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Ask Us

Q—When does the high school baseball season begin? Will Snyder be hosting a tournament again this year?

A—The Tigers play their first game on Feb. 19 in Big Spring. And yes, Snyder will host its largest baseball tournament in years — 15 teams — on March 14-16.

In Brief

I recaptured

LIVERPOOL, Texas (AP) — Brazoria County officials, led by a cocker spaniel, have recaptured one of two convicts who had escaped from the Darrington Unit of the Texas prison system last week.

Authorities arrested Christopher Merwin Stout, 35, about 12:15 p.m. Monday, after a family pet in the area began barking at a camping trailer between Liverpool and Danbury.

Brazoria County Sheriff's investigator Sgt. David Wallace said the dog, named Wiggles, kept barking at the trailer until his owner called authorities.

Wallace said Stout was lying in the trailer, trying to hide, but gave himself up to officers without a struggle.

Report denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force on Monday denied a published report that it has abandoned plans to build more B-2 stealth bombers in 1991.

The Wall Street Journal said Air Force Secretary Donald Rice had decided to freeze B-2 production at the current level of 15 planes, and that the \$4.1 billion approved by Congress for the B-2 program in 1991 would be spent to continue assembling and testing only those planes already approved for production.

52 die in cold

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Freezing temperatures and a winter storm that began dumping heavy rain and snow over the weekend have claimed the lives of at least 52 people in Jammu-Kashmir state, witnesses and officials said today.

It was still snowing in Kashmir Valley today, where authorities said at least 20 people had died since Monday in avalanches and the collapse of roofs under heavy snow.

Most of the dead were villagers smothered in the Himalayas.

The state's summer capital, Srinagar, was blacked out for a fourth straight day today after electricity poles with snow-laden cables crashed down.

The Kashmir Valley remained cut off from the rest of the country for a fifth straight day.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 49 degrees; low, 18 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 31 degrees. No precipitation.

West Texas: Fair through Wednesday. Highs Tuesday upper 40s to mid 50s. Lows Tuesday night mainly 20s. Highs Wednesday lower 40s.

New year begins with fresh efforts toward diplomacy

by The Associated Press
The new year arrived with fresh European efforts to ward off war in the Persian Gulf and hints of a possible break in the impasse blocking talks between Iraq and the Bush administration.

Middle East allies will probably receive a visit from Secretary of State James A. Baker III before the U.N.-sanctioned Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait or face the possibility of attack.

Troops in the gulf welcomed 1991 with water, soda and non-alcoholic "Saudi champagne" in deference to Muslim tenets against liquor. On the Armed Forces Radio Network, comedian Robin Williams cried: "Good Maaawwwrrrning, Saudi."

In Iraq, 17-year-olds were preparing to be transformed from students to soldiers under an order to report for military duty beginning Wednesday. They will be the youngest ever drafted in modern Iraq.

A New Year's message from the Iraqi Embassy in London portrayed President Bush as a war-monger and said Iraq "always carry the olive branch and sing songs of peace."

The statement said 1991 could bring "roses, rainbows or ... a blood bath and piles of corpses and everlasting sorrow."

In London, former Prime Minister Edward Heath accused the United States of failing to pursue a diplomatic initiative.

"Tens of thousands of lives depend on this and the whole of the world order," he said on the British Broadcasting Corp.

Vice President Dan Quayle wrapped up a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia today with visits to troops before meeting with the deposed emir of Kuwait, Sheik Jaber al-Sabah.

Quayle was expected to ask the emir for more money to help support the U.S. military buildup in the gulf. Quayle made a similar request to Saudi King Fahd on

(see GULF, page 8)

School bells to ring again on Wednesday

Public schools in Scurry County will open again Wednesday as students return from holiday break.

Classes and offices in the Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts will resume operations at their regular times.

Offices at Western Texas College will reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday. Scurry County Museum will also open at the same time.

Faculty members at WTC are to return for in-service for the spring semester at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7. Dormitories will open at 10 a.m. Jan. 10 and registration for the spring semester will begin at 1 p.m. that day.

Spring semester classes begin on Jan. 14.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happy new year..."

Twelve months ago, Snyder entered the new decade with renewed enthusiasm and anticipation. For some reason, the hopes were not up to par. So, for 1991, here's some new year wishes for the Snyder area:

- Oil prices will stabilize somewhere over \$30 a barrel.
- There'll be peace in the Middle East with oil prices still above \$30.
- A district championship for Snyder in every sport and activity. Football was a good start.
- Renewal of the community pride, spirit and cooperation that breeds progress—attitudes that resulted in things like the coliseum, the college, the All-American City award and the prison.
- Success by the hospital in recruiting additional doctors.
- A school so effective that every graduate will enjoy success in life.

- A pay raise for everybody, and low inflation.
- No need to visit an attorney's office.
- A six-inch rain in April.
- A rain anytime that fills Lake Thomas to the brim.
- A drug-free and crime-free Snyder.
- A month when the grand jury doesn't have to meet.
- Businesses to fill some empty buildings.
- A job for everybody who wants one and everybody wanting one.
- For folks not to take themselves and things so seriously.
- Laugh at things, laugh at ourselves, laugh at each other and laugh with each other.
- Hair growth tonic that works.
- Potato chips without calories, and a medical study that reveals cholesterol is actually good for you.
- An 1,000-bed addition, and the accompanying jobs, at the prison unit.
- Happiness for all...



NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION — Cory Burleson hangs streamers for Snyder Country Club's New Year's celebration Monday night. Scurry County residents enjoyed a safe holiday, according to local authorities. (SDN Staff Photo)

Letter questions motives, timing of court's actions

District Judge Gene Dulaney has described as "questionable" the motives for county commissioners wanting to shift clerical duties from the county auditor's office.

In a two-page letter addressed to the commissioner's court and received prior to Monday's meeting, the judge further declared that he would maintain two assistants in the auditor's office.

Dulaney initially would not comment on the commissioner's court action Monday to move clerical duties of the office to the county treasurer's office. The payroll duties were approved for an immediate move, and any change in accounts payable is pending an attorney general's opinion. Monday afternoon, Dulaney released a copy of his letter.

"I deem the present court's reasons for attempting to interfere in the legal and statutory management of the auditor's office on its last day in office to be highly questionable," the Dec. 31 letter said.

Commissioners said payroll duties would be transferred at the start of the new year and that no personnel would be moved "at this time" but that the treasurer would have the authority to hire transitional personnel, if necessary.

In his letter, Judge Dulaney stated "The number of assistants approved by me for the auditor's office shall remain at two."

A public hearing for the purpose of setting the salaries of the auditor, assistant auditors and district court reporter will be held in the district courtroom in the courthouse at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

The assistants will be appointed by the new auditor, Eddie McHaney, upon Judge Dulaney's approval. McHaney was appointed auditor by the judge in late December, when Dulaney announced he would not reappoint Linda Franklin to the position. Dulaney had appointed Franklin two years ago to replace Bernhard Bartels, who the judge chose not to reappoint after Bartels refused to fire the

assistant auditor Ann Walton. The dismissal of both Bartels and Walton led to a lawsuit, which was settled out of court.

(see AUDITOR, page 8)

1990 in review...

Year ends in courthouse controversy

Editor's Note: The following is the fifth in a five-part series detailing events during 1990 in Scurry County. Today's article looks at the final quarter of the year.

Controversy at the courthouse served as bookends to 1990 as the year opened with a county operational audit and a rollback election and ended with a power struggle over the auditor's duties.

On the final day of 1990, commissioners unanimously approved the transfer of clerical duties in the auditor's office to the treasurer's office. The commissioners decided to take the action based on frequent personnel changes in the county auditor's

office. For out-going commissioners Tommy Pate and Ted Billingsley, and County Judge Bobby Goodwin, it was the last official act of office.

Goodwin and Pate had lost their positions during the Nov. 6 general elections. Goodwin was defeated by Bob Doolittle and Pate lost to Roy Idom — both Republicans. Billingsley had given up his Precinct 4 commissioner's seat in an unsuccessful bid for justice of the peace in the March primary.

The year will be perhaps better remembered as Snyder's first winning football campaign in 12 seasons as the Tigers fashioned a 9-3-1 record and advanced as District 2-4A champions all the

way to the regional semi-finals. Despite sub-freezing temperatures in December which slowed activity at area gins, Scurry County was on its way to the best cotton crop in an estimated 10 years in 1990. Meanwhile, Scurry County United Way reached its goal of \$78,000.

OCTOBER
—East Elementary, Stanfield Elementary and Snyder Junior High were recognized by the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency for exceptional achievement on the Texas Assessment of Minimum Skills tests.

NOVEMBER
—November's general elections caused an upheaval in the

courthouse as both County Judge Goodwin and Precinct 2 Commissioner Pate were defeated by Republicans. Doolittle was voted in as the new county judge while Idom was chosen to replace Pate. The court also got a new Precinct 4 commissioner in Jerry Gannaway, a Democrat, who won in the March primary and was unopposed in the general election. Gannaway replaced Billingsley, who stepped aside from the commissioner's court to run in an unsuccessful bid for peace justice. He was defeated by Wanda Rushing.

Elois Pruitt defeated Patsy Williams in November for the vacated position of district clerk.

—Snyder varsity defeated

Lamesa 24-13 on Nov. 9 to claim its first district football championship in 12 years. Coach David Baugh's Tigers went on to grab bi-district and area titles — the latter of which included a 17-3 win over archrival Sweetwater. Snyder lost to Stephenville in the regional semi-finals, 34-13, and finished the season with a 9-3-1 record.

—The Texas Department of Criminal Justice authorized Western Texas College to begin in-service training for its prison guards, a year-around process which will bring additional funding to the college.

—Snyder City Council in (see REVIEW, page 8)

Anti-drug law not welcomed by all

SEATTLE (AP) — A law allowing police to arrest people for loitering in areas where drugs are sold is working too well, say health care officials who complain they can't find addicts who need clean needles to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Morning shampoos popular in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — For hundreds of years the Japanese have enjoyed nightly baths. Now, younger Japanese have added a new ritual, the morning shampoo, and their elders are wondering if all this cleanliness doesn't add up to overindulgence.

The daily morning shampoo, known as "asa shan", has become a symbol of youthful excess in Japan — excess chemical use, excess energy use, excessive narcissism.

It highlights a gap between the generation that toiled to rebuild the country from the ashes of World War II and its offspring, which has known nothing but affluence.

At best, analysts say, the trend toward fastidiousness is a harmless fad, fueled by manufacturers trying to expand stale markets for personal cleaning products.

At worst, "Asa Shan Will Destroy The Country," screamed the title of a recent article by Hiroshi Inamura, a Tsukuba University professor of public health.

Others are just plain puzzled by the physical cleanliness obsession among the young. As cultural anthropologist Masao Kunihiro put it, "Excessive preoccupation with one's bodily cleanliness ... appears to be bordering on a kind of disease."

In the past, daily shampoos were rare in Japan because of the lack of electric hair driers, the difficulty of heating baths with wood or coal, and the custom of all members of a family sharing the same bath water, said Mizue Sasaki, an English professor at Yamaguchi University.

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places, passing items to another person, stopping vehicles to talk with passengers or loitering in an area known for heavy drug traffic.

"It's been a tremendous tool," Tacoma police Lt. Paul Mielbrecht said. "There are no crowds of 30 and 40 people on the streets selling dope anymore."

Mielbrecht said he did not know the total number of arrests made under the law, but said police used it to arrest 40 people in one sweep Dec. 11.

Kate Bolland, a volunteer at a Seattle needle exchange program that approaches drug users, said the law has frightened many away.

"We already have noticed people are spending less time at the program and are not getting the information they need," she said. "They're just running through because they're afraid of being harassed and followed by the police."

Holly Hagan, a county Health Department epidemiologist in Tacoma, where health care workers hand needles out to users on the street, said the number of people picking up clean ones has declined 50 percent from about 500 per week last summer.

Medical authorities say sharing infected needles is one of the primary means of transmitting acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

So far three cases prosecuted under the law have come to trial in Seattle. One ended in a conviction and a 45-day jail sentence, while defendants in the other two cases were acquitted.

The American Civil Liberties Union has supported challenges to the law in both cities. Jerry Sheehan, the ACLU's legislative director in Washington, said two court cases are pending in Seattle, with three or four awaiting review in Tacoma.

Duncan Lewis, one of two public defenders challenging the law, said it is "incredibly vague as to what could possibly be considered drug loitering."

"Even a politician trying to get people to vote could be breaking the law," he said. U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton overturned a similar law in Alexandria, Va., last September, ruling it made innocent behavior a crime.

"Enforcement of the ordinance may result in the conviction of individuals for distributing campaign literature, approaching persons to sign petitions, collecting organizational dues, soliciting community support and directing voters to the polls," he wrote in his Sept. 27 decision.

Seattle Assistant City Attorney Richard Greene predicted his city's law would pass muster because it clearly targets activities that can present a public danger. He said the law was modeled after the city's ordinance banning loitering for prostitution.

But he acknowledged that getting a conviction is difficult if the person arrested was not carrying drugs.

"Jurors want to see the drugs, they want to have them produced," he said.

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Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: My husband is a cardiologist. We have a daughter, 12, and two sons, 9 and 4. Last Sunday morning, we went to church as a family. Following the service, we started to go downstairs for refreshments when a woman cornered my husband and engaged him in conversation about her husband who is in the hospital. My husband was not his primary physician, but he had seen him once in consultation. I took the children downstairs.

Our daughter had some church activities that took about an hour, so we decided to take the boys for a walk around town. We stopped at the courthouse and the boys began to play on the steps when a man drove up, stopped, got out of his car and said, "Oh, Doctor, am I ever glad to see you! I've been having these awful chest pains..." I took the children while they talked.

We picked up our daughter, then some man stopped my husband and

said, "Say, Doc. I'll take only a minute of your time." And we were held up for another 15 minutes.

When we finally got home, my husband said wearily, "I can't even go to church on Sunday with my family without being stopped to answer questions from people I hardly know."

Abby, physicians need their privacy, family time and time off. So please ask your readers not to ask their doctors — or any doctor — medical questions when they see him/her in a social setting. Thank you.

TIRED DOCTOR'S WIFE

DEAR WIFE: You and your husband belong to a very large club that includes dentists, pharmacists, veterinarians, nurses, lawyers, accountants, etc. If anyone has a prescription for a sure cure, please rush it to me and I'll publish it.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a dilemma that I have been wrestling with for all of 1990.

I have a good friend (I'll call her Tillie) who has three lovely little boys. When the first boy was born, I gave him a very nice gift on his birthday and another for Christmas. When the second child arrived, I wanted to do the same, but I wasn't financially able to give the same quality gifts as I gave the first child.

Now, the third child has arrived, and I cannot afford to give any gifts. Even a lovely card strains my budget.

The problem is that Tillie is very sensitive to the fact that her second and third children have not received the same treatment in the gift department that her first child did. I know this, as she has told me so on several occasions.

Abby, how can I tactfully stop

what I have started without leaving hurt feelings and a damaged friendship in my tracks?

SWEATING IT OUT
DEAR SWEATING: If your friendship with Tillie depends upon the quality of the gifts you give her children, I would say it wasn't much of a friendship in the first place. Shame on Tillie for trying to lay a guilt trip on you. Tell her that the gifts have stopped because you can no longer afford them.

People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Dip in S&L failures is only temporary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first decline in combined bank and savings institution failures in seven years likely represents a lull before a new wave of insolvencies hits during the rest of the decade, analysts say.

In 1990, 169 commercial and savings banks failed and 211 savings and loans went insolvent, for a total of 380, regulators said Monday.

That was a 29 percent drop from 1989's post-Depression record of 535 financial institution failures: 207 banks and 328 S&Ls. It also marked the first decline since 1983, when 84 of both types of institutions failed, compared with 105 the previous year.

Analysts, however, drew no encouragement from the improvement. The sharp deterioration in real estate values, particularly in New England and New York and

New Jersey, have yet to make their full impact on the failure rate, they said. Nor have the effects of a national economic slowdown since the summer shown up.

"1990 in a way was really a lull year," said Bert Ely, a financial institutions analyst in Alexandria, Va. "Every indication is that in 1991 we're going to see a significant increase."

The geographic pattern of failures shows they largely reflect old problems from the mid-1980s in oil-producing states in the Southwest rather than new problems in the Northeastern states where real estate markets are weakest, Ely said.

Although 1990's failures were spread among 38 states and the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, more than one-third — 140 — were in Texas.

Ten other states had 10 or more failures. They were California and Florida, 21 each; Illinois, 18; Louisiana, 17; New Jersey, 14; Oklahoma, 13; New York, 12; Massachusetts and Colorado, 11; and Mississippi, 10.

"What's going to be interesting in 1991 is to see what will happen in New England. That's where the next wave of problems is," Ely said.

Economist Robert Litan of the Brookings Institution, a Washington research center, said the most significant difference between bank problems in the 1980s and bank problems of the 1990s is that this time some of the nation's largest S&Ls are under stress.

"Through the 1980s, the problems were largely concentrated in small banks, with a few isolated exceptions," he said. "Today the weakness is concentrated in large banks."

That is reflected in a forecast by L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., that 180 banks will fail in 1991. Although that is only 11 more than in 1990, Seidman says assets held by the insolvent banks will total \$70 billion, up from around \$16 billion in 1990.

The S&Ls topping into insolvency in 1990 had \$117 billion in assets. Meanwhile, according to the Office of Thrift Supervision, an additional 180 institutions, with around \$150 billion in assets, are all but certain to fail and 350 S&Ls with \$190 billion in assets are in danger of failing.

If all of the endangered S&Ls fold, only around 2,000 privately managed S&Ls would be left operating. If Seidman's bank-failure prediction proves accurate, the number of commercial and savings banks open would be reduced to around 12,700.

Rates said flat or lower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities were unchanged to lower in Monday's auction.

The Treasury Department sold \$10.02 billion in three-month bills at an average discount rate of 6.52 percent, the same as in the last auction on Dec. 21. Another \$10.04 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 6.48 percent, down from 6.57 percent on Dec. 21.

The rate on three-month bills was last lower when they sold for 6.51 percent on June 20, 1988. The six-month rate was the lowest since May 2, 1988, when it averaged 6.41 percent.

The new discount rates understate the actual return to investors — 6.72 percent for three-month bills with a \$10,000 bill selling for \$9,835.20 and 6.79 percent for a six-month bill selling for \$9,670.60.

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Kiel Martin, actor on 'Hill Street,' is dead at age 46

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) — Kiel Martin, who was wheeler-dealer detective Johnny "J.D." LaRue on the critically acclaimed "Hill Street Blues" TV series and who appeared frequently in movies and TV shows, has died at age 46.

He died Friday of cardiovascular collapse caused by lung cancer, said Riverside County Deputy Coroner Michael Werk.

Martin, who worked at different times as a musician, stand-up comedian and soap-

opera actor, was best known for his portrayal of LaRue, who tried to interest his fellow officers in various get-rich-quick schemes that invariably failed.

He said the character grew out of conversations he had with many real-life police officers.

"He's a total opportunist and quite unrealistic toward advancement and success," he once said, "but he's a very good cop, which is something that not many people mention."

Martin's acting career was launched when his father urged him to try out for a bit part in a high school production of "Finnian's Rainbow." That led to repertory theater work in Florida, where he grew up.

He was a regular on the daytime soap opera "The Edge of Night" before joining the "Hill Street" cast. After "Hill Street" left the air in 1987, he appeared briefly as a dead man given a new shot at life in "Second Chance," a short-lived Fox television series.

His film credits included 1971's "The Panic in Needle Park" and "The Lolly Madonna War" in 1973.

Dr. Gott
Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you elaborate on a life-long program of exercise for spinal stenosis? My physician tells me the only solution is surgery, and I am naturally afraid of post-operative paralysis.

DEAR READER: Spinal stenosis, a narrowing of the spinal canal due to arthritis and other bone diseases, typically causes back pain which is difficult to distinguish from that of a slipped or herniated disc (sciatica). This is because spinal nerves are being pinched or irritated by both disorders. The diagnosis can be made from a CT scan (using X-rays), MRI (a non-X-ray test using powerful magnets) or a myelogram (a special X-ray examination of the spinal canal).

Mild spinal stenosis causes intermittent back pain without other symptoms. It can be safely treated with exercises (to stretch and strengthen back muscles) and physical therapy, such as hot packs.

However, as the pressure on nerves increases with age (as it is likely to do in the presence of spinal stenosis or a herniated disc), the symptoms increase, too. Numbness in the legs can appear, along with weakness, such as a foot drop (inability to raise the foot). Once these complications appear, surgery must be considered to prevent permanent nerve damage and paralysis. During the operation, the surgeon removes the offending tissue; this permits the nerves to regain normal function.

I don't know whether you should consider surgery at this point. This is a decision best left to a capable neurosurgeon. However, if you are experiencing weakness or numbness in your legs, you are certainly a surgical candidate because the risk of paralysis from the stenosis outweighs the rather remote chance of post-operative nerve complications, such as paralysis or infection. I advise you to seek a second opinion from a specialist.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach To Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box

91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your column about a mother sleeping with her son and just want to say you are wrong. There is nothing the matter with that arrangement. I'm 15 years old and sleep with my mother most of the time. If you don't like what I've written, you can shove it in your ear.

DEAR READER: Each to his own taste, said the farmer as he kissed the cow. I still think adolescents are better off not sleeping with their mothers. In housing situations with severe overcrowding, this may be necessary — but, if given a choice, sons and mothers ought to cut the apron strings.

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Anti-war protest led by McDonald

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Country Joe McDonald performed anti-war songs under a banner reading "A Million Points of Light" and hundreds of people stood shoulder-to-shoulder during a two-hour peace vigil in downtown San Francisco.

Monday night's protest was held in front of a huge, lighted Christmas tree that dominated the center of Union Square.

McDonald, who sang against the Vietnam War at Woodstock in 1969, said current protests against Operation Desert Shield in the Middle East differ from those of the 1960s.

"There's no empathy with the enemy as there was in the Vietnam protests," he said. "This is a family problem. They know it will be their children who will die."

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB — These women seated at the head table of the Christian Women's Club meeting are, from left, Amy Jamison, WTC student who presented the music; Susan Bills, CWC music chairman; Betty Woods, project advisor; Eunice Stevens of Colorado Springs, Colo., guest speaker; and Billie Smith, CWC chair-

man. They invite all women of the area to their next meeting set for 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Jan. 9 at the Snyder Country Club. For further information call Mrs. Smith at 573-3566 or 573-8341. (SDN Staff Photo)



LADIES FASHIONS — These models wore fashions from Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Boutique during the style show at the December meeting of Christian Women's Club. They are from left, front row, Missy Doty, Darlene Amox, Linda Walton, Trish Burditt

and Jeri Casey; back row, Chery Wright, Samantha Scott, Kathy Sherrod, Dee Blackwell, Edie Hopping and Christy Thompson, narrator. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; home of Ingrid Hurst, 1701 Cedar Creek; 10 a.m.
Multiple Sclerosis Support Group; Cogdell Hospital doctor's lounge; 1 p.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tea; Cogdell Hospital; 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.
Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys Club, 28th & O; 7 p.m.
Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Overeaters Anonymous; 1:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
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NORTH 11-91
 ♠ A 8 4
 ♥ K 7 5
 ♦ Q J 2
 ♣ A 8 7 5

WEST 10 6 5 3
 ♥ J 9
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ K J 4

EAST
 ♠ Q 2
 ♥ 10 8 3
 ♦ K 9 7 3
 ♣ Q 10 9 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 9 7
 ♥ A Q 6 4 2
 ♦ A 6 5 4
 ♣ 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♣	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 10

of diamonds from dummy, and East covered with the king. This was allowed to hold the trick. East returned the queen of spades. Declarer took dummy's ace, cashed the king and ace of hearts, played to dummy's diamond queen and played a diamond back to his ace. West could not trump, and declarer was now able to ruff his losing diamond with the lowly seven of hearts in dummy and make 10 tricks.

In the other room, the Italian defender did not play his diamond king on dummy's jack. Declarer continued with the ace and another diamond. But now the fourth round of diamonds enabled West to uppercute with the nine of hearts. East took a later trick with the 10-8-3 of hearts to set the contract. Here declarer was unlucky in that West, with shortness in diamonds, did not hold as many as three hearts. But the defender's play of holding up on his king of diamonds at trick one made it impossible for declarer to succeed.

**Best selling list of
fiction, non-fiction**

FICTION

1. "The Plains of Passage," Jean M. Auel
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3. "The Witching Hour," Anne Rice
4. "Memories of Midnight," Sidney Sheldon
5. "Dazzle," Judith Krantz

NON-FICTION

1. "A Life on the Road," Charles Kuralt
 2. "The Civil War," Geoffrey C. Ward
 3. "Financial Self-Defense," Charles Givens
 4. "Bo Knows Bo," Bo Jackson
 5. "The Frugal Gourmet on Our Immigrant Ancestors," Jeff Smith
- Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, died in 1658.

Cover story

By James Jacoby
 In 1967 the famous Italian Blue Team won the world championship in Miami by a conclusive margin. Afterward the Italians played an exhibition match, in which today's deal occurred. In bidding similar to that shown in the diagram, Pietro Forquet arrived at four hearts. As it happened, the same contract was reached at the other table, and at both tables the opening lead was the 10 of diamonds. Forquet made his contract, but his counterpart went down. How did the play differ?
 First, Forquet. He played the jack

Correction...

In the Sunday issue of the Snyder Daily News, the news story from the Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association should have stated Sterling Williams was the judge and he appointed H.L. Wren who served as the probation officer from 1957 to 1965.

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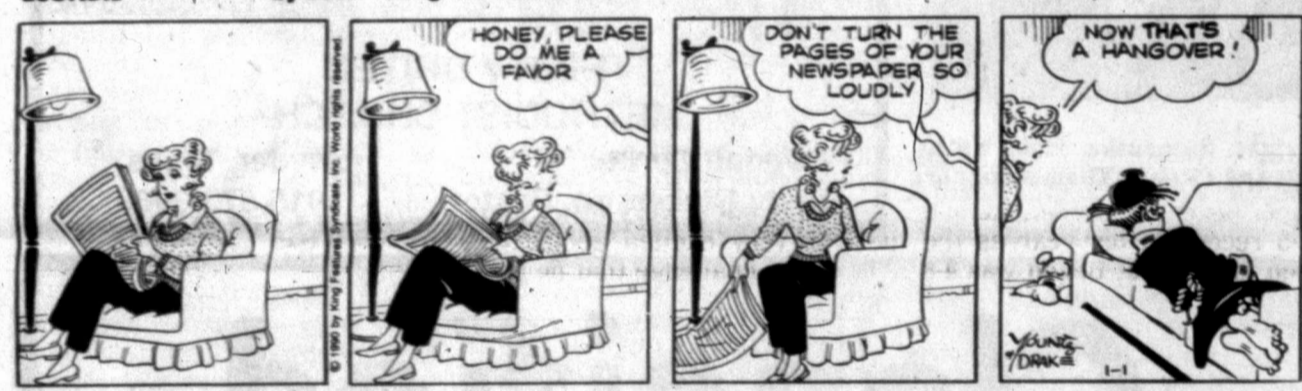
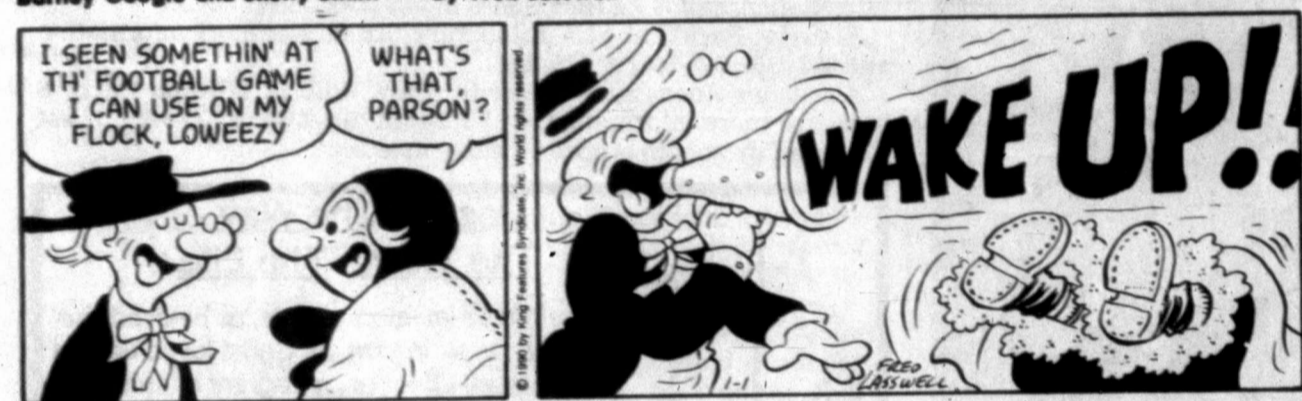
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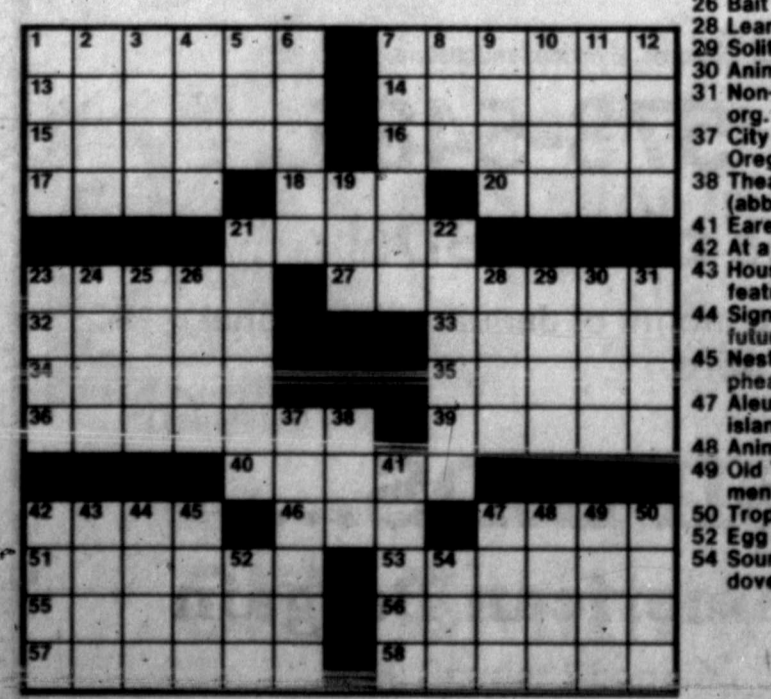
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 - 9 Mackerel's relative
 - 10 Ambush
 - 11 Minutes of court
 - 12 Spool
 - 19 3. Roman
 - 21 Mischievous
 - 22 Area
 - 23 Publicize
 - 24 Parched
 - 25 — angle
 - 26 Bait
 - 28 Leaning
 - 29 Solitary
 - 30 Animal's den
 - 31 Non-profit org.
 - 37 City in Oregon
 - 38 Theater sign (abbr.)
 - 41 Eared seal
 - 42 At a distance
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 - 44 Sign of the future
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 - 47 Aleutian island
 - 48 Animal
 - 49 Old Testament book
 - 50 Tropical fruit
 - 52 Egg drink
 - 54 Sound of a dove



LAFF-A-DAY



Late Saints' kick ends Pokes' year

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys thought for a few fleeting moments Monday night that they might be in the playoffs next weekend at Chicago.

But New Orleans' Morten Andersen put an end to that. Andersen kicked a 24-yard field goal with two seconds left to put New Orleans into the NFL playoffs for only the second time in franchise history as the Saints beat the Los Angeles Rams 20-17 on Monday night.

Andersen's first attempt was blocked by nose tackle Alvin Wright. But Wright was offside and Andersen got a second chance to make Saints history.

"That's the kind of luck the Cowboys have been getting all year long," said Cowboys linebacker Eugene Lockhart.

"We can't take advantage of a situation unless we create it ourselves. We kept our hopes, and it went down to the last seconds, so what can you say. We should have won the last two games. We didn't take care of business, and that's what happens."

Several members of the Dallas team joined scores of Cowboys fans in Lockhart's Cowboys Sports Cafe near the team's headquarters in Irving.

There was little to cheer about until the fourth quarter because New Orleans scored early and had a comfortable lead for most of the contest.

"Why am I here rooting against (Steve) Walsh anyway?" asked Michael Irvin, Cowboys wide receiver and former teammate of Walsh at both the University of Miami and on the Cowboys squad.

His comment came as New Orleans made another successful drive in the middle of the game.

Rookie running back Emmitt Smith didn't see the "blocked" field goal that caused the crowd at the cafe to erupt. He borrowed teammate Kenneth Gant's white coonskin hat and covered his eyes.

"I thought it was a clearly blocked field goal, but then I didn't see it until the replay anyway," Smith said. "I think it would have given L.A. the momentum in that they would have done much better, in the overtime. No telling what might have happened."

"We had a great season. We hoped we'd have an opportunity in the playoffs, but the Saints played hard," Gant said. "Now I hope the Saints go on through the playoffs and hopefully play in the Super Bowl."

Defensive back James Washington echoed those sentiments. "We should have won yesterday," he said. "You rely on other people for your fate — all you can do is have hope."

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"We're disappointed that we didn't make the playoffs after showing so much progress in 1990," Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson said in a prepared statement. "We had a great deal of development this year with our football team, but we still have a long way to go."

"I'll be hoping that (New Orleans) can win two more games so our second-round pick in 1992 becomes a first-round pick."

The Cowboys, who had the NFL's worst record in both 1988 and 1989, lost seven of their first 10 games this season. But then Dallas won four straight games to pull even at 7-7, and playoff fever took hold of Dallas fans.

The Cowboys had only to beat the Philadelphia Eagles or the Atlanta Falcons to nail down the NFC's third and final playoff spot with an 8-8 record.

But Dallas fell to Philadelphia, losing quarterback Troy Aikman for the season with a separated shoulder in the process. With backup quarterback Babe Laufenberg at the helm Sunday, the Cowboys lost to Atlanta.

Because other playoff hopefuls also stumbled at season's end, the Cowboys still had a chance to back into a playoff spot, provided New Orleans lost to the Rams in the final game of the regular season to fall to 7-9. The Cowboys had a tie-breaker edge over the Saints because Dallas beat New Orleans Dec. 2.

Beat Rams, 20-17...

New Orleans claims last spot

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The Saints (8-8) play Sunday at Chicago (11-5), champions of the NFC Central. Their only other trip to the playoffs was in 1987, and Minnesota ended that with a 44-10 victory.

The Rams (5-11) were NFC

runners-up to San Francisco last year.

The Rams gave the Saints a scare when Jim Everett tossed a 1-yard TD pass to Robert Delpino with 1:19 left in the game.

Steve Walsh's 28-yard touchdown to Floyd Turner in the first quarter gave the Saints the lead. Walsh didn't throw at all on the Saints' second touchdown drive, a 10-play, 47-yard march capped by Craig Heyward's 1-

yard plunge.

After Mike Lansford cut the Saints' lead to 7-3 with a 36-yard field goal, Gene Atkins returned the kickoff 50 yards to set up the drive to Heyward's score. Heyward carried seven times for 27 of the 47 yards.

A big special teams play also set up a short drive to New Orleans' first score. Vince Buck returned a punt 33 yards to the Rams' 36-yard line. Heyward got 12 yards up the middle, and Walsh hit Turner after another running play lost 3 yards.

The Rams closed to 14-10 with 13:31 to go in the fourth quarter on a 47-yard pass from Everett to Willie "Flipper" Anderson, but Andersen, who had missed from 51 yards in the first quarter and 48 in the second, made a field goal from 41 yards with 6:08 to go in the game.

NFL glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	13	3	0	.813	428	263
y-Miami	12	4	0	.750	328	242
Indianapolis	7	9	0	.438	281	353
N.Y. Jets	6	10	0	.375	295	345
New England	1	15	0	.063	181	446
Central						
x-Cincinnati	9	7	0	.563	360	352
y-Houston	9	7	0	.563	405	307
Pittsburgh	9	7	0	.563	292	240
Cleveland	3	13	0	.188	228	462
West						
x-LA Raiders	12	4	0	.750	327	268
y-Kansas City	11	5	0	.688	309	257
Seattle	9	7	0	.563	306	286
San Diego	6	10	0	.375	315	281
Denver	5	11	0	.313	331	374
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	13	3	0	.813	325	211
y-Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	306	299
y-Washington	10	6	0	.625	381	301
Dallas	7	9	0	.438	244	308
Phoenix	5	11	0	.313	268	396
Central						
x-Chicago	11	5	0	.688	348	280
Tampa Bay	6	10	0	.375	294	267
Detroit	6	10	0	.375	373	413
Green Bay	6	10	0	.375	271	347
Minnesota	6	10	0	.375	351	326
West						
x-San Francisco	14	2	0	.875	353	229
y-New Orleans	8	8	0	.500	274	275
LA Rams	5	11	0	.313	345	412
Atlanta	5	11	0	.313	348	385

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George Allen...

Former NFL coach dies at 72

RANCHO PALOS VERDES, Calif. (AP) — George Allen, a hard-driving, slightly eccentric coach who had a knack for making winners out of losing teams, died Monday at 72.

Greg Allen said his father died at home. No further details were immediately available.

Allen, who coached the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins of the NFL and two teams with the USFL, had ended a 5-year retirement to coach at Long Beach State in December of 1989.

In an interview last Thursday, Allen admitted that he hadn't

been completely healthy since his players drenched him with icewater to celebrate a season-ending victory over Nevada-Las Vegas.

"We couldn't afford Gatorade," he said with a smile.

Allen said his season at Long Beach State was the most rewarding of his entire career. He had a 6-5 record in his year as the coach after Long Beach was 4-8 the previous season.

Allen ranks as the winningest coach in team history for both the Rams and the Redskins. He was 49-17-4, a .742 percentage with Los Angeles, and 67-30-1, .691, with Washington.

Although he had excellent records in the pros, he never was able to produce an NFL champion. The closest he came was with the Redskins in the 1972 season, when they lost 14-7 to the Miami Dolphins in the seventh Super Bowl.

Allen was known for wild spending to build a winner and trading draft choices for veterans.

The Redskins kept winning but he was fired after the 1977 season. The late Edward Bennett Williams, who owned the team, said "George was given an unlimited budget — and exceeded it."

Allen's celebrated coaching career, which covered six decades, began in 1948 at Moringside College in Sioux City, Iowa. In his first year, the team had a 3-6 record.

It was one of only three times he had a losing record, the other two coming at Whittier College in 1951 and 1954.

"I talked to Coach Allen a few weeks ago and he was just so excited about the winning season he had at Long Beach State," said Houston Oilers coach Jack Pardee, who played under Allen as a linebacker with the Washington Redskins. "Coach Allen always thrived on building something out of very little. And he was very excited about the continuing challenge that he had at Long Beach."

Allen was constantly surrounded by controversy. He was fired by the Redskins following the 1977 season and landed back in Los Angeles. But the Rams fired him just two games into the 1978 exhibition schedule. Allen also had two winning seasons in the now-defunct USFL in the mid-1980s.

He took over the struggling Rams in 1966 and led the team to a 8-6 record, their first winning season in eight years. The next year, the Rams finished first in the division with an 11-1-2 record, Allen's best single season mark.

Building the Redskins by trading away future draft choices for older players that other teams had given up on, Allen led the Redskins into the Super Bowl with an 11-3 regular-season record and playoff victories over Green Bay and Dallas.

His most recent pro coaching job was with the Arizona Wranglers of the United States Football League in 1984, where he was 10-8. Allen also coached the Chicago Blitz of the USFL in 1983, leading them to a 12-6 mark.

He is survived by his wife Etty, a daughter and three sons.

Snyder girls play Permian

Snyder's Lady Tigers will celebrate New Year's Day by playing a non-district basketball game against Odessa Permian today.

Junior varsity action begins at 6 p.m. followed at 7:30 p.m. by the varsity tilt.

The Lady Tigers, now 5-8 on the season, are coming off back-to-back losses in the West Texas Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament in Slaton last weekend.

Snyder fell to Abilene, 53-27, in the event's opening round and was edged by Wall, 33-32, on a buzzer-beater on Saturday.

Freda Clay poured in 12 points and Dessie Ware added nine for SHS in the loss to Wall.

Today's game against the Lady Panthers will mark the end of Snyder's non-district schedule.

District 2-4A competition begins Friday night in Scurry County Coliseum when the Lady Panthers host No. 2 ranked Levelland.

Young cagers set for season

Teams have been selected and practice sites decided upon for the 1991 Snyder Boys Little Dribblers.

Workouts begin Wednesday for the teams of 8-12 year-old boys and regular season games start Monday, Jan. 14, at Travis Gym

at 30th St. and Ave. M. Questions about the league should be directed to the Boys Club at 573-3344.

Rosters and practice sites, when available, are listed below.

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	23	5	.821	—
Philadelphia	19	10	.655	4 1/2
New York	12	15	.444	10 1/2
Washington	11	17	.393	12
New Jersey	10	18	.357	13
Miami	8	21	.276	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	21	5	.774	—
Chicago	20	9	.690	1
Detroit	19	11	.633	2 1/2
Atlanta	15	13	.536	5 1/2
Cleveland	11	18	.379	10
Indiana	11	18	.379	10
Charlotte	9	18	.333	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	19	6	.760	—
Utah	19	10	.655	2
Houston	16	13	.552	5
Dallas	10	16	.385	9 1/2
Minnesota	8	19	.296	12
Orlando	7	23	.233	14 1/2
Denver	6	23	.207	15

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	27	4	.871	—
Phoenix	18	9	.667	7
LA Lakers	17	9	.654	7 1/2
Golden State	15	13	.536	10 1/2
Seattle	12	15	.444	13
LA Clippers	11	18	.379	15
Sacramento	6	21	.222	19

Saturday's Games

Milwaukee 109, New York 106
Utah 131, LA Clippers 102
Charlotte 108, Orlando 106
Portland 120, Cleveland 114
Detroit 99, Houston 84
Indiana 114, New Jersey 106
Washington 161, Denver 133
Atlanta 124, Golden State 130
Chicago 116, Seattle 91
Dallas 90, Sacramento 79
Phoenix 134, Miami 95

Sunday's Games

Orlando 135, Denver 116
Minnesota 126, Seattle 106
Milwaukee 117, Portland 142
LA Lakers 115, Philadelphia 107
Miami 112, LA Clippers 97

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

LA Clippers at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Boston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Bowl glance

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Friday, Dec. 28

All American Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
North Carolina State 31, Southern Mississippi 27

Blockbuster Bowl
At Miami
Florida State 24, Penn State 17

Saturday, Dec. 29

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Auburn 27, Indiana 23

Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Colorado St. 32, Oregon 31

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas A&M 65, Brigham Young 14

Monday, Dec. 31

John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Michigan State 17, Southern Cal 16

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
California 17, Wyoming 15

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Michigan (8-3) vs. Mississippi (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Clemson (9-2) vs. Illinois (8-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia Tech (10-0-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas (10-1) vs. Miami, Fla. (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Louisville (9-1-1) vs. Alabama (7-4), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Washington (9-2) vs. Iowa (8-3), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Colorado (10-1-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Virginia (8-3) vs. Tennessee (9-2-2), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

SUNS — Eric Gard, Jacob Hodges, Reid Johnson, John Martinez, Justin McNair, Matt Mandrell, Andy Parker, Jacob Smith, Aaron Spansell, Levi Mandrell, Ryan Gibson, Josh Heaton. No practice site listed.

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TIGERS — Bryan Billings, Patrick Cumble, Casey Fitzgerald, Michael Perez, Chris Post, Jack Hedges, Chris Ramirez, Luis Silva, David Smith. Practice at Northeast Elementary.

RAIDERS — Jeremy Blagg, Seth Crawford, Oscar Aguilar, Luke Green, Casey Jones, Matthew Fambro, L.S. McClain, Chris Ortega, Chris Riggins, Duane Sutherland. Practice at East Elementary.

Yanks ink pitcher

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Firms gets help from CIA, U.S., and Britain

HOUSTON (AP) — Efforts by a Houston engineering company to rescue 550 of its workers stranded in the Middle East after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait read like something out of a spy novel.

But M.W. Kellogg Co. officials said they would go through the five-month ordeal again to ensure the safety of their employees.

"I have met all kinds of people since August 2, some of them dark and smarmy," said David L. Bartlett, Kellogg's vice president of administration and the executive who coordinated the operation.

"But this was not a Chuck Norris film," he said. "This was real life, and these were real people."

The secret hostage rescue campaign included smuggled cash, fake passports, plans for a desert commando raid, help from the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. and British diplomats, and a shuttling of Kellogg executives from Houston to Washington to Bombay to Baghdad.

Like other U.S. firms operating in Kuwait, Kellogg officials were stunned on the morning of Aug. 2 when Iraq invaded.

Kellogg's Kuwait administrator Bill Mills, 62, assured the 558 Kellogg workers who lived in a camp adjacent to the plant that all was well — the same thing the U.S. ambassador in Kuwait had told company executives two days earlier.

The workers, most of them from China, India and the Philip-

ines, were told not to panic, that Kellogg would take care of them, that they would not be abandoned.

"Everyone really expected the Iraqi army to leave," Mills said. "No one in the early days thought they were going to dig in their heels."

But it wasn't until Dec. 9 that Kellogg was able to get its three executives and one of their wives back to Houston aboard a private jet supplied by Coastal Corp. chairman Oscar Wyatt and former Texas Gov. John Connally.

Kellogg executive Peter McLeod, usually based in Kellogg's London office, became trapped in Baghdad when he went to the airport to retrieve some missing luggage. McLeod and Kellogg consultant Jack Stewart, who had accompanied him on the trip, were surprised to find Baghdad virtually unaffected.

"My general feeling was that after a few days, the airport was going to open again," McLeod said. "The idea was to retreat and lay quiet until the dust cleared."

Mike Adams, Mills' boss in Kuwait, had been in Houston since July 1 for a family vacation. He helped rally support for his workers at Kellogg's Houston offices, setting up round-the-clock telephone operators for any messages from employees.

Kellogg officials, meanwhile, began working with their parent

company, Dresser Industries of Dallas, to plan a rescue effort. They interviewed the military expert hired by Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot when he launched a successful rescue of his employees from Iran a decade earlier. They talked to mercenaries and even figured out it would take 14 helicopters to free their workers. But they dismissed the idea.

"We realized there was more risk than we could manage," Bartlett said. "If we send in Charlie Coleslaw with two bayonets and a couple of bedouins, we could lose our people."

A Jordanian employee called Kellogg headquarters from Saudi Arabia on Aug. 17, saying nearly 100 Kellogg workers had escaped from Kuwait and were in Saudi Arabia.

As foreigners fled out of Kuwait to Jordan, Adams sent his Jordanian partner to Jordan to look through refugee camps for Kellogg workers. The Jordanian and an Indian colleague spent two months looking through camps for familiar faces, eventually locating 260 of them.

The workers were given a plane ticket home, \$100 in travel expenses, and their July salary.

Later Kellogg sent employees to track down laborers who had managed to get to their homes in Manila and Bombay. By middle of the fall, Kellogg had accounted for all of the laborers at the

Kuwaiti plant.

Their safe departure left only Mills, his wife, McLeod, and Stewart in the occupied countries.

Kellogg tried to get their names on a list presented to Saddam by former heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali, but their names were later stricken by the Iraqi leader, who allowed Ali to take only 15 hostages home with him.

Mills and his wife, Khadijah, an American of Iranian descent,

meanwhile continued to hide out, obtaining fake passports. Kellogg had tried to smuggle in fake passports for the couple, but the smugglers were arrested and the passports confiscated.

"We decided that if by the second day of December, there was not evidence of a withdrawal from Kuwait, we would let the army take me and my wife would go home," Mills said.

But when Iraq mounted anti-aircraft guns on the roof of the couple's building, the pair left for

Baghdad on Nov. 29 with a group of Danish citizens. Once there, they again went into hiding, but were able to phone home from a safe house.

When Kellogg officials learned Connally and Wyatt were meeting with Saddam, they began lobbying Connally's wife, Nellie, to get their executives out. Connally not only included their names, but also stalled Iraqi soldiers as Stewart drove to the city to meet the plane.

1960 massacre split Cabinet

LONDON (AP) — The 1960 Sharpeville massacre in which South African police shot and killed 69 blacks sharply divided the British government, newly released Cabinet records from that period showed Monday.

The Cabinet took several days to debate how Britain should respond to a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the shootings and urging changes in South Africa's internal racial apartheid policies, the papers show.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was in a particularly difficult situation because only weeks earlier he had made his historic "wind of change" speech in Cape Town, urging South Africa's white rulers to move toward racial equality.

But he was not prepared to back the U.N. resolution after the

massacre, according to the documents, released Monday after being kept secret for 30 years as British law stipulates.

Dozens of people were injured March 21, 1960, when police opened fire on thousands of demonstrators in the black township of Sharpeville, near Johannesburg. The people were protesting the pass laws restricting blacks' freedom of movement. The laws were repealed in 1986.

The papers show Macmillan agreed with his foreign secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, and Commonwealth secretary, Lord Home, that the U.N. resolution represented unwarranted interference in another country's internal affairs, and would not be good for the United Nations.

But Education Secretary Sir David Eccles said there were

strong arguments for supporting such a resolution, the papers show.

Interference could be successfully resisted only if the policies in question were recognized as reasonably humane, Eccles argued. It would be in the best interests of the South African government to adjust its internal policies, he said.

But Macmillan countered that he also wanted to avoid a crisis in the Commonwealth, a voluntary association of Britain and its former colonies and dominions of which South Africa was then a member.

The Cabinet finally agreed that it would be best for Britain to abstain in the U.N. vote on the resolution, the papers show.

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Economic slowdown could cost more jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The New Year will bring tough economic times, according to many forecasters who say 1991 will begin with America in a mild recession that could cost an additional 1 million jobs.

Inflation will moderate somewhat in 1991 according to these estimates, and interest rates for mortgages, car loans and other purchases should drift downward in the coming months.

These economic forecasters express optimism that the recession could end sometime in midyear, in part because of expanded export sales and improvements in the housing industry. But there's a catch: a war in the Persian Gulf that damages oil production facilities could lead to a deeper, more severe downturn.

"Anything that gets the crisis over with in a hurry, whether it is a quick war or a quick peace, helps the economy," said David Wyss, chief financial economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc.

"But if the crisis drags out and it keeps oil prices high and consumer confidence low, then that will make the recession worse."

Other dangers could scuttle hopes that the recession will be a brief one, ranging from the huge consumer, business and government debt left over from the 1980s to signs of serious weakness in the nation's banking system.

And the most recent indicators are discouraging. The government announced on Friday that its chief economic forecasting gauge, the Index of Leading Indicators, fell 1.2 percent in November for the fifth monthly drop in a row.

"The basic message is there's

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

Not everyone is as pessimistic. "There is a list of risks to the forecast as far as the eye can see," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "But the most optimistic prospect is that by midyear some sort of recovery will be emerging."

"By this time next year, I believe we will all feel a little better about our economic opportunities and the pessimism that seems pervasive now will be a distant memory," said Mark Zandi, an economist with Regional Financial Associates of West Chester, Pa.

Following is a look at how analysts believe a variety of economic barometers will perform in 1991:

—GNP: Estimates on the amount that the total output of goods and services will shrink during the recession range from less than 0.6 percent to above 2 percent. The average drop in output in the eight previous post-World War II recessions is 2.6 percent. Given the fact that analysts believe there will be a rebound in the second half of 1991, they are forecasting a modest GNP increase of around 0.4 percent for the year as a whole.

—UNEMPLOYMENT: The jobless rate, which had fallen as low as 5.2 percent earlier in 1990, rose to 5.9 percent in November as the economic slowdown showed up in layoffs and production cutbacks. Analysts predicted that the unemployment rate

would rise to around 7 percent before beginning to improve. Each percentage point increase in the jobless rate translates into about 1 million more people out of work.

—INFLATION: The one bright spot for 1991 is the widespread belief that consumer prices, which shot up at an annual rate of

6.4 percent in the first 11 months of 1990, will moderate. Many forecasters are predicting the Consumer Price Index will rise less than 4 percent in 1991 although they caution that this prediction is based on an assumption that the Persian Gulf crisis will be resolved without pushing oil prices higher for a sustained

period.
—INTEREST RATES: The Federal Reserve, which has already pushed short-term interest rates down by a full percentage point in the past two months, will keep lowering rates to rekindle economic growth. Sinai said he was looking for banks' prime rate the ben-

chmark rate for many business and consumer loans, to be around 8.5 percent by next summer. The prime rate at many banks is currently 10 percent. Analysts were also forecasting that mortgage rates, currently at 9.6 percent for fixed-rate loans, will drop as low as 9 percent next year.

Slump in 1990 pinned to Gulf crisis

NEW YORK (AP) — Instability in Europe, the threat of war in the Middle East and economic woes everywhere pushed world stock markets down sharply in 1990, and strategists said the new year hinges on the course of those events.

In major markets, Japan tumbled on overvalued stocks and high interest rates and Germany sank as the effect of absorbing its formerly Communist eastern neighbor set in, while Britain benefited from a weak dollar.

According to an index of 20 major markets by Morgan Stanley Capital International, world stock markets tumbled 23 percent in 1990 through Friday as measured in local currencies. The American, Canadian and British stock markets were open Monday, but most 1990 trading worldwide ended Friday.

Excluding the United States and Canada, the decline for U.S. investors playing foreign markets translated to 24.4 percent in 1990, compared to a 9.1 percent increase in dollar terms in 1989, Morgan Stanley said.

"Basically we had a year where the consequences of high real interest rates came out," said Richard B. Hoey, chief economist with Barclays de Zoete Wedd. He said higher rates

in Germany and Japan were felt worldwide.

Market strategists said Monday that the world developments that shaped 1990 will spill over as the dominant themes of 1991. Among the key questions:

—Will the United States go to war with Iraq? Rising oil prices had a bad inflationary effect on equity markets from Stockholm to Singapore, and trading closely followed the movements of oil prices.

—How bad will the world financial crisis get? The pace of

slowdowns in Europe and Japan and recessions in Britain and the United States, and the movement of interest rates, particularly in Germany, are considered keys to 1991 stock market performance.

—Will the tinder box politics of the Soviet Union ignite? Will Eastern Europe become more than an economic drain for the West? Economists said the potential for quick gains there is slim, but that disaster could depress stock markets.

In the Morgan Stanley index, Japan's stock market dropped 39.9 percent in yen terms in 1990,

the world's second worst performance behind a 40.2 percent fall in Finland. Germany declined 20.9 percent, France fell 25.2 percent and Italy lost 29 percent in their local currencies.

The declines were smaller when measured in U.S. dollars, which fell against European currencies for the year.

The best performer in local terms was the Hong Kong market, which rose 4.6 percent. The U.S. market was down 5.9 percent, according to Morgan Stanley.

Fast chases...

Police can be held liable

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court ruled Monday that police may be held liable for accidents resulting from high-speed chases in some cases.

The decision reversed earlier rulings in a 1983 Mesquite crash that killed one man. The Supreme Court sent the case back to a Dallas County district court to determine if the police and the city of Mesquite should be held liable.

Brenda Ann Travis sued Mesquite and police officers who followed a suspect driving the wrong way down a one-way street, according to court records.

The suspect's car crashed into Ms. Travis' vehicle, killing one of her passengers, Leonel Lozano, according to court documents. She and other passengers were

injured.

The trial court ruled against Ms. Travis. The Dallas-based 5th Court of Appeals upheld that

Auditor

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Judge Dulaney's letter to the court on Monday read:

"Gentlemen:

"The State of Texas has devised a system of checks and balances in county government. The supervision of the auditor's office by the district judge is part of that system. The county auditor's office is specifically removed from control of the commissioner's court in order to prevent the development of possible conflict of interest.

"To paraphrase Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 84.002 (a) County Auditor is appointed by the district judge for a term of two years. Amount of compensation and allowances due auditor to be fixed and determined by the district judge. Sec. 84.021 (a) Auditor determines number of assistants needed, submits names of applicants to district judge, who has final approval of assistants. Judge sets salaries of assistants.

"District Judge has general supervision over the auditor's office.

"Any action taken by the Commissioner's Court in an attempt to shift any powers, duties or functions of the auditor's office to any other office would be invalid and unenforceable. The auditor is responsible for determining the functions of his office. Any attempt by the commissioner's court to usurp these functions will be legally void.

"It is my understanding that the county payroll has been prepared in the auditor's office locally due to mutual consent of the auditor's and treasurer's offices. As I have stated repeatedly, I have no objection to its preparation in the treasurer's office, but caution you that another employee will not be necessary for this preparation.

"I am aware of two attorney general's opinions relating to the preparation of the payroll by the treasurer's office. They make no mention of any other function.

"It is not within the province of the commissioner's court to interfere in the functions of the auditor's office any more than it is within their province to interfere with the legal functions of any elected official.

"I deem the present court's reasons for attempting to interfere in the legal and statutory management of the auditor's office on its last day in office to be highly questionable.

"The number of assistants approved by me for the auditor's office shall remain at two."

Dulaney did not attend Monday's commissioners court meeting, and the letter was not mentioned in that meeting which was attended by about 30 people. The action was taken in the final meeting of 1990, and three new court members were scheduled to be sworn in this morning.

Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. made the motion to move the clerical duties of the auditor's office to the treasurer's office, but said the attorney general opinion could take from two to six months.

decision.

But the Supreme Court's decision, written by Justice C.L. Ray, said police must balance the public risk when deciding whether to give chase. "Public safety should not be thrown to the winds in the heat of the chase," he said.

Justice Eugene Cook wrote a sharp dissent, which in turn drew criticism from Justice Lloyd Doggett, who voted with the majority.

Cook wrote: "The majority has changed 100 years of established law and has made the police officers of this state liable for the negligent conduct of drug dealers, drunken drivers, and other felons."

Countered Doggett: "If a rookie officer sprayed a crowd with automatic weapons fire in pursuit of a purse snatcher, we would have no difficulty in questioning such conduct."

Ray's decision sent the case back to district court, but he said two officers in the chase, who responded to the radio call from two other officers who began it, couldn't be held liable for the accident.

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November approved a low pressure water line replacement project for an estimated \$167,125 as part of a five-year, \$1.14 million water improvements plan.

—Scurry County Extension Agent Marvin Ensor resigned effective Nov. 30 and was replaced on Dec. 26 by Mike Morrow, who had been on staff with the extension office in Williamson County.

DECEMBER

—Western Texas College President Dr. Harry Krenek was named as one of four finalists for the position of president at Angelina College in Lufkin in early December. The Angelina College board of trustees will make its decision in January.

—Scurry County area gins had ginned about 37,000 bales of cotton by the year's end and are expecting some 59,000 total by February. The crop has been said to be the best in some 10 years. Glenn Tate of Hermleigh was the first to have his cotton ginned on Oct. 15.

—United Way reached its goal of \$78,000 in December. Allocations were listed as \$28,000 to Scurry County Boy's Club, \$15,800 to Snyder Child Day Care, \$13,800 to Noah Project, \$6,000 each to the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, \$3,600 to Oil Patch Foster Parents, and \$500 each to the Red Cross and Salvation Army. There were also \$3,000 in campaign expenses.

Rainfall for the year was 30.49 inches — in marked contrast to the previous year, which witnessed only 11.71 inches.

Britain and France declared war on Germany Sept. 3, 1939, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland. It was the beginning of World War II.

Obituaries

G.T. Berryhill

1915-1990

LEVELLAND — Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Price Funeral Home for G. T. "Doodle" Berryhill, 75, who died Monday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial will follow in the City of Levelland Cemetery.

He was the brother of Raymond Berryhill, LaFon Berryhill and Lanell Hogan, all of Snyder.

A former resident of Snyder, he had lived in Levelland since 1945. He was born in Lubbock and was an Army Air Corp veteran of World War II. He owned the Berryhill Packing Plant and Levelland Meat Market.

Other survivors include his wife, Laverne; a daughter, Janice Steed of Lubbock; another sister, Rudene Gladson of Prescott, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

Cora E. Sherrill

1910-1990

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Cora Edith Sherrill, 80, of Snyder Nursing Center. The Rev. Arlyne Turnquist, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church and Grace Lutheran Church, will officiate.

Mrs. Sherrill died at approximately 8 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Nursing Center.

She was born on March 31, 1910 at Rising Star. She was married to Mervin Thurman and he preceded her in death in 1985. She later married Max O. Sherrill in 1954 in Bakersfield, Calif. and they were married 25 years. He preceded her in death in 1987. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter, Mervine Reed of Odessa; a son, P. Dwayne Thurman of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Ruby Thorp of Oildale, Calif., and Eula Grisham of Rising Star; one brother, Lonnie Boyd of Brady; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Bush's message for New Year boosts Gorbachev

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a videotaped New Year's greeting to "all the wonderful people of the Soviet Union," President Bush offered a word of encouragement Monday to a beleaguered Mikhail Gorbachev, saluting him for undertaking "an arduous journey" toward a new society.

Gulf

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Sunday.

Luxembourg took over the European Community presidency today and the 12-nation trade bloc plans Friday to discuss a possible political settlement to the gulf crisis.

The Luxembourgian foreign minister, Jacques Poos, said he expected some member states to push for him to meet with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

King Hussein of Jordan has vigorously pursued a diplomatic solution to the crisis ever since it began with Iraq's Aug. 2 seizure of Kuwait. He was scheduled to travel to Europe for talks with some leaders this week.

In an effort to keep the anti-Iraq alliance strong and search for ways to avoid war, Baker will probably visit Saudi Arabia and other Middle East allies early this month.

A Bush administration official who revealed the possible Baker trip said the visit would be to "touch bases" with gulf leaders. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

There are no immediate plans for Baker to travel to Iraq, but one U.S. official said Saddam Hussein could invite Baker to Baghdad.

Saddam has suggested that Baker meet with him on Jan. 12, a date the Bush administration contends is too close to the Jan. 15 deadline. U.S. officials had proposed Jan. 3 to begin talks.

But the State Department is now saying that it has not ruled out a Baker trip to Iraq after Jan. 3.

In other developments:

—Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu of Japan said his nation is ready to offer economic aid to Iraq if it withdraws peacefully from Kuwait. Japan, which had been Iraq's top aid donor, froze about \$3 billion in assistance after the invasion. No specific aid figure was noted in the New Year's message.

—Iraqi Health Minister Abdul-Salam Mohammed Said claimed Monday that more than 4,200 people have died because of shortages in medical supplies caused by the U.N. trade embargo. Western officials have challenged similar Iraqi claims.

—In Washington, the Army said Monday it is ordering to active duty 2,667 National Guard and Army Reserve members. More than 125,000 reservists have been called to active duty since late August.

—The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Bush should face impeachment if he leads the nation to war against Iraq without congressional consent. "The focus should be on the goal of getting Iraq out of Kuwait, not on a cutoff date," Jackson said Monday in New Orleans.

Arrests open the new year

Snyder police made four arrests in the first few hours of the new year, including two for DWI in the first 90 minutes.

At 12:01 a.m. today, a 34-year-old male was arrested in the 700 block of the Lubbock Hwy. and at 1:04 a.m., another 34-year-old male was arrested at 30th St. and Ave. F. Both subjects were arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to Scurry County Jail.

Police were called to a fight in the 900 block of 13th St. at 3:16 a.m. As authorities arrived, two male subjects fled the area on foot into a pasture at 17th St. and Ave. G.

The two were later apprehended in the 1700 block of Ave. G. An 18-year-old male was identified and a report for evading arrest was filed. Also identified in the incident was a 15-year-old male who was charged with evading arrest and public intoxication. He was taken to police headquarters and later released into the custody of a parent. A vehicle was towed from the initial fight location. According to police reports, the case is being forwarded to the district attorney.

Police investigated a report of sexual assault at 4:44 a.m. A man contacted police and said that his wife had been sexually assaulted by two males from Big Spring. The alleged incident may have occurred in Howard County, said police. The case is still under investigation.

In pre-New Year activity, a report for criminal mischief was filed at 9:01 a.m. Monday after Shirley Drum of 2902 34th St. advised officers that damage had been done to a vehicle while parked at the residence.

A minor accident was investigated by police at 3:49 p.m. in the 2100 block of 40th St. Involved were a 1979 Buick driven by Eddythe Boren of 3001 El Paso and a 1974 Plymouth driven by Justin Pinkerton of Colorado City.

SO investigates criminal mischief

A case of criminal mischief on the Shannon Ranch was investigated by the Scurry County sheriff's office Monday afternoon.

According to a witness, a black or dark green Ford pickup ran through a fence just east of the ranch entry, made a circle and then left the scene. A small grass fire resulted.

According to SO reports, paint was found on a fence post where entry was made.

Speaker Gib Lewis releases statement

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the full text of a statement issued by House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, several hours after he was booked Monday on two misdemeanor ethics counts:

"This is the first time I've made any statement since the misdemeanor complaints were filed against me last Friday.

"I am shocked and disappointed for two reasons — first, because the specific misdemeanor charges are groundless and untrue. To the best of my knowledge, no evidence exists — nor does the firm of Heard, Goggan, the taxing authority or the Travis County district attorney have any evidence — that the firm paid one dime of my taxes. To date I have been unable to determine what, if any, penalty and interest was paid by the firm. It was certainly never my intention to receive a gift, and the transaction was never described

to me in those terms. Even when reports surfaced in the press that Heard, Goggan may have paid a portion of penalty and interest, I asked them to send me a statement so I could determine what, if any, penalty and interest was paid by the firm. The statement I received was for approximately \$2,000 but it is still unclear, because there was no line-by-line itemization, whether this is entirely an attorney's fee or includes some penalty or interest.

"This is a business settlement. I complained to the tax collectors that I felt no penalty, interest or attorney's fees were due because I had not received proper notification of taxes owed. Penalty and interest are accrued because of a late payment but I felt and still feel that since I was not properly notified — nor was I as an individual responsible for this tax owed by a business that I did not totally own, did not par-

ticipate in the management of, nor have any control over — that I should not be saddled with penalty, interest or attorney's fees. I am a public servant — but does this mean I can't even complain about a light bill or a water bill that is too high? If I receive a tax bill that reflects what I consider an overvalued assessment of my property, don't I have a right to complain? And if because of my complaint my property is reassessed and my tax bill is lowered have I received a gift? Of course not.

"My second concern is the conduct of the district attorney's office, and its deliberate attempts at character assassination. Misdemeanor complaints don't even require a grand jury.

"It's also shocking that the D.A. would so openly admit that he is trying to influence the speaker's election. Earlier this month, the D.A. said that 'the

election of speaker is not relevant to the grand jury investigation.' But now he is literally campaigning — and running a dirty campaign in my estimation — to influence the speaker's election.

"This is unethical and reprehensible behavior. It is an abuse of power the likes of which I've never seen in my 20-plus years of public service.

"My response in the context of a political campaign would be to counterattack — to ask him some hard questions — to get him to back off personal attacks — in the form of leaks to the press — about me and my family. But I'm not going to do that. What I am going to do is focus on the tough issues facing the Legislature in the upcoming session.

"I've seen campaigns get dirtier and dirtier over the years — but I've never had anyone stoop to this kind of ruthless campaigning — and that's just what it is."



SPEECH SQUAD PERFORMS — Western Texas College students who performed as the Speech Squad for Midwest Electric's Christmas banquet include, left to right, Charles Pitcox of Talpa, Joe Gloria of Sweetwater and Scott Carouthers of Patton Springs. Other squad members not pictured include Christi Wilcox of Monahans and Andra McKinney of Colorado City. They are under the direction of Jan McCathern, assistant WTC professor of speech. (Midwest Photo)

WTC's Speech Squad performs for banquet

The Speech Squad of Western Texas College presented the Christmas program for Midwest Electric's Christmas banquet. The program was an adaptation of the Christmas Happening program, "Twas the Night Before Christmas — Christmas Memories.

For sharing the program with Midwest Electric, a donation was given to the speech scholarship fund.

The Speech Squad consists of five WTC students: Charles Pitcox of Talpa, Scott Carouthers of Patton Spring, Joe Gloria of Sweetwater, Christi Wilcox of Monahans and Andra McKinney of Colorado City. Pitcox, Carouthers and Gloria performed at the Midwest holiday banquet, but Wilcox and McKinney were unable to attend. All five WTC students performed during the Christmas Happening.

The program was scripted by the students under the direction of Jan McCathern, assistant professor of speech.

McCathern explained that four squad members were introduced to a new "free performance" method of scripting a show last October during the Baylor Bear Hug Pinau Festival. The visiting professor was a Dr. Elsa Pinau from Southern Illinois.

This spring the students will help run two speech tournaments on the WTC campus, the Brock Memorial Speech Tournament in February and the district 2-4A UIL meet in March. The squad also plans to attend the University of North Texas Interp Festival and prepare another local show for presentation in April.

Sports of '90

Follies reigned on and off the field

By George Robinson

NEW YORK (NEA) — Earl Warren, who became chief justice of the United States, always turned first to the sports pages when he read his morning newspaper. "I like to read about man's triumphs," he explained. "I see enough of his follies the rest of the day."

In 1990, that wouldn't have worked. Greed and venality were as common in sports as anywhere. Here's a quick look back at the year in sports:

BASEBALL: Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent is his own man. He got players and owners to the bargaining table in the spring training lockout; and later he ousted controversial New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner.

The growth that characterized baseball in the 1980s reached into the new decade. The only earthquake at this year's World Series took place on the field: the underdog Cincinnati Reds swept the Oakland Athletics.

Cecil Fielder became the first American Leaguer to top 50 home runs in a season since 1961. A record nine no-hitters were tossed in the big leagues, including a sixth career no-no for Nolan Ryan (who also got his 300th victory).

FOOTBALL: No matter how you define greatness in a pro quarterback, Joe Montana fills the bill. In Super Bowl XIV, he led the San Francisco 49ers to a 55-10 thumping of the Denver Broncos and their second consecutive NFL title. This season his passing boosted the 'Niners back into the playoffs.

Off the field, the NFL suffered the black eye. Members of the New England Patriots sexually taunted football writer Lisa Olson while she tried to conduct a locker room interview.

In the college ranks, upheaval seized the day, on and off the field. Notre Dame cut its own TV deal with NBC. Penn State is moving to the Big Ten. Arkansas and South Carolina to the SEC. Florida State to the ACC.

On the field, Michigan, Notre Dame, Miami, Virginia and Colorado (which eventually climbed back) were upset after various stints as No. 1. But quarterback Ty Detmer of BYU was the clear winner of the Heisman

Trophy.

BASKETBALL: The Detroit Pistons repeated as NBA champions, battering a resurrected Portland team 4-1 in the finals. In San Antonio, the long-awaited arrival of "the Admi-

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ral," David Robinson, spurred the Spurs to the greatest one-season turnaround in league history: from 21-61 to 56-26.

The NCAA's worst nightmare came true, as scandal-plagued coach Jerry Tarkanian finally won a national title at UNLV. His Runnin' Rebels destroyed Duke, 103-73, the worst drubbing in an NCAA final.

HOCKEY: The Edmonton Oilers didn't need that Gretzky fellow after all. They won their fifth Stanley Cup in seven years behind MVP Mark Messier. Their improbable playoff hero was Bill Ranford, a back-up goalie who replaced an injured Grant Fuhr.

BOXING: In what was called the sport's greatest upset ever, James "Buster" Douglas, a 42-1 underdog, knocked out Mike Tyson last February to win the undisputed heavyweight title. He didn't wear the crown for long. On Oct. 25, Evander Holyfield flattened the overweight and undertrained Douglas in the third round of their title fight.

HORSE RACING: It was a somber year in the Sport of Kings. On Breeders' Cup day, when Go for Wand was destroyed and Mr. Nickerson died of a heart attack. In fact, top horses were dropping left and right this year. Grand Canyon, Great Communicator, Fappiano and top sire Alydar were put down.

The Triple Crown was split three ways: Unbridled won the Kentucky Derby; Sumer Squall, the Preakness; and Go and Go, the Belmont.

Jockey Bill Shoemaker rode his final mount before retiring to a new career as a trainer.

SOCCER: It was the dullest World

Cup ever as defense dominated. West Germany won its third Cup, defeating Argentina on a penalty kick in Rome. It was the first 1-0 final in the history of the tournament. The underdog U.S. team, which will host the Cup in '94, picked up a bit of experience.

GOLF: After weeks of controversy, Shoal Creek, the Alabama host club for the PGA Championship, admitted its first black member. The PGA redrew its rules to bar clubs which practice discrimination from hosting tournaments.

Nick Faldo became the first golfer to win two majors in one year since 1982, notching his second consecutive Masters and winning the British Open. Beth Daniel won an astounding seven events on the LPGA Tour.

Forty-five-year-old Hale Irwin became the oldest man ever to win golf's U.S. Open; and 50-year-old Lee Trevino dominated the Senior Tour.

TENNIS: The Steffi Graf "dynasty" lasted only slightly longer than that of the Oakland A's. Suddenly, both men's and women's singles titles were up for grabs. Eight different players won Grand Slam singles titles. The picture was complicated by the emergence of several rising stars, most notably Jennifer Capriati and Pete Sampras. The United States won its first Davis Cup title since 1982.

AUTO RACING: Arie Luyendyk won the fastest and richest Indy 500 in history, averaging 185.981 and collecting over a million dollars for his Sunday drive. Dale Earnhardt was NASCAR's driver of the year in the closest competition for the title since 1979. He defeated Mark Martin in the final race of the season.

NEW YORK (AP) — He's short and bald and hardly muscular, but on at least one list CBS Inc. Chairman Laurence A. Tisch has more clout than any boxer or baseball player.

Tisch, who has agreed to spend billions for the rights to broadcast baseball, the Olympics and other sports on CBS, holds the top spot in The Sporting News' list of the 100 most powerful figures in sport.

Visit draws mixed reaction

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Snickers rippled through the crowd of several hundred troops when Vice President Dan Quayle pointed out a sign held aloft by three soldiers that read, "Indiana National Guard."

Then he asked the guardsmen to stand and take bows and the laughter turned to a boisterous, comradely round of applause.

These were residents of Quayle's home state serving, as he had, in the Indiana National Guard.

But unlike the vice president's experience, these guardsmen were on the brink of potential combat, serving just 40 miles from the Kuwaiti border, in an area that is likely to be a hotbed of fighting if war breaks out with Iraq.

Quayle joined the guard in 1969 at a time when many young men were getting drafted and shipped to the Vietnam War. Years later, when he was nominated for vice president, allegations swirled that Quayle's well-connected family helped get him into the guard while others were on a long waiting list.

"Honestly, we laughed a lot about it," Sgt. Michael Collins of Buffalo, N.Y., said Monday in describing how he and his friends reacted when they learned Quayle would come to the desert to boost their morale.

It was ironic, said Collins: "First off that he didn't go to Vietnam. Then we listened to Bush that this is not going to be another Vietnam. Then Danny came over."

Collins minded that the vice president visited the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment desert base, but he saw it as somewhat humorous.

While most seemed excited to see the vice president, his visit did cause "a few comments" around the base, said Capt. Norbert Jocz of Blacksburg, Va. But, echoing a common sentiment, Jocz said what really mattered was that Quayle came.

Jocz said he believed that controversy over Quayle's military service has died away in the two years he has been vice president. Many of the young troops Quayle saw during his three-day trip to Saudi Arabia said they didn't think much about his military record one way or the other.

"He did that, but other people have done worse things than him," said Marine Cpl. Kimberly Gender of Bloomfield, Ind.

"We don't ever think about it," Capt. Dan Clancy said after meeting Quayle at the sandy Marine encampment where Clancy flies Harrier attack jets.

Fed authorities probe alleged price fixing of formulas for babies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities investigating alleged price fixing in the baby formula business have subpoenaed company records and the files of an infant health group that opposes formula advertising on grounds it would discourage breast feeding.

Company officials said Monday the subpoenas were issued by the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition.

Antoinette Parisi Eaton, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the records subpoenaed from the academy dealt mainly with its position in opposition to infant formula advertising.

The group is concerned that breast-feeding rates, already falling in the United States, would be reduced further if formula is heavily advertised.

Debbie Feinstein, assistant to the director of the Bureau of Competition, said she understands there has been

"He puts his pants on the same way we do."

Quayle himself brought up his guard service in a backhanded way, throwing out a crowd-pleasing line to the Marines when he said his father and brother had been in the Marines, and thus "notwithstanding my own service in the National Guard, Marines in the Quayle household are No. 1."

Quayle even ran into his old commanding officer from the Indiana guard, Lt. Col. Sam Graves, now assigned to the 22nd Support Command handling public relations in Saudi Arabia.

Graves told reporters he never imagined that under such circumstances he would again meet with Quayle, who served under him as a photographer-journalist in Indiana's 120th Public Information Detachment.

He said the vice president seemed like the same "hard-working, really sincere" guy he had known, who "didn't seem to take himself seriously. He wasn't too impressed with his position."

limited advertising of baby formula, but "certainly it is not the kind of thing that you see on TV."

"To the extent that there is any kind of agreement not to advertise, that would be something that would be a cause for antitrust concern," Ms. Feinstein said. Lack of advertising would make it harder for newcomers to the industry to gain sales, she said.

Ms. Feinstein said the investigation was launched in late May after the bureau received price fixing allegations from state welfare officials and consumer advocates.

Infant formula is a major ingredient of food packages given to low-income families who qualify for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children. The federally funded program, known as WIC, serves about 4.4 million people a month and accounts for one-third of the infant formula sold in the United States.

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Store worker is killed in robbery

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Police arrested a store security guard in connection with the robbery of a Fort Worth department store in which one employee was stabbed to death and another was critically wounded.

Sergio Morales Martinez, 24, of Grand Prairie was arrested Sunday after the surviving woman in the Saturday night attacks named him as the assailant, authorities said.

Martinez was charged with capital murder in the death of Penny Heath, 35, of Fort Worth, who died in Mervyn's Department Store in southwest Fort Worth after being stabbed in the neck.

He was arraigned Sunday night, then taken to the Tarrant County Jail in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

Mrs. Heath and assistant store manager Leslie Graves, 24, were stabbed about 10:15 p.m. Saturday as they were closing the store, Ms. Graves told police. She said that when she went to a back room to set the burglar alarm, she saw a man with a nylon stocking over his head.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Jan. 2, 1991

From time to time in the year ahead you might experience some exciting changes that could be triggered by outside influences over which you have no control. However, they'll work out for you as well as if you authored them yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Some changes might transpire today over which you'll have little control. They could affect your status or reputation, but the outcome should please you. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An individual, whose influence and authority exceeds your own, views you as an equal. In fact, this person might approach you today to form some sort of alliance.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The chances for success today are improving, pertaining to an ambitious objective presently of great importance to you. Do everything you can to give it a positive push.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Friends will be attracted to you today, because they'll sense you'll be fun to be around. You generate an appealing charisma that brightens all of your involvements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) That innate, lucky feeling you're likely to experience today is accurate, even if there is an absence of visible endorsements. Things should eventually work out to your satisfaction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Conditions are ripe today for you to do things on a rather grand scale. If you have ideas or concepts that can be expanded, don't be fearful of doing so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If recent events have been providing indications that Lady Luck is in your corner regarding financial investments, this could be the day to put her to the test.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be more fortunate today in situations that you personally manage rather than in arrangements where you serve as a subordinate. Strive to be self-sufficient.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions in general look rather promising for you today; you could be lucky in ways you'd least expect, especially in your competitive involvements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The possibilities for a project in which you have high hopes appear to be as good as you envision them. Continue to be optimistic and think WIN!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might not be fully aware of the ramifications of something quite promising in which you're involved. Re-evaluate this situation, because its scope might be far greater than you suspect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you've been wanting to do something to influence public opinion on a large scale, this is a good day to get the endeavor started.

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'Family' provides own care

BOSTON (AP) — They are homeless, but three couples and a man they took in have made a home out of a ramshackle camp on an unused railroad track.

Every day, Reggie and Isabelle Evon, Jeannette and Donald Benson, Jimmy and Terri Kelly and Eugene Sullivan laugh, talk, eat and argue together. And in a world that seems not to care for them, they care for each other, like a family.

"We're homeless but we're not homeless," said Evon, the group's informal leader. "Once in awhile we have arguments, but everybody has a good time here."

They have held jobs and lived "normal" lives in the past. But somewhere along the line a job was lost or the rent was raised, and they found themselves on the streets.

But while they want to return to their old lives, they'll choose an independent life in the camp over a homeless shelter any day.

"I've had it with shelters," said Ms. Benson, 44. "You have no privacy there. They go through your personal belongings, or they throw your stuff out. Here I don't have to go to bed at 9 o'clock like a little kid."

The camp sits in a ravine at the end of an unused Conrail track. Planted squarely on the track is the Evons' house, a large plywood shack that Evon built with scrap supplies. Sullivan and the other couples live in more modest tents. And there are 14 stray dogs and cats.

The group is bound by ties of family and marriage, and by the solidarity born of life on the streets.

Isabelle Evon, 32, and Terri Kelly, 31, are sisters who grew up in Boston. Both had several husbands before meeting Reggie and Jimmy.

Reggie Evon, 37, was a truck driver before coming to Boston from Colorado four years ago. Jimmy Kelly, 35, came from Oklahoma City to be a house painter. But there was never enough work.

Along the way they met Jeannette and Donald Benson, 46, from Malden, who have worked odd jobs and been in and out of shelters together for years.

Sullivan joined the group when Evon found him sleeping under a bridge on a rainy day.

"He was shivering real bad, and I said, 'Come on over,'" Evon said.

Sullivan, in his 50s, came to Boston from Tennessee 15 years ago. He married, had several children and was divorced. He has been on the streets since 1987.

Some go out "canning" — collecting recyclable aluminum cans for the deposit money. Evon does odd jobs at a nearby produce market for food, and Kelly sometimes finds work in day labor pools. Meals can be found at soup kitchens and shelters.

"I get up, grab a bite to eat and go canning. Then I come back and argue with everybody," Kelly said, laughing.

"It's tough in the winter; you wake up in the morning and the water is ice," he added. "But I can get showers at friends' houses. And the labor pools keep me in beer and cigarette money."

New WTSU president takes office

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Barry B. Thompson became president of West Texas State University today, replacing former President Ed Roach, officials announced.

Thompson, former president at Texas A&M-affiliated Tarleton State University at Stephenville, is WTSU's eighth president.

Roach served as president of the Canyon university for 6½ years. He will serve as associate deputy chancellor for academic program planning for the Texas A&M system, which WTSU joined Sept. 1.

Roach was the focus of controversy over WTSU's financial troubles. He also weathered a faculty vote of no-confidence and charges that he was destroying academic freedom on campus.

The school has come under fire for budget shortfalls, particularly in its athletic program, that were being covered by athletic enterprises such as the bookstore, housing system and food service.

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