

Symphony due Thursday...

Soloists featured at Yuletide event

Two Snyder women will be soloists Thursday, accompanying the Midland-Odessa Symphony at the annual Christmas program sponsored by the cultural affairs committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Singing five selections will be Marcie Dennis and Melanie Smith. Dennis will sing "Ave Maria" and "Panis Angelicus" and Smith will sing "Jesu Bambino," "Rejoice Greatly" and "O Holy Night." Also featured on the program will be an appearance by Santa Claus, who is to lead the symphony in its version of "Sleigh Ride." An 80-member community choir will accompany the sym-

phony also in a program promised to last more than one hour. Rehearsals for the choir are being handled by SHS choir director Bill Lyon. Conducting the symphony Thursday will be Tom Hostadt of Midland. The program in Worsham Auditorium will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale through the chamber office. These may be reserved by calling 573-3558. Tickets are priced at \$4 for general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. There will also be reserved seating for \$12 and a "patron" ticket for \$16.



SOLOISTS — Melanie Smith, left, and Marcie Dennis will be featured soloists in a joint Christmas concert with a Snyder community chorus and the Midland-Odessa Symphony at 8 p.m. Thursday at Jerry P. Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School. Tickets for the event are now on sale. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chilly rainfall recorded

Snow was in the forecast for Friday night and early Saturday, but instead Snyder received rainfall which began around 4 a.m. and deposited some .40 of an inch of moisture. Saturday morning, the temperature managed to stay above freezing and no ice was forming as of 11 a.m. At 7 a.m. Saturday, the mercury had dipped to 36 degrees. The National Weather Service is calling for cold and cloudy weather through Sunday. Across West Texas Saturday morning, rain was said. See RAINS, page 6A

Sunday
Dec. 11, 1988
Ask Us

Q — I read in the newspaper that the police arrested an 83-year-old woman for shoplifting. Don't the police have anything better to do?
A — Chief Bill Stone noted that shoplifting arrests are initiated by local merchants, not the police. In such cases, the police are responding to a report from a citizen that they have seen a law broken. If the individual wishes to file a complaint, the officers have no choice regarding an arrest. In the case mentioned, he noted the woman was taken into custody, then released at the police station under a personal recognizance bond.

In Brief
Cancer free

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan got a clean bill of health from his physicians today, who reported that lab tests of tissue taken from his colon show him to be free of cancer, the White House said. "The tissue removed Friday afternoon from President Reagan's colon for biopsy is benign," said a statement issued by presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. On Friday, first lady Nancy Reagan was told her latest breast X-ray showed "no evidence of cancer of any kind."

Local
Yule shows

Three holiday performances are due this week from Snyder school groups. On Monday, a Yuletide performance of the Snyder High School band will begin at 7 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. It will be followed Tuesday by the junior high band's holiday concert at Worsham Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Also Tuesday, the SHS Choir will have its Christmas concert beginning at 8 p.m. This event was rescheduled from last Thursday due to weather. There will be no admission charge for the programs.

Kids' Party
 The VFW Post 8231 Children's Christmas Party will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18. Santa will bring gifts for the children and refreshments will be served.

Open house
 A grand open house is planned Sunday from 2 until 4 p.m. for Reta's Cake Shop and Texas Bar-B-Q, newly relocated to 1600 25th St. Free food samples will be given out and door prizes given away.

Weather
Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 40 degrees; low, 15 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 36 degrees; 40 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 20.99 inches.
West Texas: Rain spreading from the Big Bend and Permian Basin to all but the Panhandle, changing to snow early Saturday Panhandle and late Saturday Concho Valley. Snow ending Saturday afternoon far west and Saturday night elsewhere. Fair to partly cloudy but cold area-wide on Sunday.

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AUCTION ITEMS — Chamber secretary Sally Lake displays the new bicycles which will be auctioned here next Saturday as part of the chamber-sponsored Christmas auction. Cash register tape totals from 45 local merchants will be used as bidding dollars at the event, set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum. Other items to be sold to the highest bidder will include televisions, VCRs, jewelry, and appliances. (SDN Staff Photo)

County's first case of capital murder now set for appeal

By **DONNY BROWN**
 SDN Managing Editor
 Convicted capital murder suspect Dorsie Lee Johnson Jr., guaranteed a hearing before the State Court of Criminal Appeals because of the nature of the crime he was charged with, will have his day in court Wednesday. His trial, likely the longest in Scurry County history with some three weeks required to select a jury, ended with the death sentence on Nov. 14, 1986. Johnson, age 21, was found guilty of slaying an Allsup's convenience store clerk during a robbery of that store on March 23 of '86. He and a confessed female accomplice to that crime were arrested by Snyder police on April 9 of that year. For the state on Wednesday, arguments will again be offered by District Attorney Ernie Armstrong. Representing Johnson, a native of Colorado City, will be Frank Conard of Sweetwater, his court-appointed defense attorney. This past November, Conard was unopposed for the district attorney's post for Nolan County's 32nd District and will assume that office Jan. 1. Wednesday's hearing in Austin will be Conard's final legal obligation as a defense attorney. Johnson's conviction here followed a three-week jury selection process and a one-week trial in 132nd District Court. Prospective jurors were summoned for the case on Oct. 20 of 1986 and a 12-member panel—seven women and five men—was finally chosen on Nov. 6. They began hearing testimony in the case on Monday, Nov. 10, and found Johnson guilty of the crime the next Thursday after four days of testimony. The same jury sentenced him to death by lethal injection the next day, Nov. 14, 1986. The verdict marked the first capital murder death sentence for Snyder. See APPEAL, page 15A

Board member to speak... TDC class graduation slated

Graduation ceremonies are due Thursday for the first TDC correctional officers training class offered through Western Texas College. The current class enrollment is 26 and graduates will become eligible for employment with the Texas Department of Corrections. Guest speaker Thursday will be Steve Stephens of San Angelo, secretary of the TDC board and owner of the Town and Country Food Store chain. Graduation will begin at 7 p.m. in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre. Stephens is a resident of San Angelo, where he has served in a variety of civic capacities. In 1974, he and his wife, Pollyanna, were named San Angelo Citizen Couple of the Year. He served as a city council member from 1972-74 and was co-chairman with his wife of Fiesta Del Concho in 1973-74. He has formerly served as a United Way chairman, president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, president of the West Texas chapter of the Texas Association of Business and president of the San Angelo Jaycees. Currently, he is a trustee at Angelo Community Hospital, chairman of the Texas Chamber of Commerce and a director for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, Texas Association of Taxpayers and the Texas Civil Justice League. In 1967, he was named San Angelo's "Outstanding Young Man" by the San Angelo Jaycees. In 1971, he was named one of five outstanding young Texans by the Texas Jaycees. In 1977, he received the Good Government Award from the Texas Jaycees. See CLASS, page 15A



Public hearing slated on longevity pay plan

Scurry County commissioners Monday will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase in longevity pay for county employees and elected officials. The hearing, scheduled for 10 a.m., was set two weeks ago when commissioners gave preliminary approval to the proposal to increase longevity pay from \$3 to \$10 per month for each year an employee or official has been with the county. The proposal includes a "cap" of 20-years service. This means the highest amount which could be paid monthly would be \$200 or \$2,400 per year. Other business will include the closing of applications for county attorney, in the wake of County Attorney Michael Line's recent announcement he will be resigning, and the announcement of a date to appoint a successor. Bonds will be considered for Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. and Hermleigh Water Works operator Harold Mason, and CPA Jerry Vestal will discuss possibly auditing county finances next year. Cogdell Memorial Hospital administrator Tom Hochwalt will also discuss the hospital's discount for county employees.

New nursing head named at Cogdell

A 37-year-old Odessa native and veteran Cogdell Memorial Hospital nurse has been appointed director of nursing at the facility. Lana Chambers had been serving as interim director of the 75-member nursing staff since the resignation of Christy Pointer, who left to study accounting at Angelo State University. In announcing the appointment, hospital administrator Thomas Hochwalt cited Chambers' varied experience and said that "under Lana's direction, we will continue our forward progress toward excellence in patient care." Cogdell's nursing staff includes See NURSE, page 15A



LANA CHAMBERS
 ...nursing head...

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The stock market closes on weekends to allow fingernails to grow back." A recent story about the cat who found his way back home to Snyder from out on the Colorado City highway has prompted several to come forward with similar stories. The most unusual came from Snyder's Emmett Askins whose only vice is drinking coffee daily with the morning group at Louise's. Askins said the incident occurred during the winter months of 1938. He and his wife had decided to leave the funeral home business and go back to the family farm near Stamford. His family had a big, white cat which had a fresh litter of kittens soon after their arrival in Stamford. Askins' parents said the mother cat and her kittens could be brought to their house in Snyder. Askins' father decided to take the mamma cat to the ranch about 25 miles away in Borden County. It wasn't long before the cat and the three kit-

tens disappeared. Three months later, about 11 p.m., someone heard a noise in the barn. Investigation revealed that the mother cat and two of her kittens had made it safely to Stamford. Emmett figures the mamma cat found her way to Snyder, picked up the kids and finished the 120-mile journey after three months. Askins says the felines were in pretty good shape except for frozen feet and ears. On the subject of pets, last year's drought nation-wide has about wiped out the flea population. A tick and flea expert with the National Institutes of Health, says that dry conditions can cause young fleas to shrivel up and older fleas to reproduce less. It's good news for dogs and cats, but it's bad news for the multi-million dollar flea and tick control business. If a pharmacist can pray for a good bug, then Charlie Church ought to be able to ask for wet weather.

Shootings worry residents

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Residents shut themselves in after dark, drew curtains and answered callers warily as police hunted for a gunman believed responsible for four shootings in as many nights.

The first victim was killed outside his auto customizing shop on Monday. Three men were wounded by shots fired into their homes on each of the next three nights.

Police on Friday had patrols closely watching neighborhoods in this township of 23,000 people on Long Island.

"We can only assume that the

killer has gotten scared because of the extra patrols, or else he's taken the night off. We just don't know," Detective Sgt. William Armstrong of the Southampton police said late Friday.

The shootings have enough in common to point to one sniper, but police so far say they haven't found a common thread that would point to motive.

All the shootings have occurred after dark, most around dinner time, within a two-mile radius in the towns of Southampton and Riverhead. The two towns are about 75 miles east of New York

City and near the exclusive beach communities favored by the city's wealthy.

The victims, all blue-collar men in their 30s, were shot with either a small-caliber rifle or a lightweight shotgun. Friends and relatives described them all as hard-working family men and were at a loss to suggest a motive.

CARLYLE'S CHRISTMAS by Larry Wright



Prosecutors accuse North of repeated lying to officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver L. North repeatedly lied to government officials "to cover his tracks" when confronted with complaints that Iran was overcharged for U.S. weapons during arms-for-hostage deals, prosecutors say.

"North persisted in a pattern of deception that enabled him to exploit the Iran initiative by secretly using it to generate a pool of funds over which he exercised control without governmental accountability," prosecutors said in a filing Friday.

The former National Security Council aide initially lied to a Defense Department officer and two CIA officials about the price Iranian arms dealer Manuchar Ghorbanifar agreed on for 1,000 TOW missiles in January 1986, the filing said.

North made the "critical misrepresentation" during his report of the London meeting — at which Ghorbanifar agreed to pay \$10 million, or \$10,000 a missile.

He told three officials that the Iranian had agreed to pay \$6,000 apiece for a total of only \$6 million, independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh said in the filing.

North pressed the CIA to reduce the \$6,000 price even further and eventually it was set at \$3,700 per missile "for reasons unrelated to North's

statements," Walsh said.

The arms deals continued that year but by the summer of 1986 "fissures began to develop in North's scheme" when Iranians learned they were being overcharged as much as 600 percent. The discovery was apparently made when they obtained an accurate microfiche price list for Hawk missile parts, Walsh said.

North told CIA officer Charles Allen "to tell the Iranians that the price they had paid was correct and that it was higher than the microfiche because it was difficult to locate Hawk spare parts," Walsh said.

He later tried to persuade the CIA to produce a fake price list "to extinguish the complaints."

Confronted by Allen with Ghorbanifar's complaints that he was being unfairly blamed for the overcharges, North questioned "the trustworthiness of Ghor-

banifar."

"North repeatedly failed to disclose the true origin of the inflated prices — his own efforts to generate a surplus for the Contras. Instead, he attempted to cover his tracks and blame the problem on Ghorbanifar," Walsh said.

In the memo filed with U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, Walsh said he "will demonstrate at trial that North played a significant role in directing expenditures from the enterprise through witnesses such as Willard Zucker," an American lawyer who operates a Swiss financial company.

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Museum invites visitors to doll show

The Diamond M Museum of Fine Arts invites visitors to see the doll show which is being featured through December. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays as well as from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

The museum will be closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 2 for the combined Christmas-New Year holiday.

The Diamond M Museum is in the Diamond M Building at 1909 25th Street. There is no charge for admission.

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Stennis tribute heard

WASHINGTON (AP) — At a farewell tribute to his 41-year Senate career, John Stennis heard himself hailed as a giant of political life and a tower of dedication and integrity.

But Stennis said the 250 Mississippians gathered in the Senate Caucus Room to pay him homage at the end of his political career had come "not just to honor John Stennis, but to honor a great system of government 200 years of it."

Stennis, 87, who is the Senate president pro tem, has been third in line for the presidency, behind the vice president and the House speaker, for the last two years. He told the friends who gathered with him Friday night:

"I want to thank those who made it possible for me to withstand the storms of political life."

He said of the American people, "We are determined, we

have the potential, we have the opportunity and we have the ability to make this system a success. I'm positive we can make a go of it in this very difficult system of self government."

Stennis is returning to De Kalb, Miss., his hometown, and staff members said he is likely to devote the rest of his life to trying to persuade young people to enter public service, perhaps through teaching.

At the farewell gathering, the wellwishers who waited to shake Stennis' hand stood in a line that stretched out the Caucus Room door into the hallway. They were eager to shake his hand, pat him on the back and in some cases to offer a hug.

"I feel wonderfully well," the senator told those who asked. "This is a stimulus to me. ... I didn't know there would be so many people."

Christmas Gala plans underway

The Senior Citizens Center will host its annual Christmas Gala Thursday night. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Senior citizens who plan to attend are asked to make reservations by 4 p.m. Monday so seating can be arranged. A special meal is planned and there will also be entertainment.

Because of the preparation of the Christmas Gala, the center will be closed all day Thursday and no noon meal will be served.

Senior citizens will be assisting Snyder Goodfellows from Dec. 12-21 by accepting donations for the Goodfellow Fund. The volunteers will be sitting in American State Bank, Olney Savings, Snyder National Bank, Snyder Savings and Loan and West Texas State Bank from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. each business day.

Two special musical programs featuring seasonal music are scheduled in the center this week. The Hallelulah Chorus from Colonial Hill Baptist Church will sing at 11:25 Monday and the Colonial Hill handbell choir will perform at 11:25 Tuesday morning.

A 42 tournament planned in the center Monday morning will begin at 10 a.m. Singers from the center will entertain at Snyder Oaks on Monday morning and will go to Snyder Nursing Center on Tuesday. The Kitchen Band will perform for students at Stanfield Elementary School at 2 p.m.

on Thursday.

The textile painting group which usually meets on Thursdays in the center will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday this week. The weight control group will have its weigh-in at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Commodities will be distributed to eligible county residents on Wednesday in the center. Hours will be from 9-11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m. Persons picking up food items are asked to enter the building through the north door and to bring sacks.

Bowlers will meet at Snyder Lanes at 2 p.m. Wednesday. The women's aerobics class scheduled on Monday and Wednesday afternoons will skip its Wednesday meeting this week. Senior citizens in the swimnastics group are asked to remember that the Western Texas College pool will close on Dec. 15 and remain closed until spring classes begin at the college on Jan. 18.

Berry's World



"Shopper burnout!"

Swimming pool closing slated

The swimming pool at Western Texas College will close at 1 p.m. on Thursday for the Christmas-New Year holiday.

The HPE building will close at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Night-time swimmers can enter the pool through the

north pool doors on those days. The pool will be closed from Friday until spring semester classes begin on Jan. 18.

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FOODBASKETS—The Scurry County 4-H Club recently donated food baskets to be distributed to needy people during the Thanksgiving holiday. In photo one, Will Henderson is pictured with Tom Alvis, principal at North Elementary. In photo two, Dustin Mills, Jessica Mills and Terra Bynum are pictured with the Northeast Elementary food basket. (Club Photos)

Low-smoke cigarette announced

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco USA says it plans to test market a cigarette in January that gives off less smoke than other cigarettes.

The company developed the cigarette because some people find cigarette smoke offensive, company Executive Vice President Peter Hoult said recently.

The low-tar cigarettes, which will be marketed as Vantage Excel 100s, burn and produce ash, unlike Premiere, the company's "smoke-free" cigarette that

heats, rather than burns, tobacco.

Smoke from the cigarette's lit end is reduced by a new tobacco blend and a special paper, company officials said.

Hoult said there is no reduction in the smoke coming through the filter.

Morocco has never allowed the Humphrey Bogart film, "Casablanca," to be shown in Casablanca, the country's largest city.

Snyder National Is One of the Strongest Banks in Texas Here's Why:

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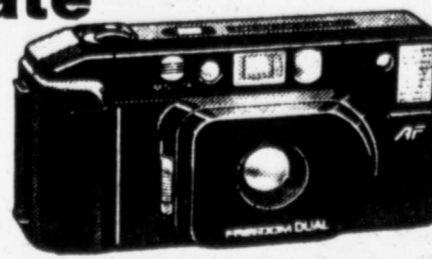


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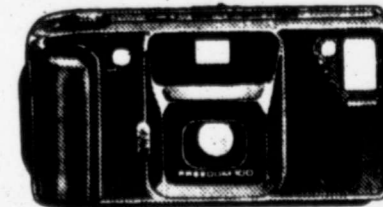
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San Antonio charity coming up short on holiday toy funds

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A charity that annually provides toys for children at Christmas says that Santa may be able to visit only the "neediest of the neediest" this year because of lagging donations.

Officials with the longtime Elf Louise Christmas Project say they are turning away needy families because the organization still needs to raise \$75,000 to repay money borrowed to buy this year's toys.

"It's enough to make you get an ulcer," Chief Elf Beverly

Miller said Friday. "We were hoping the community would come through with donations, but things have been slow because of the economy, I guess."

Miller said the volunteer elves, who coordinate fund-raising and distribution of the gifts, traveled to Dallas during the summer where toy company officials offered them toys at wholesale prices. They were allowed to buy \$125,000 worth on credit based on their 20-year track record of being able to generate community support in the San Antonio area

during the Christmas season.

But so far the volunteer elves have raised only \$50,000 to fund this year's holiday effort.

The organizations had hoped to provide toys to children from at least 7,500 needy families in the San Antonio area this year.

"It looks like we might just be able to help the neediest of the neediest," Miller said, explaining she has found no alternative but to turn away some of the many parents who came to her asking for toys for their children.



"The Joy of Christmas"

Christmas is the time for giving love, and sharing. Many people aren't quite as fortunate as others! In this time of sharing, we know the people of Snyder and Ira would like to help defray hospital bills for Keith Blagg of Ira, in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

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This is not sympathy, or charity, this is simply friends who care.

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Keith Blagg*



ENTERTAINERS — Ann and Eddie Gregory of Colorado City, left, and Jack Denman of Snyder entertained last week at the annual Snyder Lions Club banquet. (SDN Staff Photo)

Marcos said hospitalized in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — Former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos remained hospitalized after suffering congestive heart failure, which aides said was triggered by concern for his exiled daughter.

Marcos, 71, did not suffer a heart attack and did not require surgery, doctors said, refusing to release other details until test results were released later Saturday.

Marcos was in guarded condition late Friday after undergoing tests, including an electrocardiogram, said St. Francis Medical Center spokeswoman Norma Kop.

He was expected to remain in the hospital's heart unit for about two days, said Kop. She said he was in good spirits and that his wife, Imelda, was receiving visitors in an adjoining room.

Asked to comment on allegations that Marcos, who was deposed as Philippine president in 1986 and is under indictment in the United States, had earlier faked symptoms of illness, Kop replied, "He had a heart irregularity, and that can be pretty serious."

He was taken by ambulance to the hospital and admitted on the recommendation of his cardiologist, Calvin Wong, due to "the acute onset of congestive heart failure" early Friday, Marcos spokesman Gemmo Trinidad said.

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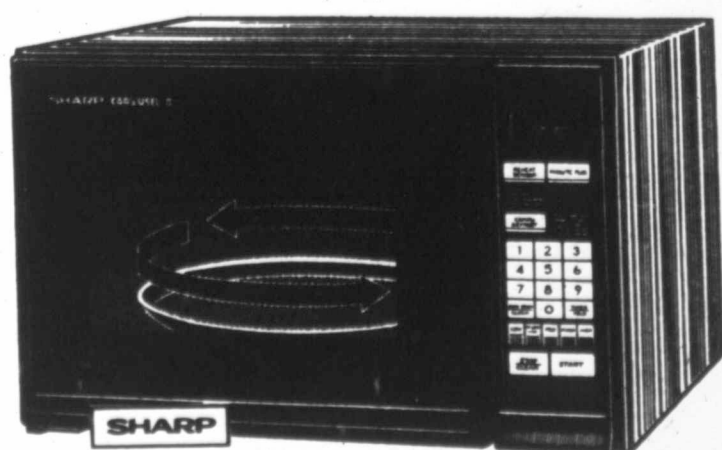


COUNTY JAILER — Harold Robbins, 47, is a Hermleigh native who attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene and Lubbock and studied accounting at Texas Tech University. He worked for Merchants Fast Motor Lines in Lubbock and Snyder from 1963 to 1977. He has been an oilfield supplies salesman, has worked extensively in building construction and farms and ranches south and west of Snyder. He has been a county jailer, working the evening shift from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., since October. Robbins' favorite hobbies are hunting, fishing and sports. He and his wife Rita have a daughter, Carol Meredith of Arlington. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Resource center schedule named

The Western Texas College Learning Resource Center will be operating on an abbreviated schedule from Jan. 3 until the 1989 spring semester classes begin on Jan. 18.

The building will be closed from Dec. 16-Jan. 2 for the mid-winter holiday. From Jan. 3-17, hours Monday through Thursday

will be 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. The building closes at 4 p.m. on Fridays.

The building will be closed all day on both Jan. 8 and 15, Sundays.

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U. S. sends airplane to stricken Armenia

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team of 27 American disaster relief specialists left for earthquake-stricken Soviet Armenia early this morning with a plane load of supplies and eight dogs trained to find live victims in the rubble.

"This is a special opportunity for us to reach out and work with the Soviet Union," said Julia Taft, head of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance of the State Department's Agency for International Development.

Mrs. Taft was head of a team that included nine doctors, among them Robert Gale, the Los Angeles physician who helped treat victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union.

Team members boarded a heavily loaded chartered 727 at Dulles International Airport at 3:07 a.m. EST and were scheduled to refuel in Newfoundland and Ireland before heading directly to Yerevan, the capital of Soviet

Armenia.

The team members, most of them veterans of major disaster relief efforts, expressed little fear of entering an unfamiliar corner of the world where tens of thousands of people have perished in one of the worst earthquakes of the century.

"I have experience with disasters, experience with Soviet disasters," said Gale, predicting that political complications in Armenia would be less than those

surrounding Chernobyl, which involved the partial meltdown of a nuclear reactor.

"I feel pretty confident that we know what we are getting into. Training is the key to the whole thing," said Steve McConaughy, a member of the canine team along with his wife, Carol. The couple is from Brookeville, Md., and the pair are going to Armenia with their black Newfoundland dogs, Ebony and Shasta.

The American party included Louise Simone, executive vice president of the Armenian General Benevolent Fund based in Saddle Brook, N.J., and two doctors affiliated with the charitable society, Garo Tertzakian and Vartkes Najarian, both of Los Angeles.

"For us, this is a long-term prospect to rebuild Armenia," said Mrs. Simone, of New York City. She noted that the nearly 100,000 dead and 700,000 reportedly left

homeless made up a large share of Armenia's population of 3.3 million.

Her foundation is raising millions of dollars to send medicine and other relief supplies to Armenia.

Soviet diplomats met with State Department officials late Friday afternoon to make arrangements for sending the chartered plane, U.S. and Russian spokesmen said.

The operation marks the first large-scale U.S. government assistance to Soviet Union in the post-World War II era. The two countries were allies during the war.

The flight and many members of the team started from New York's Kennedy airport, and the team added more members and the bulk of the supplies at the later stop at Dulles.

The dogs will be used to help find possible survivors in the rubble left by the massive earthquake, which Soviet authorities estimated had killed 80,000 people.

Kutovoi, at a news conference, read a long list of goods, largely medical supplies, that are urgently needed in Armenia.

Governor declares state of emergency

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. George Deukmejian declared a state of emergency in Los Angeles County, where flames fanned by Santa Ana "devil winds" destroyed at least 37 homes and blackened more than 3,350 acres.

"It was hitting so fast I thought my hair would catch fire, my clothing would catch fire," said Jane Cody, 41, whose house escaped damage from a wildfire that gutted 15 homes in the fashionable suburb of Porter Ranch Friday as winds gusted to 70 mph on the brushy hillside.

"All you could see was red. All you could feel was wind."

Santa Ana winds calmed Saturday and firefighters had the blaze more than half surrounded.

The fire that burned more than 3,200 acres in the northwest San Fernando Valley was the third to ravage Southern California in two days. Two wind-fanned blazes Thursday burned 150 acres and destroyed 22 homes in the suburbs of La Verne and Baldwin Park.

By nightfall Friday, the winds relented and the fire slowed. The National Weather Service

predicted winds would slow to 10 to 15 mph.

The fire, located in the Granada Hills area 25 miles northwest of downtown, was 60 percent surrounded Friday night as it spread slowly northward into vacant hills, said county fire spokesman John Lenihan. Full containment was expected today.

Deukmejian issued the emergency declaration Friday afternoon, enabling victims to apply for state aid. The order would also make a federal disaster declaration possible, but it was not known if one had been

requested.

The San Fernando fire destroyed 14 houses and a mobile home, and damaged 25 houses, said fire spokesman Gary Svider. Damage was estimated at \$4.3 million.

Forty-five firefighters suffered minor eye injuries from flying embers, and five firefighters and two civilians were treated for smoke inhalation, said city fire spokesman Jim Williamson.

The blaze began early Friday in Sunshine Canyon, then swept southwest in a blizzard of embers through the Santa Susana Moun-

tains to Porter Ranch, where homes cost up to \$500,000.

Residents awakened to choking smoke and an orange glow in the sky. Thousands fled their homes, but others stayed behind as long as they could.

"It was just like raining fire," said Tim Dinsmore, 16, who helped his father wet down the family home before they were forced to flee several blocks. The home was unscathed.

Fire officials wanted to question two men seen in the area in the hope they might provide clues on how the fire began, Williamson said. "They are not suspects," he stressed.

Fire investigators photographed downed power lines at the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, where the fire was first reported, said landfill spokesman Mark Ryavec.

At the height of the blaze, eight water-dropping helicopters dived on the flames as 1,200 firefighters attacked on the ground and fire trucks guarded an oilfield installation.

Seventy horses from stables in the fire area were evacuated to Granada Hills High School, and classes were dismissed at many area schools.

"This is a tragedy, but when you think about it, it could have been much worse," Mayor Tom Bradley told reporters during a tour of burned areas. "We are pleased with the expertise that was demonstrated here."

Composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in 1943.

Abortion protestors arrested at clinics

AUSTIN (AP) — About two dozen protestors were arrested for criminal trespass at two clinics Friday, officials said, after clinic administrators warned them to stop blocking doorways and they declined to move.

About 20 protestors were carried out of the building that houses Reproductive Services and resumed the demonstration outside, where arrests of those identified by police as leaders began. About another 20 protestors at The Ladies Center blocked outside doorways for most of the morning before arrests began.

Austin Rescue, which was behind the "rescue missions," previously has conducted protests at both clinics.

"Our presence here is the only statement we have to make,"

protestors told reporters.

Demonstrators variously sang hymns and Christmas songs; prayed; and read from the Bible.

"You are trespassing today, and for all time. I never want to see any of you on this property again," Ginny Findeisen, administrator of Reproductive Services, told protestors in a warning to leave.

The protestors, who responded by sitting on the floor and singing "Amazing Grace," were carried out.

Reproductive Services shares an office with an adoption agency of which Ms. Findeisen is program director.

"We believe that women should be supported in their choice of handling an unplanned pregnancy, whether it is through adoption, through abortion or through

parenthood," Ms. Findeisen said.

Referring to the protestors, she added, "These people don't believe in that. They don't think a woman should have a choice or a couple should have a choice."

Ms. Findeisen said women who had Friday appointments at Reproductive Services were rescheduled or sent elsewhere. Austin police Lt. John Stewart said The Ladies Center was closed in the morning and was planning to open later.

"They're not stopping abortion. Women will get abortions one way or the other, and it's a shame that the city has to put out this kind of money. Look at the number of police officers involved here today," said Ms. Findeisen.

About 25 officers were at Reproductive Services while pro-

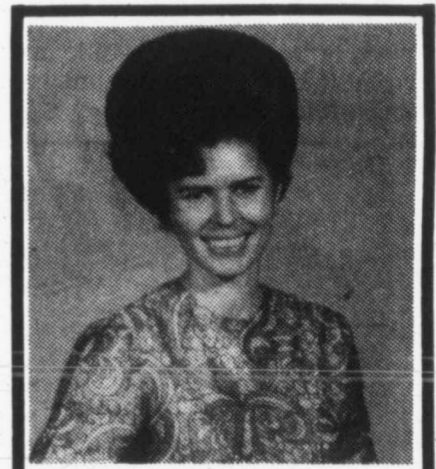
testors were being moved, said Lt. Ernie Hinkle. An equal number later were at The Ladies Center.

Stewart said he thought some protestors were being paid to demonstrate. A woman whose husband was arrested — as she and their young sons watched — said that was not being done.

The woman, who declined to give her name for publication, said she was not concerned that her sons, ages 6 and 8, had seen their father arrested.

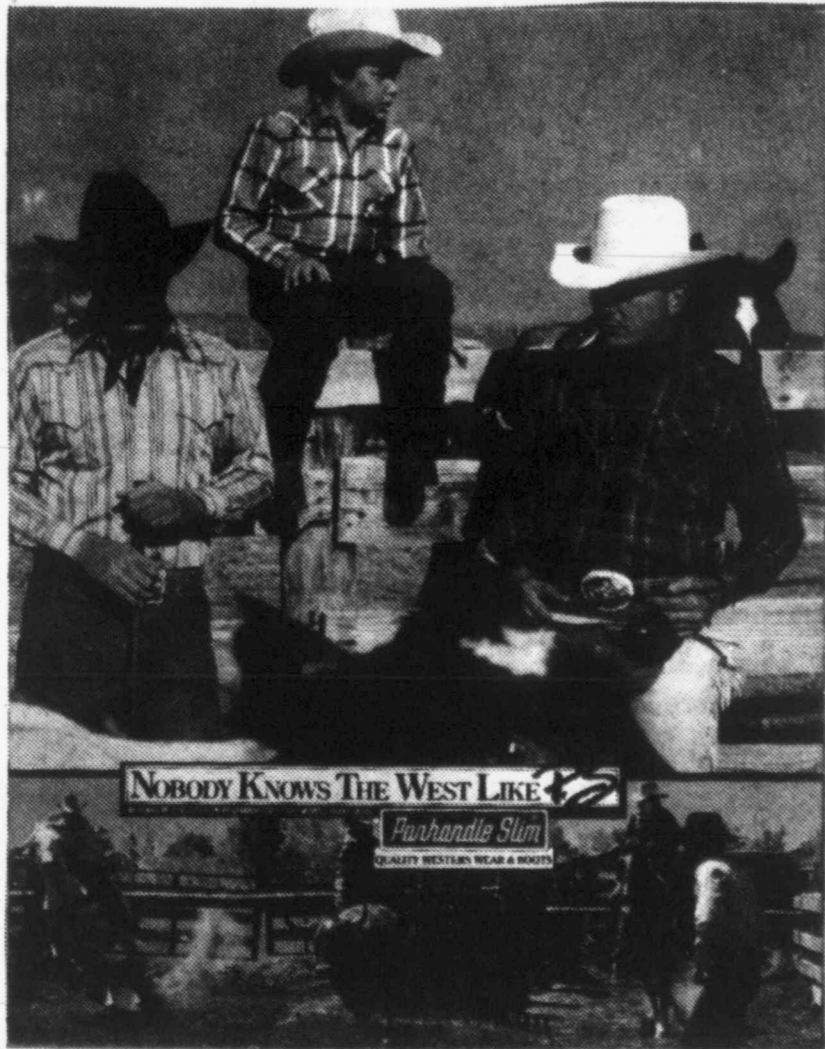
"They understand their daddy is doing what he believes is right," said the woman.

"These lawless extremists have determined that the women of Austin will have to wait them out or cross their human barriers in order to seek health care services," said Phyllis Dunham.



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Gorbachev flies to Armenia to oversee efforts

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev flew to Armenia today where search dogs, medical teams and rescue workers struggled to save thousands of people buried in the rubble of a killer earthquake.

The government declared a day of national mourning. Across the country, hotels, campgrounds and private homes were opened to survivors of the quake.

The first Western plane loads of doctors, search dogs and medical supplies arrived Friday as people from around the world joined a rescue effort made extraordinary since it occurred in a land normally closed to foreigners.

Rains snow in forecast

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spreading from the Big Bend and Permian Basin to all but the Panhandle area.

Snow was again in the forecast late Saturday but was expected to end by Saturday night.

A layer of cold air was draped over most of Texas Saturday morning while gulf moisture streamed up from the Lower Valley.

A winter weather advisory was posted for the western portions of North Texas Saturday night.

Except for the northwest corner of the Panhandle, where the sky was partly cloudy, the state was covered by a dense blanket of clouds early Saturday morning.

The wind direction was variable, with gusts less than 10 miles per hour.

The cold spot early Saturday morning was at Dalhart where it was 25 degrees. The high was 49 degrees in the Coastal Bend area at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

Health Minister Yevgeny I. Chazov said time was running out on those trapped by Wednesday's quake, which measured 6.9 on the Richter scale.

In London, Leonid Zamyatin, the Soviet ambassador to Britain, said 80,000 people were killed in Armenia, a republic of 3.3 million 1,200 miles southeast of Moscow.

The Kremlin said "thousands were killed, tens of thousands injured and hundreds of thousands

of people are without shelter." The official news agency Tass said Friday that "tens of thousands" were killed.

In Moscow, authorities were preparing to take in 10,000 children whose parents' whereabouts apparently were unknown, the Communist daily Pravda reported. Private families have offered to take in orphans and injured adults, the newspaper said.

The Armenian community, however, is "indignant," fearful such measures may permanently separate children from parents who may still be alive, said Bishop Tiran Durakyan of the Armenian Church in Moscow.

Firefighters said they pulled about 80 people out of the rubble in Leninakan, Armenia's second-largest city, and Tass said 200 people were pulled out of debris at a factory there Thursday night. It said 80 percent of the city's homes and businesses were destroyed.

"In these conditions, delaying by each hour means an additional 20 killed of every thousand concealed under debris. Such is the terrifying arithmetic," Chazov told the newspaper Izvestia.

Tass provided a damage report from the stricken region. Accord-

ing to the report:

—The hardest-hit cities were Leninakan, Krovakan, Stepanavan and Spitak. Spitak and its surrounding villages were "demolished practically altogether."

Men treated after wrecks

Two Abilene men were treated and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital following ice-related traffic accidents on U.S. 84 near Snyder Thursday.

A northbound 1989 GMC truck tractor driven by David M. Spears went out of control on 84 16 miles south of Snyder at 10 a.m. Thursday and rolled onto its top. Spears was released after being taken to the hospital in a private vehicle and being treated for minor injuries.

At 5:30 p.m. Thursday 6.8 miles east of Hermleigh on 84, an eastbound 1974 Ford van owned by United Parcel Service and driven by Damon W. Beaver went off the icy roadway and turned onto its side, with Beaver subsequently being treated and released at the Snyder hospital.

A DPS trooper said a 1978 Peterbilt tractor-trailer rig driven by Edward J. Sant of Hawley then stopped to render aid and the trailer, loaded with almost 100 bales of cotton, turned over in the ditch, spilling all of the cotton.

Sant was said to be uninjured.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday 5.3 miles south of Snyder on 84, a southbound 1978 Toyota Celica driven by George W. Peoples of Sweetwater slid on ice into a fence owned by Jerry Dennis, causing an estimated \$75 in damages.

A 1988 Chevrolet two-door driven by Brandi J. Bell of 3606 Irving Ave. struck a concrete wall owned by the city at 10:56 p.m. Friday in the 1900 Block of 28th St., after which the car had to be towed.

Commodities to be distributed next Wednesday

Commodities of butter and flour will be distributed on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1-4 p.m. at the Scurry County Senior Center, 2603 Avenue M. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual because of the Christmas holidays.

Eligibility guidelines for citizens of Scurry County are posted at the Senior Center. All individuals are asked to enter through the north door of the building and to bring paper sacks or boxes to transport the commodities. There will be no make up day.

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Friday as compared with Wednesday's prices.

Refined Products	Fri.	Thu.
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	.4960	.4825
Gasoline reg. NY hbr bg gl fob	.4975	.4780
Gasoline unleaded NY hbr bg gl fob	.4725	.4560
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades	Fri.	Thu.
Saudi Arabian light	12.15	12.30
North Sea Brent \$ per bbl fob	14.90	15.05
West Texas Intermed \$ per bbl fob	15.84	15.45
Alaska No. Slope del. US Gulf Cst	13.95	13.62

Final exams due at WTC

Final examinations for most Western Texas College students will begin Monday and end Wednesday.

Students taking Thursday night classes will have their final exam Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

WTC students will begin the Christmas-New Year holiday on Thursday, when the 1988 fall term will end. Grades are to be mailed to students on Friday.

The college dormitory will close at 10 a.m. Thursday and campus offices will be closed from Dec. 19-Jan. 2.

Registration for the 1989 spring semester will be held Jan. 16-17 and classes will begin Jan. 18. Copies of the spring schedule are available in the WTC administration building.

Goodfellows increase number of recipients

Snyder Goodfellows say they have now increased the number of recipients who will be receiving Christmas food boxes and, as a result, an earlier goal of \$1,800 will also have to be increased.

The Goodfellows are now asking Scurry County residents to make \$12 donations at three Snyder grocery stores. These \$12 donations will be used to purchase boxes of food for needy families.

The donations may be made through next week at Lawrence IGA, Everybody's Thriftway and Furr's. The \$12 amount is approximately the cost to provide food for a family of five.

The food boxes will be distributed by Snyder

Goodfellows next Saturday.

It was estimated that 150 food boxes would be needed, but this has now been upgraded to in excess of 200.

Also next week, donor stations will be set up at the three Snyder banks and two savings and loans. These will be in place through Christmas.

The latest list of Goodfellow donors includes cash donations from Calley and Fowler and Billy Calley plus a \$100 donation from the Snyder Fire Department.

Individuals making \$12 food basket purchases include Mr. and Mrs. John Partain, two baskets, Elmo Crowder, C.D. and Donna Gray, Joyce Cooper, Larry and Susan Scott, Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Roe, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Boren, Mel Gilbert, Eddie Miller, Frances Billingsley, the Bill Grimmetts, Ruby Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Womack, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Limmer, Mr. and Mrs. Jacky Grimmett, Mr. and Mrs. C.Z. Lankford, Mary Belle Cary and Jessie Scarborough. Eight donations were received also from anonymous donors.

Obituaries

John W. Grinslade

Services for John W. Grinslade, 64, of 3201 Avenue V are set for 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Wylie "Buff" Hearn, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He died at 1:57 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. He was born March 16, 1924 in Achille, Okla.

He had lived in Snyder since 1950 and had been a farmer and was retired from Chevron Gas Plant. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was married to Peggy Lou Denson on Nov. 9, 1942 in Achille, Okla. She survives.

He is survived by one daughter, Chloanne Lindsey of Snyder; two sons, Henry Albert of Andrews and Dewey Keith of Inadale; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Hazel Denson of Snyder; a sister, Sally Chlo of Achille, Okla.; two brothers, Robert Arthur of Tampa, Fla. and Albert Melton Jr. of Albuquerque, N. M.



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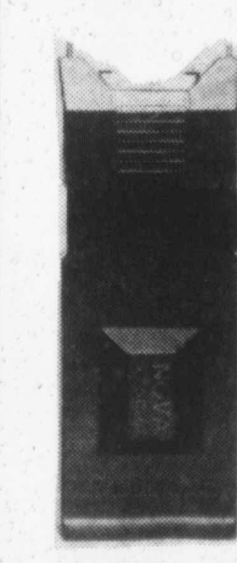
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FAA probe says improvements are now needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nine-month surveillance spawned by a rash of commuter airline accidents that killed 56 people uncovered "systemic deficiencies" in management and operation of many commuter airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration says.

The FAA said Friday that while its special examination of the commuter industry found some carriers in full compliance with federal regulations "others demonstrated a need for significant improvements."

The special inspections program, which began in March, covered 35 airlines, or about 20 percent of the commuter industry.

The FAA said its inspections uncovered 1,284 violations of air-safety regulations, about one-third of which were considered serious enough to warrant a possible civil penalty.

Commuter airlines, which generally fly aircraft with 30 or fewer seats, have become an increasingly important segment of the commercial airline industry, bringing passengers from smaller airports to larger airports serviced by major airlines.

This year commuter airlines are expected to carry more than 32 million people in and out of 800 cities.

The FAA inspection was prompted early this year by a string of commuter accidents — seven in four months during late 1987 and early 1988—in which 56 people were killed. There have been no fatal commuter crashes since the review began in March, FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said.

FAA Administrator Allan McArtor said he was particularly concerned about the "systemic deficiencies with management personnel" uncovered by FAA inspectors.

The FAA attributed much of the industry's problems to the "rapid growth of the commuter industry and the transition to larger, more complex aircraft" unfamiliar to many managers.

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SWEETHEART — Snyder Lions Club sweetheart Michelle Anderson, second from left, and her escort, Kirk McGivov, were among the 96 people who attended the club's annual banquet Tuesday night at the Willow Park Inn. Club president Cliff Smith was speaking to open the event. (SDN Staff Photo)

Team having trouble reaching crash site

RABAT, Morocco (AP) — An American team reported trouble Friday in reaching a U.S. locust-spraying plane shot down in a desert no man's land from which guerrillas launch attacks on Morocco's defensive wall.

The investigators told the U.S. Embassy in Rabat by telephone the wreckage of the DC-7 lay in a 25-mile-wide strip between Mauritania and the most forward positions along the 2,000-mile Moroccan wall.

That confirmed earlier U.S. satellite data placing the site in the heart of an area the Marxist-led Polisario independence movement in the Western Sahara uses to group its forces. A surface-to-air missile downed the plane Thursday morning.

"At this point we still don't know who fired the missile," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Friday.

U.S. military experts said the site was a few miles east of Dad-dar Lahlou, a deserted outpost halfway between the Mauritanian border and the defensive wall Morocco erected to guard the "useful" part of phosphate-rich territory. The spot is about 650 miles south of Rabat, capital of Morocco.

The plane was chartered by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Reports said it exploded at an altitude of about

10,000 feet and the five occupants, all Americans, were presumed to be dead. The wreckage was scattered over a wide area.

A second DC-7 chartered by AID to help fight the locust plague in northern Africa also was hit by a missile, but limped 250 miles and landed safely at Sidi Ifni. It sat at the end of the single runway Friday and the Sidi Ifni airport was closed.

Sergio Tommasoni, 64, co-owner of the Chandler, Ariz., aviation company that owned both planes, was crew chief of the second plane. He and the other four men aboard were reported safe in nearby Agadir.

The American investigators were experiencing "unusual difficulties" in reaching the site, U.S. military experts said. They did not elaborate.

The Americans aboard the downed plane were identified as Joel Blackmer, 46, and Blackmer's son, Frank Kennedy, 21, both of Phoenix; Ben Rossini, 49, Tempe, Ariz.; Frank Heder-man, 47, Cody, Wyo.; and Wes

Wilson of Hastings, Neb.

It was widely assumed, though not confirmed officially, that both missiles were fired by a guerrilla unit.

Polisario fighters in the area usually have Soviet-designed SAM missiles for defense against Moroccan aircraft. Both DC-7s were flying at 10,000 to 11,000 feet, generally considered too high for visual identification.

An American official said privately it was "at least possible" the attackers thought the planes were Moroccan.

Madjid Abdullah, the

Polisario's North American representative, told The Associated Press in Washington the front "will do everything possible to shed full light on this tragic and unfortunate incident."

Moroccan authorities issued a factual account of the destruction of the plane, but said no more.

No one is known to have traveled the entire length of the Brahmaputra, which flows 1,800 miles from western Tibet to the Indian Ocean, says National Geographic.

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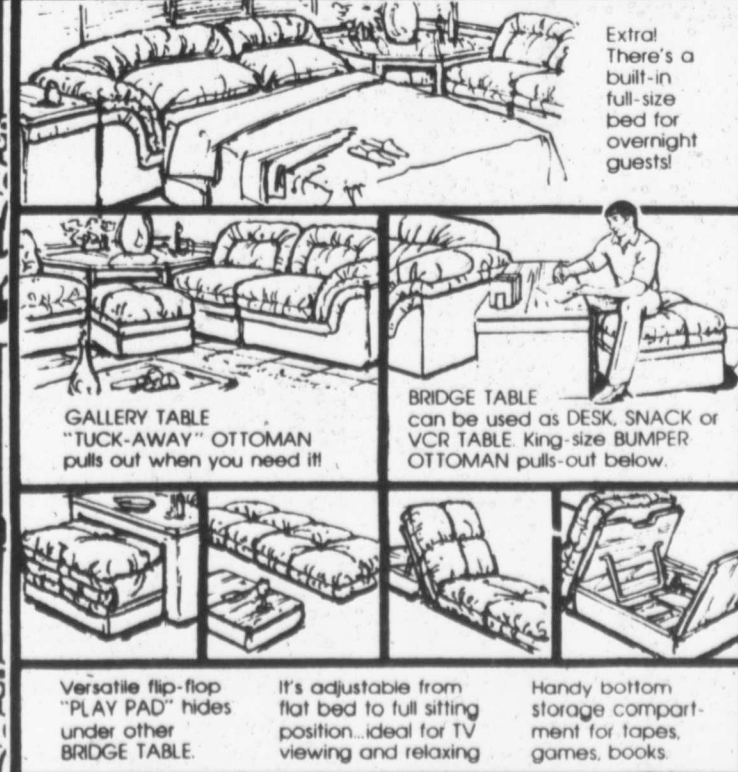
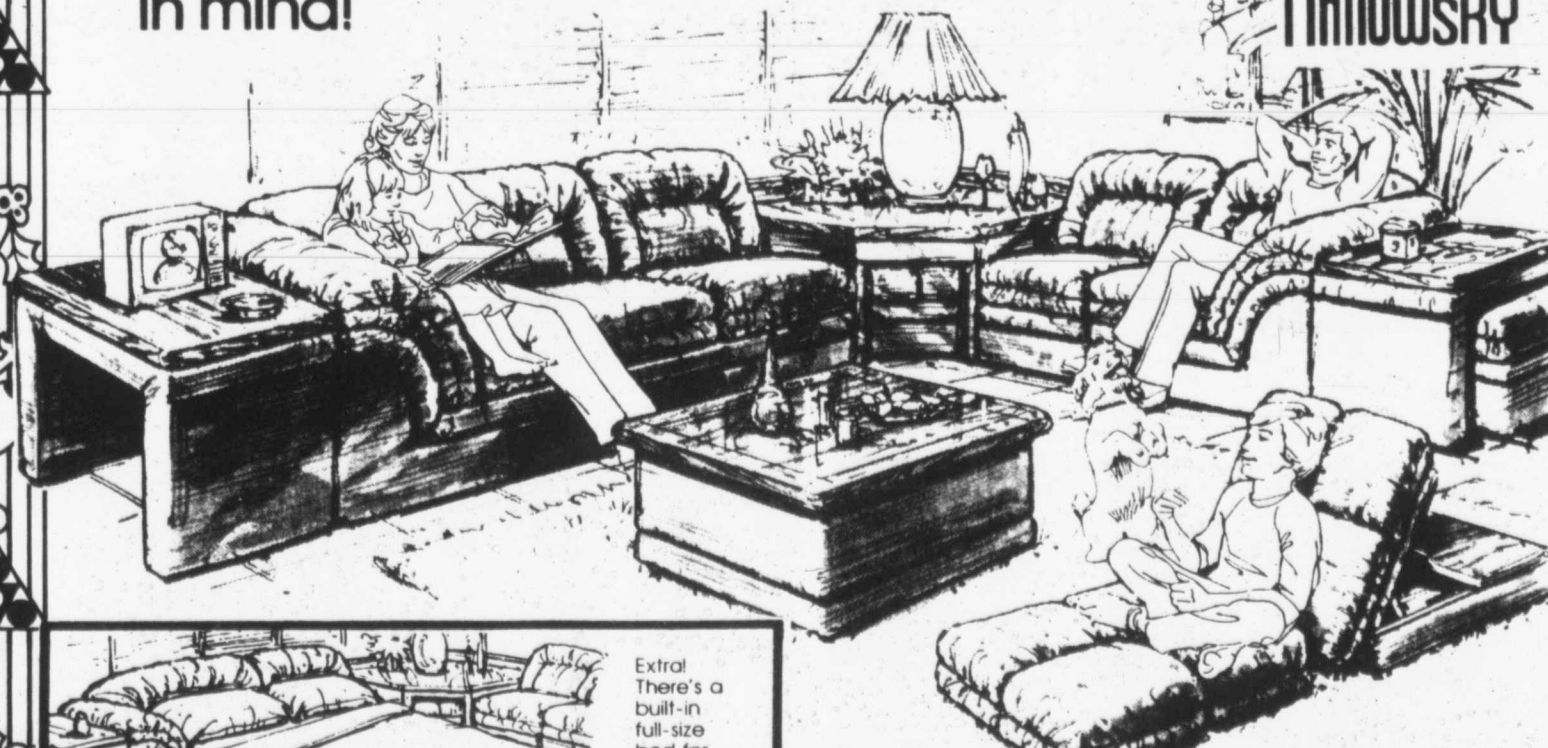


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Tired of pressure, abuse...

Jazz's Layden quits

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Frank Layden, his Utah Jazz leading the NBA's Midwest Division, stepped down as coach Friday because of the intense pressure and fan abuse.

A tearful Jazz owner Larry Miller made the announcement and said assistant Jerry Sloan will replace Layden.

"We're not in a dugout," Layden said. "The fans are right on top of us. I've had people spit on me. I had a guy come up to me and say, 'Hit me, hit me, I'm a lawyer.'"

"I think America takes all sports too seriously, there's no dignity."

Layden's decision came as the Jazz, 11-6, prepared to face second-place Dallas, 10-6, Friday night in the Salt Lake.

Miller said Layden will be the team's president, replacing Dave Checketts, who takes over as general manager.

Layden, known as much for his sharp wit and rotund figure as his coaching prowess, became coach seven years ago and compiled a 277-294 record.

"Sometimes in the NBA, you feel like a dog," Layden said. "You age seven years in one. The pressure in the NBA is intense. It's time to have my time."

Layden's tenure as coach, which began in December 1981, was the third-longest among active coaches in the league, behind Doug Moe of Denver and Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers.

Layden, who signed a 10-year contract with the Jazz in 1983, led Utah to five straight winning seasons, five straight playoff berths, and the Midwest Division championship in the 1983-84 season, when he was named NBA Coach of the Year.

Last season, the Jazz won 47 games, breaking the team's record of 45 victories, set in 1983-

84. Utah then took the Lakers to seven games before losing in the Western Conference semifinals.

Sloan, 46, has been with the Jazz as an assistant since November 1984. He played in the NBA with Washington and Chicago from 1965-76, and is the only Bulls' player to have his number (4) retired.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	12	6	.667	—
Philadelphia	12	7	.632	½
Boston	9	10	.474	3½
New Jersey	7	13	.350	6
Charlotte	5	11	.313	6
Washington	4	13	.235	7½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	15	4	.789	—
Cleveland	12	4	.750	1½
Atlanta	12	7	.632	3
Chicago	9	9	.500	5½
Milwaukee	8	8	.500	5½
Indiana	4	13	.235	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	11	6	.647	—
Denver	12	7	.632	—
Utah	11	7	.611	½
Houston	11	8	.579	1
San Antonio	6	10	.375	4½
Miami	0	15	.000	10

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	3	.824	—
Phoenix	10	8	.556	4½
Seattle	9	8	.529	5
Portland	10	9	.526	5
Golden State	7	10	.412	7
L.A. Clippers	7	11	.389	7½
Sacramento	3	13	.188	10½

Friday's Games
Boston 121, Philadelphia 107
Charlotte 96, New Jersey 95
Denver 121, Miami 110
Indiana 112, Sacramento 105
Detroit 92, Atlanta 82
Chicago 118, Milwaukee 100
Dallas 97, Utah 89
Phoenix 110, Golden State 105
Portland 93, Washington 90

Saturday's Games
Sacramento at New York
Charlotte at New Jersey
Denver at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Detroit
L.A. Lakers at Indiana
Miami at Chicago
Seattle at Houston
Cleveland at Dallas
Utah at L.A. Clippers
Washington at Golden State

Sunday's Games
San Antonio at Portland
L.A. Lakers at Milwaukee

Texas slaps Lehigh; meets Mocs for title

AUSTIN (AP) - Junior forward Daren Chandler tipped in a missed shot with one second left on the clock to give Tennessee-Chattanooga a 77-76 win over Jacksonville in the first round of the Longhorn Classic Friday night.

The Mocs were to play Texas in the championship game of the classic, while Jacksonville was to meet Lehigh. Texas handled Lehigh 96-73 in the first game.

Chandler, who led all scorers with 26 points, went up in a crowd to get a 3-pointer that Benny Green missed, to hand the Mocs only their second win of the year against three losses.

Chandler, a 6-6 junior forward who averages 21 points a game, also pulled down 13 rebounds.

Green, who complemented Chandler with 18 points, scored seven of the Mocs' nine points in the overtime period, including a 3-pointer from the top of the key to give the Mocs a 75-74 advantage with less than a minute to play.

Curtis Taylor led Jacksonville, 3-3, with 18 points.

In the Longhorns' win, junior transfer Lance Blanks hit for 37 points and pulled down 13 rebounds.

Blanks' effort was the most points scored by a Longhorn player since Carlton Cooper, who had 38 against Missouri Southern in 1983.

Blanks, a 6-4 transfer from

Virginia, was 15-of-19 from the floor, including 7-of-9 accuracy from the three-point range.

He had 19 points by halftime to lead the 5-1 Longhorns to a 46-36 halftime lead. He came into the contest with a 16-point average.

Area hoops

GIRLS
Sands Mustang Invitational
Semi-Finals
Stanton 7 6 10 17 -40
Borden Co. 17 13 15 10 -55
STANTON-Giaspie 20.
BORDEN COUNTY-Himes 22.
Records: Borden 9-1.
Note: Borden vs. Sands, 6 p.m. Saturday, championship game.

JV Girls: Borden County 38, Wilson 24.
Highland Hornet Roundup
Ira 13 4 5 8 -39
Highland 19 16 15 17 -47
IRA-Himes 10.
HIGHLAND-Miller 24, Hyde 12.

Ablene Chris. 4 0 9 9 -29
Hermleigh 9 10 13 13 -45
ACHS-Gilbreth 8.
HERMLEIGH-Crumly 17, Smith 13.
Records: ACHS 0-8, Hermleigh 2-6.

BOYS
Sands Mustang Invitational
Stanton 15 19 13 16 -63
Borden Co. 14 14 21 11 -40
STANTON-Cain 20, Jones 14, Holland 13.
BORDEN COUNTY-Vestal 19, Bond 14.
Telchick 11.
Note: Borden Co. vs. Forsan, 4 p.m. Saturday for 3rd place.

Highland Hornet Roundup
First Round
Ira 18 22 25 21 -86
Highland 8 21 17 20 -46
IRA-Withers 20, Barbee 18, Bearden 15, Gunset 13, Shurdvant 11.
HIGHLAND-Allen 16, Burke 14, Wright 11.

Semi-Final Round
Ira 14 14 15 21 -44
Throckmorton 11 16 11 8 -46
IRA-Gunset 26, Barbee 14.
THROCKMORTON-Latham 19.

Ablene Chris. 24 18 19 19 -80
Hermleigh 13 13 10 18 -54
ACHS-Halla 42, Patterson 14, Hill 11.
HERMLEIGH-Martinez 28, M. Sanchez 17.
Records: ACHS 5-2, Hermleigh 2-7.

Only three teams clinched so far...

NFL playoff road is bumpy

by The Associated Press
"Ifs," "ands," "buts" and "howevers" abound this weekend as NFL teams battle for postseason berths.

With the next-to-last round of regular season games beginning Saturday, only three teams have clinched spots for the tournament that ends with the Super Bowl. For most of the rest, the future depends on a victory and a calculator.

For example, the Los Angeles Rams can still win the NFC West by winning its final two games if New Orleans loses both of its games and San Francisco loses once.

The defending Super Bowl champion Washington Redskins have an outside chance at the playoffs. But Dick Maxwell, director of public relations for the NFC, said "It's just too numerous" to list what has to happen for the Redskins to get in the chase.

"There's a possibility that five teams will wind up with 9-7 records," Maxwell said, looking at a wild-card berth.

The weekend activity begins

Saturday with Indianapolis at the New York Jets and Philadelphia at Phoenix.

On Sunday, it will be Cincinnati at Houston, Dallas at Washington, Detroit at Chicago, Kansas City at the New York Giants, Tampa Bay at New England, the Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo, Minnesota at Green Bay, New Orleans at San Francisco, Pittsburgh at San Diego, Atlanta at the Los Angeles Rams, and Denver at Seattle.

Monday night's contest will have Cleveland at Miami.

The Buffalo Bills are the only team to have clinched a division title, the AFC East, while the Cincinnati Bengals and Chicago Bears are assured of at least wild-card spots.

Colts at Jets

Indianapolis, 8-6, can make the playoffs by winning its last two games if New England loses once and either Cleveland or Houston lost both of their remaining games. The Jets, 6-7-1, have lost eight straight December games over the years.

Eagles at Cardinals
Phoenix coach Gene Stallings

isn't worrying about playoff possibilities. The Cardinals are 7-7. Philadelphia, 8-6, also must win its final two and rely on the help of others for a postseason berth.

Bengals at Oilers

Houston is 9-5, but still could win the AFC Central title if it beats Cincinnati and Cleveland and the Bengals, 11-3, lose to Washington.

Cowboys at Redskins

Dallas, 2-12, is riding a 10-game losing streak.

The defending Super Bowl champion Redskins are 7-7 with only a mathematical chance at the playoffs. That small chance

may depend upon running up the score against the Cowboys, just in case tie-breaking procedures get down to point differential.

Lions-Bears

Detroit, 4-10, has won two of the three games since Wayne Fontes took over as coach. But Neal Anderson leads Chicago, 11-3, in rushing and is 39 yards shy of becoming only the second runner in Bears' history to gain 1,000 yards in a season.

Chiefs at Giants

New York, 9-5, leads the NFC East and can gain the playoffs for the fourth time in five years

(see NFL, page 9A)

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East				
	W	L	T	Pct.
x-Buffalo	11	3	0	.786
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571
New England	8	6	0	.571
N.Y. Jets	6	7	1	.464
Miami	5	9	0	.357

Central				
	W	L	T	Pct.
y-Cincinnati	11	3	0	.786
Houston	9	5	0	.643
Cleveland	9	5	0	.643
Pittsburgh	4	10	0	.286

West				
	W	L	T	Pct.
Seattle	7	7	0	.500
L.A. Raiders	7	7	0	.500
Denver	7	7	0	.500
Kansas City	4	9	1	.321
San Diego	4	10	0	.286

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East				
	W	L	T	Pct.
N.Y. Giants	9	5	0	.643
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571
Washington	7	7	0	.500
Phoenix	7	7	0	.500
Dallas	2	12	0	.143

Central				
	W	L	T	Pct.
y-Chicago	11	3	0	.786
Minnesota	10	4	0	.714
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286
Detroit	4	10	0	.286
Green Bay	2	12	0	.143

West				
	W	L	T	Pct.
San Francisco	9	5	0	.643
New Orleans	9	5	0	.643
L.A. Rams	8	6	0	.571
Atlanta	5	9	0	.357

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth
Saturday, Dec. 10
Indianapolis at New York Jets
Philadelphia at Phoenix
Sunday, Dec. 11
Cincinnati at Houston
Dallas at Washington
Detroit at Chicago
Kansas City at New York Giants
Tampa Bay at New England
Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo
Minnesota at Green Bay
New Orleans at San Francisco
Pittsburgh at San Diego
Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams
Denver at Seattle
Monday, Dec. 12
Cleveland at Miami

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Cowboys haul losing string to Washington this Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) - Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry knew last summer that his team wasn't the stuff Super Bowl contenders are made of. But he hardly expected the Cowboys to be in the running for next year's No. 1 draft pick.

That's the "reward" for owning the worst record in the NFL, and with two weeks left in the season both Dallas and Green Bay are 2-12. Although Landry acknowledged months ago that this was going to be a rebuilding season for the Cowboys, he never

envisioned this type of disaster. "The worst happened of what I expected this year," he said. "It's tough to have a season like we've had, but sometimes you have to go through those to get where you want to go."

Dallas brings a 10-game losing streak into this Sunday's game against the Washington Redskins. The Cowboys almost snapped out of the skid last week in Cleveland, but 17 penalties proved too much to overcome in a 24-21 setback.

It was the fifth game this

season the Cowboys have lost by three points or less. Fate, and more than one Dallas columnist, has not been kind to Landry.

After the agonizing loss to Cleveland, Skip Bayless of the Dallas Times-Herald noted, "Thomas Wade Landry is a pitiful shadow of Mt. Landry greatness," and "It's amazing this team hasn't quit on Mt. Senility yet."

Landry could lash out at his critics by citing his past achievements or passing the blame upstairs. Instead, he conceded that the franchise's past greatness has resulted in unrealistic expectations.

"You get so much criticism when you're a team like we are, that's won so many Super Bowls," he said. "People expect you to do that every year, and that's what makes it so tough."

If anyone can appreciate that position, it's the Redskins. The defending Super Bowl champions are 7-7, with only a mathematical chance of getting back into the playoffs.

That small chance to qualify for post-season play may depend upon on running up the score against the Cowboys, just in case tie-breaking procedures get down to point differential.

"That's a joke," said Redskins coach Joe Gibbs. "We're going for a one-point win, period. My goal is to just try and survive this game."

Washington linebacker Neal Olkewicz, putting the Redskins' season in perspective, added, "We haven't been playing well enough to be cocky. At this point, we'll take any kind of win."

The last time the two teams met, last Oct. 9, Redskins run-

ning back Kelvin Bryant had 200 total yards in a 35-17 Washington rout. But Bryant hasn't played in a month, and will surely miss his fifth straight game.

His place in the backfield will be taken by rookie Jamie Morris, who has rushed for 158 yards in the past two weeks. Rookie Mike Oliphant will replace Morris on passing downs.

Dallas, on the other hand, will rely on Herschel Walker for most of its yards out of the backfield. Despite the Cowboys' woes, Walker has an NFC-best 1,353 rushing yards and has only six fewer yards from scrimmage than the current NFL leader, San Francisco's Roger Craig.

"Herschel has been remarkable," Landry said. "Playing for a team that's 2-12, he's right up there with the leaders, so you know he's a great player."

Walker, who ran for 134 yards last week, needs only 147 yards from scrimmage Sunday to become the most productive running back in Cowboys' history.

NFL ROAD

(continued from page 8A)

by winning its last two games. Kansas City, 4-9-1, has won three of its last four games, but is still seeking its first 1988 road victory.

Buccaneers at Patriots
New England, 8-6, has won six of its last eight games, but needs to win its last two and hope for help from other teams to qualify for an AFC wild card. Tampa Bay may only by 4-10, but the Bucs upset Buffalo last week.

Raiders at Bills
Buffalo, 11-3, has lost two straight for the first time this season. The Bills scored only 32 points the past three weeks, while allowing 51.

The Raiders, 7-7, hold all the tiebreaker advantages over Seattle and Denver, and if they win, it would be their first AFC West title in six years.

Vikings at Packers
Minnesota, 10-4, has 10 victories for the first time since 1976, the Vikings' last Super Bowl appearance. Green Bay, 2-12, has lost seven straight.

Saints at 49ers
New Orleans and San Francisco are tied for first in the NFC West at 9-5. If the 49ers win, they'll be division champions for the sixth time in eight years. If the Saints beat San Francisco

and Atlanta next week, they'll win their first division title ever.

Steelers at Chargers
Both Pittsburgh and San Diego are out of playoff contention with 4-10 records.

Falcons at Rams
The Rams, 8-6, can still win the NFC West by winning their two games, New Orleans losing its two games and San Francisco losing once. The Rams also remain in contention for a wild-card spot. Atlanta, 5-9, has won four of its last six games.

Broncos at Seahawks
If Seattle, 7-7, wins its final two games, it will win the division. Denver, 7-7, would need two wins and a loss by the Raiders to win the AFC West.

Seattle needs to win its division in order to get to the playoffs. The Broncos still have a wild-card shot, the only AFC West team with such a chance.

Browns at Dolphins
Cleveland, 9-5, can clinch a wild-card spot and its fourth consecutive playoff berth with wins over Miami and Houston. The Browns have won three straight and five of seven since quarterback Bernie Kosar returned from an opening-week injury.

Miami's Don Shula has lost nine games for the first time as a head coach. The Dolphins haven't made the playoffs for three straight years and Miami, 5-9, has lost five straight.

High school grid playoffs

Here are Texas high school football playoff results from Friday and schedule for Saturday:

Class 5A Semifinals
Odessa Permian (12-2) vs. Dallas Carter (13-0-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.
Houston Stratford (12-1) vs. Converse Judson (13-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

Class 4A Semifinals
Cleburne (12-2) vs. Paris (11-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium.
West Orange-Stark (11-2) vs. Kerrville Tivy (13-0), 6 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

Class 3A Semifinals
Southlake Carroll 23, Decatur 0; Southlake Carroll (15-0) advances to championship game.
Navasota (11-3) vs. Sweeny (7-5-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Katy.

Class 2A Semifinals
Quanah 42, Collins 28; Quanah (14-1) advances to championship game.
Corrigan-Canden (13-0-1) vs. Refugio (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Tully Stadium, Houston.

Class A Semifinals
White Deer (13-0) vs. Lindsay (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Vernon.
Fannin (13-1) vs. Flotonia (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Tyson Field, Waco.

8A-Main Finals
Fort Hancock (14-0) vs. Zephyr (14-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Iraan.

Local bowling

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Team	W	L
Walton Construction	36	16
Snyder Lumber	35	17
Bar H Bar	32 1/2	19 1/2
B and L	31	21
Beauchamp Apts.	29	23
A-1 Testers	27	25
Grimmett Bros.	24	28
Rock-o-Rollers	23 1/2	28 1/2
Essel Key Grain	23	29
Come Back Kids	19 1/2	32 1/2
Die Hards	17	35
Junior's Cutups	16 1/2	35 1/2



DOUBLES CHAMPS - Lavonda Pyburn and Dawn Fish won doubles in the Odessa Women's Bowling Tournament, held recently in Odessa.



TOP TEAM - This local team, sponsored by E.D. Walton Construction, won first place in the Odessa Women's Bowling Tournament recently. They are, from left, Cindy Lyle, Bonnie Allred, Gayla Coy, Dawn Fish and Penni Coffee.

HI-Scratch Series: Mark Lyle 595, Grace Beauchamp 555; HI-Handicap Series: Glen Coy 630, Billie Boedecker 620; HI-Handicap Game: Rocky Small 290, Daphne Thompson 245; Converted Spittles: Carolyn Doolittle 4-7, 4-5; Beverly Pink 3-10; Grace Beauchamp 5-10; Norma Seaborn 3-10; Lavonda Pyburn 3-10; Mark Lyke 3-10; Ricky Palmer 3-10; Bill Jackson 5-10; Roger Pavlic 2-7; Jack Stack 3-10, 3-9-10, 3-10; Danny Withers 5-7; Morris Allred 3-9-10.

COMMERCIAL

Team	W	L
Snyder Savings	154 1/2	105 1/2
Energy Electric	146 1/2	113 1/2
Stephens Office	145 1/2	114 1/2
Chapman Chevron	139 1/2	120 1/2
West Texas Pet.	134	126
Borden's	128 1/2	131 1/2
White's Testers	123	137
Mobil Production	113	146
Cooper Appliance	109 1/2	150 1/2
Moore's Exxon	107	153

HI-Scratch Series: Hank Pratt 594; HI-Handicap Series: David Lee 637; HI-Scratch Game: Hank Pratt 214; HI-Handicap Game: Larry Bufkin 244.

MAJOR

Team	W	L
S.O.S.	105	77
Pride Well Service	104	78
West Texas Petroleum	100	82
Mac Roid	96 1/2	85 1/2
Stars	95 1/2	86 1/2
Eddins-Walcher	91 1/2	90 1/2
Dunn Gin	89	93
Concrete Inc.	82 1/2	99 1/2
Source Services	78 1/2	103 1/2
W.S.I.	67 1/2	114 1/2

HI-Scratch Series: Mike Doolittle 600; HI-Handicap Series: Marty Waltz 632; HI-Scratch Game: Glenn Coy 203; HI-Handicap Game: Joe Dobson 247.

WISHBALL

Team	W	L
A-1	41	19
The Shack	34	26
The Ringers	28	32
Snyder Lanes	28	32
Bottom of Barrel	28	32
Hot Shots	21	39

HI-Scratch Series: Wayne Monroey 558; HI-Handicap Series: David Lyle 630; HI-Scratch Game: Ron Pyburn 194; HI-Handicap Game: Tom Seaborn 229.

Moved Dave Checketts from president to general manager.

Transactions

by The Associated Press

BASEBALL
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired Roland Roomer, outfielder, from the Chicago Cubs for Lloyd McClendon, infielder-catcher.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Bob Forsch, pitcher, accepted salary arbitration offer.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Mark McClamara, Los Angeles Laker center, \$2,500 for initiating a fight, and Benoit Benjamin, Los Angeles Clipper center, \$1,500 for retaliating, in a game Dec. 6.
UTAH JAZZ—Announced the resignation of Frank Layden as head coach and named him team president. Named Jerry Sloan head coach.

FOOTBALL
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Activated Bill Conz, offensive lineman, from injured reserve. Placed Bill Campen, offensive lineman, on injured reserve.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed Kevin Lilly, defensive end. Placed Jeff Bregel, offensive guard, on injured reserve.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed Brian Bosworth, linebacker, on injured reserve. Activated Patrick Hunter, cornerback, from injured reserve.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Claimed Travis Curtis, free safety, from waivers. Placed Kelvin Bryant, running back, on injured reserve. Waived Ron Middleton, tight end. Acquired Derrick Shepard, wide receiver, and Travis Curtis, safety, from waivers.

Bailey wins second Harlon Hill Trophy

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) - Texas A&I running back Johnny Bailey won his second straight Harlon Hill Trophy Friday night as the best player in NCAA Division II football.

The runner-up was Portland State quarterback Chris Crawford and another quarterback, Earl Harvey of North Carolina Central, finished third in the balloting.

Sooners to receive word

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) - A University of Oklahoma official says the school expects to learn next week what sort of penalty the NCAA will hand down against the Sooner football program.

"I was told by the NCAA staff that they had received something from the committee on infractions," Ron Watson, Oklahoma's assistant athletic director for compliance and enforcement, said Friday. "I think they will get the information out as quickly as possible."

Watson said he thought the decision would be made by the middle or end of the week. He refused to speculate on the penalties.

School officials appeared before the infractions committee Oct. 30 for a hearing on allegations against the football program.

An official NCAA letter of inquiry sent to the school Feb. 25 contained 18 allegations. Attorney Andy Coats, hired by the university to help investigate the allegations and prepare the response, said after the hearing that some of the allegations had been dropped but some new ones had been added.

Holyfield stops Thomas in 7

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) - It's one former heavyweight champion out of the way for Evander Holyfield and another standing in his path to a challenge to Mike Tyson.

Holyfield stopped Pinklon Thomas after seven rounds Friday night and was pleased with his performance.

"I thought I did improve," said Holyfield, the undisputed cruiserweight champion, who stopped James "Quick" Tillis in

his debut as a heavyweight last July 16. "I fought a better fight."

Holyfield is now a full-fledged heavyweight. He said after the fight that he would relinquish the undisputed cruiserweight title.

Promoter Dan Duva hopes to match Holyfield against Tyson, the undisputed heavyweight champion, sometime in 1989. But Holyfield's next match will be against Michael Dokes in March.

Dokes defended the Continental Americas title by knocking down Rocky Sekorski twice in the 11th round and winning a one-sided 12-round decision in the first half of the doubleheader from the Convention Center ballroom.

It was the eighth straight victory for Dokes since Dec. 17, 1987,

when he ended a 33-month layoff due to drug problems and rehabilitation.

For the 30-year-old Thomas, a former World Boxing Council champion, the fight was his first since he was knocked out in the sixth round of a challenge to Tyson on May 30, 1987, and he could not cope with the speed and movement of his 26-year-old opponent.

In the last 10 seconds of the seventh round, Holyfield unleashed a savage barrage of punches to the head, and at the bell Thomas wobbled to his corner.

Referee Tony Perez looked at trainer Angelo Dundee and waved his arms as if to suggest Thomas had had enough. Dundee agreed, and the fight was stopped.

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Court denies two appeals

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Death row inmates Raymond Landry and Samuel Hawkins, scheduled for execution on the same day next week, both were denied a stay of execution Friday by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The court met in Austin Friday afternoon, denying relief in both cases and issuing a short order accepting those findings issued by the trial judges, said Richard Wetzel, executive administrator of the court.

Landry and Hawkins are scheduled to die by injection early Tuesday morning.

Hawkins, 45, was dubbed the

"traveling rapist" after he confessed to raping 13 women in the Texas Panhandle.

He was sentenced to death for the May 1977 rape-slaying of Abbe Rogers Hamilton, 19, of Borger. The woman was six months pregnant when she was stabbed to death with a hunting knife.

Landry, 39, was convicted of capital murder in the August 1982 shooting death of a Houston restaurant owner during a robbery. Witnesses identified him as the gunman who fatally shot Kosmas Prittis, 33, during the heist.

Hawkins has based his appeal, in part, on a case now before the U.S. Supreme Court in which death row inmate Johnny Penry claims that the Texas death penalty statute is unconstitutional.

Attorneys for Landry also have based his appeal on similar grounds.

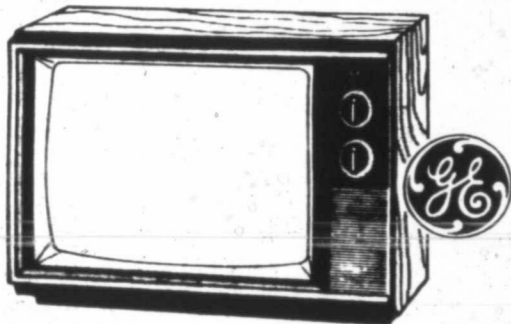


SEPTEMBER SITTING FEES — Local photographer Harley Bynum, right, for the second consecutive year this year took all of his fees for September sittings in toys, collecting 67 for the annual

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Background check delays appointment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Incoming White House chief-of-staff John Sununu says a thorough background check is delaying the naming of President-elect Bush's defense secretary.

"The worst thing you could do is to do things quickly rather than thoroughly," Sununu said Friday.

Amid reports that an FBI check of top contender John Tower's personal life is slowing down the process, supporters of the Texas Republican said the delay could scar Tower politically.

"You always wish things could go faster," Sununu said. "And yet, in today's world, the worst thing you could do is to do things quickly rather than thoroughly

and that applies to all appointments, not just the Tower one." "You don't get any extra credit for being early," the New Hampshire governor said.

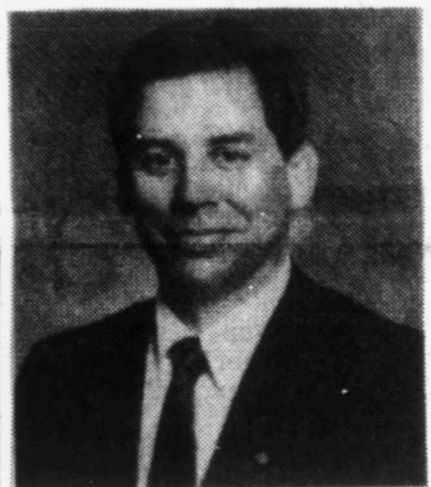
Bush has yet to confirm widespread reports that Tower, who was an arms negotiator for President Reagan and a former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is his choice.

However, a Bush transition

source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Friday that Tower still appears to be Bush's first choice.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a backer of Tower and adviser to Bush on defense, indicated that a

longer-than-anticipated FBI check was stalling a final announcement. "They (FBI) are checking allegations and rumors — womanizing, drinking involvement in defense contracts," McCain said.



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Snyder native promoted by Arkansas bank

DEL DORADO, Ark. — A Snyder native has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer of The Exchange Bank and Trust Co.

H. Glenn Ramin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Ramin, was named by the bank's board of directors. He joined Exchange Bank as a loan officer in 1979, and became assistant vice president in 1982, vice president in 1984 and senior vice president and manager of the lending department in 1986.

Ramin holds a degree in finance and banking from Northeast Louisiana University and he is a graduate of the National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

Ramin serves on the board of directors of the El Dorado chamber and is a member of the Small Business Administration Region VI advisory council.

He serves as treasurer and board member of the Barton Library and holds memberships on the Economic Development Committee of the Arkansas Bankers Association and in Robert Morris Associates, an organization of commercial credit officers.

Financial Focus

The October 1987 market meltdown led some investors to question the logic of long-term investing. A market decline of almost 20 percent in one day is a good argument for short-term investing and market timing.

Wouldn't it be more profitable to anticipate market tops and withdraw before they occur? Yes, but no one has yet devised a system to accurately predict when the market will top or hit bottom. If such a crystal ball existed, investors could prudently withdraw principal and profits from the market and reinvest in the safety and higher yields of bonds or other debt instruments. When the market bottomed, they could then return to equities.

Unfortunately, this seldom happens. Many refuse to recognize this, though, and cling to the hope that somewhere there is a Santa Claus.

Look at the historical case for long-term investing vs. market timing.

Kenneth Janke, president of the NAIC, recently pointed out that a market timer has to be right 80 percent of the time to match the performance of a long-term investor.

A strong case for a buy-and-hold strategy can be made by looking at the closing prices for the Dow Jones Industrial Average since 1946. The Dow has closed up in 28 of those 42 years. In order to have profited from market timing, you would have had to have been right 67 percent of the time just to match the buy-and-hold strategy. Since bull-market gains are historically greater than bear market losses, Janke's 80 percent estimate could be correct.

That alone is a good argument for long-term investing. Add to it the cost and tax liabilities of in-and-out trading, and you have a convincing argument for even the staunchest trader.

Remember, there's a brokerage charge each time a security is bought or sold. This takes from the profit or adds to the loss. In addition, if there is a profit, taxes can claim up to 33 percent of that. All together it means you are taking the risk and sharing the profits with your broker and the Internal Revenue Service.

This does not mean it cannot be done effectively. Investing should be a long-range plan of putting money to work now to benefit you later. How your investments perform over short periods is not as important as how much is there when you need it.

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HELPFUL SCOUTS—These Cub Scouts in Pack 61 have recently aided the community through several service projects. Left to right, back row, they are, Steven Burton, Jacob Hodges, Ryan Martin, Kurtis Parker, Brice Odom and Wilma Dillard, public relations coordinator at Cogdell Memorial Hospital; front row: Kenneth Darlin, Michael Hensley, Shane Beauchamp, Chad Chaney and Jack Hedges. Not pictured is Clell Knight. (Pack 61 Photo)

Cub Scout Pack 61 aids community thru projects

In recent weeks, Cub Scout Pack 61 from North and West Elementary participated in service projects for their fellow community residents. The scouts made Christmas gifts for residents of Golden Terrace apartments and residents of the ambulatory unit at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The gifts were distributed by the boys with the aid of Doc Griffin, Golden Terrace Apartment manager, and Wilma Dillard, public relations coordinator at the hospital.

Kickback rumors unsubstantiated

AUSTIN (AP) — An internal investigation has found no evidence to substantiate rumors that State Comptroller's Office employees are giving favors to bingo operators, a spokesman said, but polygraph tests are being offered to all 25 bingo division workers. The internal investigation grew out of persistent rumors that bingo division employees may have been receiving bribes or kickbacks in return for favors to operators, officials told the Austin American-Statesman. The rumors became widespread during an intensive investigation by the office into bingo operations in Harris and Galveston counties. "Not a single shred of evidence" has been produced against any bingo division employees during the internal investigation that began three weeks ago, said Tony Proffitt, spokesman for the comptroller's office. The lie-detector tests were offered "in an effort to clear up the rumors," he said Thursday. Only James Mercer, director of the division, had accepted the offer, he said. Proffitt said investigators also would ask for sworn affidavits from bingo division workers.

by The Associated Press
Hundreds of Texans, many of them of Armenian descent, are rallying to send money, supplies and medical know-how to aid victims of the massive earthquake in Soviet Armenia.

In San Antonio, the Armenian Orthodox Church scheduled a memorial service at 4 p.m. Saturday. The church also was accepting donations.

In Dallas, a memorial service was scheduled for 6:45 a.m. Sunday at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, while the American Red Cross and CARE

Turkey Walk facts given

The annual Turkey Walk sponsored by the American Heart Association was held Nov. 5. This annual event raised \$4,106 which will be used for research and public education concerning heart disease.

The top individual fund raiser was Dixie Rogers with \$1,080. Estelle Gary raised \$213 and Lee McNair raised \$190.

Mrs. Rogers received a \$50 series bond provided by West Texas State Bank. Mrs. Gary received a stadium blanket donated by Anthony's and McNair received a \$15 gift certificate from Keaton Kolor.

Organizations and their employees which collected the most money were: Snyder Nursing Center, \$1,456; Western Texas College, \$648; Senior Citizens Center, \$349; and West Texas State Bank, \$348.

Kay Alexander, regional director for the American Heart Association, said she would like to commend the walkers and their donors for their time, energy and money in helping to fight heart disease.

As part of publication education, the American Heart Association has distributed the Employers Kit to all first through third grade teachers in Scurry County. This information package allows teachers to show children about the heart and how it functions.

chapters collecting monetary donations to ship through New York to Wales and to Armenian relief agencies. In addition, an Armenian Earthquake Fund was set up at Commerce Savings Association.

"The number of people that have died in this tragic event ... 70,000, that's about three percent of the republic, the Soviet Republic of Armenia," said Paul Kirazian, a Dallas Armenian. "If you put in numbers for Americans, it would be like 6 million Americans dying in one day. That's a colossal tragedy for us."

In Houston, several physicians awaited word from Soviet authorities as to whether they could travel to the devastated area.

Dr. Mihran Shirinian, 33, a Houston oncologist, said he contacted Dr. Vartkes Najarian in Los Angeles to volunteer to be part of an American medical team bound for Armenia.

"Apparently they have 200 names right now, mostly Armenians," said Shirinian, an Egyptian by birth and Armenia by heritage. "We haven't received the OK from the Russian government. We're waiting for them to inform us."

"We have to be ready to go within 48 hours," Shirinian said. "When it happens, it should be very fast."

Najarian left for Armenia just after midnight Saturday, said his wife, Mary. But she said it was unlikely more doctors would be following any time soon.

"They do not have tents or

anything to put them (the physicians) in," Mrs. Najarian said from Los Angeles Friday. "They're really in bad shape. They have no medicines, supplies, tents ... no structures to work in. The people are on the streets and it's very cold. It's very sad."

In Houston, where there is an Armenian population of at least 2,000, at least four other physicians planned to join the excursion.

Shirinian, who emigrated to the United States in 1982 to practice medicine in Chicago, said he, like many Armenian descendants here, has never been to Soviet Armenia but feels a special bond with the country.

"Many of us have never been there," said Shirinian, who moved to Houston in 1986. "Because of the genocide — when the Turks massacred the Armenians — many of our families left. Some went to Europe and the Middle East. In my generation to maybe 10 years older, most of us were born outside the country. But having heard the stories and be-

ing raised in the tradition, it made us feel very strongly about our heritage. And we have kept our own language.

"We spoke Armenian at home. And we were Christian; the Arabs are mostly Moslems. We had our own traditions," Shirinian said. "The dream for each of us is to visit our homeland. The feeling is, if you can ever do anything to erase that loss, do it when you can help them the most."

The Rev. Nersess Jebejian, pastor of St. Kevork Armenian Orthodox Church, is the link for Armenian families in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Under his guidance, Armenian churches in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio are collecting funds for the earthquake victims.

"The immediate need is money in order to buy medical supplies and other things they need," Jebejian told the Houston Chronicle.

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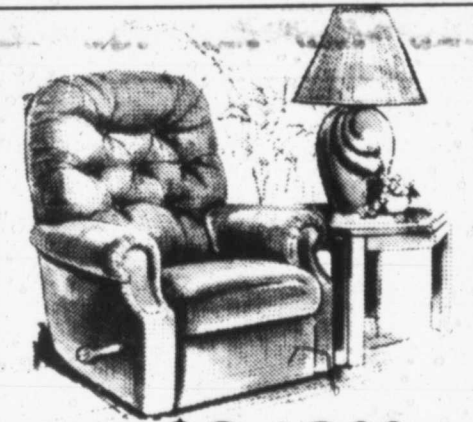


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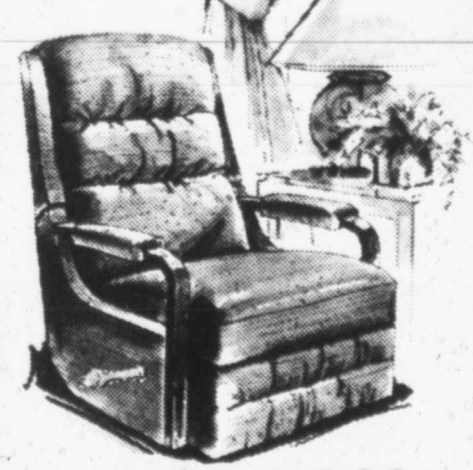
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Hearing plans could delay legislation action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new chairman of the House Banking Committee said Friday that restructuring the banking industry will be a top priority next year, but he also outlined plans for a series of nationwide hearings that could delay action for months.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, selected by fellow Democrats on Tuesday to head the banking panel, said the issue of whether to permit greater overlap of the banking and securities industries "clearly ... must be on the priority list."

But he also said a series of hearings starting last year, featuring administration officials and industry lobbyists, was not enough.

He said he intends to take testimony in January on the nation's economy in preparation for writing new legislation. Then, he said he wants the committee to hold hearings in each of the 12 Federal Reserve Bank districts around the nation to gather the views of "little bankers" and "citizens."

"We want to hear from those voices who don't have a chance to be heard in these great halls," he said at a news conference in the committee's hearing room. "We have not had comprehensive testimony other than from the lobbies."

This year, the Senate overwhelmingly approved comprehensive banking legislation. But a similar effort in the House died in a jurisdictional battle between the banking panel and the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The previous chairman of the House banking panel, Rep. Ferdinand J. St Germain, D-R.I., who lost his re-election bid, had said

he would resubmit his committee's bill and had promised action "before the snow melts" next spring.

However, Gonzalez, who has opposed deregulation but pledged to move with the times, said the committee will start fresh, working on bills "presented by various and sundry members."

He also stressed the necessity of caution. "You have to exercise as much or more care when you deregulate as when you

regulated" and "fast legislation is dangerous legislation."

Some industry representatives, noting Gonzalez's reiteration of his previous promise to work on the savings and loan crisis first, said they see little prospect for a law granting banks new securities powers before 1990.

"All signals are slow," said Kenneth Guenther, executive vice president of the Independent Bankers Association of America, which opposes allowing banks

and securities firms to have common owners.

At best, Congress could act on the S&L crisis by August, Guenther said. Then, if the Bush administration makes banking reform a priority, it could become a focus of Congress in 1990, he said.

Also, the new chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., is seen as more sympathetic to the concerns of the securities in-

dustry than his predecessor, Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., Guenther said.

However, Robert Dugger, chief economist of the American Bankers Association, which has pushed for additional bank powers, said the S&L crisis is so compelling that Congress likely will deal with it quickly. He said other members of the House committee are strong advocates of revamping banking law and that

regional hearings need not delay action unduly.

Meanwhile, five of the nation's largest banks, through applications to the Federal Reserve Board, are attempting to get new securities powers without Congress.

Murder appeal to be heard

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Scurry County. Arrested and charged with capital murder along with Johnson was Amanda Lynn Miles, also of Colorado City.

Testimony during Johnson's trial included a confession by him given to Snyder police which indicated he was the individual who actually pulled the trigger in the shooting death of Allsup's clerk Jack Huddleston.

On April 23, 1987, some five months after the conviction of Johnson, Miles pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of aggravated robbery and accepted a 60-year prison sentence which she is now serving.

Her case had been moved to San Angelo on a change of venue.

The pair were also charged in connection with a second robbery of a convenience store in Colorado City. It occurred on April 8 of 1986. Johnson and Miles were arrested that same day.

During that robbery, the store owner, Don Hall Burrus, was stabbed in the back and shot twice in the face. He survived but was confined to a nursing home at the time of Johnson's trial here.

A .25 cal. automatic pistol recovered from that robbery was also believed the weapon used in the Snyder incident.

Sunspot cycle among biggest recorded

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sunspot activity that peaks in about a year could be the second most intense since Galileo first saw the solar eruptions in 1610, and might knock satellites off course, cause scattered blackouts and disrupt phone calls and radio broadcasts, scientists say.

Sunspots are relatively cool,

dark, 1,200- to 60,000-mile-diameter eruptions that appear where the solar magnetic field is most intense. They emit solar flares, explosions that send protons, X-rays, electrons and other radiation streaming outward, sometimes causing magnetic storms on Earth by disrupting the Earth's magnetic field.

Most effects are subtle — rare

flickering of lights and poorer connections for satellite-relayed phone calls or television shows — so "the average guy on the street won't know if we're in the throes of a major magnetic storm," forecaster Joe Kunches said Friday.

"They may notice the disturbance, but they won't know why," often wrongly blaming the phone company for noise on long-distance lines, he said by phone from the Space Environment Services Center in Boulder, Colo.,

the government's forecasting agency for the storms.

The average person also "might not get his favorite radio station as well as he likes," or might notice the northern lights or aurora borealis farther south than usual, NASA physicist Kenneth Schatten said during the American Geophysical Union's annual meeting in San Francisco.

A so-far successful prediction that the current solar cycle would be exceptionally large was issued in early 1987.

TDC class to graduate

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Texas and National Retail Grocers Association and was named Grocer of the Year in 1986 by the Texas Retail Grocers Association.

Other honors include the Spirit of America Award in 1986 awarded by the National Grocers Association and, in 1987, the Hometown Partner of the Year Award from the Independent Grocers Inc.

He is a 1962 graduate of the University of Texas and served with the U.S. Air Force as a Russian linguist.

He is chairman and CEO of the Town and Country Food Stores

Inc. which operates 136 stores in West Texas and Southwest New Mexico.

The sign-up for the second TDC correctional officers class is now underway and will continue through Jan. 10. College officials note, however, that the WTC campus will close this coming Friday until Jan. 2.

A class size of around 40 is sought. WTC officials note that the second class will graduate April 20 and its members will be eligible for employment at the 1,000-man unit scheduled to be completed here in mid-June.

The class involves 120 hours of instruction.

Nurse named at Cogdell

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Chambers, six nursing supervisors and 68 staff nurses.

Chambers had been a supervisor for six years prior to her Oct. 16 appointment as interim director.

She began her career as a staff nurse at Odessa Medical Center after graduating from Odessa College School of Nursing in 1972, worked for Dr. David Wiman in Snyder for two years and was on the West Texas Home Health Agency staff for two years, join-

ing the Cogdell staff 16 years ago.

Hochwalt noted that she has clinical experience in emergency and obstetrical nursing and was co-instructor for the hospital's Lamaze childbirth classes for 18 months.

She was appointed head nurse of the special care units in May 1988.

Chambers and her husband Vick, city building inspector, have two children, 7-year-old Mandi and 4-year-old Shannon.

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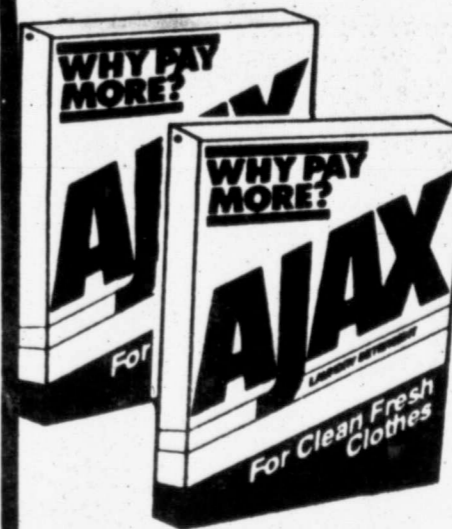
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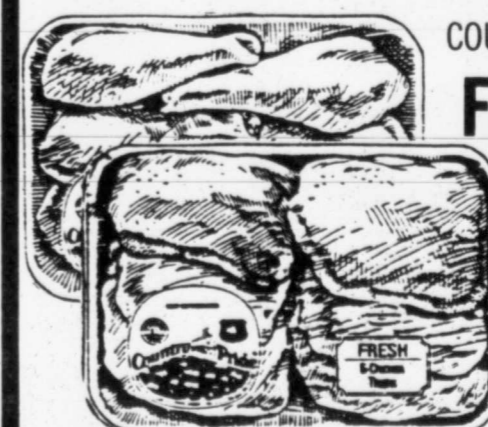


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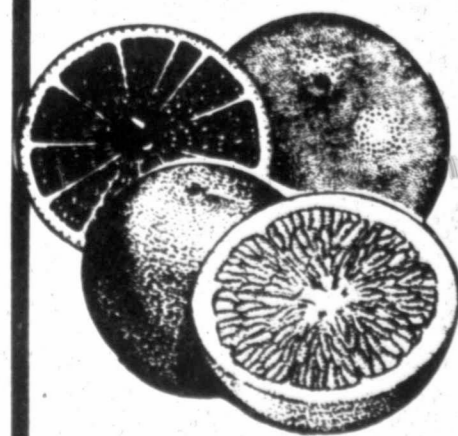


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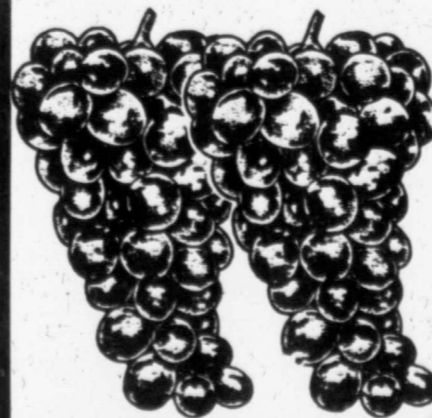


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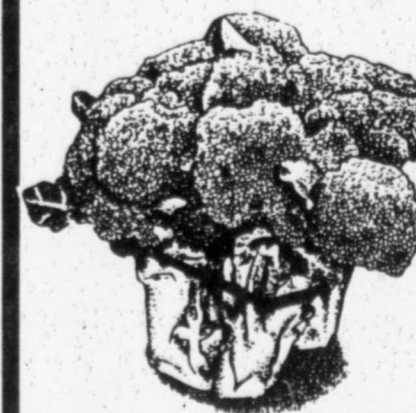


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Scurry County Folks...

By Shirley A. Gorman

"The people who come to the Senior Citizens Center are so energetic that I can't keep up with them and they have such a good time that I'm not afraid to grow old."

That's how Nancy LaRoux summed up her feelings about her job as activity director at the center.

She has filled that position since April of 1987. "I heard that the job was available and it sounded like something I would be interested in so I decided to apply for it," LaRoux said.

"One of the first things that (center director) Jerry Baird did was to introduce me to the pool association and leave me with them," she laughed. "We started revising the rules and we are still working on the rules today. It's become a standing joke with us."

"The pool players really take their game seriously," she said. "They arrive early in the morning and stay until closing. One man walked five miles around the pool table one day. He was amazed that his mile counter registered that much and so was I."

Another thing LaRoux became responsible for was the center's quilting operation which is one of its mainstays.

"I had quilts but I had never quilted before so it was all new to me," she explained.

"One of the first things I had to do was to help Mae Brush put a quilt on the frame. After I helped her I thought the whole process seemed easy and logical. Then the quilters asked me how I wanted the quilting done and I was lost," LaRoux said. "I have

learned a lot since then."

As activity director, LaRoux has her hand in all of the activities which take place in the center. She even supervises the county's commodities program and trains volunteers who help with the monthly distribution.

She is also in charge of fund raisers such as the annual May Day which generates revenue for the center to operate on throughout the year.

LaRoux also arranges health related activities such as the weekly blood pressure clinics conducted on Fridays.

The center has also just started a weight control program for senior citizens. Weigh-ins and nutritional programs are conducted on a weekly basis.

"We started this program because some of our people are underweight. Low body weight can be a problem for senior citizens and some of our people are taking special supplements to help them gain weight. For those who are overweight the weekly weigh-ins make it easier for them to stick to a diet," LaRoux explained.

The center offers bingo once a month and on special occasions. Bingo prizes are purchased through the South Plains Food Bank in Lubbock at a cost of 10 cents per pound.

Also purchased at the food bank is food for the breakfast "snack" served at the center, she said.

LaRoux is also very involved with the center's ceramics program and she said that both the ceramics and quilting projects take up a great deal of her time while at work.

The center also has an extensive volunteer program which she oversees. Senior citizens do a lot of work in the community such as help with distribution of commodities, sell tickets at the Western Texas College games, help the Goodfellows and enter-



ACTIVITY DIRECTOR—As activity director at the Senior Citizens Center, Nancy LaRoux has had to learn all about quilting and pool tournaments,

among other things. She is pictured here getting ready to put in a hem on a new quilt. (SDN Staff Photo)

tain at the local nursing homes. In addition, senior citizens also make reassurance calls which LaRoux explains are calls made to senior citizens who live alone just to be sure that they are all right.

The Kitchen Band and the choir also do a lot of entertaining both in Snyder and out-of-town. "It's a lot of fun for them and it's great PR for us," LaRoux said.

She also organizes all the informational programs offered at the center. She said they are geared to the interests of senior citizens. "We keep current on all the recent legislation."

"We have lots of wonderful services at the senior center," LaRoux said. "I'm totally impressed with the place. I had no idea it had so many facets when I came to work here."

The country and western dances and jamborees also fall under LaRoux's responsibilities. She also puts out the bi-monthly newsletter. "I have to keep a calendar of events up to date and sometimes it is hard to get people to commit to activities planned two months in advance," she explained.

LaRoux is also in charge of the announcements which are made prior to the noon meal each day.

Occasionally she helps plan the menus also.

LaRoux, who was reared in Hermleigh, has always been involved with volunteer work of one type or another. At one time she was a member of SCOOP, helping to supervise the girls and the house parents in charge of Friendship Home.

For the past three or four years she has been a Gay 20s sponsor too.

LaRoux was also involved with the Jaycees Women for several years. "We did lots of activities together and it was a very worthwhile experience."

LaRoux is also a Band Booster

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PARENTING AT CHRISTMAS

This time of year the magazines are filled with pictures of clean, beautifully dressed, calm, smiling children happily playing with their Christmas toys.

That may be one reason why parents become frustrated or even angry when their children fuss, whine or misbehave during holiday celebrations.

Young children will respond differently to Christmas activities depending on their age.

Parents can save themselves a lot of grief by knowing what is normal and predictable behavior from young children and planning their family activities accordingly.

Babies under 12 months can easily feel overwhelmed by too many toys, relatives or foods. Give the baby plenty of rest and time alone with you.

Toddlers will be lovable and cute, but not too involved in Christmas. Some toddlers will be fearful of strangers, including visiting relatives. Child-proof your Christmas decorations, since toddlers will want to touch hot lights, pull on electrical cords and handle decorations that arouse their curiosity.

Two-year-olds will be excited about the lights and decorations. They can't anticipate, so they can't wait to open gifts or eat the cookies and they may throw tantrums to prove it. Two-year-olds are just as likely to play with the

box as the toy inside and since they don't share well yet, will often hit and grab toys.

Three-year-olds will love gifts, both the box and gift inside. They're more likely to have a sunny disposition on Christmas and be able to play with other children. So getting together with relatives may be easier. However, parents will still want to limit the extent of activities. Any three-year-old who has been too excited for too long is capable of fighting and acting out.

Four-year-olds can remember well and anticipate activities. They love the holidays, including parties and events, especially if they're not too long. They can participate in decorating and other simple projects in advance of Christmas. In general, they should get along with visiting relatives, but may sometimes be rude and uncooperative when tired or overextended.

Five-year-olds will show marked improvement in behavior because they are beginning to set their own limits. This is an ideal year to read about Christmas to them. Since they like to help and do things alone, it's also a good year for projects. This may also be the first year for really liking Santa.

Wherever a child is developmentally, parents should try to enjoy that stage and let it help determine family activities at holiday time.



IN RECITAL — The students of Bethel School of Music were presented in recital at Willow Park Inn Dec. 3 with Jerry Worsham as master of ceremonies. In a ski lodge setting, younger children "auditioned" for a Christmas Eve production. Following intermission, older students participated in a drama as Noel Singers, Sleigh Bell Singers, Christmas Stars, and Christmas Carolers. The show featured two Yamaha Clavinovas with variety of sound effects

rather than pianos. A candlelight procession enhanced "Auld Lang Syne" with the audience joining in the singing. Evelyn Malone and Thomas Strayhorn led the audience of some 250 in traditional carols. The program was followed by a Christmas party. Students are pictured from left. Left photo, front row: Andrea Helm of Colorado City, Carrie Perkins of Colorado City, Maribeth Dillaha, Nicki Riggs of Colorado City, Stephanie Hoyle of Colorado City, Brandi Murphree

Scurry Library News and Views

FEATURED THIS WEEK

SURVIVING THE GREAT DEPRESSION. By Ravi Batra.

In "The Great Depression of 1990," Professor Batra explained why we're headed for an unprecedented economic collapse. His new book tells you how to survive — and come out on top — while others will be lucky to keep their heads above water.

"Surviving the Great Depression of 1990" tells you exactly what to expect as the economy falters and falls apart. It spells out a detailed, step-by-step financial survival program as well as a complete how-to strategy for protecting your assets and investments. This is an urgent call

to action and an indispensable guide that will help you not only to survive, but prevail.

NON-FICTION

"A Bright and Shining Light: America in Vietnam" by Neil Sheehan.

"Many Sleepless Nights: the world of organ transplants" by Lee Gutkind.

"The Sackett Companion" by Louis L'Amour.

FICTION

"The Captain and the Enemy" by Graham Greene.

"Fools Gold" by Richard Wiley.

"Cabal" by Clive Barker.

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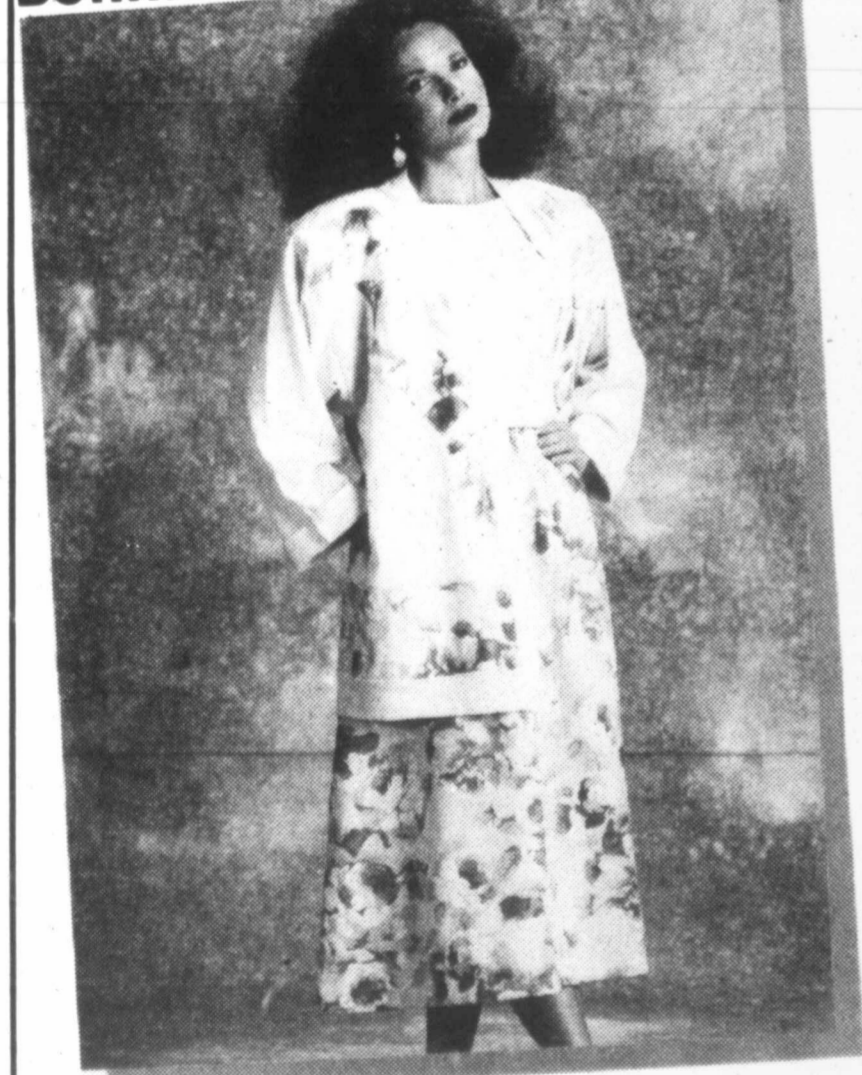
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STYLE SHOW PLANNED — Merle Norman Cosmetics, Boutique & Beauty Salon will be presenting Christmas holiday fashions at the Wednesday luncheon meeting of Snyder Christian Women's Club. Pictured from left are models Becky Becerra, Linda Pritchard, Christy Thompson, and Linda Martin. (Club Photo)

Holiday fashions set for luncheon feature

A Christmas holiday fashion style show by Merle Norman will be the special feature at the Wednesday meeting of Snyder Christian Women's Club. The luncheon will be held at the Snyder Country Club from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Merle Norman Cosmetics, Boutique & Beauty Salon, owned by Myra Martin, features dresses and separates sizes 4 to 24, southwestern gifts, jewelry, scarves, belts and all the latest fragrances for Christmas giving.

Harpist Kim Gorman will be the guest musician and Edith Ervin of Abilene will be the speaker.

Reservations for the luncheon and free nursery may be made by calling Barbara at 573-9969 or Kathy at 573-8942 by noon Tuesday. The luncheon is \$6 or a beverage alone may be purchased for \$1.

Christian Women's Club is an interdenominational organization open to all women in the community. Membership is not required and there are no dues.

Preparing for the crises of old age

NEW YORK (AP) — The best way to prepare for the sudden crises that may accompany old age is to talk to your parents ahead of time about their needs and wishes.

Here are some guidelines for planning ahead from Family Circle magazine:

— Discuss your parents' financial situation. Ask how they would like their affairs to be handled in the event of a catastrophic illness.

— Research government supplements and how to qualify. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid are just a few.

— Keep wills up to date and in the hands of an attorney. At least one copy should be accessible to

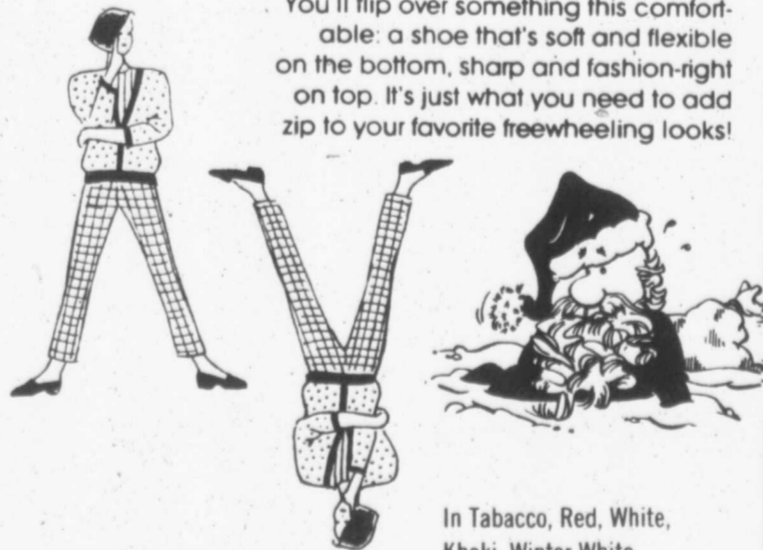
family members. They should not be kept in a safe deposit box, since these are often sealed at the time of death.

— Name a person to handle their affairs. If need be, this power-of-attorney could spare the family legal and financial problems. This person would have the right to write checks, deposit money and even sell property if the principal is no longer mentally competent.

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Cris Halbert, Blanden Chisum, Jason Warren, Mark Marshall of Rotan. Right photo, back row: Amber Jensen of Coahoma, Kasi Campbell, Lana Cline, Cole Latimer of Colorado City, Katie Perkins of Abilene, Ellen Strayhorn, Brooke Kubena, Hope Papay, Michele Anderson, Kyle Martin, Chad Keith. Not pictured is Emily Zeck.



Diversified

By Marvin Ensor Extension Agent

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES
When families shop for a "real" Christmas tree, some simple steps can make for easier selection of a fresh, natural tree.

Some selection considerations include:

—Determine where in your home to display the tree. This will help determine the height needed and whether all four sides must be suitable for display.

—Freshness is important when selecting your tree. Hold a branch about six inches from the tip between thumb and forefinger, and pull your hand towards you as the branch slips through your fingers. Needles should adhere to the branch and not fall off in your hand.

—Lift the tree a couple of inches off the ground, then bring it down abruptly on the stump end. Dry green needles should not fall off in substantial numbers, but loss of some brown needles is normal.

fragrance and good green color. A Christmas tree is like a bouquet of roses, and you should care for it in your home as carefully as you would a cut flower. Here are some suggestions to keep it fresh, beautiful, fragrant and safe throughout the holiday season.

—If you buy your tree several days before it is to be set up and decorated, store it in a garage or on a cool porch where it is pro-

tected from the sun and wind until ready to decorate.

—If the tree is to be stored several days, make a straight cut across the base of the trunk about an inch from the end so the tree can take up water. Store the tree upright with the bottom of the trunk in a container of water.

—When the tree is moved to the house for decorating, make another fresh, straight cut across the stem about an inch above the original cut. Use a tree stand that holds plenty of water.

—Trees are thirsty. Depending on size, they may "drink" two pints to a gallon of water per day, so provide fresh water as needed.

—Place the tree away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, radiators, and TV sets. Turn off the tree lights when you leave your home and before you retire at night.

—Do not use combustible decorations, and check all electric lights, cords and connections before you begin decorating. Do not use lighted candles or lights with worn or frayed cords.

A Christmas tree's usefulness can continue after the holiday season. The boughs can be removed and used for mulch. The tree also can be set upright in the yard as a bird feeder with food attached. If you have a fireplace, the needles add a pleasant aroma to the house as the tree is burned.

LaRoux enjoys activity director role at center

Continued from Page 1B and served one year as president. She serves on the United Way Board and is a member of the Advisory Council for Special Education. At one time she was also involved with the Advisory Council for the Self Responsibility Program for the Snyder Schools.

In addition, she is currently taking classes two nights a week and her field of interest is human services. Someday she hopes to obtain a degree in that area.

Since her job and schoolwork are so time consuming, LaRoux said that she has had to cut back on some of her volunteer work. She also said that she tries to choose volunteer jobs which complement her position at the senior center.

When asked what she likes about her job, LaRoux unhesitatingly said, "The people. I just love being with the people

here at the center."

She has two children. Thad is a junior at Texas Tech and Shelley is a junior at Snyder High School.

Salt tablets defete purpose

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't replace lost sodium with salt tablets, recommends the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

It's a myth that salt tablets replace sodium lost through sweating, it says. They actually draw water from the tissues into the stomach to dilute the abnormally high sodium concentration from the tablet, says Nancy Clark, a Boston-area sports nutritionist.

This gastric reaction dehydrates you and performance is hampered. Clark's advice: Stay away from salt tablets and concentrate on replacing lost fluids.

Hermleigh ISD Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY Fruit Buttered Grits Milk	TUESDAY Chicken Pot Pie Buttered Spinach Hot Biscuits Lemon Squares Milk	WEDNESDAY Fruit Hot Biscuits & Jelly Milk	THURSDAY Juice Buttered Oatmeal Milk	FRIDAY Fruit Dry Cereal Milk
LUNCH MONDAY Hamburger Patties/Brown Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered English Peas	TUESDAY Italian Spaghetti Vegetable Relish Cheese Rolls Fruit Bars Milk	WEDNESDAY Enchilada Casserole Spanish Rice Relish Cup Tortilla Chips Sopapilla Milk	THURSDAY Sausage Pizza Cream Style Corn Shredded Lettuce Pink Applesauce Milk	FRIDAY Sloppy Joes French Fries English Peas Fruitcicle Milk

Snyder ISD menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY Waffles Grape Juice Milk	TUESDAY Breakfast Taco Apple Juice Milk	WEDNESDAY Cherry Roll Pineapple Juice Milk	THURSDAY Cheese Toast Bacon Orange Juice Milk	FRIDAY Peanut Coffee Cake Grape Juice Milk
LUNCH MONDAY Sloppy Joes French Fries English Peas Fruitcicle Milk	TUESDAY Fish Nuggets Tossed Salad Diced Peas Peanut Butter Cookie Milk	WEDNESDAY Turkey Dressing Gravy Candied Yams Fruit Mix Christmas Cake Hot Roll Milk	THURSDAY Turkey Dressing or Roast Beef Green Beans Candied Yams Gelatin Mold	FRIDAY Turkey Dressing or Roast Beef Green Beans Candied Yams Gelatin Mold

Ira School menu

MONDAY Corn Dog Pork & Beans Tomato & Lettuce Wedge Vanilla Cookie Milk	TUESDAY Pinto Beans Spinach Corn Cornbread Fruit Salad Milk	WEDNESDAY Chili Cheeseburgers French Fries Sliced Tomato	THURSDAY Turkey & Dressing w/Giblet Gravy Candied Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Cranberry Sauce Stuffed Celery Rolls Cherry Cobbler Milk	FRIDAY Spiced Ham & Cheese Sandwiches Potato Chips Tomato, Lettuce, Pickle Ice Cream Milk
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♥ A 5			
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♣ 6 3			
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Dealer: North			
West	North	East	South
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Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Dbl.	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 4			

seventh spades, and you easily bring the values up to whatever you like to have to make a jump shift as responder.

When the response to Blackwood was five diamonds, East took the obvious opportunity to make a lead-directing double. South still asked for kings, but then stopped in six spades when North showed only one king. In fact this is one of those deals in which declarer may just as well be in a grand slam after the defenders lead a diamond. Apparently he will need the club finesse anyway. If West has the club king, he can make all the tricks. If East holds the club king, the small slam will be set. But there was one kicker: Perhaps East held K-Q of diamonds; perhaps also East might err if he held only K-Q of diamonds.

Declarer won the diamond ace, cashed the ace of spades, and played ace and king of hearts. Now he led a low diamond from the dummy. East was up against it. If he won the queen of diamonds, the play of a red card would allow declarer to discard a club from his hand while ruffing in dummy, and a club play would be into the A-Q-J in dummy. He finally took his only chance. He played low. When West turned up with the jack of diamonds and played a club through the dummy, the contract was set.

It's right for five or seven

By James Jacoby

Even though South held only 15 high-card points, the seven-card spade suit catapulted his cards into the range for a strong jump shift. Figure extra points for the fifth, sixth and

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.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY Dot Casey, Director	1. Tizzy Hall and Dot Casey.	2. Margaret Birdwell and Tizzy Hall.	3. Durrelle Gorman and Julie Sentell.
1. Tizzy Hall and Dot Casey.	2. Rube McKinley and Barbara Yorgesen.	NORTH-SOUTH	1. Rube McKinley and Louise Thompson.
2. Rube McKinley and Barbara Yorgesen.	3. Ena Carroll and Sue Mize.	2. Joyce Bass and Jonisue Stiff.	3. Polly Ballard and Verdi Kimbro.
3. Ena Carroll and Sue Mize.	4. Maribeth Vestal and Margaret Birdwell.		
SUNDAY Jane Hinton, Director	1. Louise Thompson and Dorothy Hudson.		
2. Ann Davis and Joyce Bass.	3. Sue Mize and Mippy Brownlee.		
3. Sue Mize and Mippy Brownlee.	4. Tizzy Hall and Barbara Yorgesen.		
4. Tizzy Hall and Barbara Yorgesen.			
TUESDAY NIGHT Club Championship Jane Hinton, Director	EAST-WEST		
1. Nona Morrison and Bessie Collins.			

In 1870, Thomas Mundy cast a ballot in a municipal election in Perth Amboy, N.J., becoming the first black to vote following ratification of the 15th amendment.

In 1941, "The Great Gildersleeve," a spin-off of "Fibber McGee and Molly," made its debut on NBC radio with Harold Peary in the title role.



WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Welch Sr. of Louisiana announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Brenda Dale, to Barry William Nichols. Brenda was named a junior college all-American basketball player at Western Texas College in 1986-87. She is presently attending Sam Houston State University at Huntsville. The couple plans a 3 p.m. ceremony Dec. 20 at the First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville. (Private Photo)

Holiday goodies add to season's festivities

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens
Food Editor

Like some brownies, the surface is crackly, but inside these heavenly cookies are soft, fudgy and nutty.

- FUDGE ECSTASIES**
One 12-ounce package (2 cups) semisweet chocolate pieces
2 squares (2 ounces) unsweetened chocolate
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ teaspoon baking powder
Dash salt
2 eggs
¾ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped nuts

In a heavy medium saucepan heat 1 cup of the chocolate pieces, unsweetened chocolate and margarine until melted, stirring constantly. Transfer to a large mixer bowl to cool slightly. Stir together flour, baking powder and salt. Add eggs, sugar and vanilla to chocolate mixture and beat well. Add flour mixture and beat until well mixed. Stir in remaining chocolate pieces and nuts. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto a lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are firm and surface is dull and cracked. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 minute. Remove and cool thoroughly on wire rack. Makes 36.

Nutrition information per cookie: 105 cal., 1 g pro., 11 g carb., 7 g fat, 15 mg chol., 18 mg sodium.

This cheese ball is full of everything a cheese ball should be — cheeses, bacon, nuts, herbs and more. It's a terrific party appetizer or a great gift.

- CHEESE BALL WITH EVERYTHING**
2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (8 ounces)
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (8 ounces)
One 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
½ cup dairy sour cream
½ cup finely chopped onion
One 2-ounce jar diced pimiento
2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
10 slices bacon, crisp-cooked, drained and crumbled
½ cup finely chopped pecans
Dash salt
Dash pepper
¼ cup snipped parsley
1 tablespoon poppy seed
Assorted crackers
Let Swiss and Cheddar cheeses come to room temperature. In a large mixer bowl beat together cream cheese and sour cream until fluffy. Beat in Swiss cheese, Cheddar cheese, onion, undrained pimiento, pickle relish, half the bacon, ¼ cup of the pecans, salt and pepper. Cover and chill until firm. Shape into 1 large or 2 small balls on waxed paper.
In a small bowl combine remaining bacon, pecans, parsley and poppy seed. Turn mixture out onto clean sheet of waxed paper. Roll cheese ball in seed mixture to coat. Wrap and chill. Let stand 30 minutes at room temperature before serving.

Community Calendar

MONDAY
Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; 10 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Noah Project support group for victims of family violence; 3:45 p.m.
For more information, call 573-1822.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Scurry Charter Chapter American Business Women's Association; MAWC; Christmas party and gift exchange; 7 p.m.
Delta Kappa Gamma; The Shack; dinner, new member initiation; 7 p.m.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
La Leche League; First United Methodist Church; "Nutrition and Weaning"; 7 p.m. For information call 573-7844.
Rebekah Lodge 294; lodge hall, 7:30 p.m.
White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.
American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.
New Choices Support Group; Park Club in Winston Park; 7 p.m.
For co-dependency or adult children of alcoholics. Call 573-4837 or 863-2427 for information.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

TUESDAY
Ladies Golf Association; tee time at players convenience.
Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers Club; 9:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
Amitie Study Club; Christmas party and gift exchange; home of Pete Haley; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th St.; for more information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. M; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY
Snyder Christian Women's Club; Snyder Country Club; 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.; \$6 luncheon, \$1 beverage only; reservations must be made by noon Tuesday by calling 573-9969 or 573-8942.
Altrurian Daughters; MAWC; noon; Christmas luncheon and gift exchange.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermligh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY
Honey Do's Extension Homemaker Club; 9:30 a.m.
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
Deep Creek Chapter of American Business Women's Association; The Texan; white elephant gift exchange; 6:30 p.m.
Business and Professional Women's Club; MAWC; Christmas dinner and gift exchange; 6:30 p.m.
Scurry Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.
Alateen; for the 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 more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY
Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Snyder Country Club.
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 more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Iota Psi Sorority; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

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.

SUNDAY
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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Groomer saves dog's life with CPR techniques

ACUSHNET, Mass. (AP) — Pet shop owner Patricia Lopes says she doesn't mind kissing dogs, but she'd rather not perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation again.

"All I thought about was what do I do with the tongue," Lopes said Tuesday after reviving a greyhound with cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Lopes, who runs a pet grooming store, said she had just finished bathing and clipping the toenails of Escape, a 13-year-old retired racer, when the dog collapsed Saturday.

She heard a thud and turned to find the dog sprawled out on a pet table, tongue hanging out and eyes rolled back.

When she could find no pulse, Lopes said she assumed the dog had had a heart attack and began CPR — a procedure designed to restore normal breathing and heartbeat.

Lopes pressed on the dog's chest and cupped her hands over the dog's mouth to breath air into its lungs.

"After a few minutes, I heard a cough and then a gurgle. I continued working on her until she could breathe on her own," said Lopes.

"Now it seems funny, doing mouth-to-mouth with a dog. At the time, though, I was only thinking about how to keep the dog alive," she said.

Lopes said she took a CPR course after a friend developed heart problems, and it was the first time she put her training to use.

Man With Shameful Urges Despairs of Finding Help

DEAR ABBY: I need your help. I have a loving, wonderful wife and a small child. Life is treating me well on the outside, but on the inside a storm is raging. I was both physically and sexually abused as a child. Self-loathing, thoughts of running away and even suicide have pervaded my mind since I was a teen. I thought that I had resolved my problems through my strong faith, but recently, to my despair and shame, sexual urges toward my own daughter have brought the self-loathing back.

I telephoned a counselor and explained my predicament without disclosing my identity. I confessed that while giving my daughter a bath, I had become physically aroused, but, of course, I did not act on my feelings. This counselor told me that if I identified myself, he would then be put in a position to have to call the welfare department and have my daughter removed from our home!

I am horrified! Thus far, nobody in the family has been harmed. The child had no idea that I was aroused, but removing her from the family while I am attempting to resolve this problem would only throw the family into turmoil. Our family life would be ruined and the child would be the victim.

Please help me, Abby. Where can I go to work on this problem without ripping my family apart? I want healing, but I cannot chance this being brought out into the open.

CURSED

DEAR CURSED: I don't know what kind of "counselor" you consulted anonymously on the telephone, but I urge you to see a psychiatrist at once. You have been grossly misinformed. A therapist is not required to report on the "urges" or feelings of his/her patients, and please do not believe that your child will be removed from your home if you reveal thoughts that crossed your mind but were not acted upon.

You are a courageous and good person for having written to me in search of a solution to this problem. Now, please, see a psychiatrist. If you don't know one, your family physician can make some recommendations.

Do this today, my friend, and write again to let me know how you are. I care.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you on behalf of "Syke's Regulars" to express our gratitude for the wonderful letters we received last June through Operation Dear Abby-DMZ.

We proudly stand on "Freedom's Frontier," the demilitarized zone that separates North and South Korea, to help preserve peace on the Korean peninsula.

Our mission is long and arduous, and we remain virtually isolated from the outside world. Therefore, those letters were a real morale booster for those who are stationed there. Thank you, Abby, for your thoughtful concern for our soldiers.

FREDERICK R. WILHELM JR.,
LT. COL., INFANTRY

DEAR COL. WILHELM: I hope your men can handle more mail, because Dear Abby readers are the nicest people in the world.

Readers: Address your holiday cards and letters to: "Sykes Regulars," Headquarters, 5th Battalion 20th Infantry (Mechanized), 2nd Infantry Division, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96224.

DEAR ABBY: With the holiday season upon us, I wish people would quit serving those "dips" — you know, the kind you dip your celery stick or carrot into, take a bite, then stick the carrot or celery into the bowl again. The eater's saliva goes right into the guacamole for everyone else to share.

YICK IN BEL AIR

DEAR YICK: Thanks. I've just enjoyed my last dip.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a small boy, while eating corn on the cob at my grandparents' house, my grandfather said he would give \$100 to anyone who could show him an ear of corn with an odd number of rows. Well, nobody got the \$100.

I never did find out why there is always an even number of rows on an ear of corn. Do you know, Abby?

A CORNY QUESTION

DEAR CORNY: I didn't know until I called the U.S. Department of Agriculture and was informed by Charles Van Lahr that corn "programs" itself to produce only an even number of rows because two "flowers" must be fertilized at once for reproduction to occur.

DEAR ABBY: I am a church organist. Recently a young couple spent an hour with me and the soloist selecting appropriate music for their wedding.

At the wedding, before we reached the middle of the first song, the audience was talking so loudly, we might as well have not been there. During the Lord's Prayer, the guests continued their loud talking and laughing.

Abby, when a couple goes to the expense of hiring musicians (\$150 is our standard fee), the least the guests can do is listen. Such rudeness is inexcusable.

To top it off, at the end of the service, when the couple kissed, the guests burst into applause! What for? Getting married? Anybody can get married. I say, save the applause for their 10th, 25th or 50th wedding anniversary. And then do it somewhere other than in a church.

Please advise your readers that applauding in a house of worship is disrespectful and unacceptable behavior.

UPSET IN CINCINNATI

DEAR UPSET: You are justified in criticizing the bad manners of those who ignore the musicians at a wedding, but I must disagree with you about the applause. People burst into spontaneous applause to express their joy, exuberance and approval. I think it's both charming and appropriate to applaud a heartwarming marriage ceremony. Readers?

DEAR ABBY: In your response to "Kissing Cousins in Minnesota," you advised that first-cousin marriages are prohibited in certain states — among them, Illinois. As an attorney in Illinois, I would like to qualify this prohibition.

First cousins CAN marry in Illinois, if both parties are 50 years old or older.

However, Illinois will not solemnize a marriage that would be illegal in the parties' home state, so these two may be out of luck. Nonetheless, Illinoisians may find this information useful.

SUSAN HESSE,
CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

DEAR MS. HESSE: Thank you for pointing out the technicality. However, the Minnesota kissing cousins were both under 50 years old.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a university town, and around here nobody would be caught dead wearing a Phi Beta Kappa key! It would be considered showing off, and not in the best of taste.

ANN B., MADISON, WIS.

DEAR ANN B.: You say "nobody" in Madison would be caught dead wearing a Phi Beta Kappa key? How can you presume to speak for everybody? I speak only for myself, and I feel nothing but admiration for those who wear Phi Beta Kappa keys.

DEAR ABBY: My hat is off to the 47-year-old gentleman who wrote to express his resentment of clerks who ask him if he is entitled to a senior citizen's discount.

You cannot imagine how depressing this is for middle-aged people. I, and many of my friends, have had days spoiled by that obnoxious question: "Are you a senior citizen?" (Gag me with a cane!)

The best way to end this prying practice is to refuse to patronize establishments where this takes place, and to make sure the management knows why.

NOT THERE YET

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc. because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Cluster of miscarriages are reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials at USA Today are giving "close attention" to reports of an unusually high number of miscarriages suffered by women working in its Arlington, Va., newsrooms, the newspaper's editor said today.

The Washington Post said 14 of the 100 women working in the newsrooms have had miscarriages since September 1987.

"It's a personal situation involving people's lives," editor Peter S. Richard said. "We're giving it close attention." He declined to discuss further the report in the Post.

The newspaper said an informal survey revealed the number of miscarriages and the matter was discussed with the staff at a meeting last month.

It quoted Allen J. Wilcox, an epidemiologist who has studied miscarriages for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, as saying the number of cases at USA Today "falls squarely in the category of something that ought to be looked at." The report did not indicate that Wilcox had any personal knowledge of the USA Today cases.

Wilcox was quoted as saying 12 percent to 15 percent of all pregnancies end in miscarriages.

Gannett Co. Inc., which owns the internationally distributed newspaper, recently hired a con-

sultant to test materials being installed in a renovation project that began at the newspaper last April, the Post reported, adding that some employees suspect the construction may have contributed to the miscarriages.

"There's a lot of concern in the building about the construction, especially among women who have miscarried," said Peter Johnson, a general assignment reporter interviewed by the Post. He said the company appeared to be "genuinely concerned" about

Indictment returned in drug case

DALLAS (AP) — A multi-count indictment was returned Wednesday against five men in connection with an investigation of conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute over 1,000 kilograms of marijuana.

The charges were the result of an 11-month investigation jointly conducted by the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency, Organized

the problem.

"Everyone is real frightened," a woman who had a miscarriage and who asked not to be identified, was quoted by the Post as saying. "You don't know what's going on. It's really an ordeal."

The Post said about a dozen cases of miscarriage clusters have been investigated by U.S. or Canadian scientists since 1980. All of the cases involved women working at video display terminals, which are used extensively in newspaper offices, but

no firm link has been established between the terminals and miscarriages, the report said.

Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety.

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Texans coming home to roost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas is about to conquer Washington the way Sam Houston claimed San Jacinto. And how.

Texans are rising in Congress to run some of its most influential committees, an adopted Texan becomes president Jan. 20 and is bringing with him at least two and as many as five Cabinet secretaries from the Lone Star State, and the man third in line to the presidency, House Speaker Jim Wright, is from Fort Worth.

"When you're in power you're in style, and Texas is back in style," says Democratic consultant George Shipley in Austin, who predicts the "Yellow Rose of Texas" will be in vogue during the inaugural balls for former oilman Bush.

In a city where power is ephemeral, the Texas clout in Washington is now waxing and some predict it will eclipse those potent days when Sam Rayburn was speaker of the House and Lyndon B. Johnson was Senate majority leader.

"This is the first time in our history that we've had a Texan as president and as speaker of the House. And we have a number of Texans as chairmen of committees now," says Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, himself the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate's most powerful panel.

Texas is also getting its first secretary of state in Houstonian James A. Baker III; the first Hispanic member of a president's Cabinet is Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, former president of Texas Tech University and son of a King Ranch cowhand.

The list goes on: Rep. Kika de la Garza is chairman of the Agriculture Committee and Rep. Jack Brooks and Henry B. Gonzalez are in line to take over the House Judiciary and Banking committees, respectively.

"Things are looking good for us," says Brooks, dean of the delegation. "You've got Democrats taking over Congress and Republicans taking over the

administration from Texas."

On the Republican side, former Sen. John Tower is under serious consideration for secretary of defense, Houston businessman Robert Mosbacher is rumored a contender for secretary of commerce, and former congressman Tom Loeffer is said to be a candidate for secretary of energy.

"I've never seen that many Texans holding that many positions. We'll certainly get some attention to our (state's) concerns," says Bentsen, who was the Democratic nominee for vice president. Although he lost that race, his national stature rose. Last week, his Democratic colleagues in the Senate gave him a standing ovation at a caucus meeting.

"Historically, Texans have had strong leadership in Washington, but the difference is today it has a bipartisan tinge to it that it didn't have before," says George Christian, press secretary to Lyndon Johnson from 1966 to 1969. "We have feet in both

camp, and that's an improvement."

Although Johnson brought in Texans from as far away as Paris, there may be more in Washington under Bush.

Republican Sen. Phil Gramm says the real story is in how many Texans will end up "in positions where real decisions are made, at the subcommittee level, so certainly Texas and Texas interests will be very well represented come January 20."

Bush would break the record for Texans in the Cabinet if he appoints at least four, as Christian said he believes the most at any one time in Johnson's tenure was three.

"This part of the country will have the most potent representation in the Bush administration and the new Congress than they have had in a long, long time," Christian said.

"It's really a Texas brigade in the North," says Bob Mansker, press secretary to Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas.

Ex-member indicted for insider trading

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A former director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has been indicted on insider trading charges for a scheme to leak secret interest rate figures to a now-bankrupt brokerage firm.

A federal indictment returned Thursday charged former New Jersey Bankers Association president Robert A. Rough with conspiracy to commit fraud in the first insider trading case involving government securities prosecutors said.

It was also the first time in the 75-year history of the Federal Reserve that a director has been charged with fraud, said Samuel A. Alito Jr., the U.S. Attorney for New Jersey.

"We believe this is an isolated case," Alito said. "But we will prosecute it vigorously to try to insure it isn't repeated in the future."

Rough, 49, received \$47,000 in interest-deferred loans from the now-defunct Beville, Bresler & Schulman Inc. investment firm in exchange for the rate information, the indictment charged. He was a member of the Federal Reserve Bank, part of the Fed's regional network, from 1982 to 1984.

Rough was charged with conspiracy to commit wire and securities fraud, two counts of bank fraud, one count each of

wire fraud and securities fraud and two counts of making false statements to banks.

He faces 29 years in prison if convicted on all counts and fines totaling \$141,000, Alito said.

Rough is accused of relaying the information by telephone from his executive suite at the National Bank of Sussex County, where he served as president, and once from the New York Fed's boardroom just after a meeting, prosecutors said at a news conference.

Beville, Bresler made millions of dollars in government securities trades based on Rough's advance word about decisions made by the Federal Reserve and recommendations offered by the New York Fed on the discount rate, the indictment said.

The discount rate is the interest rate the Federal Reserve charges on loans to commercial banks. Changes in the discount rate can have a strong impact on world financial markets and affect interest rates paid by consumers.

Rough's attorney, Michael Himmel, said Rough would enter a plea of innocent and "vigorously contest the charges."

Rough's home telephone number was unlisted and he could not be reached for comment. He resigned earlier this

year as president of the National Bank.

The New York Fed is one of 12 regional banks in the Federal Reserve System, all of which make recommendations every two weeks on whether the discount rate should be changed. The national Federal Reserve Board has the final say in setting the rate.

Word that discount rate information had been leaked first surfaced in April 1987, prompting the Fed to tighten its rules on disclosing the rate.

The allegations came to light during the trial of Gilbert C. Schulman, Beville, Bresler's

president, on fraud charges after the firm's \$144 million collapse in April 1985. Three other principals who pleaded guilty in the firm's collapse in exchange for their cooperation testified about Rough's allegedly passing on the information.

Schulman, a long-time friend of Rough's, is serving an eight-year sentence for securities violations.

Schulman testified that Rough approached him for the \$47,000 in loans, which were repaid, to buy a chunk of stock in the National Bank of Sussex.

No arraignment date has been set.

Navy official grants request for transfer

HOUSTON (AP) — A top Navy official granted "whistleblower" Bryan Sims' request to transfer here from Corpus Christi, where Sims said he received death threats, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Vice Adm. John S. Disher, national chief of Naval Education and Training, also grounded the rescue helicopters Sims warned about, the newspaper said.

Disher's actions signaled a deepening of investigations into the case of Sims, a 10-year Navy veteran from Houston.

Sims, 27, can move to Houston with his family next week to work in a Navy recruitment office, the newspaper said, quoting what it said were three people close to his case who did not want to be named.

Sims asked for the move several weeks ago, saying superiors had threatened him with death for raising doubts about helicopter maintenance procedures at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station. The transfer request was originally denied by superiors at the base.

Disher said Thursday that the two UH-1N "Huey" helicopters

used for rescue missions from the Corpus Christi base are out of operation while a Navy inspection team probes Sim's allegations.

Sims, in an October interview with the Chronicle, said he had been harassed and threatened since 1986, when he refused to transfer untested, crucial parts to the two Hueys from another helicopter that crashed in 1985, killing three crewmen.

Sims, a fellow helicopter crewman and a former helicopter mechanic also said the orders were eventually carried out by other petty officers, posing a danger to the operation of the Hueys.

Disher disclosed he was ordering further investigations of Sims' allegations about maintenance practices, threats and his October court-martial.

In the court-martial, Sims, who lives off the base, was sentenced to 30 days of confinement to barracks on conduct charges he claims were trumped up to punish him for being a "whistleblower." The Navy has denied his harassment allegations. The sentence expires today.

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I go to a tanning salon. I also bleach my hair. Recently I've noticed my hair is falling out. Is there a connection?

is probably connected to the hair bleach you are using.

Bleaching the hair affects the protein in the hair shaft; the process may also affect the growing hair follicle. This can cause hair loss. At best, the process depletes the normal levels of lubricating oil on the scalp. Bleached hair can become dry and brittle; it may break easily.

I suggest that you stop bleaching your hair or change to a coloring agent that is not so hard on your hair. Also, remember that tanning salons are not healthful. The synthetic light is associated with an increased incidence of skin cancers in susceptible individuals.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When my husband sweats he smells like vinegar. Is there something out of whack in his system?

DEAR READER: Malodorous perspiration can indicate the presence of liver or kidney disease. For the most part, however, bad-smelling sweat is the result of aromatic oils that are excreted by the skin's pores.

Your husband should have a medical examination to make sure all's well. But I suspect that he will find that all he needs is plenty of showering followed by the liberal application of deodorant.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read about a cat disease called Cat B which is often misdiagnosed and mistreated as emphysema in humans. I have two cats and my husband has emphysema. What should we do?

DEAR READER: To my knowledge, only three important diseases are spread from cats to humans: intestinal worms (hookworm and roundworm), toxoplasmosis and cat scratch disease.

Worms are spread when the eggs from the cat's intestine are inadvertently swallowed by a human. The worms grow and cause symptoms of anemia or anal discomfort.

Similarly, toxoplasmosis is an infection carried to humans via the fecal-oral route. It is marked by enlarged lymph glands, fever, pneumonia, heart inflammation and — in children born to infected mothers — severe fetal developmental problems.

Cat scratch disease is an annoying but usually harmless lymph gland swelling following a cat bite or scratch.

I am not aware of any cat-borne ailment that mimics emphysema. However, I'd be grateful to receive enlightenment from any of my readers.

Is the word "circadian" unfamiliar to you? If so, I'm not surprised. It refers to rhythmic periodicity: events occurring in a 24-hour pattern. In the future, you'll be hearing more about circadian rhythms because scientists are discovering that some diseases may follow a biological time clock.

Take heart attacks, for instance. Since 1985, several studies have shown that coronary thrombosis (myocardial infarction) and sudden death are more likely to take place between 6 a.m. and noon than at other times. Seventy percent of unexpected cardiac deaths occur between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m.

The obvious explanation for this observation — that patients delayed reporting pain (or time-of-death certificates were incorrect) — was unsubstantiated in a large study of almost 3,000 patients. When doctors began investigating the cause of this phenomenon, they discovered that endogenous (internal) factors were more important than the use of caffeine or nicotine, emotional stimuli or inactivity. Although no one knows precisely why these deaths occur in the morning, there are some clues.

The high rate of early-morning myocardial infarction may be due to

a natural tendency for blood to clot at this time of day: Clot-forming platelets are more active, blood is thicker and clots are less likely to be dis-

lodged. Blood flow through coronary arteries is diminished. These findings suggest that doctors may have to revise their dosage schedule of medicine. Should heart medication be taken at bedtime? Would time-release drugs help protect against myocardial infarction? These questions have yet to be answered.

Circadian systems also affect the incidence of strokes, which have been discovered to occur — as do heart attacks — during the morning hours, primarily between 10 a.m. and noon.

Furthermore, automated, constant blood-pressure monitoring has revealed an interesting pattern, again circadian in form: Blood pressure tends to peak between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m., then plateau until 4 p.m. In most people, a pre-awakening blood pressure rise is consistently observed. Specialists are now attempting to determine whether this configuration will become an important factor in modifying treatment for hypertension. Is there a connection between early-morning heart attacks, strokes and high blood pressure? The answer awaits future research.

The circadian clock is most obvious in our sleep behavior. Also, most hormones are cyclically secreted; the sleep patterns themselves tend to affect hormone secretion. For example, growth hormone levels are highest right after sleep-onset; this peak no longer appears if sleep is prevented or suspended.

In addition, body temperature appears to follow its own cycle, regardless of sleep or exercise. When sleep behavior is desynchronized, temperature variations follow their own predictable patterns. Nonetheless, sleep seems to play an important role in stabilizing body heat. These biological clocks must be taken into account when people are programmed into different sleep patterns, such as shifting from day work to night duties.

Finally, depression often follows a circadian rhythm: early morning arousal, daily mood swings and cyclic sleepiness or insomnia.

Although our daily habits may appear to be controlled by the external environment, we may actually be governed by equally-important natural clocks within our brains. Scientists have yet to discover the "whys and wherefores of these primitive clocks but, clearly, their curious configurations will come to play an increasingly important role in the ways we maintain health and combat disease.

A more complete understanding of circadian rhythms will surely enable doctors better to treat heart disease, stroke, hormonal imbalances, hypertension and mental disorders, not to mention a host of other illnesses that may be influenced by biological clocks. Until further information becomes available, we can take comfort in listening closely to the messages our bodies are giving us, particularly with respect to rest, sleep and stress.

Rubber doesn't erase very well

NEW YORK (AP) — Pencil erasers are made from synthetic rubber and pumice, a volcanic glass, plus a soybean-based filler.

It's not the rubber that erases errors, as is commonly thought, but pumice that actually scratches out mistakes.

Another surprise for you might be that the "lead" in a pencil is not lead at all. It is a mixture of graphite and clay. As for why most pencils are yellow, no one seems to know.

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By Bernice Bede Osol



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Long-term improvements in your basic life. This can be a time when ambitions can be fulfilled and material desires gratified.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have an important financial arrangement to transact, you're apt to fare better today than you will later. Treat the other party involved as fairly as you want to be treated yourself. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should have excellent foresight today, and if you act upon it properly, changes for the better can be brought about to help advance your personal interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The results should be good today for calling in markers for favors that are owed to you by friends. However, frame your requests as gentle reminders.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This could be a very successful day for you if you apply yourself. Remember, hopes and wishes can only become realities when they are acted upon in a positive manner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're involved in an arrangement today where you are dealing for high stakes, you should do rather well. Lady Luck may be instrumental in giving you the edge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before making an important decision today, it might be wise to seek advice from friends or associates whose opinions you respect. They could provide you with constructive hints.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your greatest benefits today are likely to be derived from situations where you share a vested interest with another. Joint ventures look more promising than solo flights.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are presently in a favorable cycle for enhancing your popularity and making new friends. Several pleasant experiences could be possible for you today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your chart indicates opportunity for gain from two different sources today. One may be through personal efforts; the other might come from a second party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lady Luck tends to favor your endeavors today, especially in situations with intermediaries. The spirit of cooperation is the catalyst for success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The eventual income of a matter that has been concerning you appears favorable now. Don't let any grass grow under your feet if you see a way to conclude it today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It could prove worthwhile today to get in touch with two different friends with whom you've lost contact lately. One you know from business, the other socially.

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Your Birthday

Dec. 12, 1988

In the year ahead you will have greater initiative and courage. This will enable you to make changes that will create conditions more to your liking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to further your personal ambitions today, you might have to use bolder tactics than usual. Be daring where necessary, but don't be reckless. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Arrangements that are meaningful to you financially should be given top priority today. You're in a fortunate trend for producing profitable bottom lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't sit around waiting for what you want to come to you today. If things aren't developing fast enough to suit you, take direct action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Much can be done at this time to improve your position in life if you use your talents to their fullest advantage. You have all you need for success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may soon get involved in a new project that you'll find extremely stimulating. However, you might not be able to give it the time and dedication it deserves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It might be easier to get a business associate to do a favor for you today rather than later in the week. Don't wait too long before making your request.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to put into practice immediately new knowledge you acquire at this time. Through its use you'll develop skills and self-assurance more rapidly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your old fight and determination should surface today in career situations that have competitive elements. Instead of taking a back seat, go for the gold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A partnership arrangement should work out rather successfully today, provided your counterpart is equally as bold and assertive as you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Most of your efforts and energies today are apt to be devoted to a matter which is not of your making, yet if you get it worked out properly, you will derive benefits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have a loyal friend waiting in the wings who is in a position to help you advance your interests today. It will be up to you to make this friend aware of your intentions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your financial prospects look extremely encouraging at this time, especially in situations where your primary concern is to try to provide more for those you love.

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Judge gives priority to settlement

DALLAS (AP) — The Commodity Futures Trading Commission must wait in line to take action against Dallas businessmen William Herbert Hunt and Nelson Bunker Hunt, a federal bankruptcy judge has ruled.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson said he has approved a request by attorneys representing the two Hunts to forestall any CFTC action while the brothers work out their bankruptcy settlements.

In a civil complaint against the Hunts, the CFTC claims the brothers and others rigged the price of silver futures between the fall of 1979 and March 1980. After hitting a high of \$52 an ounce, the price of silver collapsed to \$10 an ounce on March 27, 1980.

Abramson would not elaborate on his decision late Thursday night other than to confirm that he had issued the order.

"We had an order (that) enjoined the Commodity Futures Trading Commission from proceedings until other matters are resolved," Abramson told The Associated Press.

"They have an ongoing proceeding there and it enjoins the CFTC from certain action."

Tom Whitaker, vice president of Hunt Energy and a spokesman for the Hunt brothers, said the judge's ruling blocks the CFTC from pressing its claim against the Hunts until either their Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings or appeals in involving a suit with the Peruvian government company Minpeco S.A. are complete.

Whitaker estimated it could be 12 to 14 months before those matters are resolved.

William Herbert Hunt, Nelson Bunker Hunt and their brother, Lamar Hunt, and others were ordered by a federal court jury in New York to pay Minpeco, the Peruvian governments' silver mining company, \$200 million. The company had lost millions of dollars in the silver price squeeze.

Whitaker said the Hunts are

pleased with Abramson's Thursday decision. "Our ongoing intent is still intact — that is to get all these proceedings into one forum," he said.

Attorneys for the two Hunts who have sought bankruptcy protection filed statements of financial affairs and schedules of assets and liabilities with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court last month.

Now creditors have until mid-January to file claims with the court.

Medical group reaffirms stance on animal research

DALLAS (AP) — The American Medical Association is striving to educate the public on the benefits of Animal Research.

The AMA's House of Delegates reaffirmed its commitment to educate the public in a resolution passed Wednesday.

The new formal policy encourages physicians to place copies of materials in their office waiting rooms describing the medical benefits of animal research.

It also urges heightened public awareness and education about the types of animals used in medical research and the efforts made to prevent animal suffering.

A third aspect of the resolution encourages the AMA to stress to

the public its concern about the impact of the animal rights movement on the conduct of biomedical research as well as support for the proper and humane treatment of research animals.

An AMA spokesman who demanded not to be identified said association members are concerned about tactics taken by animal rights groups, which he said try to make the public believe that primates, dogs and cats comprise a large portion of research animals.

The spokesman said that more than 80 percent of research animals are rodents.

The vote on the resolution by the 422-member House of Delegates came as the group concluded a session in Dallas.

Ex-Air Force sergeant given life sentence for child abuse

AUSTIN (AP) — A former Air Force sergeant was given a life sentence after being convicted of felony child abuse for causing severe brain damage to his 6-week-old son.

William Spang, 26, laid his head in his arms on the defense table Thursday, after State District Judge Mace Thurman read the jury's verdict issuing the maximum prison term for the crime. Jurors deliberated about 3½ hours.

Spang was convicted Wednesday of causing serious injury to a child. Doctors testified his son, Jeremy Spang, suffered severe brain injury from being violently shaken.

"The sentence sends a strong message to the community that child abuse will not be tolerated in Travis County," Assistant Travis County District Attorney Patricia Robertson said after the trial.

In a confession prosecutors read in court Wednesday, Spang admitted squeezing the child's head, violently shaking him, and

dropping him on a bed and in a bathtub.

Spang said in the confession that the injuries occurred April 1, and that he had been upset by financial problems when the child started crying.

Five doctors have testified this week that Jeremy is blind, severely brain-damaged, suffers seizures and will never be self-sufficient.

Spang cried Wednesday when the child's foster mother, Juanita Craig of Temple, held Jeremy and testified about his disabilities.

Spang was administratively discharged from the Air Force on July 12.

The number of tourists in Nepal has risen from fewer than 10,000 a year in 1960 to nearly 250,000 today.

Mountain climbers have created the world's highest garbage dump, higher than 18,000 feet, on Mount Everest, says National Geographic.

How do you make nude statue respectable?

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) — How do you make a nude statue respectable? Stand it against a wall, according to the Loveland Visual Arts Commission.

The commission was caught in a controversy that broke out over "Moulding Our Future," a proposed 7-foot-tall bronze monu-

ment meant to celebrate love, the town's namesake.

On Thursday, the commission wriggled out of the problem, tentatively approving the statue of a mother with a child at her breast for a new park, but ordering the sculpture to be turned toward a wig shop wall so it won't offend passers-by.

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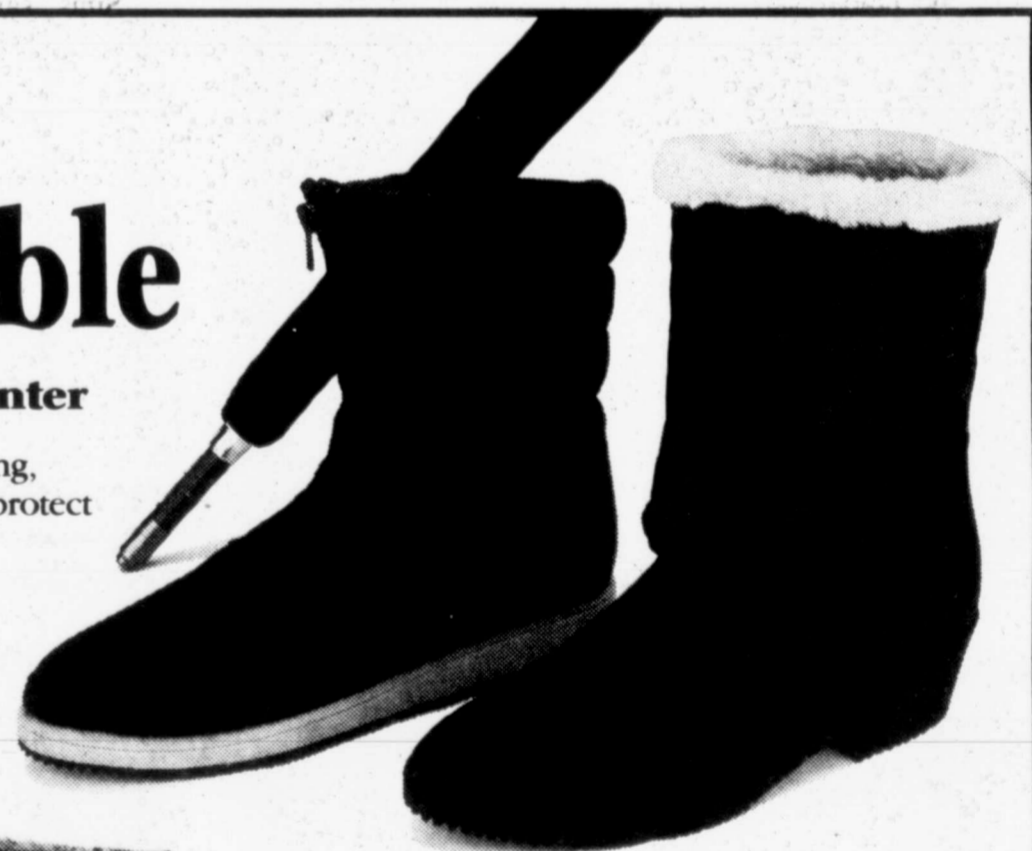
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Above the Fold

By Donny Brown

This time of year it becomes accepted practice to write exclusively about Christmas—which offers a double dose of the perennial problem, how to come up with something original.

Regarding Christmas, it's tough.

The immediate impulse is to write about personal past experiences. Which are like opinion's, everybody's got some.

There's the time the folks decided to hideout all our presents with a sister in Odessa, absolutely convincing yours truly that he may have finally worn out his options that Christmas.

Or the little sidebar about walking into Pop's grocery store on the first day the Christmas tree shipment had arrived—identifying the fact not by sight but by the pine forest smell.

But before we get too maudlin, we'll admit these memory bites are like breaking out the slides of your trip to Conoga Falls four years back. They may mean a lot to we folks, but, quite frankly, no one else gives a rip.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Last night I took my kids to the high school to see those kids put on an absolutely superb rendition of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein." All the way home, while we chatted eagerly about the play, its message and moral, the drama and the theatrics, those great kids and their hard work; all the way home, I kept thinking about my brother, Brad.

Brad is three years older than me, and I have adored him all of my life. We were very close in high school and often double-dated. In fact, he married my college roommate. Because he's career Army, he's lived out of state or out of country all our adult lives, and I often go many years without seeing him. Brad is handsome and witty and smart, but he has one fatal flaw: he's addicted to bad puns. I mean, it really interferes with his general classiness. Like, for instance, when I sold my book; as soon as Brad heard the news, he called me all the way from Germany and toasted my success over the phone. That's CLASS, you know? Then he had to say, "We're so

proud of you — it was a really NOVEL thing to do!"

Anyway, driving home last night, listening to the eager input of my kids about the play, I carried Brad along in my heart. We were talking about how everybody judged Frankenstein right away without giving him a chance — they assumed that because he was hideous-looking, he must be a monster. They reacted to him with terror and hostility from the beginning. At one moving moment in the play, the creature, played by Jeff Franklin, stood on the edge of the stage, arms outstretched, shouting, "Friend!" in a pitiful attempt to find one somewhere, somehow.

We talked of so many things; the egotism of Dr. Frankenstein himself, played electrically by Corey McDaniel, the child-like innocence of his fiancée, Elizabeth, played with great compassion by Amber Adams, and the delightful comic slapstick of Igor, played by my friend, Robert Neblett, a multi-talented young man if I ever knew one.

To be honest, much of what is written about Christmas every year is flat out trite. "Peace on earth, good will to men" is a pretty mouldy theme when looked at from one perspective.

In fact, Christmas is the one holiday which trades almost exclusively on nostalgia.

Built into the mechanism of Christmas is the concept of recycling old stuff, a function performed from the moment the holiday starts.

What do you do first? You haul down cardboard boxes containing Christmas ornaments which themselves go back 10 years and beyond. To house these precious gems, most folks have shoe boxes which have outlasted the shoes.

On television, you're once again treated to recycled Christmas specials, of which there has been sufficient griping in print that mentioning it is a trite piece of work itself.

And yet, there is apparently an audience for one more viewing of Frosty the Snowman meets Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer while admitting it's a Wonderful Life if there really could be a Miracle on

34th Street.

It's almost as if the creative impulse is temporarily placed on pause during December.

We sing the same Christmas carols, we decorate our house in the same way and we buy Christmas cards with the same treacly-sweet sentiments—"Joyous Noel" ya'll.

All in all, we look forward to a set routine, a well-worn pattern.

We attempt to plan the holiday like the beach invasion at Salerno. Every minute to be accounted for, the departure time to Grandma's, the estimated time of return, the hour to open the presents, the trip to Christmas Eve services and the menu for Christmas Day.

Spontaneity, that creative spark which hopes for the unexpected, is smothered during Christmas under one pair of long johns, two shirts, a coat, one long scarf, a heavy pair of mittens, a woolen cap and a coating of Vicks Vapor Rub for the nose.

Let's face it folks. Avant-garde Christmas ain't.

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The Search for THE Perfect Tree



Look Back

By Lilith McArthur

FIVE YEARS AGO

SHS vocalists named to the Texas Music Educator's Association All-Area Choir were Dana Parham, Jeana Fox, Terry Rumpf, Teka Eicke, Mickey Broach, and David Etheredge.

Dairy Queen was busy installing two new buildings of 2,880 sq. ft. each beside the old existing structures.

Officers of the Snyder Board of Realtors were Margaret Birdwell, president; Joyce Barnes, vice-president; Joan Tate, secretary-treasurer.

Outgoing directors of Snyder Senior Citizens Inc. were "Pete" Glass, Ray Summers and County Judge Preston Wilson. Each received a plaque commemorating his service to the organization.

SHS students named to the TMEA Region II All-Region Band were Dedra Crawford, Ray Canales, Teresa Waller, and Darren Pace.

10 YEARS AGO

Snyder High School girls won the Regional Volleyball Tournament with Cindy Koonsman, Dana Elrod and Kathy Harrel named to the all-tournament team.

Coach Joyce Elrod led the team to victory in the state finals for the first time since 1972. Honorable mention all-district players were Danna Myers, Sherry Neves, and Kim Harlin.

Bryan Lewallen, SHS student, was the winner of the Voice of Democracy speaking contest sponsored by the VFW Post 8231 and Auxiliary. He is the son of Mrs. W.P. Lewallen. He was eligible to compete at the district level.

Brad Maule, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Maule of Camp Springs, returned to Snyder from Beverly Hills, Calif., to perform in the Yuletide Follies. He entered show business following graduation from Stephen F. Austin University and appeared throughout the United States in various shows.

SDN Week in Review

SUNDAY

December 4

Several Snyder attorneys have expressed an interest in succeeding Michael Line as Scurry County attorney, and the commissioners court is also giving some consideration to combining the county and district attorney's office to create a criminal district attorney's position, it was reported Sunday.

County Judge Bobby Goodwin said three local attorneys to date have indicated they would like to be considered for the appointment as county attorney.

The 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland has re-affirmed its earlier ruling that Scurry County drug defendant Mozelle King's July 1987 conviction and 45-year sentence were properly arrived at in 132nd District Court, it was reported Sunday.

MONDAY

December 5

County Attorney Michael S. Line formally tendered his resignation to Scurry County commissioners Monday morning, having told them last week that he would probably be resigning to accept a general counsel's position with a bank in Ruidoso, N.M.

Line said his resignation will be effective Jan. 2.

The commissioners announced that they will accept applications from individuals wishing to succeed Line in the county attorney's post through 10 a.m. next Monday.

After that, they noted they will begin interviewing candidates.

The 1988 Scurry County United Way campaign has topped the \$73,000 level and drive officials say it now appears this year's goal of \$85,000 will not be reached, it was reported Monday.

Some funds are still expected to be received through the end of the year and a final count in excess of \$75,000 is expected. This would equal 88 percent of the hoped for goal and would place United Way at approximately the same level raised two years ago.

City council members Monday night discussed at length the necessity for building a new \$3.5-million wastewater treatment plant and indicated that they might make preliminary moves to implement the project at their Jan. 9 meeting.

Representatives of the Lubbock engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper

(PSC) made a presentation on the project and said work toward applying for a loan through the State Revolving Fund (SRF) should start in February, at the latest.

TUESDAY

December 6

While Snyder High School juniors overall scored slightly above the state average, the performance on this year's TEAMS exit level test has prompted school administrators to implement steps to assist the 56 students who failed one or both levels of the state-mandated "basic skills" exam, it was reported Tuesday.

These 56 represent 24 percent of SHS juniors taking the TEAMS test this past Oct. 25-26.

Conversely, 76 percent of the 192 students passed both the mathematics and the language arts sections.

THURSDAY

December 8

Scurry County entities named as defendants in five lawsuits filed in an attempt to block construction of the Texas Department of Corrections prison unit here have opted to no longer pursue a lingering legal question related to court costs, it was reported Thursday.

A letter submitted to the 132nd District Court clerk's office asks that money deposited with the court last spring by plaintiffs in the lawsuits—\$5,385 to cover the costs of taking depositions for witness testimony—now be distributed among the defendants.

With the letter, attorneys representing the local defendants indicate they will not attempt to seek what they maintain is the full court costs actually owed by plaintiffs—an estimated \$10,665 in deposition expenses.

Snyder's new building year, with two months now complete, is already well behind the previous 12-month cycle, when permits of more than \$522,000 had been issued.

The total this year is \$160,589 and, for the month of November, was \$69,025 with only five projects applied for, it was reported Thursday.

An appeal to adjust Snyder ISD standards to state minimum requirements regarding selection for Level III on the career ladder was made Thursday by two teacher representatives of local professional organizations.

Addressing the Snyder school

board Thursday was Jim Rosson, president of the local Texas State Teachers Association, and Francene Allen, president of the Classroom Teachers Association.

They expressed concern to the board regarding the "added local requirements" for Level III selection, calling the criteria adopted as policy here "considerably stricter."

FRIDAY

December 9

The construction of 16 more units at Golden Terrace Village, Snyder's senior citizen housing area, has been approved, it was reported Friday.

This will see the number of housing units expand to 30 and will complete Phase II of the project which opened here in July of 1985.

The price tag for the added units will be \$448,000 and a long term, low interest loan for this amount has now been approved by officials with the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA).

A snow advisory was again in the Snyder forecast with a 70 percent chance listed for Friday night.

Saturday was expected to see another 1 inch added to this.

SDN Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

I would like to give my great appreciation for all those people who have made my job more manageable and who have been supportive of me while in this community.

First, I would like to thank all the foster parents in the seven-county area that I cover, including Snyder, for their continuing work with foster children and their support of this agency.

I would also like to thank members of the Scurry County Child Welfare Board for their tremendous support of foster parents and their help in making foster care easier for the children.

I would like to thank Rev. Merrell from Trinity Methodist Church and all other ministers in this area who have helped in getting together Christmas gifts for foster children by soliciting their churches.

There have been members of

this community who have donated gifts for foster children and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and hope them many, many blessings during this Christmas season.

Again, thank you Snyder for your support in making my job as a Foster Home Development Worker more manageable and I hope that we will continue to be friends and see one another.

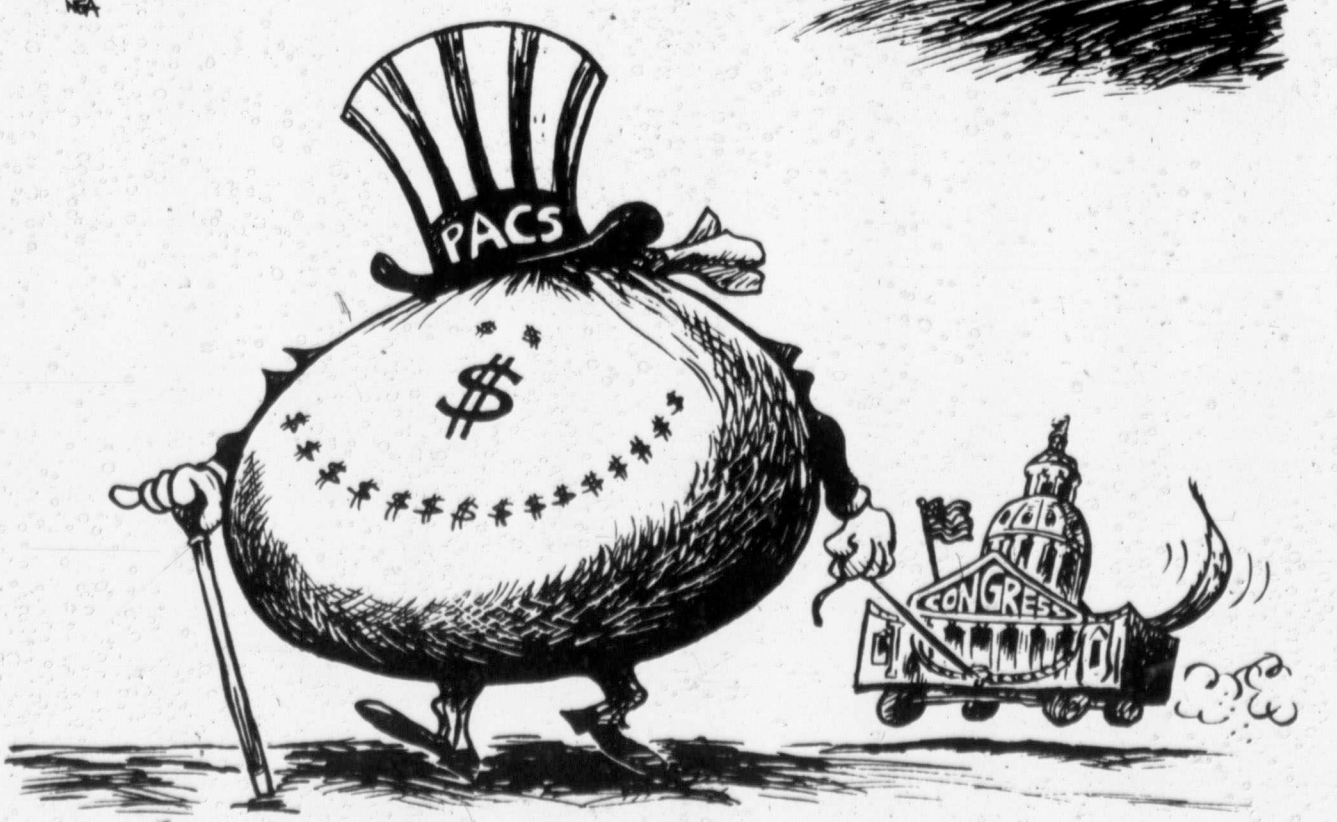
Last but not least, I would like to thank the staff at the Snyder Department of Human Services for their continuing work and support.

R. Stoney BlackRaven, B.B.S., S.W.

Quotables

"In the days of Caesar, kings had fools and jesters; now network presidents have anchormen." — Ted Kopel.

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A-10s won't be grounded

TRACY, Ariz. (AP) — The Air Force has no plans to ground the A-10 attack plane despite two crashes in Arizona and West Germany that occurred within hours of each other, leaving six people dead and 51 injured.

"I can tell you from this standpoint, we're not tying the two of them together," Davis-Monthan Air Force Base spokeswoman Carol Ann Keck said here following Thursday's crashes.

An A-10 Thunderbolt II assigned to a Royal Air Force base in England smashed into an apartment house in Remscheid, West Germany, at 1:30 p.m. local time (7:30 a.m. EST), killing six people

and injuring 51, authorities said. Ten hours later, an A-10 based at Davis-Monthan crashed on the Tohono O'odham Reservation near Tracy about 80 miles west of Tucson, officials said. The pilot, who ejected, was in good condition at the base hospital.

Both jets were on training missions. The Tactical Air Command said in a statement late Thursday that it would not ground the A-10, which statistically is the safest fighter or attack plane currently in the Air Force inventory. The Air Force, however, suspended all tactical training flights in Europe until Tuesday.

Ex-Business Week broadcaster pleads guilty to fraud by mail

NEW YORK (AP) — Business Week's former broadcast editor faces up to 10 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines after pleading guilty to charges he used unpublished information from the magazine to make \$15,000 in stock trades.

Seymour G. "Rudy" Ruderman, 62, of Scarsdale entered the plea Thursday to two counts of mail fraud before U.S. District Judge Robert Ward, who released him on \$100,000 bond and set sentencing for March 8.

Ruderman, who did business and market reports on the radio for Business Week until his firing last summer, has admitted making \$15,000 between January 1986 and last July in securities trades, using information from upcoming issues of America's biggest business weekly.

Business Week was the victim of the mail fraud, said U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani, because "they're defrauded out of confidential information."

Ruderman could receive a maximum sentence of five years in a prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Ruderman, who had done broadcast reports for Business Week since 1981, was fired Aug. 12 for failing to disclose all his stock trades and the full extent of his holdings, in violation of the magazine's ethics code.

The first victim of the widening scandal was William Dillon, a stockbroker who had been fired by Merrill Lynch & Co. for suspicious trades. He was charged with mail fraud in New York and Connecticut last August and later pleaded guilty. He is awaiting sentencing.

Seven employees of Business Week's printer also lost their jobs as a result of an in-house investigation that found workers allegedly sold advance copies. Two brokers at two other investment firms also were fired.

While Ruderman did not report, write or edit stories for Business Week, he anchored a business news report several times a day from the magazine's office in midtown Manhattan,

which was carried by radio stations in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Fort Wayne, Ind.

According to the charges, Ruderman used information obtained largely from Business Week's market-sensitive "Inside Wall Street" column to buy and sell securities on 50 occasions.

"A security that received a favorable mention in that column generally increased in price in the period immediately following public dissemination of Business Week," court papers said.

In entering his plea, Ruderman said he probably lost more money than he made in his

trades.

According to the charges, Ruderman regularly received a page proof of the "Inside Wall Street" column on Thursdays — hours before its official release to the public — to make sure companies mentioned in the column were not referred to in radio broadcasts. Ruderman also was free to use the information in his weekend reports, which were taped on Fridays.

Instead, Ruderman bought shares or options to buy shares, and caused "other persons" to purchase securities in companies receiving favorable mention in the upcoming column.

Food distributor plans expansion and new jobs

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) — Nationwide food distributor McLane Co. Inc. planned to announce today a \$19 million expansion and construction of a new headquarters here that will create about 220 jobs in the next two years.

The McLane Co. Inc. project will include a \$12 million multilevel office building and a \$7 million expansion of one of its food distributing plants in Temple, city and company sources told the Waco Tribune-Herald Thursday.

U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-College Station, issued a statement Thursday saying he would be in Temple for today's announcement of a "major economic development expansion by the McLane Co. Inc."

Brodie Allen, executive director of the Temple Economic Development Corp., declined to discuss details of the expansion plans. He said McLane president and chief executive officer Drayton McLane Jr. would make the announcement.

In its dozen distribution centers across the nation, McLane employs 3,500 people, including 800 workers at two centers in Temple.

"This makes a major statement that we're definitely going to commit to Temple, Texas," said the McLane official, who requested not to be identified. McLane likely will consolidate certain operations across the country, he said.

Public records

New Vehicles
Jerry D. Pechacek, 1988 Chevrolet Suburban from Mal Donelson Chevrolet.

Wheels Inc., 1989 Chevrolet from Z. Frank Inc. and Wheels Inc. of Des Plaines, Ill.

Gelco Corp., 1989 Chevrolet pickup from Metrocorp of Eden Prairie, Minn.

Steven W. Conner, 1989 Chevrolet pickup from Mal Donelson Chevrolet.

Kenneth C. McClain, 1988 Chevrolet pickup from Mal Donelson Chevrolet.

Early Leasing Co., 1989 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marricle Well Service, 1989 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Tim and Dianna Riggan, 1989 GMC Suburban from Howard Gray Motors.

Don Jones, 1988 Buick from Howard Gray Motors.

Darrell W. and Janet D. Davis, 1989 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Vicki L. Shroyer, 1989 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Robert E. Miller, 1989 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Rudolph H. Norwood, 1989 Dodge Ramcharger from Elmore Chrysler-Dodge.

E.B. Minnie Bollinger, 1989 Chrysler from Elmore Chrysler-Dodge.

Fluid Transports Inc., 1989 Buick from Howard Gray Motors.

Marriage Licenses
Herman J. Cornelius and Gloria J. Lesly, both of Ralls.

Stephen O. Campbell and Kimberly M. Brown, both of Snyder.

Gerald L. Claxton and Barbara A. Childs, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court
Todd S. and Sabrina A. Berry, Sidney Carletta and Sidney Jack Crawford, Marion L. and Judith K. McLarty and Gary N. and Stacy E. Sisson, divorces granted.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital vs. Bob Dennis, judgment for the plaintiff by default for \$1,446.

Daniel T. Keen vs. Western Alliance Insurance Co., judgment for the plaintiff for \$50,000.

Ipollo Enterprises, doing business as Handi-Mart, vs. Barry Cribbs, doing business as

Best Acidizer Service Co., judgment for the plaintiff for \$7,953.

Warranty Deeds
Submergible Pumping & Equipment Co. to Bobby Ramirez et ux, a 150-by-75-foot tract in the southwest quarter of Section 180, Block 3, H&GN Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

Pearl Millhollon to Sarah L. Reeder et al, the southwest quarter of Section 173, Block 97, H&TC Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

Mary L.C. Holbrook, executrix of the estate of Finley W. Holbrook, to Mary Holbrook, 119.3 acres in Tracts 60 and 61 and 40 acres in Tract 65, Block 1, J.P. Smith Survey; the south 168 acres of the east one-half of Section 188, Block 97, H&TC Survey; and 20 acres in the southeast quarter of Section 13, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Tex. (executor's deeds).

Mary D. Brownfield et al to Myron Calley, the west one-half of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of Section 137, Block 97, H&TC Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

George E. Tornwall to Sherryn J. Bell et al, a one-twelfth interest in the surface estate of the northeast quarter of Section 293 and a one-twelfth interest in .018097 of a percent of the oil, gas and other minerals of the northeast quarter of Section 293, the southwest quarter of Section 295 and the southeast quarter of Section 296, Block 97, H&TC Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

George R. Clark et ux to Billy A. Ward, the west one-half of Lot 3 in Block 46 of the Blankenship Addition to the City of Snyder.

L.H. Williamson et al to Jack K. Greene et ux, 79.13 acres in the west one-half of Section 71, Block 3, H&GN Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

Evelyn Elliott to Tommy Williams et al, Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Forrest Addition to the City of Snyder.

David Cotton to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., the south 30 feet of Lot 8 and Lot 9 in Block B of the Highland Park Addition to the City of Snyder. (substitute trustee's deed).

David Cotton to Ultimate Sav-

ings Bank of Richmond, Va., Lot 7 in Block 3 of the First Replat of the Noble Heights Addition to the City of Snyder. (substitute trustee's deed).

David Cotton to Jack W. Warren et ux, the west 40 feet of the south 140 feet of Lot 3 in Block 7 of the Grayum & Nelson Heights Addition to the City of Snyder. (substitute trustee's deed).

David Cotton to Ultimate Savings Bank, Lot 13 in Block 3 of the Kittrell Heights Addition to the City of Snyder. (substitute trustee's deed).

Myron Fenton et ux to Brenda A. Conatser et al, a one-half interest in part of the northern one-half of Section 12, Block 3, H&TC Survey, Scurry County, Tex. (gift deed).

Tom Ritchie to Standard Federal Savings Bank of Gaithersburg, Md., Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Gary Subdivision of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 1 of the T.N. Nunn Addition to the City of Snyder. (substitute trustee's deed).

Peter F. Sheridan to First Western Savings & Loan Association of Colorado City, the east 102.65 feet of Lot 5 in Block B of the Westridge Addition to the City of Snyder. (substitute trustee's deed).

The FHLMC to Ciro Ceron et ux, Lot 14 in Block 97 of the First Replat of the Second Section of the Parkway Addition to the City of Snyder.

Buffalo Bill was Cody
DAVENPORT, Iowa (AP) — Frontiersman William F. Cody, known as Buffalo Bill, was born in 1846. After making trips West with wagon trains and riding for the Pony Express, he served as a Union scout during the Civil War.

Cody's nickname came from shooting 4,000 buffalo in 18 months to supply meat for railroad workmen in Kansas.

In 1872, Buffalo Bill Cody became a showman, appearing in Wild West shows and circus performances which featured his amazing shooting skill.

Cody died in 1917 and is buried on Lookout Mountain, near Golden, Col.

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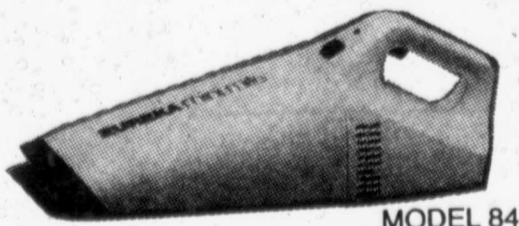


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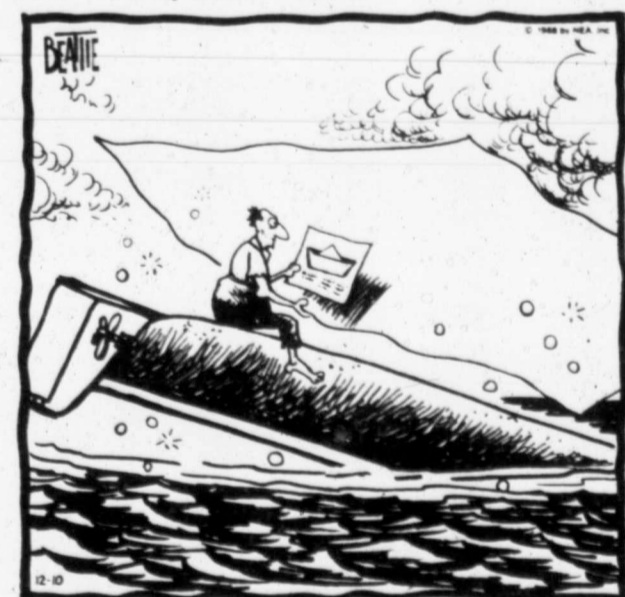
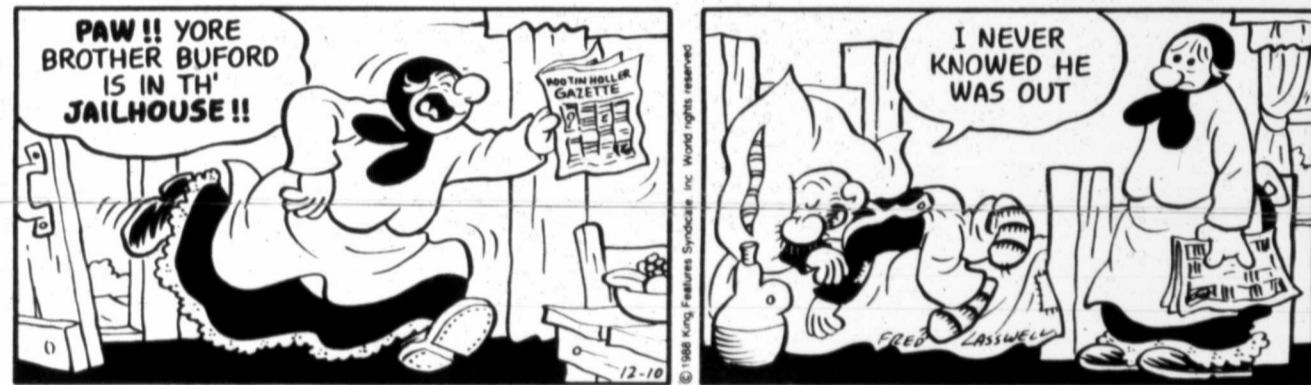
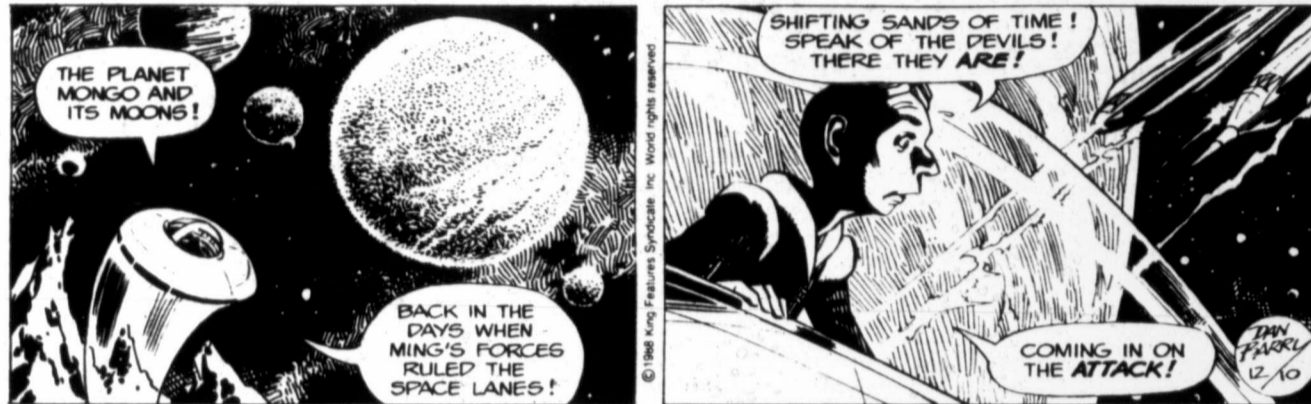
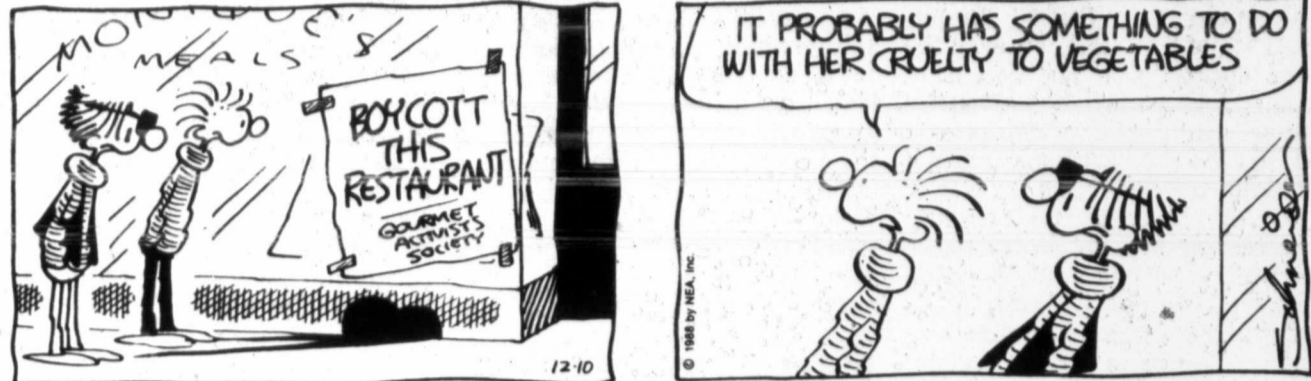
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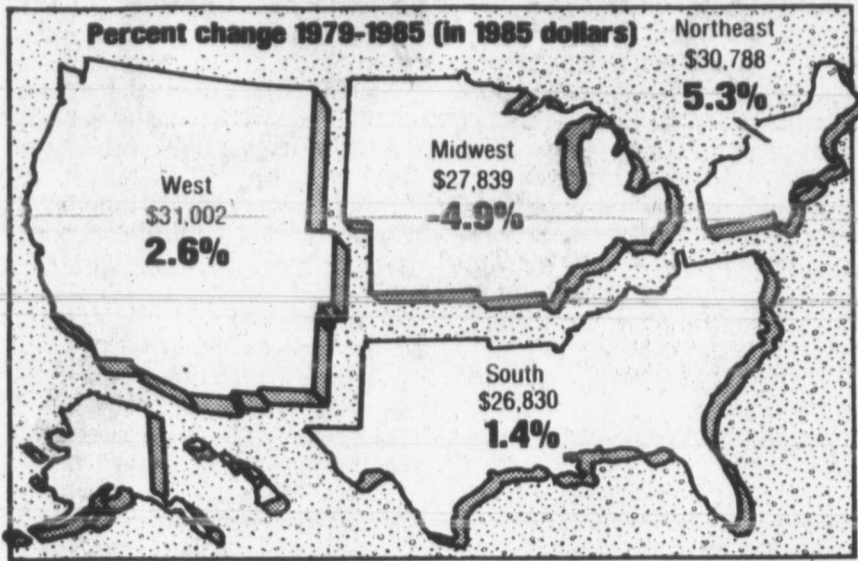
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Average household income Ups and downs by region



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

During the first half of the 1980s, average household income in the United States climbed to \$28,742, a real increase of just 0.7 percent. Rises in the Northeast, West and South were offset by a decline in the Midwest.

Nuke regulatory commission okays repairs for plant

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved plans to repair five key areas of the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant that have stalled licensing efforts for the \$9.1 billion project since 1983.

The agency's action Thursday brings the plant another step toward the federal permit required for operation.

Now the commission staff has approved repairs for all but one of 11 major areas of safety concern at the plant, located in Glen Rose about 45 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

Federal officials said the final report, dealing with the facility's heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems, could be out as early as next week, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Dick Ramsey, a spokesman for TU Electric, principal owner of the plant, said the latest commission approval means the beginning of the end of a four-year period in which a special "Comanche Peak Response Team" formed by the utility has worked on safety concerns.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has said those concerns were blocking a license for the

plant.

The staff on Thursday approved the repair of the plant's mechanical and electrical systems and its instruments and controls. The commission also resolved lingering structural questions involving the enclosure shielding the plant's Unit 1 reactor and related piping from the environment.

TU Electric cleared its biggest hurdle with Comanche Peak last summer, when it reached a \$10-million settlement with the Citizens Association for Sound Energy, a Dallas-based protest group.

The settlement ended the need for exhaustive licensing hearings before a licensing board empaneled by the commission and left the licensing decision primarily in the hands of the commission staff.

Betty Brink, executive director of Fort Worth-based Citizens for Fair Utility Regulation, said she is not surprised by the commission's decisions Thursday.

"I just have a sinking feeling that the NRC is going to find a way to license that plant," Brink said.

The commission staff is trying to block efforts by the group to intervene with the federal agency.

Cotton crop shaping up to be one of the largest

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — If this year's High Plains cotton crop equals or exceeds 2.8 million bales, farmers will be celebrating their largest crop since 1981.

Cotton experts are predicting the yield to fall between 2.8 million and 3.1 million bales, which would also mark the third highest production in the area's history, according to crop records.

"What's good for the farmer is good for the gin," said Myrl Mitchell, owner of Four Way Gin in Lenora. "When farmers are happy, I'm happy. And I'm telling you, they all have smiles on their faces."

At the Lubbock cotton classing office, where the quality of the

cotton is determined, manager Wendell Wilbanks is using two shifts and operating 16 hours a day to handle the influx of cotton samples.

The classing offices in Lubbock and Lamesa together had received 1,662,775 bale samples late Wednesday, nearly 300,000 of which awaited classing.

The yields "aren't phenomenal because we had some bad hail in September, but overall it's been a good year," Nelson told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Once the cotton is ginned, the bales are transported to area compress-warehouse facilities where double shifts are working late hours to handle the large volume.

U.S. decision said criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Jewish group and a congressman say a Justice Department decision to allow some Soviet Jews into the United States under parole status rather than as refugees sends the wrong signal to Moscow.

Another Jewish organization, however, said Attorney General Dick Thornburgh's decision Thursday to grant parole status to as many as 2,000 Soviet emigres a month is a welcome step.

In order to receive refugee status, a person has to show a well-founded fear of persecution.

Granting parole instead of refugee status "sends an incorrect message that Jews are not being persecuted in the Soviet Union," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the House Judiciary Committee's immigration subcommittee.

"By denying refugee status to Soviet Jews, it's prematurely sending a signal that the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union has so changed that they're not being persecuted, and that just isn't so," said Karl Zukerman, executive vice president of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society.

Zukerman said those rejected for refugee status are subjected to persecution that is "indistinguishable from those accepted" into the United States.

The Reagan administration last summer stopped granting automatic political refugee status to Soviet Jews and other Soviet citizens. It said budget concerns were largely responsible for the change.

Those paroled into the United States must pay their own way, while transportation and resettlement costs for refugees are paid in part by the government.

The State Department told the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society that it will have about \$27 million available during fiscal 1989 to pay for transporting only 12,000 Soviet Jews, said Zukerman.

Being paroled into the country is less desirable than being a

Police sting arrests sixteen

FORT WORTH (AP) — The smell of success wasn't sweet, but Fort Worth police were celebrating an unconventional monthly sting that resulted in 16 drug-related arrests.

The undercover officers literally trashed their targets, gaining their confidence by posing as garbage collectors on city sanitation truck.

"Once they saw the uniform and the truck, they trusted us," said one of the three undercover officers involved. "They'd approach us and say, 'You guys want rocks? You want a smoke?'"

refugee because it doesn't entitle an immigrant to become a legal resident or to seek U.S. citizenship.

Jewish organizations say 173 Soviet Jews have been denied refugee status by U.S. officials in Rome since September. The organizations also say a growing number of other Jews seeking visas from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow have been told to expect delays of a year or more.

To relieve some of the

pressure, Thornburgh said he would parole up to 2,000 Soviet emigres a month into the United States.

Thornburgh also ordered Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Alan Nelson to temporarily transfer a Russian-speaking INS officer to the U.S. Embassy in Moscow to handle refugee applications, rather than waiting until early January when the quarterly process normally begins.

Thornburgh's announcement and especially his order to resume processing refugees in Moscow "is a welcome signal," said a statement issued by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

The group said, however, that "without further clarification ... his response is inadequate. ... granting parole status ... ignores U.S. human rights policy and the long history of Soviet anti-Semitic repression of Jews."

Monthly inflation rate called the biggest since July in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Consumer prices jumped 1.3 percent in November, the biggest monthly rise since July and bringing the 1988 inflation rate to 48.6 percent, the Bank of Mexico reported.

A central bank statement issued late Thursday said producer prices last month rose by 1.1 percent over October levels. Producer price inflation reached 34.9 percent over the first 11 months of the year, it said.

The bank said increases in rents and vegetables, coupled with government-authorized price hikes for meat and eggs, pegged the rise in consumer prices.

Price hikes for crude oil exports, minerals and foods led the increase in the producer price index, the bank said.

Consumer prices inched up only 0.8 percent in October and 0.6 percent in September, the lowest monthly rate registered since June 1976. July's monthly rate was 1.7 percent, according to bank data.

November's inflation figures came as a Dec. 31 deadline approaches for President Carlos Salinas de Gortari to announce whether he will continue a tough anti-inflation program and, if so, what form it will take.

Known as the Economic Solidarity Pact, the program implemented freezes on the federal daily minimum wage and prices for officially-regulated goods and services. The peso currency exchange rate against the dollar also has been frozen since Feb. 29.

The plan was unveiled as inflation reached a record annual rate of 159.2 percent in 1987 and a 15.5 percent monthly rate in January 1988, also a record.

The current extension of the plan, under which the government in October granted price hikes for meat and eggs to alleviate shortages, expires at the end of the year.

Labor leaders and the government are negotiating an increase in wages that would take effect in January. The daily minimum wage in the Federal District of Mexico City is about \$3.70.

A study released by the Mexico City National Chamber of Commerce this week said the government could raise wages by much as 10 percent without triggering a reciprocal increase in prices.

Housing director is leaving his post for another job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alphonso Jackson is leaving his post as director of the Washington, D.C., Department of Public and Assisted Housing to take a job as head of the Dallas Housing Authority.

Jackson told newspapers in Washington and Dallas that he informed Mayor Marion Barry on Thursday of his decision to accept the post in his Texas hometown.

"The only place I would have considered leaving Washington for is Dallas," Jackson told the Washington Times, "because Dallas is my home and I think it is an honor to be able to serve the place where I was born."

Dallas Board of Commission Chairman Dale Kesler was expected to make the formal announcement today, although housing officials would not confirm Jackson's selection.

When Barry appointed Jackson, 41, to the District of Col-

umbia housing post in 1987,

Jackson promised to shake up the housing authority and pledged to achieve substantial rehabilitation of public housing within two years.

In his 20 months in the job, Jackson has been credited with strengthening the management of the housing agency and instituting new initiatives, including guiding the sale of the Kenilworth-Parkside project from the city to its tenants, an effort that was lauded by president Reagan.

"I think the mayor has been an extremely good mayor to work for, and it is with sadness that I leave his administration," Jackson said. "I believe that the lives of the residents are much better than they were 20 months ago, when I came, and I believe that with the team I have assembled they will continue to be."

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9 charged with fraud by INS

ELGIN, Texas (AP) — Federal authorities say the arrest of nine people for allegedly supplying false documents to possibly hundreds of aliens seeking amnesty may be the tip of the iceberg.

Those arrested were accused of charging hundreds of dollars for a packet of material that could include false rent receipts, check stubs, employment verification letters from farmers and letters from landlords, said Ed Dornbusch, special agent in charge of the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Austin.

Such documents were needed by alien farm workers to qualify for temporary residency permits and the federal government's alien amnesty program.

False documents were purchased by undercover INS agents in October and November. Each indictment charges that false documents and statements were provided to ineligible workers, in these cases, INS agents.

Confiscated in raids on Wednesday were a computer printout of apparent customers, listing the price each was charged; computer disks; and "cheat sheets" that had potential questions that the aliens would be asked by INS officials, Dornbusch said.

The INS official said possibly hundreds of undocumented workers obtained documents from the suspects.

A preliminary review of a computer list obtained at the residence of one of those arrested showed an average charge of \$600, he said.

The nine arrested Wednesday were released on personal recognizance or by posting bonds of up to \$10,000 after appearing before U.S. Magistrate Stephen Capelle.

Dornbusch said aliens who have used the falsified records to obtain a residency permit could be prosecuted, but none has been indicted.

A national INS official last week said up to 30 percent of applications received under the program are suspected of being fraudulent.

Dornbusch said the arrests marked the "tip of the iceberg" and that there are likely thousands of cases undetected in the 17 counties served by the Austin INS Office.

The 56-county San Antonio INS district office, which includes the Austin office, has obtained indictments against 29 people since July for providing fraudulent documents. Nineteen have been convicted.

The agricultural worker program requires an alien to have worked 90 days in agriculture during certain 12-month periods and, unlike the general amnesty program, applicants do not have to pass an English proficiency or American history test to qualify.

The program is "wide open for fraud," Dornbusch said, adding many of the thousands of applications come from restaurant and construction workers instead of farm workers.

"There's not that many agricultural workers out there any more," he said.

Texas city area, Louisiana town finalists for plant

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas City-Houston Ship Channel area is one of two finalists for a multimillion-dollar copper smelter that will create hundreds of jobs, a Mitsubishi Metal Corp. consultant said.

Company officials said the site chosen for the plant may be announced by the end of the month. The other finalist is Uncle Sam, La., a small town on the Mississippi River about midway between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

Speculation has centered on Texas City as the final choice for the plant since a Louisiana state official said Wednesday that the election of George Bush helped steer the Japanese company's decision toward his adoptive state.

But the president of Mitsubishi's U.S. subsidiary and consultant Thomas S. Mackey of Texas City-based Key Metals and Engineering said Thursday the final site has not been chosen.

"We've narrowed it down to Texas and Louisiana," said Mackey, who has served as a consultant to the project for more than three years. "Texas City is certainly one of the prime cities in the ship channel area, because it's one of the deep-water ports."

Izuma Sukekawa, project manager for the copper plant and the Tokyo company's general manager for metallurgy, was in Texas City on Thursday, but

Mackey said he was not there to inspect any sites.

"We've done all the site inspections months ago," Mackey said. "We're now looking at the data, trying to finalize a conclusion."

Hiroshi Sakurai, president of the Tokyo corporation's New York-based subsidiary, said Thursday only that Texas City "may be" one of the final sites remaining from hundreds that had been considered for the plant.

He said three sites remained as contenders for the plant, but Mackey said Baltimore recently had been eliminated from the competition.

"We worked for about two years to squeeze down from over 1,000 locations to these three," Sakurai said in a telephone interview from his New York office. "And also we graded the three and the place we found best suited is now under review, but we have not made a final decision."

Sukekawa will recommend the best plant site to company officials in Tokyo, who will make a final decision "within weeks," Sakurai said.

Mackey said an announcement could be made by the end of the month.

The copper smelter, estimated to cost between \$200 million and \$300 million, probably would employ 200 or more people and result indirectly in the creation of 100-200 jobs, Sakurai said.

The power of interest rates explained

NEW YORK (AP) — In 1982, the median-priced existing home required a monthly payment of \$702. In October 1988, the median-priced home required only \$588 a month to carry.

This is a story about the impact of interest rates — and it is only beginning. The 1982 house cost \$67,800, the 1988 house cost \$88,100. That is, the lower-priced house cost \$114 more to carry than the higher-priced one.

The explanation for this otherwise strange situation lies in the interest rates that prevailed in the two periods. In 1982, the average interest rate was 15.38 percent. In October of this year it was 9.41 percent.

Interest rates power housing markets. Consider this additional statistic: In 1982, when home prices were lower, monthly payments took 35.9 percent of median family income. In October 1988, the percentage was only 22.2.

The significance of such

figures, compiled by the National Association of Realtors on the basis of 20 percent downpayments, is becoming increasingly important now, the reason being that home mortgage rates are rising.

It's bad news for a lot of people.

While the immediate emphasis is likely to be on the growing difficulty of families to find affordable homes, the impact is more widespread. Sellers may have to wait longer for a sale. Agents may face reduced income and possibly lose jobs. Builders conceivably could have to lay off workers.

No wonder, therefore, that the key forecasting tool of the entire housing industry is the level and direction of interest rates.

John Tuccillo, NAR chief economist, believes the higher trend of rates will last through the winter. They'll continue higher for about five months, he says, "and this will cause a further decline in affordability con-

ditions."

The potential homebuyer who won't be hurt, and might even be aided by these conditions, is the all-cash buyer. While such people are rare, they do exist; most of them probably are those who have just sold another home.

For such people, the possibility exists that interest rates will drive down prices — they already have to a slight degree — or at least place buyers in a stronger negotiating position.

Worst hurt by rising rates are first-time buyers.

Trade-up buyers — those who have owned and now wish to move up to a more expensive house — at least have sufficient money for downpayments and closing costs. First-timers might have to cost every nickel.

For first-timers, the temptation might be to postpone buying in the hope of lower interest rates next spring. It's a risk that could prove correct. It could also boomerang, since lower interest

rates at any time of the year generally push up prices — and in the spring this impact is intensified.

Based on October prices and rates, the NAR offers this rough affordability guide for those planning to buy:

—For buyers with income of \$20,000, the mortgage amount that can be handled is \$50,000 on a home price of \$62,500.

—Income \$30,000, mortgage \$75,000, home price \$93,800.

—Income \$40,000, mortgage \$100,000, home price \$125,000.

—Income \$50,000, mortgage \$125,000, home price \$156,300.

—Income \$60,000, mortgage \$150,000, home price \$187,500.

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