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Ask Us

Fire Chief urges caution be used in colder weather

Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell said Friday that Snyder's recent series of major fires should prompt people to be

more cautious how they heat their homes and buildings when the weather is extremely cold.

Destructive blazes at the Western Texas College dormitory, a 37th St. home and Ave. D Baptist Church reminded the chief of "one night six or eight years ago" when a half-dozen Scurry County residences burned and the ways that such misfortunes can be prevented.

"Freezing rain and sleet covered the air vents on the butane regulators," McDowell recalled. "You have to keep the regulators turned down and keep the vent turned toward the ground."

"It happens when people overdo trying to keep things warm."

The WTC dormitory fire was touched off by an extension cord that had been wrapped around a bed frame in an upper-story room, the house fire is still under investigation, and the church fire stemmed from a wall heater in a room that was formerly a pastor's study on the second floor of the east end of the sanctuary building, McDowell said.

"A lot of fires in cold weather (see CAUTION, page 15A)



AFTERMATH — Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell inspects the rubble that was the Ave. D Baptist Church sanctuary building. The church fire was one of several recent major fires here that happened in extremely cold weather. (SDN Staff Photo)

138 votes cast so far in election

County Clerk Frances Billingsley reported that 138 absentee votes had been cast through 5 p.m. Friday in the Jan. 20 county tax rollback election.

Absentee balloting will continue through Jan. 16, and Billingsley said voter participation has been "real good" so far, although she declined to predict a percentage turnout.

The county has 9,010 voters registered for the election.

A voter must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote.

Tuesday was the first day that absentee ballots could be cast.

The rollback effort seeks to roll county taxes back from 39.80 to 34.75 cents per \$100 valuation.

WTC registration upcoming; student test scores required

Western Texas College will begin its first 1990 classes in just over a week and students are reminded that new regulations require them to have test scores on file before they can register.

Registration takes place on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 11 and 12, and classes begin the following Monday, on Jan. 15.

New regulations handed down by the state require that all students have test scores on file prior to registering. Students who have ACT or SAT scores are to bring those. Students who have no ACT, SAT or WTC Placement Test scores can take the WTC test at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, or at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, the first day of registration. There is a \$10 charge for the tests.

Because of the testing requirements, WTC will conduct evening registration only on Jan. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. After Jan. 11, all students must register during daytime hours, from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. The last day to register or add courses will be Jan. 19.

Student: who had not earned at least three college credit hours before the start of the 1989 fall semester are required to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test before completing their first 15 hours of college coursework. Students who have completed 15 hours since

Local man stable after stab wound

A 21-year-old Snyder man was in stable condition in Cogdell Memorial Hospital's critical care unit Saturday with an abdominal stab wound suffered in a Friday night altercation in the 2000 Block of Ave. N.

Kenneth Kenly of 2007 N was taken to the hospital in a private vehicle, and police were seeking two men who they said were suspects in the case, which was being investigated as an aggravated assault.

Kenly suffered a deep wound in his left abdomen, a hospital spokesman said.

Officers said the altercation took place about 10:40 p.m. Friday at a residence near Kenly's home in the 2000 Block of N.

Guilty plea nets 6 years

A 29-year-old Snyder man pleaded guilty to a delivery of a controlled substance charge last week in 132nd District Court and received a six-year term in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Alvin L. "Smoky" Ollison of 1009 29th St. entered his plea before District Judge Gene Dulaney in connection with a marijuana delivery to an undercover narcotics agent on Oct. 13.

Ollison was among eight people named in sealed drug indictments last month.

He was also fined \$1,000.

Moving WIC program topic of commissioner's meeting

Dr. C.R. Allen of Arlington, regional director of the Texas Department of Health, will meet with Scurry County Commissioners Monday in their regular meeting to discuss moving the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program from the Texas Department of Health to the County Health Department.

Currently, Mary Ward of the Texas Department of Health oversees the local WIC program which is a supplemental food program for women, infants and children.

According to office clerk Amelia Rosas, WIC recipients must meet income requirements

as well as show a nutritional need. They are also required to watch a film every six months.

Infants can be placed on the program for an entire year while children and breast-feeding mothers must be re-certified every six months.

Other agenda items for the 10 a.m. meeting include appointing new county board members, designating Scurry County holidays for 1990, appointing a county health officer for 1990-1991, and appointing a grievance committee for 1990 from a list of citizens who served on the grand jury in 1989. Commissioners also plan to approve bills payable for the week.

September 1989 may enroll for the 1990 spring semester by signing a statement to the effect that they will take the TASP test in February, WTC does plan to offer the TASP test in February.

Sophomores will register from 1-4 p.m. on Jan. 11. Evening registration will open at 6:30 p.m. and continue to 8 p.m. Freshman registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. until noon on Jan. 12. Registration for all students will continue from 1-3 p.m.

In-service programs for WTC faculty members will begin on Monday, Jan. 8, at 9 a.m. with a session in the Science Lecture Hall. Dr. Harry Krenek, college president, will speak. In-service will continue through Wednesday afternoon.

Information concerning registration and spring courses may be obtained by calling the college at 573-8511.

'Supply and demand' reason said for rise in propane cost

The skyrocketing cost of propane is a matter of "supply and demand" and not the fault of local dealers, the Texas LP-Gas Association has said.

The association has sent a news release to media in response to complaints from customers, who have seen prices rise 40 to 50 cents higher a gallon than just a month ago.

"Supply and demand is ruling the marketplace," said Lynn

40 years...

Open house marks WTSB anniversary

An open house on Friday will mark the 40th anniversary of West Texas State Bank in Snyder.

"We are very proud of this achievement," said Martin Brooks, chairman of the bank's board of directors, "and we see it as a significant milestone in our history."

Brooks, who has been with the bank since 1950, attributed the bank's success to "steady, hard work" and "commitment to treating people fairly."

Added Brooks, "you can't survive in this business without earning the trust and confidence of your customers. Through the years we've been successful because we strive to do that every day."

Chartered in September, 1949, West Texas State Bank

opened its doors on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1950 under the leadership of Wayne Boren, chairman of the board; Nolan Watson, president; and other charter directors who were Herman Doak, B.C. Drinkard, H. H. Eiland, Weldon Johnson, M.H. McWhirter, George E. Parks and Hugh Taylor.

The bank's deposits exceeded \$2 million during the first day of operations, according to H.W. Cargile, who was one of the bank's first officers and who currently serves as senior chairman of the board.

"We opened at just the right time," recalls Cargile. "It was in the middle of an oil boom like you've never seen, and the community needed another bank to take care of its (see WTSB, page 15A)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Most of us will never do great things, but we can do small things in a great way."

When a country boy goes to the big city, watch out, anything can happen.

Lester Bryce, retired Sun Gas Plant employee, recently was in one of those big-city department stores. While his bride of 50 years, Geneva, was busy shopping, Lester was intrigued with watching the people.

Lester, however, was attracted to a certain department store display. For some unknown reason, Lester moved closer to the mannequin. The dress was so bright and looked so soft. He couldn't resist the urge to touch. He lifted the hem and felt the silk fabric.

About that time, the live mannequin winked at Lester and the stunned Snyder man decided he was better off doing his people watching from a bench.

Central Elementary teacher Kathy Moore said her husband had a similar experience a couple of years ago. Ned, high school art teacher, was walking past several "live mannequins" but all that really caught his eye was a hat.

"What an ugly hat," Ned blurted out to his wife. Just as he passed the mannequin, she hit him in the back of the head with her "ugly" hat.

Just before Christmas, a local resident inquired why the Christmas music wasn't playing in downtown Snyder. Chamber manager Bill Moss checked into it and solved the problem—perhaps too well.

About 2 a.m., Moss got a telephone call from a police dispatcher who said a resident within earshot of downtown Snyder had called to complain that the Christmas music was too loud. The music had been left on overnight.

Q—Where can I write ESPN about biased announcers?

A—The address for the cable sports station, ESPN, is ESPN Plaza, Bristol, Conn., 06010.

In Brief

Two collide

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — An American-flagged container ship and a Panamanian-flagged tanker collided 20 miles offshore from Galveston, but no one was injured, U.S. Coast Guard officials said Saturday.

Lt. Cmdr. Frank Whipple of the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office at Galveston said both vessels were headed in the same direction when they collided at 10 p.m. Friday.

"It's foggy out here. There's heavy fog and drizzle, so there's reduced visibility and there has been since yesterday afternoon," Whipple said.

Fuel oil from the Margaret Lykes, a New Orleans-based container ship, leaked slowly from a hole in the port side of the 618-foot vessel early Saturday, Whipple said.

Local

City Council

Snyder City Council will convene its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in council chambers at City Hall.

A report on the municipal water distribution system by a Lubbock engineering company is among the agenda items.

WTC boosters

Western Texas College Booster Club encourages anyone interested in college athletics to attend its upcoming noon Dutch treat luncheons at Golden Corral.

Meeting dates are Jan. 8 and 22 and Feb. 5 and 19.

College board

Western Texas College board of trustees will meet at 5:45 p.m. Monday in the college board room.

Information and discussion will center on auxiliary enterprises, the dormitory, athletics and the golf course. There will also be a review of faculty and administration salaries.

Snyder Sharing

An application for home repair through Snyder Neighbors Sharing is located on page 6B of this issue.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is an effort aimed at general repair of homes belonging to elderly or handicapped members of the community who lack the financial means and physical ability.

Volunteers are also needed for the fix-up effort, which has been scheduled for April 28. For further information, telephone 573-4053.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 48 degrees; low, 23 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 23 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, .01 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear with a low near 20. Wind light and variable. Sunday, sunny and warmer with a high near 60. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph.

Cigarette-safety case...

Appeals court oks new trial

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A federal appeals court threw out the nation's first damage award in a smoker-death case and ordered a new trial, leaving lawyers for both sides haggling over who emerged the winner.

The ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday set the stage for new and expanded litigation against cigarette manufacturers, anti-smoking forces claimed.

The appeals court overturned a lower court's damage judgment, which would have made Liggett

Group Inc. pay the family of smoker who died of cancer \$400,000. The lower court found that Liggett — which makes Chesterfield and L&M cigarettes — had advertised its cigarettes as safe.

Attorneys for three cigarette manufacturers claimed victory, citing the reversal of the award, which restored their 35-year no-loss record in such cases. But their opponents stressed a part of the ruling in which the court reinstated broader claims that weren't fully considered in the

first trial.

Rose Cipollone of Little Ferry, N.J., a smoker for 42 years, originally filed the case against Liggett and two other cigarette manufacturers, Lorillard Inc. and Philip Morris Inc. Mrs. Cipollone died of lung cancer at age 58 in 1984, but her husband, Antonio, has carried on the case.

"Plaintiff's attorneys are back to square one after having spent nearly six years and nearly \$3 million in lawyer and legal fees," said Josiah Murray, Liggett's general counsel.

He said he was "extremely gratified" with the reversal, but declined to comment further on the decision.

Charles Wall, an attorney representing Philip Morris and Lorillard, also was pleased with the court ruling.

Cipollone was out of town and

unavailable to comment, according to his current wife, Dorothy. His lawyers said they had been unable to reach him.

Marc Edell, Cipollone's attorney, said the decision "is a big win for us" because he can now seek damages from all three companies.

"I'm looking forward to retrying the case," he said.

The ruling said Cipollone has "live claims" against the three companies on grounds they marketed the product knowing the risks of cigarette smoking. The district court had barred Cipollone from making such a claim.

One law professor with ties to anti-smoking forces said the court's ruling on that issue strengthens a plaintiff's ability to seek judgment against the tobacco companies.

Republican files for district office Patsy Williams



for district clerk

Scurry County native Patsy Williams has filed for district clerk on the Republican ticket.

Williams graduated from Snyder High School in 1951 and received her bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian College in 1955.

Her husband, Billy Wayne, ranches in the Polar Community. They have two children and three grandchildren. Her parents, Ena and the late D.M. Pogue, farmed in the Plainview Community for many years.

Williams taught 10 years in the business department at Snyder High School. She has also instructed night classes and Western Texas College and has been a substitute teacher in Snyder public schools for the past two and a half years.

"I feel that my experience in the business field will help me run an efficient and professional district clerk's office," Williams said.

She is a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

Williams is the only Republican to file for District Clerk. Elois Pruitt has filed on the Democratic ticket.

Noriega Streets residents will not surrender name

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Residents of Noriega Drive and Noriega Lane say they like the names of their streets just fine and don't plan to surrender them.

But they have been targets of some kidding since deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was brought to the United States to stand trial on drug trafficking charges.

The streets in this Florida Panhandle city were named for a

family of Noriegas that arrived here more than 200 years ago, but many residents don't realize that.

"The other night I called Domino's Pizza and the girl taking my order asked my address," said Reyn Voeltz, a 10-year resident on Noriega Drive.

"When I told her, she yelled, 'Noriega!' and asked, 'Are you in Panama?' I said, 'No, that's the name of my street,'" Voeltz said.

After 68 years, Ella Hoffman can hear

HAZEN, N.D. (AP) — Ella Hoffmann danced for the first time at age 68 — because she finally could hear the music.

A cheerful woman who lives in a retirement home in this small central North Dakota community, Hoffman had been considered deaf since birth. But when she was being checked for a growth in her ear in early December, a specialist discovered she actually could hear with the help of a hearing aid.

It was a magical moment.

"She looked at me and kind of smiled and giggled," audiologist Jon Richins recalled.

Hoffmann, who has lived at the Pioneer Park Retirement Home since 1981, danced for the first time a week later, when a polka band came to entertain residents of the home.

"She kept time, and she danced. She could hear," said Helen Iverson, director of the home. "It's unbelievable."

Sitting in an armchair in her room at Pioneer Park, Hoffmann laughs a wheezy laugh and sways from side-to-side in a dancing motion when she's asked about that dance. Her speech is unclear and she doesn't know sign language. But her smile says it all.

Iverson calls her story a miracle.

"When she came to the home in 1981, I was told she was deaf,"

motion, Iverson said.

Unable to relieve the persistent pain, her doctor recommended she see a specialist in Bismarck, about 70 miles southeast of Hazen, a community of 3,300 people.

At the Bismarck clinic, Richins asked Iverson if Hoffmann's

hearing had ever been tested. Not to her knowledge, she said.

"He took her into a booth, put some headphones on her, and she raised her hand when she heard a sound," Iverson remembered.

Richins then fitted Hoffmann with a hearing aid, "and she was all smiles when the doctor turned up the sound," Iverson added.

Richins was all smiles, too.

"When someone says they're deaf, I need to have proof," he said.

"There's more stories like this than I would care to admit — people who have been diagnosed as autistic or placed in homes for the handicapped," Richins said.

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Kentucky church leaders call for kidnapping probe

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) — The case of a nun kidnapped and tortured in Guatemala has been ignored by investigators in that country and the United States, Roman Catholic church leaders say.

A group of Kentucky church officials called Friday for investigations by both Guatemala and the U.S. State Department into the Nov. 2 kidnapping of Sister Diana Ortiz.

Ortiz has said in a sworn statement that three men kidnapped her from a religious retreat, beat her and burned her with cigarettes during a 30-hour ordeal. Ortiz, a native of Grants, N.M., is a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, a religious community based near Owensboro.

She has made no public appearances and granted no interviews since she returned.

"Religious leaders from across Kentucky are calling on the president of Guatemala to begin

a formal investigation," said Sister Mary Matthias, major superior of the Ursuline order in Owensboro.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., and Rep. Carroll Hubbard, D-Ky., have requested an investigation by the State Department into the torture and abduction.

The State Department said Wednesday in a letter to Hubbard that the investigation is up to Guatemala.

"We hope that she will be able to assist in the investigation, once she has recovered from her ordeal," wrote Janet G. Mullins, assistant secretary for legislative affairs in the State Department.

As in other cases of human rights abuses in Guatemala, the U.S. Embassy lacks the authority to investigate, Mullins wrote.

A spokesman for Hubbard said the congressman was unhappy with the response and planned to talk with Secretary of State James Baker.

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Rochester serial slaying...

Paroled killer charged again

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — After almost two years of legwork, police got their lucky break in a serial-murder investigation when a helicopter pilot circled once more around a park and found a suspect and one of his alleged victims.

The pilot followed Arthur Shawcross, a 44-year-old paroled killer, to a nursing home where police questioned him Wednesday. A day later, Shawcross was in jail, charged with killing eight women and under investigation in the deaths of three others.

"We were just on a search, just going over an area that we had covered previously," said state police Sgt. Ken R. Hundt, one of two pilots of the helicopter. "It was kind of like (we saw) the vehicle first, and then the second time around we both saw the body."

"As far as I'm concerned, it was just a matter of luck."

Rochester Police Chief Gordon F. Urlacher said Shawcross made statements to authorities about the murders and told police where to find three bodies, but he refused to say whether Shawcross admitted to the crimes.

A state police source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Shawcross admitted to 11 of the murders.

Shawcross pleaded innocent Friday to eight counts of second-degree murder at his arraignment in Rochester City Court. Judge John Manning Regan ordered him held without bail until a preliminary hearing Wednesday. Each count carries a possible penalty of 25 years to life in prison.

A profile of the suspect began to emerge Friday from state prison and parole officials, relatives and police who investigated the 1972 slaying of 8-

year-old Karen Hill. The Rochester girl was strangled and sexually molested while visiting Watertown, 150 miles to the northeast.

Shawcross was convicted of first-degree manslaughter for that slaying and served 15 years in prison.

"I thought he was a very dangerous person," said Charles S. Kubinski, a retired Watertown police detective who investigated that slaying. "He was not mentally disturbed. He knew what he was doing."

After his parole in 1987, Shawcross was moved by parole officials from three communities because of opposition by local residents. One of the communities was Delhi, a town of 3,500 people about 120 miles northwest of New York City.

"I feel that if the people hadn't stood up and showed their displeasure with the system, then

we'd have had the problem Rochester did," Delhi Police Chief Frank Harmer said. "We dodged a bullet."

Shawcross eventually settled in Rochester, finding a job making salads in a restaurant.

He appeared to be adapting well to life outside prison, said Edward Elwin, executive director of the state Division of Parole.

"Superficially, he was making a good adjustment," Elwin said.

But his mother, Mrs. Arthur Shawcross of Brownville, said her son remained "a sick person" who never got over his experiences in the Vietnam war.

"He never should have been let out," Mrs. Shawcross told the Syracuse Herald-Journal. She said her son, whom she hadn't spoken to in 17 years, was shot in action and "saw things he shouldn't have seen over there."

Police refused to discuss a motive for the slayings, but said all of the victims were involved with drugs or prostitution.

Evidence linking Shawcross to three more slayings will be presented to grand juries, said Monroe County District Attorney Howard R. Relin.

The 11 deaths are among 16 unsolved slayings of Rochester area women in the last two years. Relin and Urlacher said they don't believe the remaining five killings are related to the 11 in the present case.

Even as Shawcross was being arraigned, more bodies were being found.

Police following directions they said Shawcross had given them found a body in a densely overgrown area in the suburb of Greece early Friday.

AG begins probe of propane charges

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox says his office is investigating the recent quadrupling of the price of propane, a fuel used for heating and cooking.

Wholesale propane prices rose to about 80 cents per gallon during the first week of January, from a low of about 20 cents per gallon the first week of December, Mattox said.

The prices rose while Texas endured an Arctic freeze that

plunged temperatures across the state to record lows just before Christmas.

"As soon as the freezing temperatures hit Texas, the price of propane rocketed," Mattox said. "We do not believe the price increased because of a shortage of propane. We believe the prices increased to take advantage of consumers dependent on the fuel for heating."

"That's wrong. That's price-gouging. That's illegal," Mattox

said.

The attorney general said all of his regional offices in Texas have received consumer complaints about the increase in propane prices.

Mattox added that some retailers sold propane at cost to poor families during the freeze because they needed it to heat their homes.

"The retailers who helped poor folks during the freeze should be thanked," Mattox said. "Those

involved in this unconscionable price-gouging will be dealt with in another way."

Retailers and wholesalers have blamed the price increase on low supply and high demand due to a winter that has been colder than normal.

Icy weather in late December increased demand, retailers said, and the supply was reduced because of a closed Canadian gas pipeline and low inventories.

Other factors that have af-

fecting propane prices are closings of processing plants, fires at several facilities and shortages of natural gas.

"Our customers can't believe the new prices," said Jack Walcher, president of Eddins-Walcher Co., a propane distributor in Midland. "Some think we are gouging them, but we're not."

Domestic inventories had been kept at low levels because of mild winters for the past two years, Walcher said.

Three Brady firefighters said charged

BRADY, Texas (AP) — Three firefighters have been charged with arson following an investigation into a series of suspicious fires in this small central Texas town.

Brady firefighters Darron Moore, 21, and Todd Jacoby, 24, were arraigned on second-degree felony arson charges Wednesday along with volunteer firefighter Roger Dale Stidham Jr., 23. All are from Brady.

A fourth man, Michael Pitcox, age unknown, of Brady, also was arraigned before McCulloch County Peace Justice Joe Berekman.

All four men posted \$3,000 bond. If convicted, they could face between two and 20 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

The firefighters are no longer with the fire department, leaving just two paid firefighters to protect property in the town of 6,000 residents about 75 miles southwest of San Angelo, authorities said.

Brady Police Chief James Ledford said the charges stemmed from an investigation into a series of suspicious blazes, including one that destroyed a vacant house on Oct. 30, 1989, and at least four grass fires.

"These fires have been going on since early October," Ledford told the San Angelo Standard-Times.

The chief declined to reveal or discuss any evidence or details of the investigation.

Brady Volunteer Fire Chief Johnny Elliott refused to discuss the charges. He said the three firefighters "are no longer with the department."

"I've made a promise to other

firefighters that I wouldn't say anything," Elliott said.

Brady Mayor Jack Caffall confirmed the two paid firefighters had been fired. He said both men had been with the department about one year. Caffall said he was unsure how long Stidham had been a volunteer firefighter.

"They were good men. It's a tragic situation," Caffall said.

Although short of personnel, Caffall said Brady residents needn't worry about the fire department's ability to protect their property.

"We had a fire (Thursday),"

Caffall said. "The fire department got there promptly and were very efficient. They did a good job. The victim was satisfied with their performance."

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Fraud conspiracy trial slated

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — A Boca Raton woman who clipped coupons and raked through trash bins for rebate qualifiers, goes on trial in Dallas Monday on federal charges of mail fraud and conspiracy to distribute counterfeit coupons.

Connie Arvidson, a 34-year-old wife, mother and self-described "Dumpster Lady" said she became obsessed over the years in her quest for special deals through rebates. But she said she didn't know the coupons she bought through an advertisement

in a coupon magazine were counterfeit.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Sucus, who will prosecute the case in Dallas, would not comment recently on the case because of its proximity to trial.

But in the past, he has said: "There is no way she didn't know what she was doing."

Mrs. Arvidson and nine others were indicted in June 1989 in connection with a \$2 million counterfeit coupon scam. According to the indictment, the coupons for food and other products were printed and distributed nationwide from Texas.

Mrs. Arvidson was accused of knowingly buying and distributing fake coupons.

"It's like a nightmare that I have to sit in a courtroom with

some of these people I don't even know and see them try to hurt me for something I never did," Mrs. Arvidson said. "I've just got to think I'm going to come home and be with my little girl."

The trial of Mrs. Arvidson, along with two San Antonio men

named in the indictment, is expected to last a week. The charges against David Rees and James Floyd Richards of conspiracy to commit mail fraud relate to the printing and distribution of the coupons, Sucus said.

The seven others, the man accused of advertising the coupons and six accused of purchasing them from him through the mail, have made plea bargains, Sucus said.

Mrs. Arvidson said she and other refunders had joked that the coupons might be stolen. But she believed the ad was legitimate because it appeared in magazines.

"If I'm guilty of anything, then maybe I'm guilty of accepting stolen goods," she said.

And by stolen, she says, she thought the coupons might have been taken from trash bins. She plans to bring to court as evidence of trash container "treasures," three large rolls, each containing 10,000 bar code strips for light bulbs.

Mrs. Arvidson said she traded diaper rebate qualifiers for the bar code strips that could be used as proofs of purchase with a woman who plucked them from a trash bin behind the light bulb factory.

"In refunding, I quit being surprised," Mrs. Arvidson said. "I found anything could happen in refunding."

She said her "little job" brought her satisfaction and she became known in the world of refunding.

"I got known as the 'diaper, Exxon, Seagram Cooler lady,'" Mrs. Arvidson said about the profits of purchase that she accumulated and then rebated, traded or sold to other refunders.

"Everybody loves you if you have something," she said. "Nobody wants to know you if you have nothing."

controlled substance, a first-degree felony punishable by up to life in prison.

But, after lab tests showed the powder in the capsules was the prescription drug lidocaine, and not cocaine, the charges were changed to delivery of a simulated controlled substance.

At the time of her arrest, Ms. Spicer was on administrative leave from Hillvale, which she helped establish in 1976.

In 1985 the center ran into financial difficulties. Its main source of funding, contracts from the city of Dallas and Dallas County, was terminated after mismanagement was cited.

Hillvale now operates as House of Ada. A man who answered the phone there declined to give details about House of Ada or say whether Ms. Spicer is affiliated with it.

Ms. Spicer's attorney, William Hughey, would not allow her to comment Friday.

The United States and Canada signed a treaty in 1932 to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON--Snyder ISD's maintenance, transportation, and custodial departments had their annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 22. Those pictured are from left, first row (seated): Evelyn Evans, Easter Smith, Pauline Wimmer, Lonnie Mae Urdy, Leonora Quiros, Judy Doty, Sandra Bruns, Joe Lopez, and Lawton Taylor. Back row: Walter Rabb, Ben Dickey, Jesse Faulkenberry, Roosevelt Asberry, Ronnie Williamson, Lonnie Henry, Herbert Stout, Billy Wayne Harris, Jack Chastain, Breland Ledbetter, Juan Hernandez, Bobby Davis, Darrell Doty, Kevin Gentry, Ivory Grear, Tommy Williams, Rudy Rodriguez, Olton Smith, Larry Vest, Mike Garcia, Becky Free, Bob Payne, Thomas Alonzo, Charles Doty, and Keith Gentry. (Snyder ISD Photo)

Former director of addict clinic says she sold drugs

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who helped establish a drug rehabilitation center here faces up to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to felony charges that she sold drugs to an undercover narcotics officer.

Helen Pipkin Spicer, former director of the 52-bed Hillvale Educational Rehabilitation Center, pleaded guilty Friday to four narcotics charges and one count of criminal mischief. In addition to the possible prison term, she faces up to a \$25,000 in fines.

Ms. Spicer is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 16 after the Dallas County Adult Probation

Department completes its report. Prosecutors have said they will ask the judge to impose a prison sentence. The defense is requesting probation.

Ms. Spicer, 42, is an acknowledged former drug addict. She was arrested last May after selling 400 capsules purported to be cocaine to an undercover Dallas narcotics officer. Her arrest culminated an investigation that began after officers received a number of tips she was selling drugs, police said.

She originally was charged with four counts of delivery of a

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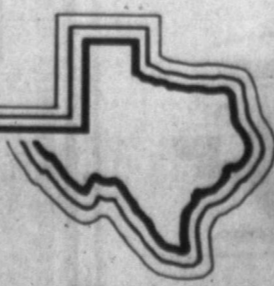
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FAA fines Delta, cites pilot, others

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Flight 1575 took off from Fresno, Calif., the passengers thought they were flying to Reno, Nev., but the Federal Aviation Administration says the pilot and his dispatcher had other plans.

The FAA, which for a time thought the June 17 flight had been hijacked, proposed Friday to suspend the licenses of the Delta Air Lines pilot and dispatcher and fine the airline \$70,000 for flying an "unairworthy" plane to an unscheduled destination.

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said that when the airline found it could not make needed repairs to its rudder control system in Fresno or Reno, it allowed the plane to take off with passengers and then immediately diverted it to Los Angeles where repair facilities were available.

Neither the FAA nor Delta identified the pilot or dispatcher or said how many passengers were aboard the flight.

Farrar said letters were sent Dec. 15 to the airline and the two employees, informing them of the proposed fine and suspension and giving them a chance to respond before it becomes final.

Airline spokeswoman Jackie Pate in Atlanta said Delta would investigate the incident and discuss the proposed action with the FAA. "It's premature to say anything about what happened,"

she said. The FAA said the pilot was in contact with maintenance facilities in Atlanta, Ga., where the dispatcher was located.

Before takeoff, the pilot spent 20 or 30 minutes on the ground performing various tests in an unsuccessful effort to fix the problem, the FAA said.

According to the agency's letter, the captain and dispatcher then "devised a course of action to takeoff the aircraft from Fresno with a flight plan ... to Reno with no intent to fly to Reno but instead on takeoff to immediately divert to Los Angeles because of the mechanical discrepancy."

During the time on the ground, the pilot did not communicate with the FAA control tower.

"This, together with the unexplained diversion of the flight after takeoff, prompted the FAA to treat the flight as a possible hijacking and give it special handling," Farrar said.

The 727 has three rudder control units, including a standby, but the FAA said the aircraft's minimum equipment list requires that all three be operating prior to takeoff.

An inoperative system could cause control problems under some circumstances, such as landing in a crosswind or if there were an engine failure during takeoff, Farrar said.

Ike's granddaughter, Soviet to be married

WASHINGTON (AP) — Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of President Dwight Eisenhower, said Friday she will marry an adviser to Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, Roald Z. Sagdeev, a rocket scientist and political reformer.

They will be married in a Feb. 9 civil ceremony in Moscow and then will be "blessed" at a religious ceremony at the U.S. Embassy there, Sagdeev said in a telephone interview from Washington.

Sagdeev, a Volga Tatar, said he has "no religious assignment;" Miss Eisenhower is a Protestant.

The couple will maintain two homes, living in Washington with Miss Eisenhower's three school-age children during the fall and spring, and spending summers in Moscow, said Sagdeev, 57. He said he has two grown children.

They met 2½ years ago, and the romance blossomed while they collaborated on a book about "survival, how a very thin layer of intellectuals survived through difficult years, through purges," before Gorbachev rose to power in 1985, Sagdeev said.

The first draft of the book is finished, he said.

Miss Eisenhower, 38, was not immediately available for comment on the wedding, which she announced through the Eisenhower World Affairs Institute. She is the daughter of John Eisenhower. Her brother, David, is married to Julie Nixon Eisenhower.

The marriage will be Miss Eisenhower's third, said a friend of the family. Her first husband was London barrister Alexander Bradshaw, with whom she had one daughter. Her second husband was John Mahon.

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Papers in Panama studied by group

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence and law enforcement officials are poring over tons of documents captured by the military in Panama, seeking information on subjects ranging from possible double agents to arms and drug trafficking, an intelligence community source says.

The eight people working on the project in Panama are part of what has been dubbed the Document Control Branch, a special inter-agency group set up for the task, said the source, who has first-hand information about the group and spoke only on the con-

dition of anonymity. The project is expected to take six months and involves representatives from the military, the CIA, Customs, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the State Department, according to the source.

The documents were taken from Panamanian government offices by the U.S. military in the days following the Dec. 20 invasion.

The source indicated the law enforcement and intelligence workers were based at a U.S. military installation in Panama. The Pentagon said it did "not

have any information on that." According to the source, some of the papers examined by the group document arms trafficking by the former regime of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, channeling weapons to guerrillas fighting the government in Colombia.

U.S. officials have long contended that Cuba exports Soviet-supplied material to undermine democratic countries in the region.

The State Department contends that Cuba ships arms to El Salvador's rebels. Havana provides the Sandinista government

in Nicaragua with most of its weaponry, and Nicaragua, in turn, has supplied Panama with arms, American officials contend.

In 1987, Noriega's former deputy, Roberto Diaz Herrera, told reporters the Panamanian general shipped weapons to the Colombian guerrillas.

Noriega, who surrendered to U.S. officials Wednesday, faces drug trafficking charges in Miami. And the source said the Drug Enforcement Administration is seeking additional information on drug trafficking in the papers.

Not much preparation time for election

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Election administrators Friday said the legal tug-of-war over a special judicial election ordered by a federal judge won't give them much time to prepare ballots and polls.

"I think the people making the decisions are more confused than the ones administering the elections," said Robert Parten, elections administrator for Tarrant County.

Meanwhile, the Texas secretary of state filed notice Friday that he is challenging the federal judge's order for the special, nonpartisan elections.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton of Midland on Tuesday ordered special elections May 5 for 115 district judges in nine urban counties. He said the system violated the Voting Rights Act by illegally diluting the votes of minorities.

Secretary of State George Bayoud filed notice with Bunton through former Texas Supreme Court Justice John Hill, who also filed a document designating himself as Bayoud's attorney, independent of state Attorney General Jim Mattox.

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Mattox, said Bayoud can't hire independent counsel, and that Hill can't appeal Bunton's order to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals in New Orleans, without Bunton's permission.

Mattox had asked the judge to change his order to make the elections partisan. Other state officials want the federal appeals court to stay Bunton's order and allow elections as usual — with judges running in the March 13 primary and November general election — while Bunton's decision is appealed.

Thirteen charged in death of family

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Thirteen former members of a religious commune have been charged with murder or conspiracy after the bodies of a family of five were found buried at an Ohio farm rented by the group's leader.

Seven of those charged were arrested in the Kansas City area by Friday afternoon, said George Rodriguez of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Kansas City. Six others were being sought.

"Two of those arrested have confessed to their participation in the mass murders," Rodriguez said at a news conference. He said authorities have a motive but would not release it.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, quoting unnamed police sources, said the five may have been killed as part of a religious sacrifice. Rodriguez said federal authorities would not comment on that report for fear of prejudicing juries.

No federal charges were filed

in the case, and Rodriguez said the defendants will be extradited to Ohio to face state charges.

The bodies were found Wednesday night and Thursday at a farm near Kirtland, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland near Lake Erie.

The dead were identified tentatively as Dennis Avery, 49; his wife, Cheryl, 42; and their three daughters, Trina, 13; Rebecca, 9; and Karen, 5. Rodriguez said the family, originally from Independence, had lived off and on

at the rented farm in Ohio and were killed sometime in mid-April.

Rodriguez said the Averys were members of a splinter religious group led by Jeffrey Lundgren, a former lay minister of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which is based in Independence.

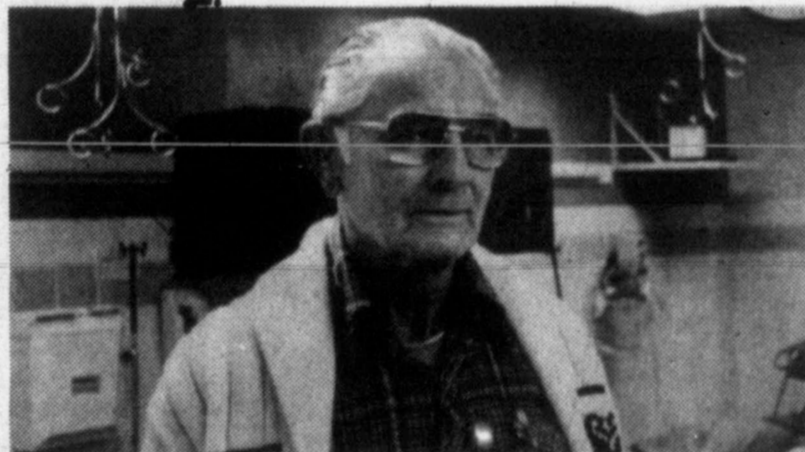
Authorities would not say how they had been killed.

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Cold weather sends prices to 4-year high

DALLAS (AP) — Domestic oil prices, driven by falling temperatures and rising demand, have hit the highest level in four years, already topping what many petroleum industry analysts had expected as a peak for 1990.

Many said the Wednesday surge to levels approaching \$24 a barrel for February delivery of West Texas Intermediate crude oil probably couldn't last long. Nonetheless, they were busy revising their forecasts for the year.

"At the 20 bucks that we saw in November, I forecast a trail off to \$17 or \$18 by April, and then I expected things to recover in the balance of the year," said Stephen A. Smith, an analyst at Bear Stearns & Co. in New York. "Now it won't go a lot lower than 19 bucks," he said Friday. Others were looking for a drop of about \$2 to \$3 per barrel.

After Wednesday's high of \$23.68, the price fell back 27 cents on Thursday and 33 cents Friday to close the week at \$23.08, vs. \$21.50 a week earlier.

The so-called posted price, what refiners are willing to pay for immediate delivery, also jumped \$1.50 during the week to \$22.50, before several refineries began cutting back to \$22 Friday afternoon.

Except for a one-day jump last April, the levels were the highest since 1986, when oil prices began to fall from the high \$20s before bottoming out in the \$10 per barrel range.

The runup was caused by a number of things but mainly cold weather in the Northeast and in

Europe. "George Gaspar, analyst at Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee, said the weather, coupled with problems at domestic refineries, reduced finished product stocks by 30 million barrels, forcing

refineries to rush to restock and get ready for the summer gasoline season.

"Generally there's a steady decline in finished product — light fuel, gasoline — through March, but we're far and above ahead of the decline," he said.

Panamanians say they favor U.S. invasion in poll

NEW YORK (AP) — Panamanians overwhelmingly approve of the U.S. invasion of their country, even though nearly one in four had a relative or good friend killed or wounded in the fighting, a survey said Friday.

Nearly two-thirds of the Panamanians polled expect U.S. invasion forces to remain there for six months or more, and even more said they want the troops to stay that long or "as long as necessary," the CBS News survey found.

CBS News and Belden & Russonello, a research firm based in Washington, interviewed 794 Panamanian adults, most in person, Tuesday through Thursday. Remote areas were excluded, but results can be projected to about 75 percent of the population. The survey has an error margin of plus or minus four points.

Interviewing was under way when deposed Panamanian

leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces Wednesday night to face charges in Miami of supporting international drug trafficking.

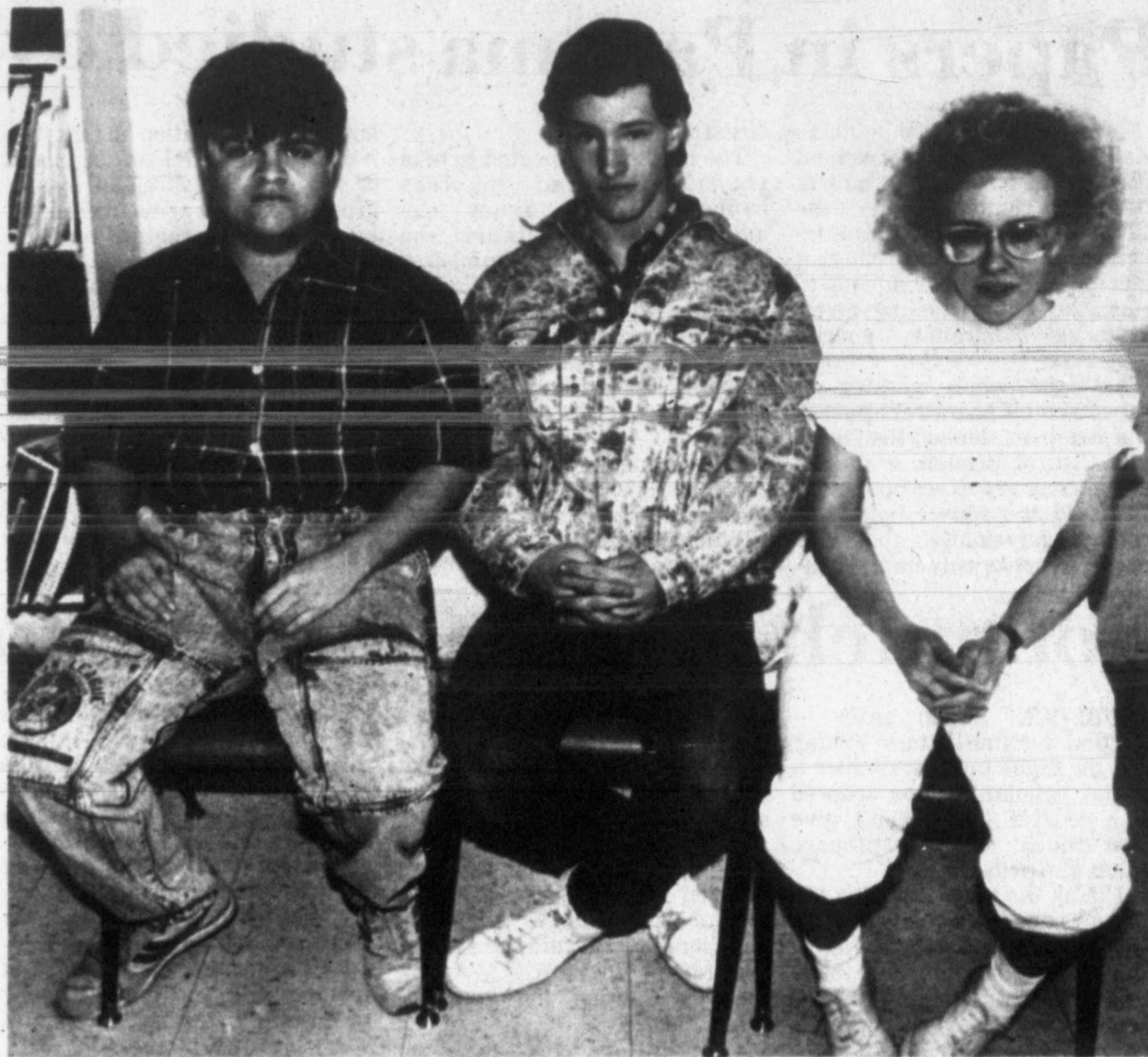
Public opinion often is influenced by current events, and Kathleen A. Frankovic, a CBS pollster, said the poll's findings could reflect a "post-Noriega-out-of-there euphoria" among Panamanians. Follow-up surveys could find whether the support for the U.S. incursion is lasting or short-lived.

As things are, 92 percent of those polled said Noriega's reign was mostly bad for Panama, and even more said the Panamanian people could not have ousted him alone. With Noriega out, 90 percent said they expect the situation in Panama to improve.

Support for the Dec. 20 U.S. invasion was equally resounding: Ninety-two percent were in favor, with most of them approving strongly.

Eight in 10, moreover, believed the United States "sincerely cared about helping Panamanian democracy." Nearly as many said they would have supported a U.S. invasion during a coup attempt by Panamanian officers in October.

About three-quarters said U.S. troops used appropriate force in the fighting, which lasted four days, leaving an estimated 600 people dead and thousands wounded. Surprisingly, 19 percent said the invaders used too little force.



FHA OFFICERS--Hermeigh Future, treasurer; and Susi Hart, secretary. Not pictured is Paul Landin, president. Homemakers of America (FHA) officers for 1989-90 are from left, Simon Mireles, vice-president; (SDN Staff Photo)

West Germans to bankroll housing and urban projects

EAST BERLIN (AP) — Officials from both German nations announced a multibillion-dollar project Friday to renovate crumbling cities in East Germany and provide more and better housing for people on both sides of the border.

Also Friday, East German's official news agency reported that ousted Communist leader Erich Honecker, who faces corruption charges, is too ill to be jailed and needs surgery to remove a kidney tumor.

The first beneficiaries of the joint renovation project will be the East German cities of Meissen, Weimar, Brandenburg and Stralsund.

Those cities and many other urban areas of East Germany require major restoration following

damage during World War II. General neglect under a socialist system that gave priority to industry over living conditions, and the devastating effects of the brown-coal haze choking major cities, have contributed to their deterioration.

West Germany's construction minister, Gerda Hasselfeldt, said Bonn will contribute \$4 billion to the project in the next two years.

Ms. Hasselfeldt and East Germany's minister for construction and housing, Gerhard Baumgaertel, said the reconstruction of the four cities will be the pilot project for cooperation between the German states.

"It is my hope that by pursuing all means of improving housing and construction in this country,

that our housing market can be eased as well," Ms. Hasselfeldt said.

East Germany suffers a serious housing shortage because many residential buildings are unfit for habitation.

West Germany's housing problem is due more to a lack of space and the high cost of construction.

Tens of thousands of apartments in East Berlin are empty because of last fall's exodus to the West of disgruntled East Germans.

If the apartments were upgraded to Western standards, arrangements could be made to rent some of the space to West Berliners, who are short at least 50,000 homes in their crowded city of 2.1 million people.

Ms. Hasselfeldt said more incentive for "private ownership and individual responsibility" was needed to ensure the joint projects succeed.


Star of 'Dallas' gives \$150,000 to symphony

DALLAS (AP) — Larry Hagman, star of the television show "Dallas," has given \$150,000 to the Dallas Symphony to support an annual concert honoring his mother, actress Mary Martin.

Ms. Martin, a native of Weatherford, Texas, is best known for her starring role in the Broadway musical "Peter Pan."

She is expected to attend the first Mary Martin Annual Super-Pops Concert with her family on May 4 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

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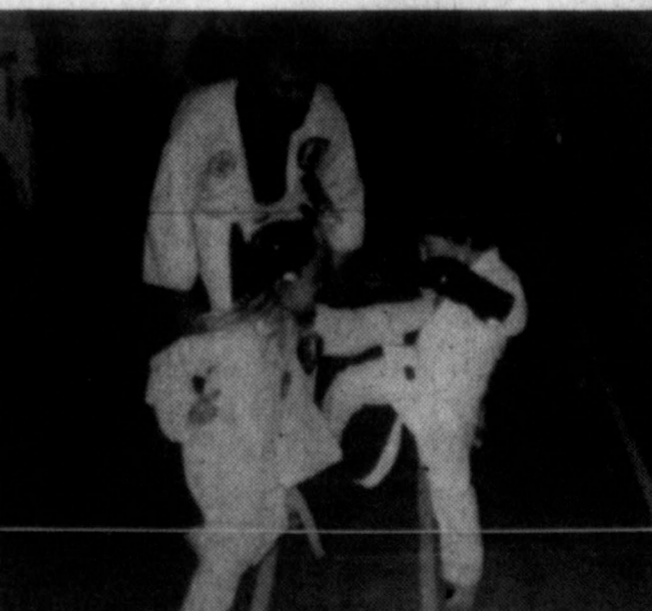
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Noriega link with CIA looms as tough trial issues studied

MIAMI (AP) — One of the thorniest issues facing Manuel Noriega's prosecutors is "graymail" — the threat that his trial might expose embarrassing details about the ousted Panamanian leader's longtime connections with U.S. intelligence agencies.

The former chief assistant U.S. attorney who forged the February 1988 drug-trafficking indictment against Noriega said Friday that during his investigation he was thwarted in his efforts to see CIA material bearing on the case.

"I went to look at what they had, but it was worthless — it couldn't be all there was," said Richard Gregorie, now in private practice here.

Viewing any tapes, photos or documents bearing on the case is essential for prosecutors, he said.

"It could be exculpatory if Noriega had ever told anybody about narcotics activity, which he could use to say he was acting as an agent" in his dealings with Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel, said Gregorie.

Noriega's defense attorney Steven Kollin has said he will seek Noriega's CIA files.

"We're looking for the truth and the only way to get to the truth is to get to those documents," Kollin said Friday.

There is ample evidence that Noriega had some relationship with the CIA and other U.S. agencies, but the exact extent is disputed or still secret.

In August 1988, the White House halted a General Accounting Office probe into those connections, refusing to turn over material requested because it was beyond the congressional agency's authority and dealt with "sensitive intelligence material," according to presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

The CIA used Noriega as an "asset" from the 1970s on, according to congressional testimony, with some witnesses saying he eventually was paid as much as

\$200,000 a year for information when he became head of his nation's intelligence service and then commander of the armed forces in 1983.

That period included George Bush's term as CIA director in the mid-1970s under President Ford. Bush has since said that although there were reports of Noriega's drug dealing at that time, he had no proof then.

One of the principal witnesses cited in the indictment was Jose Blandon, a former top member of Panama's intelligence apparatus who fell out with Noriega and fled to the United States.

His grand jury testimony is secret, but Blandon told a Senate subcommittee just after the indictment that Noriega had met twice with then-National Security Council representative Lt. Col. Oliver North in 1985 to find ways

around the congressional ban on aid to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Blandon also told senators that Bush, then vice president, called Noriega before the 1983 invasion of Grenada to ask him to intercede with Cuban President Fidel Castro. Blandon said Bush wanted Castro to tell his troops on the Caribbean island not to fire on U.S. forces.

Bush at the time of the hearing called Blandon's account a "total fabrication."

Blandon also said the CIA sent Noriega files on the private lives of U.S. senators with an interest in Panama.

The police drama "Dragnet," starring Jack Webb and Barton Yarborough, premiered on NBC radio in 1949. It became a TV series in 1951, then again in 1967.



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Texas outdoorsmen can still find a few of the big cats

BRAZOS POINT, Texas (AP) — Sometimes deer hunters get a treat and it doesn't have 12 points or even antlers.

During a deer hunting trip recently near Glen Rose, one of the members of our hunting party spotted movement in the grass.

Whatever it was moved with cat-like stealth behind the tall grass with a fluid movement, suddenly freezing motionless. It's motion blended into the cover and contour of the land, giving the alert hunter only glimpses of its size and shape. It was about four feet long, low to the ground and grayish tan in color.

The hunter was unable to see a head or tail, and not wanting to shoot without identifying his target, he watched through binoculars, trying to decide if it was a neighbor's dog, or as he suspected, a mountain lion.

Needless to say, the sighting was the main topic of conversation that night around camp, where the possibilities were discussed.

Bobcats are seldom four feet long, and dogs are usually easy to spot because of their bouncy gait, but reported sightings of mountain lions in the area seemed more believable.

Tracks found the next morning in the mud near a stock pond made believers of the entire group.

If you've ever gone to your car in the morning and found muddy cat prints on the hood, that's what they looked like, only about six times larger. The tracks were round and padded with no claw marks. Unlike dogs, cats retract their claws to keep them sharp.

Mountain lions once roamed over most of Texas, but are now mostly found in the Trans-Pecos region of West Texas.

"We don't get a lot of reported

sightings of mountain lions," said Charlie Winkler, Big Game director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "We don't classify mountain lions as big game, because we just don't see that many, except out in the Trans-Pecos, but it certainly could have been," he said referring to the North Texas possible sighting. "There certainly is enough rugged country in that area."

Bill Russ, a wildlife biologist in West Texas, has just completed a five-year "inventory" of mountain lions in Texas.

"One thing we can definitely say is that they are moving eastward," Russ said. "They're moving east and north and we've had confirmed sightings in the Texas Panhandle, which was a surprise, and they've also been sighted along the Red River."

"The only area of the state where we didn't have any sightings was in the Piney Woods of East Texas, but we're finding them from the Red River to the Gulf Coast, with the heaviest concentration being in two areas — the Trans-Pecos and South Texas, and the Edwards Plateau would be third."

Russ said the big cats are rarely seen by hunters because they are secretive, shy of people and mostly nocturnal.

Mountain lions have about two or three young a year and they prey mostly on deer and domestic cattle.

Whether or not a big cat was in the area, it made a great excuse for not seeing many deer during the weekend. The deer that were seen were very skittish or on the move.

"It's very likely that the deer would pick up on that real quick," Winkler said. "You wouldn't think that they would respond that quickly or that

drastically, but one summer I was at Elephant Mountain Wildlife Area in West Texas and the deer would stay up at the top of the mountain because it was cooler than down on the desert floor. All of a sudden the deer moved off the mountain overnight and when the biologist went up there the next morning he found cat tracks.

"When I started out working in Mineral Wells back in the late 50s and early 60s, I heard of one or two sightings a year," Winkler added. "There were probably about two or three cats that moved down through that area each year."

"There was an old trapper in Graford, and he said he had seen several cats, but he never told anyone because the ranchers in that area would want him to trap them."

Jim Dillard, a TP&W regional biologist out of Mineral Wells, said mountain lions do work through that area on occasion.

"We don't get very many verified sightings ..." Dillard said.

All three biologists agreed that it would be impossible to get a population figure on the cats.

"It would surprise me if the population will increase much more in the Central Texas area, because there is so much livestock in that part of the state. They will prey on domestic cattle," Winkler said. "And the ranchers in that area wouldn't put up with that for long."

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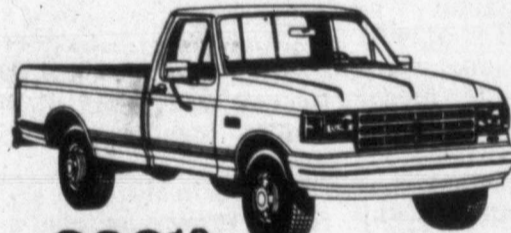
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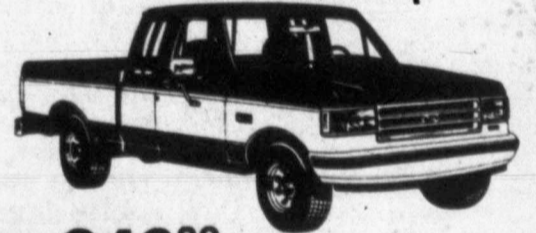
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Rams take 2-0 lead into Giants contest

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — After beating the New York Giants by scores of 45-31 and 31-10 in their last two meetings, it might be easy to assume that the Los Angeles Rams have the Giants' number.

Hey, it's a logical assumption. When two meet twice in two years and one team beats the other badly both times, it follows that the winning team must be better.

The problem with pro football is that most coaches and players refuse to accept that kind of logic. To them, what happened recently means little, if anything.

And that's just the attitude the Giants (12-4) and Rams (12-5) are taking into their NFC semifinal on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. EST at Giants Stadium.

"I don't think past games mean much in this league," Rams coach John Robinson said. "I think you catch teams at certain times of the year. I just don't think it means much. They are an opponent we respect a great deal."

The Rams have shown little respect for the Giants on the field. A year ago here, Jim Everett threw five touchdown passes, each to a different receiver, as the Rams handed the Giants one of their most embarrassing defeats of the season.

Everett was just as effective this year in a 31-10 victory at Los Angeles, which featured 14 quick points at the end of the first-half for a 24-3 lead. For the game, he hit 23 of 33 passes for 295 yards, including one string of 18 consecutive completions. The Rams defense also limited New York to six yards rushing.

Everett said that game meant a lot more to the Rams because they were riding a four-game losing streak and in danger of seeing their season nosedive early. At the time, New York had but one loss and was alone in first place in the NFC East.

"I just remember the facts of the situation after losing four straight," Everett said. "We felt if we lost two more we were pretty much through. I think it was one of those things (the Giants mistakes) that doesn't happen much. They are a very sound group and we possibly got lucky on a few of those plays."

Giants cornerback Mark Collins said much of the Rams' success was not luck.

"They are a good team," he said. "But it's not like they really

Playoff glance

All Times EST	Wild Card	Sunday, Dec. 31
NFC	Los Angeles Rams 21, Philadelphia 7	AFC
Pittsburgh 26, Houston 23, OT	Divisional Playoffs	Saturday, Jan. 6
AFC	Buffalo at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m.	NFC
Minnesota at San Francisco, 4 p.m.	Sunday, Jan. 7	NFC
Los Angeles Rams at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.	AFC	Pittsburgh at Denver, 4 p.m.
Conference Championships	Sunday, Jan. 14	Super Bowl XXIV
Sunday, Jan. 28	At New Orleans 5 p.m.	Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4	At Honolulu	AFC vs. NFC

drove the ball on us or picked us apart. We contributed by turning some of their receivers loose. We created a lot of problems for ourselves and they took advantage of our mistakes."

Giants defensive end Leonard Marshall said the team can't totally disregard the last two games, but neither can it dwell on them, either.

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Playoff picks...

Broncos, New York tabbed

by The Associated Press
Now the fun starts, wall-to-wall football and all competitive games.

Here's how the weekend looks.

SATURDAY

Minnesota (plus 7) at San Francisco

Bill Walsh used to say the 49ers were always heavier favorites than they should be because San Francisco is near Las Vegas.

Wrong. San Francisco is favored because it's good and it knows how to win — don't give Joe Mon-

SUNDAY

Los Angeles Rams (plus 3 1/2) at New York Giants

This spread makes little sense if you take into account that the

tana the ball with any time left and a workable margin.
And San Francisco is favored because Minnesota is one of the two most underachieving teams in the league. The other is Houston and we know what happened to the Oilers last weekend.
Yes, Minnesota beat a 13-2 San Francisco team at Candlestick two years ago. It also lost 34-9 last season to a 10-6 San Francisco team. The Vikings may have better personnel, but...
49ERS, 24-16
Buffalo (plus 3 1/2) at Cleveland
It would be nice to say that both teams come into the battle for the championship of Lake Erie on a high — but beating the Jets 37-0 after three straight losses hardly qualifies.
There's nothing to indicate the Bills aren't still bickering among themselves, the victory over the moribund Jets notwithstanding. The one plus — both Cornelius Bennett and Shane Conlan are healthy together, a rarity this year.
But Kevin Mack seems healthy for the Browns and that's the key — it provides a running game that Cleveland lacked most of the season. If Eric Metcalf's foot comes around and Bernie Kosar's elbow is OK, that's a bigger plus.
BROWNS, 17-7
SUNDAY
Los Angeles Rams (plus 3 1/2) at New York Giants
This spread makes little sense if you take into account that the

SPORTS

Denver faces Steelers

Broncos attempt to halt Pittsburgh's year

DENVER (AP) — Quarterback Bobby Brister talks warmly of the job Pittsburgh Steeler coach Chuck Noll has done this season, a performance that hasn't gone unnoticed by Denver coach Dan Reeves.

After 51-0 and 41-10 losses to open the season, when others might have used the occasion to rip their teams, Noll chose the steady course.
"We had Minnesota for our

third game, and I really thought it might get worse before it got better, because Minnesota is such a good team," Brister recalls.

"But Chuck was the same coach. He didn't blast anybody. He didn't embarrass anybody. He didn't say we weren't any good and that we couldn't win

any more games, like some coaches in this league have done. He was pretty level-headed. He just said we need to get here earlier, stay a little later and work a little harder."

"He said we could be a championship-caliber team, but we were going to have to work harder and be sure that we execute properly."

Taking his advice to heart, and with the maturation of several young players and the emotional leadership of Brister, the Steelers managed to eke out a playoff spot despite that dreadful beginning. They won five of their last six games to finish at 9-7, then beat Houston 26-23 in the wild-card playoff game last week.

Pittsburgh tangles with the Broncos (11-5) here Sunday.

Denver whipped the Steelers 34-7 midway through the season, but no one in Denver is taking the Steelers lightly.

For one thing, the Broncos, after clinching the AFC West title in Week 12 of the season, lost three of their last four games — gathering hardly the sort of momentum a team wants heading into the playoffs. For another, Reeves and many of his players remember a 1984 Pittsburgh-Denver playoff game here in which the heavily favored and slightly overconfident Broncos lost 24-17.

"I don't think Chuck has changed a whole lot," Reeves said. "They have probably as sound an offense as when they won those Super Bowls, although they don't have as much experience or talent. They're patient on defense and make you earn what you get."

"When you play a Noll team, you know they're going to be as fundamentally sound and as physical as any team you're going to play."

"I can't give them enough credit. The way they started the season and came back to make the playoffs... They started out so poorly."

The Steelers offense finished the regular season ranked 28th — dead last — in the NFL, averaging just 250 yards per game. The defense was slightly more respectable, ranking 19th with a 347-yard-per-game yield. The Steelers were outscored by the opposition 326-265.

But Pittsburgh has found a way to win, with a solid defense and improved running game — and few turnovers.

After eight turnovers in the opener, the Steelers did a complete reversal, finishing at plus-11 and tying Denver for the lead in the AFC.

Denver's offense ranked 15th in the league at 318 yards per game, and the defense was third, yielding just 275 per outing.

Booster club sets meeting

Boosters of Western Texas College athletics will meet for a Dutch-treat lunch Monday at noon at Golden Corral.

Everyone interested in WTC sports is invited to attend.

Bowling News

Team	W	L
The Ringers	116 1/2	79 1/2
Road Runners	113 1/2	82 1/2
No Names	111	85
Snyder Lanes	101	90
Body Slammers	97 1/2	90 1/2
Lane Warriors	94	102
Jokers	92 1/2	103 1/2
West Texas Pet.	91 1/2	104 1/2
Price Daniel Sec.	84	112
The Hopefuls	78 1/2	117 1/2

High series: Wayne Monroey, 552. High game: Dan Hanak, 220. High handicap series: Gary Kinder, 641. High-handicap game: Joe Digby, 252.

Splits converted: none listed.

JACK AND JILL

Team	W	L
Keller Bros.	47	21
Walton Const.	47	21
Source Serv.	44	24
Stem Serv.	37	31
G&G Grocery	37	31
Bar-H-Bar	35	33
Happy Go Luckys	34 1/2	33 1/2
Fulpackers	34	34
Eddins-Walcher	29 1/2	38 1/2
C&C services	29	39
Lyle Hg. & AC	28 1/2	39 1/2
Enron Rollers	26 1/2	41 1/2
The Fun Bunch	25	43
Ezell-Key	23 1/2	44 1/2

High series: Jim Fink, 597; Corky Collier, 509. High game: Mark Lyle, 208; Lynn Maldonado, 205. High handicap series: Morris Allred, 647; Sylvia Price, 608. High handicap game: Bob Motley, 232; Sandra Clawson, 225.

Splits converted: Ronnie Clawson, 3-10, 3-10; R.M. Collier, 3-10, 3-10, 5-6; Jerry Surratt, 3-10, 3-10; Charlie Teague, 4-10; Mildred Banta, 5-7; Debbie Beall, 3-10; Daphy Thompson, 2-7; J.L. White, 3-10; Bonnie Allred, 3-10.

COMMERCIAL

Team	W	L
Chapman Chevron	15	5
Energy Elect.	13 1/2	6 1/2
Thames Texaco	12	8
Oryx 1	12	8
West Texas Pet.	10	10
Stevens Office	10	10
Cooper Appliance	8	12
Oryx 2	8	12
Snyder Savings	6 1/2	3 1/2
White's Testers	5	15

High series: Henry Dever, 609. High game: David Lyle, 246. High handicap series: Carl Stokes, 656. High handicap game: Charles Collins, 257.

Splits converted: B.J. Bartles, 3-10, 3-10; Russell Lloyd, 3-10, 5-6; Ricky Burkman, 6-10; Charlie Teague 9-10; Steve James, 2-10; Rick Mammolite, 5-10; Strick Posey 5-6; Ewell Mackey, 4-7-10.

SDN Sportsweek

Basketball
Monday, Jan. 8
Snyder freshmen girls host Big Spring at 6 p.m. in SHS gym.
Snyder freshmen boys at Big Spring at 6 p.m.
Snyder eighth grade at Big Spring. "A" team at 6 p.m., "B" team at 5 p.m. at Rannels Junior High.
Snyder seventh grade at Big Spring. "A" team at 6 p.m., "B" team at 5 p.m. at Goliad Junior High.
Hermleigh Junior High at Roby at 6 p.m.
Ira Junior High at McCauley at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 9

Basketball
Snyder boys at Lake View. JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum.
Snyder girls host Lake View. JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Borden County at Sands. Games begin at 4 p.m.
Ira at New Home. Games begin at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 11

Basketball
WTC Lady Dusters at Odessa College at 6 p.m.
WTC Westerners at Odessa at 8 p.m.
Snyder freshmen boys at Monahans Tournament.
Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.
Friday, Jan. 12

Basketball
Snyder varsity boys host Monahans. JV begins at 6 p.m., varsity begins at 7:30 p.m.
Snyder girls at Monahans. JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Snyder freshmen girls host Cooper sophomores.
Snyder freshmen boys at Big Spring Tournament.
Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.
Borden County hosts O'Donnell. Games begin at 4 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 13

Basketball
Snyder freshmen boys at Big Spring Tournament.
Hermleigh Junior High at Blackwell Tournament.
WTC Lady Dusters host Cisco J.C. at 6 p.m.

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Former Arkansas trooper sentenced in drug incident

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Arkansas state trooper was sentenced Friday to two concurrent sentences of 6½ years in prison after pleading guilty in September on charges of possessing and conspiring to distribute marijuana.

Cpl. Jackie L. McMullen, 42, who received the minimum sentence from U.S. District Judge Norman Black, also was given a five-year term concurrent to the others for intent to distribute the drug across state lines. Black also ordered him to pay \$150 in court fees.

Black noted that he gave McMullen the lowest possible sentence, "because his psychological condition and the loss of everything that's important to him in life warrants (the minimum terms)."

When the judge asked McMullen if he had anything to say, he quietly said, "I don't have anything left."

McMullen could have received up to 85 years in prison and fines of up to \$2.25 million.

Black said McMullen would be allowed to surrender voluntarily to a federal prison, although a date was not given. The judge said he would recommend McMullen serve his term at a federal prison in Memphis, Tenn., which is closest to his Pochontas, Ark., home.

Prosecutors in September agreed to drop a firearms charge against McMullen for a guilty

plea on charges of conspiracy and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute in interstate commerce.

At the time of his arrest last March, McMullen, a 12-year veteran of the Arkansas State Police, pleaded innocent to the charges.

The former trooper and a female companion, Jacklyn M. McDaniel, 34, of Paragould, Ark., were arrested as they left a Houston-area home police believed was a store house for marijuana being distributed in Texas and Arkansas.

The arrests were the result of a six-month investigation by Pasadena police and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and netted 424 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$300,000.

When arrested in Houston, McMullen possessed 312 pounds of marijuana, officials said. A search of his Arkansas home uncovered an additional half-pound of marijuana, authorities said.

Another 112 pounds of the drug and \$100,000 in cash were seized from three men and a woman later arrested at the house.

Ms. McDaniel was convicted of conspiracy and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute last November, but Black citing insufficient evidence presented during her trial vacated her conviction Friday afternoon.

State finds poison in fish taken from Trinity River

AUSTIN (AP) — After finding high levels of a banned pesticide in fish from the Trinity River, state health officials said they will issue a warning against eating the fish.

"We will be issuing a health advisory on Monday and closing an area (of the Trinity River) to the taking of fish for human consumption," said Richard Thompson of the Texas Department of Health.

Nine of 41 fish collected in the Trinity and its subsidiaries around Dallas and Fort Worth contained chlordane exceeding

the warning level set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, according to a study released Thursday by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Chlordane, a pesticide widely used before 1988 primarily to combat termites, is considered a probable cause of cancer by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Seventy-eight percent of the fish collected from the Trinity had detectable concentrations of chlordane, said parks department biologist Roy Kleinsasser.



TACO JOHN WINNERS—Thad Sharp, 9, (first photo) and Ashley Frederick, 3, (second photo) each won a bicycle in drawings held during Taco John's grand opening. Also pictured are two of the



owners, John Lacik, left photo, and Eddie Johnson, right photo. Thad is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sharp and Ashley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Frederick. (Taco John Photos)

Twins plead innocent to tax evasion

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Two twin sisters and Playboy models pleaded innocent Friday to federal charges they evaded taxes on about \$1 million they allegedly received from an elderly businessman.

Lynette Harris and Leigh Ann Conley were allowed to remain free without bail, but Magistrate Aaron E. Goodstein ordered the two to report to the federal probation and parole office here biweekly.

Conley and Harris, 35, allegedly did not pay taxes on money they received from the late Shorewood businessman David Kritzik.

Harris claims she was the elderly millionaire's mistress and that the money she got from him was a gift, and thus was not reportable as income. She has said her sister received cash gifts from Kritzik to compensate her for lost income.

The twins appeared in two films together, but Harris says their joint movie careers were sidetracked by her seven-year, full-time relationship with Kritzik, who died last June at the age of 89. Harris and Conley also have modeled together and appeared in Playboy in 1978 and 1981.

The government charges that the money, which ranged from \$60,000 to \$257,000 per year from 1984 to 1987, represented direct

payments for services and could not be construed as gifts.

Harris, formerly of Arlington, Texas, and now of Mukwonago, Wis., is charged with two counts of tax evasion and two counts of failure to file federal income tax returns. If convicted, she faces a maximum prison sentence of 12 years and fines totaling \$625,000.

Conley, of the Milwaukee suburb of Glendale, is charged

with four counts of failure to file income taxes. If convicted, she could be sentenced to as many as \$325,000.

Harris, who was not named in Kritzik's will, filed a \$5 million claim in Probate Court against his estate. She also has filed a slander suit in Federal Court against Kritzik's son, Stanley.

Both women are married and divorced. Harris retained her

maiden name.

Kritzik was a mail-order merchandiser who founded General Merchandising Co. It was sold in 1962 to the JC Penney Co. for \$11 million.

The judge allowed the pair to remain free on \$20,000 recognizance bonds. A jury trial was set for March 5 before Federal Judge Thomas J. Curran.

Communists seek an end to ethnic strife in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Senior Communists appealed for a halt to mounting ethnic strife Friday as strikes over the rights of ethnic Turks paralyzed two cities and Slav nationalist protests spread to at least seven other cities.

Tense relations among the Slav majority, the estimated 1 million ethnic Turks and ethnic Moslems in Bulgaria boiled over into vocal, patriotic protests by ethnic Bulgarians objecting to a Dec. 29 decision on minority rights.

The Communist Party reversed the assimilation policy pursued by its ousted leader, Todor Zhivkov, and said ethnic Turks could use their own names

and language and practice Moslem religious rites free of previous restrictions.

On Thursday, thousands of Bulgarians waving the red, white and green national flag and chanting "Bulgaria for the Bulgarians!" protested outside the National Assembly in Sofia.

They demanded that the Dec. 29 decision be reversed and a referendum be held on ethnic rights.

The ruling Communists and the democratic opposition rejected the demands in a joint appeal for ethnic calm.

That failed to quash protest strikes Friday in Kardzhali, where almost half the 50,000 inhabitants are ethnic Turks, and nearby Haskovo, where 25,000 people rallied under such slogans as "The Central Committee sold out Bulgaria."

Most of Kardzhali's population was reported on the streets and strikes shut down all enterprises and public transport there. Reports reaching Sofia said both ethnic Bulgarians and what the state news agency BTA called "the Moslem population" staged different demonstrations, but no word of violence emerged.

BTA said work stoppages and

demonstrations also took place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second largest city; the central town of Stara Zagora; the northern cities of Ruse, Razgrad and Silistra and the eastern towns of Shumen and Varna.

Thousands rallied for five hours outside Communist Party headquarters in Shumen, where rail traffic was paralyzed all afternoon, BTA said. In Silistra, students threatened a hunger strike against the ruling, it added.

The Defense Ministry meanwhile pledged that the southern border with Turkey was secure. Turkey said Thursday that the protests could damage the always prickly relations between the two nations.

The ministry said in a statement that it was responding to questions from "a number of citizens" worried about national security.

Communist Party chief Petar Mladenov on Friday met representatives from Kardzhali and Haskovo in Sofia, BTA said. It reported only that he stressed the need for unity among Bulgaria's nearly 9 million citizens.

Places in the News

BULGARIA

Until recently Bulgaria had been a holdout against the tide of political and economic changes taking place in the Soviet Bloc. Now, in a surprise move, its strongman, 78-year-old Todor Zhivkov — the longest serving ruler in Eastern Europe — has resigned as president and head of Bulgaria's Communist Party.

In power for more than 35 years, Zhivkov had been among the last of the traditional Stalinist heads of state, ruling with an iron fist through one of Eastern Europe's most feared secret police organizations.

Over the last two years Zhivkov had talked vaguely about instituting economic reforms, but his few modest efforts failed. Meanwhile, he was purged from the government by the few radical reformers in positions of author-

ity. He also jailed dissidents who spoke out in favor of significant political change.

In the last month Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, has seen its first large-scale, pro-reform demonstrations. It was considered only a matter of time before the country exploded into another East Germany.

Zhivkov is being replaced by foreign minister Petar Mladenov, 53. While having a reputation as a "traditionalist," Mladenov appears more ready to support internal reform. Although considerably younger than Zhivkov, Mladenov is not in good health, having undergone a heart bypass recently in the United States. Some believe, therefore, that he is only an interim appointment chosen because of his experience with the West and his contacts in foreign capitals.



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Students chosen for the program will receive a living allowance of \$550. In addition to their duties as interns, the students will tour sites that many visitors to Washington, D. C. do not see, such as Organization of American States, Voice of America, and World Bank. As part of the program, the interns will hold seminars to explain to the group both their assignments and the functions of the host office.

Acceptance is based not as much on academic achievement as on a demonstrated interest in a particular subject area or career; the program has been designed to enable students to pursue their special interests while working with museum professionals.

In addition to the living allowance, interns who come from outside the Washington area will receive housing in a nearby dormitory. The institution will also provide their transportation to and from Washington. Interns '90 will offer two separate sessions of the program: June 3-July 7, 1990, and July 8-Aug. 11, 1990.

For an application and complete information, high school seniors should write to: Intern '90, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Arts and Industries Building, Room 1163, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 20560; or call 202/357/3049 (voice) or 202/357/1696 (Telecommunication for the Deaf).

Applications must be requested by March 9, 1990, and completed applications must be postmarked by March 16, 1990.

Federal official says freeze damage worse than expected

WESLACO, Texas (AP) — The head of a federal delegation surveying brown, wilted crops and groves devastated by a hard freeze last month said Friday the damage was worse than he expected, and estimated the government probably would provide at least \$100 million in aid.

"I don't like what I've seen at all," Jerry Harris, chairman of the state committee of the Agriculture Department's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said after he toured sugar cane and vegetable fields and citrus groves.

"It's just horrible," Harris said. "It's devastating what it's going to do to this area's economy."

Harris said he thought President Bush would declare the area a disaster area and move quickly to keep producers, packers, shippers and farm workers in the industry.

Gov. Bill Clements on Tuesday made the disaster request, but Bush by Friday afternoon had not authorized assistance. The governor said initial estimates show the freeze just before Christmas caused about \$385 million in damage to crops, agricultural businesses and lost wages.

An estimated 70 percent of the citrus crop remaining on the trees was destroyed, and many trees are expected to die.

Harris toured damaged areas Friday with officials from the Small Business Administration, Farmers Home Administration and the Agriculture Department.

Citrus grower Donald Thompson showed the widening cracks that eventually will kill his grapefruit trees.

"As it gets warmer, the cracks are going to get bigger," said Thompson of his grove near

Weslaco in Hidalgo County.

"Ruined grapefruit from the trees he had to plant after a devastating 1983 freeze lay rotting on the ground. The freeze also turned the leaves brown and dry.

"Good growers may not replant because they don't have the resources to do so," said Richard Hensz, director of the Texas A&I Citrus Center in Weslaco.

He said Thompson's trees probably would die, and that it takes about five years for new trees to reach full production.

"It's going to be tough to get new people to come into this industry, having two freezes this close together," Ray Prewett, executive director of Texas Citrus Mutual told Harris.

The Texas citrus industry on about 35,000 acres had just begun to rebound from the 1983 freeze.

In a sugar cane field several miles away, Jack Nelson cut open a cane stalk and showed pulp made yellow by the freeze. Healthy cane is white inside.

Nelson, president of the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, said one-third to nearly one-half of the \$43 million crop could be lost.

Harris said he felt the federal government could spend at least \$100 million in South Texas. He said the government is seeking ways to renew and extend loans, spread losses out over many years, and find working capital and grants for farmers. Farm workers also should receive food and housing assistance and disaster unemployment payments, he said.

Agricultural job losses from the freeze have been estimated from 10,000 to 18,000 in the state's four southernmost counties.

Unemployed farm workers already have been forming long lines at Texas Employment Commission offices and are relying on emergency soup kitchens to help

feed their families.

The TEC has added 67 new claims processors in the Valley over the past two weeks.

Tainted milk undergoing some testing

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Texas Department of Health is awaiting results of tests that will determine whether milk sold in the Dallas-Fort Worth area contains traces of potentially hazardous antibiotics.

State health officials joined the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the milk-testing effort after news accounts reported tainted milk in several large U.S. cities.

The state took samples of unpasteurized, raw milk from tanks at processing plants in Dallas, Waco and Fort Worth to test for sulfamethazine, said James Fraley of the department's milk and dairy products division in Austin. Results should be back early next week, he said.

"We're doing it in reaction to this recent concern," Fraley said. "We tested very intensely up until about six months ago and quit when we didn't find anything after three months."

"But I don't want to be the one to say there's nothing out there. So we're doing the tests."

The tests are in addition to the monthly sampling the department conducts at each Texas dairy farm and of each retail milk or dairy product processed in the state.

Alabama Gov. George Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School in 1963 by encircling the building with state troopers.

Former Vietnamese political prisoners head for new lives in United States

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Hundreds of Vietnamese who helped the Americans during the Vietnam War, and paid for it with years in "re-education" camps after the Communist victory, are en route to new lives in the United States.

Three chartered jets brought the first 156 former camp inmates and their families to Bangkok from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, on Friday and 151 more were expected Saturday.

Nearly 2,000 Vietnamese, in-

cluding family members, are scheduled to leave their homeland by March, said Richard Koehler, head of the Thailand office of the International Organization for Migration. His agency handles medical processing and transportation of the refugees.

"I have come to the free world," said former army officer Nguyen Thuong Hiep after arriving at Bangkok airport with his wife and two children. "Everyone loves their country, but our country suffers, as you

know. We do wish to come back sometime."

The two young daughters of another former officer wore white-lace dresses and red hair ribbons in celebration.

"I cannot say how happy I am after all these years," said Nguyen Cao Son, who taught at a military academy. He spent three years in a re-education camp, then three years in jail for trying to flee the country by boat.

Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese were subjected for years to a spartan regimen of manual labor and political study for serv-

budget would be approved.

A lower cost probably would mean a shorter tunnel, which in turn would reduce the amount of energy that could be generated, "but that wouldn't be enough to

see these new particles" and would undercut the rationale for the SSC.

"The reason for building the SSC is because it makes a major step forward," he said.

Financial Focus

While some enjoy shopping around for their investments, others prefer one-stop shopping. To these investors, a single mutual-fund family could make a lot of sense.

As mutual funds continue to gain popularity, larger management groups have expanded the funds within their family to include stocks, bonds, international investments, precious metals, money-market funds and more. These families of funds offer a multitude of investment shopping centers under one roof.

In addition to the convenience of a wide selection of investment choices, these groups offer investors other benefits. For example, because of the billion of dollars they manage, their management fee, an annual fee charged by all mutual funds, is a much smaller percentage of your total investment than might be charged by a small, single fund.

Most fund families also allow no-cost switching of investments within the family. Sales charges are generally reduced even though you select several different funds within the family. Your sales charge is based on cumulative deposits, both current and future, and discounted accordingly.

Of course, benefits are nice, but investment results are what's important. Today there are probably several dozen large money-management groups with enough different funds to be considered a family of funds. Some large brokerage firms have their own family of funds, which their salespeople are not only encouraged to offer but also receive financial incentives to sell. It has become no easy task for the average investor to separate the best from the rest.

Recently, **PERSONAL INVESTOR** magazine published a report provided by Kanon Bloch Carre and Co. that listed their top seven A-rated mutual-fund families.

Keep in mind that analysts, like economists, often arrive at different conclusions. Investment results of any fund will vary depending upon the time span of the study. For example, the top-rated fund in the past three years might not have performed as well over a 10 or 15 year span.

According to **PERSONAL INVESTOR**, "The Kanon Bloch Carre survey ranks families according to the risk-adjusted performance of their funds over three time spans, three, five and ten years, after deducting selling expenses and loads." Only companies with four or more funds were evaluated.

This is an objective, quantitative approach to mutual fund performance evaluation. Still, it's not perfect, and like any survey it leaves a lot of room for opinion.

If you're waiting for the all-star line-up, it's not coming. **PERSONAL INVESTOR** did an admirable job of reviewing each of these groups, warts and all, but space does not allow us to do the same. In any group you may choose, there could be some undesirable features that you prefer not to have in your investment management. Therefore, to name these groups without the pluses or minuses would be less than constructive.

The point of this column is to encourage those who prefer to have their money managed under one roof to personally investigate the fund family they plan to adopt. Reading comprehensive reports is a good way to begin.

About \$1 billion more in costs are needed for super collider

DALLAS (AP) — Scientists will ask the Department of Energy next week to spend about \$1 billion more than originally forecast to build a huge atom-smasher south of here, officials said Friday.

"To build the machine we're recommending will cost about \$1 billion more than the \$5.9 billion" first estimated for construction of the superconducting super collider, said Raphael Kasper, associate director of the SSC Laboratory in Dallas.

Energy Secretary James Watkins has said scientists must convince him that any increases in the original cost are necessary to achieve the original goals.

"I'm holding the entire super collider program, feet to the fire, to the \$5.9 (billion), until I can review ... what options may be necessary to give the scientists what they really want," Watkins said last month.

Kasper said original estimates were made "three years ago and done on a hypothetical site without a machine. We now have a site."

"We've been looking at certain design changes which will make it a better and more reliable machine," he said.

The collider, planned for Ellis County about 30 miles south of Dallas, consists of a 53-mile long underground tunnel where atoms would be sent crashing against each other.

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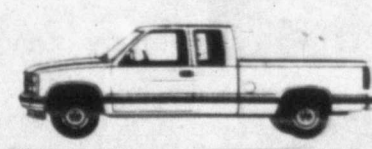
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\$1 Infant Sleepers
Christmas Wear!!
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Your Snyder Daily News should be delivered to you by 6:00 p.m.
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Nice landscape atmosphere club house available, large spacious apartment homes, quiet, peaceful location.
2 bd., 1 bath; 2 bd., 2 bath Fenced playground, covered parking, washer - dryer connections in each apartment.

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OF THE EXCESS OF BETTIE & JACK GREENE, SR. COLLECTIBLES
EAST OF SNYDER ON SWEETWATER HIGHWAY 1 MILE EAST OF THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE

- A Grand Burl Walnut, Scroll-top, 3-weight Grandfather Clock.
- Beautiful T.G. Payne Piano. Burl Walnut inlaid all over the front. This gorgeous piece is perfect and will be the highlight of this sale. A small stool also adds to the beauty of this unit.
- There are 3 Wardrobes being offered: a small 2-door hall Wardrobe; a larger 2-door with mirror in center; & a much larger 2-door bedroom Wardrobe. All are in beautiful oak.
- Clocks: colorful Hanging Cuckoo (it has to be from the Black Forest); wooden, striking Mantle Clock with beautiful metal trim.
- Oak Drop-Front Secretary with fitted interior and china displays on each side.
- 5-shelf, glass-front, Layer Stacking Book Case.
- 5-Drawer, treadle-type Singer Sewing Machine.
- Large-post, wooden, full-size Bed.
- Oak 1/2-size Bed
- Old Metal Baby Bed
- 2-Tiered, Oak Tea Cart.
- Queen Anne Night Stand.
- Gorgeous old Floor Model Radio.
- Oak, splash-back Buffet.
- Oak, pressed-back Rocking Chair.
- Small, wooden, spindle, straight-back Chair.
- Old wooden High Chair.
- Oak draw-leaf Table.
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- 6-Drawer, Oak, wash-stand-base Dresser with perfect beveled Mirror.
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- Depression Glass
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- Small Copper Blow Torch.
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- EZY-GO Golf Cart.

We just cannot list all items, so come Friday, Jan. 12th, and look at all to be offered. If we sell all of this merchandise in one day, it will be a fast sale. We are going to do something different. There are many boxes with good merchandise in each one which we will be selling all day. They will be scattered throughout the sale — one or two at a time.

AN EXTRA SPECIAL ITEM:
Not only will we offer an old, full-size Mobil Gas Tank, but Jack has a 3/4-size White Crown gasoline pump completely in miniature.

SPECIAL NOTE
Everyone wanted to know if Jack's collection of old cars will be offered. He has consented to offer a few — not at auction, but on a one-to-one basis. Offered will be: Black 1961 Studebaker Hawk; 1937 Buick Opera Coup with Dual Front Tire Mounts; 1951 Red Pontiac; 1967 White VW; 1968 Blue VW Beetle; Low-mileage Orange VW.
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•6-Drawer Chest, 2 small, 4 large. Solid Oak, Brass pulls. \$499.95, Only \$379.95!!
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•GRANDDAUGHTER FLOOR CLOCK, SOLID MAHOGANY, EOKA, WITH WM CHIMES. SAVE \$400, NOW \$599.95!!
•Barrell Roll-Top Desk, Pigeon Holes, Pullout Writing Surface. 3-Drawers and Storage, Solid Oak. Pay \$650, Save \$650!!
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FOR RENT: 2434 Sunset, 4 or 5 Bd. Good Location. Call 573-2772.

4002 EASTRIDGE. 3-2-2 Brick, total Electric. Fireplace, nice yard. \$375 month. 573-9001.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 704 30th. \$275 month, \$100 deposit. Water furnished. 3 Bd., 1 Bath, Garage, Fenced Back Yard. 573-2947 or 573-5124 mornings.

1208 25TH: 3 bedroom, 1 bath, unfurnished. Stove, Refrigerator. Water and cable paid. \$250/mo. 573-9001.

FOR RENT: Small 1 bd. Brick House. Water furnished, located at Key Mobile Home Park. 573-2149.

FOR RENT: 2-1, new carpet, fresh paint. 2703 Ave. F. \$225 month, \$100 deposit. 573-3465, 573-8505.

FOR RENT: 3710 Sunset, 3 Bd., 2 Bath. Brick, fireplace, new carpet. 573-9773.

2 bd. with storm windows. Good water well, 10 acres. Fenced pasture, west of town. 573-7306.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 2 bd., den. 8 acres Fenced land, Barn, 2 miles north of Ira on Hwy. 350. 573-2617 days, 573-8216 nights.

2 BD., 1 Bath, carpet, fenced yard, detached garage, \$100 deposit, \$225 month. Call Ron Lepard, 1-267-5386 after 6 p.m.

3 BD., 2 Bath, unfurnished. \$450 or best offer. Water Paid. 3307 40th Pl. 573-5627.

1 Bd. Furnished house, \$150 mo. \$50 deposit. 573-8628.

2901 1/2 COLLEGE- Business Office, Shop or Storage Space. 10x45' Building, CH/A, Carpet, \$175/mo. 573-5029.

FOR RENT: Duplex, 2-1-1, CH/RA, fenced backyard, \$300 month. 573-1386.

FOR RENT: 3-2 House on Peach St. 573-5741 after 5:30 p.m.

FOR RENT: Nice 3 Bd., 1 Bath rural home in Hobbs Community about 15 miles from prison. 915-735-3311 after 5 p.m.

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MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

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Hwy. 84 Bypass • Snyder
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PRICE REDUCED...3 bedr. 2 bath BRICK, near Park. \$47,000.

LARGE...Over 2,000 sq. ft. on Jacksboro. Very neat brick. \$69,900.

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Lenora Boydston... 573-6876

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Linda Walton... 573-5233

Lynda Cole... 573-0916

Faye Blackledge... 573-1223

Dolores Jones... 573-3452

SMALL 2 BD. trailer suitable for only 1 or 2 people. Furnished, bills paid. \$225 month. 573-2251.

2 BEDROOM MOBILE HOME, nice, \$175 month, located at 609 North Ave T in Snyder. Bob Dennis, 728-8723, C-City.

FOR SALE OR RENT: 3 bd. mobile home. For more information, call 573-3718.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE OR RENT. 3 bd., 2 bath. \$250 month, \$100 deposit. 303 E. 25th, 573-0513.

Nice 2 Bd. fully furnished trailer. Large deck & lawn furniture. Rents for \$175 plus Electricity. Call 573-5957 after 7. (No children please.)

Nice 3 Bd., 2 Bath Mobile Home. Call 573-9603 after 6 p.m.

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MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 14x84 Solitaire 3 bd., 2 bath, CH/A, underpinning & porches. Refinancing available. 573-9768 after 5 p.m.

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MUST SELL 1984 Brookwood Mobile Home to be moved. 3 Bd., 2 Bath, good condition. \$9,000, or \$1,000 down and take up payments. 573-1466 after 6 p.m.

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SEVERAL LARGE Mobile Home Lots for sale or rent-to-own. Well located. 573-2251.

TAKE UP PAYMENTS: 3 bd., 2 bath Cameo mobile home. CH/A, Lease/Purchase, 4 acres with storage. 573-0701.

14x80 3 Bd., 2 Bath on 2 nice lots. Reasonable down payment. Payments like rent. 573-2251.

GREAT PLACE TO BUY...SELL TRADE OR RENT
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REAL ESTATE

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3792 Sunset, 2400 41st, 2212 44th, 4115 Eastridge, 2803 37th, 321 36th, 419 36th, 2806 Ave. V.

20's and under
3003 41st, 3009 39th, 2712 Ave. F, 224 32nd, 3710 Dalton, 2905 Ave. W, 2701 Ave. G.

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Clarence Payne 573-8927

STEVENSON REAL ESTATE
4102 College WEEKDAYS
573-5612 OR 573-1755

311 24TH-own fin. 3-1-1 15T. 3612 44TH ST. — 3-2-2, \$47,900. LEASE—2703 Ave. V, 3-2-2. 1908 PEYTON—3-2, 32T. ROUND TOP-High Mesa Dr. 78T. 2804 AVE. Q—As is. 7T. 2902 33RD-Colonial Hills, 60T. OWN FIN-outside west, 20's. EAST-100 ac, house, etc. 70T. 4515 GARWOOD-bargain, 3-2-2. DUNN-9 1/2 ac. home 48T. 3008 40TH-over 1600', 30's. 321 33RD-3-2-2, high 40's. 4204 AVE U- brick, only 30T. 1805 CEDAR CREEK-90's. 3781 AVONDALE-mid 30's. 2408 TOWLE RD-4-4-3, bargain. 2303 43RD-3-2-2, low 50's. Shirley Pate 573-5340 Joyce Barnes 573-6970 Frances Stevenson 573-2528

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 2-Story, 3 bedrooms downstairs, upstairs available for more bedrooms & bath, 10 acres, lots of Pecan & Fruit Trees, edge of city limits. Large Garage over basement with storage room, 30x40 metal building. Will consider small house for trade in. 573-5404 and leave message.

FOR RENT OR SALE: Clean 2 bdr. house, stove, refrigerator, garage, nice neighborhood - 573-8705 or 728-8968.

FOR SALE: House on Roby Hwy. 2 bd., 3/4 acres of land. 573-0109 days, 573-0069 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Owner financed. 3-2-1, Stanfield School District. 3701 Ave. V. 573-3471 after 8 p.m.

FOR SALE: 154 Acres Farm Land, good cotton yield. 3 1/2 miles N.E. of Ira on pavement. 573-2935.

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WHITE Buffalo Motel—80T REDUCED—3406 43rd & House w/5 acres. OWNER Finance—1204 34th-900 26th. GOOD Buys—3602 Ave. U-2611 47th-3606 Jacksboro-208 35th. OUTSTANDING listings to choose from. Come in and let us find your special home. Custom deluxe to starter homes.

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WHY RENT when you can own a 3 bd., 2 bath House & Lot? Only \$500 down, 10% APR financing, no closing costs. For more information call Rick at 915-672-4249.

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE to bidders: Scurry County Commissioners Court will accept bids on Monday, January 15, at 10:30 a.m. for oil, gasoline and diesel to be used for Scurry County for the year 1990.

HUD HOMES

Real Values In Real Estate

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Purchasers must obtain their own financing for all sales.
- These properties may contain code violations.
- HUD reserves the right to reject any and all offers or to withdraw a property prior to bid opening.
- EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT IS \$500.

•ALL PROPERTIES LISTED ARE "ELIGIBLE FOR FHA INSURED MORTGAGE" UNLESS SPECIFIED AS "CASH".

•If bids are not accepted on the listings below, they will automatically go to Extended Listing status after the bid opening. All Extended Listing offers will be opened each work day after 2:30 P.M.

•THE LISTING PRICE IS HUD'S ESTIMATE OF FAIR MARKET VALUE. HUD RESERVES THE RIGHT IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION TO ACCEPT OFFERS LESS THAN THE LISTING PRICE, BUT ONLY THE HIGHEST ACCEPTABLE OFFER WILL BE CONSIDERED.

•For further information, please call a Real Estate Agent of your choice.

•Brokers/Agents may call the HUD office in Lubbock, TX (806)743-7276 for information to become a HUD participating Broker.

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•"LBP" INDICATES THE PROPERTY MAY CONTAIN LEAD-BASED PAINT.

•"INDICATES FLOOD INSURANCE REQUIRED.

•PROPERTY HAS DEFECTIVE PAINT, WHICH IF NOT YET TREATED AS PRESCRIBED BY HUD, WILL BE TREATED PRIOR TO CLOSING.

NOTICE TO POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AND HUD PARTICIPATING BROKERS

A contract has been awarded for all sale closing services in Fisher, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Stonewall Counties, Texas. Effective 9/1/89, all closings for HUD owned properties will be executed at the office of:
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Attention: David Cotton
1926 26th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549
915-573-8558

Brokers should contact David Cotton to coordinate a closing time. Also, mortgage companies should contact David Cotton to provide information necessary for deed preparation.

IF THE CONTRACT HAS NOT BEEN CLOSED OR EXTENDED BY THE 61ST DAY, IT WILL BE TERMINATED.

SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

BID EXPIRATION DATE: JAN. 16, 1990; BID OPENING DATE: Jan. 17, 1990

NEW LISTINGS ROTAN

ADDRESS	FHA CASE NUMBER	BDRM	BATH	PRICE	**PAINT	**LBP	**FLOOD
Rt. 1 BOX 53 (6 MILES EAST OF ROTAN ON FM ROAD #1224)	494-125103-503	3	1	\$29,000	***	***	***

EXTENDED LISTINGS

BID EXPIRES DAILY: 2:30 P.M.- BID OPENS DAILY 3:00 P.M.

COAHOMA							
103 BASSWOOD	494-119635-203	3	2	\$48,450			
COLORADO CITY							
950 E. 13TH ST	494-123160-203	2	1	\$9,000	*	CASH	
1636 WACO	494-043111-203	2	1	\$9,100	*	CASH	
HERMLEIGH							
201 N. HARLAN	494-122049-203	4	1	\$8,200	*	CASH	
LENORAH							
STATE HWY 137	494-134761-203	3	2	\$31,350	****	CASH	
(13 MI N OF STANTON)							
SNYDER							
3908 EASTRIDGE	494-114385-235	3	1	\$24,400			
3109 39TH ST	494-151462-721	3/1/0		\$18,500	****		
601 29TH ST	494-110987-203	3	2	\$13,500	****	CASH	
507 32ND ST	494-102567-203	3	1	\$7,250	*	CASH	
509 33RD ST	494-079835-203	2/1/1CP		\$4,500	****	CASH	
3790 HIGHLAND DR	494-127671-221	3	1	\$19,950	****	CASH	
SWEETWATER							
1608 SAM HOUSTON	494-029421-203	2	1	\$7,600	*	CASH	

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HUD HOMES
Real Values In Real Estate

Living With Mom

Children under age 18, in thousands (1988)

Age	Total number of children	Living with mother only	Percent living with mother only
Total under age 18	63,179	13,521	21.4%
Under age 3	11,047	2,206	20.0%
3 to 5	10,917	2,325	21.3%
5 to 9	14,219	3,203	22.5%
10 to 14	16,520	3,593	21.7%
15 to 17	10,476	2,193	20.9%

Source: 1988 Current Population Survey, Bureau of the Census. NEA GRAPHICS
About one in every five children in the United States lives in a household headed by a mother only, according to statistics compiled by the Bureau of the Census.

In Romania...

Shevardnadze arrives for talks

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — With warming relations since the ouster of dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, the Soviet foreign minister arrived today to discuss issues including stronger economic ties.

The common border that divides Romanians from their ethnic brethren in Soviet Moldavia also was expected to be high on the agenda in the first talks between the Kremlin and the interim Romanian government.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze was welcomed at Otopeni airport by

Romanian Foreign Minister Sergiu Celac and other Romanian officials, the state-run Rompres news agency reported.

Moscow already has pledged aid, including natural gas and oil supplies to ensure that Romania's 23 million citizens get adequate heat and light, both strictly rationed during the past eight winters by Ceausescu.

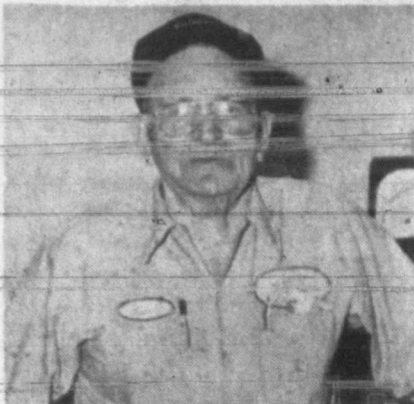
Unlike other East European movements toward democracy, Romania's revolution last month strengthened rather than weakened ties with Moscow, strained for decades by Ceausescu's maverick foreign and trade policies and further hurt by his resistance to the reforms of Mikhail S. Gorbachev. Shevardnadze's trip will be a brief, one-day affair. But Silviu Brucan, a foreign policy expert in

the leadership of the National Salvation Front running Romania, has said Bucharest's new government has high hopes for the trip.

In an interview with Bucharest radio broadcast Friday, Shevardnadze said the Romanian revolution "has enormous significance for the interests of Europe and has an echo which can justifiably be considered as universal, important for the entire world."

One touchy issue likely to be on the agenda is relations with Soviet Moldavia, which consists largely of territory annexed from Romania by Josef Stalin in 1940 under a secret protocol to the Hitler-Stalin pact.

Obituaries



JOE RHODES

Joe Rhodes

Graveside services for Joe Prosper Rhodes, 78, of 3707 Muriel Drive are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Terry Lyles, pastor of Avenue D Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. He died at 3:03 p.m. Friday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born May 17, 1911, in Eli, Ark. He owned Joe Rhodes Radiator and Repair Shop for 47 years. He was a Baptist.

He married Lee Hale July 18, 1942 in Slaton. She survives.

He is survived by two daughters, Bessie Lamb of Westbrook and Lou Ann Belcher of Kermit; two sons, Joe Don Rhodes of Big Spring and Dwayne Norris of Braidwood, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Naomi Browning of Lake Charles, La.; one brother, W. C. Rhodes of Bakersfield, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

HSU student art display slated locally

Paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics and advertising art by members of the Hardin-Simmons University art faculty will be displayed in the Scurry County Museum in a show opening Jan. 15.

The exhibitors will include Tom Rigsby, a former Snyder resident, who is now instructor in advertising art at HSU. He has worked for numerous advertising firms as well as doing freelance work. He has an extensive collection of posters created to advertise western movies and a portion of his collection has been exhibited in Scurry County Museum.

Other exhibitors will be Ira M. Taylor, chairman of the HSU art department and professor of art; Bob Howell, professor of art and director of the HSU gallery; Martha Kiel, lecturer in art education; Linda D. Fawcett, associate professor of art; and Rebecca Coffman, lecturer in crafts. Scurry County Museum, located on the Western Texas College campus, is open weekdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and from 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Doctor wanted boy removed from home

AUSTIN (AP) — Ten days before 2-year-old Christopher Wohlers was beaten to death, a doctor who examined the boy recommended the state Department of Human Services not return him to his parents, the chairman of the Travis County Welfare Board said.

Margaret Moore said the private physician who saw the child Dec. 22 at the request of relatives told the DHS the child's bruises were caused by repeated abuse, the Austin American-

Statesman reported Saturday.

The next day, Christopher was released to his parents, who agreed to accept "in-home services" from the department, said Karen Eells, regional director of child protective services for DHS.

"Our assessment at the time was that the injuries were not severe enough to seek custody," Ms. Eells said.

The DHS caseworker who visited the boy and family members made an appointment

to visit Christopher's mother and stepfather, but the Dec. 28 meeting was postponed and the case was reassigned to another DHS employee.

Last Wednesday, the child's stepfather, Gerald Zuliani, 23, was charged with injury to a child, which carries the same maximum prison term as murder.

Co-founder of Dallas opera to resign

DALLAS (AP) — Nicola Rescigno, who co-founded the Dallas Opera in 1957, is resigning "with great sadness and regret" as artistic director following the matinee performance of "Madama Butterfly" Jan. 14.

Rescigno, 73, has had disagreements with the opera's administration in recent years.

The opera's board on Friday accepted Rescigno's resignation "with deep regret."

"We accept the maestro's resignation with deep regret and recognition of the significant contribution he has made to the company and the community," said opera board president John Dayton.

"I am disappointed that Nicola is leaving in discontent," Dayton said. "He is critical of the administrative leadership of the company and contends that such leadership has thwarted his artistic efforts."

In his letter of resignation,

Rescigno wrote: "It is with great sadness and regret that I must leave a company I helped create and that had become the core of my artistic activity during the past 33 years.

"I am very proud of so much this company has accomplished and so very grateful to the artists, musicians, technical staff, friends, patrons and the Dallas public that have fervently supported our efforts through the years.

"I will miss them deeply, but I leave with many cherished memories," he said.

Rescigno said he plans to step up his worldwide guest conducting schedule.

Rescigno, who co-founded the Dallas Opera with the late Lawrence Kelly, is regarded as one of his generation's foremost interpreters of the operatic repertoire. He and Kelly were credited with bringing international artistic attention to Dallas.

WTSB

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citizens." When WTSB observed its 30th anniversary in 1980, the bank's deposits were \$41.1 million and it had loans of \$20.6 million. Today, deposits have grown to \$79 million with total loans of \$33.6 million.

According to Bill C. Parker, president of WTSB since November, 1986, a number of guests are expected at Friday's open house which will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "We are having this event to thank people for the opportunity to serve them, not just in the past, but today and in the future."

Current bank directors — in addition to Cargile, Brooks and Parker — are John Greene, Charles Henderson, Dale Stuard, R.C. Patton, Dan Cotton, Harold Denson and Bill Eiland.

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Propane

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are caused by electric or gas space heaters," he said. "With an electric heater, they either overload the outlet or put it too close to a curtain or chair or bed, or put on an extension cord that's too light.

"With a gas heater, you can use all the oxygen in a room and suffocate yourself. The rubber hoses on gas heaters can also be a problem because they get dried out by natural gas and become brittle."

He said fires may also be caused by heating tape with electrical wires inside when the tape is overlapped on pipes, explaining, "The wires get hot, short themselves out and melt the insulation."

Other tips offered by McDowell included:

- Never use an open flame to thaw out a pipe;
- Do not use wood that produces a lot of smoke or has a lot of sap in a fireplace;
- Check heating units and fireplaces for hazards at least once a year; and
- Do not use droplights, which are moveable lights on extension cords used by mechanics, as heaters for doghouses, because a lightbulb generates enough heat to ignite cloth or paper.

Local arrested on blue warrant

A 36-year-old Snyder man was picked up on a "blue" warrant, for parole violation, at 1:23 p.m. Friday in the 500 Block of the East Hwy.

A city policeman took James W. Patterson of 3606 Hill Ave. into custody on the warrant, which had been issued by the State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Other arrests included two men, 31 and 38 years of age, who were arrested for public intoxication following a reported disturbance at 12:56 a.m. Saturday in the 1000 Block of 32nd St.

Caution

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magnitude suffered in the last three weeks. Many customers can't believe the new prices. Some think they are being gouged.

"This is not true," said a spokesman for the company. "Our price increases have been aimed at covering the increases from our suppliers. Even that has been difficult. One major supplier increased its price of propane on Dec. 19, 20, 22, 23, 29 and 30. Another increased its price 20 cents per gallon in the afternoon of Dec. 30, just hours before a three-day holiday. All this is very detrimental to our cash flow. The money we are collecting now for a gallon of propane sold in November and the first half of December will not buy a gallon today.

"We sympathize with our customers but also hope they understand we didn't cause these price increases — we are just living with them like they are and trying to keep everyone warm. While the prices may abate sometime in the next couple of weeks, the higher-than-normal level will probably be experienced throughout the winter."

Tires cut

Mrs. Jimmy McFarland told police at 2:22 a.m. Saturday that two tires on her daughter's 1987 Ford Escort had been cut.

She said the incident took place in the 2800 Block of Ave. X.

The Bahamas became independent in 1973 after three centuries of British colonial rule.

The official news agency of the Soviet Union, TASS, was established in 1925.

To The Editor:

This is what the hospital papers claim: The ambulance was called at 6:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., they say I ordered the transfer. At 7:10 p.m. Dr. Rao ordered tests to be done in the A.M. At 7:20 p.m. the IV readings were taken and recorded on the transfer sheet. At 7:30 p.m. Dr. Rao ordered the transfer. The ambulance arrived at the hospital at 7:35 p.m. The ambulance arrived at Lubbock General at 10:43 p.m.

Dr. Duncan dictated his admittance and stated that he was going to treat them on the same day they arrived in Lubbock, the 27th. Dr. Rao at Snyder dictated his admittance that he planned to treat them a day later on the 28th. Three days later on 10-1-82, Dr. Rao wrote another admittance that he received them on the 27th, and shipped them to Lubbock claiming that my wife and I requested it.

Now this is supposed to prove that Dr. Rao sent my wife and son to Lubbock. What do you think?

No one Cogdell Hospital employee will talk to me or will give me their name. No one will ask anyone to come forth. Judge Preston Wilson and Chairman Leon Autry would not allow me to ask anyone any questions.

As soon as Bobby Goodwin and Tommy Pate took office, I met with the Commissioners Court again. Judge Bobby Goodwin stood up and said, "We have no authority at all over the hospital, and I advise you to hire a lawyer." Before Goodwin took office, C.D. Gray kept telling he could not get any help. He now tells me that he did not know it, but Bobby Goodwin is right. They have no authority at all over the hospital. Now I ask you, the voter, is this taxation without representation? Or is it coverup without explanation? Or both?

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the Registered Voters of Scurry County, Texas: (A los votantes registrados del condado de Scurry, Texas): Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on January 20th, 1990, for voting in a Special Election, reducing the tax rate in Scurry County for the current year from \$0.3980 to \$0.3475. (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 20 De Enero de 1990 para votar en la Eleccion reduciendo la tasa de impuestos en el Condado de Scurry para el ano 1989 de \$0.3980 para \$0.3475.)

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Fluvanna Union	Fluvanna Community Center
Knapp	Union Community Center
	Knapp Community Center
	School Administration Bldg.
Ira	Ira Community Center
Dunn	Dunn Community Center
	Senior Citizens Center
Southeast Snyder	South Side of Coliseum
Hermleigh	Hermleigh Community Center
Lloyd Mountain	N.E. Community Center
Northeast Snyder	North Side of Coliseum
	Health Unit 26th St.
	Scurry County Library
Northwest Snyder	National Guard Armory
	Towle Park Barn
Absentee & Central Counting Station	Courthouse

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Scurry County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on January 2nd, 1990, and ending on January 16th, 1990. (La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Casa de Corte del Condado de Scurry, Piso Tercero entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 De Enero, 1990, y terminando el De Enero, 16, 1990.) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Frances Billingsley, County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a Frances Billingsley, del Secretario de la Votacion En Ausencia, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas 79549.) Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 13th, 1990. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 13 De Enero, 1990.) Issued this the 28th day of December, 1989. (Emitida este dia 28 de Diciembre, 1989.)

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 Apple Pizza
- TUESDAY**
 Hamburger Steak
 Italian Green Beans
 French Fries
 Creamy Cole Slaw
 Fruited Gelatin Chiffon
- WEDNESDAY**
 Butterbeans w/Ham
 Spinach
 Fried Okra
 Onion & Tomato
 Cornbread
 Coconut Refrigerated Dessert
- THURSDAY**
 Green Enchiladas
 Pinto Beans
 Spanish Rice
 Mexican Salad
 Sopapillas w/Honey
- FRIDAY**
 Fried Fish
 Steamed Cabbage
 Whole Kernel Corn
 Marinated Three Bean Salad
 Gingerbread

Fluvanna Day slated Monday

Monday will be Fluvanna Day in the Senior Citizens Center, with residents of that community to be recognized before the serving of the noon meal.

Senior citizens who work as volunteers in the distribution of surplus commodities are to attend a training class starting at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Jackie Hackfeld will sing in the center's dining room at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Hoss Clayton's band will perform at 11 a.m. on Tuesday.

AARP will present a slide program titled "What To Do With What You've Got" at 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

The Western Texas College Lady Dusters will host the Cisco Junior College women in a game Saturday (Jan. 13) in the Scurry County Coliseum starting at 6 p.m.

Real estate principles set at WTC

The Continuing Education department at Western Texas College will offer a 45-hour course in real estate principles beginning Jan. 15 and concluding on March 5.



ANDREAS CASAS

One scholarship goes to Casas

CEDAR HILL—Andreas Casas of Snyder, has been awarded an academic scholarship for the 1989-90 academic year at Northwood Institute in Cedar Hill.

Futures in heating oil collapse due to warmer temps

By The Associated Press Heating oil futures prices plunged more than 5 cents a gallon for the second straight day Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

On other commodity markets, orange juice futures rebounded strongly; precious metals were sharply higher; pork futures surged while cattle futures were mixed.

Wholesale home heating oil futures settled 2.27 cents to 5.36 cents lower with the contract for delivery in February at 67.83 cents a gallon.

Oldest Elvis fan club president being honored

HOUSTON (AP) — Naomi Stiers first got a glimpse of Elvis Presley singing on the Ed Sullivan show almost 33 years ago.

So loyal that the folks who run Graceland, Elvis's former home, are flying her to Memphis, Tenn., to honor her as the oldest Elvis fan club president in the country.

"It makes me kind of nervous," Ms. Stiers confessed from the Conroe home of her daughter, Mary Lou Mathis.

Organizers say Ms. Stiers and the country's youngest fan club president, Nicole Meade, 8, of Fort Thomas, Ky., will spend the long weekend at a series of VIP tours, dinners and interviews.

Ms. Stiers said she was 54 when she first saw Presley.

The next morning, on her way to work, she bought every Elvis fan magazine she could find and started an Elvis record collection. She joined an Elvis fan club — one based near Graceland — then started a Houston branch of the club that eventually included more than 200 members.

Ms. Stiers began visiting Elvis and his family in 1960. Elvis' aunt would call Ms. Stiers when it appeared he would be home for a few days and receptive to company.

Births

Tasha Ball announces the birth of her baby brother, Joshua Blake, Friday at 7:44 a.m. at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene.

Joshua's parents are Angela Ball-Smith and Wesley Ball. His grandparents are Joe and Debra Cheyne and Nolan and Louise Ball, and his great-grandmothers are Vivian Fikes, Wilma Smith and Lillie Phillips, all of Snyder.

Thursday's losses, amid new concerns about frost damage to the Florida orange groves.

All contracts for future deliveries of frozen-concentrated orange juice rose the 5-cent limit except the limitless January contract, which settled 8.65 cents higher at \$1.7965 a pound.

Gold futures rallied strongly on New York's Commodity Exchange.

Analysts cited a resurgence of bullion sales, possibly indicating a "flight to safety" by investors spooked by the sharp drop in stock prices around the world Friday following news that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had canceled meetings with foreign leaders.

Gold settled \$7.70 to \$7.80 higher with February at \$408.50 a troy ounce; silver was 5 cents to 5.1 cents higher with February at \$5.344 a troy ounce.

Pork futures rose sharply for the second straight day on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in response to Wednesday's Agriculture Department report showing a smaller-than-expected U.S. hog herd.

Live hogs settled .45 cent to the limit 1.5 cents higher with February at 50.95 cents a pound; frozen pork bellies were 1.1 cents to the limit 2 cents higher with February at 53.47 cents a pound; live cattle futures finished .20 cent lower to .15 cent higher with February at 76.87 cents a pound; feeder cattle were .17 cent lower to .05 cent higher with January at 84.57 cents a pound.

On the Chicago Board of Trade, wheat futures settled unchanged to 1 cent higher with March at \$4.09 1/4 a bushel; corn was 1/4 cent to 3/4 cent lower with March at \$2.37 3/4 a bushel; oats were 1/2 cent to 1 1/2 cents higher with March at \$1.51 3/4 a bushel; soybeans were 3/4 cent lower to 1 1/4 cents higher with January at \$5.64 1/2 a bushel.

Sweetwater cattle auction market reported

The market was strong and active on all classes on a large run of cattle for our January 3rd sale with the better kind of feeder cattle showing the most strength.

- Good to choice, L/W stocker steers, \$1.00 to \$1.15 per pound.
- Good to choice, M/W stocker steers, .90 to \$1.05 per pound.
- Good to choice, feeder steers, .80 to \$0.89 per pound.
- Short and plainer kind, 8 to 10 (than goods) lower per pound.
- Good to choice, L/W stocker heifers, .90 to \$0.98 per pound.
- Good to choice, M/W stocker heifers, .80 to \$0.87 per pound.
- Good to choice, feeder heifers, .75 to \$0.84 per pound.
- Short and plainer kind, 7 to 8 (than goods) lower per pound.
- Good cow and calf pairs, \$750 to \$925 per pair.
- Older and plainer kind, \$550 to \$650 per pair.
- Good bred cows, \$550 to \$650 per head.
- Older, plainer light bred cows, \$400 to \$450 per head.
- Better kind packer cows, \$50 to \$55 per pound.
- Lower yielding packer cows, \$42 to \$50 per pound.
- Few old hully cows, \$38 to \$42 per pound.
- Better kind packer bulls, \$60 to \$68 per pound.
- Lower yielding packer bulls, \$56 to \$60 per pound.

Collins completes basic training

Army National Guard Private James L. Collins has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N. J. He is the son of Thomas W. Collins of Snyder and Elmas F. Collins of Hot Springs, Ark.

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Scurry County Folks...

By Shirley A. Gorman

Nelson Brice, M.D., a Snyder physician for the past 14 years, is currently participating in a year-long intensive nationwide medical study of a new hypertensive drug—Cartrol—which is currently being used in the treatment of hypertension.

Dr. Brice is one of 900 doctors throughout the nation who have been selected to participate in the hypertension program.

The study, sponsored by Tulane University School of Medicine through an educational grant from Abbott Laboratories (producers of Cartrol), is the first known study involving community physicians in which all results are recorded and submitted by computer to a prominent medical institution. The program will involve up to 25,000 patients.

The new hypertensive has already been cleared for use by physicians in the United States. The study is designed to measure long-term hypertension control and patient compliance. Updates and final results of the program will be available to the medical community throughout the country via Tulane's database.

Brice began administering Cartrol to 25 of his patients in October. Selection was narrowed to include patients whose blood pressure is in the 170/114 range. Cartrol is designed to be administered in dosages from 2.5 milligrams which is considered average to anywhere from five to 10 milligrams.

Depending on how the patients respond to treatment, Brice said

he will either keep each dosage the same for a given patient or increase it.

As of the third week in December, Brice said he had not had any patients who experienced adverse side effects with the drug. In addition to monthly blood pressure tests, he said he will also check the lipid profile of each patient every three months. In some patients a too high lipid count will also have to be reduced, he explained.

Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary describes lipid as "any of various substances that are soluble in nonpolar organic solvents that with proteins and carbohydrates constitute the principal structural components of living cells that include fats, waxes, phosphatides, cerebrosides, and related and derived compounds.

Each patient's cholesterol level, especially the HDL (or good cholesterol) count will also be checked periodically.

Brice will continue to compile data for a full year. Everything will be entered into a computer and every three months he will send in a hard disk to Tulane University.

All doctors participating in the test have 800 numbers so that during the year-long study they can consult with each other as needed.

This study is the first for Cartrol, but not the first for Brice who took part in a similar study last year for another hypertensive drug—Capoten. He said he administered Capoten to 20 patients for a full year, monitored them periodically, and at the conclusion of the study he said most of his patients had been helped by the medication.

Brice first learned of the proposed study when he received a letter from Tulane University asking him to participate. "I

agreed because I have a lot of patients with these problems and I thought it would be beneficial to try this new medication," Brice said.

He said he is always searching for new medications with less side effects which can help his hypertensive patients.

He said he wasn't sure what criteria Tulane University used in selecting its doctors, but he thinks he was chosen because of his involvement in teleseminar conferences (several doctors linked by telephones take part in medical discussions).

These conferences are arranged between doctors throughout

the U.S. and gives them a chance to discuss new medications as well as diseases, etc.

On Dec. 18, Brice and several other doctors were involved in a 1½ hour-long teleseminar during which they discussed two new anti-depressants—Prozac and Wellbutrin.

Dr. Brice, a graduate of Chile University in Santiago, Chile, his wife, Nancy, and sons, Alex, now 21, and Alfred, now 19, came to Snyder in 1975. His first office was located where Family Planning is today. He currently practices at Snyder Medical Clinic which he opened in 1986.

Before Brice could receive his

license to practice medicine in the U.S. he had to take three exams which were spaced six months apart.

For that 1½ year period, Brice worked at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in conjunction with a licensed physician. During that period he said he was limited in what he could do but he was able to provide direct patient care as long as another physician was present. He gave general examinations and compiled patient histories, but was unable to write prescriptions until he received his U.S. license.

Brice first became acquainted with Snyder and West Texas in

1970 when he and several other Chilean professionals traveled to Texas on special scholarships provided by the national Rotary Club. They all stayed in the homes of Rotarians and observed first hand how medicine, for instance, was practiced here as well as elsewhere in the state.

Five years later Brice and his family moved to Snyder because "I liked the friendly people and I wanted to raise my children in a small town rather than a big city."

Five years later, in 1980, both Brice and his wife were sworn in as U.S. citizens. Since the political unrest in Chile worsened after 1970, Brice said it made the decision to leave easier.

Brice first became interested in medicine after he graduated from high school. He studied biology and chemistry and earned a masters degree and then decided to enter medical school because "I wanted to be more involved with people."

Brice obtained his medical degree in 1968.

"I've always loved being a doctor and I still do," he said.

He is a board member of the Scurry County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.



PARTICIPATES IN STUDY—Nelson Brice, Snyder physician, is currently participating in a year-long study of Cartrol, a new drug being used in the treatment of hypertension. All data col-

lected is stored in a computer and every three months a hard disk is sent to Tulane University School of Medicine, sponsor of the study, for analysis. (SDN Staff Photo)

Women drivers buying the oil


BRADFORD, Pa. (AP) — Women now represent 43 percent of all motor oil buyers.

According to a study by Kendall Refining Co., women now account for 40 percent of all new car purchases and they are increasingly becoming involved in maintenance and changing oil.

The study also shows 7 million new consumers became motor oil buyers in the last five years. Of these, 94 percent were women.

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By Marvin Ensor Extension Agent

USE WATER BATH TO THAW COLOSTRUM

Keeping a supply of first milking, frozen colostrum from older cows available for newborn calves is a desirable practice. But one may be uncertain about the best method of thawing it.

One method is to freeze the colostrum in two-quart plastic containers to be thawed later by microwave oven.

A recent dairy research project, however, compared the amount of immunoglobulins remaining in colostrum when it was thawed by microwave or hot water. The microwave thawings were full power (650 watts) for 10 minutes or at half-power (325

watts) for 17 minutes. Thawing in a hot water bath (113 degrees) was for 25 minutes.

Immunoglobulins remaining in the thawed colostrum inside the plastic containers were the least when it was thawed by microwave at full power. A water bath registered the highest level of immunoglobulins after thawing.

Differences, however, were small and in the ratio of .90, .97 and 1 for the full-, half-power and hot water thawing methods, respectively.

It is important to get colostrum into the newborn calf as soon as possible, preferably within two hours.



PLANS REVEALED — Mr. and Mrs. Madaleno Castillo and Mr. and Mrs. Juan Molina announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Michael Castillo and Christabel Molina. The couple plans to wed Feb. 10 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City, with a reception at the Civic Center following mass. The couple will host a dance at 7 p.m. that evening at the Civic Center. (Private Photo)



Town and Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts Extension Agent

HOLIDAY SPENDING

It is possible to plan ahead and keep the holiday gift-buying season from breaking the budget. If your family spends the average \$325 amount for gifts, then it is an easy matter to begin now to plan for Christmas 1990. By setting aside just \$27 per month for Christmas 1990, the goal of \$325 will be reached without causing further pain or damage to the household budget.

It is important for families to estimate the amount of money that is affordable for holiday gift-giving and to budget carefully throughout the year for that expense. Too often, gift-giving is

forgotten when families draw up their spending plans and monthly budgets. That may be one reason many people tend to shop for Christmas gifts and charge them to plastic. They simply haven't planned in advance to have the needed cash on hand.

Apart from gifts, families should determine how much they can afford to spend on other holiday-related expenses, such as special foods, decorations, travel, entertainment and contributions. The holiday season should be a joyous time, not one that results in heavier debt load after the first of the year.

Onions offer variety

NEW YORK (AP) — Onions come in a range of flavors and enhance all sort of dishes.

Here are some tips from Family Circle magazine to help you choose the right onion for the right dish:

— Yellow Onions: Strongest in flavor and pungency. These are good for soups, stews, stocks and spaghetti sauce.

— Spanish Onions: Sweet onions that include the Vidalia, Imperial Valley, Maui, Walla Walla, Texas and Bermuda types. Best in onion rings, marmalade, omelets and pizza.

— Red Italian Onions: Mild and sweet. They can be used raw in

salads and on sandwiches, sauteed with red cabbage and apples, or stir-fried with other ingredients.

— Leeks: This mild onion is popular in French dishes. It is used in vichyssoise or gently braised as a side dish. Just the white bottom is used for appetizers.

— Shallots: Oniony, with a hint of garlic. Best in butter sauces for vegetables, fish, meats and rice.

— Green Onions or Scallions: These are somewhat stronger than chives. They give Tex-Mex, fried rice and stir-fry cooking a real kick. They also can serve as a garnish.

Bridge by James Jacoby

NORTH 1-4-90			
♦ K Q 7 2			
♥ K 10			
♦ Q 9			
♦ A J 7 6 5			
WEST	EAST		
♦ J 6	♦ 10 9 8 5 3		
♥ J	♥ A 9 8		
♦ A K 10 7 6 4 2	♦ 3		
♦ K Q 2	♦ 10 8 4 3		
SOUTH			
♦ A 4			
♥ Q 7 6 5 4 3 2			
♦ J 8 5			
♦ 9			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: North			
South	West	North	East
2♦*	3♦	1 NT	Pass
4♥	All pass	Pass	Pass
*transfer			
Opening lead: ♦ K			

was a transfer to place the contract in the stronger hand. But West's coming in with three diamonds threw a monkey wrench into the bidding. North was happy to pass with a minimum and only two-card heart support. South now bid the extent of his cards by jumping to four hearts.

The defense was short but a little sour. West led king of diamonds and continued with the ace and the deuce. Of course the two of clubs was meant as suit-preference, to tell East that he could safely lead a club if he won a trump trick. Since declarer could not afford to have East ruff with the eight or nine of hearts, he ruffed with dummy's heart 10. East thoughtlessly overruffed with the ace of hearts and returned a club. But the king of hearts now drew the jack, and the queen took care of East's remaining heart. So 10 tricks were made.

Obviously the right play was not apparent to East, but he was never going to lose the ace of hearts. If he simply discards when the third diamond is ruffed with dummy's heart 10, he will eventually take the setting trick with one of his not-so-lowly heart spots. The rule is easy to remember: Don't be in a hurry to overruff with your certain trump tricks. By waiting, you may develop tricks from your lower cards.

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. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Think before you overruff

By James Jacoby

North's opening no-trump bid was irregular. Most players would rightly open with one club, intending to rebid one spade. South's two-diamond bid

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY Dot Casey, Director	TUESDAY Dot Casey, Director
1. Tie: Bessie Collins, Barbara Yorgesen; Colleen Palmer, Sassie Furlow.	1. Dot Casey, Donna Early.
3. Lucille Joyce, Dot Casey.	2. Dr. Stan Allen, Charlie Chrane.
4. Verdi Kimbro, Nona Morrison.	3. Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.
SUNDAY Dot Casey, Director	THURSDAY
1. Anita Talbott, Verdi Kimbro.	1. Clara Tate, Verna Foree.
2. Dot Casey, Billisue Stuard.	2. Helen Hood, Carla Beard.
3. Bessie Collins, Barbara Phillips.	3. Renal and Dorothy Rosson.
	4. Libby Brinner, Hattie Phillips.

Scurry Library News and Views

FEATURE: EDUCATION OF A WANDERING MAN, by Louis L'Amour. In this work, Louis L'Amour writes for the first time of his growing up in Jamestown, N.D. He left school at 15 to make the world his classroom. All of his experiences ultimately formed and inspired the books that have made L'Amour one of the most widely read authors of our time.

NON-FICTION
"Easy-To-Build Electronic Projects for Model Railroaders," by Peter J. Thorne.
"The Ethics of Abortion," by Robert M. Baird and Stuart E.

Rosenbaum.
"Soviet Society Today," by Michael Rywkin.
FICTION
"God's Grace," by Bernard Malamud.
"Come Winter," by Douglas C. Jones.
"Boat of a Million Years," by Paul Anderson.
"Morgana," by Eudora Welty.

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Snyder ISD Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY	TUESDAY
Oatmeal Toast Grape Juice Milk	Meatloaf Golden Potatoes Buttered Carrots Hot Roll Milk
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Scrambled Eggs Biscuit Apple Juice Milk	BBQ Ribs Blackeyed Peas Diced Peas Cornbread Milk
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Pancakes with Syrup Orange Juice Milk	Turkey Pot Pie Pineapple Tidbits Tossed Salad with French Dressing Brownie Milk
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Biscuits with Gravy Pineapple Juice Milk	Chili with Beans Buttered Corn Cole Slaw Cornbread Milk
FRIDAY	SPECIAL EVENT
Biscuit with Ham Grapefruit Juice Milk	Friday, the Jr. and Sr. High only will feature a Mexican bar on the salad bar. The menu will include items to make burritos and nachos with a choice of fillings.
LUNCH MONDAY	
Hamburgers Burger Salad French Fries Diced Peaches Milk	

Ira ISD Menu

MONDAY	THURSDAY
Shaved Ham Macaroni and Cheese Blackeyed Peas Plain Cake with Icing Biscuits Milk	Corn Vanilla Cookies Crackers Milk
TUESDAY	FRIDAY
Cheeseburgers Lettuce and Tomatoes French Fries Pineapple Slices Milk	Oven Baked Chicken Cream Potatoes Green Beans Jello with Fruit Rolls Milk
WEDNESDAY	
Frito Pie Vegetable Salad	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce English Peas Applesauce Brownies Garlic Bread Milk

Hermligh ISD Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY	TUESDAY
Juice Cheese Toast Milk	Steamed Rice Fried Vegetable Sticks Hot Rolls Peanut Butter Bars Milk
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Fruit Sausage and Biscuit Milk	BBQ German Sausage Potato Salad Relish Cup Hot Rolls Pineapple Pudding Milk
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Juice Cinnamon Rolls Milk	Pepper Steak Macaroni and Cheese Pickled Beets Hot Rolls Cherries with Whipped Topping Milk
THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fruit Buttered Grits Toasted Rolls Milk	Tuna Casserole Fried Squash Hot Rolls No Bake Cookies Milk
FRIDAY	
Juice Dry Cereal Milk	Chicken Fajitas Salsa Ranch Style Beans Tortilla Chips Fruit Jello Milk
LUNCH MONDAY	
Swiss Steak	

American, Brazilian and West German scientists announced in 1985 that the skeletal remains exhumed from a graveyard in Brazil were those of Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele.

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Behind bars...

Women get less privileges

MUNCY, Pa. (AP) — Women convicted of even minor felonies often enjoy fewer privileges behind bars than men serving time for murder or rape, prison reform advocates say.

"Women prisoners' concerns do not get the priority men's do," says Ed Koren, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project.

"They don't complain about it, so correctional people are not really required to do anything about it."

The numbers may be one reason. Only about 5 percent of the state and federal prisoners nationwide are women.

But buoyed by some court rulings in recent years, female prisoners are beginning to see some changes.

In 1983, for example, women at the State Correctional Institution at Muncy wanted a law clinic, a privilege established long ago in men's prisons. Officials denied the request, leading Sharon Wiggins and four other inmates to file a class-action lawsuit in U.S. District Court.

The suit also alleged that vocational, educational, medical, rehabilitation and psychological services at Muncy were inferior to those at prisons for men. They also claimed exposure to fire hazards and asbestos endangered their safety.

"We decided that maybe it was time to take a look at not only the legal situation, but a lot of other things that we were concerned about — education, the medical department, the way we were placed in jobs," says Miss Wiggins, who is serving a life term for killing a man during a bank robbery.

Prison reform advocates say the claims are similar to those involving women's prisons in many states.

In the landmark Glover vs.

Johnson case in Michigan, U.S. District Judge John Feikens in 1979 ruled that education, employment and legal services for women prisoners were inferior to those for men. He later ordered a series of improvements in those programs and the creation of a trust fund to benefit female prisoners.

The federal General Accounting Office in 1980 warned that such suits would increase as long as female offenders did not have facilities, training or services equivalent to those for male offenders.

Reform advocates say advances have been made as the number of women in state and federal prisons has doubled during the 1980s.

"The number increase will ironically increase the numbers of programs," says Martha Stone, legal director of the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union.

Charlene Snow, an attorney for the plaintiffs in the Glover vs. Johnson case, said, "My sense is that the Glover decisions have enabled complainants in other states to use the language of the judge and the decisions to bring suits and get things settled."

At Muncy, Miss Wiggins said, the inmates felt rejection of the law clinic was the last straw.

"I decided that it was just time for me to either stand up and be heard or stop complaining and never doing anything about it," she said.

The lawsuit has not come to trial. But attorneys for both sides say many of the inmates' complaints have been resolved. They now have access to a legal program, a drug and alcohol treatment counselor, a mental health clinic and strengthened vocational and educational programs.

"Unquestionably, a number of the changes that were made are a

direct result of this litigation," said Susan Cary Nicholas, managing attorney of the Philadelphia-based Women's Law Project, which is co-counsel for the plaintiffs along with Thomas Place, a professor at the Dickinson School of Law.

Muncy, nestled in the lush farmland of the Susquehanna Valley, today is a prison of stone cottages where inmates can grow vegetables and play softball with teams from nearby towns. They also can qualify as paralegals and learn house painting, upholstery, computers and auto mechanics.

Muncy administrators speak of a window of opportunity to change the lives of inmates, most of whom are mothers and will leave prison after less than five years.

"They need to be able to leave prison with something in their bag of tricks besides themselves," says Superintendent Ann M. Goolsby.

The path often starts with basic education, and inmates who need it can receive one-on-one tutoring from the staff, outside volunteers and other inmates.

The prison was established in 1920 as the State Industrial Home at Muncy. It was Pennsylvania's only state prison for women until July 1, 1984, when a minimum-security women's prison opened at Waynesburg. Eleven housing units and 10 other buildings are clustered on Muncy's 62-acre campus.

Mrs. Goolsby estimates that 70 percent of the 525 inmates were imprisoned for drug-related crimes. They range in age from 18 to 69, with most between 25 and 39. Eighty are lifers. Six are men.

Muncy's setting in rural Lycoming County is within a short drive of the Federal Correctional Institution at Lewisburg

and the Allenwood Federal Prison Camp, but it's a four-to-five-hour drive from Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, where most of Muncy's inmates come from.

The distance became a sex-discrimination issue in the lawsuit, because many men's prisons are closer to major cities where families can visit more easily.

"You cannot travel to Muncy by public transportation for visiting hours," Ms. Nicholas says. "This is absolutely devastating to women who need to maintain contact with their kids."

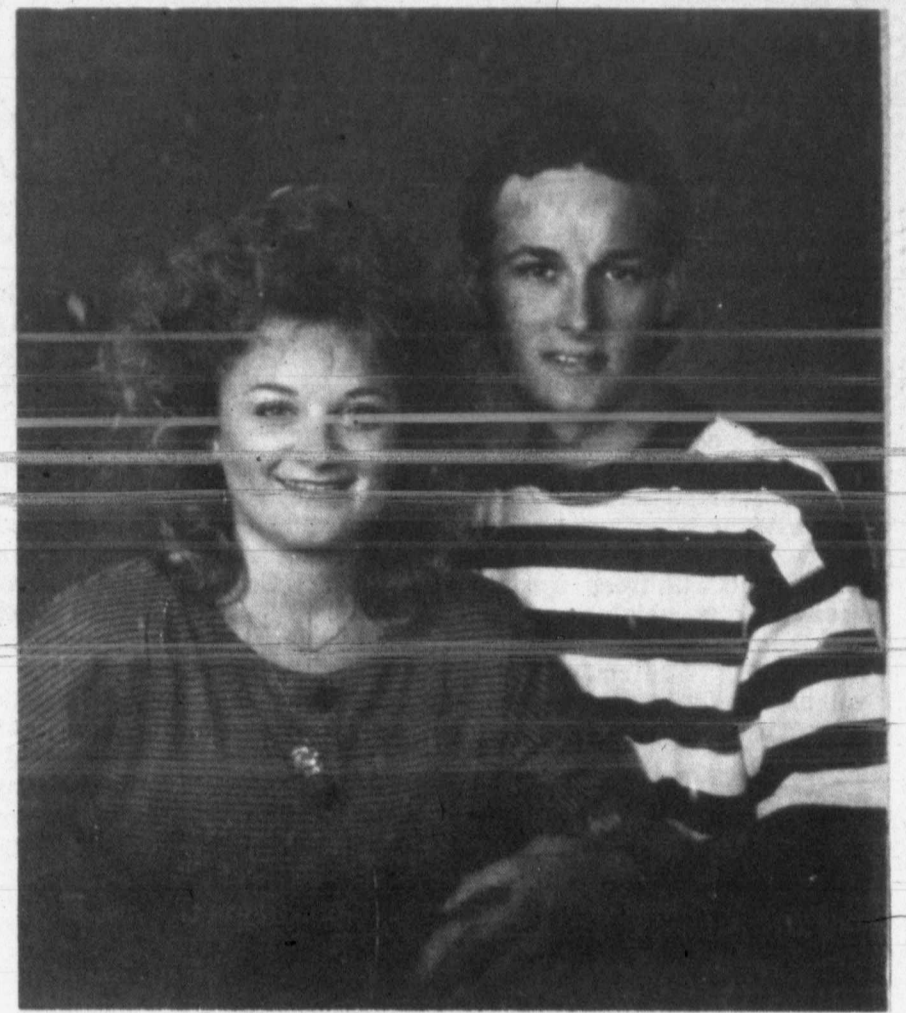
A \$4,000 contract with the Salvation Army to provide transportation for children and care-givers is awaiting prison approval, says Steve Jacobsen, president of Project IM-PACT (Inside Muncy-Parents and Children Together), a new program that provides a homelike setting for inmates to meet with children inside the prison.

Apprenticeships, following the example set in federal prisons, were started at Muncy in 1979. Inmates can qualify for a license in upholstery, caning and refinishing furniture, auto mechanics, food services and building construction and maintenance.

Elsie Denison, who promoted prison apprenticeships before retiring from the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Labor Department, says Muncy had an exemplary program that not only offered good training but helped inmates find jobs or further training once they left prison.

Two job-placement specialists travel around the state looking for jobs that would be suitable for inmates completing their terms and helping them make the adjustment.

The prison this fall will open a power sewing factory which will be part of the prison system's Correctional Industries, allowing inmates to earn a bonus while learning skills that could help them find jobs outside prison.



ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT — Mr. and Mrs. Larry P. Greene announce the engagement of their daughter, Christy Ann, to Randal Ray James, son of Mr. and Mrs. John James. The couple plans to wed April 7 at First Baptist Church. (Harley Bynum Photography)

Smallest chapel is dedicated in pond

ONEIDA N.Y. (AP) — What may be the smallest chapel in the world has been dedicated on an artificial island in the middle of a 2-acre pond here.

Chandler Mason of Oneida erected an 8-foot lighted cross in the pond three years ago, and later decided to go a step further and build a church there. It was dedicated Dec. 30, 1989.

The chapel was framed with 2-by-4s, and has white aluminum siding and a shingled roof. A friend cut three cathedral-shaped windows, and others are building the 5-foot steeple and stained glass windows.

The 1989 edition of the Guinness Book of World Records lists Union Church in Wiscasset, Maine, as the world's smallest, with a floor area of 4½ by 7 feet.

Gentle Dove Menu

MONDAY
Chicken and Dressing
Cornbread

TUESDAY
Noodles and Ham
Cornbread

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Cornbread

THURSDAY
Goulash
Cornbread

FRIDAY
Beans
Cornbread

All meals are served with tea, coffee and dessert.

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Changes in behavior help people with hypochondria

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Viewers of "Sanford and Son" will recall watching Redd Foxx clutch his chest nearly every week, groaning that he could feel the "big one" coming on. The "big one" was the heart attack he was sure would strike Fred Sanford dead.

But the sturdy junkyard dealer always survived for the next episode of the 1970s television sitcom until slipping viewer ratings delivered the "big one" that canceled the series.

Sanford, some would say, was a hypochondriac — someone who falsely believes he is suffering from a disease.

Hypochondria was diagnosed at least 2,000 years ago, yet there is no effective cure. Today, conservative estimates put the cost of testing and treating it at about \$20 billion a year or about one-tenth of the average annual American medical bill.

In the past 25 years some new approaches have been tried. Jeffrey Levenkron, a clinical

psychologist and director of the Stress Clinic at the University of Rochester's Pain Treatment Center, has found that behavior modification is helpful with many patients, some severely disabled.

Illness, says Levenkron, is a way of coping with situations individuals don't want to face. "If you're sick, people think you can't help it," he says. "They don't blame you for behaving in a way that they would find unacceptable if you could help it."

Enter a case of hypochondria. Levenkron tries to find what the patient is trying to escape and train him to face the problem.

Stress can also lead to hypochondria in some people, he says. These are people who are conscious of body sensations but who find it difficult to identify and describe the associated emotions. Though on the surface they seem well adapted, Levenkron says, they appear on closer inspection to act almost mechanically, as if following an instruction manual. Because

they can't read feelings as signals of inner conflict or responses to external situations, they concentrate instead on the associated physical sensations, which they mistake as signs of disease.

Levenkron works to help such patients relieve tension through relaxation training and biofeedback, and he helps them associate experiences with emotional states they generate. For example, a shy person who must socialize for business reasons may suffer anxiety which creates the tension that gives him a headache.

Finally, he helps them get in touch with their emotions, especially the negative ones, without paying a price.

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SCS Notes

By RICHARD L. WAUER
Range Conservationist

Once again winter is upon us and it's time to decide what trees to plant. Trees are beneficial whether they're used as wind-breaks, sound suppressors, screens or wildlife habitat. Farmers benefit from wind-breaks by reduced wind velocity across cropland fields.

Homeowners adjacent to busy highways and streets can reduce noise levels with trees. Unsightly areas such as vehicle graveyards and sanitary landfills can be screened by tree rows. Wildlife will always benefit from trees by using them for cover, food and nesting.

Livestock are protected by trees in the heat of the summer and from the cold winds of winter. Tree species to be considered for planting will depend

on the purpose of the trees, the soil type, the location and the climate of the area.

Irrigation will be necessary to insure optimum stand density and growth rate. This can be done by an inexpensive drip system, by sprinkler or by row irrigation.

Early planning and decision making will help insure a good tree stand. If you are interested in planting trees this year, come by the Soil Conservation Office at 3423 Ave. T or call 573-6317 and we'll be glad to discuss trees with you.

Trees may be ordered through the Mitchell County Soil and Water Conservation District by coming by the office to pick up order forms. The trees can be ordered through Feb. 14. They will be delivered to the SCS office in Snyder as soon as they arrive.



TO CELEBRATE CENTURY — Robert Schulze of Sweetwater, formerly of Hermleigh, will celebrate his 100th birthday Jan. 13, with a party at his residence, 310 Bowie. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., and no gifts are requested. His four daughters, Clara Coleman of San Antonio, Anna Piper of Inadale, and Minnie Darden and Emma Wimmer of Hermleigh, will host the event. The hostesses invite friends and family to attend the celebration. (Private Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Patchwork Squares Extension Homemakers; 3734 Avondale; 9:30 a.m.
MAWC Board of Directors; MAWC; All members are urged to attend.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna 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.
Alateen; 12 Step Study; Charter Centre; 6 p.m.; Call 573-5164 for information.
Noah Project Support Group for victims of family violence; 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Free child care during meetings; For information call 573-1822.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7054 for information.
Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.
American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.
White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
Alzheimer's Support Group; 7 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church parlor.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.
Daughters of the American Revolution; MAWC; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Plainview Extension Homemakers Club; Northeast Community Center; 2 p.m.
Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3:30 p.m.
Atheneum Study Club; 4 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.
University Women; 6 p.m.; MAWC; Marvin Ensor-guest speaker.
Amite Study Club; 7 p.m.
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.
Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. M; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 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

Snyder Christian Women's Club Luncheon; Snyder Country Club; 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; \$6 for luncheon and \$1 for beverage alone; Reservations to be made by noon Tuesday; 573-7601 or 573-8331.
Altrurian Daughters Luncheon; MAWC; noon.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; West 37th Street; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Musical Coterie; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 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

Defensive Driving; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$25; Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room.
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.

From trim...

Tips given for removing paint

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Newsfeatures

There's no one "right" way to remove paint from wood trim. But a brief look at the different alternatives will help you make an intelligent decision.

Stripping wood is an expensive proposition. Doing the job yourself will cost you a lot of time, hiring someone can cost a lot of money.

Basically, there are three ways to remove paint from interior wood trim: mechanically, chemically and using a heat gun and putty knife. Each process has its pros and cons.

Mechanically, removing paint with a scraper is hard work and you risk gouging the wood. The more ornate the molding, the more difficult this type of removal is. The work is dusty and can be hazardous when working old lead paint.

Removing paint with chemical strippers is also messy and time consuming. You'll usually still have to scrape a little to get the last bits of paint out, so you still risk scratching and gouging the wood. Many chemical strippers tend to raise the grain of the wood, but this can be corrected with a good sanding. Fumes from chemical strippers can be a serious health problem unless

protective equipment is worn and ventilation is adequate. New, "fumeless" chemical strippers now on the market eliminate many of these drawbacks.

Using a heat gun coupled with a putty knife and scraper to loosen and remove paint is a good alternative to the methods already mentioned. Many times, a thick layer of paint will come off quicker this way than when it's removed chemically. Of course, you've still got to be careful you don't nick the wood.

There are a couple of other alternatives available for restoring wood trim. In many cases, you can remove the moldings and send them out to be dip stripped. But this isn't as easy as it sounds. True, you'll save lots of time on the actual stripping labor, but getting the moldings off and back on again is quite a job.

Each piece of wood must be carefully pried off the wall and labeled. (Remember, you'll have to put the puzzle back together again.) Then, the nails have to be removed. But, don't be tempted to drive the nails through the front of the molding. This is a common mistake, and the putty that covers the nailhead, coupled with layers and layers of old paint, is likely to pull chunks of precious wood out with it.

Measuring easier in modern times

By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

Do you know how far it is from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger?

If you are an adult of average size, it's about 18 inches. That's a measuring technique used thousands of years ago. But it's the "about" in the sentence relating to the 18 inches that caused trouble. The measuring capabilities were limited because most arms are not equal in length.

Today, thanks to standards and advanced technology, measuring is easier and more precise. Even so, homeowners and do-it-yourselfers sometimes find themselves in a quandary when it comes to selecting the proper measuring tool because of the large number and variety on the market.

The two measuring tool categories are tape rules and squares. Both groups contain measuring instruments, with unusual features that make them useful in specific applications.

Tape rules generally incorporate a narrow strip of steel often referred to as the "blade," which is marked off in inches or, in some cases, centimeters, or both. Quality tape rules have a protective film for added corrosion resistance. They also utilize black gradation markings against a yellow background for high visibility, as well as a "true zero" and hook for precise measuring. Most rules use a steel spring or special cam configuration that enables the blade to slide in or out of the case with relative ease. Basic tape rules include power return rule, push-pull rules and long tape rules. The blade of a power return rule, which automatically returns into the case when released by the user, has a locking control or

brake that secures the blade's position to insure accuracy.

The push-pull category includes pocket units compact enough to fit into a pocket. This rule may have a spring but usually does not have a locking device. It can be used to measure lengths up to 6 feet and is ideal for small projects or when shopping for furniture. Steel long tapes can be used to measure distances from 50 to 100 feet. Most of these rules have a hand crank to return the blade, but there are long tapes now available with automatic blade return features. These rules are designed for measuring large areas, such as sports fields and lawns.

Squares are used to perform complicated calculations and to assure the correct determination of various angles. The basic square types include carpenter-rafters squares, combination squares and try squares. A carpenter square, also referred to as a rafter or framing square, is a flat piece of steel or aluminum cut into an L shape with graduated markings. This versatile device can be used to determine the length of any rafter for any given roof pitch. It also comes in handy for figuring the volume of a board; for finding the circumference and center of a circle; for calculating proportions; and for laying out ellipses, miters and certain kinds of joints.

Combination squares have adjustable metal or plastic handles and are designed for marking right angles; making longitudinal lines on boards; finding the depth of a hole; making a 45-degree angle; and for leveling and plumbing surfaces.

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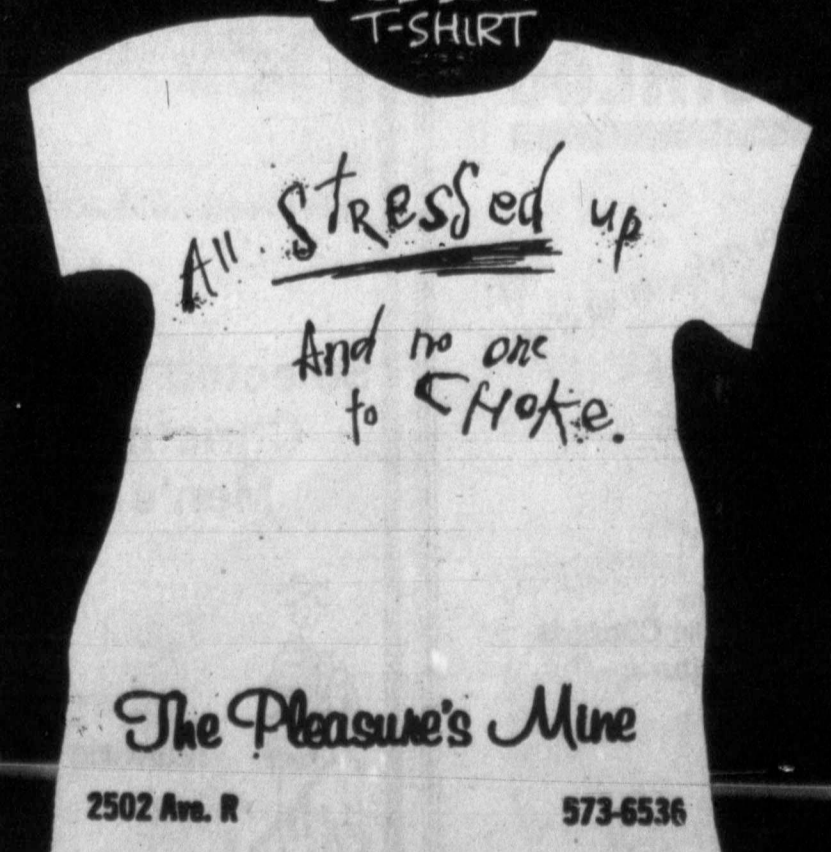
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 Southern Electric, 1989 Buick from Howard Gray Motors.
 R.D. Rains, 1989 Ford from Wilson Motors.
 Chuck Nicolette, 1990 GMC pickup from Howard Gray Motors.
 H.B. and Elaine Walker, 1989 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.
 Holman Lend-Lease Corp., 1990 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.
 Bill Wilson Leasing, 1990 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.
 Grand Banks Energy Co., 1990 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.
 Mesquite Oil Tool, 1990 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.
 Karrl L. Waddell, 1990 Pontiac from Howard Gray Motors.
 T.A. and Barbra Greenlee, 1990 GMC pickup from Howard Gray Motors.

Marriage Licenses

Gregory J. Sullenger and Brenda K. Zajicek, both of Snyder.
 Jesse H. King Jr. and Patricia H. Shields, both of Snyder.
 Max S. Jones and Mary J. Perryman, both of Fluvanna.
 Perry W. Lee of Snyder and Gina D. Ingram of Midland.
 Stephen E. Cook and Kathleen R. Turner, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Wesley Stephens vs. Steve York, suit on contract.
Action in District Court
 Dawn W. and John O. Hollis and Lena A. and Mark J. Garcia, divorces granted.
 Joe P. Martinez vs. Texas Employers Insurance Association, judgment for the plaintiff for \$31,000.

Warranty Deeds

Albert Kuss Jr. et ux to Dan E. Kuss et al, the north 230 acres of the west one-half of Section 234, Block 3, H&TC Survey, and 116 acres in the southeast part of Survey 3, Block 3, H&GN Survey, Scurry County, Tex.
 The First Baptist Church to Eldon Kirkpatrick et ux, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Casstevens Subdivision of Block 15 of the Cody Heights Addition to the City of Snyder.

Arrested man shot and killed by police officer

HOUSTON (AP) — A police officer shot and killed an arrested man who had worked free of flex cuffs and grabbed his partner's revolver.
 The man, Daniel Oran Strother, 37, was arrested Thursday after taking his three daughters hostage and threatening to blow up his house.
 The two officers had taken Strother to the district attorney's intake office when Strother reached through the open window inside the police car and grabbed one officer's revolver. The officer began fighting with Strother and the two fell out of the car.
 The other officer then shot Strother, who died a short time later at Ben Taub Hospital.
 Strother and his wife, Carolyn, had filed for divorce Thursday after 17 years of marriage. Mrs. Strother had moved out of the home Dec. 23, leaving the children with their father.
 He was arrested after police repeatedly promised not to harm him if he released his daughters, aged 6, 9, and 12.



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AP analysis...

Conservatives: Bush ok, but not Quayle

WASHINGTON (AP) — A panel of conservatives, grading the administration's first year, says President Bush is OK — but he's no Dan Quayle.
 A conservative think tank issued that report card, giving Bush a gentleman's C.
 The vice president got an A.
 That spells success in one of Quayle's tasks — covering the conservative political flank for the administration. It has been handled with differences in tone and emphasis that leave both Quayle and Bush room to insist there is no disagreement on policy. There can't be — it is a fact of vice presidential life that the No. 2 man doesn't have any policy options of his own.

Quayle has said there is no good guy-bad guy strategy at work. But on such topics as East-West relations, he tends to emphasize the negative while Bush deals with the positive. That reassures the right, still suspicious of Soviet intent, internal reforms notwithstanding.
 The White House describes that as a difference in perspective, not in substance. Quayle underscores his loyalty to the president and his policies at every opportunity, and dismisses suggestions that they're not always in tune. "It's the age-old game that is played in trying to find some distinction between the president and vice president," Quayle said in a New Year inter-

view with The Associated Press.
 Still, there are distinctions, and they register clearly with conservatives. That shows in the report card.
 The Heritage Foundation published the freshman year appraisal this month, in its quarterly magazine, Policy Review. Grading was done by five conservatives who were willing to put their names behind their marking system.
 Given the magazine deadline, Bush's decision to intervene in Panama on Dec. 20 didn't come within their grading period. Conservatives generally applauded him for it.
 And they unanimously applauded Quayle for his year's

work.
 "Quayle has proved to be a very effective advocate of conservative positions within the administration and as a liaison with conservatives on Capitol Hill," said Paul Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation.
 Weyrich rated Quayle at A-minus, suggesting he ought to be more independent of the administration to add to his own stature and build "a viable national political base for himself."
 That may sound good to conservative Republicans, but independence, in policy or politics, is not part of the job description that goes with the vice presidency.

State Property Tax Board says...

Auditor finds major weaknesses in determining aid to Texas schools

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Property Tax Board says an audit's findings of "major weaknesses" in determining property values that are the basis for allocating billions in school funds are exaggerated.
 The report released Thursday by the Office of the State Auditor urged the State Property Tax Board enact rules and state lawmakers pass legislation to guarantee the accuracy of property value records.
 But the Property Tax Board

responded by saying the findings "exaggerate the impact of what they perceive as weaknesses." Many of the auditor's recommendations "do not represent a wise allocation of resources," the board added.
 The audit, however, questioned the accuracy of the Property Tax Board's studies which determine each school district's total taxable value. These studies are a key factor in calculating how much each district will receive from the \$5 billion Foundation

School Program.
 The more taxable property value per student, the less the district receives in state aid.
 "Our audit revealed major weaknesses in the system used to conduct the annual property value studies, which reduce the reliability of these studies," State Auditor Lawrence F. Alwin said in a letter to the Legislative Audit Committee.
 The accuracy of the school district study is dependent on reliable property sales documen-

tation, the audit said, but that data is not available to the Property Tax Board.
 The inability to obtain copies of deeds, settlement statements and contracts, "increases the risk of using unreliable information in the annual property value studies," the report said.
 In addition, the Property Tax Board's failure to require appraisal districts submit detailed tax rolls also adds to the problem, the report said.

Trainer accused of theft turns himself in

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) — A 60-year-old animal trainer accused of kidnapping two Asian elephants five years ago is free on bail after turning himself in to Monmouth County authorities.
 Arlan Seidon pleaded innocent to theft during his arraignment Thursday before Superior Court Judge Lawrence Lawson, said Donna Diglio, a spokeswoman for the Monmouth County prosecutor's office.
 New Jersey authorities had been seeking Seidon's extradition

from Marion County, Texas, since he was arrested Oct. 18 on an outstanding warrant stemming from the 1984 elephant theft.
 A ruling by District Judge F.L. Garrison allowed Seidon to voluntarily return to New Jersey to face the charges, said Seidon's attorney, Michael Caulfield of Newark.
 "He always wanted to do the right thing," Caulfield said. "He wants to get the criminal thing off his back and devote his attention, if not to getting the animals

back, at least to securing a place for them where they will be safe."
 The story began in 1981 when Seidon sold elephants Tory and Dutchess to trainers Richard Drake, 50, and his son, Edward, 30, of Tehachapi, Calif., for about \$74,000.
 Seidon said the sale could be revoked if the pair of 28-year-old elephants were not kept in good health.
 The pachyderms were en route to New York when Seidon

repossessed them in Pennsylvania, claiming that the Drakes were five months behind in their \$1,500 monthly payments. Seidon also said the animals had been mistreated.
 The Drakes sued for the elephants' return, and New Jersey Superior Court Judge Peter Thomas later awarded custody to the Drakes. Authorities have said the elephants were in the court's custody when Seidon fled New Jersey with them.

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Buffalo Reef By Bill McClellan

Went to visit Uncle Elber last weekend. You know Uncle Elber. Sure. You hit that farm-to-market road west of town, head south 12 miles, turn back east two miles, then north a quarter of a mile, then west again over a dry creek bed. Make a sharp left just after the second bridge. You can't miss it. Caught Elber at the north tank, fishing. I pulled up one of the old wooden crates and sat down to chat a spell. Didn't fish. No equipment, though Elber's got plenty, but frankly there's not much to fish for in the north tank. Now the west tank or the south tank on the property can produce some pretty nice-size bass, but like I said, Elber was at the north tank fishing. Elber fishes the north tank when he's more interested in thinking things out than catching fish. It's why he goes fishing there, and I'll admit that I've tossed in a line or two for the same reason. "There's nuthin' quite like fishin' for clearin' a man's mind and for calculatin'," Elber has always said, and he's right. "Sumpin' women just never can understand, or most of um'," he'd say. "Cept of Nellie."

Sure, except Nellie. Nellie was one of Elber's aunts. Fished every day of her life, everybody says. Straw hat and coveralls. Always had three lines in the water. Or, says Elber, "Three lines but only one oar."

Nellie drowned one day in the early 1940s when she nodded off for a

minute and her grandkids tied her lines to a boat as a prank. What the kids didn't realize was Nellie always stuck the ends of her fishing rods down inside those coveralls real deep so she wouldn't lose one to an aggressive fish in case she decided to sneak a quick nap. And, she used the heaviest gauge line she could find because her eyesight wasn't what it used to be. Anyway, all 75 pounds of her went flying off the marina like a rock from a slingshot. She hit the first wave and bounced about 25 feet in the air, then went straight down. The boat stopped, people jumped in the water, a search was conducted. But Nellie's never been seen since. They found her hat, and hung it up on the wall at the marina. Years later, old timers would nod to it reverently as they passed, but most people didn't even realize it was there. Fewer know who Nellie was.

Elber propped his fishing rod against the edge of his crate and we talked. I told him my New Year's resolutions and he allowed how they were pretty good ones. He told me how pitiful the 1980s were and I said I thought the 1990s might be better. He said he hoped so.

He said hello to the rest of the family and I said thank you for the knife he got me for Christmas and he said thank you for the knife I got him. On towards dusk, and after a meal of catfish, red beans and cornbread, I left.

As I swung the car around by the first bridge, I could just make out the splash of a fish jumping in the tank off in the distance. I wonder if Nellie's hat is still hanging on the marina wall.

In reference to coming up with slogans for billboards which would promote the college and city (see Friday's paper), the Tourism and Retirement Committee of the chamber might want to consider soliciting the public for ideas. Surely a civic-minded restaurant or other donor would offer up a dinner for two as incentive for the best idea.

Something to think about.

SDN Opinion Page

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THE NINETEEN NIGHTIES



You Might Want To Know

Where to contact major automakers

- By Peter Bohr Contributing Editor, Road & Track
- Just in case you have any gripes, comments or questions about cars in the coming year, here's a handy-dandy list of automakers' addresses and telephone numbers. Starting at the top of the alphabet...
- ACURA - 100 W. Alondra Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247. Phone: (213) 327-8280.
- ALFA ROMEO - 8259 Exchange Dr., Orlando, FL 32802. Phone: (407) 856-5000.
- ASTON MARTIN - 180 Harvard Ave., Stamford, CT 06902. Phone: (203) 359-2259.
- AUDI - See Volkswagen.
- AVANTI - P.O. Box 179, Youngstown, OH 44501. Phone: (216) 744-2820.
- BMW - P.O. Box 1227, Westwood, NJ 07675. Phone: (201) 307-4000.
- BUICK - Buick Motor Division, General Motors Corp., 902 E. Highland Park, Flint, MI 48550. Phone: (313) 236-5000.
- CADILLAC - Cadillac Motor Division, General Motors Corp., 2860 Clark St., Detroit, MI 48232. Phone: (313) 554-5065.
- CHEVROLET - Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corp., 30007 Van Dyke Ave., Warren, MI 48090. Phone: (313) 492-8846.
- CHRYSLER - Chrysler Motors Corp., 12000 Chrysler Dr., Highland Park, MI 48288. Phone: (313) 956-5741.
- DAIHATSU - 4422 Corporation Center Dr., Los Alamitos, CA 90720. Phone: (714) 761-7000.
- DODGE - See Chrysler.
- EAGLE - See Chrysler.
- FERRARI - 777 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Phone: (201) 393-4081.
- FORD - Ford Motor Corp., The American Rd., Dearborn, MI 48121. Phone: (313) 845-5745.
- Ford Division: P.O. Box 43301, Detroit, MI 48243. Phone: (313) 446-3800.
- Ford Truck: 20000 Rotunda Dr., Dearborn, MI 48121. Phone: (313) 594-1700.
- GENERAL MOTORS - General Motors Bldg., 3044 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202. Phone: (313) 556-5000.
- GMC - GMC Truck Division, General Motors Corp., 31 Judson St., Pontiac, MI 48058. Phone: (313) 456-5000.
- HONDA - See Acura.
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- Leonia, NJ 07605. Phone: (201) 592-5200.
- JEEP - See Chrysler.
- LAMBORGHINI - See Chrysler.
- LEXUS - 19001 S. Western Ave., Torrance, CA 90509. Phone: (213) 328-2075.
- LINCOLN/MERCURY - Lincoln-Mercury Division, Ford Motor Co., P.O. Box 43322, Detroit, MI 48243. Phone: (313) 446-4450.
- LOTUS - 1655 Lakes Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30243. Phone: (404) 822-4566.
- MASERATI - 1501 Caton Ave., Baltimore, MD 21227. Phone: (301) 646-6400.
- MAZDA - 7755 Irvine Center Dr., Irvine, CA 92718. Phone: (714) 727-1990.
- MERCEDES-BENZ - One Mercedes Dr., Montvale, NJ 07645. Phone: (201) 573-0600.
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Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

A few years ago, our family set up a tradition: on the first weekend after the new year begins, we make out a list of goals for the coming year, and we review the past year's goals. The kids always look forward to this little ritual because it is great fun. If someone has reached a goal, which for the kids might be something like, "swim a length of the pool without stopping," we all cheer. Sometimes we hoot and holler, such as when we noticed that, for three years in a row, Kent put, "lose ten pounds," then had dropped it to "lose five pounds." We suggested that his 1990 goal should be "lose two and a half pounds." My recurring goal to "control my temper/calm down," brought lots of laughter, but what can you expect from someone whose role model in life is Daffy Duck. First, we list family goals, such as "put new roof on house." Then, we list individual goals. Sometimes we offer suggestions

than this yearly goal-setting exercise. Back when I was teaching, I observed that the kids most likely to get into trouble were the ones who had no direction in life, nothing to strive for. It had nothing to do with what color they were, how much money they had, or whether their family took them to church. It was the emotional drifters who were most likely to rebel against authority, experiment with drugs, or dabble in sex. On the other hand, it seemed that the perfectionists were in equal danger; those whose self-esteem was directly tied to collecting awards. They were the ones most likely to feel like failures if they didn't achieve a certain goal; the ones most likely to be suicidal. So we've taught our kids that a goal is just that: a goal, something to strive for. If you don't reach a goal, it's all right. Set another one not quite so difficult or move it over in the next column and keep trying. The failure lies in not trying at all. And each time they DO reach a goal, even a relatively simple one like, "make more friends," they add another brick to their foundation of self-esteem. Writing down the goals means making a commitment, especially if you share them with family or friends. And you can learn, just from reading over past years' goals. For example, for several years my number one goal was to sell my book, "Darkroom." During those lean times, we kept setting the same family goals each year, like, "put new roof on house," "get new living room furniture," and "buy new vehicle." These were all major purchases beyond our budget, but we kept writing them down. Then, one year, "sell my book" was taken off the goal list, (with many loud hoo-rahs), and soon after, each of the other goals was reached. Our kids have learned from this that sometimes it may take several years to achieve a goal, and that as long as you work hard and keep on trying, eventually, you nearly always reach it. Christmas may be over, but I can think of no more precious gift to give my children.

Look Back

By Wendy Barnett

FIVE YEARS AGO Margaret Drum, Tom Latos, Mike Banta and Gene Thomas were proposed as directors for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce Board. Snyder native Sammie Dayton Robertson was presented the prestigious Doherty Award by the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets. Robertson, who served as commander of the Aggie band for 1983-84, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robertson of Snyder. Snyder High School bandmen Dedra Craford and John Zalman IV were named to the Texas Music Educators Association All-Region Band and certified to audition for the All-State Band.

10 YEARS AGO Snyder High School band members named to the All-Region Band for Region II were Glenna Dennis, Amadeo Garza, John Melott, Nettie Moss, Andy Sealy, Brad Robertson, Darrell Calvert, John Goodwin, Bobby Alexander, Dayton Robertson and Martha Womack.

15 YEARS AGO Don Head, branch manager for SIC Credit Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwestern Investment Company, was named vice president of the company.

Letters To The Editor

To the editor, Several days before Christmas I was returning to Sweetwater from Lamesa. About 13 miles west of Snyder, my car was involved in an accident when I hit a deer. I would like to thank those persons who came to my aid. The first person to stop and offer help was Eddie Stewart who used the phone in his pickup to notify the police department and wrecker service. My thanks to the sheriff who investigated the accident and to the police department which contacted my husband in Sweetwater. A number of persons stopped and offered help, and I really appreciate it. Thank you, Mary Williams Sweetwater, TX

SDN Week In Review

MONDAY January 1 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.

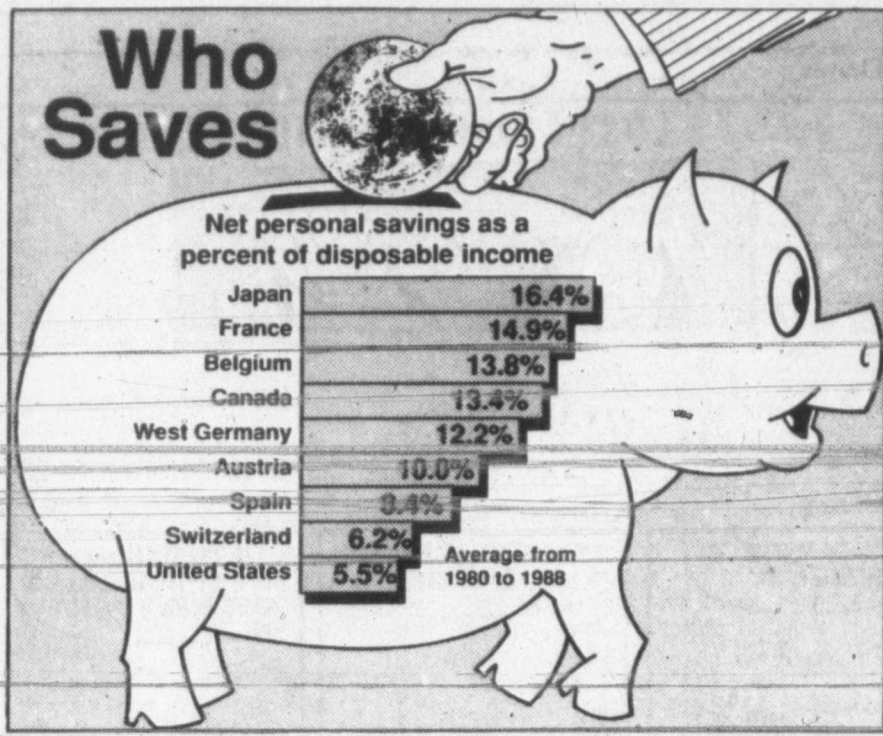
TUESDAY January 2 County commissioners were informed today that a total cost of \$42,225 will be incurred by Scurry County if taxes are rolled back in the Jan. 20 election and Cogdell Memorial Hospital Administrator Tom Hochwalt said a rollback would have "an immediate and dramatic impact" on the hospital. A local committee to combat the Jan. 20 county rollback election has been established and has designated a campaign treasurer with the Scurry County clerk's of-

WEDNESDAY January 3 Two more candidates filed for office on Tuesday - the final filing date - bringing the total to 19 who filed for county office in the March 13 primaries. Accountants for the Lubbock firm conducting an operational audit of Scurry County's government have finished their work here and will submit their report to District Judge Gene L. Dunaley, who ordered the audit, in about two weeks.

THURSDAY January 4 The 1988 cotton crop was down by 20,000 bales from what is considered a good year in Scurry County, but then things went from bad to worse as insects, parsimonious rainfall and a September freeze made 1989 a virtual disaster. Applications for the fifth correctional officer training class at Western Texas College will be taken from Jan. 8 through Jan. 26.

FRIDAY January 5 Bank deposits - which totaled \$193.8 million at year-end - increased by \$4.5 million over the end of 1988 and increased by \$59.3 million when compared to the end of the last decade. With type A Shanghai influenza reaching epidemic proportions in several Texas cities, Snyderites are being advised by health officials to avoid extreme temperatures and drink plenty of liquids.





Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

NEA GRAPHICS

The Japanese have been saving for a rainy day in a big way, socking away over 16 percent of their personal income between 1980 and 1988. By comparison, Americans are spendthrifts, saving less than 6 percent of their personal income.

Gorbachev may visit during July summit

HOUSTON (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's personal interpreter says Gorbachev may visit Houston during the Economic Summit in July.

"I understand that this could happen. Personally, I think it would be good if it were to happen," said Pavel R. Palazhchenko, Gorbachev's chief English interpreter.

Palazhchenko's comments came during a break Thursday in the opening day of an international arms control symposium sponsored by Texas A&M University.

The interpreter stressed that he doesn't know how plans could be developed for Gorbachev to visit the economic summit. President Bush has said Gorbachev will not be part of the meeting scheduled for July 9-11 at Rice University.

In Brussels last month, Bush said the chances of Gorbachev staying on after their June summit in Washington, D.C. to attend the economic summit in Houston were "slim and none for that par-

ticular meeting."

He also noted that Gorbachev had not asked to be included in the economic summit.

"But we're in times of rapid change, and we'll see how things move forward in terms of having a common subject to discuss," Bush added.

Palazhchenko said some level of Soviet participation at the economic summit "would be good because what we're trying to do in the Soviet Union is to refashion our economy so that it is integrated in the world economic system."

Palazhchenko, 40, has been Gorbachev's chief English interpreter almost five years. His main job, however, is working on arms control issues and U.S.-Soviet relations.

He joined other arms control negotiators at the two-day symposium in predicting that principal issues on a strategic arms agreement will be settled by the time Bush and Gorbachev meet in June.

Parents and son are slain in Houston shooting event

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who fatally shot his parents was killed by his younger brother during a struggle over a gun used in the slayings, police say.

John Francis Walle, 23, was shot to death by his 20-year-old brother, Jason, after the two struggled for a Colt 9-mm automatic pistol used to kill the parents, said Houston police Sgt. Ken Vachris.

Jason Walle was shot in the leg during the struggle early Thursday morning and was treated and released from West Houston Medical Center.

Police said Jason Walle awoke to the sound of gunfire at about 3

a.m. Thursday.

Ronald T. Walle, 53, was found shot to death in the upstairs master bedroom while his wife, Phyllis, 50, was in a bathroom.

At first police thought the 3 a.m. shooting incident was a double murder-suicide.

Vachris said police did not know why John Walle had shot his parents.

"We're getting some information that he suffered emotional problems and was being treated," Vachris said.

Ronald Walle was an engineer for Brown & Root and Mrs. Walle was a secretary at nearby Alief Hastings High School.

Billy Joel embroiled in song ownership dispute

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Joel says he feels like part of his family has been taken when others claim ownership of his songs.

Joel told Rolling Stone magazine in the Jan. 9 issue that he's "not all that rich" and may, in fact, owe money.

The 40-year-old singer is touring and has just released "Storm Front," his most successful album in a decade, but he said copyright disputes over some of his past songs have made his financial status questionable.

"For better or worse, your songs are your kids. Then somebody comes along and tells you that they're not your kids anymore. The bank is going to take your kid," he said.

He said part of the problem is that artists are "knuckleheads

when it comes to business. Money isn't why I did what I've done with my life. I did what I did because it made me happy. But I'm tired of getting it taken away from me by other people who haven't earned it."

Meanwhile, he says people too often misunderstand his relationship with his wife, supermodel Christie Brinkley, "as if somehow Christie and I don't love and hurt and feel the same things that anybody else does."

"What do they think we do — walk in the door and fly around on gossamer and glitzy gliders? Don't people realize that the minute the door closes, all of the silly rock star-supermodel stuff goes right out the window? Then it's just me and her and real man-and-wife time," Joel said.

Painter given term in prison

HOUSTON (AP) — A painter has been sentenced to prison for his involvement in a cocaine ring that authorities believe was the largest such operation in the Bryan-College Station area.

Noel Macal of Houston was among four co-defendants who appeared before U.S. District Judge David Hittner after each confessed to participating in an operation which targeted Texas A&M University students as potential customers.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Charlie

Lewis said Macal, who pleaded guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute 164 pounds of marijuana, was a supply source for convicted ringleader Leo Espalliat. Macal received a sentence of four years and three months.

He was also fined \$3,000 and given three years probation after his release from prison. Macal must also participate in a substance abuse program.

Last month, Hittner sentenced Espalliat to 355 months in prison for directing the cocaine sales

operation.

Federal officials say they believe the ring supplied as much as 70 percent of the cocaine sold in the Bryan College Station area.

Others sentenced Thursday included:

— David Christopherson, a former A&M student, received a 16-month sentence and a \$2,000 fine after pleading guilty to one count of possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

— Guy St. Aubyn, a former

A&M student, was ordered to serve six months of a 10-year suspended sentence after he pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy under the federal racketeering statute.

— Orlen Howell, who operates a janitorial service in Bryan, was placed on three years probation and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service after pleading guilty to one count of conspiring to transport stolen motor vehicles in foreign commerce.

Advocates for homeless win settlement

AUSTIN (AP) — The city has paid \$38,000 to settle a lawsuit by street people who charged their free speech rights were violated when their slogan-plastered, makeshift houseboats were removed from Town Lake.

Most of the money is expected to go to pay legal fees, but the two street people who brought the suit, James Williams and Terry Page, will receive part of it.

"You've got to say it's a victory for the boat people, both in draw-

ing people's attention for their causes and for hauling the city into court and winning," said City Council Member Max Nofziger Thursday.

City officials estimated that about \$37,000 of the money would

pay for attorney's fees.

Williams, who led the fight against the city for the Street People's Advisory Council, said he hopes to use part of his settlement money for a one-way ticket to Europe.

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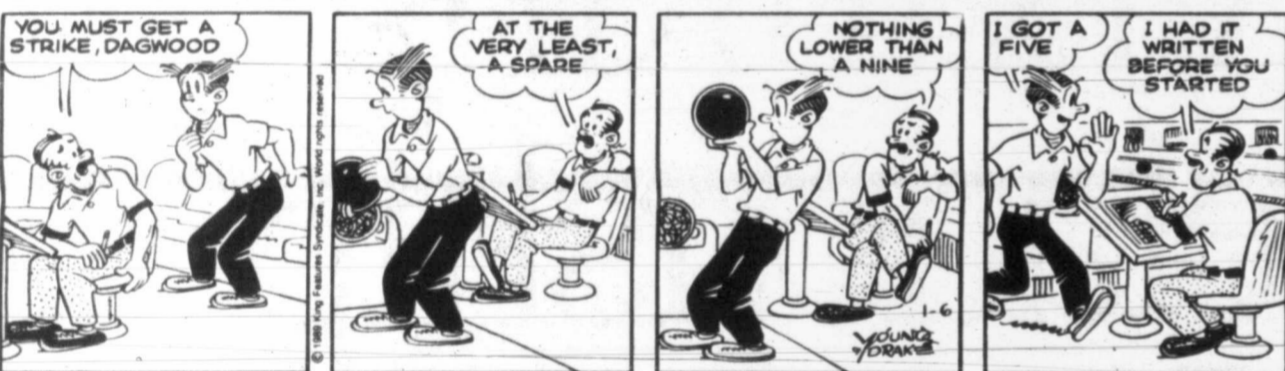
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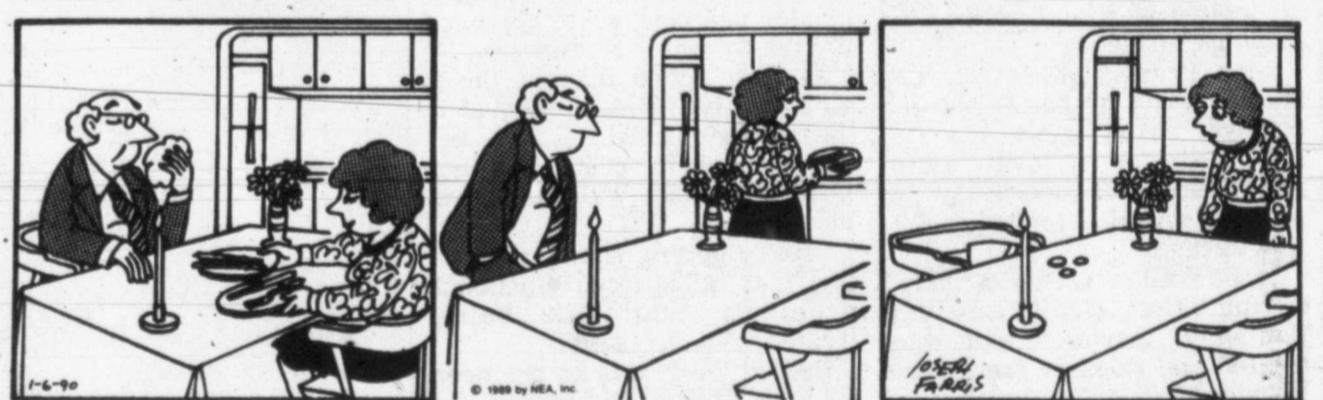
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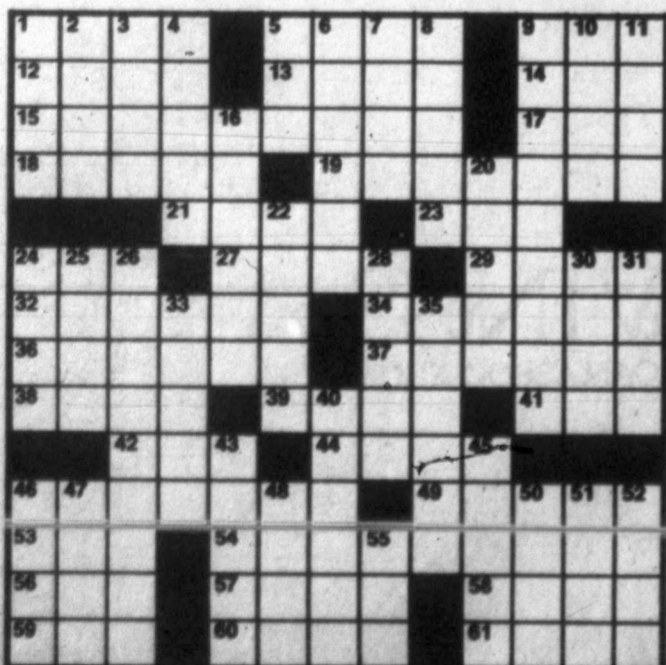
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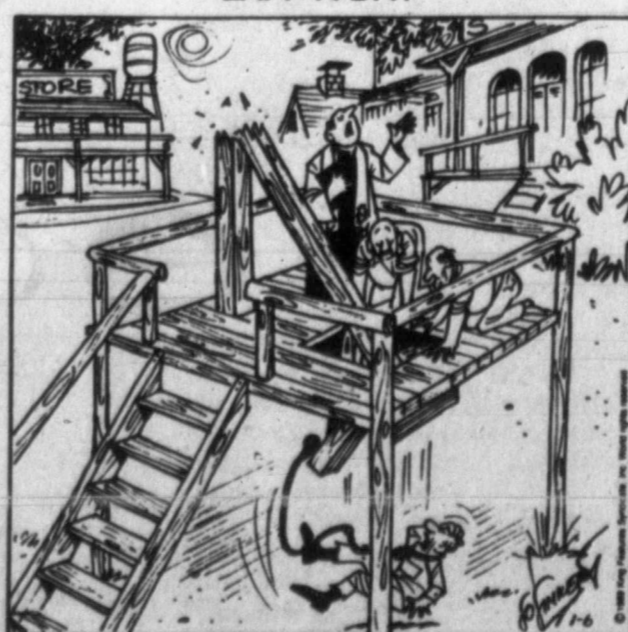
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Are VDTs as safe as the experts say?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

Video-display terminals are already a fact of life in the United States. Experts estimate that there are more than 30 million VDT workstations in America today, and the number is growing. Each unit consists of a typewriter keyboard and video-display screen that are linked to a computer.

The guts of the machine is a cathode-ray tube, a vacuum tube containing a device that shoots electrons in a narrow beam. This beam is focused, accelerated and directed by a series of electromagnets. When the beam strikes the phosphor coating of the screen's inner surface, the electrons generate a spot of light that glows as a letter or a number.

In the process of moving the electron beam across the screen more than 15,000 times a second, the magnets produce a recognizable image or picture on the screen. While in operation, the magnets also generate pulsed magnetic waves in the very-low-frequency radio-frequency range.

VDTs emit additional energy in the form of X-rays, ultraviolet waves, visible light, infrared waves, microwaves, radio waves and static electric fields. Most of this energy is harmlessly absorbed by glass and other materials in the VDTs. Magnetic waves, however, are not absorbed by glass and metal — or by concrete and most other substances either.

Do these waves represent a health hazard to people operating or working near VDTs?

If we can believe the authorities, the traditional answer is "no."

Nonetheless, evidence to the contrary is accumulating. Several scientists are questioning whether, in fact, VDTs do pose serious medical risks. If these experts are correct, the American agencies for not having objectively reported — as is their duty — the potential hazards of VDTs. He believes the reason for this uncharacteristic cover-up is that these agencies, newspapers in particular, rely heavily on VDTs. Even after two young New York Times copy editors charged in 1976, through the Newspaper Guild of New York, that their cat-

aracts were due to VDT exposure, publishers and editors turned their backs. The case was ultimately arbitrated in favor of The Times, an inappropriate decision, judging from current knowledge of VDT hazards.

Because pulsed VLF fields from display terminals extend about two feet from the equipment, Brodeur recommends a solution to the problem public may be on the verge of hearing some very bad news.

The subject of VDT safety has been elegantly and convincingly analyzed by Paul Brodeur in the June 26, 1989, issue of The New Yorker. This lengthy and deadly serious article ought to be required reading for every adult who works with or near a VDT. Although newer models have shielding against electromagnetic radiation, older terminals do not incorporate this safety feature.

According to Brodeur, pulsed VLF radiation emitted by unshielded video-display terminals has been shown to cause cataracts, eye damage, birth defects and miscarriages in humans, as well as altered brain chemistry, learning disabilities and fetal malformations in animals. Despite the evidence, the public has not been informed of these facts, and U.S. scientists have yet to perform a single experiment to identify the biological effects of pulsed VLF fields. Most of the important research was carried out in other countries, including Canada, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

Brodeur's article is a scathing indictment of government regulatory agencies, the computer industry, the scientific community, utility and communications companies, the medical profession and the news media. The problem has resulted in "either silence or denial among most officials," he claims, because "correcting the problem will prove to be not only tremendously expensive but also disruptive."

In addition, "if the magnetic fields given off by computer terminals should prove to cause cancer or otherwise be harmful to health, an immense and continually growing segment of the nation's population will have been placed at risk."

Brodeur is especially critical of

lem, a solution that was developed by the Fund for the City of New York, a non-profit organization: In its new offices, VDT operators are required to sit no closer than 28 inches from their own screens and at least 40 inches from other terminals.

Brodeur doesn't claim an air-tight case against unshielded VDTs. But the information he provides is distressing and provocative. He pleads for definitive scientific studies to resolve the issue of VDT safety.

Look for a copy of his article in your local library.
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DEAR DR. GOTT: I was told by a doctor I have thrombophlebitis, whatever that is. I have burning pain in my legs and rub them down with warm water, then treat them with Vaseline. Can you suggest what I can do for relief?

DEAR READER: Thrombophlebitis is clotting of blood in veins due to inflammation of the vessel walls.

When the inflammation affects big veins deep in the body — for example, in leg muscles or pelvis — pieces of the clots can break off and be carried to the lungs. Called "pulmonary embolism," this complication is serious; if left untreated, the clots will often cause difficult breathing, respiratory arrest and death.

Treatment consists of medicine to retard blood coagulation and — in severe cases — surgery to remove the clots from the veins or to prevent them from traveling to the lungs.

From your description, I assume you have a less serious affliction: superficial thrombophlebitis. In this case, one or more veins beneath the skin of your legs has become inflamed. This can be painful but usually will not result in pulmonary embolism.

You could be helped by elevating the legs, applying hot compresses to the tender veins and using a medicine, such as Butazolidin, to combat inflammation. With treatment, superficial thrombophlebitis ordinarily improves within a few days; surgery is rarely necessary in these cases.

Vaseline will not help the condition, because it doesn't penetrate the skin and reach the veins. Occasionally, chronic or recurrent superficial thrombophlebitis may require surgery to remove or close the veins that repeatedly become inflamed and clot. Ask your doctor for advice and treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a weight problem that my doctor says is caused by my thyroid gland. Is there anything I can do for it?

DEAR READER: I hate to disagree with your doctor, but you are not overweight because of a thyroid problem. It's a common misconception that a thyroid deficiency causes weight gain; an underactive thyroid gland (hypothyroidism) is associated with fluid retention, puffiness, coarse skin and hair, depression and fatigue — not obesity. Further, your hypothyroidism can readily be treated with inexpensive, thyroid-replacement pills.

I urge you to find a doctor who will diagnose your problem and prescribe appropriate medication. At the same time, you can start shedding pounds by following a diet. For example, cut out sugar, flour-containing products and alcohol; eat smaller portions of meat, poultry, fish, vegetables and fresh fruit; reduce your intake of fats. You'll feel better taking the medicine and realizing that you, not your thyroid gland, are in charge of your weight.

To provide you with additional information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Reports entitled "Winning the Battle Of The Bulge" and "Weight Control Through Calorie Control." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.
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Bizarre events of incident unfold after man's suicide

BOSTON (AP) — The story behind a grim inner-city shooting that stirred racial fears turned out to be a lie as the storyteller committed suicide after his brother implicated him, authorities said.

The body of Charles Stuart, who became a sympathetic figure as the suburban victim of a Boston shooting that killed his pregnant wife and left him wounded, was pulled from the Boston Harbor.

Stuart's tale to police was that he and his 30-year-old wife, Carol, were robbed and shot by a black man after they left a childbirth class Oct. 23. Stuart, a fur store manager, also reportedly identified a black man in a police lineup as the killer.

The story, Suffolk County District Attorney Newman Flanagan said, "is not true."

Mrs. Stewart, a lawyer, died hours after the shooting. The Stuarts' son, delivered by Caesarean section, died 17 days later.

Hospitalized at the time his wife was buried, a letter from Stuart was read at the funeral.

"Now you sleep away from me," he wrote. "I'll never know the feeling of your hand in mine, but I will always feel you. I miss you, and I love you."

Gov. Michael Dukakis and Mayor Raymond Flynn were among those who attended the funeral. Flynn had called Stuart a hero for directing police to his wife by their car phone despite being wounded himself.

"The whole case did the entire city an injustice," Flynn said Thursday.

Blacks also reacted angrily — because the story touched the worst fears among white America about black inner-city violence when it exploded in headlines and on news reports nationwide.

"Black people in particular have to look at it and wonder what hope we have for justice in a country that took this man's lie and made him and his family a symbol of national mourning," said Chuck Turner, director of the Center for Community Action of the Episcopal City Mission in Boston's largely black Roxbury section.

Authorities were theorizing that Stuart's motive in the slaying was to collect life insurance policies taken out on his wife, The Boston Globe and Boston Herald reported today. Both newspapers quoted unidentified sources.

Police said there were reports that Charles Stuart had tested positive for cocaine after the shooting, the Herald reported today.

Stuart, 29, jumped off the 300-foot Tobin Bridge hours after his brother's disclosures to authorities. He left a suicide note in his car.

Flanagan said the case remained active, but he refused to disclose details or the contents of the suicide note.

Flanagan said he ordered police to arrest Stuart in his wife's killing. But police could not find him late Wednesday or early Thursday.

A black man, William Bennett, had been identified in news accounts as a suspect. He was never charged in the Stuart case, and the prosecutor has now cleared him.

Bennett said that was not enough.

Voter drive is emphasizing pro-Democracy movement

AUSTIN (AP) — Potent images of people fighting for democracy in other parts of the world highlight television commercials in a voter drive by the Texas secretary of state's office.

"I hope these ads are going to make people think, and say 'Yeah, we've got what people all over this world are fighting for, and we can at least stand in line' to vote," Secretary of State George Bayoud said Thursday.

The public service announcements show people dancing on the Berlin Wall, and footage of a lone man in Beijing confronting a line of tanks sent to quell pro-democracy demonstrators.

"This past year, all over the world, people have put their lives on the line for the right to self-government. Come election day, will you be willing to stand in line for it?" ask the advertisements.

The package also contains an ad, to be broadcast in English and Spanish, portraying a young Hispanic man and his grandfather. The younger man says his grandfather didn't vote "back in his homeland," but "here in Texas, he knows our opinion does count."

The commercials were created by GSD&M Advertising of Austin, which developed the state's "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign against highway litter.

GSD&M donated its creative talents. Production costs total about \$100,000, to be paid by the state, but Bayoud said he hopes to make up at least part of the money through private fund raising efforts.

The commercials should be airing "any day now," Bayoud said.

John Davis, creative director of the ad agency, said the spots showing pro-democracy demonstrations were a natural outgrowth of world events.

Teenager set to challenge incumbent during primary

PLANO, Texas (AP) — High school law classes and involvement in student government don't necessarily make a politician, says a Collin County justice of the peace who is being challenged by a 17-year-old student.

"I do question whether he has the experience necessary to do the job," said 49-year-old James Murrell of challenger John Payton. "It's not something you gain from sitting down and reading a book."

Payton filed Tuesday to run against Precinct 3, Place 2 incumbent Murrell in the March 13 Republican primary, and said he already has heard from several people in the community who want to help him.

Payton, a senior at Plano East High School, says his high school law classes and work on the debate team and student government will prepare him for the job.

"My main goal is to be a politician," Payton told The Dallas Morning News. "That's what I've always wanted to be."

"I know the basics of the law. I'll gain experience through dealing with the community."

His parents are impressed by the youngster's tenacity and gave him the necessary \$300 filing fee after he failed to get enough petition signatures over Christmas break to waive the fee.

"We've had several people call offering help and support for John," said his mother, Lorri Payton. "John has always been mature and responsible and he's always set his goals high. I'm not surprised by his decision to run."

"I worked all through Christmas vacation," Payton said. "I didn't go out of town. I didn't visit with my friends or go and play video games. I worked into the nights."

As a youngster, his mother recalls, Payton was busy reading newspapers and watching the

news while other kids his age were playing video games.

"We talk politics a lot. Probably a lot more than most families," Mrs. Payton said. "John would even try to sway my vote sometimes. He's always been interested in politics."

Payton's father, Stan, ran unsuccessfully for city clerk in Clovis, Calif., at 18, losing by fewer than 100 votes. Stan, who works for the Internal Revenue Service, is prohibited from working on his son's campaign under federal law, but "John's got his emotional support," Mrs. Payton said.

The teen-ager plans door-to-door campaigning.

"I will not quit," he said. "Even if the polls show I'm behind, I'll keep going door to door."

MTV to air title sequence

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a first for television, the title sequence for the new Shadoe Stevens adventure series "Max Monroe: Loose Cannon" has been turned into a music video that will soon be seen on MTV.

The music video uses the hit single "Tied Up" by the popular European group Yello. The video features Stevens and co-star Bruce Young along with Yello members Boris Blank and Dieter Meier.

"I'm one of Yello's biggest fans. Yello is inventive, experimental, intelligent and has the sound of the '90s," said Stevens, who is also host of the radio show "American Top 40."

Parts of the video will be seen each week during the title sequence of the one-hour CBS-TV series which premiered Friday night.

Stevens stars as the unconventional police detective who will do anything, no matter how wild, in the pursuit of a criminal suspect.

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Orders to factories jump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for manufactured goods rose 2.4 percent in November, pumped up by durable goods to the second highest level ever, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said orders for both durable and non-durable manufactured goods totaled a seasonally adjusted \$239.7 billion after edging down 0.1 percent in October.

It was the highest level of orders since a record \$239.9 billion were posted last April and the fastest rate of increase since a 2.8 percent advance in August.

The department said all of the November improvement was in orders for durable goods — big-ticket items expected to last more than three years.

All of the major durable categories recorded increased sales.

The report was one of several recently portraying a mixed picture of the extent of sluggishness in the economy, particularly in housing and the durable-goods manufacturing sector.

Improvements have been reported in November, for instance, in sales of new and existing houses and of durable goods, and industrial production advanced 0.1 percent.

As inflation moderated and concerns grew that the economy might fall into a recession, the central bank has gradually eased its grip on credit.

But the Labor Department reported today that the manufacturing sector lost 25,000 jobs in December, bringing job losses in this area to 195,000 since last March.

Many analysts continue to express concern over the economy, however, and want the Fed to permit interest rates to fall further to stimulate economic activity.

Today's reports follow falling interest rates, which the Federal Reserve had earlier boosted to slow the economy and restrain in-

In addition to new orders, the Commerce Department said shipments of manufactured goods rose 0.5 percent to \$233.1 billion, while inventories rose 0.3 percent to \$373.0 billion.

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