other attorneys insisted that

Harmon had no authority to take such an action.

Appellate attorney Brian W. Wice had offered to represent Scardino at no charge in his fight against dismissal.

Wice said he was confident the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals would rule in favor of Scardino, if asked, because it decided a similar case in Lubbock in 1989. In that case, a judge dismissed two attorneys representing a capital murder defendant.

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Florida State ends Penn State win streak

MIAMI (AP) — Amp Lee scored two touchdowns and Casey Weldon scored one Friday night as sixth-ranked Florida State ended seventh-ranked Penn State's nine-game winning streak with a 24-17 victory in the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl.

Florida State (10-2) held off a fourth-quarter charge sparked by backup quarterback Tom Bill to snap Penn State's winning streak, the longest among major colleges.

Penn State (9-3) pulled within 24-17 with 6:27 left when Bill hit Terry Smith with a 37-yard touchdown pass.

The Nittany Lions had two more chances, but couldn't get into the end zone. Penn State got his final opportunity at the Florida State 31 with 3:17 left, but John Davis' interception at the 1 snuffed out the Lions' last hope.

Florida State hasn't been beaten in a bowl game in nine years, winning six straight since a 17-17 tie with Georgia in 1984.

It also marked the first victory for Florida State coach Bobby Bowden over Penn State's Joe Paterno in seven tries. Bowden, who was 0-6 against Penn State when coach at West Virginia, improved his bowl record to 10-3-1, and his percentage of 75.0 is the best among coaches with 10 or more postseason games.

The Seminoles jumped to a 10-0 lead in the opening 6 minutes, 40 seconds and then answered Penn State's first two scores to build a

24-10 advantage. The 24 points was the most given up this season by Penn State.

Lee, a 190-pound sophomore who scored 18 touchdowns this season, scored on first-half runs of one and seven yards. He finished with 86 yards on 21 carries and caught five receptions for 32 yards.

Weldon scored his first touchdown of the year on a 5-yard run that gave Florida State a 24-10 lead late in the third quarter.

Penn State pulled to within 17-10 with 7:32 left in the third period on Craig Fayak's 32-yard field goal. The score followed an 11-play, 67-yard drive set up by Leonard Humphries' interception at the Penn State 18.

As it did in the first half, Florida State countered the Penn State score, this time with Weldon's touchdown.

Weldon passed for 52 yards on the 58-yard scoring drive, including three completions to All-American Lawrence Dawsey for 27 yards and a 25-yard throw to fullback Edgar Bennett. Dawsey caught eight passes for 107 yards.

Florida State took the opening kickoff 59 yards to Penn State's 24 before bogging down and settling for Richie Andrews' 41-yard field goal to give the Seminoles a 3-0 lead four minutes into the game.

The Seminoles capitalized on Terrell Buckley's 39-yard punt

return to score the game's first touchdown 2½ minutes later.

After fielding the punt at his own 46, Buckley reversed field nearly 20 yards before heading up his right sideline to the Penn State 15 before being knocked out of bounds by Derek Bochna.

Four plays later, Lee scored from the 1 as Florida State grabbed a 10-0 lead.

Tony Sacca hit David Daniels with a pair of passes for 76 yards, culminated by a 56-yard scoring pass as the Penn State pulled to within 10-7 after the opening quarter.

Daniels, a senior from Sarasota, Fla., bounced out of a pack of Florida State defenders at his 40 and raced untouched to the end zone.

But the Seminoles countered in just 2 minutes and 45 seconds to take a 17-7 lead when Lee ended a 70-yard drive with a 7-yard TD run. The big play in the drive was a 29-yard pass from Weldon to Dawsey to the Penn State 12.

Penn State lost a scoring opportunity midway through the second period when Fayak's 22-yard field goal try was blocked by the Seminoles' Tommy Henry.

That drive was set up by Darren Perry's eighth interception this year. He returned the interception 19 yards to the Florida State 46.

In Cotton Bowl...

Longhorns must defend the pass

DALLAS (AP) — On New Year's Day, it will be Miami's bevy of fleet, speedy wide receivers who call themselves the "Young Guns" against a Texas secondary led by All-America Stanley Richard, who calls himself "The Sheriff."

The 55th Cotton Bowl between No. 3-ranked Texas and No. 4-ranked Miami could boil down to how well Miami's receivers do against the Longhorns' man-for-man coverage.

"We like the idea of going against their man coverage," said Miami wide receiver Randal Hill. "Just call us the 'young guns' going against sheriff Richard and his posse."

Richard said he's happy to hear Miami's Hill, Lamar Thomas, and Wesley Carroll are delighted with the idea of facing Texas' man coverage.

"If they like the man, then they are going to get it," Richard said. "Let 'em go deep if they think they can beat us. Billy the Kid was stopped and he thought he was a pretty fast gun. I think the sheriff and his posse can stop these young gun boys."

Richard said he liked Miami's confident attitude.

"They are good and have the right to talk all the trash they want to talk," Richard said. "But you aren't going to win the Cotton Bowl with a word fight. That doesn't work in a big game."

Texas defensive coordinator

Leon Fuller said the Longhorns play a man-for-man defense because "it fits our personality. There's no way with the aggressive players we have that we could sit back in a zone."

Miami quarterback Craig Erickson said the Hurricanes haven't seen as aggressive a pass defense as the one Texas uses.

"They are a lot like Florida State with their speed," Erickson said. "I think they have the best pass defense we have faced. Texas is one of the few teams in collegiate football who can play pass defense like they do and get away with it."

Erickson said Texas can get by with the man defense because of a tremendous pass rush.

"They put a lot of pressure on you up front," Erickson said. "You don't have a lot of time to find your receivers. Texas matches up very well with our receivers."

Miami was a touchdown favorite, but long-range forecasts for New Year's Day predicted sub-freezing weather.

"I'd like to see it because cold hands don't catch a lot of passes," Richard said. "All I have to do is deliver a blow. I don't have to catch the ball."

Oilers move summer camp

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers will move their training camp in 1991 to San Antonio, a newspaper reported.

The Oilers have trained the past three years on the campus of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, about 40 miles northeast of San Antonio. The team chose against exercising the option year on their contract with SWTSU.

SPORTS

Rolls Royster is Cal's top crowd pleaser

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Southern Cal tailback Mazio "Rolls" Royster, like the horn player he's named after, wants to be a crowd pleaser when the Trojans play Michigan State in the John Hancock Bowl Monday.

"I look forward to this. It's a good opportunity for not only myself but the Trojans to show their greatness on national TV," he said Friday.

Royster was named after Maceo Parker, the horn player for soul singer James Brown band whose rifts would stir crowds to a frenzy.

"My parents liked the name Maceo and changed the spelling and there it was, M-A-Z-I-O," Royster said.

Royster, a sophomore, started the 1990-91 season as a reserve tailback for USC (8-3-1). He expected little playing time because superstar Ricky Ervins, the 1990 Rose Bowl Most Valuable Player, and senior Scott Lockwood were ahead of him.

But Ervins was injured in USC's game against Ohio State and Lockwood was moved to fullback.

Royster had carried the ball only once for a 2-yard loss, when he was told to take over. He ended the season with 1,043 yards, 203 carries and eight touchdowns. He'll start against MSU (7-3-1).

"I think it was a good year. I'm not surprised by my performance at all, just that the opportunity presented itself so quickly. It just happened, like Bam!" Royster said.

The opportunity came just as Royster had talked himself into waiting.

Now Royster faces the challenge of the hefty MSU defense.

"They present a big challenge. They're a big physical defense and I don't necessarily want to play against them."

Holiday Bowl...

Aggies counter BYU's passing with running game

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Darren Lewis finished third in the nation with 1,691 rushing yards, but he wasn't the only Texas A&M running back Brigham Young had to contend with Saturday in the Holiday Bowl.

This season, fullback Robert Wilson rushed for 724 yards and quarterback Bucky Richardson added 670 yards on the ground, leading the Aggies to a Southwest Conference record of 3,829 rushing yards in a season.

"Teams we play key on Darren and Robert so much that it probably gives me more freedom," said Richardson, who replaced Lance Pavlas as the starting quarterback after the season's fourth game.

"People have to be aware we have three guys who can break it at any time. How can that be one dimensional?"

BYU countered with Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer, who passed for 5,188 yards and 41 touchdowns in leading his team to a 10-2 record.

The Cougars were second nationally in total offense, passing offense and scoring offense. They averaged 42.5 points a game.

Texas A&M ranked fourth in rushing offense and 14th in scor-

ing, averaging 33.3 points a game during an 8-3-1 season.

"Our offense has felt all year that if we executed and blocked the right people, we couldn't be stopped," Richardson said. "Where the problem comes in is having to stop BYU. I think our defense is ready for that. We have to keep the ball from their offense."

BYU coach LaVell Edwards

remembered that his team lost the 1982 Holiday Bowl to Ohio State 47-17 because it could not stop the Buckeyes rushing attack. Tim Spencer of Ohio State rushed for 169 yards and two touchdowns in that game.

Blair Thomas of Penn State ran over the Cougars defense for 186 yards and one touchdown as the Nittany Lions won last year's Holiday Bowl over BYU 50-39.

Top-ranked Buffs face Notre Dame in Orange Bowl

MIAMI (AP) — The blimp won't be the only thing in the air during the 1991 Orange Bowl.

Although they're still primarily running teams, top-ranked Colorado and No. 5 Notre Dame are passing more than they did last year. Neither team will ever be confused with Brigham Young, but they no longer regard passing as an act of desperation.

Colorado's Darian Hagan

threw the ball twice as often as he did last year, increased his passing yardage from 1,002 to 1,538 and boosted his touchdown total from four to 11 despite missing two starts because of injuries.

"A year ago, I didn't feel the pass was an important enough part of our offense," coach Bill McCartney said. "We felt we needed to be more versatile, to mix it up and keep the other team off balance."

Notre Dame moved in a similar direction after Rick Mirer succeeded Tony Rice at quarterback. Rice was a better runner; Mirer has the better arm.

With Mirer directing the offense, Notre Dame increased its passing yardage from 1,366 to 1,834 and scored eight touchdowns through the air, quadrupling last year's output. Mirer, a sophomore, had the best passing stats of any first-year Irish starter in the last 25 years, including Joe Montana and Joe Theismann.

"Our offense is a little more diverse this year," Mirer said. "We don't have to rely quite as much on the run."

However, the run remains the bread-and-butter for both teams. Colorado was sixth nationally in rushing with a 271-yard per game average, while Notre Dame was 12th with a 250-yard average.

"We still prefer to run, but we're not afraid to pass," McCartney said. "We've tried to make the passing game part of our normal offense, instead of just resorting to it when we're behind."

Because of their reliance on the run, Big Eight and Big Ten teams have traditionally had problems coming from behind in bowl games. In last year's Orange Bowl, Colorado couldn't catch up after Notre Dame took a 14-point lead in the third quarter. Hagan completed only 4 of 13 passes and had two intercepted in the 21-6 defeat.

"We definitely plan to throw the ball more this time," McCartney said.

It's been 42 years since last bowl tilt

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Colorado State's players knew from the first day of practice that they wanted to do something no Rams team had done in 42 seasons — play in a bowl game.

At the beginning of practice, second-year coach Earle Bruce asked his players to establish a goal for the season.

"When we asked the team, the players blurted out, 'to go to a bowl,'" Bruce said. "I thought we could attain some other goals, but I didn't think a bowl was quite reachable this year."

It was. The Rams went 8-4, their best record since 1977, and accepted a bid to play the Oregon Ducks (8-3) in tonight's Freedom Bowl at Anaheim Stadium. Colorado State's only other bowl appearance was a 21-20 loss to Occidental in the Raisin Bowl on Jan. 1, 1949.

"Now, by going to a bowl game, people can't recruit against us by saying we can't win

a championship or go to a bowl game, and it helps improve the quality of player who will consider coming to Colorado State," Bruce said.

On Dec. 23, 1988, Bruce inherited a program that had gone 2-21 the previous two seasons. The Rams began their trip back to respectability with a 5-5-1 record in 1989.

Bruce is 6-5 in bowl games and is one of only three active coaches who have taken four schools to bowls.

He took Tampa to its only bowl and Iowa State to two of its four bowls. At Ohio State, Bruce took the Buckeyes to eight bowls in nine seasons. Ohio State fired Bruce in 1987. After spending a season at Division I-AA Northern Iowa, Bruce was back in Division I-A at Colorado State.

"I would like to think this is a big boost for the whole school as far as spirit," Bruce said of the bowl bid.

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Arab allies fill front lines, exact role unclear

HAFR AL-BATIN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The front line arrayed against Iraq is a polyglot Arab-Islamic force whose role in the northern Saudi desert may be merely symbolic.

As the United Nations' Jan. 15 deadline approaches for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face possible force, it's still not clear what part the Arabs would play in a potentially bloody offensive.

More than 100,000 Saudis, Egyptians, Syrians, vengeful Kuwaitis and others have joined to confront Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, a fellow Arab, since he

invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2.

Forces from Pakistan, Morocco, Bangladesh, Niger and Senegal have planted their flags on Saudi soil. Some contingents are little more than token forces.

Behind them are about 350,000 American, British and French troops with the firepower needed to hammer the Iraqis.

"If peace doesn't arrive, and if we're ordered by our supreme commanders, we can teach (Saddam) a lesson he'll never forget," boasted Lt. Gen. Khalid bin Sultan, the Saudi prince who commands the 145,000-member

Arab-Islamic force. Those are big ifs.

The Arab alliance is like an orchestra. All the players have instruments, but some play different notes. Not all of them will sound "Charge" if the U.S.-led multinational force is ordered into Kuwait.

The Kuwaitis, of course, want their country back, but they won't fight in Iraq.

The Saudis will fight with the United States and its allies if invited by Kuwait. The Egyptians say they will do what the Saudis do.

The Syrians and others have said only that their role here is defensive and to stop aggression.

"It's clear that there are varying levels of commitment in terms of willingness to use offensive military action to achieve our objective," Defense Secretary Dick Cheney acknowledged recently.

It is also uncertain what the Arab response would be if Saddam carried out his threat to launch a missile attack on Israel. It would be difficult for the Syrians and the Saudis to fight Saddam if he gets into a shootout with the Arabs' main enemy.

The Arab states who have the most at stake, the ones "that really count," are the Saudis and the Egyptians, Cheney noted.

The Saudis have a 75,000-member army and air force; the Egyptians have pledged 40,000 troops, including two armored

divisions. The Egyptians and Syrians,

who have sent an armored division with their 20,000-member contingent, bring combat experience to the Saudi desert. Both have fought the Israelis, and the Syrians have been in action in Lebanon.

The U.S.-equipped Egyptians also trained with American troops in a 1988 exercise.

But some analysts say the biggest contribution of the Arab-Islamic force is symbolic: Arabs are standing up to Saddam, muting criticism of having Western forces in a land that houses Islam's holiest shrines.

The Arab alliance is "a useful show of political solidarity," said Ian Kemp, a military analyst with Jane's Defense Weekly.

"But if it comes to an offensive operation, I don't think they'll play anything but a marginal

role. The Americans and the British will play the lead."

Some expect a force of Kuwaitis and Saudis to spearhead the U.S.-British effort as a political gesture.

By agreement, no offensive can be launched from Saudi soil without the consent of King Fahd and President Bush.

In the defensive configuration, Prince Khalid shares command of the 28-nation force with U.S. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

"If there's any blood shed, I can assure you Saudi forces will be the first to spill it," the Saudi prince stressed recently. "If anyone touches my land, you will see vicious soldiers who will do their job well."

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

There's a lot of interest nowadays in doctors' training; it's important for patients to know where their doctors trained. Medical school education seems to be less critical in this perception than do post-graduate internships and residencies. For example, the most sought-after healers have trained in prestigious, university-affiliated medical centers; such practitioners usually view themselves as superior to and more skillful than mere M.D.s. Moreover, these self-styled Brahmins will happily debate, for hours, the relative merits of THEIR residency at St. Sinai General over the lesser virtues of St. Elsewhere.

While I don't wish to devalue high-powered residencies as sources of super-docs, I think physicians should take a good look at patient-training, too. Patients' behavior and orientations are governed by their own training, and the doctor who fails to recognize this is asking for trouble.

Untrained patients are the easiest to take care of. They haven't been contaminated by a little knowledge, which can be dangerous, as everyone knows. They are inexperienced. They don't really understand disease and, having never been sick, don't care to.

When confronted with the observation: "Jerry, you need a prostate operation," they cheerfully answer: "OK, doc. Do whatever you have to do. I'm in your hands."

This is the classic response of the untrained patient and, in the past, it made the practice of medicine uncomplicated and enjoyable — even fun. Regrettably, untrained patients, like bicycles without gears, are rapidly slipping into history.

Self-trained patients are, for the most part, frustrated doctors. Like the diploma-mill physicians of years ago, these patients rely on mail-order medical education. They glean their knowledge from the popular press, women's magazines, holistic pamphlets, crystal healing, the harmonic convergence, past-life regression, Shirley-speaks, New Age healing and Prevention magazine. They abhor traditional medicine and regularly cluster in intensive support groups where they criticize M.D.s as self-serving, ignorant, arrogant Neanderthals. They prefer macrobiotics over antibiotics. They drive doctors nuts.

Fortunately, they're healthy but when, on occasion, they really become ill and seek medical attention, the earth trembles. In response to the statement: "Your blood pressure is sky-high. Take these pills, and check with me next week," they counter: "Can't I treat this with acupuncture, ginseng tea or vitamin B-15?"

Patients trained in community hospitals are typically well-versed in basic disease processes. However, they may not be aware of new advances in diagnosis and treatment. Also, they tend to be suspicious of doctors and nurses; they are experienced enough to recognize the unnerving frequency with which health-care professionals make mistakes and fly by the seats of their pants. When told: "Your appendix is badly inflamed. You need immediate surgery," they retort: "I'd like a second opinion." With good fortune and continuing medical adventures, these patients can progress to the next level of expertise.

Well-trained patients have completed their medical education at renowned institutions and major medical centers. They have seen it all; no disease is too exotic and no treatment too complex for them. They have frequently been apprenticed to a knowledgeable, university-trained M.D. specialist and are invariably familiar with the complex intricacies of the modern health-care industry. They know the difference between a beta-blocker and a calcium-channel blocker. They are often lawyers, captains of industry or hospital trustees.

Realizing they're in the highest echelon of trained patients, they disdain ordinary doctors and gravitate to super-specialists in urban centers, who charge megabucks for the same services for which ordinary doctors are paid a pittance. They rarely have one family doctor, preferring instead a different specialist for each part of the body. When told: "You need to have that ingrown toenail removed," they reply: "Hold on. I'll have to get clearance from my gastroenterologist."

Many patients have specialized training in fields such as obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, rheumatology and so forth — in fact, most patient-specialties are represented in a well-balanced medical practice. Personally, I prefer patients who are trained in general medicine; they are sensitive, caring and sympathetic to their doctors as whole people, rather than as a collection of eccentricities and idiosyncrasies.

I advise doctors to question new patients carefully. Along with the standard queries about annual income, net worth and health insurance, it's vital to determine where the patient trained and in what specialty. To do less is to court disaster.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Would you please explain the eye condition called Fuch's corneal dystrophy? Is there any treatment available other than transplant?
DEAR READER: Fuch's corneal

dystrophy is an inherited abnormality of the cornea, the clear part of the front of the eye. The condition is characterized by too few cells lining the cornea, which swells, thereby affecting vision. Corneal dystrophy rarely causes problems before middle age, a time when age-related corneal changes aggravate this cellular deficiency to cause the corneal edema.

Treatment includes methods to shrink the cornea: by heat (some patients gently apply a hair dryer to the eyes) or by eye drops. If the dystrophy cannot be controlled medically, corneal transplants may be necessary.

Eye surgery for other conditions, such as cataract extraction, can aggravate corneal dystrophy. Therefore, some ophthalmologists recommend that corneal transplants be performed either before or during other eye operations.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 47-year-old husband was diagnosed five months ago with metastatic renal cell carcinoma. What are the facts on cause, treatment and prognosis?

DEAR READER: Renal cell carcinoma, often called hypernephroma, is a malignant kidney tumor, more common in men, that accounts for about 2 percent of adult cancers. It is a dangerous tumor because it is highly malignant, is rarely discovered early and metastasizes (spreads) rapidly, especially to the lungs. The cause is unknown.

Patients with this affliction usually have blood in the urine, followed by flank pain and fever. The tumor is "staged" — meaning that its precise location and extent are determined — by CT scanning (special X-rays of the abdomen and pelvis).

Surgical removal of the affected kidney (and the surrounding structures) is the preferred therapy for renal cell carcinoma that has not spread; this leads to a reasonable chance for cure in localized disease.

Metastatic carcinoma is much more difficult to cure, however, because the growths cannot be controlled by radiation therapy or chemotherapy. Thus, metastatic renal cell carcinoma has a poor prognosis. Therapy is "comfort-oriented": Pain and other complications of the disease are treated as they appear.

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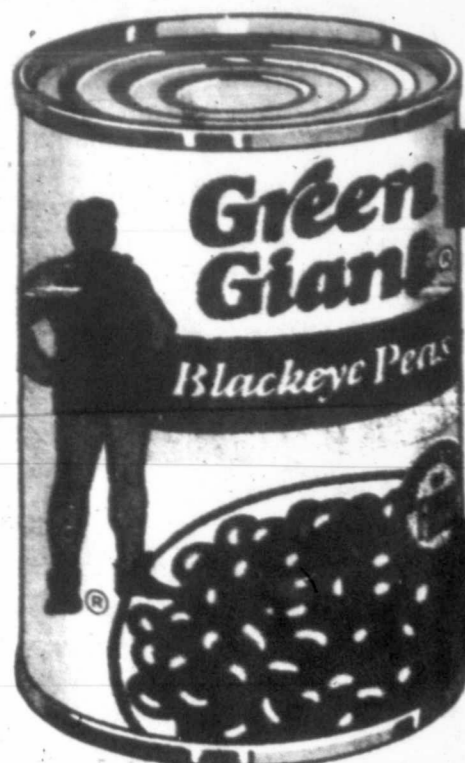
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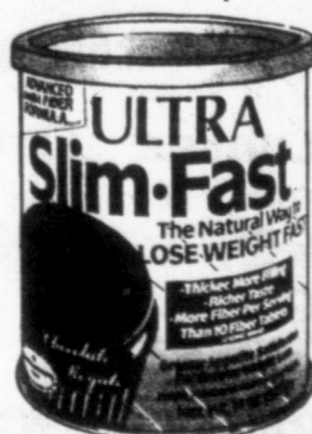
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

Viola Stirl hadn't exactly planned on becoming an adult 4-H leader some 30 years ago when she volunteered her home as a meeting site for the Pylo 4-H Club, but that's what happened.

The club needed leaders, so before long she volunteered and has been an active leader ever since. For the past three decades, she has helped to guide the 4-H club through one name change and an ever evolving membership which waxed and waned according to the interest level of area 4-H'ers.

At first, Mrs. Stirl remained a leader because her children were also involved in the 4-H club. But as the years passed and her four children graduated from high school, Mrs. Stirl continued to serve as a leader because she "likes children and wanted to stay in touch with 4-H and school activities."

Mrs. Stirl's efforts have not gone unnoticed as 4-H officials have recognized her input. She received the 1982-83 4-H leader award, and a few months ago received the 4-H 30 years or 4-H Clover award.

After about 20 years, the Pylo 4-H Club members decided a name change was in order as more and more of the membership came from Hermleigh.

Meeting sites changed periodically as well. After rotating meeting sites among members, the club started meeting in community centers until a policy change required a rental fee. Not having the resources to rent a place to meet, Mrs. Stirl said they began to meet in the Hermleigh school cafeteria instead.

During the early years, Mrs. Stirl worked only with girls. Boys had their own 4-H club. For about 15 years, her husband, Walter, served as the adult leader or manager for the boys club, but eventually the clubs merged and have been co-ed ever since.

This school year, Mrs. Stirl said, "started with a bang" but membership has dropped some since school began. "Sometimes

when membership dwindles I begin to think about retiring, but when it picks up I want to stay with the club because I like being involved with what young people are doing," she said.

During the school year, Mrs. Stirl said they usually meet twice a month. Meetings and membership tend to slack off during the summer as everyone becomes involved with other activities.

As an adult leader, Mrs. Stirl helps 4-H'ers plan and execute projects from clothing and food to decision making and consumer education. Food and clothing projects take up most of their time. And, during the years they met in community centers, they were able to do a lot of cooking.

Today's 4-H'ers, including the boys, learn how to cook and sew as well. A few years ago, that would have been almost impossible to arrange, but as more and more boys are now also taking home and family living classes in school it doesn't seem so strange to have boys learning these skills in 4-H.

4-H members prepare several method demonstrations which they get to take to Lubbock. According to Mrs. Stirl, that is one of their favorite things to do.

Throughout the past 30 years, she has also had helpers. Nell Henry, a Snyder teacher, assists her today. In years past one of her helpers was Vivian Rinehart.

Mrs. Stirl has nothing but praise for the program, which gives its members a chance "to meet new people, to speak in front of a group and to learn to get along with other people as well."

She doesn't mind the time she spends being a 4-H leader. Some children have to be prodded more than others in order to get them to do something. Others are ready to go from the beginning. It usually balances out eventually. She said she has observed though that some children aren't always eager to spend time working on 4-H projects.

Her husband echoed those words, adding that successful 4-

H'ers need encouragement, praise, and sometimes help from their parents and families in order to benefit from 4-H projects.

All of the four Stirl children were active in 4-H and won numerous honors during their years as members.

Helen Stirl Byrns' of Garland joined 4-H when she was nine years old. Shirley Stirl Douglas now lives in Burden, Kan., and is a 4-H leader herself as she has three daughters in 4-H. Ralph Stirl lives in Roscoe and Wilma Stirl is a teacher in Stanton.

All four children earned the Gold Star award, an annual award which honors excellence within each 4-H Club.

Mrs. Stirl said that 4-H brought her family closer together because they often worked on projects together. She said it was also good that her children learned "where money came from."

As a child, Mrs. Stirl once joined the 4-H Club in Pyron when it was formed after the home demonstration agent gave a talk at her school. Though that club folded after six months, it gave her a taste of what 4-H was all about.

In addition to 4-H work, Mrs. Stirl likes to quilt, do counted cross stitch, garden and raise chickens. She also likes to sew but hasn't been able to do much of that lately.

She was born one mile from her home near Hermleigh, attended Lone Wolf School and graduated from Pyron.

She and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Sunday. She helped her family farm when she was growing up and Stirl started farming near San Antonio 50 years ago.




The SDN Section B

Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990

STILL ACTIVE — Viola (Mrs. Walter) Stirl has been an active adult 4-H leader for the past 30 years, and she says she has no plans to retire as she enjoys working with young people and keeping up with their school activities. She received the 4-H Clover Award (left) this year in recognition of

her 30 years of service. At right, is the 4-H Adult Leader award which she received for the 1982-83 school year. Also pictured (in her lap) is her son Ralph's 4-H Record Book which was entered in state competition several years ago. (SDN Staff Photo)



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The Rev. Louis Droll officiated at the nuptial mass. The offerings were presented by the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hoelscher of San Angelo. The lay reader was Alvin Gerngross. Corey Van Zant and Scott Kozelsky were the altar servers. — Mrs. Bernice Michalewicz, aunt of the bride was organist with the Olfen Choir.

The altar and the aisle were decorated with red poinsettias and candles. The wedding march was led by Paula and John Ererich.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white satin with a fitted, dropped waist bodice, topped with a sweetheart neckline, adorned in rainbow sequins and pearls. Strands of pearls draped across the open back. Her poet sleeves featured see-through lace and formed bridal points at the wrist. The skirt and chapel train were highlighted with lace cut-outs with sequins and pearls, and circled with deep lace.

She wore a crown wreath of pearls and three puffs of net scattered with pearls. Her headpiece was made by the bride's aunt, Sherline Strube of Wall.

The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Kim Stoval. Bridesmaids were Renee Posey, Dianne Farris, Becky Agüero, Becky Michalewicz of Fort Worth; Patty Furr, Donna Rodriguez, and Patricia Arrington. Junior bridesmaid was Cassie Davidson.

Candlelighters were Jeanie Miller and Joanne Poyner and flower girls were Danielle Furr and Kristin Murray of Snyder. They all wore iridescent emerald green with black velvet bodice dresses and carried candles trimmed with red poinsettias and streamer of red, silver and black.

Best man was Lance Leatherwood of Snyder. The groomsmen were Brian Michalewicz, Harold Davidson, Jay Mohler, Pat



MRS. PATRICK KOHL
(Family Photo)

Aguero, Kent Lee, John Collins of Snyder High School and Vernon, Matt Cleboski of Western Texas College and attended Southwest Texas at San Marcos and Angelo State University of San Angelo. He is employed by West Texas Sales Co.

Seating guests were Doyle Weishuhn, Jeff Michalewicz, Marvin Watkins and Doug Ferguson of San Marcos. Ring bearer was Adam Mohler.

The groom was attired in a white tuxedo with a red rose boutonniere. The groomsmen and ushers wore black tuxedos with iridescent emerald green cummerbunds and red miniature poinsettia boutonnieres.

A reception and dance was held in the parish hall following the ceremony. The bride's and groom's cakes were made by the bride's cousin, Carol Kozelsky of Winters. Serving at the bride's table were Terry Cahoon and Janice Cantrell. The groom's

cousins, Dana Kohl of Big Spring and Glenda Kohl of Wichita Falls served the groom's cake. Punch and coffee were served by Janet Ward, Annette Werner, Janet Cason and Kathryn Carlton. Mary Beth Jacob and Anna Lisa Thomason attended the guest registry.

The bride is a graduate of Lakeview High and is a department manager for Winn Dixie. The bridegroom is a graduate

of Snyder High School and attended Southwest Texas at San Marcos and Angelo State University of San Angelo. He is employed by West Texas Sales Co. Following a ski trip to Colorado and New Mexico, the couple will reside in San Angelo.

Ira School Menu

MONDAY

- Black-eyed Peas
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Country Fried Potatoes
- Peaches
- Cornbread
- Choice of Milk

TUESDAY

- Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy
- Buttered Potatoes
- Green Beans
- Rolls
- Apple Crisp
- Choice of Milk

FRIDAY

- Beef & Vegetable Stew
- Peanut Butter Sandwiches
- Cheese Wedge
- Plain Cookies
- Crackers
- Choice of Milk

Snyder ISD Menu

BREAKFAST WEDNESDAY

- Cheerios
- Toast
- Pineapple
- Milk

THURSDAY

- Waffles w/Buttered Honey
- Grape Juice
- Milk

FRIDAY

- Buttered Toast w/Jelly
- Orange Juice
- Milk

LUNCH WEDNESDAY

- Pizza
- Green Beans
- Fruit Mix
- Milk

THURSDAY

- Corndog
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Apple Crisp
- Milk

FRIDAY

- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich
- Orange Wedges
- Spice Cake
- Milk

Hermleigh ISD Menu

WEDNESDAY

- Fruit
- Dry Cereal
- Toast
- Milk

THURSDAY

- Juice
- Buttered Oatmeal
- Toast
- Milk

FRIDAY

- Fruit
- Buttered Rice
- Toasted Rolls
- Milk

LUNCH WEDNESDAY

- Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Pea Salad
- Hot Rolls
- Pear Cobbler
- Milk

THURSDAY

- Pepper Steak
- Steamed Rice
- Buttered Corn
- Hot Rolls
- Chilled Apricots
- Milk

FRIDAY

- Burritos/Chili/Cheese
- Tater Tots
- Tossed Salad
- Rice Krispie Bars
- Milk

Beef recipes, tips

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m. Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8826 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.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m. TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.

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 573-8410, 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 Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; home of Ingrid Hurst, 1701 Cedar Creek; 10 a.m.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group; Cogdell Hospital doctor's lounge; 1 p.m.

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

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

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

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Round Table; Boys Club, 28th & O; 7 p.m.

Snyder FireDept. Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Overeaters Anonymous; 1:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.

Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).



SHOWER HELD AT CHURCH — A wedding shower was held at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 in the garden room of First Baptist Church for Cecilia Meek Anderson III. Shown from left, are Amy Doty, the groom's sister; Diane Anderson, mother of the groom; the honoree; Janice Meek, the bride's mother; and the bride's sister-in-law, Shannon Meek. The couple was married Dec. 22 in the chapel of the church. (Family Photo)

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Church is site for nuptials

Kathy Floyd and Greg Pollard, both of Post, were married in a double ring ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 17 at the First Christian Church with Lee V. Cole of Denver, Colo., officiating.

Parents of the couple are Robbie and Pat Floyd of Snyder and Jim and Sammie Pollard of Post.

The bride entered a double door decorated with garlands of greenery and pink bows forming an arch. She approached an altar flanked by four pillars, two four feet tall and two six feet tall, that were wrapped with garland and silk flowers and topped with ferns and silk flowers. Centering the altar was a large bouquet of fresh garden-like flowers. Bows of teal and ivy marked the pews.

The bride's father sang, "I Pledge My Love," accompanied at the piano by Deean Preston as the grandmothers and the bride's mother were seated. Bennie Jackson of Post sang, "You Are My Only One," as the bride entered; also, "My Romance," "Every Day," and "Just Because," accompanied by Terry Don Thomason.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a tea length gown of candlelight satin and lace. Her fitted bodice featured a Sabrina neckline that was edged in embroidered scalloped lace. It was made of hand-beaded lace which featured unique flowers edged in satin which were a part of the silk lace. The bodice back was a low V and the bodice was lined with bridal satin. Her long fitted sleeves were also of silk lace. The flowing skirt of tulle over satin featured a tea length front flowing to floor length at the back.

Her veil of white tulle was adorned in front with a band of pink flowers. She wore an arm bouquet of tea roses, tiger lilies and a variety of garden flowers which was attached to a Bible that was used in her mother's bouquet.

The matron of honor was Robin Williamson of Snyder, sister of the bride. Bridesmaid was Rhonda Hillis of Abilene. They wore tea length dresses of hot pink taffeta and carried flowers looking as if they had just been picked from the garden.

Flower girl was Donae Dalby of Post. She wore a hot pink taffeta dress fashioned like the bridesmaid's dress.

Jason Pollard of Fort Worth carried the rings on a pillow of satin and lace that was hand beaded by the bride's mother.

Jay Pollard, of Post, brother of



MR. AND MRS. GREG POLLARD
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the groom, was best man. Groomsman was Steve Miller of Post and usher was James Pollard of Snyder, brother of the bridegroom. Another usher was Jim Williamson of Snyder, brother-in-law of the bride. The male attendants wore traditional black tuxedos with white shirts and black ties.

Following the ceremony, a brunch was held in the family center of the 37th St. Church of Christ. Individual tables were covered with white cloths and centered with mirror tiles holding goblets containing pink roses. The bride's table held a silver punch bowl, the three-tiered cake decorated with fresh garden flowers, and the bride's bouquet. The wedding cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom used on the bride's parents' wedding cake.

Serving were Rae Lyn Worley, cousin of the bride, Graci Cowan of Levelland and Marla Coker of Austin.

The groom's table held a silver tea set, carrot cake with chocolate icing decorated with white chocolate flowers, and was centered with a silver vase holding flowers of teal and hot

pink with silver accents. Serving at the groom's table were Nikki and Natalie Pollard of Post and Autumn Pollard of Snyder, nieces of the groom.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at Reta's Cake Shop.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Levelland High School and holds an undergraduate degree from Abilene Christian University, 1987, and has a masters degree from ACU in 1988. The groom is a 1979 graduate of Post High School and 1984 graduate of Texas Tech with a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

The couple will live in Post where the groom is self employed and the bride is district director for Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Neves speaks at ABWA meeting

The Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met Dec. 6 for their holiday meeting.

Jessie Scarborough gave the invocation.

Grace Bryant introduced vocational speaker, Ruby Neves, who is employed at the Adult Probation Department. She told the group she worked with two other people, and named several who had been Adult Probation officers. They included Sterling Williams, 1957-1965; Earl Abercrombie, 1965-1976; Paul Hurt, 1977-1982; Bill Zimmerman, 1982-1984; Larry Thompson, 1984-1989; and from 1989 until the present, Jennie Peveler.

President Carol Young told the group about a meeting, "Spring in the Rockies," to be held in Colorado Springs, Colo., April 19-21, 1991.

Vera Pruitt, program chairman, passed out gifts during the gift exchange and was in charge of the gifts members brought for the local nursing homes.

Members having December birthdays were Ruby Devers and Sandi Pavlik, and Barbara Scrivner won the door prize.

Pat Faver was hostess to 20 members. Debra Rodgers dismissed the group with the benediction.

Bridge

by James Jacoby

NORTH 12-29-90			
♦ K 5 2			
♥ 6 4			
♠ 7 2			
♣ K J 10 9 6 3			
WEST EAST			
♦ J 9		♥ Q 10 8	
♥ A 9 5 3		♦ K J 10 8	
♦ K J 10 6 4		♠ 9 8	
♠ 8 2		♣ A 7 5 4	
SOUTH			
		♦ A 7 6 4 3	
		♥ Q 7 2	
		♠ A Q 5 3	
		♣ Q	
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	All pass		
Opening lead: ♦ J			



MAKING DELIVERY — Beta Delta Phi of Beta Sigma Phi members, from left, Tiffany Fowler and Sandy Fritz are loading canned goods they delivered to Goodfellows for the holiday season. In the picture below, top row, Carrie Cox, Tina Long, Karen Chandler, and bottom row, Sandy Fritz, Lynn Lancaster and Linda Sharrock plan holiday activities and received toys brought by members for the "Toys for Tots" project. The meeting was held in Stephanie Miller's home and Beth Bowen was co-hostess. (Club Photos)

Hanging in by holding up

By James Jacoby

North has a better response available — he should simply raise to two spades. By first bidding two clubs and then supporting spades, he got his side too high. But expert defense was still necessary to set the contract. Since West had declarer's second-bid suit (diamonds) bottled up, he decided to cut down dummy's ruffing power by leading trumps.

Declarer won the ace of spades and immediately led the queen of clubs, overtaking with dummy's king. If East grabs the ace, there is not much the defense can do. Whatever happens, eventually declarer will play the king of spades in dummy and then be able to cash three club tricks to make his contract. Of course, should East win the club ace and switch to a diamond, South must refuse the diamond finesse. (If it loses, the defenders might then take two heart tricks and wait for the setting trick in spades.)

But East held up when dummy's king of clubs was played. When declarer continued with a second high club, East held up once again. And the same with the third club, finally ruffed by West with the nine of spades. Although South had thrown two hearts on the clubs, West could cash the ace of hearts and lead a heart. Declarer ruffed, but he was not able to come to nine tricks. He still had to lose a spade and a diamond and finally one more diamond, taking only eight tricks.



Polly's Pointers by Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — What's the secret to making low-fat milk shakes with skim milk so they get thick? — BRITTANY

DEAR BRITTANY — There are several methods for making thick milk shakes with skim milk. Fruit-flavored milk shakes may be made by combining frozen fruit, such as frozen bananas or strawberries with skim milk in a blender. Sweetening in the form of sugar, honey or artificial sweeteners may be added to taste. The quantity of fruit and milk will vary depending on how thick you like your shakes, but approximately 1/2 cup fruit to 1 cup milk is a good proportion.

Shakes may also be made by freezing skim milk until slushy, then blending it in a blender with whatever desired flavors and sweetening you want, such as vanilla extract, cocoa powder, sugar or artificial sweetener, etc.

DEAR POLLY — I buy medium-size eggs because it cuts down on cholesterol. — MRS. R.B.

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BABY SHOWER — Shannon Meek was honoree at a baby shower held Oct. 29 in the TU hospitality room. Shown from left, are Sandra West, maternal great-grandmother; Debbie West, grandmother, honoree; Elmira Williams, paternal great-grandmother; and Cecilia Anderson, the honoree's sister-in-law. (Family Photo)

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Disgruntled ex-employee suspected of planting harmful computer virus

DALLAS (AP) — A man suspected of creating a computer virus that infected personal computers at NASA and other government agencies is being investigated by the Dallas police, officials said.

The unidentified suspect, who has not been arrested, is a disgruntled former employee of Electronic Data Systems Corp., police Sgt. Gary White told the Dallas Times Herald. EDS is based in Dallas.

White said the suspect, who resigned from EDS shortly before the virus broke out, could be charged with a third-degree felony under the Texas computer

crime law. Police are investigating the suspect and will decide in late January or February whether to file charges using evidence turned over by NASA investigators, White said.

"At this point we're just gathering as much information as we can on who has been infected, looking over case reports, seeing if it can be prosecuted under state law," White said.

Federal authorities decided the case could be better prosecuted at the local level because of difficulty in proving the suspect's intent to contaminate government computers.

The virus, known as Scores,

was among the first in the late 1980s to draw attention to the susceptibility of government computer networks to remote tampering.

The program, which affects only Macintosh computers, lies dormant before gradually destroying files, systems and hard disks.

The virus attacked NASA computers in Washington, Maryland and Florida for five months in 1988. It also attacked computers at the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

NASA and FBI investigators traced the virus to EDS because

it was designed to attack two programs used exclusively by the company.

"It was by no means one of the more destructive viruses. It was widespread," said John McAfee, chairman of the Computer Virus Industry Association.

White said the virus has been purged from government computers, but continues to infect private systems.

"You can go in and erase them out of your system, but somebody always has a disk in a desk drawer or somewhere they haven't used for a while," White said. "They don't think and stick it back in."

AP news analysis...

Gulf, Gorbachev crowd the new year

WASHINGTON (AP) — This was the year the Cold War ended and NATO and the Warsaw Pact signed the most sweeping arms-

reduction treaty in history. The phrase "new world order" gained currency in America as well as Europe. East Germany

was merged into West Germany without a flicker of friction. Nations at odds for 45 years were contemplating new arrangements to promote peace and prosperity.

So much had the volatile world changed that for a while it seemed the biggest worry in some State Department offices and Washington think tanks was whether new uses could be found for NATO now that U.S.-Soviet tensions had nearly evaporated and military alliances seemed obsolete.

As distrust dissolved, President Bush offered up to \$1 billion in food credits to the Soviet Union and other incentives for Mikhail S. Gorbachev to weather dislocations and to keep trying to establish a free-market economy.

Superpower cooperation raised hope, meanwhile, of ending wars in Afghanistan, Angola and Cambodia. Arms sales around the world even dipped a bit.

But as 1991 draws near, the world is not necessarily a safer place.

Gorbachev is trying to hold on to the 15 Soviet republics by taking on new powers that his old friend and ally, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, denounced as a step toward dictatorship.

Shevardnadze resigned as foreign minister, shattering a smooth relationship with Secretary of State James A. Baker III that had promoted reconciliation between Washington and Moscow.

Unrest in the republics poses an even bigger danger to world peace.

Some of the rebellious nationalities are reviving the hateful chauvinism that the central government in Moscow had managed to suppress. Disorder could provoke a heavy-handed

response from Gorbachev. In the Persian Gulf the threat of war made the whole world anxious.

There is no sign of a diplomatic solution even with the approach of the Jan. 15 deadline set by the U.N. Security Council for Iraq to withdraw its forces from Kuwait.

And President Bush threatens to go to war unless all the troops are not out by then.

"We haven't blinked so far," Brent Scowcroft, his national security adviser, said last week. "We're not blinking now, and we will not blink."

Not to be outdone in bravado, Bush said of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein: "If we get into an armed situation, he's going to get his ass kicked."

Saddam, meanwhile, threatened to attack Israel and to use all his resources, including chemical weapons.

Perhaps the tough talk on both sides was simply bluster, designed to achieve political objectives.

On the other severely troubled front, maybe Gorbachev will be able to get through the winter with his reconstruction program intact and his drive toward democracy only slightly impeded by the authoritarian measures he has taken.

In the meantime, though, the promise 1990 held out for peace seems more fragile with the approach of the new year.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Barry Schweid, head of The Associated Press' State Department staff, has reported on diplomacy for 17 years.

The Indonesian island volcano Krakatoa blew up on Aug. 27, 1883, and tidal waves from the cataclysmic explosions claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

WEDDING BELL DUES

Costs for an average wedding in 1990

Wedding reception	5,900
Engagement ring	2,285
Wedding rings	1,004
Trousseau/Honeymoon clothing	936
Photography, videography	908
Music	882
Bride's wedding dress	794
Bridal attendants' apparel	745
Rehearsal dinner	501
Bouquets and other flowers	478
Men's formalwear	333
Invitations, announcements, thank-yous	286
Attendants' gifts	238
Mother of the bride's apparel	236
Limousine	201
Bride's headpiece/veil	169
Clergy	166
Groom's formalwear	82
Total	\$16,144

Source: Bride's magazine

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The total cost of an average U.S. wedding is about \$16,000, according to Bride's magazine. Almost \$6,000 of that is for the wedding reception. Other typical costs include more than \$2,000 for an engagement ring, and about \$1,000 for a wedding ring.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registration
Bill Wilson Leasing Corp., 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Production Pump Services Inc., 1991 Chevrolet pickup for Big Country Chevrolet Inc.

Oil Dynamics, two 1991 Chevrolet pickups from Swinson Chevrolet Inc.

St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, 1991 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Chevrolet Inc.

Raul I. Garcia, 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ricky Hunter, 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Willard Gladson, 1990 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling Co. Inc., 1990 Oldsmobile from Howard Gray Motors.

Ronnie Helm, 1991 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Una Vay Orms, 1991 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

Marriage Licenses
Walter J. Martin Jr. and Mary Jimm Yielding Huckabee, both of Big Spring.

Marvin Lee Evans and Ruth Ann Shows, both of San Angelo.

Pablo Rodriguez Luna and Alice Contreras Perez, both of Ira.

Filed in District Court
Fluid Transports Inc. vs., Consolidation Production Inc., suit on account.

Action in District Court
In the marriage of James Allen Robinson and Donna Gayle Robinson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of John Bradley Ramby and Tonya D'Lynn Ramby, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds
Ben F. Burton, et ux, to Joe A. Sisneros, et ux, all of Lots 2 and 3, Block 19 of Andress Heights addition.

Javier Gutierrez, et ux, to Jimmie Rogers Construction, all of Lot 6, Block 5 of Parkview addition.

Royce Stowe to Patsy Stowe, a 161.8 acre tract of land in the south one-quarter of Section 195, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Wendell W. Hess, et ux, to Delbert C. Hess, Tract One: the southwest one-quarter of Section 245, Block 3 of H&TC survey; Tract Two: a 196.79 acre tract in and out of J.B. Scarborough survey; Tract Three: all the southeast one-quarter of Section 254, Block 3 of H&TC survey; Tract Four: 164.8 acre tract in the northwest corner of Section 40 lying west of RS&P Right-of-Way, Block Y of T&B Survey; Tract Five: a 160 acre tract in the northwest one-quarter of Section 24, Block Y of T&B Survey.

Donna Gayle Robinson to James Allen Robinson, a 33-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97 of H&TR survey.

James Allen Robinson to Donna Gayle Robinson, a one acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97 of H&TC survey.

Glenn Patterson, et al, to Dorothy W. Casey, all of Lot 11 Block 27 in Colonial Hill addition.

Michael B. Dennis, et ux, to Joel Hook, et ux, all of Lot 1 Block 5 of the Parkview addition.

U.S. troops will be inoculated against possible germ warfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said Friday it plans to begin vaccinating U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf against possible germ warfare.

The vaccinations are part of a plan to protect U.S. troops against the possibility that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein may use chemical or biological weapons if war breaks out.

"We are committed to providing maximum protection for our troops, including protection against chemical and biological weapons," said a brief Pentagon statement.

"We expect to begin a program of inoculations soon," it said. The statement did not provide further details, and a spokeswoman said more may be available later in the day.

The New York Times reported in its Friday editions that senior administration officials recommended the inoculations as part of a broader plan that also includes the use of masks and other protective garments.

Sheen to play reporter in movie

DALLAS (AP) — Actor Martin Sheen, known for his work in environmental and other causes, has made headlines by just showing up in a newsroom.

Filming took place Thursday at The Dallas Morning News for Sheen's new movie, "Touch and Die."

In the film, Sheen plays a

CIA Director William Webster said recently that Iraq has a large stockpile of biological weapons. Saddam has repeatedly denied it.

Iraq used chemical weapons against some rebellious Kurds in its own country and against Iran during its war with that country.

As a result, U.S. troops in the Gulf have been given protective clothing and have undergone training on how to protect themselves against an attack of poison gas.

The Times said it was unclear how many troops might be vaccinated.

The administration plans to deploy more than 400,000 troops in the region, and all are expected to be in place within several weeks.

The Times said the inoculations could begin "in a matter of weeks."

Biological weapons are based on living agents like viruses and bacteria, and they cause diseases such as typhoid and cholera.

reporter in Europe. He discovers stolen plutonium is being sold to finance a presidential campaign in the United States.

Bill Deener, assistant city editor at The News, helped Sheen with some publicity shots. Sheen borrowed Deener's silk tie that he received for Christmas.

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Gleastine picked by 'Who's Who'

Christie Gleastine has been selected to be included in the 1989-90 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

She was a member of the Snyder High School Marching Band and the girls track team. Academically, she was on the high honor roll, ranking second in her class.

Gleastine plans to attend Texas A&M University where she will study genetic engineering.

She is the daughter of Billy and Margaret Gleastine of Snyder.

Rushdie says he's embraced Moslem faith once again

NEW YORK (AP) — Salman Rushdie, under a death sentence by Iran for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses," today explained his recent embrace of the Moslem faith.

"I am certainly not a good Moslem. But I am able now to say that I am a Moslem," Rushdie wrote in a column published today in The New York Times and The Times of London.

Rushdie, a British citizen born in India, said he came from a Moslem family background but wasn't raised as a believer.

"However ... I have been engaging more and more with religious belief ... and religion for me has always meant Islam," he wrote.

Rushdie rejected calls by Moslems to withdraw "The Satanic Verses" from sale, however. "The Satanic Verses" is a novel that many of its readers have found to be of value. I cannot betray them," he wrote.

Rushdie, 43, has been in hiding since the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini ordered him killed in February 1989.

Rushdie pledged Monday not to publish the novel in paperback or in languages other than English. He also said he disagreed with the utterances of the novel's characters. But Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said Wednesday the death decree was irreversible.

EAST MOUNTAIN, Texas (AP) — Unlike many other rural communities that lost schools to consolidation, East Mountain's charming schoolhouse complex is coming back to life in stages at the hands of former Dallasites tired of the big city.

The "Old Country School of East Mountain" still plays an educational role, but veiled in the guise of an antiques, arts and crafts and performing arts center possibly like no other in East Texas.

It also plays entertainer to visitors and promoter of the region's artisans and craftsmen — a chief reason for the school's "new life."

With renovation and transformation of the building, a walk into the "Old Country School" amounts to a walk into yesteryear, fantasyland, dreamland and a unique mall attracting shoppers from near and far, all wrapped into one.

The East Mountain School complex is not your run-of-the-mill country schoolhouse. It resembles a Spanish mansion.

While the school was founded in the 1800s, the complex was built during the oil boom. The brick complex with its red tile roof, arched windows, veranda, classrooms, gym, auditorium and cafeteria was a showplace in its day. There's even a two-story teacherage across the street where the superintendent's family and female teachers lived.

After the East Mountain School consolidated in 1967 with Gilmer

Norfolk paper changes format

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Virginian-Pilot and The Ledger-Star will become an all-day newspaper in September, published and delivered in both morning and afternoon under the name of The Virginian-Pilot, the company announced Friday.

"At present, the same reporters write for both newspapers, and many of the stories appear in both newspapers. Having one name on the masthead recognizes that The Virginian-Pilot and The Ledger-Star are almost the same newspaper today," said Frank Batten Jr., associate publisher of the newspapers.

Current subscribers to The Ledger-Star will receive the afternoon editions of The Virginian-Pilot.

Batten said there will be no significant savings to the company. The change will not affect the number of people the company employs, Batten said.

The weekday circulation of the morning paper is 157,292, and 72,066 for the afternoon paper. On Saturday and Sunday the newspapers publish a combined edition with 239,457 circulation on Saturday and 239,189 on Sunday.

schools, the complex stood vacant for years, lashed by weather and vandals.

Then the Popmas came along. As residents of Lewisville on the outskirts of Dallas, they were disconcerted by the lights and concrete of the big city as it crept closer.

"We love the country; by way of taking a break, we would come to East Texas and drive around," Mrs. Popma said.

In a major decision, the couple opted for a calmer life and to start over in East Texas. Popma saw a newspaper ad about the East Mountain School being for sale, took one look and bought both the school and teacherage. The family moved in about 1977.

The Popmas initially relocated their business, the manufacture of plating lines for wastewater treatment plants, in the school. But Popma eventually went into the design phase exclusively, and the school went back up for sale.

The only offers were for the brick.

The couple's quandary about what to do with the school ended when Mrs. Popma had a brainstorm after a visit to a Tennessee arts and crafts mall.

"I could turn that school into an antique, arts and crafts center that would blow everybody away," she recalls confidently telling her husband. He became equally excited about the idea, and later on, a daughter, Cassandra Niccole, joined the project.

What's emerged is a magical place laid out like a fantasy village where shoppers stroll down indoor boulevards into shops, each showcasing works of East Texas arts and crafts dealers hand-picked by Mrs. Popma.

The shops, presently decked out in Christmas decorations, are constantly being added to and refinished. There's Woodcarver's

Hollow showing prize-winning woodcarvings, a Pennsylvania Dutch house featuring folk art, and an old country store stocked with specialty foods and gift basket selections.

Only high quality, original products are allowed: novelties, model horses, lanterns, trunks, churns, painted gourds, T-shirts, jewelry, purses and furniture, to name a few.

That's just the beginning. Under construction is a two-story dragon's castle and dungeon strictly for children to play in while adults shop.

On the drawing board are a tea room and kitchen with a top floor ballroom-meeting room reached by a sweeping staircase. The facade will be an elegant southern colonial plantation with a carriage house.

Also planned is two-story authentic old-time western town featuring a jail, doc's office, saloon and log home. Expected to materialize in late 1991 is a two-story enchanted forest glistening with an ice palace and airborne fairies.

The school's elementary wing will be converted into an antique

gallery and art gallery separate from the arts and crafts section.

Long-range plans call for restoring the auditorium to allow an annual Christmas play and other performances. Even in its present dilapidated condition, the stage was used for clog dancing and a bluegrass band during Harvest Moon, one of three main festivals each year at the center attracting up to 7,000 people.

The biggest festival is the Country Christmas Extravaganza, held the three days after Thanksgiving.

One man's junk might be treasure for another person

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Another man's junk has become treasure for A.C. Goodman, a Garrison lawyer and self-described "pack rat."

He has amassed a collection defying description, although the thousands of objects he displays in a dilapidated downtown store do have one thing in common — they're old, real old.

He's into antique implements — for want of a better word — with woodworking or edged tools ranking as his first love.

He owns more than 100 broadaxes, from goose-wing-style ax with Germanic origins, to trade axes displaying the distinctive mark of the guild. Some of his ax blades were made by English guildsmen.

The guilds, which represented all craftsmen, were once very strong in Europe, said Goodman. In fact it was illegal for non-guild members to make tools.

His collection also includes real tomahawks.

Goodman said there has

always been two major obstacles when making hand-held tools.

"The biggest problem, all the way back to the Stone Age, has been how to hold the tool to the handle. The second problem is balance."

All axes are direct descendants of the battle ax, one of which Goodman has on display in his law office next door. "This is a reproduction of a battle ax. The real one is in an Austrian museum," he said. Another French battle ax, which is authentic, was made of an inferior metal called bog iron.

Bearded axes were used for felling trees he said; and the blades do indeed look somewhat like a beard. "The broadax was used for shaping the tree up."

A Japanese hatchet blade shows more of man's toolmaking ingenuity. "The blade is actually layered and pounded, which is redone and redone. It's an ancient method of making a blade."

The hatchet was so-named, said Goodman, because it actually means "little ax."

The machete has Celtic origins, he continues, as he holds up a fine but lethal-looking example. He has one blade with religious symbols stamped on the side, much like the mark of the guild. "The Celts, however, were extremely religious and superstitious," he said. "This (three dots and a circle) marks the holy Trinity."

A carpenter's side ax has a handle skewed to one side for work in tight spots.

Goodman doesn't restrict his collection to edged tools, however. A cat's head hammer was used by farriers, or blacksmiths, and he also owns a dog's head hammer. The bowl adz he owns was probably used for digging out wooden canoes the French called pirogues. "It's a dandy piece."

A hand-held wooden drill, complete with bits, still works, but

was probably developed a little later than the simple adz.

Probably developed before the adz, however, was a froe which was used to make shingle and "is probably one of the oldest tools in the world."

The collector researches each piece of his collection and has a whole library of books to that end. "I'm currently documenting a lot of it."

As much as possible, Goodman tries to keep like items together. One section displays mechanical gadgets. "I'm a sucker for anything mechanical," he says.

A stapler has a roll of thin wire attached — it makes its own staples. Next to that is a tortilla making machine. Another device is called an egg-grader, where the farmers measured how good of an egg their chickens laid.

Stainless steel veterinary tools gleam against an antique table. "Doxing horses was once a big business," Goodman said. A pair of huge stainless pliers were used for pulling "wolf teeth" and a stainless rasp smoothed the rough edges.

When it comes to files and rasps, Goodman's 250-piece set is another collection close to his heart. He admits he's fascinated with how blacksmiths made tools. "There are 17 different colors of flame, and each is used to make a different implement. That's why it's interesting."

The tobacco-related section has a miniature guillotine, used not for taking off tiny head, but for cutting a plug of tobacco. One particular piece was designed with an iron liberty bell as decoration. It was made to celebrate the American and French revolution, said Goodman. "A man came all the way from Pennsylvania to buy that."

But Goodman won't sell any of his precious collection. If he has a duplicate piece, he says he'll barter, but the one-of-a-kind works don't have a price tag.

Ex-WTC president to speak at area chamber banquet

Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25, 1991, at the Nolan County Coliseum annex. Dr. Don Newbury, president of Howard Payne University and former president of Western Texas College, will be the guest speaker.

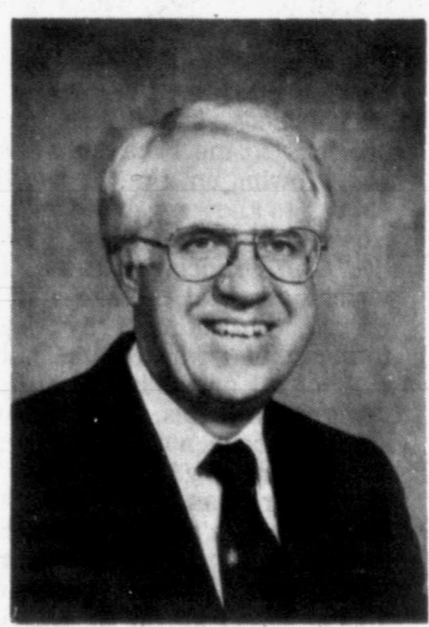
Dr. Newbury has been associated with HPU in Brownwood since Jan. 1, 1986. Prior to Howard Payne, he served as WTC's president from 1981 until he moved to Brownwood.

He is a native of West Texas having graduated from Early High School in 1956, and Howard Payne University in 1961. He acquired a Master of Journalism degree at the University of Texas in 1966, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration at North Texas State University, Denton, in 1973.

Dr. Newbury is married to the former Brenda Pack of Alpine, and they have three daughters: Julie, Jana and Jeanie. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Brownwood where he also serves as a deacon.

He has been an after dinner speaker for 25 years. He lists among his many ac-

complishments as having served as president of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1989-90; and is currently serving a three year term on the Council of Presidents for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He has also served as president of the Texas Junior College Association, 1985-86, and as past-president of the Alpine Chamber of Commerce.



DR. DON NEWBURY



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SDN Opinion Page

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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

If you saw Thursday's paper you probably noticed the Ask Us, which was concerned with the explanation of a road sign. In particular, it was that sign that shows the wavy lines and the image of a car. It means that the road ahead is prone to be extremely slippery when wet, but it could be mistaken for an S curve or maybe even a warning that a drunk driver is just ahead.

It looks like this:



Well, my family and I drove over 700 miles between Sunday evening and Tuesday night, and I believe there are a lot more road signs that need to be added to our highway system. There are hazards out there that you need to be forewarned about.

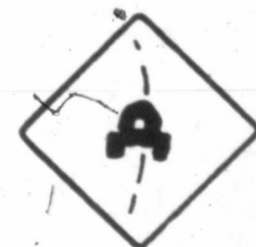
I've put together a few that the highway department might want to consider. So...

When you see this sign, it means to reach for the sun shades. Some guy with lights brighter than the sun and a dimmer switch for a brain is coming over the next hill. Be prepared to be blinded for at least the next three miles.



This sign, sometimes followed closely by a sign reading "Construction Ahead," indicates that working crews from the nearby housing project have dumped a couple of boxes of nails on the highway.

This sign means that the idiot in front of you has travelled 10 miles since the last fast food joint and is fixing to dispose of what remains of lunch, containers and all.



A sign showing a car straddling the center line might indicate a number of things, but be aware that it means trouble. The guy is either a road hog, drunk, or paying attention to his wife, all of which defeat the purpose of defensive driving.

This sign means that there are restrooms up ahead, but since it's the holidays...well, they're closed!



It's usually followed by the sign below, which indicates you should cover your children's eyes because there's a guy up ahead who couldn't wait.

SDN Week In Review

MONDAY December 24

Scurry County United Way announced that it had reached its goal of \$78,000. Chevron USA topped the list of donors with \$9,400, followed by the Price Daniel Unit with \$4,400 and Wal-Mart with \$4,200.

Jack McGlaun won the merchant's association trip-for-two to Las Vegas in a drawing. The trip was valued at \$540.

Scurry County commissioners will be appointing or re-appointing some 23 individuals to board positions during the next several weeks, it was announced.

The mother of a Snyder serviceman stationed aboard the USS Saratoga said authorities have told her that her son was not listed among those killed when a ferry carrying 100 sailors on leave capsized in the Mediterranean.

WEDNESDAY December 26

A previously undesignated

road was named Thompson Road during a Wednesday meet of Scurry County Commissioners.

Chevron headed the list of the top 10 taxpayers in Scurry County for 1990, paying out just over \$3 million, according to the tax assessor-collector's office.

THURSDAY December 27

Rotan native Mike Morrow, assistant agent for Williamson County, was named Scurry County Agriculture Extension Agent.

FRIDAY December 28

Cogdell Memorial Hospital managers approved medical staff privileges, okayed revisions in the board by-laws and heard a favorable financial report during their December meeting.

Weather has been credited with giving local farmers their best cotton crop in a decade, but now weather is plaguing area ginners trying to gin the bumper crop.

This is a sign of the times. It means the holidays are officially over.



Look Back By JoAnn Nunley

FIVE YEARS AGO

Surry Gillum and Marvin Hanson ended careers with the U.S. Post Office in Hermleigh. Both rural mail carriers retired with a combined total of 70 years service in the Hermleigh Post Office.

Two Snyder youths were nominated by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm for admission into one or more of

the four U.S. academies. They were Michael McCravey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCravey, and Donald E. Osborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Osborn.

TEN YEARS AGO

Joshua Clay Hudgins, son of Jimmy and Pat Hudgins of Hermleigh was the first baby born in Scurry County. He was born at 12:54 p.m. New Year's Day at Cogdell Memorial Hospital and was welcomed home by a brother, Jack, almost 3.

The Board of Realtors was installed by County At-

torney George Killam. They were Merle Newton, president; Dolores Jones, vice president; and Joyce Barnes, secretary-treasurer.

Twenty Years Ago Snyder Tigers tipped Dunbar 56-55 in an overtime basketball contest here. Jimmy Don Dyess and Jackie Hartsfield were high points players, respectively.

Ross Gillam, sophomore agricultural education major from Snyder, was elected treasurer of the

Tarleton State Collegiate FFA Chapter for the spring semester.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Bill Whitton, a field deputy on the staff of Aubrey Standard, Howard County Sheriff, accepted a position as deputy sheriff on the staff of Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier.

Scurry County's first baby of the year was a girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Harrison of 2610 Ave. G. She was born at 7:23 a.m. Jan. 2.

HAVE FUN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...



BUT DON'T BLOW IT. C.C. Bullard © 1990

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

This year I received the most precious gift anyone could have ever given me. I have decided to share this most intensely personal experience so that some of you reading this might get an idea for next year's holiday giving.

This past weekend, I received a copy of — and read — my father's autobiography. The book, entitled "Route Step: One Man's Journey Through Life," was bound in a spiral cover, and enough copies had been "quik-printed" for each of his children. (For those of you unacquainted with military terminology, to march in "route step" means to march out of sync, which is the way this ex-Marine chose to characterize his decidedly individualistic life.)

This book is all the more precious to me because when I was growing up, I never had the chance to know my father. I was raised in the home of my "Daddy," Bill Francis, until his (too young) death at the age of 45. I was 20. I did not meet my "real" father until I was 28 and had a child of my own. From that first meeting until this, that relationship has been nothing but pure pleasure and joy for me.

But there was so much I didn't know. I didn't know that my grandfather, a crusty, hard-working soul, had been a bare-knuckle boxer during the Depression days, or that my own father had boxed at Golden Gloves events in his youth.

I know he was retired from a career in the Marine Corps, and I knew he'd served overseas, but I

didn't know how extensive were his travels — from Manila to Bangkok, from San Francisco to Tokyo to Hong Kong — but he took me there in his story. And I smelled the lovely "frangapane" flower the local Filipino girls liked to wear over one ear, enjoyed the charm of a Japanese "ryokan" hotel, saw the crowded junks in the Hong Kong harbor; engaged in a few barroom brawls (both as a somewhat drunken young sailor and as a military policeman — both of which my dad was at one time or another before my step-mom, Betty, tamed him; well, somewhat!), spoke with reverential respect to a veteran of the Bataan death march as he took me back over each agonizing step, and even befriended a Japanese kamakazi pilot who, at 15, had missed his chance to fly his final mission because of hugh bombs which had been dropped on his homeland. (So ashamed was he of his "failure" that he never returned to his family again.) I even felt the dumb terror of riding out a fullblown typhoon at sea.

And I felt the agony of a sailor torn apart from his son by divorce and the sea; the pride of a hotheaded and deeply hurt young man who refused to accept his ex-wife's baby daughter as his own.

Later, I "experienced," through the words of my father, how it felt to throw my body into the bunkers of war (as a volunteer, by the way — at the age of 39, with five kids at home), dodge enemy fire, and say good-

bye to many fine young buddies only to return home to a public who would call me a baby-killer and spit on my uniform.

I know my dad was a confirmed "desert rat" and white water rafter, but I didn't know he'd been a glider pilot! I saw my own love of freedom and independence mirrored in every page, bits and parts of my own

personality reflected — even that little reckless part that sometimes overlooks danger for the pure joy of the adventure. My heritage was confirmed. And when I felt the love manifested in those pages toward each of my father's children, including me, I wept.

There are many of you out
See DEANIE'S, 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 #49, Snyder, Texas, 79549.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Daughter-in-Law's Spirits Soar

DEAR ABBY: I owe you big time, lady — and after racking my brain for ways to "pay" my debt, I think I found a method that will please you.

Recently you published a list of "do's and don'ts" for a better relationship between mothers-in-law/daughters-in-law. Among them, to mothers-in-law, was: "Don't drop in without calling first." My husband's mom, who is retired and lives across the street, never misses your column and, much to our relief, she took your advice. Her unannounced visits were immediately reduced from two to three a day to twice a week!

Don't get me wrong; she is a wonderful person whom I love very much, but with our hectic schedules, her drop-in visits were very disruptive. Neither my husband nor I could figure out how to get that message across without hurting her feelings. Abby, as a token of my heartfelt appreciation for solving this problem for us, I have doubled my United Way Fund contribution for 1991 in your honor!

Should you publish this, just sign me ...

WORTH IT

DEAR WORTH IT: You are indeed unique. Most readers see others in my column, but rarely do they see themselves.

DEAR ABBY: We're having a debate in my family. If a man gives a woman an engagement ring, and four hours later they break up, should the woman return the ring?

My sister says, "No, the ring is the woman's to keep regardless of how long she's had it."

I am in total disagreement, and feel that given the scant length of their engagement, the woman is not entitled to keep the ring.

A third sister insists that if the woman breaks the engagement, she should return the ring, but if the man breaks the engagement, it's, "Tough luck, buddy!"

This happens to be a family matter, because the girl who had the four-hour engagement is our cousin. Please don't mention the name of our town, as it could be embarrassing.

WEST COAST COUSINS

DEAR COUSINS: A four-hour engagement must be some kind of record. The gentleman has every right to expect the lady to return the ring. And if she refuses, she's no lady.

Deanie's column continues here

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there who've reached retirement age and long to occupy yourselves with a new, exciting project. Some of you passed retirement age decades ago and know your time remaining to us is limited. I strongly urge you — make a gift to your children they will always cherish. Tell them your story. Help them understand why you made certain decisions at certain times and why you sometimes doubted those decisions. Give them all of it — not just the sugar-coated parts. Let them see you at your most human. And be sure to tell them as much as you know about their grandparents and great-grandparents.

If writing a book frightens you to death, then give them a VCR-BAL history. Make a series of cassette tapes and make copies for each child. Do it now.

There is no more precious gift you could ever give your family. Dad — thanks, from the bottom of my heart. I love you, too.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you publish a lot more letters from experienced runners and joggers, because they should have plenty of valuable tips for inexperienced runners.

But in case nobody mentions this, runners should never wear headsets to listen to music, the news or whatever while they are running! A friend of mine was nearly killed because she wore a headset — and didn't hear the little sports car that came whizzing around the corner.

MARY SUNSHINE

CONFIDENTIAL TO O. IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.: Voltaire said, "The secret of being a bore is to tell everything." (A truism — but hardly a secret.)

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to your reply to the mother who had difficulty understanding why "God took her child" through an accident. My teen-age grandson was struck and killed by a car while crossing the street. The driver of the car had been drinking in a bar for three hours. He was driving a vehicle that was not his and was going at a speed estimated to be twice the legal limit. He did not stop after hitting my grandson.

When her minister told my daughter it was "God's will" and she would have to "bow" to it, she, too, had difficulty accepting it. I suggested that for a person to get into a "borrowed" vehicle, exceed the speed limit and leave the scene of an accident was not the will of God, but the will of Satan.

Is it not approaching blasphemy to blame God for something for which Satan is responsible?

THE REV. AUTRY BROWN, BOLIVAR, MO.

DEAR MR. BROWN: Let us leave both God and Satan out of it; the blame rightfully belongs to the driver of the car.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column you advised a reader not to fight fire with fire because it might create a bigger fire. In some instances, I

Mauro calls for census adjustment

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas census count should be raised because there is evidence that people were left out in larger cities and rural areas, state Land

Heritage center for Hope possible

NEW YORK (AP) — Bob Hope has come a long way on his wit and grit, in more ways than one.

At the age of 4, the future entertainer was a British immigrant to America. Now a proposed family history center at Ellis Island will be named for the 87-year-old entertainer, the Ellis Island Restoration Commission said Thursday.

Plans for the Bob Hope Family Heritage Center were disclosed as Hope was winding up another Christmas visit with American troops overseas.

Commission spokesman Alan Prigge said Hope, reached in Saudi Arabia, quipped, "Sounds great, but does this make me a national monument?"

The center will be built with \$15 million in private subscriptions. Holding records of the 17 million immigrants who passed through Ellis Island, it will include a computer center where descendants can research their family ancestry.

suppose this is true. However, there are times when one has to take extreme measures.

For example, my husband of many years used to come to the table for meals with no shirt on. I repeatedly asked him not to do this because I did not like looking at all that flesh while I ate. But he continued to do so, saying that he "forgot."

Finally, one Sunday morning when I had prepared an especially nice breakfast, he came to the table wearing only his shorts. He was in his early 70s by this time and by no means attractive in his half-naked state. (I am 10 years younger.)

So, without saying a word, I left the table, took off my dress and bra and returned to the table and proceeded to eat my breakfast. My husband took one look at me, got up and went to his room, put on a shirt and returned to the breakfast table. I then got up, went to my room again, redressed and returned to the table.

Neither my husband nor I said one word about the incident, but he never came to the table in a half-dressed state again.

ST. PETERSBURG FIREFIGHTER

DEAR FIREFIGHTER: How true that old saying: "Actions speak louder than words." No words could have been more effective.

DEAR ABBY: Apropos Henry Clay's famous words, "I'd rather be right than be president," Orlando B. Ficklin of Illinois was heard to quip, "The gentleman will probably never be either!"

JACK B. HORSLEY, MATTOON, ILL.

DEAR MR. HORSLEY: Mr. Ficklin must have had a crystal ball. Henry Clay, for all his brilliance, was a five-time loser, having lost his bid for the presidency to John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk, and his party's nomination to William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor.

CONFIDENTIAL TO YOU: To ensure a Happy New Year for you and everyone else — if you're driving, don't drink. And if you're drinking, please don't drive.

Student moonlights on swing

DALLAS (AP) — A University of North Texas student likes to get into the swing of things when she goes to work.

Cassi Rosales, a junior from Carrollton, is one of the Old San Francisco Steak House's few "swingers" and she enjoys the fun and attention involved.

Rosales, who is studying for a public relations degree at North Texas, has worked at the Old San Francisco Steak House in Dallas for 13 months as a waitress. Nine months ago, she became one of five swingers who provide entertainment at the restaurant.

A red velvet swing hangs above the middle of the bar counter.

There are two ropes that hold the swing 7 feet from the floor and 17 feet from the ceiling, where there are beams that hold large cow bells.

The swinger swings to the music of the two baby grand pianos beside the bar, swinging high enough to reach the ceiling and hit the bells.

People from all over the world will come in and see the girl on the red velvet swing, she said.

"So many people tell me that I make it look so easy, but it's not as easy as it looks. It gets easier as I do it," Rosales said. "I have to swing high enough to get myself past the second floor. Then I twist and turn getting high enough to hit the bells with my hand, and then the hardest trick of all is to be parallel with the beam of the ceiling and do a back kick, hitting the bell."

She usually swings on Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 10:45, once every 45 minutes, and each show lasts about five to seven minutes. When Rosales is not performing, she is walking around talking to guests and their children and seating people in the restaurant as a hostess.

"I try to talk to kids, especially those under 12 years old, and encourage them to sit on the swing," she said. "Then I give them a 'swinger's certificate' that has their name, date and the swinger's name."

Rosales said the training involved in becoming a swinger lasts anywhere from four weeks to eight months.

"It took me about eight weeks to learn how to do it," she said. "I practiced about two hours a day, five days a week. You learn the tricks by just getting stronger and becoming more confident on the swing."

She has not had any gymnastics experience, but she was in drill team in high school.

"You have to have a lot of upper body strength, endurance and you must be in shape," she said.

"I really enjoy it because not only do I get a lot of positive comments from people about my talent, but I feel like an entertainer in the limelight. It's also a very nice break from school and waiting tables," Rosales said.

"People want to have their pictures taken with the swingers a lot," she said. "A lot of businessmen will bring their foreign associates in and they will want to pose with us."

On New Year's Eve, the Old San Francisco Steak House will have a large net with balloons inside.

Subscribers complain about editing of bulletin board

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Subscribers to a nationwide computer network contend the owners are taking a bite out of the First Amendment by censoring the network's electronic bulletin board messages.

But officials for the Prodigy network, which provides consumer and information services to several hundred thousand subscribers, maintain they have the same right as newspaper and broadcast executives to "set boundaries" on the exercise of free expression.

An electronic communications law expert agreed, saying the challenge for Prodigy is enforcing standards tough enough to avoid lawsuits sparked by bulletin board content.

"They should be able to forbid whatever they forbade in their subscriber agreement," Dallas attorney Benjamin Wright said Thursday.

But subscriber indignation has been flowing for weeks into the electronic bulletin board Prodigy sets aside for complaints.

"Censorship is the most un-American, communist thing in the Prodigy service," wrote subscriber Chris Hanke, who did not say where he lives. "If a member finds anything offensive (on the bulletin boards) this service should ask them if they still want to be a member of this service."

Subscriber John Gillis likened the service's editors to "old ladies" afraid of mice. That drew a one-word retort from Ray Bandel, one of the badly out-

numbered subscribers who support Prodigy's standards: "Bull."

Prodigy, which carries such items as stock quotes, advertising and horoscopes, considers itself a "family service," company spokeswoman Martha Griffin said. It is jointly owned by Sears and IBM Corp.

"When you send something into a public bulletin board on a fami-

ly service, then you expect to write within the boundaries of the rules that are stated," she said from her White Plains, N.Y., office.

When they join, Prodigy subscribers agree to refrain from sending messages that contain profanity or obscenity, threaten or insult, might offend those doing business through Prodigy, or are "otherwise objectionable."

Sales up despite strong competition

AUSTIN (AP) — Christmas tree sales increased significantly this season despite increased competition from imports, officials said.

The Texas Christmas Tree Association reported that its 400 members sold more than 400,000 trees between Thanksgiving and Christmas at both wholesale and cut-and-choose farms, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

That is a jump from the 280,000 trees sold last year, the association said.

Cut-and-choose farms, where customers select and cut their trees in the field, reported strong sales at farms close to urban areas, James Chandler, forester for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and a member of the association, said.

Chandler, however, said some farms in northeastern Texas that are far from urban centers reported lower sales than last year.

"I think higher gas prices played a role," he said.

Chandler also said some association members believe they were competing in a market glutted by more trees imported from other states than in previous years.


He said that some retail tree lots began cutting prices earlier than usual and some retailers were left with more trees than they generally have after Christmas.

Keith Hawkins, who said he has operated tree lots in Austin for nine years, said he had to shut down one of his lots two weeks before Christmas because the trees weren't selling.

Association officials also said the grocery store chain H.E.B. started selling trees this year, a move that put several thousand more trees into the state's retail market.



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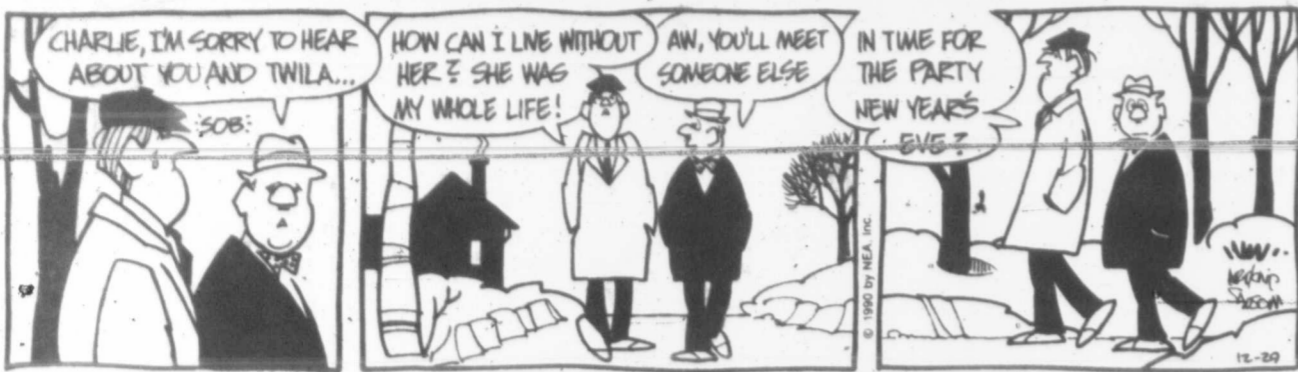
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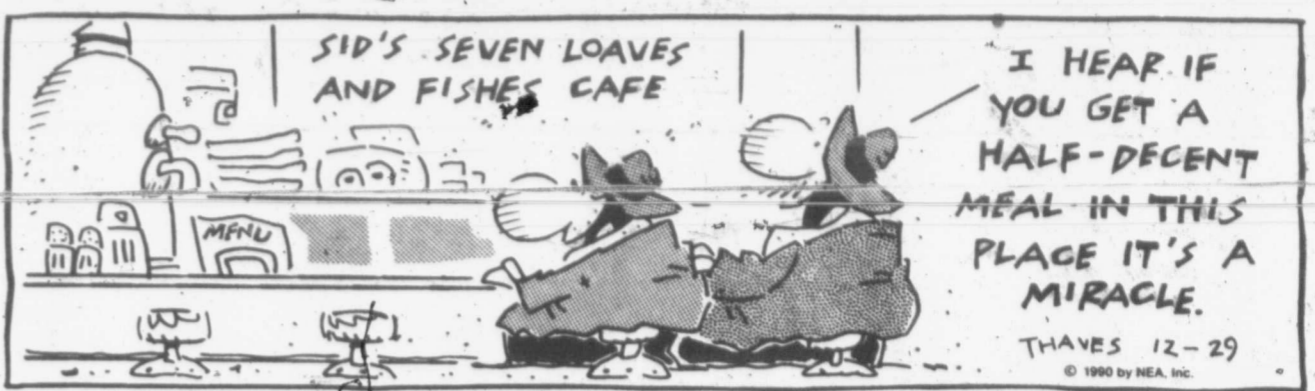
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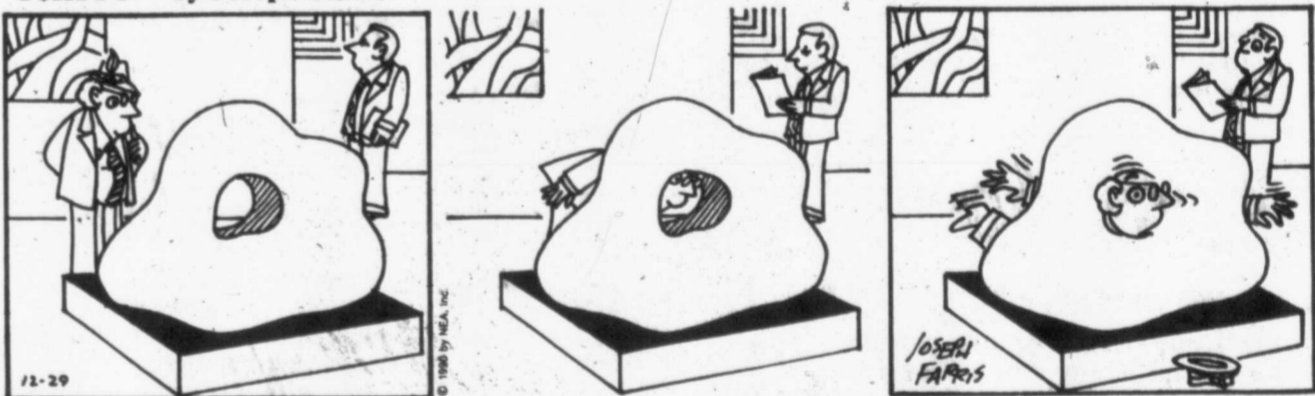
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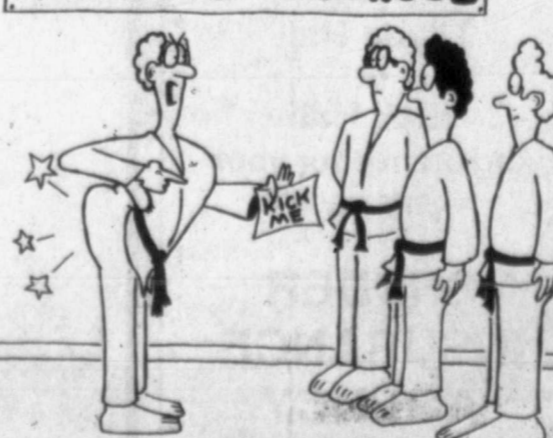
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Your Birthday

Dec. 30, 1990

Some of the restrictive conditions that inhibited your progress this past year will be lessened or removed in the year ahead. These alterations will enhance your potential for success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're reasonably good at keeping secrets, especially those of a business nature, but today there is a possibility you might do too much talking to the wrong guy. 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) Upon occasion, socializing could turn out to be a negative involvement and this may be one of those days. If you agree, try to find something more constructive to do with your time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your motives could be suspect today where your peers are concerned, so make certain everything you do is above reproach. If you try to get coy, you'll get caught.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might feel like sounding off to an individual who really deserves it. It's best, however, that you hold your tongue and count to 10 or even 20 until your anger subsides.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you get involved in a financial transaction today that requires paper work, don't take anything for granted. Read the contract or agreement carefully, down to the very last line.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your friends will tolerate your restlessness today, but not your indecisiveness, especially if you start changing plans that affect them as well as yourself. Be thoughtful towards others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) When conversing with friends today, speak well of pals who are not present or say nothing. Your comments will be repeated and perhaps distorted to the person about whom you talked.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to expedite your tasks or assignments today you might be tempted to take shortcuts. Unfortunately the methods you're likely to employ are apt to cause more work than when you started.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It will reflect poorly on your image today if you try to take full credit for something in which you played only a minor role. Don't let your ego put you in an embarrassing

position.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Everyone is entitled to express his/her own opinion, so don't overreact today if another's point of view is diametrically opposed to yours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're pretty good at figuring out things for yourself today if you are left to your own devices. However, complications could enter the picture with the suggestions of an unsolicited adviser.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're likely to function more effectively today if you can operate independently of others. In situations where teamwork is required you may be more of a hindrance than a help.



Your Birthday

Dec. 31, 1990

The year ahead could have both pleasant surprises as well as welcome changes. You're not likely to follow many of the same routines and procedures into which you were previously locked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People with whom you'll be involved today might not be as cooperative as you think they should be. The reason, however, may be traced to the example you establish. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Experimenting with shortcuts pertaining to tasks or assignments that you know from your own experience require time and patience could be a big mistake today. Don't make extra work for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Social complications could result today if you are too insistent with everyone doing things your way. Try to go along with the

will of the majority, even if you don't totally approve of its ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be on guard today so you aren't drawn into situations you dislike, either of a social or commercial nature. You'll be happier if you're able to control events instead of having them control you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your concentration might not be up to par today, so it is very important that you think before you speak. If you say something you shouldn't, it could be extremely difficult to retract.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Imprudent management of your resources today could cause you to be more extravagant than you should be. Try to live within your own budget and means.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An ally upon whom you are depending might abruptly change sides and leave you standing alone. Above all else today, it is important that you be self-sufficient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're reasonably capable today, but you must be aware of your limitations. If you take on more than you can comfortably manage, undesirable results are likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be extremely selective today regarding your choice of companions for social purposes. If you pick the wrong ones, it could put a big damper on your enjoyment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you present yourself in an overly assertive manner today, the type of results you're hoping for might escape you. Instead of being pushy, strive to be pleasant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're likely to be in a friendly and gregarious mood today, which is well and good, provided you don't give away secrets told to you in strict confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There is a possibility today that you may be manipulated by someone to pick up certain costs that should be the sole responsibility of another. Don't let yourself be used.

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Fort Worth taxi driver shot

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 64-year-old Fort Worth taxi driver died at a hospital about four hours after he was found slumped over in the front seat of his cab with a bullet wound in the back of his head, officials said. The driver, Lorain L. Dingman, died at 8:02 p.m., the victim of an apparent robbery, officials said. Dingman's wallet, watch and car keys were taken, police reports said.

Neighborhood residents said his Yellow Checker Cab had been sitting with its lights on in a remote corner of a field, a short distance from some railroad tracks, for several hours before someone walked by the vehicle and then summoned police.

Yellow Checker president Jim Richards, contacted at his office on Thursday, said that the company had just learned of the shooting and that he would not comment at that time.

Richards said recent attacks on cab drivers statewide had prompted the company to institute safety measures. He would not detail those steps.

Dingman was conscious when he was loaded into an ambulance, but he was wounded too seriously to tell detectives much, homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz said.

It is the second time a Yellow Checker cabbie has been attacked in Tarrant County in the past three months.

Bart Glasscock, 32, survived

Two men fight over python

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 14-foot, 175-pound Burmese python that was expected to be the star attraction at a court hearing was a no-show.

The snake, at the center of an ownership dispute between two men, was to have appeared in court Thursday. But the man with temporary custody of the reptile said it was stolen.

State District Judge Charles Gonzalez on Thursday left in place an earlier court order that

having his throat slashed Oct. 23 in Arlington.

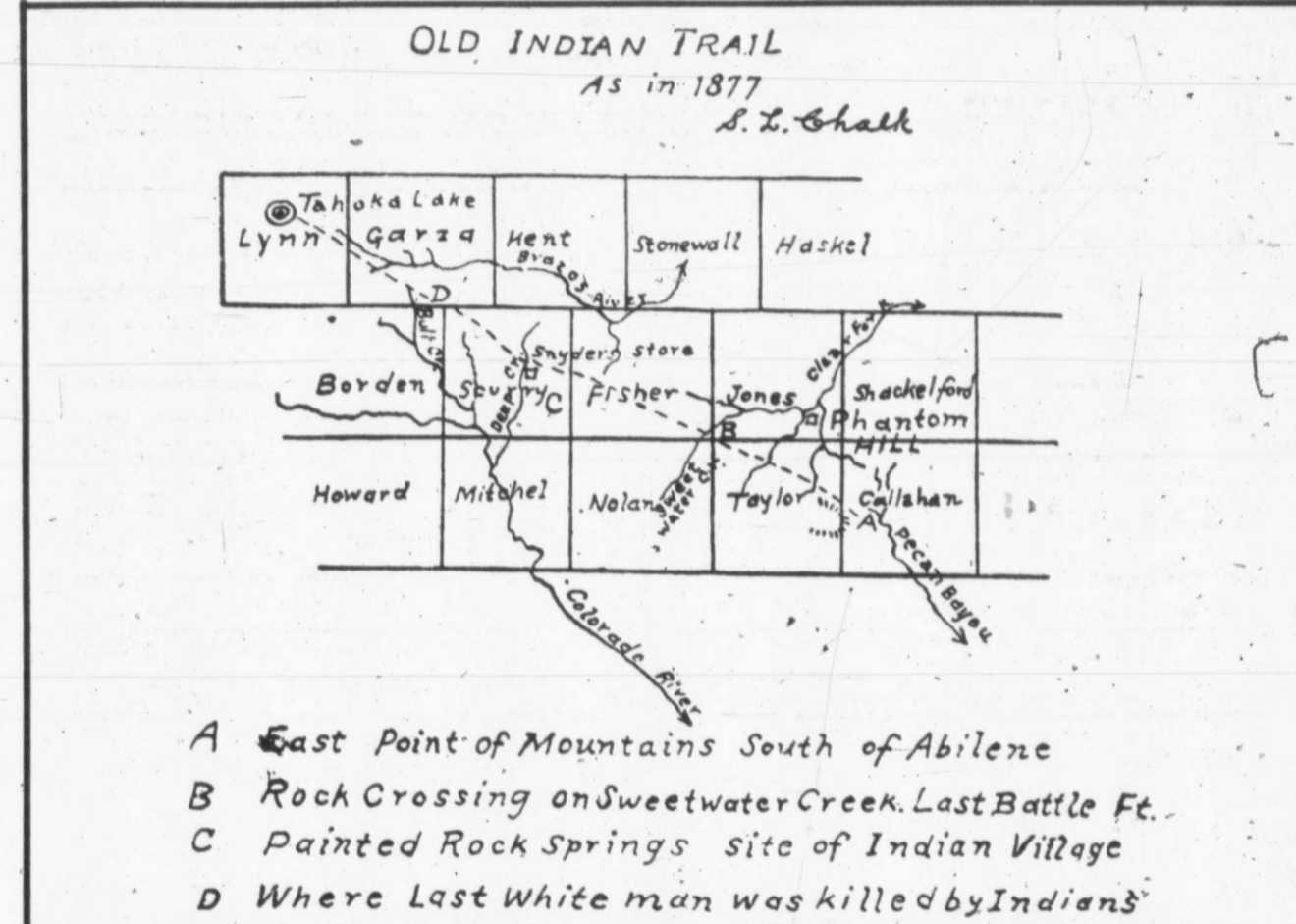
Four days ago, a Dallas cabbie Asrat Bekele, 35, was shot in the back of the head and died. Bekele was the fourth driver to be killed in Dallas County this year. Police have said they see no connection among the Dallas killings.

In Austin, two cab drivers were killed over a three-day period earlier this month.

The snake not be harmed or taken out of Bexar County pending its eventual court appearance.

Herman Ford claims the snake is a male named Bernie that slithered away from his home Dec. 15 and eventually was recovered by police and turned over to the San Antonio Zoo.

But Sam Gonzales claimed the snake from the zoo after identifying it as his missing female python.



INDIAN MAP. This map shows the OLD INDIAN TRAILS of 1877 which came through West Texas. Shirley Gillum Drum inherited this from her grandfather, Z.P. Gillum, when he died. Shirley was five years old at the time, and she had asked for some of his old-time materials. Courtesy: R.C. Crane, Sweetwater, Texas, and Shirley Gillum Drum, Snyder, Texas.

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News of '90

U.S. faced woes at home and abroad

By The World Almanac

NEW YORK (NEA) — These were among the top news stories of 1990, as selected and reported by The World Almanac and Book of Facts:

- Leaving Kuwait in ruins, Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces overran and annexed his small oil-rich neighbor. That led to U.N.-backed economic sanctions against Iraq, and threats of military expulsion. U.S.-led forces intervened to guard Saudi Arabia and American interests in the Persian Gulf.

- As economists predicted another recession, and as oil prices rose, the U.S. Congress finally worked out a new budget. It tried to deal with the growing deficit, tax changes, unemployment, health care, and other domestic problems — including the huge costs of the savings and loan crisis.

- After a 45-year division into communist and non-communist states, the reunification of Germany was formalized on Oct. 3. The year also brought dramatic movements towards democratization in other Warsaw Pact nations.

- Economic hardships, calls for independence among its republics, and political dissent marked a year of domestic turmoil in the Soviet Union. President Mikhail Gorbachev, winner of the 1990 Nobel Peace Prize, attempted to move the U.S.S.R. from a long history of communist authoritarian rule to democracy and capitalism. He requested and received emergency Western aid.

- South African tribes repeatedly clashed in the wake of black leader Nelson Mandela's release from prison, and President F.W. de Klerk's official white-minority attempts to unify the nation and eliminate apartheid.
- Drug abuse, crime, racial tensions, and financial difficulties plagued large U.S. cities. The 1990 census, meanwhile, reported an increase in homelessness and a decline in key urban populations.
- Retiring after almost 34 years on the bench, Supreme Court Justice

William Brennan was replaced by David Souter. Abortion and civil rights issues were the focus of his Senate confirmation hearings.

- Exhibitions of Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs, National Endowment for the Arts grants, 2 Live Crew's rap music trial, Madonna's latest rock video and the new NC-17 movie rating exemplified the U.S. de-

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bate over censorship and defining obscenity.

- HIV-2, a second strain of the AIDS virus originally discovered in West Africa, was found to be spreading. A U.S. report by the Centers for Disease Control estimated that up to about 200,000 new cases of AIDS would be reported through the end of 1992.

Through the end of the year, the crisis in the Persian Gulf continued to make the most headlines. Saddam's occupying army in Kuwait was facing a U.N.-imposed deadline of Jan. 15 to either withdraw or be forced out.

Talks between Iraq and Kuwait over oil and border disputes had broken off during the summer. Meanwhile, Iraq had massed 100,000 soldiers on its border with Kuwait. Kuwait's entire army contained only 20,000 men, and it was overmatched by Iraq in all categories of weaponry.

Iraqi tanks and infantry invaded Kuwait before dawn on Aug. 2, and Iraq announced it was responding to a call from Kuwaiti revolutionaries who had overthrown the monarchy. Despite resistance from loyal Kuwaitis, Iraqi forces quickly seized key roads and buildings, and soon claimed effective control of the country. The emir of Kuwait escaped from the presidential palace by helicopter. An Iraqi thrust into Saudi Arabia,

which could bring nearly one half of the world's known oil reserves under its control, had appeared possible.

But the United States sent a strong military force to defend Saudi Arabia; and other nations sent far smaller contingents.

A wide spectrum of nations deplored Iraqi aggression, and Saddam's government soon found itself virtually isolated from the world community.

In the United States, Democrats added to their majorities in both houses of Congress in the mid-term elections held on Nov. 6. In races for governor, they also maintained their control of a majority of the nation's statehouses.

The results of these races were especially important because governors will play an influential role in the redistricting of congressional and state legislative seats that will take place as a result of the 1990 census.

Democrats captured statehouses in populous Florida and Texas, where several congressional districts will be added. But a Republican won the gubernatorial contest in the No. 1 state, California, which is to add the most House seats.

Public-opinion polls had shown that voters were unhappy, and often angry, because of the decline of the economy, and because of a prolonged fight over the adoption of a federal budget. That furor had ended just 10 days before the election. However, only one incumbent U.S. senator was defeated, and about 96 percent of the incumbents seeking reelection to the House won.

The reunification of Germany, after a 45-year division of its people into communist and non-communist states, was 1990's biggest headline from Eastern Europe. Political union came far more swiftly than most had expected, but full economic integration would clearly take far longer.

Note: This summary of major news events was adapted from *The World Almanac and Book of Facts for 1991*. © 1990 NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

1990 census

The preliminary 1990 count for the population of the United States was put at about 245.8 million, based on the mail return of census forms and follow-up door-to-door head counts.

The Census Bureau said that efforts to count people mixed in those initial surveys would add at least 3 million people, bringing the total closer to the 250 million it had estimated earlier in the year.

The data showed that at least 55 percent of Americans now live in the South and West, up from 52 percent in 1980; and that 20 percent live in the Northeast, a 1.7 percent decrease from 1980. The Midwest also showed a decrease by approximately 2 percent — its new total: 24 percent of

Americans.

Census figures showed the growth in the 1980s centered around metropolitan areas, with nearly 80 percent of the U.S. population now residing in or near a large city. While metropolitan areas were growing in population, rural areas lost more than 1 million people during the past decade.

Almost 40 percent of the nation's population increase (23 million) was due to immigration, both legal and illegal. Some 7.9 million immigrants (largely from Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean) arrived between 1980-1990.

The preliminary 1990 census results also showed that Nevada (49.1), Alaska (35.8), Arizona (33.1), and Florida (31.1) had the largest percentage increases in population since 1980.

But California, with an increase of

23.7 percent from 1980, and a population of 29,279,000, is the largest state. It has almost 12 percent of the total U.S. population.

Fire delays Panhandle's return to class

PANHANDLE, Texas (AP) — Kindergarten and first-grade students at Panhandle Elementary School will have a longer-than-expected Christmas break due to cleanup of classrooms damaged by fire.

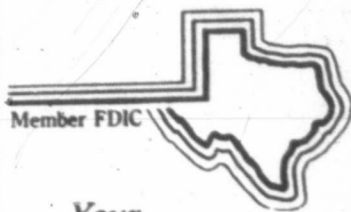
No one was injured in the Thursday morning blaze.



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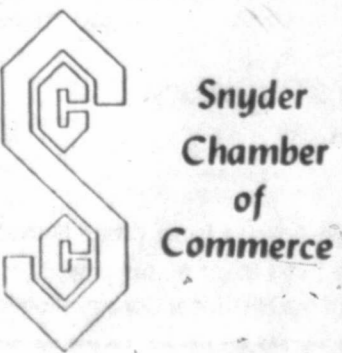
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Community and Chamber Events For January

Date	Time	Event	Location
1-3	8:00 p.m.	Fabulous Magicians Basketball Game	Coliseum
1-8	1:00 p.m.	Employer's Day Conference	Western Texas College
1-8	7:00 p.m.	Scurry, County Merchants Assoc. Mtg.	TBA
1-10	10:00 a.m.	Tourism/Retirement Committee Mtg.	Chamber Board Room
1-12		4-H Livestock Show	Coliseum
1-16	12:00 noon	Board of County Development Mtg.	Snyder Country Club
1-18	12:00 noon	Goldcoat Luncheon	TBA
1-21	4:00 p.m.	Chamber Board of Directors Mtg.	Chamber Board Room
1-23 to 1-26		Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show & Sale	Coliseum

**Welcome New
 Members**

Nathalie's 1503 26th
 Nathalie & Joe Kelley
 Aubrey Williams
 Halliburton Services
 John Risenhoover
 US 84 & FM 1611
 Snyder Council on
 Alcohol & Drug Abuse
 Belva LaRoux and
 Nancy LaRoux

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Has your civic group or organization planned an event for 1991? Let the Chamber of Commerce office know the dates of your scheduled events and we will list and publicize the events in our newsletter and calendar. Call today at 573-3558 and let us add your dates to our calendar!

BASIC COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS SEMINAR!

The Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse located at 2513 College Ave. will be hosting a seminar on basic communications skills. J.Kwame Bruce, M.E.D., M.S., C.A.D.C., N.C.C. will be the instructor. The seminar will be held on Saturday, January 19, 1991 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the seminar will be \$20 per person. For further information or to make reservations for the seminar, you can contact Belva LaRoux or Nancy LaRoux at 573-1141.

TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Now that elections have come and gone, we must once again focus on a number of serious problems confronting our state. The most obvious crises are of monumental proportion: public education reform, health and human services, prison over-crowding, tax reform. The list goes on and on. The answer to these problems is simple. It's MONEY! We either need more of it, or else we need to reduce spending in many areas, or we need a compromise somewhere in between. Here's the problem. The current state biennium budget (all funds) is projected to be approximately \$50.7 billion, with general revenue-related funds at \$30.3 billion. No surplus state revenues are projected. If no new programs or increases in existing programs are adopted by the next Legislature, the

Legislative Budget Board estimates that current law will require increased expenditures of 12 percent, or \$5.9 billion (all funds), with general revenue funds constituting \$3.5 billion of this total. These increases, already built into the budget, primarily represent increases in the school-age population, increases in enrollment in higher education institutions, federal law governing state health and human services payments, and operating costs and debt payments for new state facilities such as prisons which will be coming on line during the 1992-93 biennium. With the 12 percent increase built in by state law, our conservative estimate translates into a 1992-93 budget of \$57.6 billion, with a general revenue shortfall of at least \$4.4 billion. Where will the money come from? The best estimates indicate that growth in the state's tax revenue will generate an additional \$2.3 billion shortfall. Spending cuts will receive serious consideration but probably will not have a significant impact. It is highly likely the Legislature will consider additional tax increases, especially restructuring the franchise tax, since the Governor-elect has already called for such a measure. A state lottery is also on Governor-elect Richards' agenda, but it could take until mid-1992 to fully implement. The specter of a state income tax will again rear its head, but probably lacks sufficient support in the Legislature. The state's budget woes will be a primary focus of lawmakers during the next session. New taxes are not inevitable but they appear likely. As state financing questions arise during the next session, the Texas Chamber is ready to join the political dialogue. Without question, the discussion on state financing will have an immediate and direct impact on both small and large businesses in the state.

Larry Milner - Executive Director

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR 1991

The Chamber of Commerce is currently planning a program of work for 1991 and seeking INPUT for several years down the road. The goal of our program is always to create more dollars for more people and to improve the economic welfare of all. Every member has a voice in determining the policies and projects and every member is needed to work on active committees to get the job done. The following lists of committees are merely suggestions. Please add to the list or take away. But let us hear from you. Decide where your interests and talents can be best utilized and select a committee (s) that you would enjoy working on. Join our team of making Snyder better than ever! Call or mail in your selections NOW!

ECONOMIC DIVISION - Mission Statement: To expand, develop, and enhance the major economic areas in Snyder, Scurry County.

- () **Industrial Development**
 Purpose: To develop new industry, and enhance the profitability of existing industry, and to coordinate the entire industrial development effort.
- () **Agri-Business**
 Purpose: To aid Scurry County agriculture in implementing existing agricultural programs for the purpose to increase profitability and public awareness.
- () **Petroleum Relations**
 Purpose: To increase public awareness of the needs and contributions of the petroleum industry, and to assist with community support where applicable.
- () **Business Development - Scurry County Merchants Association**
 Purpose: To assist local retail and wholesale businesses with programs to increase sales and reduce loss.
- () **Tourist Development**
 Purpose: To promote visitor travel to Snyder, Scurry County.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Mission Statement: To identify and implement city/county projects, and encourage civic participation to enhance the quality of life.

- () **Civic Development**
 Purpose: To conceive, organize, and implement capital improvements and beautification projects to enhance Snyder visually.
- () **Cultural Affairs**
 Purpose: To broaden and enhance the artistic and cultural base of Snyder, Scurry County.
- () **Leadership Scurry County**
 Purpose: To conceive and implement training and information programs to develop future community leaders, and civic board members.
- () **Goals for Snyder**
 Mission Statement: To meet the needs of Snyder and Scurry county the next 10 years.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - Mission Statement: To increase support from new and existing members.

- () **Membership Building**
 Purpose: To continuously seek out and sell prospective memberships.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION - Mission Statement: To increase awareness of community related goals and activities, pending legislation, and the state of education.

- () **Governmental Affairs**
 Purpose: To monitor pending legislation relevant to Snyder, Scurry County, and inform the membership and public of the issues involved; and to establish closer ties to elected officials.
- () **Education**
 Purpose: To lend moral and practical support to local education and educators.

ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS - Mission Statement: To meet the needs of the community by developing and coordinating special activities and projects that advertise and promote Snyder, Scurry County.

- () July 4th Celebration
- () AJRA National Finals Rodeo
- () White Buffalo Days Celebration
- () Ag-Day
- () Annual Banquet

I believe the Chamber should be working on the following projects to help meet the needs of the community:

1991 _____
 1992 - 1995 _____
 1995 - 2000 - _____

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 ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE _____
 (Where you want Chamber mail delivered.)