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Ask Us

SISD board meeting...

Resignations accepted; bid okayed by trustees

Snyder public schools board of trustees Thursday accepted resignations from two teachers, approved an annual audit report and okayed a bid of \$17,409 to build a restroom facility near the junior high tennis courts.

No action was taken during two separate executive sessions which dealt with personnel and a routine evaluation of Superintendent Dalton Moseley. Trustees accepted the resignations of Phillip Wester, high school biology teacher and varsity assistant coach, and Terrell Harris, junior high social studies instructor and coach. They also

approved a one-semester leave of absence for Vanessa Taylor, a fifth grade teacher at Central Elementary. In related business, the board also agreed to hire Marsha Krenek to replace Wester in the classroom, with a key stipulation. Krenek will be on full-time staff only until a biology instructor/varsity assistant coach is located by Athletic Director David Baugh. As board members were informed, the process of finding a coach/biology instructor may take as little as a week or as long as a semester. Krenek is aware of the situation and has agreed to it, according to Moseley.

The board reviewed two bids (see SISD, page 10)

Jayton postpones review of petition

JAYTON — Jayton school board, upon the advice of a lawyer, has decided to wait until Jan. 11 to review a detachment annexation petition that calls for the portion of Snyder Independent School District lying inside Kent County to be annexed into the Jayton district.

who reside in a portion of Kent County that is within the Snyder school district. The area involved includes some 55 square miles with property valued at \$12,496,718. At \$1.04 tax rate set by Snyder ISD, the local school system stands to lose some \$129,966 if the property is annexed to Jayton.

Jayton school superintendent Gary Harrell said this morning that research has indicated a 21-day notice announcing the public hearing should be observed. On the advice of a lawyer, the board will now review the petition on Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

For the annexation to be effected, both Snyder and Jayton school districts must approve. If the districts disagree, the matter could be appealed to the Commissioner of Education in Austin. Snyder public schools board of trustees has not received a copy of the petition.

The petition has been signed by a majority of registered voters

Terrorist activity leads to concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department expressed concern today about the possibility that Middle Eastern terrorists may be planning a variety of attacks, perhaps against U.S. targets in Western Europe or West Africa.

A brief statement said the concern was based partly on recent reports of movement of terrorists from the Middle East and the discovery of weapons shipments destined for pro-Iranian groups in Spain and Africa.

"If credible, specific information or a threat to the public is received, the Department of State will provide additional information for travelers and other concerned parties," the statement said.

A State Department official, who asked not to be identified, said the administration has begun briefing foreign governments about its concerns and felt that a warning to the public also was appropriate.

One reason for increased fears of terrorist attack, the official said, is the seizure of 440 pounds of explosives Nov. 23 in Valencia, Spain, and the arrest of eight suspected Shiite Moslem extremists by Spanish police.

Andrei Sakharov...

Soviet human rights activist dies

MOSCOW (AP) — Andrei D. Sakharov, the brilliant physicist who built the Soviet hydrogen bomb and became an unwavering beacon for the world in the cause of human rights, has died at age 68.

from nearly seven years of internal exile but clashed with him repeatedly over the scale and speed of new Soviet political reforms, mourned the death as "a great loss."

The 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner died alone in his study Thursday night of an apparent heart attack, said his son-in-law, Yefrem Yankelevich. Sakharov died as he had lived the last two decades of his life, struggling for democracy, world peace and human liberty.

"He was a man of conviction and sincerity," Gorbachev said. "He was not some sort of political intriguer. He was a person who had his own ideas, his own convictions which he expressed openly and directly. This doesn't mean I agreed with him, although on many things we did agree."

President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who freed Sakharov

Sakharov risked his status as a national scientific hero and the

honors the Soviet Union had heaped upon him to openly challenge the government when most others were silent. He was vilified, attacked by the authorities and banished from Moscow in 1980. The exile sapped his vitality and undermined his health.

After he was freed by Gorbachev three years ago, he won a seat in the Soviet Congress. He used it as a forum to press for reform and freedom in his country, gaining new stature as a conscience of the nation.

Sakharov's death occurred after a long day of struggle to organize an opposition to the Communist Party. He was preparing a speech demanding that the Communists' guaranteed hold on power be revoked, Yankelevich said.

The defiant activist's final words to his family were: "Tomorrow there will be battle," Yankelevich said.

Sergei Kovalev, a fellow human rights activist in Moscow and a friend, said the body was found by Sakharov's wife, Yelena

Bonner. Bonner was his full partner in their human rights campaigns that embraced any cause, fought any injustice and gave strength and courage to victims and to those who wanted to reform the Soviet Union.

Bonner, his strength and his companion during the years of struggle and exile, sat in a chair next to the body. A few close friends were admitted to the apartment, said a friend who spoke on condition he not be identified.

(see SAKHAROV, page 10)

Lomax joins race for peace justice

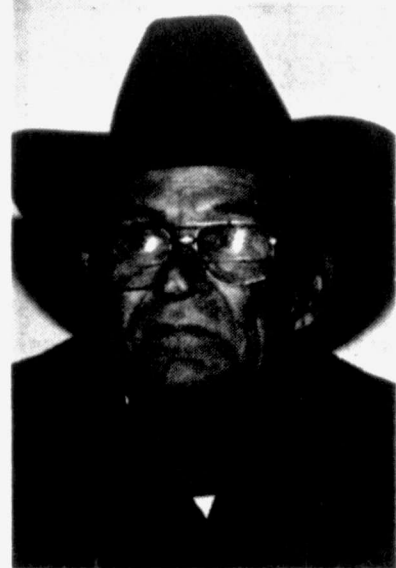
Hermleigh resident H.M. Lomax has become the first person to file as a candidate for the office of precinct 2 justice of the peace in the upcoming March 13 primary election.

Tucker for precinct 2 county commissioner; incumbent Frances Billingsley for county clerk; Elois Pruitt for district (see CANDIDATES, page 10)

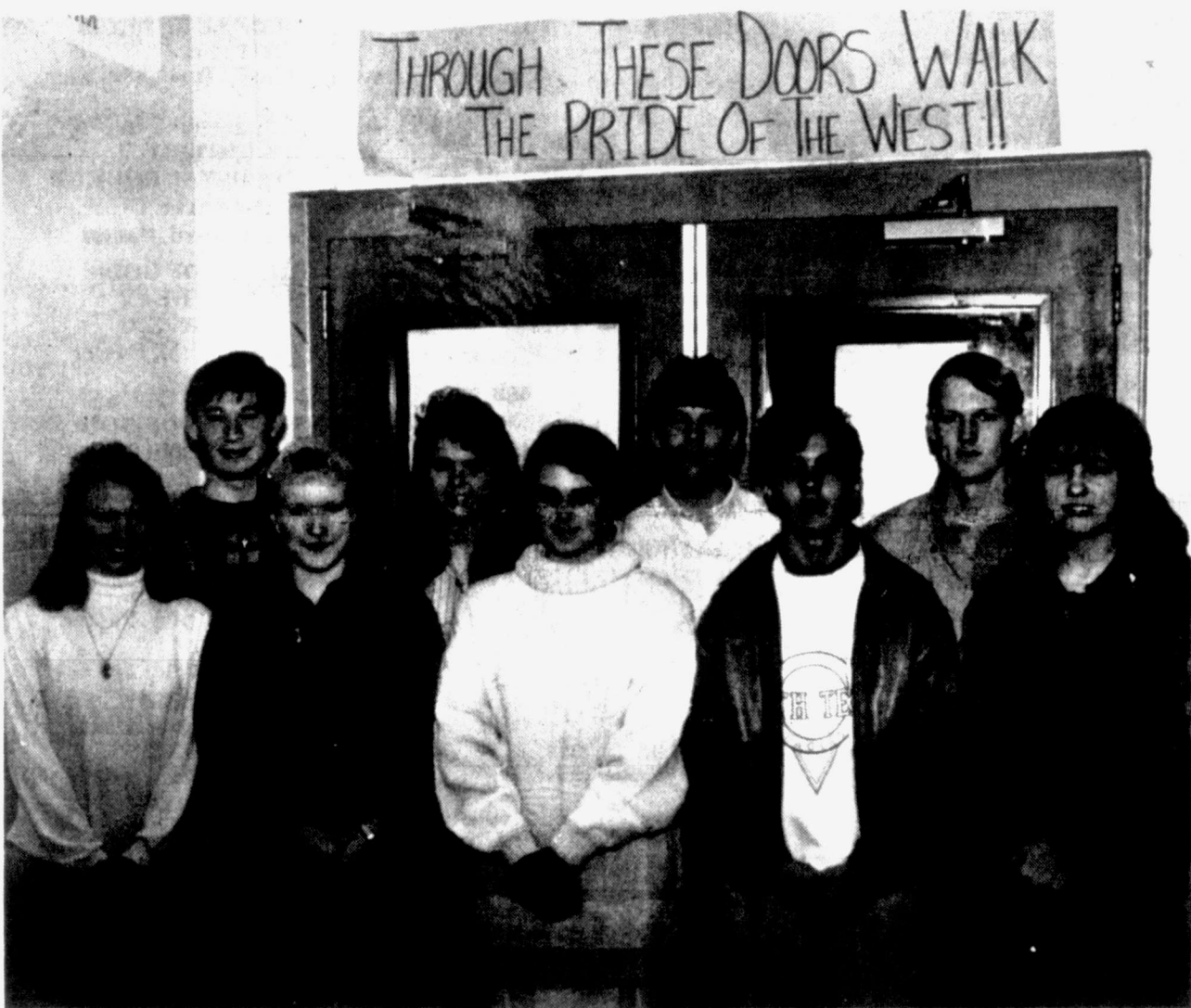
see candidate announcement page 11

Lomax, who with his wife operated the Snyder bus station for a number of years, has filed on the Democratic ticket. He is currently running unopposed. Incumbent R.C. Nixon has yet to announce his intentions.

The final filing date is Jan. 2. Others having declared their intentions as Democrats are incumbent Bobby Goodwin and Marlin Terrell for county judge; Jack K. Greene Sr. and Jerry Gannaway for precinct 4 county commissioner; incumbent Tommy Pate and Don



H.M. Lomax
...for pct 2 peace justice



ALL-REGION — These musicians are the Snyder High School Pride of the West band's representatives on the all-region band, with two advancing to area competition and a chance for all-state honors. From left are Dora Jean Rumpff, David

Cozart, Julie Doty, Kelly Pace, Julie Zeck, Sam Shifflett, Chris Smith, Drew Travis and Cynthia Fogle. Rumpff and Pace will advance to the area contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

10 days until Christmas

Local

Mini-bazaar

Snyder Girl Scouts will hold their annual Christmas Mini-Bazaar at the scout hut, 2301 35th St., from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

Playoff here

The top-ranked Sunday Moguls take on the Sudan Hornets in a Class 1A state semi-final football game at Tiger Stadium this evening. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. contest are \$5 each at the gate.

Santa Call-In

Snyder Jaycees will stage their annual "Santa Call-In" from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the chamber of commerce.

Spokesman Danny Engle said Jaycees will take calls at the chamber's number, 573-3558, and portray Santa Claus as children tell what they want for Christmas.

Dance for Tots

Snyder Cablevision and Snyder Jaycees will be hosting a Toys for Tots dance from 8:30 p.m. until midnight this evening at the American Legion Hall.

Dance goers are asked to bring a toy as admission.

A local band, Backwoods, will be donating its time to play for the dance and the American Legion is offering use of the building.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 62 degrees; low, 20 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 20 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.59 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, variable cloudiness and very cold with a few flurries possible. Low 10 to 15. East wind 10 mph or less. Saturday, considerable cloudiness and cold with a 20 percent chance of snow. High in the lower 20s. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some restaurants are so expensive you need an after-dinner mint just to pay the tab."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

This is the final installment of Dick Briscoe's review of the good ole days. The clipping was passed along to us by Snyder's W.T. Whitehead:

"Life moves leisurely. Church is twice on Sunday, and on Wednesday night. Even if you do not attend, society does not condone any other activity, so you do not mow grass or work in the garden. Most certainly there is no little league ball or bowling or other meetings.

"Union meetings, or lodge meetings, or chataqua rehearsals, are once a month. Mamas are mamas, not working downtown nor PTA-ing, nor den mothering nor bridge clubbing, and Paw

comes home for supper, and the kids best be washed up and waiting. And later in the evening, he lights up a white owl and reads deeply from the Satisfy Evening Post.

Comes 10:15 peeyem, when Amos 'N Andy goes off the air, everybody goes to bed, and gets all of their eight hours of sleep. And nobody knows what a stummick ulcer is. Paw sez it is something a rich man has.

"Maybe the rumored gasoline shortage will bring about the needed slow-down and eliminate heart trouble and ulcers. If we have to walk again, we have time to think again, and solve some of our troubles. And if we cannot return to the outdoor Chic Sale, maybe we can move out the mirrors and wash basins and razors and have a lil bathroom with only a throne. And maybe a Sears-Roebuck catalogue.

"Vive la Good Ole Days!"

WTC offices close for holiday period

Offices at Western Texas College closed for the combined Christmas-New Year holiday this afternoon and will remain closed until Jan. 2.

Scurry County Museum, located on the college campus, also began its mid-winter vacation today and will reopen on Jan. 2.

Registration for spring semester classes at WTC will begin Jan. 11 and will continue

through the 12th. Classes begin Jan. 15.

The final day to register, change schedules or add courses is Jan. 19.

For students who must take placement tests before registering, the counseling center has scheduled tests at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 8 and 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 11.

WTC will be giving the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test in February.

Schoolteacher Lizzie Borden the hatchet murders of her father was arrested Aug. 4, 1892, in Fall River, Mass., and charged with found innocent.

DA will work to keep Brandley in jail

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A district attorney said he will do everything he can to keep Clarence Brandley behind bars, despite a decision overturning the death row inmate's conviction for the rape-slaying of a teenager.

Montgomery County District Attorney Peter Speers said Thursday he still believes Brandley killed Cheryl Dee Ferguson nine years ago and that he will ask the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to change its decision.

"I believe the opinion is wrong," Speers said of Wednesday's ruling. "If this opinion stands, the door will be wide open for convicts to manipulate weak-willed witnesses, invent witnesses and pervert the entire criminal justice system."

"More importantly, I firmly believe that Clarence Brandley committed the brutal rape and murder of Cheryl Dee Ferguson," he said.

James Keeshan, the original prosecutor on Brandley's case and now a district judge in Conroe, agreed.

"I remain convinced, based on the evidence I saw, that Clarence Brandley murdered Cheryl

Ferguson," Keeshan said. "I am concerned about what effect this decision will have on future cases where orchestrated events years after the trial may result in the overturning of convictions."

Speers said he would exhaust all legal avenues, including a third trial, to keep Brandley behind bars.

"If this result stands, it is possible, even likely, that he will have literally gotten away with murder. I believe this would be a gross miscarriage of justice."

Brandley's first trial ended with a hung jury. An all-white jury from the second trial convicted Brandley, now 38, of raping and strangling the 16-year-old Bellville girl while she was attending a volleyball tournament in 1980 at Conroe High School, where Brandley worked as a janitor.

Brandley's attorneys and supporters claim the investigation and prosecution was racially motivated since Brandley is black and Miss Ferguson was white.

The appeals court ruled Wednesday that Brandley, who has been on death row for nearly nine years and has had two execution dates, was the victim of an unfair trial.

In the 86-page opinion, the appeals court said the investigative team failed to follow up leads from witnesses, failed to take blood and hair samples from other janitors who had been Brandley's chief accusers, provided an opportunity for a common account of the incident from the janitors, threatened and strong-armed witnesses and lost evidence from the trial.

Three white janitors testified in the first trial that they had seen Brandley follow Miss Ferguson to a restroom. But when one of the men recanted his testimony, he was not called to testify in the second trial.

But Speers is not convinced. "I don't have any concern whether Clarence Brandley is innocent, that simply is not true," Speers said flatly.

Speers said he probably won't file a motion with the appeals court until next week. If the court rejects his request to reverse its decision, he would consider an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but only if there were constitutional matters in question.

Speers acknowledged that a new trial for Brandley 10 years after the slaying would be very difficult. But he wouldn't say definitely if he would retry the case.

Brandley's attorneys are seeking a personal recognizance bond for him.

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Sunday, December 17, 1989

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Psalm 42; John 16: 19-22

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Dr. Tim Griffin, Preaching

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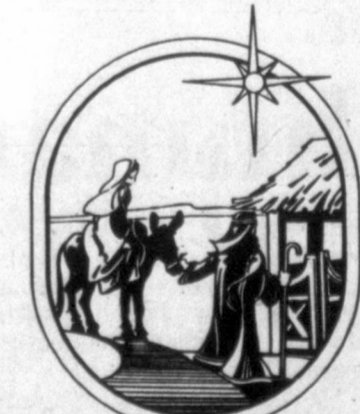
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Community Calendar

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

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

University Women Christmas Party; 6 p.m.; MAWC. Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; 11:30 a.m.; Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Thursday; Call 573-3427; \$5 per person.

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Bridge By James Jacoby

NORTH 12-15-89			
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♥ Q 5 3			
♠ Q J 9 3			
♣ 8 6 2			
WEST			
♦ 6 4			
♥ K J 8 6 2			
♠ 10 5 4			
♣ Q 10 5			
EAST			
♦ A 9 8 2			
♥ 9 7			
♠ 8 7 6 2			
♣ K 9 4			
SOUTH			
♦ K Q J 10			
♥ A 10 4			
♠ A K			
♣ A J 3			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 6			

lead with a club and cashed the rest of the tricks. Down one.

What would an extravagant expert do? He would realize that to ensure taking enough tricks for the contract, he had to get to dummy. Therefore, even though there was the danger that East had played the nine of hearts at the first trick from a holding of K-9-2, he would go with the percentages and assume the opening lead was away from the king. So Mr. Extravagance would win trick one with the ace of hearts, cash A-K of diamonds and knock out the ace of spades. Later, when hearts were again played, he would expect to reach dummy with the heart queen. With his expectation realized, he would make three no-trump.

Lesson: Don't be afraid to waste a high card for a needed entry.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Friendly crow put in cage

WINONA, Minn. (AP) — What was thought to be a raven attacking kids at the Winona Day Care Center in southeastern Minnesota turned out to be a crow that seemed to just care a lot about people.

On Wednesday, a group of preschoolers sang and danced around the bird, which played tug-of-war with sticks and tried to land on toddlers' heads.

"When a crowd of kids goes out on the playground, he feels he has to come over and play," said teacher Nancy Hoffmaster.

Hoffmaster and receptionist Debbie Stark said the bird also liked to pick up pencils and other items, which it dropped on cars.

But because the crow scared many of the children, it was captured later Wednesday by security guard Art Kreisher Sr. and Hoffmaster and put into a cage.

Kreisher said he plans to free the bird unless it is claimed in the next couple of days.

"I figure he's got a right to live. He really never hurt anybody," Kreisher said.

Ted Bigham
PHOTOGRAPHY
573-3622

By James Jacoby

The bridge beginner learns that tricks should be won as economically as possible. Experts know that there is a time for extravagance. Willy Nilly wasn't wasting any spots in today's deal. He played low from dummy on the opening lead and won with his 10 of hearts. He cashed the A-K of diamonds and led the queen of spades. East took the ace and returned a heart. Willy ducked. West won the king and cleared the suit. Later on, after declarer had taken eight tricks, West gained the

Chance encounter prompted writer's career choice

NEW YORK (AP) — Author Nicholas Gage says his writing skills were unleashed in a chance encounter with a salty-tongued teacher when he was a struggling, 13-year-old refugee.

Gage writes in the Dec. 17 issue of Parade magazine how as a seventh-grader he met Marjorie Hurd Ravidou in Worcester, Mass.

Told to choose a hobby, Gage said he "decided to follow the prettiest girl in my class — the blue-eyed daughter of the local Lutheran minister."

"She led me through the door marked 'Newspaper Club' and into the presence of Miss Hurd, the newspaper adviser and English teacher who would become my mentor and my muse."

Toyota seeks to have award set aside

HOUSTON (AP) — Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. and Toyota Motor Corp. will ask a Houston judge to set aside a verdict that resulted in a \$43.2 million award for a Nigerian woman whose husband and two daughters died in the family's burning car in 1982, officials said.

Jurors in a state district court awarded \$18.2 million in actual damages and \$25 million in exemplary damages — the largest ever against Toyota — to Nike Adebite, 36, who watched as her family and two others were killed in the fire.

Douglas West, vice president and general counsel for Toyota Motors in Torrance, Calif., said the company was surprised and disappointed by Wednesday's verdict against Toyota.

West said Toyota will ask the judge to set aside the verdict and order a new trial. If the judge refuses, Toyota will appeal the judgment, he said.

Mrs. Adebite escaped with only minor burns and cuts from the 1973 Toyota Corona station wagon when it caught fire after being rear-ended by a van.

Her husband, Adeyemi, 35, and her daughters, Yetunde, 7, and Adelo, 8 months, were killed. The van's driver, Boyo Adetoye, received minor injuries, but his wife and child were killed.

Mrs. Adebite's attorney, Stan Pfeiffer, said the lawsuit claimed Toyota was negligent in its

design of the station wagon and failed to recall it. The trial lasted six weeks.

The attorney said Mrs. Adebite and her family were in the back seat of the station

wagon when it was struck on a Houston highway Sept. 26, 1982.

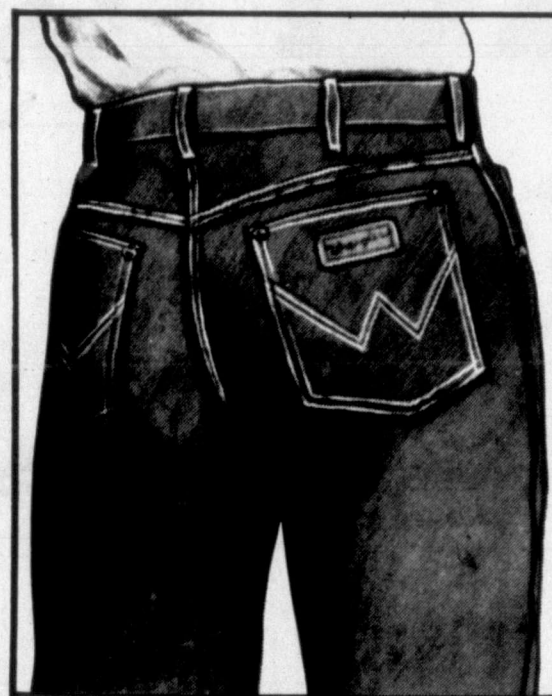
The van's impact pushed the station wagon's gasoline tank forward, Pfeiffer said, and the tank was punctured by an empty

spare tire carrier and a valve on the rear axle.

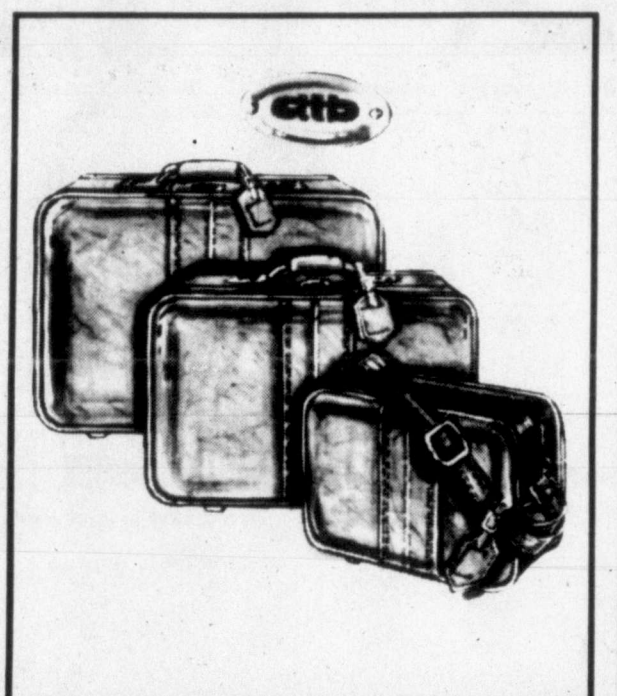
"Upon impact, the Toyota burst into flames when the gasoline tank was punctured," Pfeiffer said.



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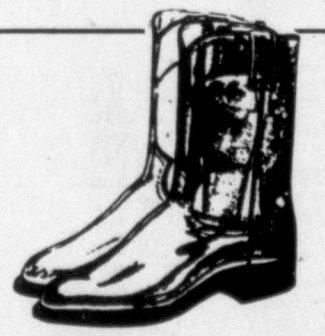
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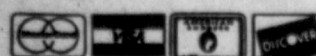
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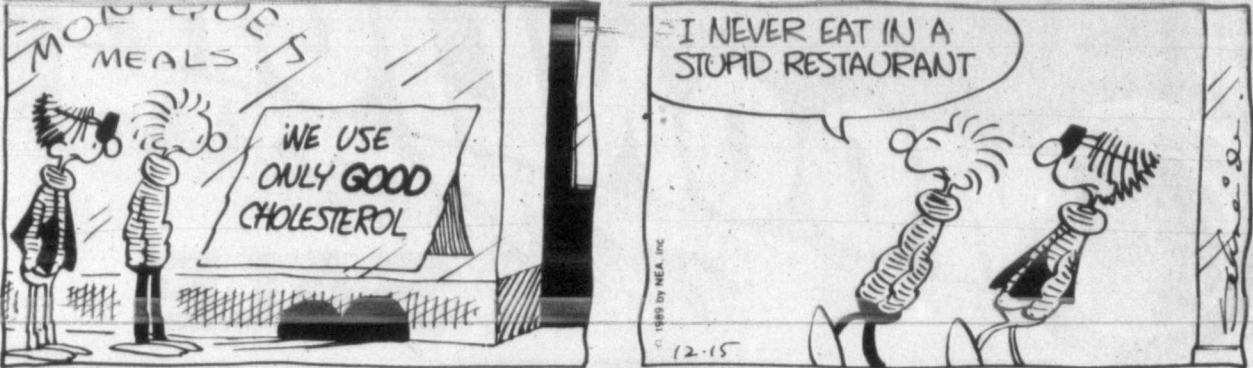
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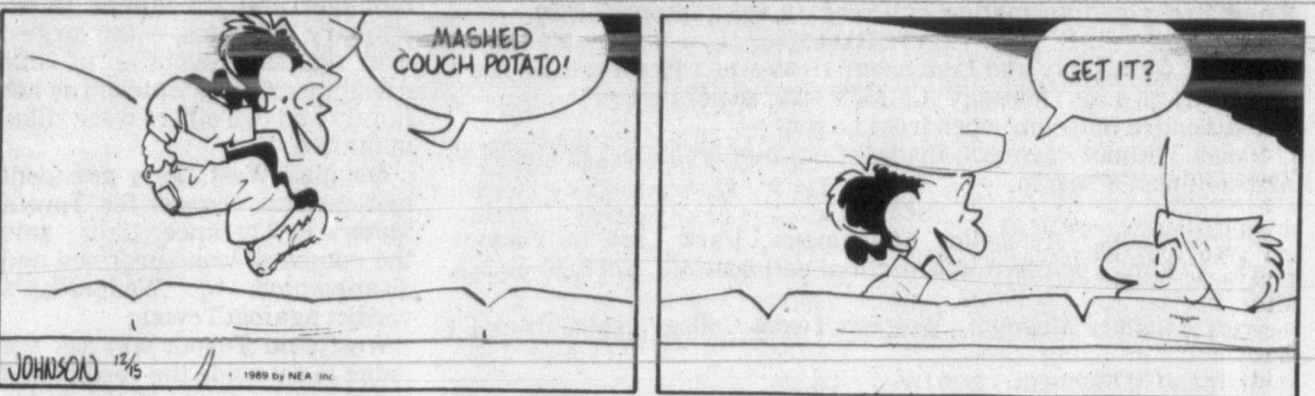
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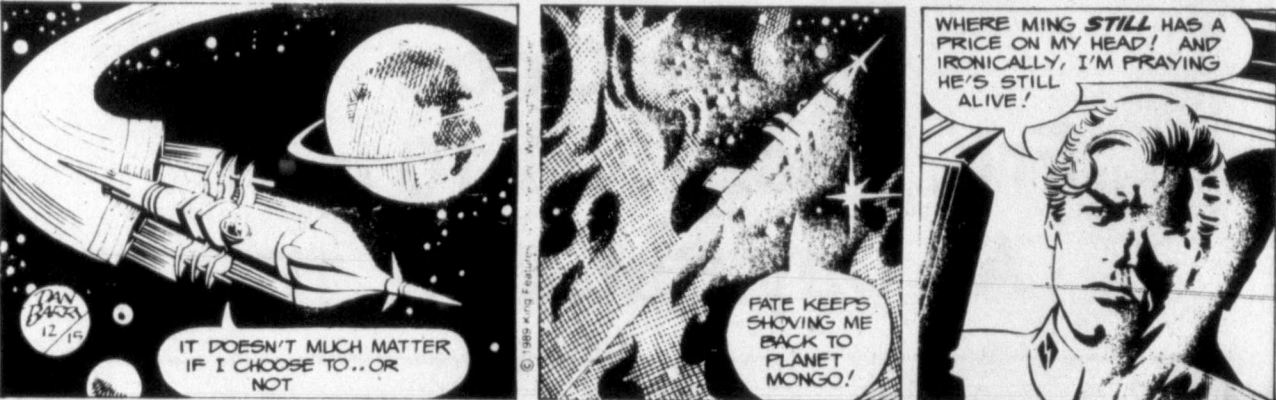
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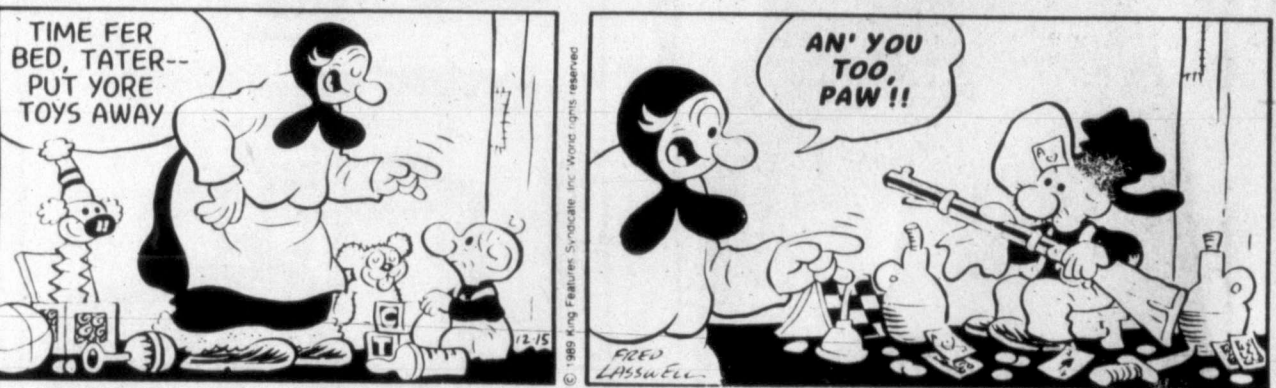
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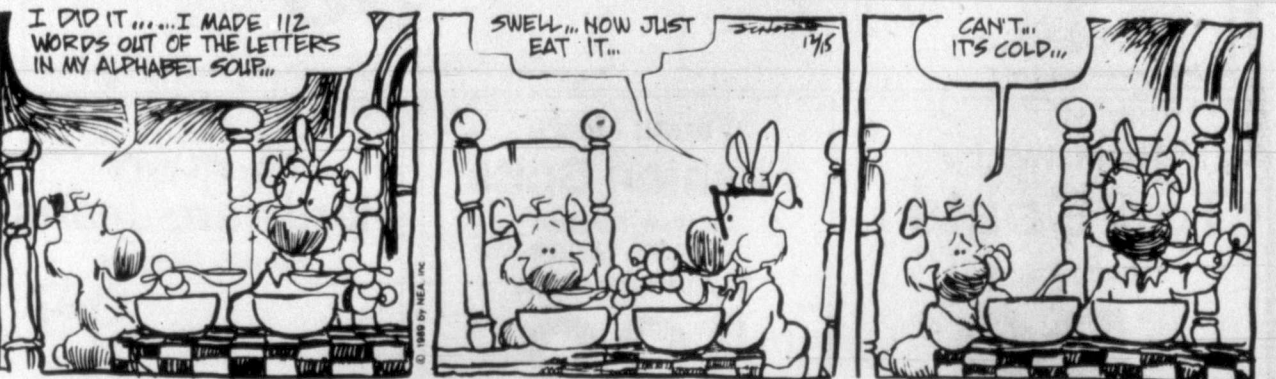
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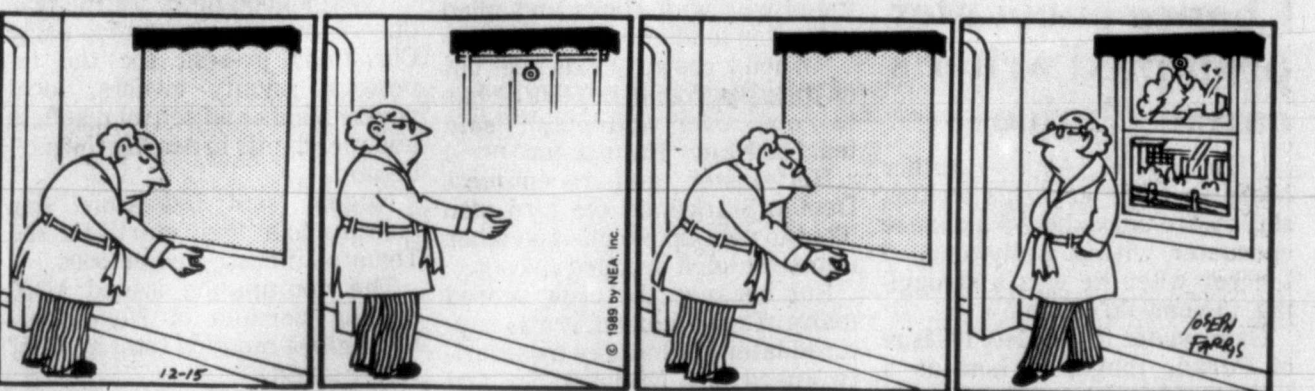
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NEA PUZZLES

ACROSS

- Open
- Not in
- Vast period of time
- Clare Boothe
- Gravel ridge
- South Seas sailboat
- Sloped
- Last letter
- Mountain system in Europe
- Count calories
- Mother
- the season to be ...
- Openings
- Coded on map
- Airline info
- Govt. dept.
- Eggs
- "V" in "RSVP"
- Bird (pref.)

DOWN

- Apple additive
- Strong cloth
- Sour
- Fame
- Seeps out
- Exploit
- Spinning top
- Armadillo
- Author Gardner
- Fumbler's exclamation
- Space agcy.
- Spanish hero
- Epochs
- King
- Neck and neck
- Talk noisily
- Pertaining to dawn
- Not clear
- Layer of eye
- Rinky
- Corruptness
- Faction
- Actress Novak
- Llama's kin
- Expenditure
- Springs
- Intent
- Bomb shelter
- Resign
- Coup d'
- Declaim violently
- Brute
- Fade away

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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KIT N' CARLYLE by Larry Wright



SNAFU by Bruce Beattie



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Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband and I quit smoking six months ago and have been experiencing heartburn almost daily since quitting. Is there any relation between the two?

DEAR READER: I am not aware that cessation of smoking and heartburn go together. Indeed, the reverse is usually true, because nicotine stimulates gastric acid secretion.

People who stop smoking often experience an increase in nervousness and tension, which in turn may cause excessive stomach contractions. These contractions can eject acid into the esophagus, causing heartburn, indigestion and gas.

I urge you and your husband to bring your symptoms to your doctor's attention. You may need testing for ulcers or hiatal hernia; also, the physician may choose to treat you with antacids and antispasmodics to control gastric acid and stomach contractions. In any case, stay off the cigarettes.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About five or six months ago, I began noticing small, round, flat red specks, or spots, on my skin. I've been a sun lover all my life,

so I wasn't surprised to have a basal cell carcinoma removed eight months ago. About five months ago, I completed two years of gold shots (32 in all), along with three daily doses of Zorprin for arthritis control.

Can the cause of the red spots be from what I've described, or is it from being a senior citizen in her late 60s? The red spots are very different from the basal cell, so I'd be pleased to hear your opinion on what they are and what causes them.

DEAR READER: Your rash may be due to the gold shots you received. Gold therapy is often associated with skin lesions; in fact, the appearance of a rash may indicate that the gold is producing its greatest therapeutic effect.

Unfortunately, a rash usually

means the patient has developed an allergy to the gold, so this therapy must be stopped immediately if a rash appears. You have completed your course of gold treatments; however, the last shot or two could have triggered the skin reaction.

Obviously, there may have been another cause for your rash. Skin diseases, such as psoriasis, are more common in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. Therefore, you should show the rash to your doctor and follow his or her advice. Perhaps you are reacting to the Zorprin, which has been reported to cause hives, rashes and skin swelling. I doubt your red skin spots are simply the consequence of being a senior citizen. Aging typically causes brown or tan areas on the skin.

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Shultz, wife meet Japanese royalty

TOKYO (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and his wife were received by Emperor Akihiko and Empress Michiko, and Shultz was decorated for his contribution to strengthening ties between Japan and the United States.

Following the audience Thursday at the Akaska Palace, Shultz and his wife, Helena, had lunch with the royal couple and

their son, Crown Prince Naruhito.

Shultz later met with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun, Paulownia Flowers, a foreign ministry official said.

The Shultzes arrived in Tokyo on Wednesday for a five-day visit.

Creditors reach settlement

DALLAS (AP) — Confirmation hearings scheduled to begin today in the bankruptcy cases of William Herbert Hunt and Nelson Bunker Hunt received a boost from an agreement by a major group of creditors who lost money in the 1979-80 silver market crash.

More than 500 smaller claimants against the Hunts' estates had threatened to challenge an alliance of the cases' largest creditors on the grounds that a proposed reorganization plan discriminated against smaller creditors.

The proposed settlement, which is still subject to bankruptcy court approval, would give about \$9 million of the \$220 million to the smaller creditors who say they suffered losses when the Hunts allegedly tried to corner the silver market in 1979 and 1980.

The Hunts' estates have been under Chapter 11 federal bankruptcy protection since September 1988.

"I'd be optimistic that the cases will be confirmed since all the significant creditor groups now support the plan," Robert Brousseau, attorney for the silver claimants, told The Dallas Morning News.

After priority claims are paid to the Internal Revenue Service — the two cases' biggest creditor — only about \$37 million will remain for other creditors of Herbert's estate and \$30 million in Bunker's estate.

The biggest share of that \$37 million figure will be distributed to two major creditors, Minpeco S.A., a mining company owned by the Peruvian government, and Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

The value of the remaining claims far exceeds the assets left

in the two brothers' estates. "I don't know what to do at this point," said Mary Alpert, a silver creditor from Chesaning, Mich., who lost \$86,000 when the market crashed in 1980. Ms. Alpert said she would receive only about \$10,000 to \$12,000 under the proposal.

The IRS has asked U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson to liquidate the Hunts' estates if the reorganization plans to be reviewed beginning today cannot be confirmed.

Veterans group sues country singer

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — A veterans group is suing country singer Lee Greenwood for refusing to perform at a concert when the group refused to pay in cash upfront.

The federal suit, filed Wednesday by the Veterans of the Vietnam War, says Greenwood was hired in April to perform at a concert in Albany, Ga., on Aug. 18. He received an \$11,250 check and was to get the balance on the day of the concert.

On that day, Greenwood allegedly demanded the balance in cash, despite the contract's provision for payment by check, and refused to perform. The suit

claims he also failed to provide sound and lighting equipment, preventing other bands from performing.

The veterans group lost about \$228,000 as a result of his actions, the suit claims.

Greenwood disputed the allegations Thursday, saying the group had promised him a 30-day promissory note, not a check.

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Teen said cold, hungry during ordeal

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, Texas (AP) — Being alone in the frigid wilderness for four days changed the life of a rebellious 16-year-old who walked away from

a campsite, his mother says. "What he's feeling now, he's never felt in his life," Elaine Paddor said Thursday night of her son Paul, who was found earlier in the day by three people hiking along the Rio Grande.

Paddor, of South Miami, Fla., was in good health despite spending four nights in sub-freezing temperatures clad only in a flannel shirt and jeans.

"They were cold and hard," the teen-ager said of his days in the wilderness. "Cold and hard and hungry."

"I think this changed his life," Ms. Paddor said. "I guess being so close to knowing you could die just sparked something in his

brain. I hope it stays with him the rest of his life."

More than 60 people on foot, on horseback, canoe and helicopter had searched the area surrounding the campsite, nine miles east of the tiny settlement of Castolon.

Four helicopters from the U.S. Customs Service and the Border

Patrol helped in the search of a 20,000-acre area for Paddor, park spokesman Roy Given said.

"There's no words to describe how we all feel," Mrs. Paddor said. "It's the happiest day of our lives."

She and her son, Andy, arrived at the park from Miami less than two hours before Paul was found.

Paddor was one of four youths who were on a wilderness trip with two counselors from Pathfinders, Inc., of Sandpoint, Idaho. The organization aids youths having trouble at home or in school.

Ms. Paddor said her son was referred to the Pathfinders program at the suggestion of officials from a boarding school he was scheduled to attend.

Paddor left the group about 3 a.m. Sunday when he became angry with someone, his mother said.

"Someone got him upset and he just decided to take off. He didn't get lost, he ran away," Mrs. Paddor said.

Church youth will present holiday play

The youth of Calvary Baptist Church will present "A Church Mouse's Christmas" in the church auditorium at 6 p.m. Sunday. The program is about the birth of Christ.

One service will be held Dec. 24 at 10 a.m. A special Christmas message will be presented and the church will decorate a tree as a family. The choir will also present a Christmas Cantata to candlelight.

On New Year's Eve, the church will have regular services with Bible study and Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 10:50 a.m. and evening services at 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church is located at 2405 35th.

Church ready for cantata

The chancel choir of First United Methodist Church will present its annual Christmas Cantata entitled "The Touch of Christmas," at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Following the musical presentation, there will be a reception for the choir in Wesley Hall. During morning worship Sunday, a "Parade of Poinsettias," will be featured as well as special music by the children's choirs and a special "Enchanted Tree" Christmas offering.

Colonial Hill plans holiday event Monday

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas," from 6-7 p.m. Monday at the corner of 37th and El Paso.

This special program will consist of four separate acts, being performed simultaneously more than one time each.

First up is a live Nativity scene which will feature real animals and live actors.

Three bell choirs will also perform: ladies, high school and junior high.

Also on the agenda will be the brass ensemble.

A special neighborhood backdrop has been prepared for old-fashioned caroling.

A nursery will be provided and coffee and hot chocolate will be served following the program.

Lutherans & Episcopalians set activities

Grace Lutheran and St. John's Episcopal Church will jointly sponsor a Christmas pageant to be performed by the children beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 College Avenue.

Both churches will also jointly sponsor services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2214 42nd St.

Christmas Eve services are set for 11 p.m. and services on Christmas Day will begin at 10 a.m.



COSMETOLOGISTS—Students nearing completion of the cosmetology course at Western Texas College were honored at a reception Tuesday. The students are (left to right) Elicia Yngvano of Fluvanna, Sara Herra of Colorado City and Deborah Garcia and Rhonda Sutter of Snyder. Upon completion of the one-year cosmetology course students are eligible to take Board of Cosmetology examinations for licensing. (WTC Photo)

Disagree over ruling

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Civil Liberties Union and a lawyer for Minco Technology Labs Inc. have different views about the Texas Supreme Court's decision this week to affirm drug tests of workers.

The case centered around a drug-testing program at Minco, an Austin high-tech company, and was the first court test of the issue in the state.

In deciding not to hear the case, the Supreme Court left unchanged a January opinion issued by the 3rd Court of Appeals that said employee drug testing at Minco was "lawful and

enforceable."

Brenda Jennings, a Minco employee, sued the company in 1987, arguing that the drug-testing program violated her right to privacy. The program, like some already in place in other companies, requires Minco employees to submit to random urine sampling or risk losing their jobs.

The 3rd Court of Appeals said the employment contract between Ms. Jennings and Minco exists at their "mutual pleasure." She is free to leave the company if she dislikes the policy, the appeals court said.

New Hope's minister glad to live in Snyder

"It is a blessing from God to be able to live and pastor in the same place," Rev. Raymond Dunkins of New Hope Baptist Church said, reflecting upon his childhood when black preachers traveled quite extensively to provide services for townspeople.

Rev. Dunkins grew up in Bethany, La., and was united with Greenwood Baptist Church at the age of 12. He said that there were very few "full time" black churches when he was young. Rather, preachers would have services on the second and fourth Sunday at one church and the first and third Sunday at another. "Full time black churches did not become popular until the late 60's and early 70's," he said.

Ordained on July 7, 1973, through his local church, Rev. Dunkins has been the preacher at New Hope Baptist since Feb. 2, 1978. He drove 200 miles from Mineral Wells to Snyder to preach before the congregation twice before he was offered the position. The church body met and decided to buy a parsonage just off Highway 208.

When he was offered the position, Rev. Dunkins contemplated staying in Mineral Wells and driving to Snyder on Sundays. For his benefit, as well as the congregation's, he decided to move to Snyder. "It is a lot more convenient to live in the same town where the church is. Sometimes members will need you and you won't have time to make the drive," he said.

Rev. Dunkins worked his way through college as a waiter. He began as a busboy and ended up single-handedly preparing ban-

quets for the Carlton Hotel. He served breakfast then caught a taxi to go to school. He would later return to the hotel to tear down and re-arrange banquet rooms.



REV. RAYMOND DUNKINS

With an associate's degree from Butler College, Rev. Dunkins also took advanced studies in religion at Bishop College in Dallas. Both of the all-black schools have since been closed. He also has two years experience in the U.S. Army with food service. Although he was a licensed minister in the army, he didn't choose to do any chaplain work.

About his choice to move to Snyder, Rev. Dunkins said, "The blessings from God have been great since moving to Snyder. By His divine power, I feel He will continue to bless our city."

Rev. Dunkins' wife, Gloria, is employed by WalMart and they have two grown children, Regina and Tyrone.

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1 more candidate announces for JP

H. M. Lomax
Precinct 2 JP



H.M. Lomax of Hermieigh has announced his decision to run for precinct 2 justice of the peace on the Democratic ticket. Lomax came to Snyder in 1949, where he and his wife eventually operated the bus station. He also worked as a cab driver for some time, bought a local cab company and also ran two cafes in town. He served in the U.S. Army and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He helped form the first Texas State Guard unit in Snyder. He and his wife, Opal, have one daughter, Nora Jo Denson of Snyder. "I think I'm able and will do my best to help the people in Precinct 2," said Lomax. Currently Lomax is the only candidate for the office. Incumbent R.C. Nixon has yet to announce his intentions.

Germans making 1st contact

EAST BERLIN (AP) — East Germany, reaching out to the West to solve its economic problems, has made its first contact with the International Monetary Fund to begin the painful process of modernizing its moribund economy. Also, the East Berlin leadership welcomed wide-ranging economic cooperation with West Germany. Under hard-line East German leader Erich Honecker, the country often found itself shunned internationally as a nation that fenced in its people and shot would-be escapees. Since Oct. 18, the massive pro-democracy movement has ousted the old guard leadership, broken the Communists' four-decade monopoly on power and prompted the new leadership to open up to the outside world. Late Thursday, the official news agency ADN said that East German envoy Peter Dietze met with Helen B. Junz, the International Monetary Fund's special representative for trade matters. ADN called Thursday's session in Geneva the "first contacts" between the two sides, saying Dietze had expressed interest in the "economic, monetary, political and financial experience" of the IMF. "The contacts are expected to be continued," said ADN. However, it did not say whether East Germany plans to seek a membership in the international organization. A day earlier, Poland said it and the IMF had agreed on a package of economic reforms and credit that is expected to stimulate a flow of Western support for the East European nation. The IMF, with headquarters in Washington, promotes monetary cooperation, currency stabilization and trade expansion.

AMOS AND THE CHRISTMAS COUCH™ by Howie Schneider and Susan Seligson



Driver tells parents he's sorry

CARROLLTON, Ky. (AP) — The man charged with killing 27 people in what police call the nation's worst alcohol-related traffic accident publicly apologized for an act he claims to be unable to recall. Testifying Thursday in front of a jury with the victims' photographs and names, Larry Mahoney said he had no recollection of driving the wrong way on Interstate 71 on May 14, 1988, and colliding with the packed church bus.

drunken driving. Defense attorney Russell Baldani said Mahoney was relieved after taking the stand. "He didn't have to tell me... It was readily apparent," Baldani said. The trial recessed until Monday, when both defense and prosecution will call rebuttal witnesses.

Mahoney, a factory worker, said he was upset the day of the crash over a variety of personal problems: his attempts to reconcile with his estranged wife, Janice; his declaration of bankruptcy because of large medical bills for a daughter's health problems; and attempts, thwarted by bad credit, to buy a new trailer for his family. Mahoney said the problems were not an excuse for his drinking and driving. Prosecutor Paul Richwalsky Jr., said of Mahoney's testimony: "When you compare bankruptcy, and how do I get a double-wide trailer... to the fact that you no longer have a son or a daughter, or the survivors who will wear the badges of his mistake for the rest of their lives, it sort of pales in significance." Mahoney described stopping for beer at two bars and a liquor store on the Saturday afternoon of the crash and drinking with friends and while driving to see an ex-girlfriend, his parents and a friend. He described asking for a beer at a small party after giving a friend the keys to his truck. No beer was available, and a man offered him a mixed drink.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 16, 1989

The more ambitious aspects of your personality will be emphasized in the year ahead. This will enable you to set a promising course for yourself and tenaciously see it through to its conclusion. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Instead of profiting from a past experience, there is a possibility you might repeat an old mistake today and suffer the same consequences you did previously. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Be careful in joint ventures today so that someone with whom you're involved doesn't make things more of a problem for you both than need be. This could occur if you're not vigilant. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Don't let an associate make decisions for you today that affect your work or career without first talking things over with you and getting your full approval. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A poor attitude will make what you have to do today much harder than it really is. Tell yourself you can do it, instead of thinking you can't. **ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If you have authority over a project today, it's best to let those involved know you have laid down certain rules for the endeavor and you intend to enforce them. Be firm, but fair. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Do not depend upon your mate today to take care of things which are your responsibility. What you leave undone is not likely to be completed by your spouse. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** In a relationship with a close friend today, be sure to give your pal the benefit of the doubt regarding this person's abilities. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you are too concerned with your own interests today it could be self-defeating, especially in business situations. Your desire for protection might stymie the whole effort. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You'll be disappointed today if you expect everyone to do your bidding in exact accordance with your demands. In fact, if you are too harsh they might not even make an effort to comply. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Guard against tendencies today to view the outcome of events in a negative fashion. If your outlook is too dismal, you could be defeated before you even try. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Your value judgment is a bit questionable today both where people and material things are concerned. Be careful you don't make poor decisions in either area. **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Important objectives can be achieved today, provided you don't use tactics or methods that are counterproductive. Try to make things easier on yourself, not more difficult.

NATO may concentrate on its future political role

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO ministers, upstaged by plans for a historic visit by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze, today wrapped up talks by discussing ways to expand the alliance's future political role. The foreign ministers, winding up the two-day meeting, welcomed Shevardnadze's plans to meet next week with Manfred Woerner, secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Secretary of State James A. Baker III said the visit would be "very natural in light of the changes that are taking place and continuing to take place." Baker spoke to reporters Thursday after sketching out his ideas for a broader political role for the alliance. He foresees NATO as a permanent monitor of the reductions being negotiated in conventional, or non-nuclear, arms in Europe and as a mediator of regional conflicts. Baker's ideas, which were well received, dealt with the expected focus of the meeting: the changing role of NATO in an era of dramatically reduced tensions with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. But they were pushed into the background by the announcement of the Shevardnadze trip, the first by a Soviet foreign minister to NATO headquarters and the latest in a string of recent unprecedented events in East-West relations.

Three arrested for vandalism

Three young Snyder women were arrested for criminal mischief Thursday in connection with a Nov. 11 incident in which another young woman's car was vandalized. A 17-year-old girl was taken into custody on the misdemeanor warrant at 3:16 p.m. at 30th St. and Ave. E, an 18-year-old at 3:23 p.m. in the 1800 Block of Scott Ave. and a 19-year-old at 4:07 p.m. at the sheriff's office. They were each held on a \$500 bond in connection with an incident in which the finish on a 1989 Ford Escort belonging to Julia Hernandez of 411 N. Ave. T was scratched and the car was egged inside and out. City police detectives made the arrests. The only other arrest reported Thursday by state, city or county officers was by state highway patrolmen at 2:35 p.m. of a 34-year-old man who was taken into custody on a Department of Public Safety warrant for failure to appear in court. He was also arrested for failure to produce his driver's license upon demand. The location of the arrest was not reported.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Cheryl Collins, Rt. 3 Box 236; Pamela Gibson, 2707 36th.

Fire calls are noted

Firemen responded to two fire calls Thursday afternoon and early today, the first at 2:08 p.m. Thursday 16 miles southeast of town at China Grove, where a grass fire burned 10 acres of pastureland. A department spokesman said the property belongs to Paul Hunter of Colorado City and that the cause had not been determined. Firefighters returned to the station at 4:03 p.m. At 6:50 a.m. today at Smith Ave. and Ave. N in northern Snyder, firemen extinguished a minor fire in a water heater in a mobile home owned by L.F. Elder, returning to the station at 7:35 a.m.

Births

Kim and Donna Billingsley announce the birth of their son, Kaden Zane, born at 5:46 p.m. Wednesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighs 6 pounds, 8 1/4 ounces, and is welcomed home by a six-year-old brother, Zach. Kaden's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Billingsley and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wall.

Dear Abby



Children at Violent Movies Get Woman's Bad Review

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: Last night, my husband and I went to an R-rated movie. It was a big box-office hit and had a lot of publicity. There was a lot of graphic sex and violence. What disturbed me more than anything was a little boy, about 4 years old, sitting behind us. His comments broke my heart: "Daddy, why did he kill that lady?" "Is the other man dead?" "Why are they hurting him?" "Is it over yet?" "I want to go home." His daddy couldn't make his son understand that what he was seeing was only make-believe—it looked so real. That child might as well have witnessed 25 live murders that night. Is it any wonder our children are reeved up emotionally, acting up at school and using foul language at such a young age? What I witnessed last night was a passive, yet very dangerous form of child abuse. A WITNESS IN ORANGE, CALIF.

prepared to wait for her. Do not let your anger build. Always carry something to read. It will make the waiting more tolerable, reduce your blood pressure—and you may learn something.

DEAR ABBY: I have the perfect solution for all those people out there who are always complaining about not receiving thank-you notes. Simply do not give a gift out of obligation—try giving it out of love. Then notice that the person you give this gift to will give you a very sincere "thank you" (unless the person has no manners, in which case he or she didn't deserve the gift in the first place).

I do not mean to be ugly, but do you buy a gift only to get a thank-you note? I give gifts because I care about the person I am giving it to. If giving because you care isn't the reason you give, then go out and buy something for the person you love the most—yourself. And don't forget to send yourself a thank-you note.

A TRUE GIVER IN ALABAMA

DEAR TRUE GIVER: People "give" for a variety of reasons. Some people give a gift to reciprocate for a gift they were given. Most people give a gift because they sincerely want to express their affection or friendship with a material token. Then there are those who give gifts spontaneously for no rhyme, reason or occasion—they just happen to see something they think someone they know will appreciate. I've known people like all of the above. In fact, I am one of them. But I have never met anyone who gave a gift because he or she wanted a thank-you note.

DEAR WITNESS: Yours is a very significant letter, and I thank you for it. Too few adults realize how easily influenced 4-year-old children can be. Parents would never knowingly feed their children garbage, yet they expose their impressionable young minds to the worst examples of brutality and man's inhumanity to man—believing they're too young to be affected.

DEAR ABBY: I have a relative who drives me crazy. She's a nice person, but she is never on time. Every time I meet her somewhere, she is always at least half an hour late. Her excuses run from "Just as I was leaving the house, my telephone rang..." to "The traffic was terrible..." blah, blah, blah.

I suppose it's silly for me to ask you what I can do about this, but I just had to get it off my chest.

TIRED OF WAITING

DEAR TIRED: If you're going to meet this woman at 1:00, make the date for 12:30. And, since you know that she is always late, be

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Style Show

The Scurry County chapter of the NAACP will present its second annual style show extravaganza Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The event will feature designer Ann McPaul and her team of stylists. Adult admission will be \$3 and children age 6-12 will be admitted for \$2.50. For more information, call 573-7566 or 573-9979.

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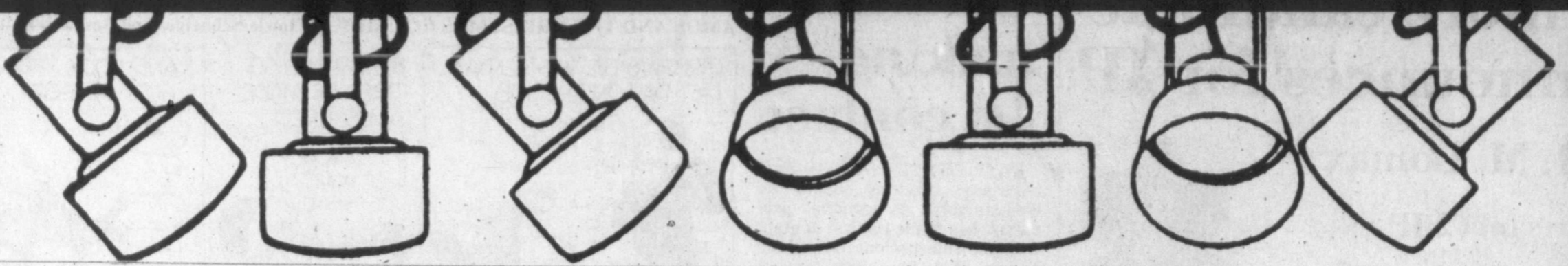
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