

Graduation at 7 p.m...

# Correctional officer exercises tonight

Twenty-six class members—three women and 23 men—will receive their certification as correctional officers Thursday in the first graduation exercises for the new program implemented at Western Texas College.

Graduation will begin at 7 p.m. in the WTC Fine Arts Theatre and a reception will follow in the student center.

Guest speaker will be Steve Stephens of San Angelo, secretary of the TDC board and owner of the Town and Country Food Store chain.

Completion of 120 hours of instruction by the graduates. They now become eligible for employment with the Texas Department of Corrections.

Special guests Thursday will include some of the former instructors for the class. Those expected to attend will include Phil Spears, warden and superintendent of the Big Spring Federal Prison; and Van Pacey, director of personnel at the Big Spring facility.

Also to attend is Art Moseley, director of personnel for TDC, as well as State Sen. Steve Carriker

and State Rep. David Counts.

At Thursday's program, diplomas will be presented by Bill Wilson, president of the WTC board. The speaker will be introduced by Roy McQueen, chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, and Roy Baze, WTC board member, will introduce the guests.

The invocation will be offered by Rev. Miller Robinson, past chairman of the industrial committee; and the benediction by Mayor Troy Williamson.

Candidates for certification include 13 from Snyder. They are

Donald Lee Compton, William Robert Foree, Joe Richard Garza, Kenny Wayne Harbin, Kevin Alan Harlan, Kyle Ray Herrley, Gary Lynn Holt, John Kyle Layne, Harold Malone, Robert Michael Neeley, Leslie Lee Thomas, Herman Gene Wright and Darlene Fay Yocom.

Others include Roy McQueen, Goswick of Ira, James Homer Jones of Hermleigh; David Arellano, Sheri B. Hale and Jerry Brian Howell of Colorado City; Eddie Dywayne Beal of Coleman; Keith Dwaine Moore of Abernathy. See CEREMONY, page 11



STEVE STEPHENS...speaker tonight...

Thursday

Dec. 15, 1988

Ask Us

Q.—What are the legal qualifications of a county auditor?

A. According to the local government code, the auditor must be of unquestionable good moral character and intelligence, competent in public business details; and he must be a competent accountant of at least two years experience in auditing and accounting.

### In Brief

#### P. O. seige

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An angry mail handler shot three co-workers in the main New Orleans post office, then holed up in the building for 13 hours with a hostage, firing birdshot at random from under a door today, authorities said.

The gunman, Warren Murphy, surrendered this morning after all-night telephone negotiations with FBI and police, including a cousin who is a police officer.

Nancy Fisher, an FBI spokeswoman.

None of those hit by birdshot from Murphy's shotgun suffered life-threatening wounds, hospital officials said. One of the wounded was shot in the eye.

### Local

#### Concert set

The Christmas performance of the Midland-Odessa Symphony, accompanied by an 80-member community choir, will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday in Worsam Auditorium with Tom Hostadt of Midland conducting.

Also featured on the program will be an appearance by Santa Claus, who will lead the symphony in its version of "Sleigh Ride."

Tickets are priced at \$8 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens. There will also be reserved seating for \$12 and a "patron" ticket for \$16.

The event is sponsored by the cultural affairs committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

#### Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Snyder National Bank for the four-month-old twin sons of Roger and Kelly Block. The two boys have been diagnosed as having spinal meningitis.

Donations may be made to the Roger and Kelly Block Community Support Fund.

#### Gala tonight

Christmas Gala 1988 is planned at the Scurry County Senior Center Thursday beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The event is the annual Christmas party for center members and invited guests.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 64 degrees; low, 32 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 32 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 21.24 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy and cold. Low in the middle 20s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy and cold with a high near 40. East wind 10 to 15 mph.

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## School finance: still on state agenda

AUSTIN (AP) — The 1989 Legislature probably will examine public school funding even though an appeals court has said the current finance system is constitutional, state leaders predict.

The 3rd Court of Appeals on Wednesday overturned state District Judge Harold Clark's finding that the finance system

violated the Texas Constitution, but those judges also said the current system doesn't fairly distribute money to all schools.

"Certainly, the Legislature is going to be addressing that issue, and they should," Gov. Bill Clements said. "The Legislature is well aware of the inequities that exist, and trying to bring about a balanced situation is

their objective."

Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby, a defendant in the lawsuit, said he hoped the appeals court ruling wouldn't be used as an excuse for lawmakers to do nothing.

"There is a need for continued improvement of the Texas school finance system and the place to make that improvement is the

Legislature," Kirby said.

Many lawmakers had predicted a bloody fight over school finances in the next Legislature, which had faced a Sept. 1, 1989 reform deadline set by Judge Clark. Cost estimates for meeting Clark's ruling had ranged from \$600 million to \$2 billion.

The property-poor school

districts that filed the lawsuit said they would appeal to the Texas Supreme Court, but Wednesday's appeals court decision appeared to remove the immediate pressure on the Legislature.

"It was a moral victory, but we wanted a real one. There are a lot of kids who are going to school in low wealth districts."



BANK HONORED — Mayor Troy Williamson (left) made brief remarks Wednesday morning at a chamber of commerce-sponsored coffee in honor of West Texas State Bank. The coffees are planned on

a quarterly basis here to recognize industry and businesses which have made significant contributions to the community. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Outlook is cold, cloudy

From Local Wire Reports  
Cloudy and cold is the forecast for the Snyder area through the weekend as a cold front arrives which was moving southward across Texas Thursday.

The mercury Thursday night is expected to drop into the middle 20s with a northeast wind expected at from 10 to 20 mph.

Some snow showers or freezing rain are expected further north, and the National Weather Service says there is a chance for some precipitation here through the weekend.

Into Monday, Scurry County skies are expected to be mostly cloudy with a chance of shower activity. For the weekend, the highs should be in the lower 40s to around 50 with overnight lows in the 30s.

During the day Thursday, the cold front was expected to trigger either snow or freezing rain in the Panhandle.

The front was moving southward early Thursday along a line from near Texarkana to near Del Rio.

Some scattered rain fell early Thursday across East Texas and some scattered snow showers were reported over northern sections of the Texas Panhandle.

## 'Reindeer Romp' Yuletide walk set

A Reindeer Romp is being planned for the night of Dec. 20—next Tuesday—for residents who would like to take a walking tour of Christmas decorations around town.

The group will gather at 7 p.m.

at the Towle Park Pavilion and the route will be announced at that time. Those who prefer may bring a gift which will be given to the Snyder Goodfellows.

Participants are encouraged to wear seasonal costumes and to wear bells on their shoes, ankles or wrists to provide "jingle bells." They are asked also to carry flashlights.

"This is a fun program," said Lee Burke, who is helping organize the Romp. "There is no set distance and anyone can drop out or join the group at any time. We may stop along the route for refreshments.

"Costs' mes would add to the fun, maybe just red or green jogging suits, but we encourage comfortable dress above all. The tentative route will take us through Bassridge and part of Colonial Hill and is probably no longer than three miles at most," Burke said.

"We will take the weather into account in planning and emphasize that there is no set distance. Those who want to go only a short way are welcome to start with the group.

"In organizing this activity, we would like to remind everyone of the importance of exercise in a healthy lifestyle. We would like everyone to remember that the gift of good health is a gift you give yourself every day."

Anyone who would like more information about the Reindeer Romp should call Burke at Western Texas College through Friday or at 573-4294. Leslie or Bekky Butler may be contacted also.



## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You can patch overalls or a reputation, but it's hard to keep it from showing."

Everything changes, even college students. We heard about one father who got an excited telephone call from his son.

"Dad, I finally got one."  
"You got an A?" asked the father.  
"No, I finally got a parking space."

Bob Rhodes, the minister at North Side Baptist Church, has proof that folks listen to his sermons.

Recently Rhodes was fighting a cold, but figured he could make it through the service. When he began to speak, his voice cracked.

After a few sips of water, he apologized for his cold and went on with his message. By the end, his voice was at a whisper.

At the evening service he was better, and he thanked the congregation for its thoughtfulness

He got three different cold medications in the collection plates.

Mickey Nunley, owner of Line and Line, is always looking for a good deal. He went out to the crafts exhibit during the Scurry County Fair and decided it would be a good idea not to wait until the last minute to buy wife Jo Ann a Christmas present.

He saw a jewelry tree and thought it would make a swell gift. Nunley asked, "How much is it?"

"The craftsman asked, "Who's it for?"  
"For my wife, of course," Nunley said.  
"For your wife, huh," the salesman said.

"Well, it was \$7.50 but you can have it for \$25."  
"That's crazy," argued Nunley. "Why did you jack up the price?"

"Just trying to help. Now, you don't want to give her something cheap, do you?"

## School out early Friday

Snyder public schools will dismiss for the Christmas holidays Friday at 2:45 p.m. and students and teachers won't be back in class until Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Offices at Western Texas College will also be closed after Friday for the holidays. The last round of final exams are to be given to evening students Thursday.

The college dorm also closed Thursday morning.

Campus offices will reopen Jan. 3 with registration for the spring term due Jan. 16-17.

Public school classes at Ira and Hermleigh will dismiss at the end of the school day next Wednesday.



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## U. S. team flies to Vietnam

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A U.S. military team flew today to Vietnam to pick up 38 sets of suspected remains of missing

turnover since the Vietnam War ended, officials said.

During the repatriation ceremony at Hanoi's Noi Bai Airport, the Vietnamese also were to turn over information on 12 other cases of Americans listed as missing in action, or MIA, said Lt. Col. Thomas J. Boyd, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Command.

U.S. officials said the remains were not part of a group of 80 remains that U.S. forensics experts have been examining in Hanoi. The United States anticipates that any of those remains appearing likely to belong to missing Americans also will be repatriated soon, they said.

During the airport ceremony, a U.S. military honor guard solemnly loads the remains, each in metal caskets topped with a folded American flag, onto a U.S. Air Force plane for the flight to Guam and then Honolulu. In Honolulu, the Army Central Identification Laboratory analyzes the remains to determine if they belong to any of the 1,747 Americans missing as a result of the war.

Vietnamese officials usually do preliminary analyses, but the army laboratory sometimes finds among the remains those of Vietnamese individuals.

"The U.S. government appreciates the initiative taken by Vietnam to repatriate these remains and hopes to continue the increasing cooperation to resolve this long-standing issue," Lt. Col. Keith Schneider, a Pentagon spokesman, said Wednesday in Washington.

The Pentagon said it had not received any information from Vietnam on precisely where the latest remains to be exchanged had been recovered or the circumstances surrounding their discovery.

Schneider added, however, "We understand the remains as well as the information are related to incidents that occurred (during the war) in the northern provinces."

Most missing Americans in the north were airmen shot down on bombing or reconnaissance missions.

All told, the remains of 172 Americans have been repatriated to the United States from Vietnam and subsequently identified by the Army laboratory since the end of the war.

The previous largest turnover of remains believed to be those of MIAs involved 27 sets handed over April 6. The most recent turnover involved 23 sets repatriated Nov. 3.

Dear Abby



## Straight Talk for Teens Is High on Grandma's Gift List

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a grandmother, widowed and living on a fixed income, so you know I don't have a lot of money to spend on Christmas gifts. I have nine grandchildren — five girls and four boys, ranging in age from 11 to 18. Last year, just before Christmas, I saw an ad for your teen booklet. It said, "Every teen-ager should know the truth about sex and drugs and how to be happy." Thinking it might make a nice Christmas gift for my grandchildren, I sent for one, and all I can say is I'm sorry your booklet wasn't around when I was a teen-ager. First, I showed it to my sons and daughters, and they approved, so I sent for eight more booklets and gave them to my grandchildren for Christmas.

Abby, they all said it was the best gift I could have given them! Parents still have a hard time talking to their children about sex, and they're usually too late with the information when they finally get around to it, so you would be doing your readers a favor to tell them about "What Every Teen Should Know," and how to get it.

GRATEFUL GRANDMA  
 IN ENID, OKLA.

DEAR GRANDMA: What every teen should know is obviously a universal problem because I have had requests for my teen booklet from Canada, Korea, Brazil, Egypt and even Japan!

To obtain the booklet, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. Postage is included.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on a very rude practice that is all too common. It's "breaking" into a line in order to join someone who is farther up in position.

What especially irritates me is for someone to get out of a car near a cafeteria entrance, secure a place in line, then be joined by others after many have gotten in line behind them.

Many times, I have worked all day and want to eat quickly (the reason for patronizing a cafeteria) — only to be pushed back as the

## 'Santa Claus' saves young boy's life

PHOENIX (AP) — Five-year-old Jamie Clouse believes in Santa Claus. Kriss Kringle, after all, saved his life.

The boy's mother, Robin Clouse, had stopped at a traffic light Tuesday when Jamie began choking on the food he was eating.

"I was Christmas shopping and I was in the middle lane of traffic," said Ms. Clouse, 29. "My little boy was choking and I didn't

"linebreakers" squeeze by. Recently, someone squeezed in ahead of me in the front of a long line and said, "Excuse me — I'm joining friends."

I replied, "Excuse me — have your friends join you at the end of the line!"

Ironically, most linebreaking occurs after church services on Sunday.

HUNGRY AND IRRITATED  
 IN GEORGIA

DEAR HUNGRY: Your retort to "Excuse me, I'm joining friends" would be hard to top.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this with the hope that parents of small children will see it and be careful of what they give their little ones to eat.

My 3-year-old nephew, Chad, was eating a large marshmallow. Nobody paid much attention to him until he suddenly started turning blue! The marshmallow had become lodged in his throat and formed a glue-like seal in his throat!

The poor child could not breathe. They applied the Heimlich maneuver, but could not dislodge the marshmallow. Chad was then rushed to the hospital and was actually pronounced "dead," but they revived him by using a heavy suction pump to remove the marshmallow from the base of his trachea.

Chad is now severely brain-damaged. Abby, please print this. Until this happened, no one in our family ever dreamed that such a tragedy could occur because of a marshmallow.

CHAD'S AUNT

DEAR AUNT: Thank you for warning others. Who would ever dream that the innocent marshmallow could harm (or kill) a child? The information I glean from writing this column boggles the mind.

Wedding bells? Wedding bills! Who pays for what and everything else you need to know if you're planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. Postage is included.

Ms. Clouse jumped from the car and pulled Jamie out of the passenger side.

"He couldn't breathe and I was ready to turn him upside down," she said.

Suddenly a man dressed in a Santa suit got of the van stopped in the next lane and took the child from her arms.

"He performed the Heimlich maneuver," Ms. Clouse said.

The food caught in Jamie's throat dislodged and he was able to breath again. But traffic was backed up, and Santa Claus ambled back in his van and drove away.

"I didn't get a chance to thank him and I don't even know who he was," Ms. Clouse said.

Jamie does. It was Santa Claus, who was in the van "on his way to the North Pole to get his reindeer for Christmas Eve," Jamie said. "He saved my life."

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## Community Calendar

### THURSDAY

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 din-

Snyder 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.

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

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.  
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Ira class offers first cookbook

The 1989 Ira senior class has published the first Ira Senior Class Cookbook. The collection contains 250 quick and easy recipes and family favorites obtained from teachers, family, and friends.

The recipes were published and bound in a colorful spiral collector's cookbook. Proceeds from the publication will sponsor the senior trip.

A limited number of the books are available at Merle Norman Cosmetics and Boutique or in Ira at Sterling's Grocery. Books may be reserved by calling 573-6733 leaving name and number on the answering machine.

The price is \$5 and is just right for last-minute Christmas gifts.

Artists hold party

The Snyder Palette Club met at the clubhouse Saturday for a Christmas dinner with 20 members and guests present. Hostesses for the event were Nettie Faye Gardner and Nena Mitchell.

Games were played and door-prizes were won by Ty Brunson and LaVerne Lee.



**CHOIR FEATURED** — The Junior High School choir led by Melanie Smith (left) presented a special Christmas program at the December meeting of Cosmorama Study Club. Colleen Duke, program director, is pictured at right. (Club Photo)



**NEW MEMBERS** — Delta Kappa Gamma welcomed new initiates at the society's Christmas dinner celebration. Pictured from left are Gayle Wittie, Elizabeth Conger, and Kelly Starnes. The meeting was held at The Shack. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Bridge

James Jacoby

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place, but I want you to decide." Those partnerships that use the negative double at low levels don't give up the ability to punish the opponents for foolish overcalls. When you open the bidding and your partner passes an opponent's overcall, you are usually expected to reopen the bidding with a takeout double. Partner can convert that to a penalty double if he wishes to do so.

This time, although East announced a holding of four spades, North and South managed to get into a part-score contract in that suit. The hand is rather dull, but there is one very valid point. Declarer might try to maximize the total of his tricks via a crossruff. If that is the case, the best defense is to cut down on the number of ruffing tricks by leading a trump. Sure enough, an opening trump lead holds declarer to his contract. Without a trump lead, South would simply cash his two red aces and then crossruff, taking four trump tricks in each hand for 10 tricks. Even if the North hand contains only three spades and South has a five-card suit, it's certain that North will be short in either diamonds or clubs, and an opening trump lead will cut down on ruffing tricks in dummy.

When East doubled one heart, he was saying to his partner, "I have four spades and probably four clubs, and I think we can make a part-score some-

## 4-H chefs in competition

Winners in the recent county 4-H food show went on to compete at the District 2 4-H contest held Saturday at Texas Tech University.

Contestants from 20 counties competed for awards in four food categories and three age divisions.

Representing Scurry County were Deana Schwarz, Charly

Busby, Mandy Breuer, Anglea Breuer, Darla Blackwell, John Busby, Jenise Judah, and John David Polk.

Scharzw placed second and Mandy Breuer placed third in their respective age divisions and food categories.

Terry Stephens, senior 4-H member, assisted with the contest as a District 2 4-H Council representative.

The Eastman Dry Plate and Film Company of Rochester, N.Y., manufactured the first commercial motion-picture film in 1885.

Parties are set

Members of the American Legion and Auxiliary will celebrate the holiday season with a covered dish dinner and party Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

A Christmas party for local children will be offered Saturday at 2:30 p.m. with refreshments and games. All parents are invited to bring their children for the festivities.

**Ted Bigham**

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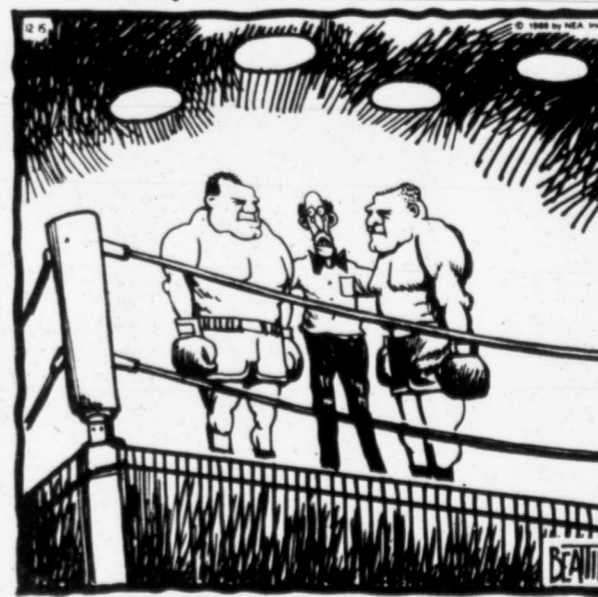
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**SNAFU** by Bruce Beattie



**KIT N' CARLYLE** by Larry Wright



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**LAFF-A-DAY**



**PUZZLES**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Celebration
- 5 Greek cheese
- 9 Fond du ... Wis.
- 12 Mixture
- 13 Robin, e.g.
- 14 Airline info
- 15 Inappropriate
- 17 Big shot (abbr.)
- 18 Have dinner at home (2 wds.)
- 19 Fiendish
- 21 Atomic weapon
- 23 Guido's high note
- 24 Stripling
- 27 Slav
- 29 Actor Kruger
- 32 Not smooth
- 34 By indeterminate means
- 36 Nonentity
- 37 Dignified
- 38 Annoying insect
- 39 Bewildered
- 41 Actor Sparks
- 42 Pekoe, e.g.
- 44 Ancient Italian family
- 46 Household appliance
- 49 Senior
- 53 Low tide
- 54 State of being drunk
- 56 Mae West role
- 57 Coal pit
- 58 Computer input
- 59 Shelter
- 60 Home of Adam
- 61 Verve

**DOWN**

- 1 Pate de ... gras
- 2 Singer Fitzgerald
- 3 Incline

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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# U.S. decision sad day for Israel, according to Peres

JERUSALEM (AP) — The surprise U.S. decision to open talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization produced shock today in official Israeli circles and celebrations in Arab neighborhoods.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the American turnabout represented a "sad day for all of us" and one firebomb in the occupied territories would "put to shame" Arafat's commitment to end terrorism.

But Peres today was careful to downplay the possible impact on U.S.-Israeli ties, saying, "Our argument is not with the United States. Our argument is with the Arabs."

The U.S. announcement sparked rejoicing among residents of the occupied territories.

"Thanks to the uprising, the PLO and the United States are now working together," said Hanna Siniara, a PLO supporter and editor of the Al Fajr newspaper published in Arab east Jerusalem.

In the West Bank city of Ramallah, dozens of Palestinians celebrating the U.S. decision marched through the streets chanting pro-PLO slogans and carrying banners reading "Yes to the PLO" and "Yes to the Palestinian state."

"For the first time, I feel the Americans are starting to listen to the Palestinian voice, and the voice of peace," said a mosque preacher in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Siniara and others credited Palestinians' year-long revolt against Israel's 21-year-occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip with moderating PLO positions and paving the way for talks with Washington.

"The uprising pressured the Palestinian leadership to take such positions," said Saed Kanaan, a PLO supporter and businessman in Nablus.

Israel army radio called the decision a "historic turning point."

"Israelis woke up today to a whole new political reality in the Middle East," said army radio correspondent Oz Frankel.

Avi Pazner, spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, said in a telephone interview, "We believe that the United States will realize very soon what the true policies of the PLO are and will then realize that its latest step has not furthered the cause of peace in the Middle East."

Peres, however, said on Israel

radio, "We can't turn our heads away or put our heads in the sand and say nothing happened."

He said one option of "a convincing peace initiative of our own" would be to sponsor elections to choose leaders in the West Bank and Gaza, home to 1.7 million Palestinians and 70,000 Jewish settlers.

But, he added, "The only way they can be elected is if the shooting stops."

The U.S. move could further divide Israel's two major political camps and upset sensitive negotiations to bring Peres's Labor Party and Shamir's Likud bloc together in a unity government.

One sign of new friction was Peres' renewed an attack on Likud for thwarting his exploratory contacts with Jordan last year, which he said would have prevented the PLO initiative. On July 31, King Hussein of Jordan cut all administrative ties to the West Bank, allowing the PLO to fill the vacuum.

In the 1967 Middle East war, Israeli seized the West Bank from Jordan and Gaza from Egypt.

Peres also warned Shamir indirectly today that he would not join a new government that failed to actively pursue peace.

Likud politicians angrily denounced the U.S. move.

Benny Begin, a Likud parliament member and son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, said the PLO was known to Israelis as "a bunch of killers," and their aim of destroying Israel has not changed.

"From our point of view, a snake wearing a jacket and tie is nothing but a well-dressed snake," he said.



FIVE-YEAR MEN — City building inspector Vick Chambers, left, and sanitation department employee Bennie Anderson, with five years each, were among city employees to be recognized at the annual Saturday night city awards banquet at Snyder County Club. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Astro-Graph

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Dec. 16, 1988

Past experiences and involvements will play a big hand in shaping your destiny in the year ahead. Conditions that previously bogged you down will be alleviated and workable approaches will be found.

**SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your overall financial position should be rather strong in this period, yet there will be days when your extravagance will weaken the limb on which you're perched. This could be one of those days. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$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)** If your attitude is negative today, it will have a depressing effect upon your entire family. Subdue grumbling and look for things to laugh about.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Problems in communication are possible today. People with whom you usually get along well might misunderstand you or you might misunderstand them.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** A discussion with a friend may be required today to iron out a matter where you either loaned or borrowed something. Don't let it continue unresolved.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** In career involvements today, be careful not to behave in a manner contrary to what others expect from you. Pledges you make must be fulfilled or it could tarnish your reputation.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Guard against tendencies today to turn trifling issues into something more volatile. If you overreact, others will as well, and the results could be unpleasant.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Try to keep everything on a high level when dealing with friends today, especially if money is involved in some manner. Serious misunderstandings could develop if anyone gets petty.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** It won't be easy to win associates over to your point of view today if they think you are pushing too hard. Ease off and allow everyone freedom of choice.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** This may not be one of your better days for trying to do work that is purely of a mental nature. Mistakes you would normally spot at a glance might slip past you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** The results aren't apt to be favorable today if you demand things of others that you would be reluctant to do yourself. If you're not respectful of your peers, don't expect them to respect you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** It's not so important how many things you start today, what really counts is how many you finish. Don't make more demands on yourself than you can handle.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You'll be an industrious perfectionist today, but this might not be true of people with whom you'll be working. In fact, their involvement could detract from your efforts.

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## Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm one of those damned fools who just had to smoke cigarettes. After 50 years, I'm in all kinds of trouble with emphysema. What's the appropriate treatment?

DEAR READER: Cigarette smoking contributes to chronic lung disease in several ways.

First, tobacco smoke is associated with bronchitis, infection of the airways. Smoke actually paralyzes the tiny cilia (hair cells) that propel mucus and infection from within lung tissue, up and out. In turn, chronic infection causes breakdown of alveolar air sacs, the feathery compartments where carbon dioxide is given off and oxygen is taken up while breathing.

Second, cigarette smoke itself actually destroys the air sacs. The reasons are complex but, basically, in smokers, the microscopically small sacs coalesce to form larger, less efficient compartments. This leads to difficult breathing and over-expanded lungs filled with stale air. This is emphysema. Although emphysema does tend to occur naturally with age, cigarettes will speed up the process, thereby causing severe disability in much younger patients.

Third, smoke is irritating and causes increased pulmonary mucus secretion. This mucus blocks breathing passageways, leading to poor air exchange. In addition, excess mucus encourages the growth of bacteria, predisposing the patient to bronchitis and pneumonia.

The cardinal rule in treating emphysema is: Avoid air pollution, including cigarette smoke and other contaminants such as dust and smog.

Medicine to open airways (bronchodilators) and antibiotics (to fight infection) can be useful.

Emphysema patients can be helped by learning new, more efficient ways to breathe — for example, by using the diaphragm more effectively.

These techniques can be taught by a physician or inhalation therapist, a technician trained in the treatment of pulmonary disease.

Finally, the cautious use of oxygen supplements delivered through a nasal cannula (plastic tube) from a tank or oxygen concentrator may help many emphysema patients to live more active lives.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy

should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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## Fiber-optic cable beneath Atlantic goes into service

NEW YORK (AP) — With a few words from prolific science fiction author Isaac Asimov, the voyage of laser beams through a shark-proof underwater fiber-optic cable began a new era of trans-Atlantic communications.

The cable, thinner than a child's wrist, went into service Wednesday and can carry 40,000 phone calls between the United States and Europe simultaneously, double the capacity of its trans-Atlantic copper-cable predecessors combined.

Asimov, author of more than 400 books of science fiction, spoke the first official words on the cable in a three-way video conference connecting New York, London and Paris.

"Welcome, everybody, to this historic trans-Atlantic crossing — this maiden voyage across the sea on a beam of light," Asimov said at 10:30 a.m. EST, his voice instantly flashed as coded pulses of laser light through the more than 3,500 miles of cable.

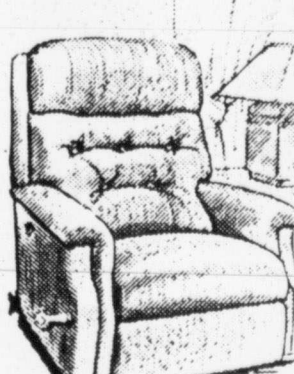
In a sign of the voracious demand for communications, the partners in the \$361 million project expect the fiber-optic cable to start running out of room by late 1991. That's when a new cable with even greater capacity will go into service.

and the Far East will begin next spring, and other undersea fiber links will reach to the Caribbean and the Mediterranean by the early 1990s.

AT&T said 1988 would be the first year the company handled more than 1 billion calls into and out of the United States.

For residential customers, the new cable, called the TAT-8, will mean a continued decline in the price of trans-Atlantic calls. For businesses, it will mean lower rates and greater capacity for the huge volume of computer data they transmit, especially in areas of finance, travel and tourism.

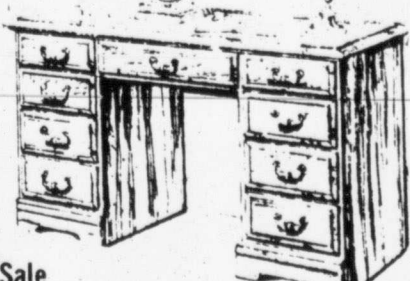
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# Longhorns keep scoring big; Houston rambles past Toledo

**by The Associated Press**  
The Texas Longhorns took their scoring machine to California and scored more than 100 points for the fourth time this season and boosted their winning streak to six games.

Alvin Heggs scored 31 points and teammate Travis Mays added 26 Wednesday night to lead the Longhorns to a 117-86 victory over Long Beach State.

In the other game involving a Southwest Conference team, Roger Fernandes and Craig Upchurch scored 17 points each to lead the Houston Cougars to a 73-58 victory over Toledo to give the SWC a 2-0 mark for the night.

Lance Blanks had 20 points and Joey Wright added 17 for the high-scoring Longhorns, now 7-1. It was the third highest point

## Coyotes host cage tourney

**GAIL** - Coach Bill May's Lady Coyotes, off to a strong start again this season, take on Wellman here today as the Borden County Invitational Basketball Tournament gets underway.

The action includes a girl's and a boy's tournament, both scheduled to get underway at 2 p.m.

Today's first-round girl's action began at 2 p.m. with Jayton meeting Klondike. At 3:30 p.m., Loop and Westbrook were to take the floor, followed at 5 p.m. by Sands and Borden County JV.

May's Lady Coyotes play Wellman at 6:30 p.m.

In boy's action, Jayton and Klondike were to meet at 2 p.m., Sands and Jayton JV at 3:30 p.m., Loop and Westbrook at 5 p.m. and Wellman and Borden County at 8 p.m.

The tournament continues with championship games set for 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Lady Coyotes, perennial Class A playoff contenders, will take an 11-1 record into tonight's action.

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total ever for Texas. Long Beach State, 2-6, was led by Brian Jones with 25 points, 19 in the second half.

Texas, which made 56.9 percent of its field goals compared to 44.9 percent for Long Beach State, built a 48-28 halftime lead and was never seriously threatened afterward.

The Cougars shot 63 percent during the game and boosted their record to 4-2. Toledo also

stands at 4-2. The 17 points was a career high for Fernandes. Fred King paced Toledo with 16 points, including four three-point shots.

Toledo's Chad Keller scored seven of his nine points as Houston fell behind 15-12 early in the game, but a 23-12 surge gave the Cougars a 35-27 halftime lead.

## Girls set for Pecos

**PECOS** - Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers, their three-game win streak halted by a loss in their District 4-4A opener earlier this week, try to get back on track here Friday.

The Tigers, 4-6, take on an 8-4 Pecos Eagles team at 7:30 p.m. A junior varsity contest is set for 6 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Both varsity squads are 0-1 in district play. Snyder fell 61-35 to Sweetwater on Tuesday while Pecos lost to Andrews, 68-52.

In other 4-4A girl's games Friday, Andrews (5-7, 1-0) is at Sweetwater (9-3, 1-0), Lake View (2-9, 0-1) treks to Monahans (1-8, 0-1) and Fort Stockton (5-6, 1-0) is at Big Spring (10-1, 1-0).

Snyder High School boys open 4-4A play next Tuesday in Andrews. The Lady Tigers will host the Mustangs on the same evening.

### High school basketball schedules

#### SHS LADY TIGERS

##### 1988-89 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| Date            | Oppnt.        | Site       | Time |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------|
| <b>DECEMBER</b> |               |            |      |
| 16              | Pecos*        | Pecos      | 7:30 |
| 20              | Andrews*      | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| <b>JANUARY</b>  |               |            |      |
| 3               | Big Spring*   | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| 6               | Ft. Stockton* | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| 10              | Lake View*    | San Angelo | 7:30 |
| 13              | Monahans*     | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| 20              | Andrews*      | Andrews    | 7:30 |
| 24              | Sweetwater*   | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| 27              | Pecos*        | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| 31              | Big Spring*   | BSpring    | 7:30 |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b> |               |            |      |
| 3               | Ft. Stockton* | Ft. Stkn   | 7:30 |
| 7               | Lake View*    | Snyder     | 7:30 |
| 10              | Monahans*     | Monahans   | 7:30 |

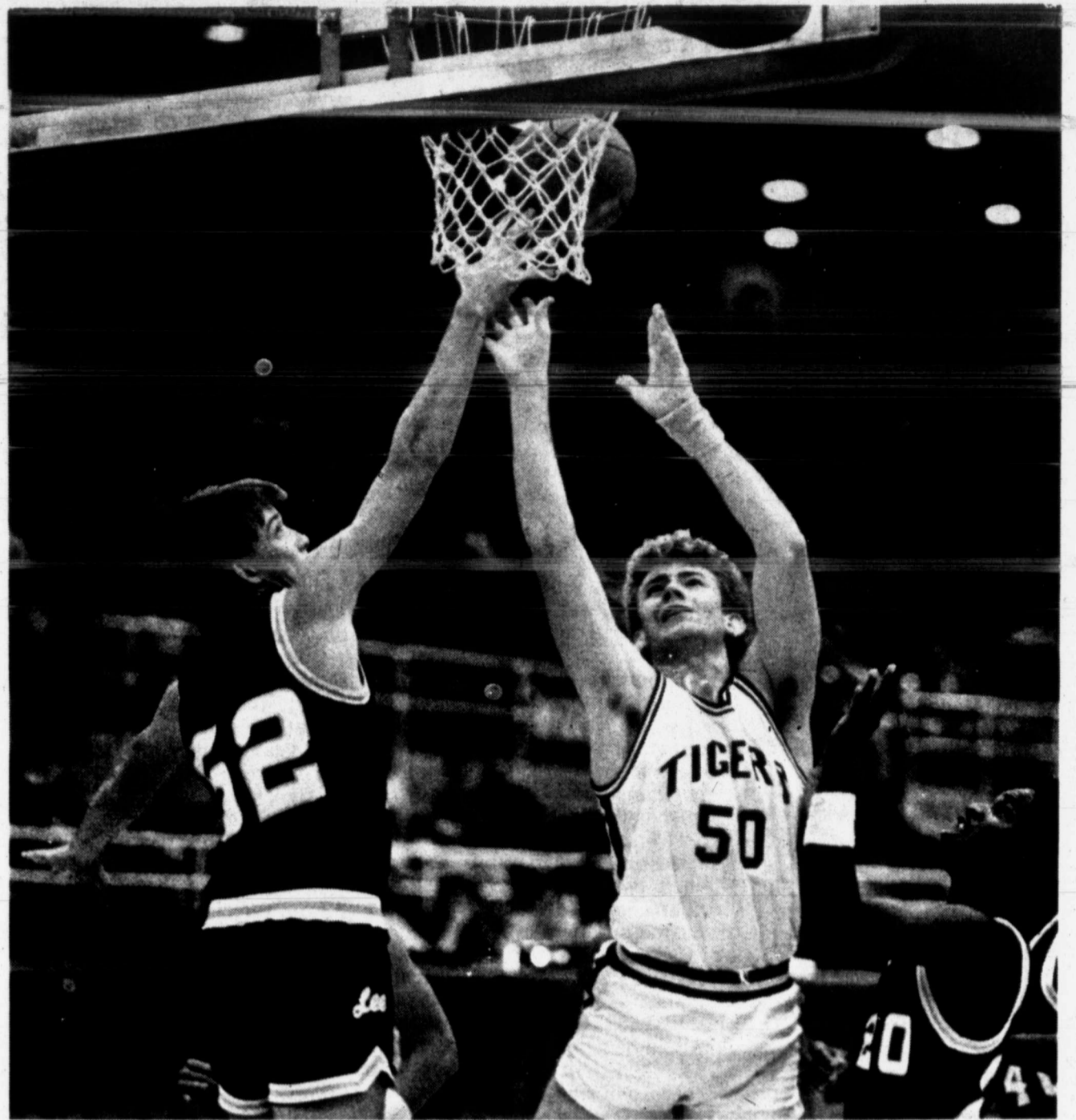
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#### SHS VARSITY TIGERS

##### 1988-89 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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| 14              | Sweetwater*     | Snyder    | 7:30 |
| 17              | Pecos*          | Snyder    | 7:30 |

\* district game



**HOOPS ACTION** - Snyder's Tigers open District 4-4A play Tuesday in Andrews. Meanwhile, the SHS Lady Tigers, who regain district action earlier

this week, will play in Pecos this Friday. Above, Jeff Franklin (50) battles an opposing player for a rebound. (SDN Staff Photo)

# AP report reveals baseball salaries are climbing again

**NEW YORK (AP)** - The chase for free agents is driving baseball salaries up again, at a pace not seen since before the days of collusion, an Associated Press study shows.

Two years ago, stars such as Jack Morris and Tim Lincecum received little or no attention. This year, a .199 hitter got a \$2 million, two-year contract, and a

pitcher with a 66-96 career record got a \$3.95 million, three-year deal.

Long-term contracts, so far, have been limited to three years, and fewer free agents are switching teams than before an owners boycott began in 1985. But given the tumult in the marketplace over the last six weeks, general managers are worried.

Lou Gorman, general manager of the Boston Red Sox, thought about some of the recent deals and wondered aloud: "How are you going to pay a Roger Clemens or a Dwight Gooden?" Both can become free agents after the 1989 season.

In the past month, nine free agents signed three-year contracts, one more than for all of 1985, 1986 and 1987 combined. Eleven more players got two-year deals.

"What has happened in the last few weeks demonstrated what they did the last three years," agent Richard Moss said. "They know everybody is looking over their shoulder."

An examination of contracts revealed:

- Free agents this offseason have increased their salaries for 1989 by 15 percent, from an average of \$705,638 to \$809,417. They went up 1 percent last year, decreased 15 percent in the 1986-87 offseason and went down 5 percent in 1985-86, when the owners were found by an arbitrator to have begun their collusion. The off-season increase this year is the highest for free agents since 1982-83.

- Salaries for free agents changing clubs have risen 37 percent, from an average of \$667,471 to \$916,923. Last offseason, the salaries of free agents switching teams declined 23 percent, from \$718,667 to \$552,500.

- Twenty of 34 free agents signing with major league teams so far this year received multiyear contracts. Last year, 18 of the 54 free agents who signed got multiyear deals; in the 1986-87 offseason, it was eight of 38.

- Of the 38 free agents signing so far this offseason, 13 switched

teams. Last winter, 22 of 59 switched teams. In the 1986-87 offseason it was 13 of 41, and in 1985-86, it was three of 28. In 1984-85, the last pre-collusion offseason, it was 25 of 56. In 1983, it was 20 of 44.

The percentage of the salary increase this year probably will go down and the percentage of players changing teams probably will go up after the final figures are calculated since many lesser free agents are still unsigned and some are not

wanted back by their former clubs. Clearly, though, the market is open again.

"This thing has gotten so crazy again this year that it just defies description," Cincinnati general manager Murray Cook said.

Not just the top players have benefited. Reliever Jesse Orosco, ineffective for two seasons, signed a two-year \$1.675 million contract with Cleveland. Reliever Tom Niedenfuer, unwanted by last-place Baltimore, signed with (see BASEBALL, page 6)

## Ryan still surprised by Astros' reactions

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** - Nolan Ryan decided if the Houston Astros didn't want him he wouldn't even go back to the Astrodome to clear out his locker.

Ryan, baseball's all-time strikeout king, tried out his new Texas Rangers' uniform on Wednesday.

He said he wouldn't even be wearing one if Houston Astros' owner John McMullen had really wanted him.

Ryan, who signed with the Rangers for over \$1.5 million with a one-year option, said "the position they (the Astros) took was not realistic. It was John's attitude. He was the one who made the decision."

Asked if he thought McMullen had created a public relations blunder, Ryan said, "Yeah, I'd say he did. He's had a lot of criticism until Jackie Sherrill took the heat off him (by resigning as athletic director and head football coach at Texas A&M)."

Ryan, who lives near Houston at Alvin, Texas, said he didn't even go back to the Astrodome to get his equipment.

"The equipment man is a good friend and he cleared out my gear, boxed it up and sent it to me," Ryan said.

Ryan said he was surprised by the Astros' actions.

"I guess John wanted his salary structure to go in another direction," Ryan said. "It's his

decision. That's the way he runs his business."

He added, "I think the fans in Houston understand I really didn't want to leave but had no choice under the circumstances. The fans there were great."

Ryan, 41, said he came to the Rangers although they didn't give him the top money offer.

"(Manager) Bobby Valentine was a teammate of mine," Ryan said. "Also it made it easier on my family to stay in Texas."

Ryan pitched in the American League nine years ago for the California Angels.

Ryan, the National League's strikeout leader the last two years, is 27 victories short of the magic 300 mark and said "at the end of this year I'd like to be in a position to say I had a good shot at 300. If I help the Rangers next year, then I can."

Ryan said it will be interesting to see if he can handle the July and August heat in Arlington after pitching in the air-conditioned Astrodome.

"To be honest, I don't know how the heat will affect me," Ryan said. "Ferguson Jenkins and Gaylord Perry handled it pretty well in the twilight of their careers so I think it's reasonable to say I should be able to adjust to it."

Ryan said he was enthused about the potential of the Rangers, who were the talk of the winter meetings in Atlanta with their wheeling and dealing.

"There's a lot of excitement on this team," Ryan said. "I think the Rangers had reached a plateau where they needed to do something and they did."

"I hope I can have a leadership role with some of the younger players," Ryan said.

Asked how long he would pitch, Ryan said "Well, I never anticipated pitching this long. Maybe I can go another three years if a stay healthy. It's hard to predict whether it will be one year or three years. There are a lot of factors."

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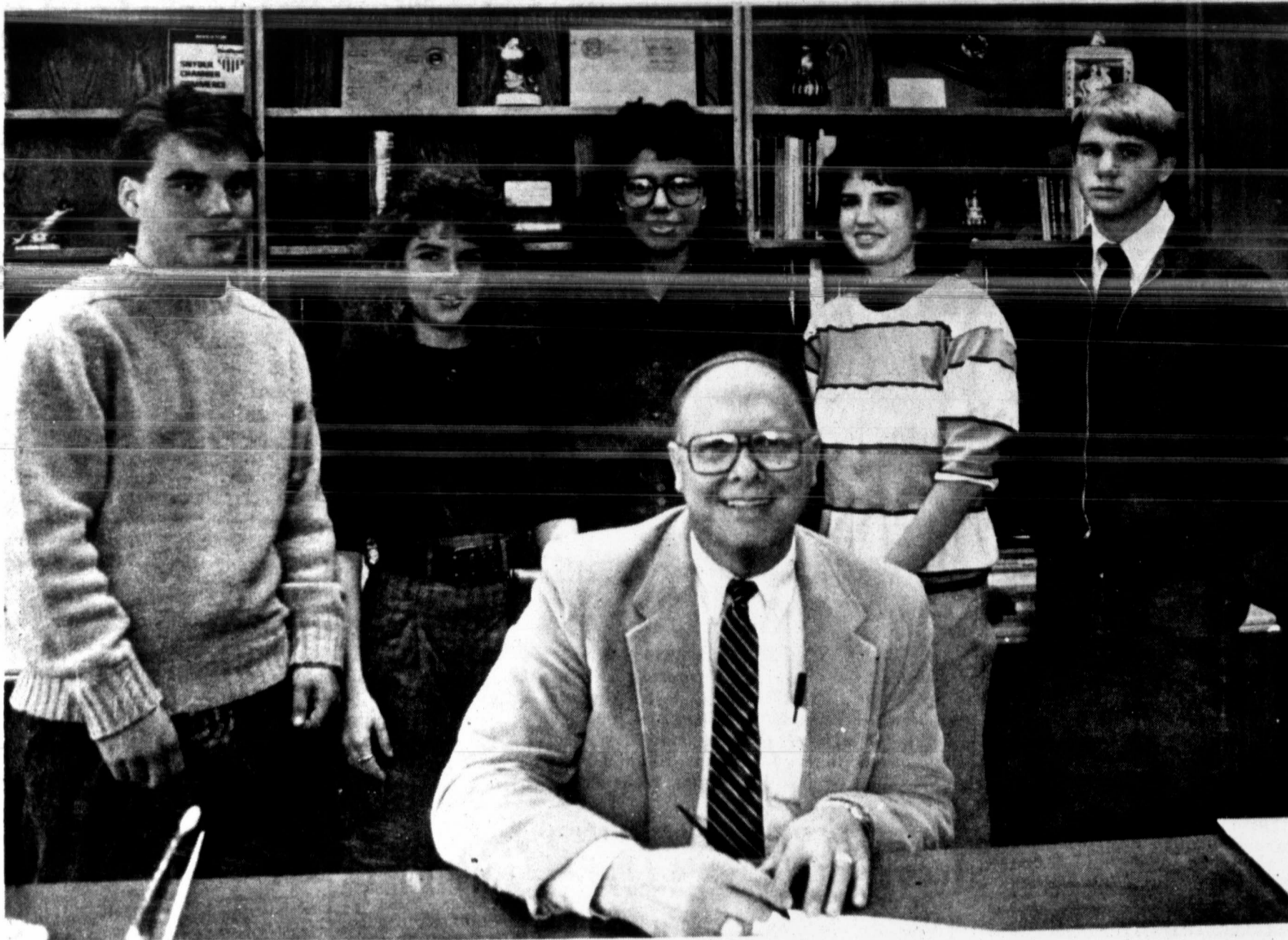
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## Police rely on TV crime re-inactments

SEATTLE (AP) — Many police once thought all the motivation people needed to report crime was a sense of civic duty and a few words from Officer McGruff, the cartoon bloodhound who barked "take a bite out of crime."

Not anymore. Police are increasingly turning to cash rewards and morbid crime re-enactments on television to lure John Q. Public to the phone.

The police-sponsored "Crime Stoppers" genre, most familiar as 60-second spots on local TV, took a giant leap toward Hollywood last week with broadcasts of "Manhunt: A Chance to End the Nightmare."

With help from an independent film company, Seattle police investigators created two hours of televised murder, mayhem and mystery in a plea for clues to the country's worst unsolved serial murder case: the "Green River" slayings of at least 40 women in the Northwest.

The syndicated program, distributed to 137 stations nationwide, included a re-enacted murder attempt, real footage of police unearthing a victim, and interviews with grieving relatives. Viewers were urged to turn in a crook — and maybe collect a \$100,000 reward.

"The show was designed to push an emotional button in the viewer," said producer Beth Broday.

It apparently did. The program, broadcast Dec. 7 and repeated during the past week, drew more than 7,600 calls to a toll-free hotline.

Investigators rejoiced at the flood of fresh tips and praised the marriage of sleuthing and the media.

"It's the most effective tool in law enforcement," declared Detective Myrle L. Carner, director of Seattle's Crime Stoppers program.

The popularity of such programs reflects a "get tough on crime revival," said Art Lurigio, assistant professor of psychology at Northwestern University and co-author of a 1986 study on the programs for the U.S. Justice Department.

"People are looking to have some impact on crime, alleviate their fears, and regain some control," said Lurigio, although he cautioned "there may be some negative consequences."

Offering large cash rewards and anonymity may encourage false accusations, and the nightly re-enactments could unnecessarily increase fear of crime, Lurigio said.

Crime Stoppers began 12 years ago in Albuquerque, N.M., when police and civic leaders decided they needed a new weapon to fight increasing crime. The premise: grab attention with a televised "Crime of the Week" re-enactment, then promise cash rewards and anonymity to anyone reporting any serious crime.

The concept took off. More than 600 U.S. communities now have Crime Stoppers programs, said Tim Kline, a retired Albuquerque police officer and president of Crime Stoppers International,

which helps set up local programs.

Crime Stoppers tips have helped solve more than 210,000 felonies and led to the recovery of \$1.3 billion in narcotics and stolen property, Kline said.

In the last two TV seasons, networks and syndicates have created dramatic variations on the Crime Stoppers theme. Not only are the programs popular with viewers, they also are successful. Of 115 fugitives portrayed on Fox Broadcasting Co.'s "America's Most Wanted," 55 are in jail, Fox says. NBC says its "Unsolved Mysteries" has broadcast 50 stories and helped solve 11 cases.

On Wednesday, authorities in Nevada arrested a man suspected of bilking investors of up to \$3.5 million after they were tipped off by a maid who found a note in his motel room saying, "The Unsolved Mysteries program was a bombshell." The

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## Amateur astronomers tracked Atlantis' spy satellite deployment

TORONTO (AP) — Amateur astronomers using home computers and high-powered binoculars were able to track the U.S. space shuttle Atlantis as it deployed a secret spy satellite.

"If we could figure it out, you could bet that the Russians figured it out too," says Ted Molczan, a self-described "space enthusiast" who helped organize the tracking.

Although he said the information gathered had little practical use, the project showed secrecy is a rare commodity in the sky.

In Washington, David Garrett of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said, "We don't comment on secret satellite launches."

Molczan, 35, said in a recent interview that the satellite watchers are hobbyists who work together informally, trading information through telephone calls, letters and electronic mail.

The secrecy of the Atlantis' early December mission made their research challenging and intriguing "detective work," Molczan said.

"As space enthusiasts, for us to see the space shuttle is a very exciting thing," he said, adding that he was thrilled by the rare prospect the shuttle would be visible over Canadian skies.

Shuttle orbits generally are farther south.

Molczan is a floor apartment; a computer and charts lie on his desk, books on the subject cram a bookcase and high-power binoculars sit on a stand near the door.

The binoculars, said Molczan, are more useful than telescopes

for satellite watching because they are easier to point and have a wider field of view.

Molczan had been in contact with about 150 other satellite watchers from as far away as Australia about the Atlantis' probable orbit. He circulated information including a "test yourself" page to make sure all participants could handle the necessary calculations.

The Toronto skies were cloudy on Dec. 2, the day of the Atlantis' launch, and Molczan was unable to see it passing over. Others did, and the calls started coming in while the craft was on its sixth orbit in the late afternoon.

There were two sightings from the Toronto region and one from Ashtabula, Ohio.

"To get three confirmations like that in the space of half an hour was very exciting," Molczan said. "We had more than a dozen people in this area looking for it."

Knowing the times of the sightings allowed him to calculate the height of the orbit and, with the computer, he quickly was able to determine where the shuttle could be seen for the rest of the mission.

Molczan said the watchers sighted only the Atlantis on the sixth revolution, and the satellite was sighted by the seventh revolution three miles ahead of it. Continued sightings showed that for two days the shuttle stayed close to the satellite, which was observed to have a reddish color.

"The mission went the way we hypothesized it would," Molczan said.

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