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Ask Us

Channel 8 in jeopardy...

## FCC rule may limit number of channels

Recently upheld Federal Communications Commission regulations may cause a drastic reduction of WFAA, Channel 8, programming from Dallas and the total deletion of the NBC affiliate in Lubbock, Channel 11, from cable television offerings here.

An executive with TCA Cable TV in Tyler, the company that is attempting to buy Snyder Cablevision, said the primary development in the situation has been a request from KTXS in Abilene for the FCC to bar duplicative programming in Snyder from WFAA.

Asked how much of Channel 8's programming will have to be deleted, possibly with substitute programming by the cable company, TCA executive vice president and chief operating officer Fred R. Nichols said, "I know more about it today than I did yesterday, and it looks like as much as 90 percent of the time."

Nichols said WFAA news broadcasts may be the primary program left.

He had said in an earlier interview that the company would substitute any deleted program-

ing with country music shows, music videos and a "character generator," or written messages on the screen.

But then he said in a later interview that the encroachment will

### Cable franchise topic of meeting slated Thursday

A resolution concerning the transfer of the city's cable television franchise to a prospective buyer of Snyder Cablevision will be considered in a special city council meeting at noon Thursday at Snyder Country Club.

Executives of TCA Cable TV of Tyler in a regular city council meeting last week announced that they would buy the local company if the franchise transfer could be approved.

Company president Robert M. Rogers and other TCA representatives are scheduled to return here Thursday for the meeting.

Apparently be so extensive that "we might get forced into dropping it."

Also, the NBC affiliate in Midland, KWAB, which Snyder Cablevision does not currently carry, has asked the FCC to prohibit the showing of Channel 11 from Lubbock — an action that Nichols said appears to mandate the total deletion of the Lubbock station here.

TCA executive vice president Nathan Geick of Conroe said today that KWAB is able to claim NBC's exclusivity in Snyder because it has a translator in Big Spring and is officially a Midland-Big Spring station.

Nichols said Snyder Cablevision has an expensive microwave set-up that was installed especially to pick up Channel 8, for the numerous Channel 8 fans in Snyder, and TCA therefore faces the apparently impending changes with extreme reluctance.

He noted, however, that any program that is no longer available on Channel 8 will be shown on KTXS sometime during (see NEW, page 8)



CHANNEL THREATENED — Mariann Neblett, who works in customer service and computer operations at Snyder Cablevision, took a winsome look Tuesday afternoon at WFAA, Channel 8, programming, which appears to be threatened by new FCC rules. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Cold snap keeps workers toiling around the clock

Freezing temperatures led to some discomfort for local residents over the weekend, including Price Daniel inmates, but it has been city employees and plumbers who have been battling on the front lines.

Sub-freezing temperatures over the weekend translated to burst meters, frozen yard lines and a few main breaks which at times kept crews working around the clock.

The police department, which transfers such calls during holidays and non-business hours, recorded some 65 water-related emergencies from Saturday through early Tuesday morning, including 16 between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday.

"Our crews have been plenty busy with water leaks. Now that the freeze is over the leaks in the lines are starting to show," said John Gayle, city manager.

"We've had just tons of calls," said Laura Rollins, utility clerk. Sub-freezing temperatures routinely cause a number of problems, but the especially low mercury readings — including minus 1 on Saturday and 1 degree on Friday — have pushed the number extremely high.

"It ranks right up there with 1983," said Gayle, speaking of a time six years ago when the weather was especially frigid.

Meter foreman Scott Cunningham, who put in 31 hours overtime during the weekend, said the calls have been many but the city has managed to keep up.

"We've gotten to most of them within five to 15 minutes after we've gotten the calls," he said. "Mostly it has been water meters bursting. We've had a number of yard lines to freeze and a few main breaks but mostly it's been meters."

The problem, according to Cunningham, is simple. "Texas is not really prepared for weather this cold for this long.

The (water) lines are only required to be buried 18 inches deep and that's not deep enough when it gets as cold as it has been."

A water and sewer department crew led by foreman Santos Contreras started work Friday and continued until midnight on Christmas Eve and through Christmas Day to deal with the situation.

By Tuesday afternoon, when they worked on a line off the 600 Block of the East Hwy., they had repaired leaks at more than 50 locations, Contreras said.

Snyder has certainly not been (see WEATHER, page 8)

## Auditor says Walton was not fired

County Auditor Linda Franklin Wednesday morning sought clarification concerning the staffing of her office last January following her appointment by District Judge Gene Dulaney.

Mrs. Franklin said that she did not fire Ann Walton as a deputy in the office, but rather replaced her. "I didn't hire her, so I couldn't fire her," Mrs. Franklin said.

County Auditor Bernard Bartels was not reappointed at the beginning of 1989 because of his refusal to terminate Ann Walton as an employee in the office.

Judge Dulaney appointed Mrs. Franklin as auditor and on Jan. 2 Mrs. Walton arrived at the office to learn that she had been replaced.

Bartels and Walton filed a federal lawsuit against Dulaney and Franklin seeking reinstatement, back pay and other damages. Scurry County has since been added as a defendant in the suit.



LEAKS, LEAKS AND MORE LEAKS — Darryl Boone, left, Alvin Dodson, Juan Becerra and foreman Santos Contreras of the city's water and sewer department were finishing up the last of the more than 50 water leaks they had repaired since the thaw of cold weather last weekend. They are shown here working off the 600 Block of the East Hwy. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Vatican Embassy won't turn Noriega over to United States

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — U.S. troops pestered the Vatican Embassy today after their commander failed in hours

of curbside diplomacy to break a stalemate over the status of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega. Vatican spokesman Joaquin

Navarro said in Italy today that there was no legal way the Holy See could hand over Noriega to U.S. authorities. The ousted dictator took refuge in the Vatican Embassy on Christmas Eve.

Before dawn, a company of American soldiers paraded past the embassy. American troops mowed down a field of tall grass alongside the embassy overnight and shot out all working street lights with a pellet gun.

On Tuesday, U.S. soldiers searched (see PANAMA, page 8)

## Longtime county resident, Opal Koonsman, dies at 75

Services for Opal Koonsman, 75, longtime resident of Scurry County, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church auditorium with Rev. Don Taylor, pastor of the church, of-

ficiating. Burial will follow in Snyder cemetery.

Mrs. Koonsman died at approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday at her residence 23 miles northeast of Snyder.

Born April 2, 1914, in Brown County, she married Alvin Koonsman April 14, 1930, in Carlsbad, N.M. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1977.

The Koonsmans were widely known in West Texas cattle circles. The Koonsman ranch comprises some 27 sections in Scurry County.

Mrs. Koonsman was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, John Billy and Peggy Koonsman of Snyder; two grandchildren, Cindy Werner of Stonewall and Shana Koonsman of El Paso; two great-grandchildren, Will and Rowdy Werner of Stonewall; two brothers, Dell Ray Helms and Jerry Helms, both of Rotan; and several nieces and nephews.



MRS. OPAL KOONSMAN

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most men prefer fabric instead of leather. Leather is too hard to wipe your hands on."

If marriage is in your 1990 plans, you may rather consider Newton. Nation's Business calls Newton the personal robot designed to make your life easier.

Newton can take and record your messages, remind you of appointments and even start your coffee. It understands and acts on instructions, answers questions and never talks back.

Newton was developed by SynPet of Boise, Idaho. It stands 34 inches tall and is 18 inches wide—not necessarily the figure of Miss America. It has a rotating head and a textured polyethylene outer shell and is powered by a rechargeable battery.

Two microcomputers form the basis of

Newton's intelligence. It has a 20-megabyte hard disk providing long-term memory. It will never ask for a raise, and it doesn't need credit cards to survive.

Even at the price tag of just under \$8,000—it's still cheaper than marriage.

A few nights ago we saw retired Admiral William Crowe make a guest appearance on "Cheers." We later learned that he has signed a five-year contract with a national talent agency. For each speech or appearance, he gets \$25,000. Just two speeches match his annual pension from the government.

One wag suggested that the extra money should help the former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff return to private life. He recently sat in the back of his own car for several minutes before realizing he no longer had a chauffeur. It's a cruel world out there.

Q—How far north are the African honey bees expected to go and when will they reach Scurry County?

A—According to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station, the bees are expected to reach the Brownsville area between February and May of 1990. Researchers say the rate of movement is expected to be between 200 and 250 miles a year, meaning that it could be several years before they reach our area. A spokesman also added that researchers are not sure how far north the bees will be able to live, however.

## In Brief

### Court decides

NEW YORK (AP) — A state appeals court has overturned the misdemeanor riot convictions of three young men in the Howard Beach racial killing and dismissed the indictments against them, saying the trial judge committed two errors.

Prosecutors either can appeal, resubmit evidence to a grand jury for new indictments or dismiss the case against the three white defendants.

"We are studying the opinion and we are considering a further appeal, and that's as far as we are going to comment at this particular point," Matthew Greenberg, a special assistant attorney general, said Tuesday.

The 19-year-old defendants — William Boller, Thomas Farino and James Povinelli — were charged with taking part in the attack on three black men three years ago in the mainly white Howard Beach section of Queens.

One of the victims, Michael Griffith, was killed when the mob chased him onto a highway where he was struck by a car.

### Brazil floods

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Flooding in Brazil's normally dry east-central region has killed 24 people and left at least 140,000 homeless, national civil defense spokesman Silvio Reiner says.

Speaking by telephone on Tuesday from Brasilia, the capital, 750 miles northwest of Rio, Reiner said 140 cities and towns in five of the 26 states were affected by flooding, caused by more than two weeks of torrential rain.

Unofficial reports said most of those killed drowned or were buried when houses collapsed.

Reiner said the worst hit area was northeastern Bahia state, where 105,000 people were driven from their homes.

Road traffic between Cachoeira, 930 miles northeast of Rio, and the rest of the country was cut off by the Paraguacu River, which overflowed and covered much of the city.

TV film showed canoes and rowboats paddling down flooded streets with families carrying sofas, stoves and other household goods to dry ground.

## Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 69 degrees; low, 24 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 34 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.59 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 30s. Variable wind under 10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy and warm. High 70 to 75. Wind becoming southwest 10 to 20 mph.



## Community Calendar

### WEDNESDAY

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 573-8015 or 573-3956.

### THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; West 37th Street; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.  
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.  
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.  
Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

### FRIDAY

Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.  
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.  
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.

### SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.  
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.  
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.  
Black Women's Association; SNB Community Room; 5 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.  
Black Women's Association; SNB Community Room; 5 p.m.

## Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 12-27-89			
♦ K 4			
♥ A J 2			
♠ K J 10 7 3			
♣ A Q 7			
WEST			
♦ 9 7			
♥ 10 9 8 3			
♠ A 8 5 4			
♣ 10 9 5			
EAST			
♦ A Q J 6 3			
♥ K 7 6			
♠ 6 2			
♣ J 8 4			
SOUTH			
♦ 10 8 5 2			
♥ Q 5 4			
♠ Q 9			
♣ K 6 3 2			
Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	Dbl.	1 ♠
3 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
	All pass		
Opening lead: ♠ 9			

## Keeping the lines open

By James Jacoby

It was aggressive for North to raise to two no-trump, since his partner could have as little as three or four high-card points and no better bid to make than one no-trump after North's reopening double. And maybe South was aggressive to go on to game, but he felt that partner's hand might be 19 points with something in spades. In fact, it all turned out very well for declarer when East took three spade tricks and played a fourth spade. Declarer discarded two hearts from dummy on the third and fourth spades and simply knocked out the ace of diamonds. That was nine tricks, and a big "thank you" to East.

East should realize that South holds four spades to the 10. If that is the case, the best chance for a successful defense is to let declarer win the first spade trick. If West holds the ace of diamonds or some other quick entry, the play of a second spade will then allow East to run enough tricks in that suit to defeat the contract.

There are variations on this play, depending on the strength of East's suit. East might hold A-K-Q-x-x of spades, and dummy two small. Once again, if West leads the nine, an obvious doubleton, often the best play to preserve defensive communications is for East to allow declarer to win the first trick. Watch for these plays, and blame me if partner has led the nine from 9-7-2 or some such holding.

*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.*

### Bush barbecue

AUSTIN (AP) — The White House let it be known in Beeville that if local residents should give a barbecue dinner, President Bush would love to come.

Almost immediately a barbecue dinner was added to the president's agenda for Wednesday, says Teresa Holland of the Beeville Chamber of Commerce.

Bush is expected to spend 1½ hours at the Bee County Coliseum as part of a Christmas holiday trip to hunt and relax at the Lazy F Ranch, where he has been going for 25 years. The ranch is 14 miles north of Beeville.

### Actor said 'picky'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Actor Willem Dafoe said he was attracted to the role in the new film "Triumph of the Spirit" in much the way he was drawn to his roles in "Platoon" and "The Last Temptation of Christ."

"They're so unusual," said Dafoe, who is picky about parts he will play. "They're so huge. They raise so many interesting questions that you don't quite know what it is before you start working on it."

**Ted Bigham**  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
573-3622



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM—Martha Floyd's first graders at West participated in a Christmas program on the last day of class before the holiday vacation began. Back row, from left, Clynt Nabors, Cassandra Key, Neil Cooper, Holly Randolph, Ashley Brewer, Josh Petit, and Kris Moore. Middle row: Hailey Burns, Matthew Grimmer, Kevin Marshall, Jeremy Bowden, Leslye Starnes, Ashley Lee, and Leroy Rivas. Front row: Natalie Alexander, Randy Rainwater, Amy Tharpe, Ruben Sosa, Crystal Wells, Joanie Suarez, and Jared Boyd. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Dealer petitions for paintings return

AUSTIN (AP) — A rare book dealer wants a centuries-old painting of the destruction of an early Texas mission put on public display until a dispute over its proper home is resolved.

But U.S. Customs officials, who seized the \$1 million oil on canvas from Dorothy Sloan on Nov. 17, say they cannot find a taker.

Customs agents seized the painting "The Destruction of Mission San Saba in the Province of Texas," saying it was smuggled from Mexico. Ms. Sloan is not a suspect in the case, said Customs spokeswoman Judy Turner.

But Ms. Sloan's lawyer has filed a petition with federal officials asking to have the painting handed back over to her. Meanwhile, Ms. Sloan said she has no idea where the painting is being stored or whether it is under proper care, and wants it put on public display.

But Customs spokeswoman Donna De La Torre said Tuesday that efforts to have the painting put on public display until the dispute is settled have been unsuccessful.

"No institution we have contacted thus far has had appropriate insurance coverage to

allow that public display," Ms. De La Torre said. "We're certain many institutions would like to display it, but they back down when they hear about the liability."

Ms. Sloan said if the petition for retrieval were rejected, the next step might be a lawsuit in federal court.

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## Hospital staffers helped wounded soldiers, families

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When American wounded began arriving last week from Panama, Maj. Nelson Smith and hospital staff quickly realized that the injured soldiers' families were going to need help, too.

"The military does things differently than other people do. So for them (the families of the wounded) it was something of a culture shock," Smith said Tuesday — the first day in a week that military hospitals did not receive wounded soldiers from Panama.

Smith, the chairman of the social work department at Wilford Hall Medical Center, and others established a reception center to help the visiting families deal with wounds and injuries to their sons and husbands.

About 250 wounded soldiers have been treated at Wilford and Brooke Army Medical Center since the United States invaded Panama last week.

Many soldiers have been released or transferred to their home bases. Late Tuesday, there were 47 soldiers at Wilford Hall and 22 across town at Brooke Army Medical Center.

President Bush will visit the wounded soldiers Sunday, the White House said.

Smith, 42, said the sight of reunited loved ones with those wounded in Panama recalled the return of American hostages from Iran in January 1981.

Smith was assigned to the U.S. hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany, where the newly freed hostages were taken for observation and treatment before returning to the United States.

Both the hostages returning from Iran and the soldiers wounded in Panama were very emotional. "It was the same sense of relief that they had survived," Smith said.

He said the soldiers from

Panama and the hostages behaved similarly, concentrating on televised news accounts of the event of which they were part.

Smith said the hospital and volunteers have been working hard to help families of casualties through reception centers staffed by a clinical social workers and two mental health technicians.

He said the first thing a family members wants to do is to see their loved ones. Regardless of the wound or injury, Smith said, a soldier will always have the relatives accompanied by a hospital staff person or volunteer during that initial encounter.

"We don't let them go up by themselves," he said.

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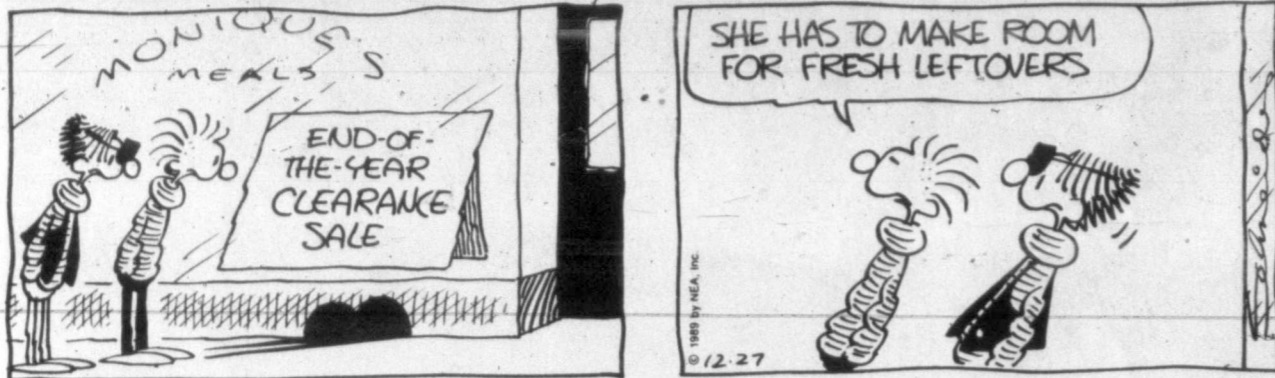
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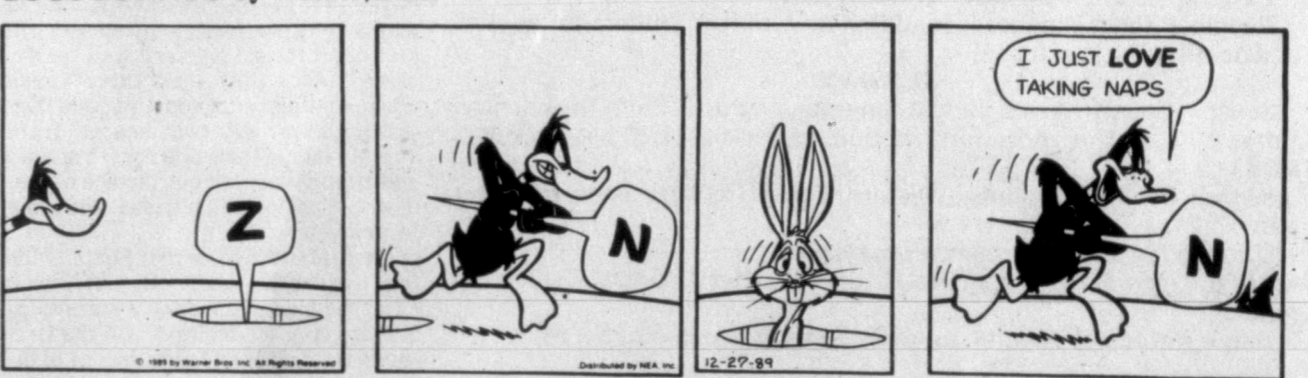
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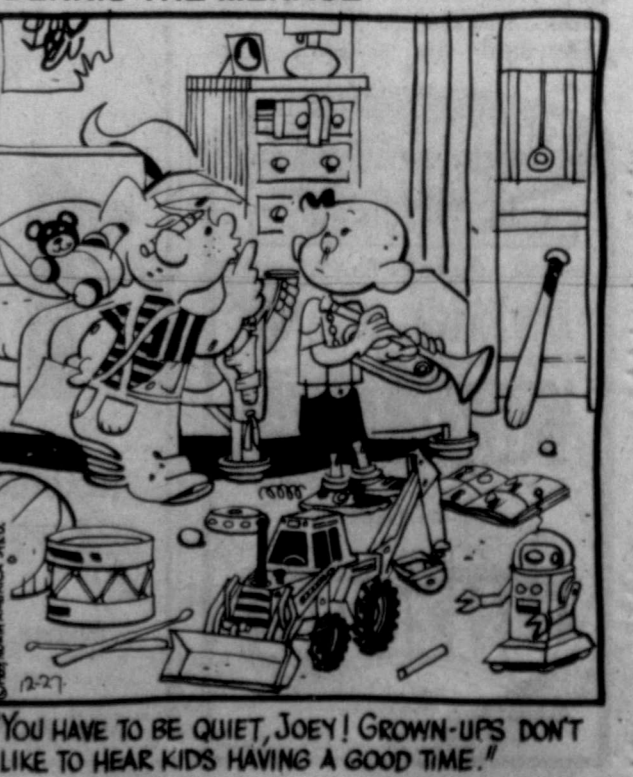
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## ACROSS

- 1 Fighting equipment
- 5 On the affirmative side
- 8 Branch of the armed forces
- 12 Grabbed
- 13 Wiggly fish
- 14 Ripped
- 15 Actor Alan —
- 16 Boy
- 17 Muscle
- 18 Grew molars
- 20 Property titles
- 21 Comparative suffix
- 22 — pal
- 23 Soft and fluffy
- 26 Giving meal
- 30 Slept like —
- 31 Resin-producing tree
- 32 Cask
- 33 Container

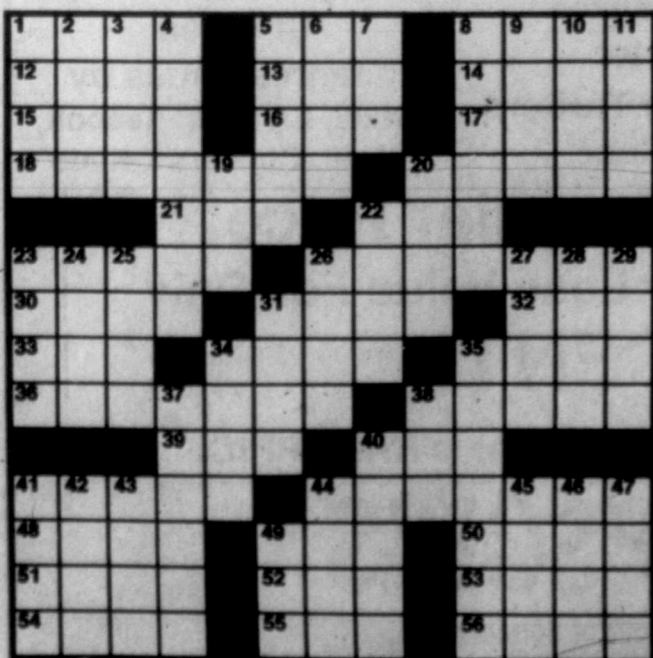
## DOWN

- 34 Surface measures
- 35 Aleutian island
- 36 International understanding
- 38 Refuse
- 39 French article
- 40 Opposite of post
- 41 Lived
- 44 Ready for flight
- 48 First-rate (2 wds.)
- 49 Middle East org.
- 50 Stratagem
- 51 Leo's home
- 52 Sup
- 53 Tennis term (2 wds.)
- 54 Swirl
- 55 Non-profit TV
- 56 Affirmations

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 1 Rat. — — —
- 2 Part played
- 3 Current fashion
- 4 Winter sport
- 5 Actor Fonda
- 6 Enjoy a book
- 7 Not new
- 8 Be there
- 9 Architect Miles van der
- 10 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
- 11 Evergreens
- 19 Word to call attention
- 20 Antlered animal
- 22 Vegetables
- 23 Palm fruit
- 24 TV actor Ken
- 25 Habit
- 26 Without charge
- 27 Leave — —
- Beaver
- 28 Sundae topping
- 29 Antelopes
- 31 — and crafts
- 34 Dill seed
- 35 Basement opening
- 37 Detective Queen
- 38 Dehydrated
- 40 Conspires
- 41 Valley
- 42 Mustard plant
- 43 City in Oklahoma
- 44 Exerciser's concern
- 45 Broad
- 46 Inter — among others
- 47 Wants (sl.)
- 49 Vigor





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Noriega...

# Strongman roared like lion but scurried like a mouse

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — He roared like a lion, but when it was time to fight he scurried like a mouse, running from hole to hole as U.S. paratroopers tried to trap him.

"He repressed us for years and then he humiliated us by giving up without a fight," said taxi driver Pedro Hernandez. "I never supported him, but he should have fought."

There was no final power play and Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega didn't go down in a blaze of bullets, a fitting end for someone to be romanticized in Latin American folklore once his political crimes and other sins are forgotten.

"He did not even have the guts to kill himself," said housewife Martiza Martinez.

Instead of the name "commander of dignity" his cronies gave him because he stood up to Americans, Mrs. Martinez said

he was the "commander of indignity."

Although most Panamanians were opposed to the military strongman who named and fired

## New FCC regulations

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the same day, although not necessarily at the same time — another quirk of the new rules.

He said cable TV companies appealed the new regulations to a federal appellate court in Washington, D.C., and recently lost the decision.

Geick said Tuesday that his company is "talking with all these people to see exactly what we have to do. I can't tell you for sure at the present time how much or what is going to happen."

"We will do the very best we can to retain everything, we can, but it is probably going to be pretty harsh," Geick said. "The only way the law could be relaxed is if the people who asked for the protection were to relax their request."

KTXS general manager Clay Milstead said Tuesday that his station wants protection for its network programming, for which it is contractually granted exclusivity, and for its syndicated programs, for which it purchases exclusive rights.

"There were basically no teeth to the legality of that until the FCC ruled that cable companies

six presidents like shop supervisors, they almost believed his nationalist rhetoric of fighting to the death.

He was said to enjoy a crisis.

were infringing on those rights by bringing in distant-signal stations," Milstead said.

There are two areas of the new rules — "SYNDEX," or syndicated exclusivity, and network non-duplication.

Milstead said that except for syndicated shows, viewers here will see the same thing they would see on WFAA. "About the only thing they don't see is Dallas commercials," he said.

The KTXS executive said the rules are "to protect our rights and to provide the viewer with more alternatives."

He said that because of the probable transfer of ownership from Snyder Cablevision to TCA, the rules will probably not begin to be enforced in Snyder until about Feb. 1.

He said KTXS expected the CBS affiliate in Abilene, KTAB, to file for exclusivity against other CBS affiliates, but that KTAB has not made such a request.

An FCC spokesman in Washington, D.C., told the Snyder Daily News today that agency rules did not address the matter before 1988 because eight years before that, when the situation was last reviewed, the networks had a 92-percent share of the viewing audience — a percentage that had fallen to 68 percent by last year.

"The situation had drastically changed from what we had anticipated," said the spokesman, Audrey Spivack. "Cable was a full-fledged competitor with other media, including network broadcasting, and had matured into a highly sophisticated business."

"If you have purchased exclusive rights, you should be able to enforce those rights."

She said the only exceptions are cable companies with fewer than 1,000 subscribers.

## Police check reported theft

Police are investigating the reported theft of a 1986 Ford Mustang that was found Tuesday morning on a county road behind Wilson Motors off the East Hwy.

Officers said the damaged vehicle was traced to Stetson Merritt of 2312 41st St., who told them he had left it at the dealership to be repaired on Monday, when the business was closed, and that someone apparently took it from there and then wrecked it.

The car was found at 9:09 a.m., and Merritt made his report at 11:21 a.m.

## Police work two accidents

Police investigated two minor traffic accidents Tuesday, including one in which a vehicle had to be towed.

At 1:36 p.m. at 30th St. and College Ave., a 1980 Subaru station wagon driven by Linda M. Proctor, who lives northwest of Snyder, was in collision with a 1984 Ford Tempo driven by Reynaldo Morin of Rt. 3, after which the Subaru had to be towed from the scene.

Police said Morin appeared to have been injured but declined medical attention.

At 12:15 p.m. in the 2500 Block of Ave. F, a 1974 Buick driven by Clarence E. Moore of 2501 F was in collision with a 1982 Chevrolet driven by Jeffery O. Rose of 505 30th St.

## Deputy arrests young female

A county sheriff's deputy arrested a 17-year-old girl on a misdemeanor theft warrant at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the 1800 Block of Huffman Ave.

Police were called to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday to quell a disturbance involving a 16-year-old girl.

They made contact with the girl and her mother and reported upon leaving that order had been re-established.

## Weather

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alone in having to cope with weather-related problems. Dallas city officials have estimated \$25 million in damage due to the cold snap and it has been calculated that as many as 100,000 residences and/or businesses in Houston were affected.

A two-week freeze in 1983 accounted for insured property losses of \$145 million across the state and the recent cold spell may run a close second to that before normalcy is restored.

Locally, reports came in from across the community. The booster station that pumps water from the water plant to the Price Daniel unit was inoperative when all three pumps froze. Workers — battling wind chills of minus 38 degrees — were forced to construct a portable building around the station and pump warm air in to thaw the pumps. One of the three pumps suffered a broken valve which will have to be replaced.

Darrell Callahan, water and wastewater supervisor, said the prison was never without water, although "pressure was substantially reduced. They had cause to be upset or mad but they were very understanding, very helpful," said Callahan.

He said the water department and water distribution departments alone had costs of some \$3,700 for equipment and labor over the three day period he said employees were calling the "three dark days of December." The figure does not include the cost of replacing the valve, either.

Crewmen were forced to work in brutally cold conditions — including an estimated wind chill of minus 38 degrees — to arrest many of the problems caused by the cold weather.

At least one motel in town was forced to close Saturday through Monday because of paramount water problems and a number of other business locations, including A-1 Testers, Warrior Construction, Snyder Lumber Co. and Wilson Motors reported water leaks. Humble Smith School and the Scurry County Coliseum-Annex were also affected.

## Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Roy Clark, Snyder Oaks; Cornelius Davis, 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3C-8; Lisa Rodriguez, 1908 Coleman, Apt. 3; Helen Block, 2208 45th; Randy Williams, Odessa; Beka Blackwood, Laramie, Wyo.

DISMISSALS: Bryan Clifton, Cynthia Lee and baby girl, Elizabeth Pace and baby girl, Lorna Reed, Jack Crawley, Nikki Howell, Virginia Hernandez, Christi Bly, Julia Hamby, Rachel Rivera and baby boy, Clifton Tankersley.

## Births

Clemente and Lisa Rodriguez are the parents of a baby boy weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces, born at 9:17 a.m. Sunday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.



FIRST PLACE—OB unit staffers at Cogdell Memorial Hospital were declared first place winners last week during the annual Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the hospital's auxiliary. Since all staffers were busy at the time this photo was taken, the three judges stood in for them. In the top photo Donna Fowler is pictured with the decorated incubator and at right are the special stockings which auxiliary members made for yuletide newborns. Pictured with the rest of the OB display (bottom photo) are Jerry Beard and Ralph Williamson. (SDN Staff Photo)



SECOND PLACE—Central Supply at Cogdell Memorial Hospital won second place in the hospital's annual Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the auxiliary. From left are, Carmen Timora, Cindy Tolbert, Iva Haywood, Dawn Summers, and Katrina Burney. (SDN Staff Photo)



THIRD PLACE—Housekeeping at Cogdell Memorial Hospital won third place in the hospital's annual Christmas decorating contest sponsored by the auxiliary. From left are, Rudy Ubando, Sue Phipps, Cindy Darlin, Paula Estrada, and Bonnie Phipps. Not pictured are Juanita Chaidze, Lenore Casas, Mary Lunsford, Herb Grover, Juanita Merkit, and Bernadine McGaha. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Panama

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ched the Vatican representative, Monsignor Sebastian Laboa, and

his car as he left the embassy, apparently to prevent Noriega from being spirited out.

After a week of fighting, order returned to Panama City. Crews cleared mounds of garbage left

from wild looting sprees that emptied shelves, and many people returned to work.

The U.S. military reported only scattered clashes with Noriega loyalists Tuesday.



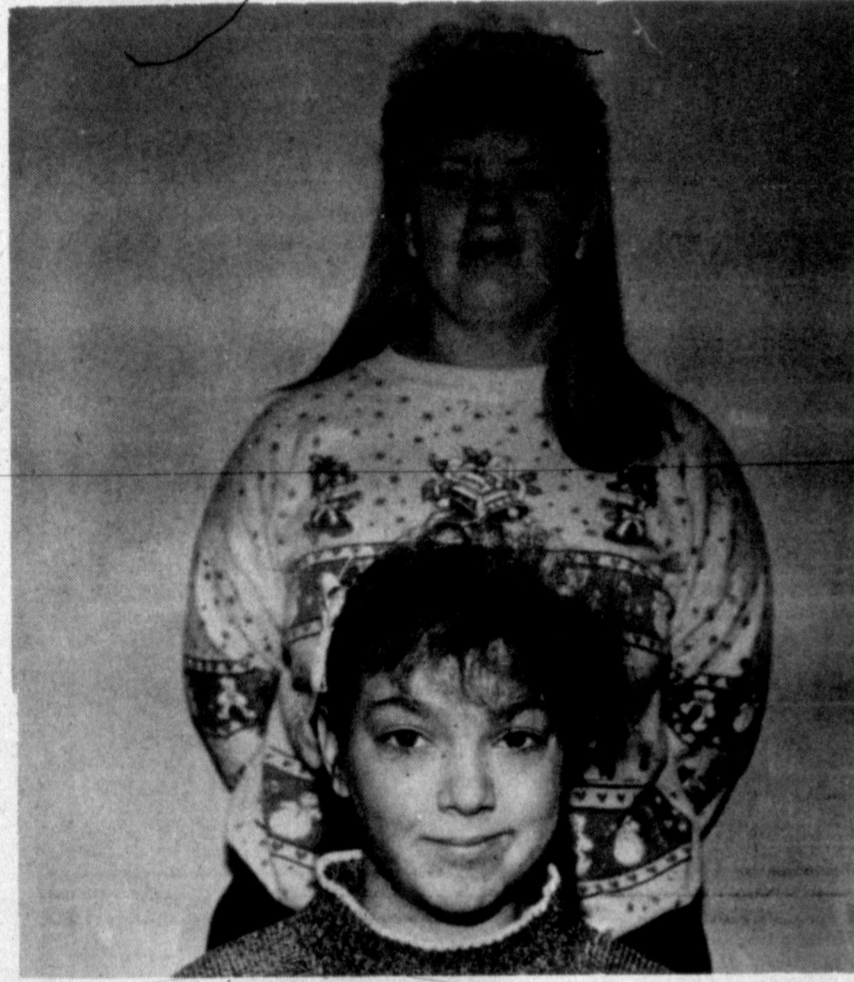


**HIGH SCHOOL BANDSMEN** — SHS band members of the month for December are back row, Cynthia Fogle, junior; and Dora Jean Rumpff, senior; and front row, Tonya Lelek, sophomore; and Julie Zeck, freshman. (SDN Staff Photo)



**RUDOLPHS** — These third grade students of Carolyn Hamby's at Stanfield Elementary School decorated their own T-shirts with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, made from footprints and fingerprints. From left in front are Stoni Riggan, Andrea Robinson, Joni Williams, Kara Gowin, Matthew Holt, Tamra Anderson, Renae Hall

and Amanda Gentry, and in back are Rachel Huddleston, Darcee Purcell, A.J. Jones, Christopher Bailey, Britney Canada, Calli Pierce, Shannon Hall, Jacob Smith, Dusty Ashby and James Allen Shields. (SDN Staff Photo)



**JUNIOR HIGH BANDSMEN** — SJHS band members of the month for December are Misty Clem, 7th grader, front; and Jodie Shepard, 8th grader. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Iowa farm town gets its wish: people

**ROLFE, Iowa (AP)** — Penny Hollis left New Hampshire last summer and bought a home in this farm belt town so fast that she didn't notice the major landmark: a grain elevator.

"I thought, 'Elevator, what's so special about an elevator? Isn't that what goes up and down in department stores?'" she recalled.

Hoping to save its businesses and its school, Rolfe put out a national invitation two years ago, offering a free lot and \$1,200 cash to anyone who builds a house worth \$30,000.

About 70 people have accepted the invitation, increasing the population by almost 10 percent. Their 20 children padded school enrollment to 190.

Four houses have been built, although none by the transplants, who are happy to rent or buy existing homes at a fraction of the price they're used to paying.

"We paid \$4,500 for it, plus \$1,500 for the garage," says Becky Roberts of her century-old, 3,000-square-foot house. "In Sacramento, it would probably go for \$300,000."

To Mrs. Roberts and her husband, Gary, who moved from the California city this year for their retirement, this town about 80 miles northwest of Des Moines is just what she and her husband were looking for.

"We were thinking about retiring and moving to a small community and one morning on the boob tube, here comes the story about Rolfe," she said.

They visited, liked the place and decided to settle.

"It's real slow here," she said. "People are genuinely friendly. If they call on you or visit, it's because they want to. ... You don't have to be suspicious of people at your door."

Alcides and Guelly Mendoza, who came from Brazil by way of the Bronx, tired of the rush and risk of the New York City.

The move was especially good for their four children, three in school and an 8-month-old, says Mrs. Mendoza. In New York, they lived in a very good area, "but four or five blocks over, there were buildings where there was trouble."

The elevator is the main employer in Rolfe, but there are

ample opportunities for skilled workers in nearby communities, City Administrator Dave Jochims said. The county unemployment rate is 1.1 percent.

"So far, the businesses have been happy with the workers they've received and I feel good about it. People are moving to Rolfe to better themselves," Jochims said.

After her husband died of a brain tumor two years ago, Ms. Hollis, 31, decided she and her four children, ages 3 to 14, needed to get away from New Hampshire.

## Citrus growers look ahead

**McALLEN, Texas (AP)** — Rio Grande Valley citrus growers say the Christmas weekend arctic blast that wiped out the year's remaining crop did not sound the industry's death knell.

But the rate of recovery will depend upon the extent of damages to citrus trees, more than one-third of which were replanted after a similar freeze in 1983.

Les Whitlock, manager of the Texas Valley Citrus Committee in McAllen, on Tuesday warned that more cold weather could hamper another comeback. "We're not through sweating out winter."

Producers and agricultural officials were assessing the extent of damages Tuesday, although they were already labeling most of this year's crop a total loss. An estimated 65 percent of the harvest was on the trees when the freeze hit, representing a value of up to \$55 million at the

wholesale level.

Grapefruit and oranges were frozen solid, making them salvageable only for juice — which brings about half the price of fresh fruit.

But, the rapid warming Sunday and Monday may have thawed the chilled fruit too quickly, making it unsuitable even for juice.

"We don't see it as a complete negative loss," said Richard Walsh, a citrus grower and president of Mission Shippers, a Valley packing operation. "The difference between this freeze and 1983 is that we don't see the (same) damage to the trees."

"We've lost the remaining fruit on the trees," he told The Dallas Morning News. "But we've proven to everyone that we can come back."

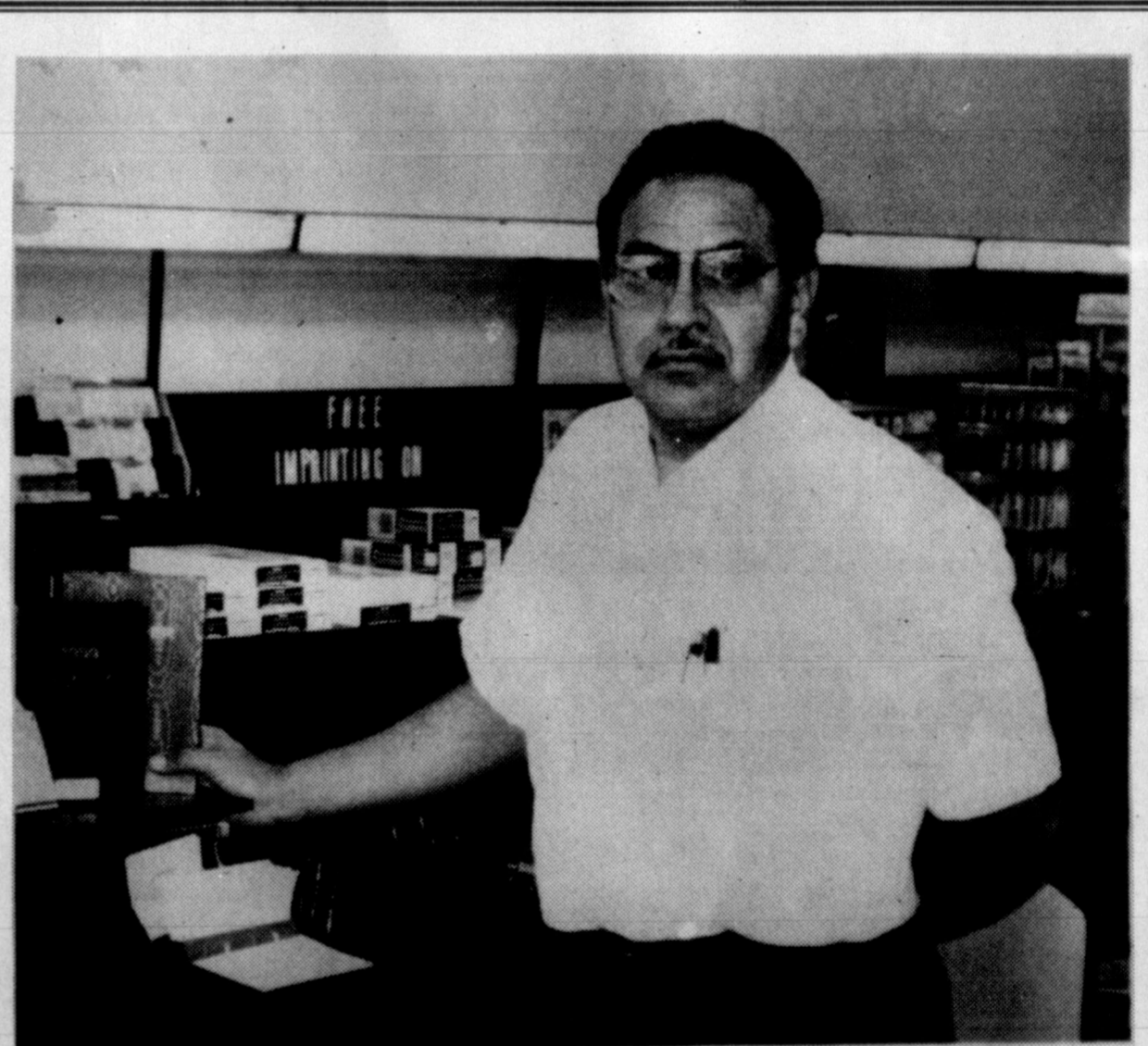
Walsh and other shippers were busy finding markets for grapefruit and oranges picked before the freeze last week.

Meanwhile, Florida citrus growers said that despite a numbing Christmas freeze, they were optimistic their trees suffered little damage and much of the iced fruit can be turned into juice.

Texas citrus growers, many of whom are still recovering from the 1983 disaster, were expecting a good crop this year, one that would finally pay the bills.

But citrus growers and officials say the industry was better prepared for the disaster this year than in 1983, when the freeze killed off most of the trees and forced about half the valley's growers out of business. Whitlock said more growers are protected by tree and crop insurance now.

"The other thing is the will of the grower himself," Whitlock said. "The people who are going to leave first are the part-time growers. And we don't have that many of those left."



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# Dear Abby



## Woman, Too, Must Be 'Man' Enough to Stand Up for Herself

By Abigail Van Buren

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**DEAR ABBY:** Your advice to the overweight woman who asked what to do about a father-in-law who refused to stop making snide remarks about her weight went a long way toward reinforcing the notion that women are substandard to men. You suggested that she take it up with her husband, and expressed the hope that he is "man enough" to speak with his father in her defense.

Does this mean that if he refuses to do so, he is more akin to some weak woman? What would Margaret Thatcher say about this? Or the late, great Mother Jones?

A nationally syndicated columnist has tremendous power, Abby. I would hope that you would encourage enlightened thinking rather than reinforce negative, false stereotypes.

Perhaps you meant to say that you hoped the woman's husband was strong enough to speak to his father in her defense, a preferable approach. In considering this alternative, remember the words of Simone de Beauvoir: "When an individual is kept in a situation of inferiority, the fact is he (or she) becomes inferior."

EDWARD M. CZUPRYNSKI, BAY CITY, MICH.

**DEAR E.M.C.:** I hit the hammer squarely on the thumb with that one! Read on for a word from a like-minded critic:

**DEAR ABBY:** Concerning your advice to the overweight woman with the rude father-in-law: If she's unable or unwilling to stand up for herself, the solution isn't to give her husband an ultimatum to be "man enough" to do it for her — it's for her to be woman enough to learn to do it herself.

A course in assertiveness might help her overcome her reluctance to tell the jerk where to get off. "Speaking up" isn't just a man's job, Abby.

A MAN IN SACRAMENTO

**DEAR MAN:** Thanks. I needed that.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am writing in response to your many readers who don't know how to handle people who impose on them.

Your stock answer: "Nobody can impose on you without your permission" is not sufficient. Why don't you give them some practical examples of what to say so they can learn to be more assertive?

For example, when a couple drops in on you uninvited, you could say, "I'm sorry you didn't call first — we're awfully tired this evening. Would you mind stopping by tomorrow?" Or, "We have a lot of housework to do tonight; we'll talk to you tomorrow." Or, "I'm sorry, we have plans for tonight."

Abby, unassertive people need to learn how to stand up for themselves. They need to learn that they can do it gracefully without being rude or offensive.

Please tell them that most high schools and colleges offer courses in assertiveness training, and they should enroll.

ASSERTIVE AND GLAD OF IT

**DEAR ASSERTIVE:** Obviously you took the course and passed with flying colors. Thanks for not only sending a clear message to the meek, but also providing them with a road map to assertiveness.

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## Officials deny arms smuggling

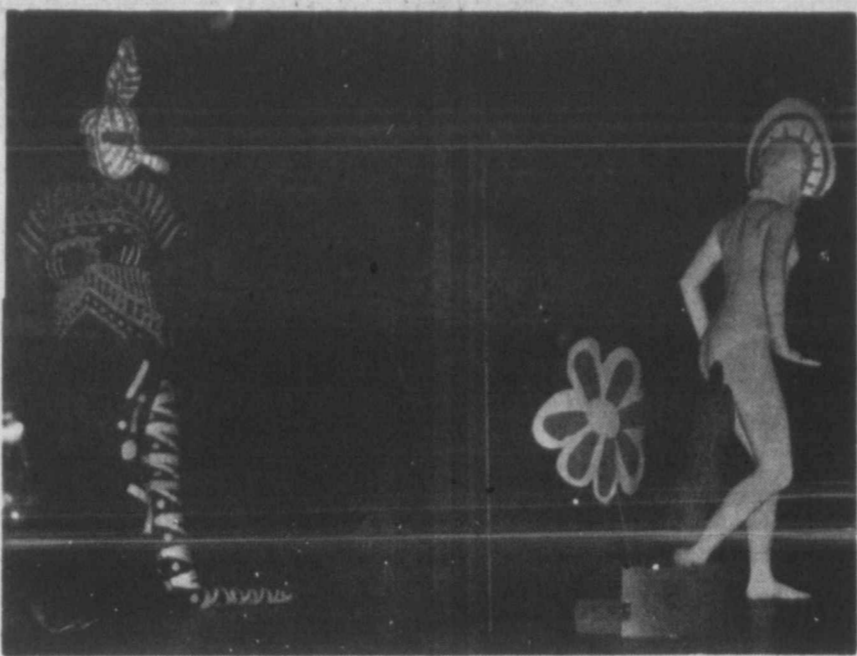
**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — High-ranking officials denied allegations that Cuba has established a new route in Mexican territory for shipping arms to El Salvador's leftist guerrillas.

"Mexico has been especially careful to establish facilities in its territory for preventing the situations described," a Mexican official said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

In a dispatch from Washington,

The Associated Press reported Monday that U.S. officials believe Cuba is sending weapons across Mexico to guerrillas fighting the U.S.-supported government of El Salvador.

As described by U.S. officials, the route involves shipping arms across the 130-mile-wide Yucatan Channel to Mexico's Yucatan peninsula, then by truck via an unknown route through Guatemala to El Salvador.



**DRAMA** — These Australian youngsters performed a symbolic depiction of the original creation of their country last week during a presentation at Snyder High School. They are staying in Lubbock and performing around West Texas for a month. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Modest consumer food price rise is expected in 1990

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Consumer food prices are still on track to increase by a modest 3 percent to 5 percent in 1990 despite the bitter cold that has ravaged citrus and winter vegetable crops, says an Agriculture Department analyst.

The food price forecast was made last month, and economist Ralph Parlett said Tuesday he is sticking by it, at least for now.

Overall food prices are up an average of about 5.7 percent this year, the largest annual gain since a 7.8 percent jump in 1981. Much of this year's increase was due to lingering effects of the 1988 drought and poor weather early in 1989.

"I'm not worried about my overall forecast (for 1990) at this point," Parlett said in a telephone interview. "But there'll be some impact, and possibly higher prices in the first quarter."

Parlett said he and other agency analysts are "still trying to assess the damage" to citrus and vegetable crops in Florida and elsewhere.

"The main thing is oranges," he said. "Vegetables — tomatoes, bell peppers, celery — they're some of the big volume things that would be coming out of Florida now."

Parlett said 90 percent of the Florida oranges are for processing and that a lot of them can be salvaged for juice. The main source of "fresh market" oranges is California.

"There will be some (retail) price impact," he said. "But since we do have decent supplies in California this year ... the supply impact will be minimal."

## Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My sister has been diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome. What can you tell us about this disorder?

**DEAR READER:** Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome is a type of electric short-circuiting in the heart. Instead of the electrical impulses traveling through the normal nerves from the atria (low-pressure chambers) to the ventricles (high-pressure chambers), the impulses are re-routed along an abnormal, alternate pathway.

Because of this pathway, the electrical charges triggering the heartbeat reach the ventricles slightly earlier than they should.

By and large, this condition is harmless and produces no symptoms, except in some patients who show cyclic bursts of rapid heartbeats (supraventricular tachycardia) that cause palpitations and weakness. Several medicines, including quinidine and procainamide, help retard the rapid flow of electricity and prevent rapid pulse.

Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome does not indicate heart disease or cardiac damage, but patients should have regular checkups.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I'm a 37-year-old mother with a full-time job and suffer from constant fatigue. I've been tested for diabetes, thyroid and lupus with negative results. I could sleep constantly. The only medication I'm on is Tri-Levlen for birth control, and even that seems to make me more tired. I'll take any suggestions you can offer.

**DEAR READER:** Chronic fatigue syndrome is one of the most difficult conditions to diagnose because there are no definitive tests for it. After ruling out the usual causes of fatigue — such as diabetes, thyroid disorders and other ailments — doctors are left with the fatigued person who appears otherwise normal. The truth is that the experts have yet to discover what causes chronic fatigue syndrome.

Having said this, I will proceed to

blame your birth control medicine, Tri-Levlen. Oral contraceptives will cause depression in some women. The reason for this is unknown. Such depression can masquerade as fatigue. I recommend you ask your doctor to discontinue your birth control pills for two to three months.

If, at the end of this time, you are feeling better and less tired, the pills are probably the cause. If not, your doctor will have to continue the search for an answer to your problem.

Because you will want to use alternative methods of contraception while you're off the pill, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Contraception: An Update." 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.

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## Montgomery said thankful

**MERIDIAN, Miss. (AP)** — U.S. Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery said he was thankful for the chance to dine with the first family on Christmas Day at Camp David and didn't even mind being put on the spot by the president's request that he give the Christmas blessing.

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