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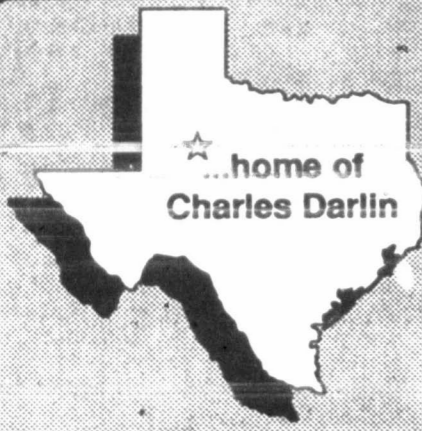
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Ask Us



For Scurry County...

Unemployment up again in November

After dipping to a low of 5.2 percent in October, Scurry County's unemployment figures rose again in November.

The Texas Employment Commission reported unemployment for the county was 6.2 percent for November — the highest since August's 7.6 percent. High for the year was in January, when unemployment reached 8.9 percent.

According to the TEC, there was an estimated civilian work

force in Scurry County of 9,172 in November. Of those, 8,600 were employed. The remaining 572 people seeking employment comprised the county's 6.2 percent unemployed.

According to the TEC, employment rose across the state, particularly in the metropolitan areas. Statewide, unemployment was at 6.9 percent, up from 6.0 percent the previous month. Estimated figures indicate a work force of 8,327,100 in Texas, of which 7,751,800 were employed in November.

Nationally, unemployment was only 5.2 percent, or 6,495,000 unemployed out of a civilian (see TEC, page 9)

Local sought in New Year's Eve stabbing

A 37-year-old Snyder man was being sought in connection with the New Year's Eve stabbing of a Midland man outside the VFW off the 1700 Block of Ave. T.

Sam Casey, 25, was brought to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room by private vehicle and was released after being treated for a stab wound in his lower right buttock, a hospital spokesman said.

Casey then went to the police station and filed a complaint for aggravated assault.

Police were looking for a suspect in a 1988 maroon Chevrolet Z-28, they said.

Two officers went to the scene, in the VFW parking lot, after a fight was reported at 11:51 p.m. Sunday.

An "ATL," or "attempt to locate," was issued for the suspect at 12:06 a.m. today.

Blood drive here Tuesday in Towle Park

Snyder's first blood drive of the new year will get underway at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn.

Technicians from United Blood Services of Lubbock will be on hand until 7 p.m. Local blood drives are sponsored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital and Scurry County Advisory Council for UBS.

Each blood donor will receive a coupon for a DQ sundae from Dairy Queen; a coupon for a malt or shake from Sonic Drive In/Gandy's Dairies; coupon for three hush puppies and medium soft drink from Long John Silver's; coupon for small soft drink and order of potatoes ole from Taco John's; a dollar coupon from Golden Corral Steak House; and a squeeze bottle or (see BLOOD, page 9)



FIRST OF THE 80s — Melissa Free of 417 29th St., shown with her mother, Rebecca, was the first child born in Scurry County in the 1980s, at 6:05 a.m. Jan. 1, 1980. (SDN Staff Photo)



A CLOSE CALL — Jose M. Guillen of Pecos was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Lubbock after he was removed from a 23-ton oilfield seismograph truck that rolled Saturday morning east of town at U.S. 180 and U.S. 84. (SDN Staff Photo)

Delays hold up final okay on '37th' project

The Abilene district office of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation has recommended its go-ahead of the 37th Street project in Snyder but that does not amount to a final approval or mean that the proposed widening could take place in 1990, according to William G. "Bill" Burnett, district engineer.

Burnett said that the Abilene office has made a recommendation to proceed with the project — pending some right of way problems which the city would have to work out. The regional office report was sent to the Highway Design Division in Austin last month. Burnett said the report has progressed there through the field unit and is in the environmental section. After study and recommendation there, it will be forwarded to the Federal Highway Division in Austin for approval.

Final approval was originally expected in early January but because of delays, which included addressing some concerns presented at a public hearing here in September, it is "probably a month behind schedule," said Burnett.

He said it is doubtful that construction would take place until

1991 because it would be almost impossible to do it during the summer of 1990.

"One of our major concerns was to do it during the summer months and avoid being under construction during the school year since that is a major traffic route to the schools," he said. "But since we are behind schedule and still aren't ready to proceed at this point then I can see where it would slide almost a year."

Burnett said that because of the time it would take for the city to gain right of way and for the state to draw up maps and make detailed plans, "we would be back in the middle of the school year" by the time construction could start, even if his office got the go-ahead immediately.

The proposed widening of 37th St. has been a controversial issue which drew over 170 people to a (see 37TH ST, page 9)

Rollback is topic for commissioners

Scurry County Commissioners will be joined by Cogdell Memorial Hospital Administrator Tom Hochwalt in their 10 a.m. Tuesday meeting.

Hochwalt will discuss the impact a tax rollback would have on the hospital's operations. Also joining commissioners will be County Clerk Frances Billingsley, County Auditor Linda Franklin, County Tax Assessor Rona Sikes and County Treasurer Rita Staton.

Each of the county employees

will inform the court of the costs involved for their offices to do a rollback of taxes. At the Oct. 30 commissioners court meeting, Billingsley presented a petition bearing the signatures of 1,304 registered voters, calling for a tax rollback election. Commissioners accepted the petition and called for a Jan. 20 election.

The election will determine whether the county ad valorem tax rate of 39.80 cents per \$100 should be rolled back to 34.75 cents per \$100 valuation.

A look back at Scurry County...

The 1980s: boom to bust to recovery

ROY McQUEEN
SDN Publisher

"Boom to bust to recovery" best describes the past decade in Scurry County—10 years of a roller-coaster ride that saw it at its peak during the first three years.

Scurry County, long a petroleum-based economy, entered the 1980s enjoying an oil boom not seen since the discovery days of the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The first three years of the '80s were marked by record oil prices, record inflation, record interest rates, record instant wealth and a record opportunity for "deals."

When oil prices plummeted

from an average of \$32 per barrel in 1982 to \$15 per barrel in 1986—it had already become obvious that things would never be the same in Snyder and Scurry County.

The recession of the mid 1980s was a double-edged sword of despair. Not only had oil prices dropped, but local production was on a sharp decline.

Ventures entered into on borrowed money at high interest rates came to haunt citizens throughout Texas—and Snyder was no exception. There were record business failures, record number of business and personal bankruptcies, two bank failures in Scurry County, and a decline in the tax values.

Drops in oil tax values are still

being felt. Taxing agencies were forced for the first time to look hard at stream-lined budgets and level of services as the tax burden shifted more heavily to local property. Oil no longer paid 95 percent of the tax bill.

In the final year of the decade, taxpayers rose in protest and signed petitions seeking a rollback of county taxes. The tax roll-back issue carried over from the 1980s will be decided by county voters on Jan. 20, 1990.

During good times, residents enjoyed them. As the economy slipped, residents became more on edge as evidenced by protests about a variety of issues ranging

from sex education in the public schools to protests about streets and highways—and yes—even television.

While city leaders worked throughout the decade to establish economic diversity—the successes were few and often short-lived. American Magnesium filed bankruptcy and closed, Northern Electric's electric blanket endeavor was brief, and King's Highway Mobile Industries really never got off the ground.

But there was one giant success—the location of a State of Texas Prison in Scurry County. A product of almost perfect timing and hard work, community

leaders set the standards for establishment of new prison units across the state.

The Price Daniel Unit, which opened here in August, 1989, now employs more than 300 persons with a payroll of \$6.5 million per year.

While never replacing the economic impact of oil and gas, the prison jobs will be steady, long-term jobs with good prospects for future expansion. In addition, the prison location brought about an economic shot-in-the-arm for Western Texas College and the struggling Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

While there were plenty of negatives in the past 10 years, (see 1980s, page 4)

Q—Is it legal to declare yourself treasurer when running for a county office like commissioner?

A—Yes. Of the 17 candidates for office in the March 13 primary election, 13 have designated themselves as treasurer.

In Brief

Gas blast

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A gas explosion rattled the financial district Sunday, injuring at least four people, shattering windows and sending glass and debris flying through a one-block area, authorities said.

The blast happened about 11:30 a.m., one block from the site of November's fatal crane collapse, police said.

One of the injured refused treatment and left the scene, said Assistant Fire Chief Bill Shaughnesy. Others were treated by ambulance crews. It could not immediately be determined whether any victims were taken to the hospital, but all the injuries were minor, Shaughnesy said.

Titan launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A Titan 3 rocket carrying British and Japanese communications satellites roared into space Sunday night after nine postponements as Martin Marietta Corp. entered the commercial launch business.

The 155-foot-tall booster blasted away from its launch pad at 7:07 p.m. and gave thousands of spectators a dazzling New Year's Eve show, brilliantly lighting the night sky as it climbed toward orbit.

"Everything looks good," mission commentator Bob Gordon reported as the rocket sped into space.

Local

Back to school

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh public school students are to report back to classes Tuesday.

Buses will run at their regular times.

Filing deadline

Tuesday is the final day for candidates to file for the March 13 general primary election.

To date, there are 17 candidates running for nine offices in Scurry County. Offices up for re-election are county judge, precinct 2 commissioner, precinct 4 commissioner, county clerk, county treasurer, precinct 1 peace justice, precinct 2 peace justice, district clerk, and county attorney.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 45 degrees; low, 32 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Sunday, 33 degrees; .04 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1989, 11.71 inches. High Sunday, 50 degrees; low, 22 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 22 degrees; no precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: New Year's Day sunny and warmer. High lower 60s. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Monday night clear. Low 30 to 35. Tuesday mostly sunny. High mid-60s.

Couple, granddaughter finally united

MEDLEY, Fla. (AP) — For 16 years, Tobie Wilson and his wife Jane tried to learn the fate of a granddaughter, born to their soldier son's Vietnamese girlfriend in 1973 in Saigon.

Then came a letter from a stranger in Texas.

The letter ended the longest chapter in a story that began when Daniel Wilson wrote home from the war. He wanted to get married to a Vietnamese woman, and since he was under 21 he needed the permission of his parents.

"We sent it," said his mother, Jane Wilson. "But before it could get to him, he was shipped back over to the U.S."

That was in April 1973. Four

months later, Phuong Nguyen was born in Saigon to Diep Nguyen, Daniel's intended bride.

Ms. Wilson and her husband Tobie, longtime mayor of this working-class Miami suburb, tried to keep up with their granddaughter and once received a photo of her sitting in her mother's lap.

Then the Americans pulled out of South Vietnam.

"We didn't have any more contact with them for 16 years," Ms. Wilson said. She said they wondered what had happened to the little girl in the tiny black-and-white photo, but had no way of finding out.

"I personally knew the suffering that could happen after

Wars," said Wilson, who served with the Army in Japan after World War II. "The thought of our blood-child being over there really bothered us."

Then last September, they received a letter from Dallas. A social worker there was working with a family that had just arrived from Vietnam. Their oldest daughter, 16, was insisting on trying to find her American family. All her mother remembered was the name Tobie Wilson, and Miami.

The social worker found the Wilson address in the telephone book.

After exchanging a few letters, the mayor and Ms. Wilson were on their way to Dallas. When they pulled up at the housing project where Phuong, her mother and her half-sister were living, their granddaughter rushed out and into Jane's arms, Wilson said.

After that, "There was no way we were going to leave her in

Dallas," he said. "That was one of the fastest decisions we ever made."

The Wilsons now have custody of the teen, who attends a private school and keeps in contact with her mother and half-sister.

Like others her age, Phuong she likes pretty clothes and necklaces of gold and silver. She likes to watch television, especially news shows and features about health and science, and enjoys the cartoons.

She also cooks Vietnamese meals for her grandparents, and they're having her sing into a tape recorder all the Vietnamese songs she can remember, so she won't forget them when she's older.

And her father, Daniel Wilson, lives with his family right behind his parents, so the little girl who once went to abandoned Army barracks in Saigon just to see where her father had lived now sees him whenever she wants.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your recent column on "Double Talk. What Doctors Really Mean," and my thoughts are as follows: You are a total jerk!

As a medical resident who has already had about as much as I can take of the current "doctor-bashing," it is a disgrace to have someone in the profession jump on the bandwagon for personal reasons.

I feel you should pick up what little

decency there is left of you and write an apology in your column. Basically, however, I do not think you have the guts to make an apology.

DEAR DOCTOR: I don't mind making an apology — if an apology is in order. In this case, it isn't.

I am sorry you are feeling so much stress early in your training. As a physician who has practiced solo general medicine for more than 20 years, I can tell you that your stress level will not improve once you leave your residency. However, the difficulties inherent in private practice do not, I hope, mean that medical humor is a lost quality.

My column, in which I interpreted several common medical phrases, was a parody, a satire. It was not meant as a serious diatribe against doctors. I believe that physicians who were angered by it have lost an important perspective: a sense of the absurd.

I also believe that, as a profession, doctors have chosen to give up a healthy sense of humor. This is too bad because we professionals often do wacky things and think strange thoughts — especially about ourselves and our self-proclaimed sanctity.

Relax, doctor. Take time to laugh at yourself and at other doctors who take themselves so seriously that they have become pompous bores.

I tend to approach many of medicine's problems with tongue-in-cheek. It's a great way to maintain sanity. Try it; you'll like it.

Now, with that orientation, re-read my column, and I'll bet you'll be inclined to apologize for your unprofessional outburst of name-calling.

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Singer says songs he performs are not political

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rock star John Cougar Mellencamp says he doesn't consider his songs political, even though his "Rain on the Scarecrow" has become an anthem for the family farmer.

Mellencamp, 37, who lives in the Bloomington area, evolved from the leader of a bar band into a spokesman for small-town and rural life with his albums "Uh-Huh," released in 1983, and "Scarecrow," which came out two years later.

"I don't make political records. I get accused of that all the time, but I don't," he said in an interview shown Saturday on MTV. "I feel at odds with the government all the time, like I think most people do, but I don't sit down and make a political record."

"I guess 'Scarecrow' was political because of that one song, 'Rain on the Scarecrow.' I'm sure the song's not going to change the world. It might make people think about it a little bit," he said.

The song became a hit at a time family farmers nationwide faced a growing threat of foreclosure, and Mellencamp has become one of the main figures behind the Farm Aid concerts.

In 1937, the Senate rejected a proposal by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to enlarge the Supreme Court.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Jan. 2, 1990

In the year ahead you could form a very exciting and beneficial partnership that will produce substantial mutual results, even though it may be only for a short duration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An associate might come to you with a proposal today that others have labeled outlandish. Judge it for yourself, because it could have merits they have overlooked. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astrograph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Material conditions continue to look promising for you again today. Keep searching for ways that will enable you to generate more income from your present sources.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Ventures or enterprises you originate or personally direct have excellent chances for success at this time. Don't let your detractors cause you to believe otherwise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things may not start off for you as rapidly as you'd like today, but the pace will eventually accelerate and you should be able to bring to a successful conclusion that which you begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends will instinctively know you're able to deal

with the realities of life today and this is why they'll call upon you to help resolve issues that's a bit too much for them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your chances for success will be considerably enhanced today owing to your ability to adjust to circumstances as they arise. Negatives will be stepping stones to positive results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An old friend who now resides at a considerable distance from where you live may try to get in touch with you at this time in order to discuss a matter that could be mutually beneficial.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Persistence is your most effective attribute today. Victory is achievable, provided you are instilled with the will to win, particularly in business matters.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Partnership arrangements should work out to the liking of everyone concerned today whether they be romantic, social or purely commercial alliances. Teamwork generates power.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A co-worker can be won over to your banner today if he/she is properly approached. This person will take an active role in supporting your views above others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Persons with whom you'll be involved in social encounters today will treat you with the consideration and respect you deserve. Your popularity is moving in an upward trend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's very likely you'll end up in the winner's circle today. Your logical methods, coupled with your willingness to work will be the reasons for your success.

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BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL NEWS

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"When your car is out of commission, you're just thinking about one thing: get it fixed. You want it fixed right — the first time — and you want it fixed quickly. That's why we invested in the Kansas Jack," says Gray.

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Customers don't have to wait till they've had a collision to

utilize the alignment machine, said Gray. If your car has a non-adjustable suspension, and you notice excessive or uneven tire wear or "pulling" it would be a good idea to bring it in.

Castor and camber adjusting kits are now available for installation on Ford, Chevrolet and Dodge trucks, says Gray.

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Mattea escape's Murray's shadow

DALLAS (AP) — Country singer Kathy Mattea says she finally has escaped the shadow of Anne Murray.

Her early work was frequently compared to the Canadian singer's.

"There was a point at which people stopped saying that to me, and that was a real milestone," said Ms. Mattea, who was named

Female Vocalist of the Year at October's Country Music Association Awards. "People perceive me now as having my own style."

Ms. Mattea, in Dallas for a New Year's Eve performance, said her latest single, "Where've You Been," will be used in a campaign by a national Alzheimer's disease organization.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY
 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
TUESDAY
 Twentieth Century Club; 3 p.m.
 Alpha Study Club; 3:30 p.m.; MAWC.
 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.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.
 Snyder Police Auxiliary; SNB Community Room; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)
WEDNESDAY
 LaLeche League; First United Methodist Church Nursery; 9 a.m.; For information call Judy at 573-7844.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermligh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.
THURSDAY
 Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
 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.
 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.
 Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys Club; 7 p.m.
 Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.
 Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
FRIDAY
 Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
SATURDAY
 Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
 Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

'90 brings higher payroll taxes and bigger SS checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers will pay higher payroll taxes and retirees will get bigger Social Security checks in the new year as a long-scheduled tax increase kicks in and a cost-of-living adjustment boosts retirement benefits.

The payroll tax rises from 7.51 percent in 1989 to 7.65 percent in 1990, meaning employees will pay \$765 to Social Security for each \$10,000 of earnings subject to the tax, \$14 more than in 1989.

The increase has been in the cards since 1977, when Congress approved a plan to help keep the giant retirement program on sound financial footing that included the tax jump in 1990.

Congress subsequently enacted a bailout package in 1983 that boosted the payroll tax from 7.15 percent to 7.51 percent in 1988, without changing the 7.65 rate that already was planned for 1990.

The new year also means workers will start paying Social Security taxes on a bigger share of their earnings. The payroll tax applies to income of up to \$51,300 in 1990, up from \$48,000 in 1989.

The combined effects of the increased tax rate and the higher taxable wage base mean the maximum amount of Social Security taxes deducted will jump by \$320 to \$3,924 for a worker who earns \$51,300 or more. Employers match their workers' contributions.

Social Security taxes also are going up for the self-employed, who will pay 15.30 percent in 1990 — the combined employee-employer tax rate.

The tax rate on the self-employed technically was 15.02 percent in 1989, but they got a 2

percent tax credit that automatically reduced the amount paid to 13.02 percent. In 1990, they lose the tax credit, but for the first time they will be able to deduct half their Social Security taxes as a business expense. The same \$51,300 wage base applies.

The wage base has gone up every year since 1971, with the latest increase affecting about 10.4 million workers and self-employed individuals who have earnings over last year's maximum.

While 130 million workers and self-employed people will be paying more into Social Security in 1990, 38.9 million Social Security beneficiaries will start drawing bigger monthly benefit checks.

Checks delivered on Jan. 3 will include a 4.7 percent benefit increase, the biggest boost in 7½ years. The cost-of-living adjustment is designed to offset the effects of inflation in the past year.

The increase promises an extra \$25 a month for the average retired worker, who in 1989 received \$541 a month. The maximum monthly benefit for a worker retiring at age 65 in 1990 will be \$975, up \$76 from the comparable figure for 1989.

The 4.7 percent benefit increase also applies to 4.5 million recipients of Supplemental Security Income, which provides a minimum income floor for poor people who are aged, blind or disabled. Maximum SSI benefits will rise to \$386 for an individual and \$579 for a couple in 1990, up from \$368 and \$553, respectively, in 1989.

Since 1975, Social Security benefits have risen automatically each year along with advances in the Consumer Price Index, except for six months in 1983 that were skipped to help Social Security avert a financial crisis. In earlier years, benefits were increased sporadically by Congress, often in election years.

The 1990 increase in the payroll tax rate will be the 21st. The payroll tax was 1 percent of income up to \$3,000 when Social Security started in 1937. It stayed there until 1950 and has risen gradually since then.

In addition to financing Social Security retirement benefits, the payroll tax also finances survivors and disability coverage and most of Medicare.



Woman Willing to Pony Up But Won't Take the Reins

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: Since you are the ghostbuster of social do's and don'ts, my lady friend and I have decided to call on you to settle a question for us.

I was invited to dinner by this lovely lady. After we enjoyed a superior Italian meal, she gave me the money to pay the bill. (Please understand, she invited me to dinner and it was clearly understood that I was to be her guest.) She insisted that I pay the bill as though the money came from my pocket — not from her purse.

Although I am Italian, I am not the macho type, so I told her that it was perfectly all right for her to pay the check, especially in today's society.

Proper etiquette can sometimes be confusing, and we would both like to know how to handle this type of situation.

UNSURE

DEAR UNSURE: It would have been perfectly all right for the lady to have paid the bill since you were her guest. Some women (and your lady friend is one of them) still feel somewhat embarrassed to be seen picking up the tab when they're with a man.

Proper etiquette demands that the host pick up the tab — regardless of whether the zipper is in his pants or on her purse.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading your booklet for teen-agers and it gave me a better understanding about what kids my age need to know.

Right now I am in a girls' reform school. I got in here for drinking hard liquor and doing two felony thefts while under the influence. I am here for 45 days. This is my eighth day here, and I don't like being locked up. Someone from Alcoholics Anonymous comes here to counsel girls who have a drinking problem. I never knew there were so many of us. I am only 14 years of age.

Abby, please tell kids it's not cool to drink. I wish someone had told me sooner. Please don't use my real name. My parents have been hurt enough.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

DEAR ONE DAY: Thank you for writing a very important letter. One word from you is worth a thousand from me. Good luck. Hang in there!

The facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy are all in Abby's new, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Bridge James Jacoby

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Cambodian, family reunited

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A Cambodian native who is now a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy spent his first holiday with his family, who he had feared was executed after he left them in 1973.

Mike Misiewicz was 8 when his father, a second lieutenant in the American-backed Lon Nol regime, arranged for a U.S. servicewoman to adopt him and take him to the United States.

He lost touch with his family, but they began looking for him when they came to the United States in 1983.

"We were hoping to find him someday," said Veasna "Eddie" Khem, Misiewicz's brother, "but we didn't know his first name or his last name or his mother's name. When we arrived here in 1983, I started searching, but gave up hope in 1987. The INS couldn't help us, the Red Cross couldn't help us. Every organization said there was no hope."

Their mother, Yen Touch, who is partially disabled because of her experiences in Cambodia, says "being reunited after all these years is just a miracle. I thank God."

Their father was executed by Pol Pot in 1977 and the family was imprisoned in slave labor camps. The family decided to flee to the Thai border, a three-month journey on foot. They lived in a Red Cross camp for nearly three years before Catholic Relief sponsored their move to Austin in 1983.

Misiewicz, whose Cambodian name was Vanek, was much luckier.

Maryna Misiewicz, who was assigned to the Defense Attache Office in Phnom Penn, took him to Illinois, where he grew up. After high school graduation, he

enlisted in the Navy. Within two years, the Navy sent him to school in San Diego and he later won a scholarship to Annapolis, where he studies marine engineering.

He learned from his family that he is 24, not 22. They said his father wanted him to start school in the United States in the first grade, and reduced his age by two years on adoption papers.

Misiewicz was found by Frank Proschan, a friend of Khem's who works at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. He devoted years to helping Khem find his brother, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

No one in the family remembered the name of the woman who adopted Vanek. But recently, an aunt in Cambodia suggested the name Misquick. With information that the woman initially had gone to Alexandria, Va., Proschan searched old phone books for similar names, and happened upon a former

neighbor who knew where to find Mike.

"We owe him (Proschan) a good deal of appreciation," Khem said. "He did this for six years and spent a lot of fortune."

Misiewicz said he has little memory of Cambodia.

"I was so little when I came here, all I would do was cry," he said. "So my (adoptive) mother didn't talk much about my past because she didn't want to upset me. She just told me my father wanted me to have a good life and he would be proud of me if I did my best."

Khem recently completed math and engineering degrees at Austin Community College, where he is a teaching assistant. Next fall, he will study engineering at UT. There is also a younger brother and sister in the family.

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Sled dogs are used when man, son deliver papers

PLUMMER, Minn. (AP) — If you think Santa Claus is the only one who hitches up a sleigh to go through the neighborhood in the dark, you've never seen newspaper delivery in this little town.

Meet Bufferin, Freud, Nijo, Wolf, Gingus, Gypsy, Duke and Sky — Len Buckta's answer to jumper cables, block heaters and icy gas lines.

Buckta and his 13-year-old son Greg have been delivering the Grand Forks, N.D., Herald with sled dogs since the first snowfall this year, and the reasons aren't hard to figure.

"They always start," Buckta said.

The newspaper run begins about 5:30 a.m. Buckta and his dogs need about an hour to make the 58 deliveries in this town of about 350. He and Greg ride the sled and take the papers to the doorstep.

"Most people think it's all right," Buckta said. "Some think it's fantastic. Some think I'm a little weird."

The dogs, which were taught commands in Spanish so that no one could lead them astray, provide an added service — an early morning wake-up call. Bufferin has a way of sounding off like a drill sergeant as he leads the team from house to house.

Vanna White attends wedding

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Letter turner Vanna White was among the guests when talk and game show host Pat Sajak tied the knot with former Playboy model Lesly Brown.

Sajak, 42, married Brown, 24, in a 40-minute ceremony Sunday at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Making a loser disappear

By James Jacoby

Although his strength was minimal, South had a distributional hand, with his high cards concentrated in his two suits. That justified the game-try of three hearts. But his hand was not suited at all for three no-trump, so he corrected that bid to four spades.

With the opening lead of a club, the contract looked unmakeable, since the defenders were likely to take a club, a diamond and two trump tricks, barring a very favorable lie of the opponents' spades. But then declarer saw a possible solution. If hearts were 3-3, the tricks coming to the defense just might be compressed. So declarer won dummy's ace of clubs and then played Q-K-A of hearts, throwing a club from dummy. Everyone followed. He then played a good heart. West ruffed with the 10 of spades as dummy's last club was discarded. West played another club. Declarer ruffed low in dummy and played a low spade back to his ace, dropping the king. Now the spade nine forced out the queen. Declarer's jack picked up the eight-spot in the East hand, and the defenders were held to only three tricks.

There was a slight trap for declarer in this approach. If he first played ace of spades and then played the hearts as before, West could come in on the fourth heart with the king of spades and then play a diamond to East's king. East could then cash the spade queen and lead a spade, and declarer would not be able to ruff his losing club.

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

Oil Patch News

Fisher County
 Teague Operating will drill the No. 1 HTR-Tankersley, a 3,600-foot wildcat two miles north of Sylvester. Location is in Block 1-A, R. H. Hibbitt survey.

Borden County
 Union Oil of California has completed the No. 222 Reinecke unit in the Reinecke field, 10 miles northwest of Vincent. The well was finished to produce 366 barrels of 43 gravity oil and 171 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 1,592-1 with perforations from 6,886-890 feet. Location is in Section 59, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Howard County
 Samedan oil will drill the No. 1 O'Daniel, an 8,750-foot wildcat 9.5 miles southeast of Coahoma. Location is in Section 46, Block 30, T1S, T&P survey.

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1980s filled with successes, failures

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residents can find some comfort in the fact that the worst seems to be behind.

Despite job losses, down-sizing by major employers and closures of some 85 retail businesses since 1985—there remains guarded optimism by community leaders about the future. It's far too early to write the obituary of Snyder and Scurry County—and the reason is the resilient nature of its people.

It's obvious that lessons have been learned from the past—and this education from the school of hard knocks will certainly be valuable as the community enters the last 10 years of the 20th Century.

1980

It was with reckless abandon that Scurry County entered the 1980s. A record \$5.5 million in building permits were recorded despite a bleak cotton crop of less than 20,000 bales.

The economy looked so bright that local organizers filed and received a charter for a new financial institution—the First National Bank which would be closed by regulators in May of 1984.

There was evidence of growth in the retail community as Kmart opened a new, modern facility in November. Bank deposits were at a record high all year, and organization of a county-wide tax appraisal district was accomplished.

The first Republican office holder, Bernard Bartels, was elected precinct three county commissioner. He was defeated four years later and was appointed county auditor by newly-elected District Judge Gene Dulaney. Dulaney failed to reappoint Bartels in 1989, resulting in a pending federal suit filed by Bartels and a deputy in the office against Dulaney and Scurry County.

A highlight of 1980 was the national men's basketball championship won by Western Texas College with a perfect 37-0 record. Coach Nolan Richardson, currently coach of the nationally-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks, then left WTC to take the head basketball job at Tulsa.

1981

Decentralization of oil sent prices soaring and a mini-boom was experienced in Scurry County, and the county ranked 8th in Texas oil production. For the first time, drivers were forced to carry proof of liability insurance and the minimum wage was raised to \$3.35 per hour—the first hike since 1978.

In April, Cogdell Hospital moved into a new \$4-million wing ap-

proved by voters in 1979. By 1985, major overhaul of medicare regulations was having a negative impact on the hospital.

The first annual White Buffalo Day celebration was held, and the city installed a new garbage collection system. Western Texas College and the Diamond M Museum entered into a contract for WTC's supervision of the fine arts museum. At the end of 1989, the Diamond M had announced its plans to move its art collection to Texas Tech.

Dr. Robert Clinton, the first president of WTC, resigned and Dr. Don Newbury of Fort Worth was named college president. The new census figures placed the city population at 12,705—up from 11,171.

Snyder High School volleyball team won its second consecutive state championship, and Scurry County, based on new census information, was placed in the 78th Representative District.

1982

Weather was a highlight of the year as a series of spring thunderstorms spun numerous tornado spottings and sent residents to storm shelters. The activity resulted in a new civil defense system established by the city. Also, in November, the county experienced its second earthquake in four years, registering 3.0 on the Richter scale. In 1978, a 4.75 quake had jolted the area.

Scurry County roads were assigned numbers and signs were posted by county commissioners. The city enforced the junk car ordinance and tagged more than 1,000 abandoned automobiles.

The SHS Drama Department won its 8th state one-act play championship, and school trustees named the high school auditorium in honor of its drama coach, Jerry P. Worsham.

Building continued with the construction of the 48-unit Eastridge Apartments, and Furr's Supermarkets announced construction of a new store at 30th and College.

Northern Electric closed down its electric blanket manufacturing concern with the resulting loss of 125 jobs. Industrial Foundation leaders vowed to find a tenant for the 75,000-square foot structure which in 1988 was deeded to the Texas Department of Corrections as part of the Snyder prison package.

Wacil McNair, editor of the Snyder Daily News for almost 30 years, retired. County precinct boundary lines were redrawn, and a local minister filed Blue Law violation charges against

several local merchants for doing business on Sunday. The state Blue Law was later repealed.

1983

January started with a call that the city water had been contaminated with cyanide—a copy of nation-wide incidents. After testing, the call proved to be a hoax.

King's Highway Mobile Industries announced that it would locate a recreational vehicle plant in the Wickes Building, but the plant never got into production.

A \$663,000 senior housing project with 24 units was approved in 1983, and 45 percent of the county's cotton acreage was put in the federal PIK program.

It was a year for some unusual happenings also. Hundreds of residents flocked to doctors for gamma globulin shots after a hepatitis scare related to the manager of a local restaurant. Also in July, a drunk driver drove through the front doors of the police station.

Willow Park Inn, a 42-room hotel, opened in Snyder and both the First Baptist and First Methodist Churches celebrated their 100th anniversaries.

It was also a year for protests. Local residents were successful in their protest of a school proposal to assign one grade to each of the six elementary schools.

Residents also protested the possible location of a low level nuclear waste disposal in Scurry County. Not successful was the protest by area property owners of the location of a city landfill east of Snyder.

The Snyder High School baseball team won its first state championship, and the Snyder Little League All-Stars advanced to the state tournament in Waco. Speedy Maffett, retired high school coach, was inducted into the Texas Coaches Hall of Fame.

1983 ended with the coldest winter since 1947. Only two days in a two-week period did the temperature rise above the freezing mark. Two days the temperature plunged to minus 4 degrees.

1984

Unlike the previous wet year 1984 was marked by drought-like conditions. Lake J.B. Thomas dropped to its lowest level in its 30-year history. At year-end the cotton crop had a bale count of only 2,800. In an ag-related event, cotton producers voted an at-the-gin-assessment to help pay for future insect control.

On May 4, regulators closed the three-year-old First National Bank, and assets of the bank were assumed by American State Bank of Lubbock with Eddie Johnson as president.

A much older institution, the 68-year-old Roscoe, Snyder and Pacific shortline railroad also ceased operation. There were other changes that would have long-range impact—including the passage of HB 72, an educational reform measure.

Snyder High School on Feb. 21 received a \$10,000 award from the New York-based Rockefeller Brothers Foundation. David Rockefeller was in Snyder to make the presentation to the school's fine arts department.

Scurry County, with events culminating on July 4, observed its 100th anniversary. There were new faces in public service as long-time District Judge Wayland Holt retired at year-end. Also, veteran school Supt. Bill J. Hood retired and was replaced by Bob Hawes.

State Highway Department plans for the extension of Houston Parkway from the Big Spring Highway to West 30th Street met strong opposition from area property owners, but the project was completed.

C.R. Anthony Co. moved into its new and modern building on College Ave. from its location on the north side of the Snyder square.

1985

As oil prices continued to fall, taxing entities got the word of a 13.8 percent loss in values. The year had gotten off to a sluggish start when King's Highway defaulted on its agreement with the Industrial Foundation.

Part of HB 72 was no-pass, no-play, and a third of the SHS student body found itself ineligible for participation in extra-curricular activities at the end of the second six weeks of the spring semester. Also related to educational reforms, 71 Snyder teachers were notified of eligibility for inclusion on the career ladder.

On May 21, a headless and handless torso of a former Snyder woman was found beside the Caprock Road north of Fluvanna. Her Lubbock husband was later charged with murder.

An internal audit at WTC revealed the loss of funds in the business office, and a former business office employee was indicted by a county grand jury.

A petition to abolish the Hermleigh school district resulted in an election which failed. In October, a federal lawsuit filed against the city and school district claimed the at-large method of electing boards discriminated against minorities. The two suits were



settled the following year with a combination of single-member districts and at-large seats.

Also in March, the county and chamber of commerce were named as defendants in a \$2 million lawsuit due to the death of a 12-year-old in the Scurry County Coliseum the previous October.

Voters in Hermleigh did approve bingo in a local option election, but at the end of the decade, no bingo games for charity have been played.

More than \$8 million was spent by the state on highway improvement projects, including U.S. 180 to the Dawson County line and U.S. 108 to the Mitchell County line. In June, the Snyder Daily News moved into new offices in the former location of Owens Department Store which had closed the previous December.

The SHS one-act play took another state championship and the SHS girls brought home another state volleyball crown.

In December, Dr. Don Newbury was named president of Howard Payne, and Dr. Harry Krenek, dean of instruction at WTC, was named college president.

1986

A historic meeting was held in the district courtroom in February. Purpose of the meeting was to find ways to diversify the local economy. The result was the formation of an Economic Development Committee which would spearhead the prison effort. The Rev. Miller Robinson was named chairman of the EDC.

The need for economic diversification was becoming more clear as unemployment hit 12.5 percent and officials announced another 40 percent drop in the local tax base due to the fall in oil prices and production.

Despite a year-end rainfall total of 30.20 inches, most of which fell at the wrong time, the cotton crop at year's close was estimated at only 3,000 bales.

American Southwest Brine, which started with a work force of 25 with hopes of growing to more than 100, started near the old American Mag site. The company would close the following year.

In November, the county convicted Dorsie Lee Johnson in the first capital murder trial held in the county. Johnson was charged with the March 23 killing of an Allsup's convenience store clerk.

The issue of making FM 1611 a western truck route again surfaced, and again affected property owners voiced their objections. There was another protest when, as part of a money-saving effort, the Snyder schools reduced the number of elementary librarians from six to three.

Western Texas College won the national men's rodeo championship, one of nine times in the 1980s that WTC advanced to the national finals.

The chamber of commerce banquet in 1986 featured home-grown talent who had made it in the entertainment world. Snyderites returning for the banquet were Powers Boothe, Ann Patterson, Brad Maule, Dave Witherspoon and Barry Tubbs.

1987

With Snyder just gearing up for the prison project, civic leader Roger B. Mize died on Jan. 7. The long-time president of Snyder National Bank had been honored the previous August with a Roger Mize Day attended by Gov. Mark White and other dignitaries from throughout the state.

The death of Mize was followed by the appointment of Rex Robinson as Snyder National Bank president. J.B. Tate Jr. replaced Mize as president of Snyder Savings and Loan.

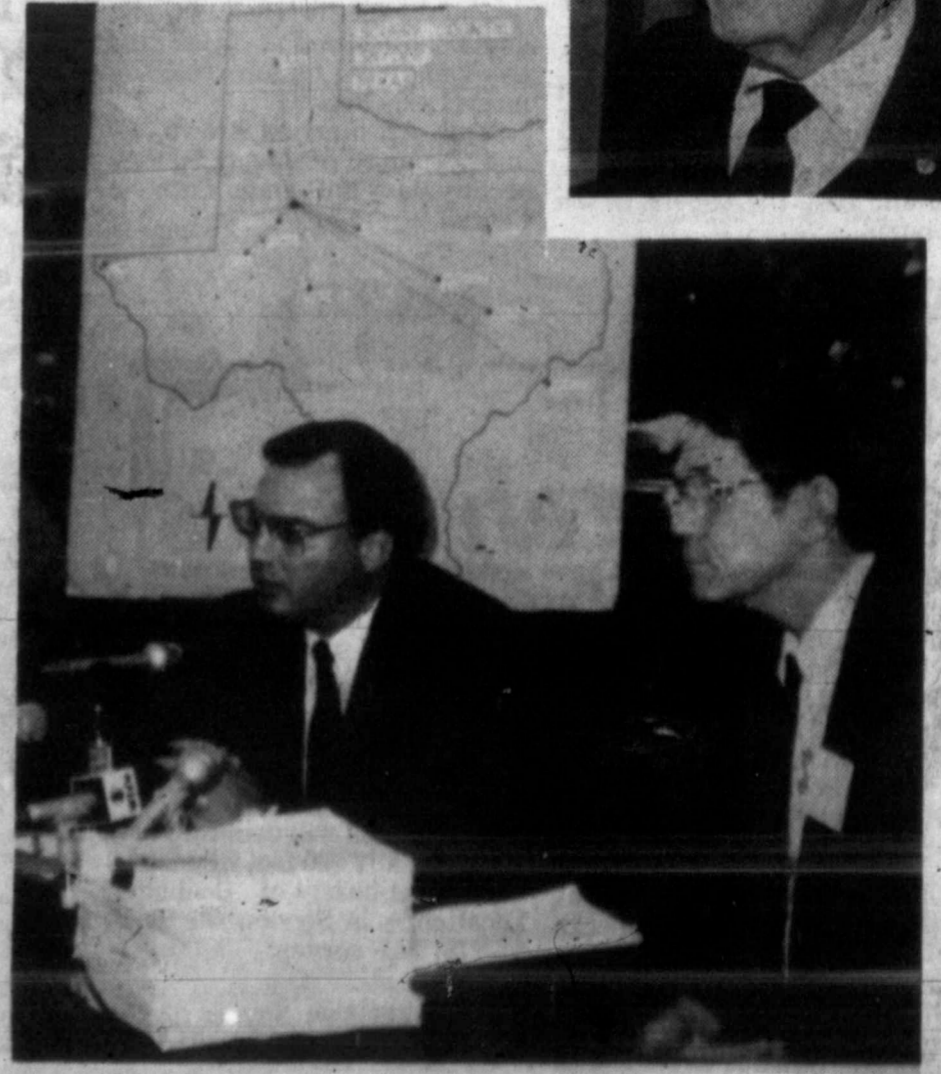
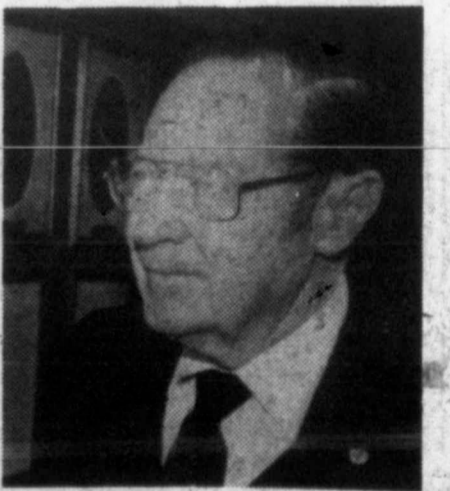
In March, West Texas State Bank also announced major changes. Long-time president Martin Brooks was named chairman of the board and Bill Parker of Midland was named president.

Other changes during the year included Bill Moss as chamber manager, replacing Mort Ewing who was killed in a January

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1988 became pivotal recovery year

automobile accident near Fluvanna.

Dalton Moseley, a former superintendent at Pecos, was named Snyder superintendent, and Bobby Goodwin took over as county judge. The schools had already been in the news in 1987 with a controversy over the implementation of sex education. Another change came late in the year when Cy Miller retired as hospital administrator after 28 years.

The hospital board contracted with St. Mary of the Plains in Lubbock for management services and Tom Hochwalt was hired in December as administrator.

Another 40 percent drop in tax values was experienced, but meanwhile the EDC was busy with an educational effort to inform local citizens about the positive features of a prison in the community.

Following more than two years of work, the Texas Department of Corrections on Nov. 9 selected Snyder for a 1,000-bed facility which the following year would be named the Price Daniel unit.

The finance committee of the EDC, composed of Snyder bankers, raised more than \$1 million in just three weeks to pay for incentives in the prison package.

Before November ended, the first of five lawsuits filed in an effort to stop construction of the prison was filed. The suits were dropped the following year after considerable expense by both sides.

City of Snyder started to battle the Asian Clams in 1987 as the trihalomethanes in city water came close to exceeding state standards. To solve the problem, the intake was raised the Lake Thomas.

Scurry County voters adopted a half-cent sales tax to help reduce the burden on local property, and on Aug. 4 city voters rejected in a public referendum an effort to secure civil service benefits for police and firemen.

1987 was another wet year, and Lake Thomas rose to 18-feet below the spillway. At year-end ag money was felt in the economy with 63,000 bales of cotton ginned.

1988 This was a pivotal year for Scurry County, the beginning of recovery. Prison news dominated pages and on April 18, Chairman Charles Terrell led a state delegation for a groundbreaking ceremony. Heavy rain-fall over the weekend forced the

ceremony indoors to the Scurry County Coliseum, and a luncheon at which Terrell spoke was attended by more than 600 persons.

In January, the Industrial Foundation had conveyed 587 acres of prime farm land to the TDC along with an industrial building. In other prison-related activity, city voters approved in a 2-1 vote the sale of bonds to finance construction of utility lines to Price Daniel unit. In June, Argee Corp. of Denver was awarded the \$15 million prison construction project, and work began in July.

At the chamber of commerce banquet, an "exemplary service" plaque was presented to Roy Baze, prison project coordinator. In June, a community service award for work on the prison project was presented to the Snyder Daily News by the Texas Press Association.

Bill Clements came to Snyder in October in his campaign for governor and praised the local community for its efforts to secure the prison unit. Ray Farbee, long-time state senator and prison supporter, resigned to become general counsel for the University of Texas system.

In December, WTC graduated its first of four correctional officers classes. The first had 27 graduates, and it was announced at the graduation that WTC's program had been fully accredited.

March began a long road of recovery for Cogdell Hospital when a staff-downsizing was accomplished. By year-end hospital losses had been reduced by 183 percent.

The hospital recovery is still underway. Efforts to recruit new physicians began in 1988 with stronger efforts made in 1989.

In an effort to attract new doctors and keep present staff, the hospital board also approved emergency room coverage two nights per week in addition to weekend. Emergency room coverage by contract was expanded to six, 24-hour shifts in late 1989. Also in 1988, Cogdell Hospital received Joint Commission accreditation after an intensive review.

Also in a news-filled 1988, Snyder National and West Texas Banks were both listed among the 50 most profitable banks in Texas. John Jarrell, general manager of Ezell-Key Grain Co., was named president of the Texas Grain and Feed Association.

WTC bought 271 acres southwest of Snyder for development as a college farm, and the

college booster club brought back Coach Nolan Richardson and Milwaukee Bucks star Paul Pressey for an appreciation dinner.

The county airport, Winston Field, got an extended runway and other improvements costing \$1.1 million thanks to a federal grant. The Board of County Development suggested a new economic development effort—promoting Snyder as a place to retire.

In January a 27-year-old woman was indicted for making a bomb-threat against District Attorney Ernie Armstrong. A joke vote for "Otis Fuddpucker" resulted in a costly runoff election for city council.

SCAT cable company sold to Snyder Cablevision, but not before a long and loud protest about the potential loss of Channel 8 from the programming lineup. The sale also resulted in new programs with a corresponding increase in rates.

On the petroleum front, Warren Petroleum closed the North Snyder plant and 25 jobs were eliminated. R.E. Smith sold its interest in the Sharon Ridge unit to the new operator, Exxon USA.

The first in a series of protests concerning the proposed widening of 37th Street was made before the city council. There would be another community meeting in protest in 1989, with the project still on the drawing board for action in 1990.

To reduce expenses, school trustees voted a reduction in kindergarten to half a day, and in December, the board approved a \$500 Christmas bonus to staff. The one-act play again brought home the state title.

The school district was also sued by a former teacher seeking to be rehired, but the suit was dismissed in 1989. The Snyder city council reversed an earlier decision and rejected a no-smoking ordinance after loud protests which included the presentation of citizen petitions.

Olney Savings moved into its new facility at 30th and College, and on Oct. 9 the savings association was merged as part of the Southwest Plan. In November, the Snyder branch of Southwest Savings was closed and merged with the Colorado City office.

In November, one of the most bitter political races in county history was fought as former District Attorney Pete Greene attempted to unseat Republican incumbent Gene Dulaney as district judge. Greene accused

Dulaney of hiring a private investigator to gather information on Greene. The report was inadvertently delivered to Greene. The incumbent won re-election with 52.7 percent of the vote.

However, Dulaney failed to reappoint Bernard Bartels as county auditor for his refusal to terminate Ann Walton as deputy in the office because of Walton's support of Greene. A suit filed by Bartels and Walton against Dulaney, the new auditor and Scurry County pends in federal court.

1989

The year represented a bridge into the new decade. More than 1,200 names were collected on a petition in October calling for the rollback of county taxes from 39.80 to 34.75 cents per \$100 valuation. Voters will decide on the issue Jan. 20.

In the final month of the decade, talk of a rollback election and the district judge's order for an operational audit of Scurry County, despite objections by commissioners court which must find funds to pay for the audit, propelled a large number to seek county office in 1990. Final day for filing is Jan. 2.

The last month of 1989 also saw a cloud of uncertainty removed from the oilpatch. Oil futures rose to over \$22 about the same time that Chevron announced that it was no longer interested in selling its interest in the SACROC unit.

About the same time, Oxyx Energy announced that it had purchased BHP's interest in the Diamond M plant and would continue its operation in a contract with Tri-State Construction.

The second phase—16 units—of the Golden Terrace Village opened in December. Other '89 projects included a complete resurfacing of the 30-year-old Towle Park Road during the summer, and establishment of a Small Business Management program at WTC following a suggestion by chamber speaker Henry Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio.

The school considered, but abandoned, the idea of closing the high school campus during the lunch hour. The city council passed an exotic animal ordinance after neighbors complained of a Snyder family keeping a Bengal tiger in its southeast home.

Early in the year Sheriff Keith Collier announced an agreement with Dawson and Palo Pinto County to house their prisoners in the Scurry County jail. Later, the sheriff contracted to keep up to 25 Washington, D.C., prisoners with fees to offset operation of the local jail.

In February, public schools were dismissed for two days—later to be made up—because of bitter cold that called for conservation of natural gas. Cold weather again hit just before Christmas as the third lowest temperature in county history—minus one—was recorded.

The December bitter cold contributed to two costly fires—one to a home on 37th Street and heavy damage to the Ave. D. Baptist Church.

In May, a delegation of local citizens were in Austin asking for

state assistance in paving the landfill road between U.S. 84 and 180. The state indicated that it would pave the road and take over maintenance of a 7.5 mile stretch.

In January, Mike Banta took over as president of American State Bank, and in June Joe Jackson was named new president of Snyder National Bank.

In March, Mayor Troy Williamson proclaimed Dave Appleton Day and WTC hosted a dinner for its former student, the 1988 All-Around World Champion Cowboy.

In July, Ira experienced a water shortage and conservation measures were sought. H.W. Cargile, long-time Snyder banker, was honored with a 50-year award from the Texas Bankers' Association.

1989 was the realization of more than three years of hard work. State officials were present on July 22 for the ribbon cutting for the Price Daniel unit. First inmates arrived on Aug. 12.

In September, WTC officials registered 133 inmates for college core curriculum courses offered at night. Indications for spring is that number will more than double.

Other major prison news during 1989 was the announcement by Regional Director Michael Moore that 16-year TDC veteran Les Woods would be the Daniel unit warden. Charlie Streetman was then chosen assistant warden and the two spent the

summer assembling its staff.

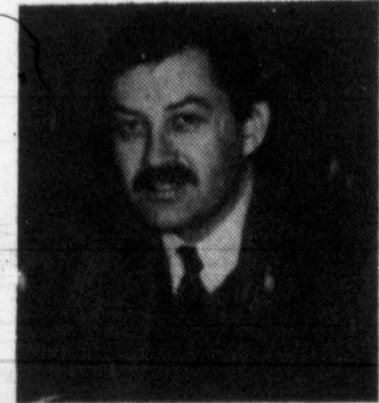
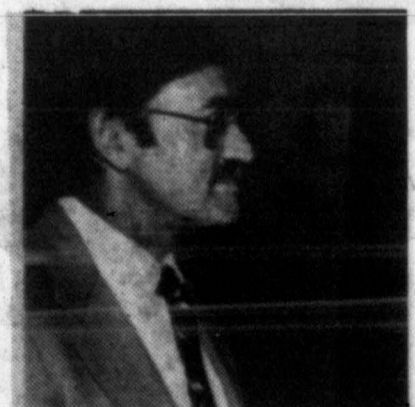
In April, Cogdell Hospital finalized its agreement with the prison system to operate the first fully-privatized prison health care program in the state. At the end of four months, Cogdell reported that the operation is showing a profit.

In 1989, Snyder continued its efforts to secure a second 1,000-bed prison unit but learned in October that it had not made the short list. On Dec. 3, the Daniel Unit had its first escape, but the prisoner was arrested without incident near a North College Ave. convenience store where the inmate had called a family member in El Paso.

Just before Thanksgiving, WTC experienced a major fire in the third floor of the dorm which houses the women's basketball team. The fire resulted in classes being dismissed for the holidays two days early.

Also on Thanksgiving, the body of Oscar Garza Jr. was dumped in a city trash container in northeast Snyder. A Sweetwater man was arrested and charged in the murder.

Other 1989 commercial projects included one by the First Baptist Church, an extensive remodeling to the old Furr's building for use as a Multipurpose Center. The old Taco Villa on College Ave. opened in December as Taco John's and experienced a record-breaking opening week for the nation-wide chain.





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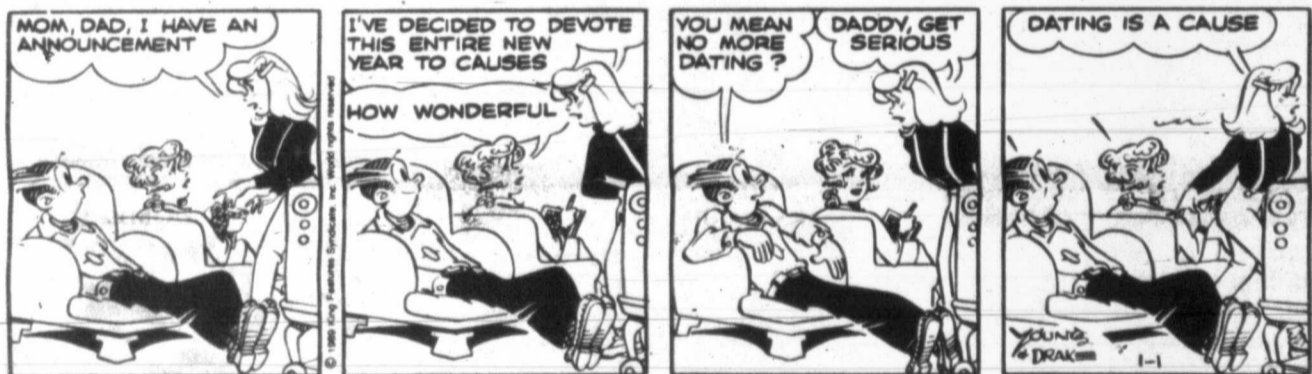
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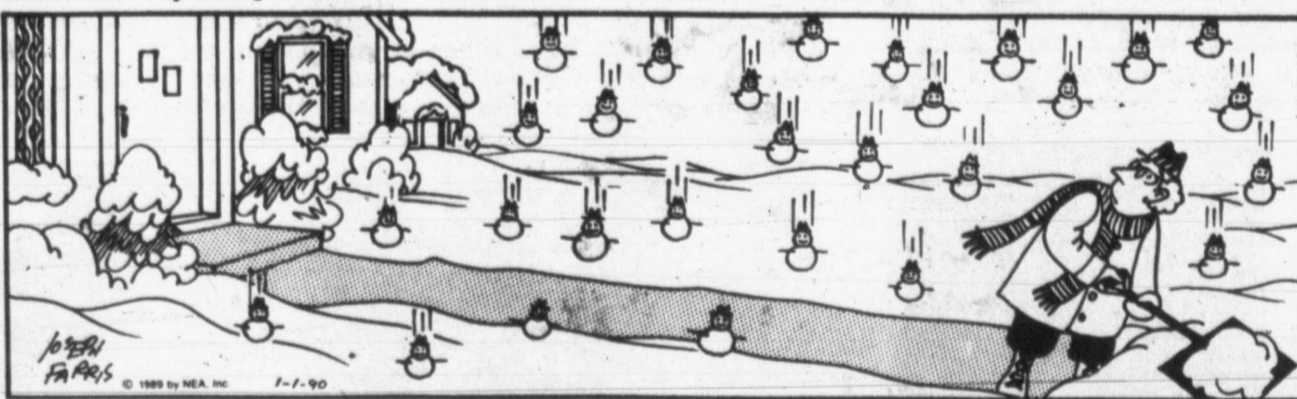
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- 16 California ball club
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- 20 Ancient Italian family
- 21 Commonwealth
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- 12 Scottish-Gaelic
- 13 Norms (Sally Field movie)
- 21 Method
- 22 Extended periods
- 23 New Zealand bird
- 24 Neck and neck
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- 26 For fear that
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- 31 Author Farber
- 37 Wanly
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- 42 Dec. holiday
- 43 Long narrow opening
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Romanian revolutionaries' actions said born of terror

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Despair created the swiftest revolution in the remarkable year that rid six East European countries of Stalinism. What took years in Poland, months in Hungary, and weeks in East Germany, Bulgaria, and Czechoslovakia was accomplished in a few days in Romania.

But the country's new provisional leaders face the most complex task of any Eastern Europeans, improvising a democratic government from the ground up after inheriting the remnants of a totalitarian system.

The revolt first stirred Dec. 15 in the western city of Timisoara, when hundreds overcame the fear of Nicolae Ceausescu's regime to defend an ethnic Hungarian pastor who had battled for religious and human rights.

Inspired young workers and students took to the streets of Timisoara to cry for bread and freedom. Their massacre, reported to Romanians by Radio Free Europe, their lifeline to each other and to the outside world; stirred the rest of the country and sparked unrest in several cities.

The revolution reached the vital center of the country, Bucharest, after Ceausescu returned Dec. 20 from a three-day visit to Iran. He branded the Timisoara demonstrators "hooligans" and organized a rally to support his views.

"It was when he called Romanians terrorists and hooligans that it was enough," said Bogdan Lazaroe, a 21-year-old Bucharest student. "We work hard for him to build his golden palaces, and he, calls us terrorists."

Students turned the pro-Ceausescu rally into an anti-Ceausescu protest, then held out for hours against security forces who shot at them. By the morning

of Dec. 22, workers had joined the students, and crowds swarmed over the tanks sent to mow them down. The army — long held down by Ceausescu and used for farming and construction rather than fighting — switched sides. Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, fled their capital Dec. 22 as the first waves of spontaneous joy and exultation crackled through radio and television, by then in the hands of revolutionaries.

Ion Iliescu — who is now president — and other revolutionary leaders were summoned to the radio and television stations by the demonstrators.

Once on the air, Iliescu summoned all Romanians who wanted to restore the country to attend a 5 p.m. meeting at Communist Party headquarters.

There, men and women who had objected to Ceausescu's rule but were kept apart for months or years by watchful security agents met other. New voices, like Petre Roman, emerged. Roman is now the premier.

Members of the makeshift government were forced to move around in armored cars and shift headquarters by day. The population that rejoiced at Ceausescu's downfall — and with it the end of Communism — became fearful the old system could return and afraid that Ceausescu's inheritors, many of them ex-Communists, would not embrace real democracy.

Free elections are promised for April, a schedule that seems impossibly hasty in a country where there have been no politics for more than 20 years.

Conservative parties banned after the Communist takeover in 1947 are beginning to emerge, but, in a country where communications are poor and radio and television are the only media reaching nationwide, it is uncertain how much national impact they can have by April.

The governing National Salvation Committee said it is not a party and therefore not a contender in the elections.

While adopting some of the language of democracy — separating its powers, for instance, from those of the government — the committee and Iliescu have taken enormous power into their hands.

Acting as an ad hoc legislature, they have repealed Ceausescu's most hated laws, opened the borders for Romanians to travel, appointed ministers and taken over the state-run media. Iliescu and his defense minister, Gen. Nicolae Militaru, command the 180,000 army troops, and have already — without explaining why — sacked a general who helped them during the revolt.

The declaratory nature of their decrees rings old-style Communist, even if the content is liberal, revealing how hard it will be to overcome the stylistic remnants of Ceausescu's rule.

Barr and Cosby win popular vote

NEW YORK (AP) — Roseanne Barr and Bill Cosby, whose television shows often compete for first place in the A.C. Nielsen Co. ratings, also are big hits with People magazine readers.

In the results of a reader poll published in the magazine this week, the star of "Roseanne" headed the list for favorite female television star and was voted most likely to have a flourishing career in the year 2000. Cosby, star of "The Cosby Show," was the favorite male television performer.

Tom Selleck and Meryl Streep were the favorite movie stars. Kenny Rogers and Barbra Streisand were voted the best vocalists.

Top stories of 1989

Year brought key changes in Europe

As 1989 drew to a close, it seemed that the year might not mark just the end of the '80s, but also the end of the Cold War.

Despite the tragedies of the year, there was optimism as barriers between East and West crumbled, and Eastern Europeans scored major victories in their struggle for freedom and democracy.

The following list of the top 10 news stories of 1989 was adapted from the 1990 World Almanac:

Changes sweep Eastern Europe. By the end of 1989, most of the countries in the East Bloc had undergone major reforms. Perhaps the most dramatic events took place in East Germany. As emigration controls eroded behind the Iron Curtain, many young East Germans began fleeing their nation. The calls for change picked up steam in early October. On Oct. 18, the East German Communist Party removed Erich Honecker, its head for 18 years.

In November, the East German government announced there would be free emigration, and East Berliners poured over the Berlin Wall to West Berlin. On Dec. 3, amid widespread anger at Communist Party corruption, the government collapsed.

During 1989, the communists in Poland were forced to accept a minority role in the government. In August, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a long-time adviser to Lech Walesa of the independent trade union Solidarity, became Poland's first non-communist prime minister since the early post-war years.

In Czechoslovakia, following massive protests, the Communist Party on Nov. 28 gave up its monopoly on power. On Dec. 10, a new Czech government was formed with non-communists holding a majority of cabinet positions. It appeared that dissident and playwright Vaclav Havel could be the country's next leader.

In Hungary, the Communist Party disbanded on Oct. 7 and renamed itself the Socialist Party. Free elections were planned. And in Bulgaria, Todor Zhivkov, the Communist Party leader who had been president since 1971, was forced to resign.

Powerful earthquake strikes Northern California. An earthquake registering 6.9 on the Richter scale hit the San Francisco Bay area for 15 seconds at 5:04 p.m. PDT on Oct. 17. The quake killed at least 59 people and injured at least 3,000, making it the sec-

ond worst in U.S. history. Physical damage was estimated at over \$5 billion.

Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union are met by resistance and demands for more reforms. Change continued to come quickly in the Soviet Union. In the spring, free elections to the Congress of People's Deputies saw the defeat of a number of veteran Communist Party stalwarts.

Gorbachev continued to restructure the political system — although he fought to keep the Communist Party the only political party. His efforts to revive the ailing economy proved unavailing. Meanwhile, the rise of vocal ethnic nationalism threatened the very future of the Soviet Union.

The Exxon Valdez strikes a reef in Alaska, causing a massive oil spill. The largest oil spill in U.S. history occurred after a tanker struck a reef in Prince William Sound on March 24. The economic and environmental dimensions of the spill — originally estimated at 240,000 barrels — grew daily. Pictures of oil-soaked animals outraged the nation and stirred popular outrage at Exxon, which was attacked for the spill and its handling of the cleanup.

The Chinese government crushes student demonstrations. On May 17, more than 1 million people — many of them students — packed Tiananmen Square, and crowds gathered in at least 20 other cities, calling for freedom and an end to official corruption. In June, the leadership ordered troops to end the protests. The army opened fire, and tanks rolled over citizens. Estimates of the death toll ranged from 500 to 7,000. China's rulers began to round up dissidents. By late summer, some 10,000 people had been arrested and 31 executed.

The Supreme Court rules in favor of restrictions on abortion. In Roe vs. Wade in 1973, the court had recognized a constitutional right to abortion. While its 5-4 decision on July 3 did not completely overturn that ruling, the court upheld a Missouri law that placed statewide limitations on that right, spurring other states to consider similar restrictions.

Hurricane Hugo sweeps through the Caribbean and into the Carolinas causing more than 54 deaths. The storm touched Montserrat on Sept. 17, leaving 99 percent of the island's 12,000 people homeless. On St. Thomas and St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Is-

lands, 80 percent of the buildings were destroyed. The storm wiped out several towns on the east coast of Puerto Rico; and, on the night of Sept. 21-22, it hit the Charleston, S.C., area, damaging property including many historic buildings.

Crack cocaine cuts a deadly swath across many U.S. communities, as the Colombian government and drug cartels engage in a virtual war. On Sept. 5, President Bush announced a broad plan to combat drug use and trafficking. It called for outlays of \$7.9 billion in the 1990 fiscal year, but only \$716 million represented new spending. Many Democrats criticized the plan as neither bold enough nor sufficiently well funded.

In Colombia, source of much of the crack in the United States, drug lords were believed to be responsible for the killing of a leading Colombian presidential candidate in August. They were also linked to the bombing of a Colombian airliner in November, killing 107; and the December bombing of a federal intelligence agency in which 63 people were killed. On Dec. 15, Colombian police killed fugitive drug lord Juan Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha.

Meanwhile, Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega, who has been linked to drug trafficking, tightened his grip on that Central American nation in 1989.

Ethics scandals shake Capitol Hill. On May 26, Rep. Tony Coelho of California, the third-ranking Democrat in the House, resigned because of allegations involving possible misuse of campaign funds.

His resignation came as Speaker Jim Wright of Texas faced 69 charges brought against him by the House Ethics Committee, relating to the acceptance of gifts and outside income. Wright resigned May 31, and Tom Foley of Washington was chosen speaker on June 6.

By the end of the year, several other members of the House and Senate were under investigation for financial or sexual improprieties.

Blacks score major political victories. On Nov. 7, Democrat Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the first black elected governor of a state since Reconstruction. In New York City, long-time politician David Dinkins, also a Democrat, became the first black elected mayor of America's largest city.

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These stories also made headlines

Here are some of the other major stories of 1989:

- During the year, more than 40,000 Americans had full-fledged AIDS; another 100,000 to 200,000 were infected with the AIDS virus and had mild symptoms, according to federal health officials.
- On Jan. 20, George Bush took office as the 41st president of the United States.
- President Bush's nominee for defense secretary, John Tower, was re-

jected by the Senate on March 9.

- In March, British author Salman Rushdie went into hiding after Iran demanded that he be killed for blaspheming Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses."

- Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini died June 4.
- Some 185 people survived the crash of a DC-10 jetliner in Sioux City, Iowa, on July 19. Another 111 died.

- During the summer, Congress passed legislation to bail out the nation's troubled savings and loans. The

price tag could reach \$300 billion, most of it paid by the taxpayers.

- Congress probed officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development who were alleged to have given money to political cronies during the Reagan years.

- Onetime televangelist Jim Bakker was convicted in October of fraud and conspiracy and sentenced to 45 years in prison.

- In December, Brazil held its first free elections since 1960.

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Romania...

Iliescu abolishes dread Securitate

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romanians today celebrated their first New Year's in more than two decades free of Nicolae Ceausescu's despotism, and their revolutionary leaders issued decrees that began to dismantle Communist rule.

Romanian Radio reported no overnight clashes between the army and die-hard Securitate units, suggesting a slow return to normalcy after two weeks of unrest believed to have claimed thousands of lives.

"The Communist Party is dead," Deputy Foreign Minister Corneliu Bogdan told reporters Sunday, two weeks after security forces fired on anti-government protesters to touch off the revolution that toppled Ceausescu.

Bogdan assured Romanians that there was "no danger" of Communists returning to undisputed power.

In a New Year's address, interim President Ion Iliescu announced the abolition of the death penalty and re-introduction of the concept of private ownership. He formally announced the abolition of the feared Securitate, the East German news agency ADN reported from Bucharest.

Iliescu also signed a decree that provides the legal basis for the creation of new political parties — an important step toward free elections promised for April. The decree says officials of the defense and interior ministries, judges, prosecutors, members of state radio and television cannot join political parties, to ensure their impartiality, the official Agerpress news agency reported.

At least six new political parties have emerged since Ceausescu's was overthrown Dec. 22 by a nation outraged over the massacre by security forces of hundreds of people in the western city of Timisoara.

The army had joined the people in toppling Ceausescu after 24 years of autocratic rule. Ceausescu and his wife Elena were summarily tried and executed Christmas Day, convicted of "genocide" and other grave crimes.

Iliescu is a former Communist Party secretary who fell out of favor with Ceausescu for speaking his mind but has the political experience that dissident intellectuals and other former opposition figures lack.

Bogdan, his country's U.S. ambassador for more than a decade before falling into disfavor in the early 1980s, told his news conference that party members were in the minority in the provisional government. But he said their expertise is needed to smooth the transformation to democracy.

He said those in provisional government did not consider themselves Communist Party members after the oppressive Ceausescu era.

"I was one of them," he said of the Communists. "I will pay for it," he added, without elaborating.

It was unclear how many people were in the government, but divergent reports concurred that there were more than 20. Bogdan gave neither overall figures nor the proportion of Communists among the leadership.

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He did not say how many other Communists are in the leadership.

Bogdan also said Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze would be visiting later in the week.

Iliescu made public agricultural production figures according to which the year's total cereal production amounted to 16.9 million tons, instead of the claimed 60 million tons. Other totals also well below claimed amounts.

He also decreed land on which farmers live and surrounding plots private property, re-establishing a concept banned for decades. Iliescu said farmers would again be allowed to sell produce and animals raised on leased land.

To pay off the country's foreign debt, Ceausescu had in recent years exported Romania's best agricultural products while forcing privation and rationing upon his people. The new government is now opening warehouses and making those items available to the people.



TRAPPED — A 33-year-old Pecos man, Jose Guillen, was trapped inside this oilfield seismograph truck following a 9:05 a.m. Saturday accident at U.S. 180 and U.S. 84 east of Snyder. Guillen was later transferred to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush pays tribute to wounded GIs

HOUSTON (AP) — President Bush, after a bedside tribute to the "gutsy, courageous, young" soldiers wounded in Panama, says it is "only fair and right" that dictator Manuel Noriega be brought to justice in the United States.

Bush, after spending New Year's Eve in the privacy of his hotel suite in his adopted hometown, today winds up his Christmas vacation bass fishing near Montgomery, Ala., before flying home to the White House.

Bush, an avid angler, was to cast for bass at a private 55-acre lake in Pintala, Ala., owned by pal Ray Scott Jr., publisher of Bassmaster Magazine.

Bush and wife Barbara were moved to tears Sunday as they

visited each of the 44 servicemen still hospitalized at two military hospitals in San Antonio, Texas.

"They're gutsy, courageous young men," said Bush, who praised the Panama invasion as "a superb operation." He added, "there should be no second-guessing."

On continuing efforts to pry Noriega out of the Vatican embassy in Panama City, where he has been holed up since Dec. 24, Bush said, "there's a lot going on and discussions about what'll take place."

"We want him brought to justice. It's only fair and right to these kids lying here... and I'm determined to see that that happens," Bush told reporters.

Panama's attorney general, Rogelio Cruz, said Sunday he is preparing to bring murder charges against Noriega for the deaths of 10 rebel officers after Noriega and his Panamanian Defense Forces quashed a Dec. 3 coup.

However, Panama's new president, Guillermo Endara, said later Sunday he is asking Pope John Paul II to release Noriega to U.S. authorities because the Latin country's courts are in disarray and currently incapable of trying Noriega, wanted in the United States as a drug trafficker.

Bush, after making his rounds at Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Air Force Hospital, called it "very, very moving for me and for Barbara."

Many of the wounded sported their Purple Hearts on their deep

blue pajamas or pinned them to pillowcases.

At the bedside of Army Sgt. James Almeida of Taunton, Mass., who suffered multiple fragmentation wounds, Bush asked the sergeant's 8-year-old daughter, Noella, if she had a good Christmas.

"Yes," said the child. "What was your favorite present?" Bush asked.

"My daddy," the child replied.

In a lighter moment, Bush narrated a home video for the brother of wounded Army Pvt. Scout Tout of Amarillo, Texas, and tried his Spanish with Sgt. Roy Burgess's Panama-born wife, Violetta. Burgess is from LaBelle, Fla.

Bush, saying he is "not too good at that kind of thing," asked his wife to relate an exchange with another soldier left paraplegic in the Panama

fighting.

"He thanked George and gave him a flag, a little American flag, and he said, 'This is from all the men in Panama and I want you to have this from them and we thank you for sending us,'" she said, adding, "You can't fake that."

Bush sent a televised New Year's message to the Soviet people, offering "warmest greetings" and hailing Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev as "a good partner in peace."

Bush came to Texas last Wednesday on his annual post-Christmas hunting trip. He was to cut his fishing stop in Alabama a few hours short to return to the White House to prepare for Tuesday's journey to Boston for the funeral of his sister Nancy's husband, Alexander Ellis II.

Ellis died of a stroke Friday at age 67.

Informant's tip leads to arrest

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An informant's tip led to the arrest of a man on a capital murder warrant in connection with the Dec. 20 robbery and execution-style murder at a topless nightclub in Arlington, officials said.

David Lee Herman, 32, of Kennedale, a Fort Worth suburb, was arrested Saturday at his residence by Arlington investigators and tactical officers as the result of an informant's claim that Herman came to him about one hour after the crime and sought his aid in laundering money taken in the robbery.

A camouflage-clad robber killed a 21-year-old woman and shot two other Lace employees after forcing them to lie on the floor of the topless nightclub in the mid-morning attack.

"He laid them on the floor in the office and then shot them. Apparently, they were cooperating up until that point," Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson said shortly after the shootings.

Herman listed his occupation as owner of an investment firm in Fort Worth.

Herman has no criminal record that police are aware of.

Panamanian government said preparing murder charges against Noriega

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — The Panamanian government is preparing murder charges against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and will ask the Vatican Embassy to hand over the deposed dictator for trial, the attorney general said Sunday.

The charges stem from the deaths of 10 officers who were killed during an Oct. 3 coup attempt, Attorney General Rogelio Cruz said.

The Noriega government said the 10 were killed in a gunfight with loyalist soldiers, but Cruz and an investigator alleged they were tortured and executed after surrendering.

"We will ask whomever has Noriega to turn him over to Panama so he can be brought to trial," Cruz said at a news conference. He said the request would be made "Tuesday or before."

Asked if the government had enough evidence to implicate Noriega directly in the officers' deaths, Cruz said, "Yes, there is evidence."

In the western province of Chiriqui, bordering Costa Rica, U.S. Army troops headed for Panama City with a convoy of containers holding more than 60,000 weapons and ammunitions seized from pro-Noriega forces. Army officials said it was only half of what is thought to exist in the region.

Noriega has been at the Vatican Embassy since Dec. 24, four days after U.S. troops invaded Panama and installed a civilian government led by Guillermo Endara.

The Vatican granted Noriega temporary asylum, following an established church policy of granting refuge. It has said it cannot turn Noriega over to the United States, since its Panama embassy is accredited only to deal with Panamanian authorities.

The Vatican has not ruled out giving Noriega to Panama and said Saturday it "did not intend to block the course of justice regarding a person accused of serious crimes." The filing of murder charges might reduce Latin American outrage if the Vatican does decide to release Noriega to Panama.

Wreck victim is stable today

A 33-year-old Pecos man was listed in stable condition today at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock with a neck injury suffered in a Saturday morning oilfield truck accident east of Snyder on a U.S. 84 access ramp.

Jose M. Guillen suffered a broken vertebrae in his neck but had no paralysis, said a spokesman for Cogdell Memorial Hospital, where he was treated prior to being transferred to Lubbock by ambulance early Saturday afternoon.

A spokesman for the Lubbock hospital said Guillen's condition was not considered serious enough for him to have to be in the intensive care unit.

He was driving a 45,500-pound seismograph truck south on 84 when he turned too sharply coming onto access ramp at U.S. 180 and the massive truck rolled at least once, according to a Department of Public Safety investigator.

The cab of the truck, owned by Dawson Geophysical of Midland, was compacted in the accident and Guillen had to be extricated with a Jaws of Life device wielded by local firemen.

Officers note several arrests

Weekend arrests included a 35-year-old man for DWI at 10:41 p.m. Sunday in the 2500 Block of 25th St.

A 24-year-old man was taken into custody for driving with his license suspended and not having liability insurance at 3:25 p.m. Saturday in the 1800 Block of Ave. M, and a 23-year-old man was arrested on the same charges at 4:10 p.m. Saturday in the 800 Block of 28th St.

A 27-year-old man was arrested for DWI at 6:33 p.m. Saturday in the 1800 Block of Coleman Ave.

A 49-year-old man and 36-year-old woman were taken into custody for being intoxicated on licensed premises at 9:10 p.m. Saturday at the Pizza Inn at 908 East Hwy.

Two people were arrested for public intoxication late Saturday and early Sunday, a 49-year-old man at 11:25 p.m. Saturday at 35th St. and Ave. M and a 22-year-old man at 5:11 a.m. Sunday in the 2900 Block of Ave. J.

Sheriff's deputies arrested a 22-year-old man for PI at 11:45 p.m. Sunday at the Latin-American Center on 13th St. in northeastern Snyder.

Minor wreck

Police investigated a 12:35 p.m. Saturday accident in which a car hit a parked pickup truck in the Wal-Mart parking lot off College Ave.

A 1985 Buick LeSabre driven by Diana R. Cox of 607 24th St. hit a parked 1983 Ford F-150 pickup owned by C.H. Lee of 1400 Ave. E, officers said.

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work force of 124,663,000.

The lowest area of unemployment in Texas for November is the Bryan-College Station area, which enjoyed only 4.4 percent unemployment. In contrast, unemployment in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area was 18.5 percent.

In counties around Scurry, the following unemployment rates were noted:

—BORDEN: 9.0 percent with 425 employed from a possible work force of 467;

—FISHER: 5.0 percent with 2,224 employed from a possible work force of 2,340;

—GARZA: 6.1 percent with 1,864 employed from a possible work force of 1,985;

—KENT: 1.6 percent with 498 employed from a possible work force of 506;

—LUBBOCK: 4.7 percent with 110,610 employed from a possible work force of 116,006;

—MITCHELL: 8.3 percent with 3,634 employed from a possible work force of 3,961;

—NOLAN: 7.4 percent with 7,467 employed from a possible work force of 8,068;

—TAYLOR: 6.2 percent with 50,205 employed from a possible work force of 53,548, and;

—TOM GREEN: 6.4 percent with 41,751 employed from a possible work force of 44,620.

37th St

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Sept. 12 public hearing here. A number of people spoke against the project, which has been unanimously approved by the city council.

Upon approval, the federal government is expected to fund \$600,000 of the \$800,000 project, which would make 37th a four-lane street from College to El Paso Aves, and the state will pay the rest. At the public meeting, Mayor Troy Williamson said it would cost the city about \$60,000 to purchase right of way.

Blood

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mug from UBS of Lubbock.

Every other donor will receive a coupon for a regular order from Gill's Fried Chicken.

Seven \$5 gift certificates from Jaramillo's Restaurant will be distributed by random drawings.

A Sunday buffet-for-two at Willow Park Inn will be allotted by drawings. Cookies will be provided by Lawrence IGA.

Orange juice will be furnished by Cogdell Memorial Hospital and each participant may choose that or a canned soft drink provided by Dr Pepper Bottling Company.

Two donor rosters will be available, one designating blood given in memory of John Border, husband of Judy Border; and the other given to replace blood required by Mrs. Thelma Gressett, mother of Leroy Donald Gressett.

Outdoor signs advertising the blood drive will be displayed by Bar-H-Bar, Ben Wilson Supply, Burgess-McWilliams Pharmacy, Gill's Fried Chicken, Golden Corral Steak House, Kmart, Patten's Twin Oaks Motel, Pizza Hut, Reta's Cake Shop, Scurry County Coliseum, The Shack, and Showcase Video.

January has been designated National Blood Donor Month.

Obituaries

Muriel Flint

Graveside services for Muriel Idell Flint, 71, of Snyder Oaks Care Center are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Eastland Cemetery with the Rev. David Edwards of Olden, Baptist minister, officiating.

She died at 9:05 p.m. Saturday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was born July 11, 1918 in Fort Worth. She was a nurse's aide and was married to "Buck" Flint who preceded her in death.

She moved to Snyder in June from Breckenridge.

She is survived by two daughters, Joy Lee and Bobbie Sharp, both of Snyder; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Wilma Day and Mrs. Dean Tolbert, both of Breckenridge, and Mrs. Faye Bingham of Brownfield; and two brothers, Delmar Donaldson of Breckenridge and Odell Donaldson of Meridian.

Eagles fall to L.A. in wild card battle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams made Buddy Ryan a prophet but not the way the Philadelphia Eagles coach predicted.

Ryan said Sunday's NFC wild-card playoff game would be decided in the trenches. He meant the Eagles' defense would squash the Rams.

The game was won in the trenches, but the Rams did the squashing — offensively and defensively.

Los Angeles defied the cold, rainy weather and the home field advantage to beat the Eagles, 21-7.

Coach John Robinson's Rams now move on to East Rutherford, N.J., on Sunday to play the New York Giants, the NFC East champions.

The key to the Rams' victory was the ability of the offensive line to keep Philadelphia's front four away from quarterback Jim Everett. Reggie White and company, second in the league with 62 sacks, got to Everett only twice.

Everett completed 18 of 33 passes for 281 yards and a pair of first-period touchdowns. He threw 39 yards to Henry Ellard for one score, and 13 yards to Damone Johnson for the other.

Everett got running support from Greg Bell, who gained 124 yards on 27 carries. Bell ran for 53 yards in the final period to set up his 7-yard TD run that clinched the game.

While the Rams offensive line frustrated the Eagles defense, the Los Angeles defense contained Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham's passing and held

the Eagles to 95 yards rushing. Philadelphia, trailing 14-0, scored its only touchdown at 4:02 of the fourth quarter on a 12-play, 80-yard drive capped by Anthony Toney's 1-yard dive into the end zone.

The Rams took a 7-0 lead 2:25 into the game on a three-play, 83-yard drive. Everett threw the final 39 yards to Everett.

Los Angeles boosted it to 14-0 at 7:20 of the first period on a seven-play, 46-yard drive. Everett passed 30 yards to Ellard setting up the 4-yard scoring strike to Johnson.

The Rams had read Ryan's boast that the Eagles would win the game in the trenches.

Jackie Slater, the 14-year Los Angeles offensive tackle, said the Rams were aware of Ryan's claim that the Eagles had the best front four in pro football.

"It's a big challenge to come down (to Philadelphia) hearing that line play in the trenches was the key."

"We accepted that challenge," said the 284-pound tackle, one of the Rams' three Pro Bowl offensive linemen who triggered the protection of Everett.

Rams offensive guard Tom Newberry agreed with his Pro Bowl teammate.

"I was confident before the game that we could beat their line. We have a pretty talented offensive line. We did a good job blocking. Everybody worked together," Newberry said.

A disappointed Ryan said he told his players, "This isn't the way I want to remember the season."

SPORTS

College grid games to determine No. 1

In the hallowed halls of Notre Dame rings the cry: "Go Irish!" So too does it ring in the not-so-hallowed backstreets and alleyways of New Orleans' French Quarter.

On New Year's Day, college football's national championship will be settled, and the second-ranked Miami Hurricanes know they have only one chance: Bitter rival Notre Dame, ranked No. 4, must beat top-ranked Colorado in the Orange Bowl.

"Go Notre Dame!" Miami linebacker Bernard Clark echoed. "I've got no trouble pulling for them. Play ball, baby. Let's go."

About a half hour after the Orange Bowl begins in Miami on Monday night, Miami (10-1) meets No. 7 Alabama (1-1) in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Colorado is 11-0, and Notre Dame is 11-1.

The only other national championship contender, No. 3 Michigan (10-1) meets No. 12 Southern Cal (8-2-1) in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., earlier in the day.

The other four bowl games Monday are: No. 9 Auburn (9-2) vs. No. 21 Ohio State (8-3) in the Hall of Fame Bowl at Tampa, Fla.; No. 15 Virginia (10-2) vs. No. 11 Illinois (9-2) in the Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla.; No. 10 Arkansas (10-1) vs. No. 8 Tennessee (10-1) in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, and No. 6 Nebraska (10-1) vs. No. 5 Florida State (9-2) in the Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz.

In the four bowl games on Saturday, No. 23 Pitt beat No. 16 Texas A&M 31-28 in the John Hancock Bowl at El Paso, Texas; Washington beat Florida 34-7 in the Freedom Bowl at Anaheim, Calif.; Syracuse beat Georgia 19-18 in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta, and No. 14 Clemson beat No. 17 West Virginia 27-7 in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

Sugar Bowl
Miami was in a similar situation in 1985, ranked second and hoping Penn State would beat No. 1 Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. But the Sooners won, and Miami lost to Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl. Miami athletic director Sam Jankovich blamed a hostile crowd in New Orleans. This time, though, he said he didn't "figure on it getting too loud."

Orange Bowl
Colorado coach Bill McCartney believes the team with the best running attack will win the Orange Bowl.

"I could say turnovers, but you're probably tired of hearing that week after week," McCartney said. "My gut feeling is whoever runs the ball best will win."

Colorado, led by quarterback Darian Hagan, has average 372 yards with its option attack, second in the country, while Notre Dame has averaged 288.

Notre Dame features a varied attack, led by quarterback Tony Rice.

Rose Bowl
Bo Schembechler retires as Michigan coach after this game, but he's not the only lame duck with an interest.

"We want to win for all of us seniors, and that includes me," the 60-year-old Schembechler said. "We don't need any of this 'Win One for Bo' stuff."

The Trojans have plenty of motivation of their own, having lost the last two Rose Bowl games, including a 22-14 defeat by Michigan last January.

Hall of Fame Bowl
Tailback Carlos Snow, who missed Ohio State's regular-season finale against Michigan with a sore right knee, has been a question mark for the Buckeyes.

Ohio State led Big Ten in offense, averaging 418.1 yards per game, and scored a league-high 29.5 points per game. This will be Ohio State's first meeting with Auburn, which features a strong defense spearheaded by tackles David Rocker and Fernando Horn and nose guard Walter Tate.

Citrus Bowl
Virginia averaged 216 yards rushing this season, and the Cavaliers were 8-0 when Marcus Wilson rushed for more than 100 yards.

"I think we have to get some first downs on the ground and make some 5- to 10-yard runs," Cavs coach George Welsh said. Illinois this season has given up an average of 145 yards on the ground and 141 in the air.

Cotton Bowl
Tennessee would like to make the Cotton Bowl its 600th collegiate victory. Arkansas, on the other hand, would like to atone for a 17-3 loss to UCLA in the last Cotton Bowl.

Oilers out of playoffs

Steelers upset Houston in overtime, 26-23

HOUSTON (AP) — Gary Anderson is the third most accurate kicker in NFL history. On Sunday, he was No. 1 for Pittsburgh, and the Houston Oilers' "House of Pain" suddenly turned on its owner.

Anderson kicked a 50-yard field goal with 11:34 left in overtime, giving Pittsburgh a 26-23 victory over Houston in the AFC wild-card playoff game. The kick came after Merrill Hoge had tied

the score 23-23 with 46 seconds left in regulation with a 1-yard touchdown dive.

"Nobody had given up and that made it doubly exciting," Anderson said. "We played them three times and the last one counted."

The Oilers finished their season with three straight losses, including a 24-20 loss to Cleveland in the final 39 seconds in the season finale at the Astrodome, where the Oilers had played so well this season.

Houston beat the Steelers twice in the regular season, including a 27-9 shut out in the Astrodome.

"I thought as the week went on we did a good job of coming out of it and a lot of people played hard today," Oilers coach Jerry Glanville said.

The field goal was Anderson's fourth of the game, a club record for the playoffs, and sent the Steelers on to play Western Division champion Denver next Sunday at Mile High Stadium. Anderson is 7-of-16 lifetime outside the 50-yard line.

Anderson's kicks of 25, 30 and 48 yards before his game winner, and touchdown runs of 9 yards by Tim Worley and 1 by Hoge proved to be the final blow to the Oilers' late season decline.

Pittsburgh took a 16-9 lead in the fourth quarter, but the Oilers went ahead on touchdown passes of 18 and 9 yards from Warren Moon to Ernest Givins, who caught a career high 11 passes.

"I felt real good going into that situation," Anderson said. "When they called time out it didn't bother me. I just go give my best shot."

The Steelers lost their first two games of the season by a combined 92-10 score but they finished by winning five of their last six regular-season games and earned the playoff spot on the final day of the season.

"Needless to say we're elated," Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll said. "It was very emotional for our football team just to make the playoffs."

The Oilers blew their last chance on their only offensive

play of the overtime period when Lorenzo White fumbled at the Houston 47 and Rod Woodson recovered it.

"There's no question this game was a gut check," Noll said. "There's no question the big play was when Woodson knocked the ball loose."

Four plays later, Anderson kicked the game-winner.

Two weeks ago, the Oilers had a chance to win the AFC Central by winning at Cincinnati. Instead, the Bengals administered a 61-7 lambasting, and Houston went home to the Astrodome to face Cleveland with another division title shot.

But Cleveland's Kevin Mack scored the game winner with 39 seconds to play for a 24-20 victory over the Oilers in the season finale.

This time, Glanville saw White's fumble cause the last-second humiliation.

"I saw the ball come out, and I knew it was a fumble," Glanville said. "We talked all week about protecting the football because they are good at stripping it."

Moon completed 29 of 48 passes 315 yards and two touchdowns compared to Bubby Brister, who hit 15 of 33 for 127 yards.

The Steelers were out-gained for the 14th time in 17 games this season but they have 10 victories. Houston outgained the Steelers 215-138 in the first half and finished with a 380-289 margin.

The Oilers never led until Givins beat former Oiler safety Larry Griffin to the end zone with 9:14 left in the game on his 18-yard touchdown.

Givins caught his second touchdown, a 9-yarder, with 6:02 left in the game.

Pitt nudges Aggies on late touchdown

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — To new Pittsburgh coach Paul Hackett, the Panthers' 31-28 John Hancock Bowl victory over Texas A&M was a nice surprise and a sign of things to come.

"So many good things, so many things to build on," Hackett said after Saturday's victory.

The 23rd-ranked Panthers (8-3-1) rallied from a four-point deficit to score a touchdown and beat the 16th-ranked Aggies (8-4).

The Panthers gave Hackett good reason to look forward to next year.

Although he will be losing seniors in critical positions, Hackett can look forward to three more seasons with redshirt freshman quarterback Alex Van Pelt who completed 20 of 40 attempts for 354 yards, two touchdowns and one interception in the victory.

The 6-foot-2, 220-pounder from San Antonio won the game's Most Valuable Player award.

"He's got a great future," Hackett said. "There's no question where the leadership on this football team is, squarely on his shoulders."

Van Pelt's 1-yard touchdown run put the Panthers up 24-10 early in the third and a 44-yard bomb to senior flanker Henry Tuten with 2:19 remaining gave Pittsburgh the victory.

"I didn't play a big role in the

leadership this year, but like coach Hackett said things are going to be expected next year," said Van Pelt, who relished returning to his home state and beating a home state team.

But Van Pelt credited the seniors' performance for the win and said they had left a legacy.

"The seniors giving him (Hackett) a win, going out winners, giving us a chance to come back on a winning note next year, I think we're going to be successful next year," he said.

Texas A&M found itself fighting an old enemy.

"We came back, took the lead," but couldn't hold it, said Aggies coach R.C. Slocum. "That's disappointing. It happened to us several times this year."

An aggravated knee injury sidelined the Aggies' star running back Darren Lewis in practices before the bowl game and three more players were lost during the game, including quarterback Lance Pavlas.

Pavlas sat out the second quarter and part of the third after hurting his ribs when he fell on the ball after sneaking in for a 1-yard touchdown at the end of the first quarter. He told his coaches his right arm felt numb.

When Pavlas returned early in the third quarter, the Aggies were behind 24-10. He led Texas A&M to three consecutive touchdowns.

1980's sports overview...

Last decade saw many sports changes

by The Associated Press
Welcome to the 1990s.

If the next 10 years are anything like the last 10, the one constant in the world of sports will be change. If you don't like the way things are, hey, stick around. Nothing stayed the same for long in the '80s. Why should the '90s be any different?

Perhaps the most dramatic alteration occurred in the wallets of pro athletes. When the last decade began, the top salary in sports belonged to pitcher Nolan Ryan, who had just taken baseball to the \$1 million plateau.

As the new decade starts, Ryan is still making a comfortable \$1.4 million but he is now an economic also-ran. A half-dozen baseball players — Kirby Puckett, Rickey Henderson, Mark Langston, Mark Davis, Joe Carter and Robin Yount — have pushed past \$3 million for 1990.

The average salary in baseball was about \$144,000 when the decade began and nearly \$500,000 when it ended. NFL salaries went from \$80,000 to \$300,000; the NBA from about \$175,000 to \$750,000; the NHL from \$90,000 to \$220,000.

If soaring salaries are the benchmark by which the '80s will be

remembered, they were not the only substantial change in the sports industry during those 10 tumultuous years.

The last decade began in a sea of red, white and blue as America celebrated a dramatic Olympic hockey victory over the Soviet Union. It ended with some of the members of that Soviet team and a few of their basketball brethren, who beat the USA in the 1988 Summer Olympics, playing for teams in the capitalistic NHL and NBA.

In 1980, Bowie Kuhn was in charge of baseball, Pete Rozelle was running football, Larry O'Brien was the head man in the NBA, John Ziegler was the boss of the NHL and Walter Byers was operating the NCAA. As the '80s end, Ziegler is the only one still in place.

Peter Ueberroth, fresh from turning a profit at the traditionally debt-ridden Summer Olympics, took over from Kuhn in 1984. He was replaced in 1989 by Renaissance scholar Bart Giamatti, who died after just five months in office. Fay Vincent, in baseball just one year, succeeded Giamatti.

Rozelle completed 30 years in

office with a sudden retirement announcement in March. But it took NFL owners seven months to settle on attorney Paul Tagliabue as their new commissioner.

In the NBA, David Stern succeeded O'Brien as commissioner in 1984 and helped turn a struggling league into a huge money-maker. When the 1980s began, the NBA was making \$20 million on its CBS-TV contract. After this season, that figure will shoot up to \$150 million in a new deal with NBC.

Byers retired after 36 years with the NCAA, replaced in 1987 by Dick Schultz, who had been athletic director at the University of Virginia and chairman of the NCAA basketball tournament committee.

During the '80s, the NCAA tournament enjoyed perhaps the most dramatic growth of any sports event, ballooning from 48 teams to 64 in a three-week extravaganza that generates millions for member institutions.

The nature of college basketball itself changed drastically, too, with the introduction of the 45-second clock and the 3-point shot, producing a faster, more

wide-open game. Both were greeted skeptically by traditionalists, but the sport has flourished.

Perhaps the most significant change in collegiate sports, however, was the introduction of tighter academic and integrity standards. Proposition 48 set minimum grade point and curriculum requirements for freshman athletes and kept some top-flight recruits on the sidelines for their first year in college, working on school books instead of playbooks.

Football stars such as Lawrence Taylor, Dexter Manley and others violated the NFL's substance-abuse rule and were suspended. Michael Ray Richardson, Chris Washburn, Lewis Lloyd and Mitchell Wiggins were among a number of NBA players banned for a minimum of two years as repeat drug offenders. Cy Young Award winners Vida Blue and Lamarr Hoyt were among the baseball players disciplined.

The saddest cases of all, however, were basketball star Len Bias and NFL defensive back Don Rogers.

Bowl glance

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All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 30

John Hancock Bowl	At El Paso, Texas
Peach Bowl	Pittsburgh 31, Texas A&M 28
Freedom Bowl	At Anaheim, Calif.
Washington 34, Florida 7	
Citrus Bowl	At Orlando, Fla.
Syracuse 19, Georgia 18	
Gator Bowl	At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson 27, West Virginia 7	
Sunday, Dec. 31	
Copper Bowl	At Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona 17, North Carolina St. 10	
Monday, Jan. 1	
Hall of Fame Bowl	At Tampa, Fla.
Auburn (9-2) vs. Ohio St. (8-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)	
Citrus Bowl	At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia (10-2) vs. Illinois (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)	
Cotton Bowl	At Dallas, Texas
Arkansas (10-1) vs. Tennessee (10-1), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)	
Fiesta Bowl	At Tempe, Ariz.
Nebraska (10-1) vs. Florida St. (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)	
Rose Bowl	At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (10-1) vs. Southern Cal (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)	
Orange Bowl	At Miami
Notre Dame (11-1) vs. Colorado (11-0), 8 p.m. (NBC)	
Sugar Bowl	At New Orleans
Alabama (10-1) vs. Miami, Fla. (10-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)	

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	7	.741	—
Boston	17	11	.607	3 1/2
Philadelphia	15	13	.536	5 1/2
Washington	12	16	.429	8 1/2
New Jersey	8	20	.286	12 1/2
Miami	7	23	.233	14 1/2
Central Division				
Chicago	19	9	.679	—
Indiana	19	9	.679	—
Detroit	18	11	.621	1 1/2
Atlanta	16	11	.593	2 1/2
Milwaukee	15	13	.536	4
Cleveland	11	16	.407	7 1/2
Orlando	9	20	.310	10 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division				
San Antonio	19	7	.731	—
Utah	19	9	.679	1 1/2
Denver	19	10	.655	1 1/2
Dallas	15	13	.536	5
Houston	12	18	.400	8
Charlotte	6	20	.231	12
Minnesota	6	23	.207	14 1/2
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	24	6	.778	—
Portland	19	10	.655	5
Seattle	13	13	.500	7 1/2
Phoenix	12	13	.480	8
L.A. Clippers	10	16	.385	10 1/2
Golden State	10	17	.370	11
Sacramento	7	20	.259	14
Saturday's Games				
New York 113, Orlando 107				
Utah 147, Miami 96				
Chicago 117, Washington 112, OT				
Charlotte 111, Houston 92				
Cleveland 116, Phoenix 102				
Detroit 117, New Jersey 106				
Indiana 106, Atlanta 96				
Dallas 116, Denver 109, OT				
Milwaukee 100, Minnesota 95				
Philadelphia 100, Los Angeles Clippers 95				
Sunday's Games				
No games scheduled				

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