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Auditor, treasurer...

County to discuss combining offices

Scurry County commissioners will discuss consolidating the county auditor's and county treasurer's offices during their 10 a.m. meeting Monday at the county courthouse.

Currently, the county auditor's office prepares pay checks for county employees and handles the county's accounts payable. By law, these duties are the responsibility of the county treasurer.

The court will consider putting these duties back into the hands of the treasurer.

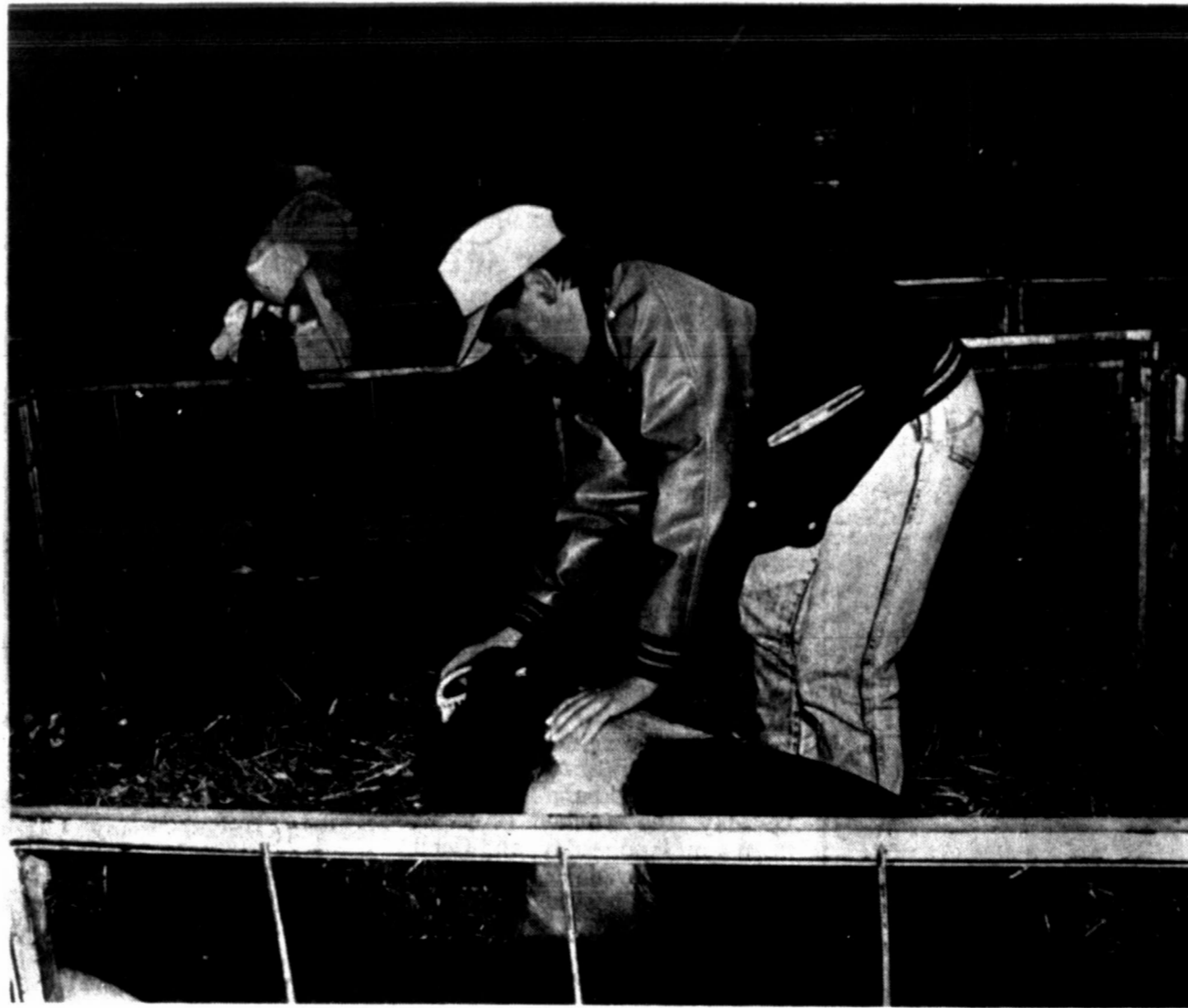
The court's proposal comes in the wake of a personnel change in the auditor's office. Earlier this week, District Judge Gene Dulaney announced that he would not re-appoint current county auditor Linda Franklin and instead, appointed auditor

office employee Eddie McHany as her successor.

The court will also hear from Bo Robinson of the Texas A&M Extension Service in Lubbock concerning the current vacancy in the county agriculture agent's position.

In last week's meeting, County Judge Bobby Goodwin told commissioners the county did not have any applicants for the position, which was vacated by Marvin Ensor in November.

Other items to be discussed by the court include a presentation from County Treasurer Rita Staton on an investment policy for the county, renewal of the contract with Steen and Steen for the collection of delinquent taxes and a proposed agreement between Dan Russell and the airport for lawn care services.



STOCK SHOW PREPARATIONS — Tommy Henderson grooms his pigs before the Snyder FFA Stock Show, held Saturday in the ag annex at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Aycock resumes practice this month

Thomas M. Aycock, M.D., F.A.C.S., has announced that he will resume his practice of general surgery in Snyder on Christmas Day.

Dr. Aycock is a colonel in the air force reserve and spent the past six weeks on active duty in South Carolina in connection with

the Persian Gulf crisis. He also gained additional surgical skills in laparoscopic techniques in the treatment of biliary (gallstone) disease and infrared coagulation for the treatment of hemorrhoid disease.

With the introduction of endoscopic cholecystectomy, gallbladder surgery has become a relatively minor procedure with few complications. The technique involves the use of a miniature TV camera and surgical instruments which are placed in keyhole-sized punctures in the abdomen. The surgeon watches a monitor while manipulating the tools to cut the gallbladder out.

This service will eventually be available at Cogdell hospital.

Tom Hochwalt, hospital CEO, commented, "We are delighted to have Dr. Aycock back and we greatly appreciate the support that Dr. Carlos Garza has given us during our time of need."

Dr. Aycock was called to service in September. Dr. Garza, who practices in Big Spring, has been filling in during his absence.



DR. THOMAS M. AYCOCK

Goodfellows key provider, says local school principal

At a time of year when many families are decorating trees, doing last-minute shopping and are filled with the Christmas spirit, it can be hard to remember that not everyone is as fortunate.

The Goodfellows organization in Snyder does what it can to help make the holidays bright for those that have little.

"I feel that the Goodfellows program is one of most beneficial programs we have all year in Snyder," said Ray Courtney, principal at North Elementary. "We have many families that I take children home to that are very needy, perhaps more so this year than any other year I recall. At North Elementary, the teachers bring gifts which we

distribute to several needy families we know of in our school district that otherwise would not get anything. Students bring canned goods. Other groups help, too. However, there are so many families that are needy that it is an almost impossible task."

Through Goodfellows, poor families who apply and qualify are provided a box of food which may be prepared for a holiday meal. It's a practice that has been going on for 41 years through the Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club and the citizens of Snyder and Scurry County.

Kiwanians coordinate fund raising and food collection for Goodfellows, but the community, local merchants, schools, banks,

churches and countless volunteers and donors participate each year.

Those involved hope to replace the disappointment that Christmas often brings to indigent families by providing food for a special meal. In the past, Goodfellows have been able to supply chickens, eggs, flour, sugar, corn meal, bread, beans, potatoes, apples, oranges, cabbage, margarine and canned goods to more than 300 qualifying families. Goodfellows are dependent upon donations of food and money from the community.

Nonperishable food items are donated by area schools, churches and individuals. Perishable (see GOODFELLOWS, page 12A)

Law officials urge caution during the holiday season

The holidays are here and weary shoppers and busy merchants can testify to the increase in shopping activity. With the hustle and bustle of holiday buying activity, there is also an upswing in criminal activity, especially in shoplifting and vehicle burglaries, notes Snyder Police Lt. Steve Warren.

Local residents are encouraged to be aware of their vulnerabilities to thieves during the holiday period and to remember a few simple guidelines which apply throughout the year.

—Packages should be locked in the trunk. If packages or items must be stored in the front of the car, be sure they are out of sight. Try to tuck them under a seat and be sure to lock the vehicle's doors.

—Especially at this time of

year, when thieves anticipate gift items in the home, be sure your home is secure. Lock the doors each time you leave your residence. Make sure all windows are secured.

—If you are going to be away from your home during the holidays, it is suggested that you have a close friend or relative check on your home. You may

also have your home put on vacation watch by the local police department. The post office can put a hold on your mail. Have a friend pick up your newspaper from the yard or ask that delivery be stopped until you return.

—Merchants should make their employees aware of the increase (see CAUTION, page 12A)

Judge's order obeyed; feeding tube removed

CARTHAGE, Mo. (AP) — Health officials obeyed a judge's order and removed a feeding tube that has kept a comatose woman alive for seven years, ending a landmark legal fight over the right to die, a spokeswoman said Saturday.

Nancy Cruzan's parents, Lester and Joyce Cruzan, had fought since 1987 to have the tube removed from their daughter, who has been in an irreversible coma since a 1983 car accident. They were at her side when

Jasper County Probate Judge Charles Teel's ruling was announced Friday.

Barbara Shoun, a spokeswoman at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon where Ms. Cruzan is being cared for, said the tube was removed late Friday afternoon, only a couple of hours after the judge's decision was issued, but the Cruzan family asked that that fact not be announced immediately.

City employees honored during annual banquet

City of Snyder employees were honored for years of service in a banquet held Friday evening in the Western Texas College Student Center.

The Senior Citizens Center Kitchen Band provided entertainment for the evening.

Service awards were presented to 17 employees. Ascencion Rios was honored for 25 years service and Carolyn House was recognized for 15 years.

Ten-year employees recognized were Ronald Clawson, Billy

Stephens, Janice Scrivner, Jean Hataway and Dennis Blum.

Cheri Stewart, Patricia Warren, Ronald Gloyd, Walter Mitchell, C.J. Jinkins, Shannon Warner, Raymond Valadez Jr. Serapio Alvarado, Juan Becerra and Howard Bigham were honored as five-year employees.

Presentation of awards was made by Mayor Troy Williamson and City Manager John Gayle. Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell gave the invocation.



ASENCION RIOS



CAROLYN HOUSE

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some people never know what they want for Christmas until their neighbor gets it first."

The holiday season and rich food are traditionally linked. This causes many folks to start making resolves for coming months...as soon as Christmas is over.

A friend told us she had found the perfect diet — one with which she can honestly live. And it's simple.

How does it work? Eat all you want, and then lie about your weight.

If you're still looking for that gift for the gal who already has everything, you may want to consider an offer from one of those exclusive

health spas in southern California.

The fitness joint is so fancy that you can actually hire people to do your exercise for you.

A department store clerk told us about a woman who was looking for a gift. The shopper explained it was for a wedding present, and not for Christmas.

The customer was talkative, noting it was the bride's third marriage and the groom's second. Before the clerk could say anything, the woman asked for advice. "Do you have any suggestions for a gift?"

While the clerk was giving thought to the question, a nearby gentleman waiting on his wife to finish her shopping pained, "Lady, I wouldn't pick out anything monogrammed."

Ask Us

Q—What is the elevation of Snyder?

A—According to a spokesman at the airport, the city's highest point is 2,433 feet above sea level.

days until Christmas



Local

Pray for peace

Scurry County Ministerial Alliance is requesting all people to pray for peace during this Christmas season.

Sunday, Dec. 16, has been specifically designated in local churches as a "Day of Prayer for Peace" and all citizens are invited to attend a church of choice and join together in prayer.

Alzheimer

The Alzheimer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Trinity United Methodist Church parlor. Martha Knowles, medical eligibility worker with the Department of Human Services, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 573-8626.

SISD board

Snyder ISD board of trustees will hear a report on the annual audit at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the administration board room.

The meeting had originally been scheduled at The Shack.

Booster club

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club is giving away a 51-inch Quasar television at halftime of Tuesday's basketball game against Slaton.

Booster club members are to turn in all ticket sales by 5 p.m. Monday at Patterson Petroleum, 4510 Lamesa Hwy.

AARP meets

The local AARP will meet Monday at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center.

Reports will be given by 1991 officers who attended the training session in Midland.

There will be a board meeting at noon.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: The high and low temperatures for Friday are not available due to a malfunction in equipment used at the Water Pump and Filter Plant. The reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 45 degrees. No precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 29.04 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Low in the mid 40s. East wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunday: cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain. High in the mid 50s. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph.

Asphyxiation caused deaths

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — An ill-ventilated house and a butane gas lamp spewing carbon monoxide are blamed for the deaths of 12 people at a religious ceremony, after officials earlier suspected a tainted drink was the cause.

Six other participants in the shantytown ceremony survived but three were comatose Friday, including the ritual's leader.

Autopsies on Friday revealed the victims died of asphyxiation, said Dr. Gustavo Salazar, chief

coroner's pathologist. "The autopsies revealed a reddish coloring in the victims' lungs which indicate carbon monoxide," Salazar said Friday. "The carbon monoxide can cause vomiting and they asphyxiated in their own vomit."

Deputy District Attorney Victor Vazquez said a butane lamp burned in the living room of the two-room dwelling. Windows and doors were shut tight.

"It was definitely an accident," Vazquez said.

Vazquez said he believed the lamp consumed all available oxygen, leaving the tiny home full of carbon monoxide.

Officials had suspected an industrial kind of alcohol had tainted the fruit punch the participants had been drinking.

Authorities found the bodies Thursday sprawled on couches, chairs and the floor of a home in El Florida, a shantytown about five miles east of downtown Tijuana.

Some of the dead were piled on

top of others. Police said the victims' faces were wrinkled in agony, their skin a purplish hue. Three victims were children.

The leader of the ritual, Federico Padres Mexia, was described by neighbors as a self-proclaimed spiritualist who said he was able to conjure miracles.

"He said he had died twice and he had resurrected. He said he had communications with God," said Gonzalo Aduna, who lives across the street.

Neighbors said Padres was a recluse, although he and his wife regularly had visitors.

Senior Center sets Christmas dinner

The Senior Center will serve Christmas dinner on Thursday starting at 11:30 a.m. Santa Claus will be visiting in the center that day and the Sunshine Choir will be performing in the dining room from 10:45-11:30 a.m. Carla Thompson will be at the piano to provide dinner music. Senior citizens who wish to attend are asked to make reservations no later than Tuesday so food preparation can be planned.

Music in the center this week will include programs by Hoss Clayton and his band at 11 a.m. Tuesday, the Kitchen Band at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, and Cecil Langford and Tom Lewis at 11 a.m. Friday. The Sing Along will follow at 11:30 a.m. Friday. The Sunshine Choir will sing at Snyder Nursing Center at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

The Scurry County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet in the center at 1 p.m. Monday. Persons interested in joining are invited to attend that meeting.

Senior citizens are reminded that swimstics classes which usually meet at Western Texas College on Tuesday and Thursday morning will not be meeting until spring semester classes begin in mid-January. The Senior Center will be closed Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas holiday.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD — Ira third graders in Gale Northcott's class made ornaments for their Christmas tree. Standing, left to right, are Jerek Brown, Jesse McDaniel, Logan Daves, Rebecca Daves, Sonny Cumbie and Monika Chanev. Kneeling, left to right, are Ramon Perez, Laura Greenwood, Amber Haarmeyer, Katie Howard, Korby Calley and Drew Wall. Sitting, left to right, are Terry Jamison, Lori Cain and Jose Juarez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Murder charge dismissal won't be appealed

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A prosecutor won't appeal the dismissal of a murder charge against the inventor of a device that an Alzheimer's patient used to kill herself.

However, Oakland County prosecutor Richard Thompson said Friday the county will continue a civil lawsuit aimed at preventing the inventor, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, from using the device to help anyone else commit suicide.

Kevorkian's invention was seized by police and prosecutors obtained a temporary court order preventing its further use. A civil trial to decide whether or not to make that order permanent will resume in January, Thompson said.

Thompson said the dismissal Thursday by Clarkston District Judge Gerald McNally of a first-degree murder charge against Kevorkian, 62, left many moral, medical, ethical and religious issues unsettled.

"We think Judge McNally's decision was wrong," he said. "(But) these profound issues should be decided by the legislative branch of government, that branch which is preeminently suited to consider the consensus of society."

Michigan has no laws against suicide or assisting in it, but the Legislature is considering at least two bills that would outlaw assisted suicide.

Kevorkian, a retired Royal Oak pathologist, attached his device

on June 4 to Janet Adkins, 54, of Portland, Ore., who pushed a button that caused a fatal solution to flow into her veins.

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California adopts tough anti-pollution rules

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Manufacturers of gasoline-powered tools such as lawnmowers and chain saws must meet strict new anti-pollution standards in coming years if they want to do business in California. Consumers may pay millions of dollars for the changes, manufacturers say.

The state Air Resources Board voted 8-0 Friday to require that manufacturers by 1994 drastically limit the amount of pollution

produced by new gasoline-powered tools frequently used by homeowners. Tools made before the end of 1993 would be exempt, and old machines would not be banned.

Outdoor power equipment produces about 72 tons a day of California's air pollution, compared with 1,600 tons a day produced by cars and trucks, board spokesman Jerry Martin said.

Opponents said the changes could push up costs for consumers nationwide because manufacturers may opt to change to one, more expensive, product line in order to retain a piece of California's huge market. Others said the new rules could cause a run on equipment sold in neighboring states.

"This could chase billions of dollars of retail sales out of the state, and in the current economy I don't think we can afford it," said Dave Parke of the J & N Garden Equipment company in the Los Angeles suburb of Inglewood.

Under the new rules, manufacturers must reduce emissions of smog-forming hydrocarbons and

nitrogen oxides by 46 percent by 1994 and by a total of 55 percent by 1999.

"The 1994 standards are not easy, but not impossible," said ARB Chairwoman Jananne Sharpless. The new standards would be reviewed in 1994 and 1996, she said.

Air resources officials say outdoor power equipment engines produce 50 times more pollution per horsepower than the average truck engine.

A chain saw operated for two hours emits as much smog-producing hydrocarbon as a new car driven 3,000 miles, they said.

The air quality in some California cities, such as Los Angeles, is among the worst in the nation even though the state already has the strictest auto emission standards in the country. In October, it adopted controls on hair sprays, air fresheners, shaving creams and other products that contain hydrocarbons.

The board suggested that improved carburetors could reduce pollution caused by two-cylinder engines and that catalytic converters could be added to engines with four cylinders.

The board estimated the proposed changes would increase the price of a typical lawn mower by about \$30.

However, Edward Heiden, who conducted a study on the economic effects of the proposed regulations for the Portable Power Equipment Manufacturers Association, told the board it had overlooked many likely costs, including those involved in turning out a separate line of pro-

ducts for California. The regulations are the result of a federal court ruling prompted last year by a lawsuit filed by the San Francisco-based Citizens for a Better Environment.

The ruling ordered the board to regulate operation of power equipment engines in the San Francisco Bay area, but the board decided to have the regulations apply to the entire state.

Singer honored

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Dionne Warwick was honored by the Kwanza Foundation for her contributions to entertainment and such charities as the Warwick Foundation, which benefits programs for minorities with AIDS.

The Friday night fund-raising gala by the organization of black women in the entertainment industry also was a birthday party for Miss Warwick.



RAINBOW STUDENTS WRITE — These children who attend the Rainbow School at Trinity United Methodist Church all wrote letters recently that were going to be mailed to the men and women serving in Saudi Arabia. Students pictured include Laura Boyd, Dondi Brock, Cody Broker, Krista Dorsett, Chelsey Drummond, Jadie Dryden, Alexis Dunham, Vanessa Esquivel, Whitley Fulford, Bianca Gonzales, Ira Gonzales, Kameron

Harrison, Justin Hertel, Heather Hicks, Brooke Jackson, Ashley Jenkins, Austin Lyle, Landry Matthies, Raymond McClain, Raymond McClain, Jodi McGinty, Cody Pechacek, Jacob Pechacek, Michelle Price, Jeremy Reed, Tanner Reed, Lindsey Small, Jeffrey Stanfield, Karen Taylor, Virginia Tovar, Shaela Vineyard, Lauren Hinojos, Kasey Krop and Casey Crain. (SDN Staff Photo)



GIFT OF WORDS — East third graders in June Holcomb's and Betty Thompson's classes each wrote a "gift of words" which were wrapped as a present and mailed to SPC. Brett Martin who is serving with the Armed Forces stationed in Saudi Arabia. Martin is the son of Billy Don and Peggy

Martin who recently moved to Abilene from Snyder. Martin grew up in Snyder and was still living here at the time he enlisted. Students told Martin about their plans for Christmas including the holiday dinner, trees, presents and plays and wishes. (SDN Staff Photo)

Senior Center Menu

- MONDAY**
Grilled Pork Chop
Parslied Potatoes
Asparagus
Fruit Salad
Ice Cream
- TUESDAY**
Steak Fritter w/Cream Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Savory Peas
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Canned Prunes
- WEDNESDAY**
Chili con Carne
w/Pinto Beans
Lettuce Wedge
Onion Slice
Cornbread
Chocolate Cake & Icing
- THURSDAY**
(Christmas dinner)
Roast Beef au jus
Scalloped Potatoes
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Mild recession may cause bank failures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even a mild recession likely would exhaust the government's deposit insurance fund, leaving it unable to handle bank failures without an infusion from taxpayers, a congressional report says.

A severe recession would produce failures costing as much as \$63 billion over the next three years, more than twice the amount currently available to the fund, it said.

The report, due out Monday at a hearing of the House Banking subcommittee on financial institutions, also sounded a stark warning about the nation's largest banks.

"This nation faces an almost unprecedented situation in having most of its largest banks operating on — or conceivably, over — the edge of insolvency," said the study, prepared by three private economists at the direction of Rep. Frank Annunzio, D-Ill., chairman of the panel.

It was written by Robert Litan of the Brookings Institution, a Washington-based think tank. James Barth of Auburn University and R. Dan Brumbaugh of Stanford University. Barth and Brumbaugh are former chief economists of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the regulatory agency — since dismantled — of the savings and loan industry.

The Associated Press obtained

a summary of the study, without the supporting financial data, on Friday.

The report directly challenges Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady, who has declared banks and savings institutions "as different as chalk and cheese," and pledged that bankers, not taxpayers, will pay to bail out banks if necessary.

FDIC Chairman L. William Seidman has said the fund has enough money to handle the failures foreseen by the agency into mid-1991. He has recommended the adoption of a backup plan to inject additional dollars from banks into the fund, if needed.

"The report fundamentally deals with possible economic scenarios. It's a sort of 'what if' report. ... What we all don't know is which 'what if' is the right forecast and we'll never know until we get there," Seidman said.

Barth and Litan favor shoring up the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. with a massive loan from the Treasury, as large as \$50 billion. They recommend that banks repay the sum over an extended period, perhaps 10 years.

The report said, however, that Brumbaugh favors an unambiguous taxpayer bailout because he worries that higher deposit insurance premiums could push more weak banks over the financial edge.

Meanwhile, Comptroller of the Currency Robert L. Clarke said in an interview with The Washington Post that some accounting rules would be changed to give banks more flexibility in dealing with troubled loans.

A change likely to be put into

effect early next year would allow banks to count some nonperforming loans as good loans, so the banks could count as income any interest payments received on those notes, Clarke said. Currently banks cannot count those payments as income.

"We are trying to make sure that we have accounting rules that allow restructuring but (do) not allow bankers to hide their problems," Clarke said. "Bankers should be given credit for working with borrowers, so long as they are willing to acknowledge they have a problem loan."

The economists evaluated the health of the insurance fund under a range of recession scenarios, from mild to severe. Mild is defined as a national downturn roughly half as bad as the recession now plaguing New England. Severe is defined as the national equivalent of the contraction that rocked Texas in the mid-1980s when oil prices plummeted.

Sophia Loren defends husband

NEW YORK (AP) — Though she is seen more in advertisements for eyeglasses than in movies nowadays, Sophia Loren bristles at the idea that her husband and frequent producer Carlo Ponti has done a poor job shaping her career.

"In the mentality of the public, how many names have lasted?" Loren says in Vanity Fair's January issue. "Very few, I tell you. I'm known all over the world."



PROCEEDS DONATION — Margie and Charles Anderson present Hassie Sneed, chairman of Scurry County Historical Commission, with a check from the proceeds of Mr. Anderson's book "Reflections." To date, over \$3,000 has been raised for the Dermott School Renovation Fund. Pictured in back are historical commission members Billy Bob McMullan and Brud Boren. (SDN Staff Photo)

In 1950, President Harry S. Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike. In 1962, robbers held up a U.S. mail truck in Plymouth, Mass., and made off with more than \$1.5 million.

Sweetwater cattle auction market reported

The market was steady and active on all classes of cattle for the Wednesday, Dec. 12th, sale. Cow and calf pairs and bred cows were active and in demand. Stocker and feeder cattle steady with packer cows and bulls steady to a \$1 higher.

- Good to choice, L/W stocker steers, \$1.27 to \$1.37 per pound.
- Good to choice, M/W stocker steers, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per pound.
- Good to choice, feeder steers, \$0.87 to \$1.00 per pound.
- Short and plainer kind, 5 to 6 (than goods) lower per pound.
- Good to choice, L/W stocker heifers, \$1.05 to \$1.15 per pound.
- Good to choice, M/W stocker heifers, \$0.90 to \$1.00 per pound.
- Good to choice, feeder heifers, \$0.82 to \$0.88 per pound.
- Short and plainer kind, 5 to 6 (than goods) lower per pound.
- Good cow and calf pairs, \$750 to \$900 per pair.
- Older and plainer kind, \$600 to \$750 per pair.
- Good bred cows, \$650 to \$750 per head.
- Older, plainer light bred cows, \$450 to \$600 per head.
- Better kind packer cows, \$0.52 to \$0.58 per pound.
- Lower yielding packer cows, \$0.47 to \$0.52 per pound.
- Few old hully cows, \$0.40 to \$0.47 per pound.
- Better kind packer bulls, \$0.63 to \$0.67 per pound.
- Lower yielding packer bulls, \$0.58 to \$0.63 per pound.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to my friends and neighbors who were so kind to me during my recent hospital stay. A special thanks to Dr. Thompson and the nurses and staff of the 3rd floor at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

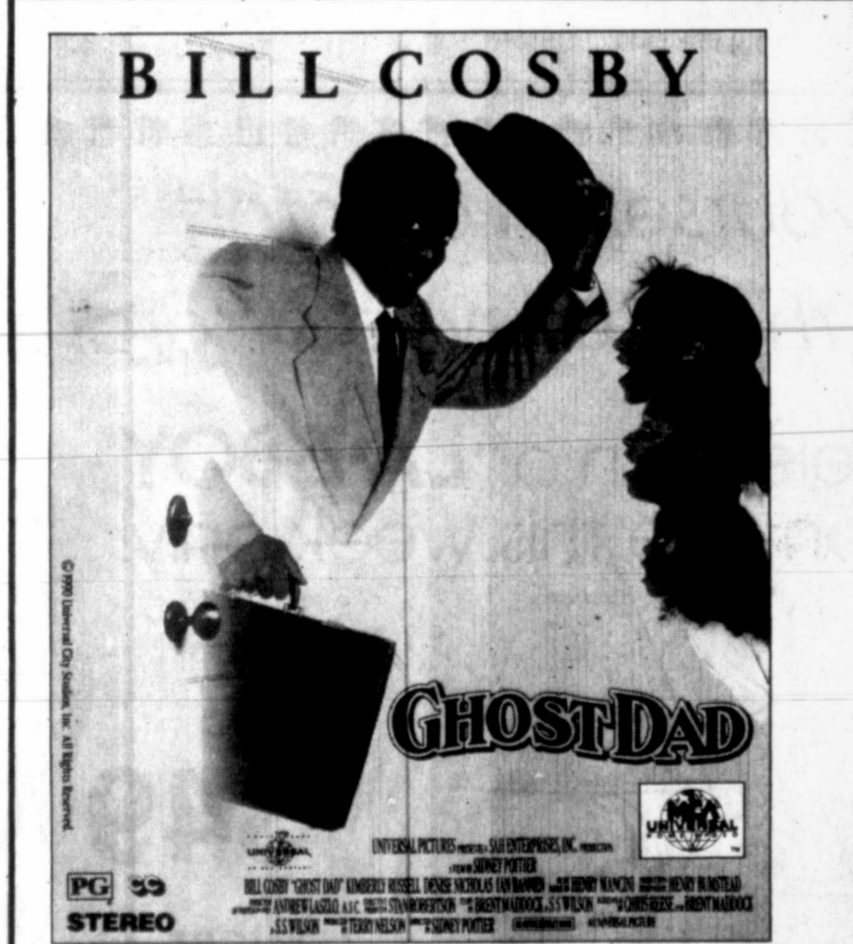
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REGION TRY-OUTS — Snyder High School Bandmen Kelly Pace, trumpeter, and Andy Rumpff, percussionist, were chosen to advance to area try-outs after competing last Saturday in region try-outs in Lubbock. Pace finished second and Rumpff placed first in the competition. Area auditions will be Jan. 5 in Odessa. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Increased competition among mutual funds has demanded not only that the funds, but also that the brokers who sell them, offer top-notch service after the sale. High on the list of questions investors want answers for are tax consequences, payouts and the true cost of managing the fund. And although investors recognize the necessity of some automated services, they generally prefer dealing one-on-one with a live representative when it comes to buying or selling.

Although quality service often means more business, it cannot be attained freely. Many mutual funds are investigating ways to deliver better service without sacrificing their investment performance. One consideration is charging fees for special services such as check writing or automatic deposit of dividends into checking accounts. Another is a withdrawal fee for investors who frequently jump from one fund to another, placing heavy demands on the fund's administration and portfolio manager.

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Former hostage to return to Gulf

GILMER (AP) — Former Iraqi hostage Charles Amos says he intends to return to the Persian Gulf, despite being a captive for four months.

However, Amos, who lives near Gilmer, about 130 miles east of Dallas, said he will not go back to Kuwait.

Amos made the statements before the town's "Charles Amos Day" celebration on Friday.

Before the ceremony, Amos said he would probably return to work overseas around Feb. 1 and that he would be "somewhere in the Persian Gulf," but not Kuwait.

About 400 people gathered on the Upshur County Courthouse lawn to welcome Amos home during the ceremony.

When asked if he feared being recaptured, Amos said, "There's always that possibility, but there's only one Saddam Hussein over there."

Amos said he knew of no one else who would try to capture him.

Amos, who lives in the Rosewood community west of Gilmer, arrived home early Tuesday after being one of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's "human shields." He was captured in Kuwait near the Iraqi border Aug. 2 and held in

Baghdad. Amos, who looked rested and composed during his brief remarks, asked the crowd to support the government and troops in the Persian Gulf and "to get them home as soon as possible."

He thanked the crowd "for the prayers, the support and the love you have given my family."

The last planeload of Western hostages from Iraq and Kuwait reached American soil Friday.

President Bush has complained that Iraq has been slow to agree to talks on the gulf crisis and said he may ask Congress to authorize an attack against Iraq unless Saddam pulls out of Kuwait by Jan. 15.

Actor to star

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Actor Sam Waterston said he recalled reading Henrik Ibsen's play "The Master Builder" while a student at Yale University. Now he'll play the lead role.

"I read it. I thought it was a great play and a terrific part, so we just said let's go ahead and do it," Waterston, 50, said Friday.

Waterston will play Halvard Solness in the autobiographical drama of a middle-aged man's infatuation with a young woman.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT — West Elementary students have collected canned goods to give to the Goodfellows to distribute before Christmas. These students from Mrs. Marilyn Crownover's third grade class brought four or more cans. They are, from top, Ryan Grady, Sarena Goodwin, Suzanne Bogard and Jeremy Stark. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush moves to defuse minority issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush wants aides to move quickly to assess a dispute over minority-only college scholarships that for the second time in two months has set him against leading civil rights groups.

Bush told reporters Friday he has ordered his staff "to get a quick readout" on an Education Department official's ruling that it is illegal for federally aided colleges to offer scholarships solely on the basis of race.

The ruling, which could affect scholarship programs at thousands of colleges and universities nationwide, drew the immediate ire of civil rights groups. They claimed it was further proof that the administration holds minority issues in low regard.

Bush faced a barrage of criticism from civil rights leaders after he vetoed a major anti-discrimination bill on Oct. 23. He argued that some provisions of the legislation would lead to quota systems in hiring minorities.

The White House was caught by surprise by the scholarship ruling, and analysts said the president probably will move to overturn it rather than face another run-in over his civil rights policies.

The Democratic-controlled House Education and Labor

Committee is to open hearings Wednesday on the scholarship issue, giving critics a platform to take Bush's policies to task.

The ruling was based on Title Six of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on the ground of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

The Education Department's assistant secretary for civil rights, Michael L. Williams, in announcing the ruling Wednesday, said he had warned Fiesta Bowl officials against offering \$100,000 in minority scholarships to the universities of Louisville and Alabama if they played the football game.

The bowl is among Arizona sporting events threatened by boycotts after Arizona voters rejected a paid state holiday honor-

ing the late civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Bush defended Williams, saying he was "an extraordinarily sensitive person. I don't think anyone would accuse him of doing it on a racist basis."

Williams, 37, is a black lawyer who prosecuted racial crimes in the Reagan administration's Justice Department and served as deputy assistant secretary for law enforcement in the Treasury Department before moving to the Education Department.

Meanwhile Friday, Deputy Education Secretary Ted Sanders met the heads of six national education organizations to assure them the department is reviewing the ruling.

David Merkwitz, spokesman for the American Council on Education, an association of colleges and universities, said the

meeting was "really inconclusive. It was evident the ball is in the White House court right now."

Merkowitz said the administration must move quickly "because of the tremendous amount of confusion and concern" among colleges and students. "The message to potential students is that maybe those scholarships they are seeking are illegal. That's devastating."

The ruling apparently does not affect federally backed programs for minorities, or private grants directed at minorities. What is at issue is any program that determines scholarship recipients solely on the basis of their race.

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James Worthy gets probated sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers forward James Worthy pleaded no contest to two misdemeanor charges of solicitation of prostitution and was sentenced to one year probation, his attorney said Friday.

Worthy also was fined \$1,000 Thursday and ordered to perform 40 hours of community service, according to a press release issued by Worthy's Houston attorney, Cornel Williams.

Under the deferred adjudication, once Worthy has successfully completed his probated sentences both cases will be dismissed, the press release said.

Williams did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press Friday. Worthy's home telephone number is unlisted.

Worthy could have faced up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The five-time All-Star was arrested Nov. 15 at a Houston hotel after he allegedly consulted the yellow pages of the telephone book and called an escort service.

The escort service earlier had been shut down by police, and two female undercover officers responded to Worthy's request, police said. Worthy arranged a transaction and was arrested, authorities said.

Worthy spent four hours in jail before posting \$500 bond just 20 minutes before tipoff of the Lakers' game against the Houston Rockets.

He reported to the Summit at the end of the first quarter and

entered the game with 9:33 to play in the first half, scoring 24 points to lead the Lakers to a 108-103 victory.

Worthy later admitted making an error in judgment.

"I made a major mistake and I can't dwell on it," he said later. "It's a tough problem, but it's not going to go away. I know I've hurt some people badly, and I've got to address that."

While at Minnesota...

NCAA probe involves Holtz

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — NCAA charges against the University of Minnesota should not affect the status of Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz, the university says.

Holtz, who coached at Minnesota in 1984 and 1985, was implicated by a former Minnesota academic adviser who said the coach once gave him \$500 to give to a player.

Holtz told a news conference on Friday he never intentionally broke a rule when he coached the Gophers.

And he said, "I vehemently deny" the charge by LeRoy Gardner.

E. William Beauchamp, Notre Dame's executive vice president, said Holtz had kept him informed of the questions raised during the 2½-year investigation of Minnesota.

"We continue to have every confidence in Coach Holtz's long-proven integrity," Beauchamp said.

According to the allegations announced by the NCAA's enforcement staff in a letter received Friday by Minnesota, Gopher athletes and recruits received cash, loans, entertainment, money for parking tickets and other benefits in violation of NCAA rules.

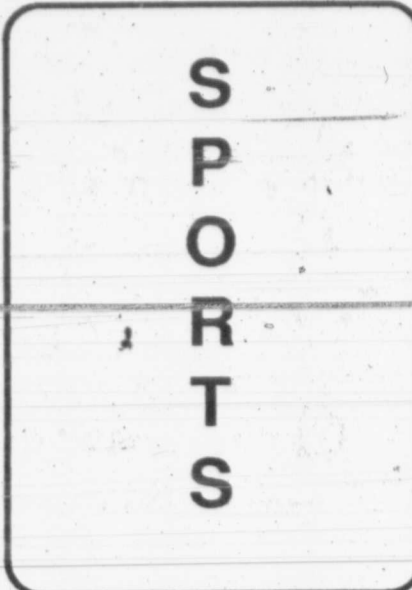
The letter arrived a day after the Philadelphia Daily News reported the investigation was the impetus for stepped-up efforts by Holtz to coach in the NFL. Holtz said earlier in the week he had no plans to leave Notre Dame.

"It is our firm belief that the NCAA infractions committee will conclude, as we have, that the matters in question, even if actually violations, were not deliberate," Beauchamp said.

"I see nothing that would affect his status at the University of Notre Dame. We continue to have full confidence in Coach Holtz and expect him to be coaching here as long as he chooses," Beauchamp said.

Holtz admitted he lent Gardner money three times "for his personal needs."

"As a matter of fact, I even made him a loan upon his request after I was at the University of Notre Dame," Holtz said. "I made these loans by writing three separate checks. I have the



Tigers selected to A-J squad

Baugh named Coach of the Year by Lubbock newspaper

LUBBOCK — Five members of the 1990 Area Championship Snyder Tiger football team, including District 2-4A Coach of the Year David Baugh, were named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains team released Saturday.

Also chosen on the squad were tackle Chad Fox, guard Clint Haywood, strong safety Shelby Bufkin and nose tackle Damien Haywood.

Baugh's new title of South Plains Coach of the Year comes

on the heels of a 9-3-1 season that saw Snyder move into postseason play for the first time in 12 seasons.

M. Johnson and Levelland defensive back Britt Spears.



COACH DAVID BAUGH



TIGERS
DAMIEN HAYWOOD

The rest of the team includes Big Spring players Jermaine Miller, a running back, wide receiver Neal Mayfield, Santos Martinez, a guard, linebacker Felipe Saiz and DB Pat Chavarria.



TIGER
SHELBY BUFKIN

Monahans was also represented on the squad by punter Sal Sanchez, who made the team as a tight end, as well.

Besides Bromlow, Hereford gridders on the roster include defensive tackle Mike Daniel and Linebacker Oscar Garcia.

Andrews placekicker Eric Perucca and Sweetwater defensive tackle Bruce Nazworth round out the squad.

1990 Avalanche-Journal All-South Plains team
Coach of the year: David Baugh, Snyder, 9-3-1
Player of the Year: Matt Bromlow, running back, Hereford.

Offense
Quarterback: Brad Cade, 6-1, 155, Frenship, sr.; Running back: Matt Bromlow, 6-1, 191, Hereford, sr.; Running back: Jermaine Miller, 6-2, 197, Big Spring, sr.; Wide receiver: Chris Matthews, 5-11, 175, Frenship, jr.; Wide receiver: Neal Mayfield, 6-2, 218, Big Spring, sr.; Tight end: Sal Sanchez, 6-3, 200, Monahans, jr.; Tackles: John Upshaw, 6-3, 260, Estacado, sr.; Chad Fox, 6-1, 240, Snyder, jr.; Guards: Santos Martinez, 5-9, 185, Big Spring, sr.; Clint Haywood, 5-10, 200, Snyder, sr.; Center: Kelvin Harris, 6-1, 235, Estacado, sr.; Placekicker: Eric Perucca, 5-10, 175, Andrews, sr.

Defense
Lineemen: Vidon Smith, 6-3, 240, Estacado, sr.; Mike Daniel, 6-2, 230, Hereford, sr.; Damien Haywood, 5-10, 185, Snyder, sr.; Bruce Nazworth, 6-2, 218, Sweetwater, sr.; Linebackers: Oscar Garcia, 5-10, 175, Hereford, sr.; Brandon Bennett, 6-0, 190, Frenship, sr.; Felipe Saiz, 5-6, 180, Big Spring, sr.; Secondary: Robert M. Johnson, 5-11, 170, Estacado, jr.; Shelby Bufkin, 5-10, 185, Snyder, sr.; Britt Spears, 5-11, 181, Levelland, sr.; Pat Chavarria, 5-10, 160, Big Spring, jr.; Punter: Sal Sanchez, 6-3, 200, Monahans, jr.



CHAD FOX

Fox, a 6-1, 240-pound junior, and the 5-10, 200-pound Clint Haywood, anchored the Tiger line for 1990.

Bufkin, a 5-10, 155-pounder, had 54 tackles and three interceptions on the season. He also blocked three kicks, recovered three fumbles, knocked down seven passes and returned two opening kickoffs for scores.

The 5-10, 185-pound Damien Haywood, also a senior, registered 74 tackles and eight quarterback sacks for the Tiger defense that gave up just 10 points per game.

Hereford running back Matt Bromlow was named the A-J team's Player of the Year for his 1,222 yard season which included 12 TDs.



CLINT HAYWOOD

Other District 2-4A players named include quarterback Brad Cade, wide receiver Chris Matthews and linebacker Brandon Bennett of Frenship, Estacado's John Upshaw a tackle, center Kelvin Harris, defensive tackle Vidon Smith and safety Robert

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cancelled checks, as well as thank-you letters from the individual.

"Why he said that one of the checks was to be given to athletes, I do not know," Holtz said.

Minnesota expects a hearing before the NCAA Infractions Committee Feb. 1-3. Possible penalties could be announced four to six weeks after the hearing.

"In my 22 years of being a head football coach I have never been accused nor have I been guilty of violating NCAA rules," Holtz said. "I have always conducted my program both within the letter and the spirit of the NCAA

Bengals may play minus QB Esiason

by The Associated Press
Will Cincinnati's playoff hopes go bust without Boomer?

The Bengals, locked in a three-way tie for the Central Division lead, enter Sunday's game against the Raiders with quarterback Boomer Esiason's health a big question mark. That makes Cincinnati's playoff chances just as questionable.

"You'll probably see Erik Wilhelm," Bengals coach Sam Wyche said of the backup to Esiason who never has started an NFL game. "If Boomer's able to play, he'll play."

Esiason strained a groin muscle during the Bengals' 20-17 overtime loss to San Francisco last weekend. He is listed as questionable, but Wyche has not sounded optimistic.

Esiason has a more positive outlook.

"The doctors here are very cautious," he said. "They feel if I'm hurt in any way on Sunday, they're not going to allow me to play."

"But in my own mind most of us football players, when it comes time to play, aren't very smart. So I would imagine, being as dumb as I am, I will probably end up playing anyway."

The Raiders, 9-4 and tied with Kansas City for first place in the AFC West, are healthy. And skeptical about Esiason's potential absence.

"(When) Boomer Esiason comes on the sidelines in street clothes, then I'll say he won't play," Raiders coach Art Shell said. "But until that time, we're preparing for Boomer Esiason."

And not for starting safety Rickey Dixon and running back Craig Taylor, both out with leg injuries.

The Raiders have won two straight since losing to Kansas City 27-24, with Bo Jackson

rushing for 246 yards in victories over Denver and Detroit.

The Chiefs try to keep pace with the Raiders by shutting down the run-and-shoot of the Houston Oilers, who are tied with Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at 7-6.

Also Sunday, it's Atlanta at Cleveland, Indianapolis at the New York Jets, Minnesota at Tampa Bay, Phoenix at Dallas, Pittsburgh at New Orleans, Seattle at Miami, Green Bay at Philadelphia, San Diego at Denver and Chicago at Detroit.

On Saturday, Buffalo was to visit the New York Giants and Washington was at New England. Monday night's game features the two-time defending champion San Francisco 49ers, with the league's best record of 12-1, at the Los Angeles Rams.

Washington will clinch an NFC wild-card slot with a win, while the Raiders and Chiefs also can secure wild cards — but they need help in other games.

The Chiefs have had some success facing the run-and-shoot, beating Detroit 43-24 in October. That might not be preparation enough for Warren Moon and the high-powered Oilers, who are much more efficient with the offense.

"Warren Moon is the second-rated quarterback in the league," Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "They lead the league in first downs, points scored and third-down conversions. Nobody's got Warren under control."

Schottenheimer certainly doesn't expect a repeat of last year's meeting, won 34-0 by Kansas City.

"Both football teams right now are in the middle of a playoff hunt," he said, "so I don't think there's anything less than a playoff atmosphere that's a part of this game."



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San Antonio dumps Cavaliers

by The Associated Press
The Cleveland Cavaliers have not yet rebounded from the loss of Mark Price for the season with a knee injury.

On Friday night, they didn't rebound at all.

The San Antonio Spurs crushed Cleveland 69-30 on the boards and beat the Cavaliers 116-106 in overtime, their fifth loss in six games since Price was injured.

"Was that the difference in rebounding? Wow!" Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "We were pretty active. We made sure we got to the boards."

The Spurs, who scored the first 10 points of overtime, rang up the big rebounding advantage in spite of David Robinson's early foul trouble.

Robinson picked up his fourth foul early in the second half, but still finished with 23 points and 15 rebounds in 29 minutes. Terry Cummings had 21 points and 18 rebounds.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was

Philadelphia 95, Miami 92; Boston 108, Detroit 100; Washington 106, Houston 93; Chicago 128, Los Angeles Clippers 88; and Portland 106, Dallas 104.

The Cavaliers led 101-99 with 1:50 left in regulation, but they did not score again until Larry Nance made two free-throws with 1:25 left in overtime. Nance led Cleveland with 28 points.

Willie Anderson's 12-footer tied it at 101 with 51 seconds remaining in regulation, and both teams wasted chances to win it in the closing seconds.

Anderson, however, opened the overtime by sinking a 15-footer, and Robinson followed with a tip-in. Anderson then converted a three-point play for a 108-101 lead.

Cleveland missed its first seven shots in the overtime and never threatened. The Cavaliers were outscored 15-5 in the extra period.

Rod Strickland scored 22 points and Anderson finished with 19 for San Antonio.

Trail Blazers 106, Mavericks 104

Clyde Drexler scored 22 of his 29 points in the second half for the Trail Blazers, and Terry Porter scored seven of his 16 points in the final 5:38.

Portland led 104-100 when Porter hit Drexler for a breakaway dunk with 51 seconds to play. James Donaldson, who hit 10 of 11 field goals and scored 22 points, sank a 10-footer with 47 seconds remaining to slice the lead to 106-104.

Dallas had two chances to tie the game in the final 22 seconds, but Rolando Blackman, who led the Mavericks with 26 points, missed twice.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	18	4	.818	—
Philadelphia	15	7	.682	3
New York	9	11	.450	8
New Jersey	8	12	.400	9
Washington	7	14	.333	10½
Miami	5	15	.250	12

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Central Division				
Milwaukee	15	7	.682	—
Detroit	14	8	.636	1
Chicago	13	8	.619	1½
Cleveland	10	12	.455	5
Atlanta	9	11	.450	5
Charlotte	8	12	.400	6
Indiana	8	14	.364	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	13	5	.722	—
Houston	12	10	.545	½
Dallas	7	12	.368	6½
Minnesota	7	13	.350	7
Denver	5	16	.238	9½
Orlando	5	17	.227	10

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pacific Division				
Portland	20	2	.909	—
Utah	12	7	.632	6½
Golden State	13	8	.619	6½
LA Lakers	11	7	.611	7
LA Clippers	10	11	.476	9½
Seattle	6	13	.316	12½
Sacramento	4	15	.211	14½

Friday's Games
San Antonio 116, Cleveland 106, OT
Philadelphia 95, Miami 92
Boston 108, Detroit 100
Washington 106, Houston 93
Chicago 128, LA Clippers 88
Portland 106, Dallas 104

Saturday's Games
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.
LA Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Orlando at Portland, 10 p.m.
Indiana at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Bullets 106, Rockets 93

Darrell Walker scored a season-high 22 points and added 10 assists and 10 rebounds.

A.J. English scored nine of his 21 points in the fourth quarter for the Bullets, who ended a three-game losing streak despite 5-for-18 shooting by Bernard King, whose 13 points was 16 under his average.

Celtics 108, Pistons 100

Boston led 90-74 in the fourth quarter, then held off Detroit's comeback.

Detroit closed the gap to 93-92 with an 18-3 run, but the Celtics regrouped after Isiah Thomas missed a 3-point bomb that would have put the Pistons ahead. Boston regained a 6-point lead on a 3-pointer by Larry Bird.

Snyder girls in title game

MIDLAND — Vinnie Clay scored 20 points followed by Schenekka Thompson's 11 to vault the Lady Tigers of Snyder High School into the championship game of the Greenwood Invitational Basketball Tournament with a 58-49 victory over host Greenwood Friday.

Snyder, now 5-4 on the season, bolted to an early 15-11 lead but fell behind, 30-26 at the half.

The almost-famous Lady Tiger defense kicked in in the third period and gave up just four points. SHS came on in the last quarter and outscored Greenwood, 20-15, to ice the win.

Crane whipped Seminole, 52-46, and Lamesa pounded Big Lake, 92-52 in other Friday contests.

Lamesa was to have been the Lady Tigers' opponent in the title game Saturday.

The Lady Tors dumped Crane, 80-45, Thursday before beating Big Lake on Friday.

The Lady Tigers drew a first-round bye and did not play until Friday's win over the Lady Rangers.

In other Saturday tournament games, Alpine was to have played Crane in the consolation bracket at 3 p.m. and Greenwood took Big Lake for third place at 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Tigers' next outing is slated for Tuesday when they travel to Nazereth for a non-district tilt. They will return home Jan. 4 to face Levelland as District 2-4A competition begins.

Team	W	L	T	GB
Snyder	15	11	12	20
Greenwood	11	19	4	15

Leading scorers: Snyder — Clay 20, Thompson 11; Greenwood — Myers 14. Record: Snyder 5-4.

Greenwood Invitational
Girls
Thursday

Game 1 — Lamesa 80, Crane 45
Game 2 — Big Lake 75, Seminole 73
Game 3 — Snyder — Bye
Game 4 — Greenwood 78, Alpine 42

Friday
Game 5 — Crane 52, Seminole 46
Game 6 — Lamesa 92, Big Lake 52
Game 7 — Snyder 58, Greenwood 49

Saturday
Game 8 — Consolation; Crane vs. Alpine at 3 p.m.
Game 9 — Third place; Big Lake vs. Greenwood at 4:30 p.m.
Game 10 — Championship; Snyder vs. Lamesa at 6 p.m.

Basketball
Snyder freshman girls host Andrews at 6 p.m.

Hermleigh Junior High at Ira at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Basketball
Snyder Tigers host Slaton at 7:30 p.m. JV plays at 6 p.m.

Snyder Lady Tigers at Nazereth at 6:30 p.m. JV plays at 5 p.m.

Hermleigh at Loraine at 6:30 p.m.

Ira at Blackwell at 6:30 p.m.

SDN Sportsweek

Monday, Dec. 17

Bowling News

MAJOR LEAGUE
12-11-90

Team	W	L
Wal-Mart	109½	90½
Snyder Golf Shop	107	89
Snyder Lanes	97½	90½
Skeleton Crew	96	100
TNT	90	100
Hammers	88	108

High series: Rick Blackwood 559. High game: Mike McLeod 213. High handicap series: Cary Moore 985. High handicap game: Cary Moore 243.

Splits converted: Russell Lloyd 8-9; Jeff Frederick 5-7; Tom Fennell 4-7.

JACK AND JILL
12-12-90

Team	W	L
Midiffs	40½	15½
Ed's Paint and Body	36	20
Backcrackers	31½	24½
Attitude Adjustment	28	28
Cherry Pickers	28	28
M.B.'s	27	29
Easy Four	27	29
Mathies Const.	26	30
C&C Services	24	32
East Key	24	32
McBundy's	24	32
Snyder Lumber	20	36

High series: Billie Jackson 535; Ronnie Clawson 687. High game: Sandra Clawson 235; Charlie 246. High handicap series: Mildred Banta 711; Roger Batchelor 689. High handicap game: Linda Head 259; Ken F. 273.

Splits converted: none listed.

WISHBALL
12-4-90

Team	W	L
Lucky Three	100½	67½
Ringers	87	81
Snyder Lanes	86½	81½
Snyder Savings	85	83
Body Slammers	78½	80½
Lang Tire	66½	101½

High series: Ricky Burkman 561. High game: Ewell Mackey 222. High handicap series: David Lyle 579. High handicap game: Paul Sieb 245.

Splits converted: D.B. Lyle 5-7; Shawn McMullen 6-7; Russell Lloyd 5-6.

KOFFEE LEAGUE
12-11-90

Team	W	L
R.D.'s Welding	40	20
Acc Transport	38	22
Thee Honey Tree	34½	25½
Amer. Leg. Post 181	33	27
CX	27½	32½
Highland Park Bakery	26	34
Gills by Jane	25	34
48ers	15	45

High series: Lynn Maldonado 519. High game: Vicky Renshaw 195. High handicap series: Kelly Williamson 637. High handicap game: Lynn Wormeringer 233.

Splits converted: Paula Beuerlein 7-8; Jill Griswold 5-10; Sandra Clawson 5-7.

HIS AND HERS
12-10-90

Team	W	L
Frito-Lay	36	20
Nail Automation	34½	21½
K&M Pump Service	32	24
Enron Rollers	30	26
BHP	29½	26½
Production Pump	28	28
Willow Park Inn	24½	31½
Martha's Hair Connection	23	33
Energy Electric	23½	33½
Beard Van Lines	19	37

High series: David Lee 565; Leda Beck 502.

Canyon trips SHS in B'field tourney

BROWNFIELD — The Snyder Tigers slipped to Canyon, 66-63, in the second round of play in the Brownfield Rotary Basketball Tournament Friday.

Senior Jeff Wortham poured in 23 points for the Tigers while Ed Rios, also a senior, was good for 16.

The tourney loss put Snyder up against Sweetwater in the third-place game which was to have been played Saturday at 5 p.m.

The Tigers dumped Littlefield, 72-38, in the opening round of the event.

Sweetwater advanced to the third-place contest with wins over Hereford and Alpine, sandwiched around a loss to Brownfield in Friday competition.

The Tigers took a 19-11 lead after a quarter but CHS drew to within two at 31-29 at the half.

Each team scored 20 points in the third quarter but the Tigers could manage just 12 in the final stanza while Canyon hit for 17 and the win.

In other Friday games, Hereford bounced Spur, 81-54 and Alpine dropped Littlefield, 72-50.

Host Brownfield was to have tangled with Canyon at 8 p.m. Saturday for the tournament title.

Snyder's boys return to Scurry County Coliseum Tuesday when they host Slaton in an 8 p.m. match-up.

Team	W	L	T	GB
Snyder	19	12	20	12
Canyon	11	18	20	17

Leading scorers: Snyder — Wortham 23, Rios 16; Canyon — Wely 22, Bosley 15, Hamrick 12, Patterson 11. Record: Snyder 8-6.

Brownfield Rotary Tournament

Boys

Thursday

Game 1 — Canyon 83, Seminole 72

Game 2 — Sweetwater 62, Hereford 42

Game 3 — Snyder 72, Littlefield 38

Game 4 — Brownfield 1, Spur 58

Friday

Game 5 — Sweetwater 68, Alpine 65

Game 6 — Canyon 66, Snyder 63

Game 7 — Brownfield 85, Sweetwater 61

Game 8 — Hereford 81, Spur 54

Game 9 — Alpine 72, Littlefield 50

Saturday

Game 10 — Seminole vs. Alpine at 10 a.m.

Game 11 — Consolation; Seminole-Alpine winner vs. Hereford at 3:30 p.m.

Game 12 — Third place; Snyder vs. Sweetwater at 5 p.m.

Game 13 — Championship; Brownfield vs. Canyon at 8 p.m.



TENNIS AWARDEES — Players on the Snyder High School tennis team who recently earned Academic Athlete Honor Awards include, back row, from left, Gayle Henderson, Marcus Best, Michael Hess and Robin Cave. Front row, from left, Christina Gonzales, Jaycie Wright and Hope Papay. To earn an award, students must register an A average over two straight six-week grading periods and compete on the varsity level. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Cheney tells Navy to justify plane program

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy's A-12 stealth warplane could be killed before it goes into production if in the next three weeks the service can't come up with good reasons for keeping it, the Pentagon says.

So far, the attack aircraft program at General Dynamics Corp.'s Fort Worth Division and McDonnell Douglas Corp. has

brought down the careers of a handful of senior defense officials, and launched a criminal inquiry into overpayments.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who was kept in the dark about the radar-evading plane's cost overruns and production delays, ordered the Navy on Friday to come up with reasons by Jan. 4 why the program should be continued. If none is found, the project would be canceled.

"The A-12 program is in serious trouble," Cheney said in a memo to Navy Secretary Lawrence Garrett. "The apparent schedule slippage, cost growth and management deficiencies in this program are intolerable."

"If we cannot spend the taxpayers' money wisely, we will not spend it."

The \$4.7 billion development program, supposed to deliver six prototype planes, is \$1 billion over budget and more than a year behind schedule.

The A-12 Avenger was scheduled to replace the Navy's aging fleet of A-6 Intruders aboard aircraft carriers starting in 1995.

Cheney told Congress in April that the program was on track, but it was disclosed five weeks later that the A-12 is 18 months behind schedule.

In the aftermath of that, Garrett ordered Vice Adm. Richard C. Gentz, commander of the Naval Air Systems Command, to retire by Feb. 1. The Navy secretary also said he was reassigning Rear Adm. John F. Calvert, the program executive

officer for tactical aircraft programs, and Capt. Lawrence S. Elberfeld, A-12 program manager, and writing each a letter of censure.

Also, John A. Betti said Wednesday he would resign as undersecretary of defense for acquisitions at the end of the year to avoid the bite of new ethics laws that take effect Jan. 1. Officials said he had planned to leave anyway, but the timing of his announcement was influenced by news of the A-12's problems.

Earlier this week, the Pentagon's inspector general disclos-

ed that federal prosecutors in Missouri had begun a criminal investigation into the overpayment of progress payments in the project.

The plane is being developed by General Dynamics Corp. and McDonnell Douglas Corp., both based in St. Louis. A Pentagon statement announcing Cheney's order said Defense Department officials would be meeting with representatives of the two main contractors.

"No matter what this team concludes, we will continue to need to develop a basic strike

airplane for our aircraft carrier strike force," Cheney said in the statement. "The A-6 ... is aging, and we must move ahead with an alternative that incorporates the technological advances necessary to maintain U.S. naval air superiority."

Chris Schildz, a spokesman for General Dynamics in St. Louis, said he could not comment on Cheney's order Friday, other than to say: "Our representatives will be available to meet with government officials anytime."

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A reader inquired about the differences between a cold, influenza and pneumonia. In my last two essays, I described the common cold and the flu, two related but dissimilar virus infections.

Pneumonia is infection of lung tissue, the tiny air sacs that absorb oxygen into the blood and expel waste carbon dioxide. The lungs are divided into lobes, natural segments defined by anatomical boundaries. Thus, infection of a lobe is called "lobar pneumonia." Infection of pulmonary tissue lying near bronchial tubes is called "bronchopneumonia"; diffuse infection that involves several segments is called "interstitial pneumonia." These distinctions are usually based on X-ray findings.

Pneumonia affects more than 2 million people a year, causing death in about 50,000; it is the most prevalent lethal infection, ranking sixth among all diseases as a cause of death.

Any type of microbe can cause pneumonia: bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi. Bacteria, however, are the most common cause. Because effective treatment depends on the organism, doctors make an effort to identify the infectious agent by performing certain tests, such as a sputum smear and sputum culture. Patients with acute pneumonia, regardless of cause, have similar symptoms: fever, weakness, malaise, chest discomfort and cough. The cough is usually constant and violent; it is typically associated with sputum.

Some common pneumonias are:

• **Staphylococcal pneumonia.** Less common than the pneumococcal variety, this disease continues to be a virulent lung infection that preferentially attacks the very young, the very old, patients recovering from influenza, intravenous drug abusers and people with immune deficiency. Staph pneumonia may lead to lung abscesses; it can be a fulminant infection with a 40 percent mortality, despite antibiotics.

• **Streptococcal pneumonia.** This is the least common type of bacterial pneumonia and usually follows measles, chickenpox, scarlet fever and other childhood diseases. Antibiotics are almost always effective, and mortality rates are low.

• **Gram negative pneumonia.** Debilitated adults are particularly susceptible to pneumonia from unusual bacteria (such as *Pseudomonas* and *Klebsiella*), many of which are normal inhabitants of the intestine and upper respiratory tract. Gram negative bacteria (so named because of their appearance in sputum smears) typically cause severe infection that may overpower patients; mortality approaches 50 percent, despite antibiotics.

• **Tuberculosis.** The initial infection of this once-dreaded disease occurs in the lungs, where it causes chronic inflammation, fever and weight loss. The microorganisms often spread to lymph glands and other organs. It is treated with anti-tuberculosis drugs, such as isoniazid, which have made

mortality rates very low in this modern age.

• **Legionnaire's pneumonia.** Named after a 1976 outbreak in Philadelphia among conventioning Legionnaires, this bacterial infection is spread in water droplets from air-conditioner condensers and contaminated shower heads. It is more frequent in alcoholics, smokers and immune-deficient patients, who also have a higher mortality rate from this pneumonia. Fortunately, antibiotics usually cure the disease.

• **Viral pneumonia.** This infection is often associated with influenza and is a major cause of death from pneumonia in elderly patients. It is not affected by antibiotics, but its consequences may be lessened by treatment with anti-viral agents, such as amantadine and acyclovir.

• **Psittacosis.** Chlamydia microorganisms that often infect birds (notably parrots, parakeets and pigeons) can be transmitted to humans and cause pneumonia. The mortality rate is high in untreated cases, but the infection is usually curable with antibiotics.

• **Pneumocystis pneumonia.** This is a fearsome pulmonary complication of AIDS. The parasite enters lung tissue and causes fulminant pneumonia, with a mortality rate of 30 percent, despite antibiotics. Pneumocystis rarely infects healthy adults.

• **Fungal pneumonia.** Various yeasts can cause lung infection, which — fortunately — is seldom life-threatening. Treatment consists of anti-fungal drugs, such as amphotericin B.

In summary, pneumonia has many causes. The seriousness of the infection (and of its complications) are directly related to a patient's age and a deficient immune system. Treatment depends on the microorganism that causes the infection.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a hiatal hernia 7 centimeters in diameter. Two local doctors feel the operation you claim to be a cure is more a farce than a fix, since the procedure only lasts for about two years. Why would you recommend this for older citizens?

DEAR READER: Because it works. And, in most cases, it's permanent. Hiatal hernia is usually a small

opening in the diaphragm that permits stomach acid to backwash into the esophagus, causing heartburn and indigestion. However, on occasion, patients have large hernias through which portions of the upper stomach protrude into the chest.

In these cases, the discomfort is severe and unremitting; medicine doesn't work. Therefore, while not an appropriate procedure for most patients with small hiatal hernias, an operation to return the stomach to its normal position and repair the hernia can be a godsend for others.

Obviously, I would not presume to reach a conclusion about your hernia; your doctors are in far better a position to do that than am I. Nonetheless, I still endorse surgery in patients of any age who have large hiatal hernias which cause symptoms that are not controlled by antacids, diet and drugs, such as Zantac to reduce acid.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Hiatal Hernia." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please give your opinion on cell therapy as offered in Mexican and European clinics.

DEAR READER: Based on the limited information in your question, I cannot answer you specifically. As a general rule, however, I am wary about miracle cures or treatments that have been popularized in foreign countries but have not gained acceptance in the United States.

Despite its drawbacks, American medicine is still the best in the world. In large part, this is the result of the assiduous testing and cross-checking required by U.S. authorities, such as the Food and Drug Administration. Moreover, the revolution in communications has eliminated medical provincialism: A medical breakthrough in one part of the world seldom stays secret very long. It is tested and tried by American investigators and, if appropriate, is released for use in this country.

Conversely, discoveries by U.S. scientists are quickly embraced by health professionals the world over. Thus, it is unthinkable that Americans would be deprived of truly useful therapy developed in a foreign country. My advice is: Be skeptical about unfounded health claims made by obscure foreign clinics — until these claims have been thoroughly investigated by reputable professionals using scientific methods.

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Keating aid: gifts intended to get access, but no action

WASHINGTON (AP) — A former top assistant to savings-and-loan owner Charles H. Keating Jr. says he was buying access — but not action — when Keating provided \$1.3 million to the campaigns and causes of five U.S. senators.

"I believe senators only have so many hours in the day, and if you make contributions you have a better chance of getting time in front of a senator," said James J. Grogan, former counsel and lobbyist for Keating's American Continental Corp. of Phoenix.

But, he told the Senate Ethics Committee on Friday, "I never got the impression ... (that) in order to take any action we were requesting would require a contribution. I never got even the impression from Mr. Keating that he expected certain actions from the senators because of contributions."

Grogan was undergoing more questioning Saturday by the panel in an unusual Saturday session. It marked the 18th day of public hearings into allegations the five senators improperly intervened with regulators on behalf of Keating's failing Lincoln Savings and Loan of Irvine, Calif.

The committee also is seeking to determine whether the senators' actions were tied to the contributions Keating provided or arranged for them.

Grogan testified in public for the first time Friday after receiving a grant of limited immunity from prosecution and undergoing two days of closed-door questioning by the panel.

Grogan, 36, once earned \$300,000 a year as a top executive of Keating's now-collapsed financial empire whose parent was American Continental Corp. of Phoenix.

Directly contradicting the sworn testimony of one of the five senators, Donald Riegle, D-Mich., Grogan said Riegle arranged a critical April 2, 1987 meeting between senators and the top federal S&L regulator, Edwin Gray.

Grogan also testified about instances where Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., and his chief fund raiser discussed political contributions or a campaign loan in the same conversations as substantive help for Keating.

And he said Keating conducted a first-ever fund-raising event for Riegle after the Michigan senator visited his Arizona facilities and suggested a meeting with the top regulator.

Along with Riegle and Cranston, the senators under scrutiny are Democrats John Glenn of Ohio and Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, and Republican John McCain of Arizona.

Grogan said Cranston agreed to call Gray's successor, M. Danny Wall, to arrange a meeting between the regulator and Keating in late 1987. He said Keating made the request after Grogan delivered \$250,000 in checks for a voter-registration drive Cranston supported.

On another occasion, he said, Cranston fund-raiser Joy Jacobson requested a \$300,000 line of credit from Lincoln in case Cranston's 1986 re-election cam-

aign needed it in its closing days. He said she made the request after Grogan had telephoned her expressing alarm about proposed legislation that would damage Lincoln.

Grogan said Jacobson prefaced the request by saying, "Now, I want to switch gears, and I want you to know this is totally unrelated." The line of credit was extended but never used.

Riegle, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, has told the panel "I did not arrange the meeting April 2." Riegle did not attend the session and denies he set it up.

"Is there any doubt in your

mind that Sen. Riegle arranged the meeting with the senators?" committee special counsel Robert S. Bennett asked Grogan.

"No sir," the witness replied. In a statement later Friday, Riegle's office said Grogan's testimony "shows no improper activity or ethical violation by Senator Riegle in the Lincoln matter." It said some of Grogan's statements were incorrect, adding, "This will be clear in the days ahead."

Gray has charged the senators improperly pressed him to waive a rule prohibiting risky investments on behalf of Keating.

EC approves aid for Soviet Union

ROME (AP) — European Community leaders Saturday wrapped up a key summit by approving \$2.4 billion in emergency aid for the Soviet Union and issuing a statement that brought Britain into the movement toward European union.

British Prime Minister John Major endorsed the final communique, which commits the 12 EC nations to work toward political union, including common foreign and defense policies, British officials said.

His signature ended — at least for now — Britain's 11½-year isolation over European union, aspects of which his predecessor Margaret Thatcher opposed.

But the communique left specifics for negotiators to work out, and the British officials said difference could surface later.

The final communique also included a strong statement demanding Iraq pull out of Kuwait.

"Complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait and the restoration of Kuwaiti sovereignty and of its legitimate government remain the absolute conditions for a peaceful solution of the crisis," the resolution said.

Responsibility for peace lies with the Iraqi government "by complying fully with the demands of the U.N. Security Council including complete withdrawal from Kuwait by Jan. 15," it said.

The date is the deadline the United Nations has given Iraq to pullout or face possible attack by a multinational force that includes European troops, planes and ships.

France and Italy had pressed for Iraq to be given specific assurances that it would not be attacked if it withdraws from Kuwait.

But the resolution was in line with a pre-summit call to the community by President Bush, who urged them not to weaken the anti-Iraq alliance following Iraq's release of foreign hostages.

Italian Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis said the community had no intention of holding talks with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz until after he meets with Bush.

The EC last week invited Aziz to Rome after his trip to Washington, but Aziz's U.S. visit, scheduled for Monday, has been put on hold while the United States and Iraq quarrel over the date of Secretary of State James



"THE LITTIEST CHRISTMAS TREE — North second, third and fourth graders presented "The Littlest Christmas Tree" on Dec. 12. Paula Howard directed the production. Fourth grade students in photo one are students of Stanley Cozart and Billie Adams. On the back row are Jason Fisk, Brandon Slaughter, Renee Trevino, Katy Cooper, B.J. Harber, Stephanie Bell, Naomi Martinez, and Ysidro Guerra. Third row: Eric Clifton, Angela Rios, Gabriel Castillo, Edmund Ruis, Janelle Arnold, Todd Leatherwood, Brice Odum, and Terri Shafer. Second row: Debra Radican, Jason Loper, Belinda Ozuna, Joslyn Jones, Veronica Williams, Josh Burney, Steven Burton, Ryan Martin, and Larry English. First row: Jon Nix, Shelly Gaddis, Marcus Torres, Bobbi Witte, Amanda Williams, Lindsey Stansell, Michael Childs, Marilla Flores, and Mario Gonzalez. Students in the second photo include Randy Green, Randi Reed, Justin Englert, R.J. Hernandez, Melissa French, Amanda Fisk, Trey Gib-

son, Lexie Lambert, Laura Renteria, Roman Martinez, and Zack Bilano. Third graders in photo three are students of Mary Hopkins, Judy Barkowsky, and Judy Moss. Students on the back row are Lance Beaver, Marsha Baker, Monique Beauchamp, Dee Newberry, Annette Perez, Ryan Hale, Stacey Christian, Mark Rangel, Jennifer Morin and Shannan Carr. Third row: Tony Saucedo, Jeffrey Laurens, Jacob Parra, Jason Clark, Jana Hines, Robin Holden, Rebecca West, Michele Dubois, and Roszette Burkhart. Second row: Jessie Guzman, Greg McAnaw, Kayla Kenney, Juliet Rios, Anthony Rogers, Adrienne Smith, Brandon Free, Emilee Blocker, Veronica Ozuna, and Joey Martinez. First row: Eric Chavez, Colby Stoker, Alicia Wittie, Matthew Collins, Jennifer Bell, Richard Cerda, Daniel Pesina, Tommie Sims, Shahala Massingill, Michael Grametbauer, Lionel Chavez, and Amanda Nobles. (SDN Staff Photos)

Dallas county commissioner charged

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors say they will seek the revocation of Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price's probation in the wake of his most recent confrontation with authorities.

Price was free on \$200 bond after police filed a misdemeanor count of criminal mischief against him Friday for allegedly damaging a van's windshield wiper.

It was business as usual for the controversial commissioner, who hosted his regular radio talk

show Friday night, occasionally commenting about his most recent scrape with the law.

During a banquet in his honor Friday, Price did not address his legal troubles but spoke instead of his commitment to racial parity in Dallas.

"I don't plan on dying by slipping and falling on ice. I don't even plan on dying from a heart attack. I plan to die for the liberation of our people," Price said.

Assistant District Attorney Ted Steinke said police were seeking

the commissioner's arrest as the first step in revoking Price's probation in an earlier case.

One of Price's aides was allowed to post bond for the commissioner Friday night, officials said.

"It has been accepted for prosecution, and the DA's office has

filed a motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt" on Price's probation, Steinke said.

If Price's probation is revoked, he could face up to a year in jail and \$2,000 in fines. Conviction on the criminal mischief charge could bring up to six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

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Own fin-1211 20th, 3905 Muriel, 3733 Rose Circle.
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Bush presses Saddam for early Baker meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday prodded Saddam Hussein to agree to talks on the Persian Gulf crisis by Jan. 3 and said he may ask Congress to authorize an attack against Iraq unless Saddam pulls out of Kuwait by Jan. 15.

Bush said he had offered Iraq a choice of 15 dates in the next three weeks for high-level talks. "He ought to take one of them," Bush said at a news conference.

For the first time, Bush said he was considering asking Congress for approval for a military strike against Iraq unless Saddam's army is withdrawn by the Jan. 15 deadline set by the United Nations.

Bush said, "I think it would send a very strong, clear signal to the world" if Congress endorsed his Persian Gulf policy or the U.N. resolution authorizing force against Iraq.

"I want a peaceful solution to this crisis but I will not be a party to circumventing or diluting the United Nations' deadline," Bush said.

As Bush turned up the heat on Iraq, Washington prepared a hero's welcome for Ambassador W. Nathaniel Howell, who led a four-month holdout of American diplomats at the besieged U.S. Embassy compound in Kuwait City.

The ambassador flew to Washington after an overnight stop in Frankfurt, Germany. U.S. insistence on manning the embassy — until all Americans who wanted to leave Kuwait were given that chance — had

recognize Iraq's claim of sovereignty over Kuwait.

Bush met with reporters on the South Lawn moments before boarding a helicopter to fly to Camp David for a weekend with his family.

Key legislators want state school to be investigated

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The Legislature should investigate allegations of sexual abuse and neglect at Lubbock State School and other institutions for the mentally ill and retarded, two key state senators say.

Lubbock State School has been in the public eye since a profoundly retarded woman was allegedly raped and impregnated while under the school's care.

"I'm not interested in stirring something up," said Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, who chairs the Senate Finance Committee. "I'm interested in finding out hard facts, factual data from which we can make decisions and recommendations as to appropriate courses of action."

Health and Human Services Committee chairman Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, told the Amarillo Globe-Times in Saturday's editions that an independent investigative unit is needed that "will go and find out the truth."

Montford and Brooks said an independent investigation of the abuse complaints probably will be launched after the Legislature returns for its regular session in January.

Lubbock State School resident Debra Lynn Thomas, 33, was raped last spring. Ms. Thomas, who is bound to a wheelchair, will remain in University Medical Center in Lubbock until she delivers the baby, which is due next month.

The woman's family believes

The White House indicated it was ready to pounce if Iraq and the United States failed to agree on a date for gulf talks. "It gives us a very strong propaganda point — that he's (Saddam) not

she was raped at the school, but state officials have said that she could have been sexually assaulted by a relative during a home visit. Lubbock police are investigating 11 suspects in the case, including Ms. Thomas' brother-in-law.

At least four other female residents at the school have given birth since the mid-1970s. Assistant Attorney General Dona Hamilton confirmed recently.

Philadelphia attorney David Ferleger, who represents retarded persons in a class action lawsuit alleging unconstitutional conditions at state schools, said state records show a continuing pattern of sexual abuse at the Lubbock institution.

Montford and Brooks said they have not yet decided how to investigate the abuse allegations. "I think we need an independent person or persons to make some inquiries on behalf of the Legislature and report back to our committee structure," Montford said.

Brooks said an independent investigative unit, either from the Department of Public Safety or the attorney general's office, might be used to conduct the probe. The unit would report to

Friday quiet for Snyder police

Snyder police investigated a felony theft and made four arrests in what was otherwise a quiet reporting period for the past 24 hours.

Ward Baze of L&L requested an officer at 9:49 a.m. Friday in reference to an undetermined amount of cash possibly missing from the business. A report for felony theft was filed.

Police were called to a disturbance at Scurry County Coliseum at 8:08 p.m. where a dance was in progress. A 15-year-old juvenile was taken into custody for public intoxication and later released into the custody of his parents.

At 12:30 a.m. Saturday in the 2600 block of Ave. E, a 41-year-old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated and transported to Scurry County Jail.

Two subjects were taken into custody at 1:39 a.m. in the 200 block of 23rd St. An 18-year-old male was arrested for DWI and his 24-year-old passenger was arrested for PI. Both were taken to the county jail.

willing to even consider discussions that might lead to a peaceful resolution," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Two weeks ago, Bush had said Secretary of State James A.

Baker could go to Baghdad anytime up to Jan. 15, but he acknowledged that he has backed away from that.

Iraq proposed that Aziz come to the United States next Monday and that Baker go to Baghdad on Jan. 12. But Bush said the date proposed by Baghdad wouldn't leave time for Iraqi forces to leave Kuwait by the deadline set by the U.N.

"That deadline is real," Bush said, adding that Iraqi forces must be "totally out, totally out" by then.

The administration says the

purpose of the prospective trip to Baghdad by Baker III is not to negotiate a settlement, but to issue a face-to-face demand that Saddam withdraw his troops.

The United States and Iraq have been wrangling over the timing of the talks ever since Bush proposed that Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz meet with him in Washington and that Baker meet in Baghdad with Saddam.

Two Republican senators — Richard Lugar of Indiana and John McCain of Arizona — met with Bush and said afterward that he was prepared to call off the meetings with Iraq because of the impasse over dates. However, Fitzwater disputed their account.

Goodfellows

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food must be purchased immediately prior to distribution with funds donated by businesses and individuals in the community.

"The Goodfellows also help us in purchasing shoes for students. This fund has been short of money for at least two years. We have students who come to school and their parents cannot or do not buy them shoes. The Goodfellows organization helps us and aids us in this way," Courtney said.

Donations of both nonperishable food items and money for Goodfellows may be made in person at West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank, American State Bank, Snyder Savings and Loan, Snyder Cablevision, Scurry County Museum or the chamber of commerce.

Money donations may be mailed to Snyder National Bank, P.O. Box 209, in care of Joe Jackson.

Any surplus funds collected that are not needed to purchase food are used throughout the year to buy shoes, coats, glasses and other necessities for needy school children.

"Goodfellows is very, very beneficial," said Courtney. "I would encourage each person to contribute all they can."

For questions concerning Goodfellows, contact Dana Cooley at 573-9371.

Henley tries to stop work around pond

BOSTON (AP) — Rock singer Don Henley said Massachusetts has promised nearly \$3 million to help stop development around Walden Pond, where Henry David Thoreau contemplated nature more than a century ago.

Henley, formerly a member of the Eagles and now known for solo hits such as "New York Minute," also said Friday that the Walden Woods Project has reached tentative agreement with one developer to buy 25 acres for \$2 million. The land will be preserved.

About 42 low- and moderate-income housing units that were to be built near the pond instead will be built on area land bought by the project.

The state would provide about \$420,000 in subsidies and \$2.5 million in mortgage loans for the project, officials said. Other money has been raised through direct donations and benefit concerts.

Walden Pond is a 62-acre body of water on a state reservation bordering Concord, a suburb west of Boston. Thoreau was a naturalist writer who lived there in isolation in the mid-1800s.

Births

Casey and Shana Blackard announce the arrival of their sister, Larissa Luann, born at 12:32 p.m. Dec. 10 in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces.

Parents are Lonnie and Susan Blackard.

Grandparents are Rodger and Doris Blackard, and Jesse and Joyce Tolbert, all of Snyder.

Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Boley Blackard and Mrs. Allena Lewis.

Steve and Mary Lee Wittie announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Gayle, born at 4:43 p.m. Dec. 6 in South Austin Medical Center and weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

Grandparents are Don and Gayle Wittie of Snyder, and Patrick and Blance Neary of Reston, Va. Great-grandmother is Ruby Wright of Snyder.

Tanner Bloom, Casey, Shana and Larissa Blackard announce the arrival of their cousin, Riley Benjamin Tolbert, born at 1:49 a.m. Dec. 10 in Methodist Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and one ounce.

He is the son of Diane Tolbert and grandson of Jesse and Joyce Tolbert.

Ira School Menu

MONDAY

Corndogs
French Fries
Pinto Beans
Raisins
Choice of Milk

TUESDAY

Oven Baked Chicken
Green Beans
Whipped Potatoes
Orange-Pineapple Jello
Rolls
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY

Sandwiches
Choice of Tuna, Spiced Ham & Peanut Butter
French Fries
Condiments
Fresh Apple
Choice of Milk
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Obituaries

Bessie Love

1917-1990
COLORADO CITY — Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon for Bessie Nolen Love, 73, who died Thursday in a Mansfield hospital. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

She was the mother of Gay Ritchey of Colorado City, formerly of Snyder.

Born in Parker County, Mrs. Love had lived in Colorado City since 1922 and she was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Ed Love of Colorado City; another daughter, Tina Williamson of Colorado City; three sons, Ronnie Love of San Angelo, T.C. Love of Lake Champion and C.L. Love of Fort Worth; two sisters, Nora Eisha and Blanche Nolen, both of Colorado City; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



FIVE YEARS SERVICE — These city employees were recognized for five years of service to the city last week during the annual employee awards banquet. Standing, from left, are Cheri Stewart, Patricia Warren, Ronald Gloyd, Walter Mitchell

and C.J. Jinks. Seated, from left, are Shannon Warner, Raymond Valadez Jr., Serapio Alvarado, Juan Becerra, and Howard Bigham. (SDN Staff Photo)

Petroleum prices

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

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Refined Products	
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	.7510 .7525
Gasoline uni prem RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.6870
6000	
Gasoline uni RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.6550 .6550
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.	
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.	
Petroleum - Crude Grades	
Saudi Arabian light \$ per bbl fob	25.85 25.00
North Sea Brent \$ per bbl fob	27.85 27.15
West Texas Intermed \$ per bbl fob	26.55 26.40
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	24.75 24.60
Alask No. Slope del. US West Coast	23.05 22.02



TEN YEARS SERVICE — These city employees were recognized for 10 years of service to the city during the annual awards banquet held last week at Western Texas College. In back, from left, are Ronald Clawson and Billy Stephens. In front, from left, are Janice Scrivner and Jean Hataway. Dennis Blum is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Union leaders not sure Martin is right choice

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's nomination of Rep. Lynn Martin to head the Labor Department is receiving a somewhat chilly reception from union leaders, who are troubled by what they see as her pro-business tilt.

In tapping Martin for his Cabinet on Friday, Bush picked a longtime supporter who lost her Illinois congressional seat last month in a bid for the Senate.

Bush called Martin, 51, a "distinguished public servant and cherished friend."

But AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland noted that during her 10 years in Congress, the Republican lawmaker has often sided with business rather than labor. According to the federation's scorecard, Martin voted "right" on workers' issues only 29 percent of the time.

"Her voting record has not

reflected a sensitivity to the needs of workers," Kirkland said.

John Sturdivant, president of the 700,000-member American Federation of Government Employees, said Martin's pro-business reputation "gives us some cause for concern." But he said he was hopeful she would continue the open-door policy toward union leaders initiated by

former Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole.

The National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers' union, praised the appointment of Martin, a former teacher, as did the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The choice of Martin to replace Mrs. Dole, who resigned to head the American Red Cross, will assure the continued presence of

at least one woman in Bush's Cabinet.

Another GOP congresswoman who was defeated in her effort to unseat a Democratic senator,

Patricia Saiki of Hawaii, is considered a front-runner for secretary of education. Louise Cavazos was forced to resign the post this week.



OPEN HOUSE — Home economics students at Snyder High School hosted an open house for school faculty, administrators, staff and students this week in the home economics living room. Stella Gutierrez is pictured serving punch to Supt. Dalton Moseley. (SDN Staff Photo)



10-YEAR AWARDS — Patsy Parmer, respiratory therapy technician II, and Bonnie Carroll, LVN, were recognized for their 10 years of service to Cogdell Memorial Hospital during the hospital's annual awards banquet Thursday night at the coliseum. Not pictured is Millie Costello, LVN. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Employee of the Month



Lori Pavlovsky has been a checker at IGA since January 1990. She is married to Donny Pavlovsky and has 2 daughters, Sara and Ashly. Lori graduated from Big Spring High School in 1982, and has an Associate's in Art from Howard College in 1984.

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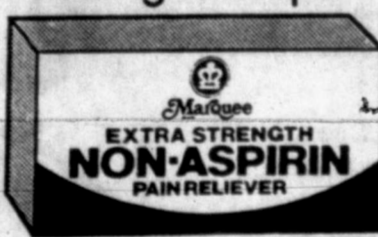
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

Mrs. Leroy (Alta Jo) Thrower would rather visit a library than shop.

Now, that really isn't as strange as it may sound because Jo Thrower, as she prefers to be called, is a genealogical sleuth who for the past eight years has painstakingly researched her family history.

It all started innocently enough in 1982 when she gave away a stray cat. The woman who came to her door to offer Tabby a new home turned out to be a genealogy buff. The two women started talking and before long Mrs. Thrower was hooked. She had always been interested in tracing her family roots but had never known how to begin.

After getting a few pointers from her cat-loving visitor, she was ready for her first trip to Scurry County Library, which has a lot of reference materials useful to anyone interested in genealogy. In addition, the library at Western Texas College also has a genealogy department which also has lots of resource material.

The next day, she started her genealogical research at the county library and as soon as she found what she thought was the name of her grandfather, Bluford Gardner, she called her mother for confirmation.

Mrs. Thrower, the youngest child of a youngest child, had heard her mother, Allie Gardner Jones (who turned 91 on Dec. 7) often speak of her (Jo's) grandfather, Bluford Gardner, who fought on the side of the Union during the Civil War.

She found the name listed with the 1860 census for Bowling Green, KY., but as the name was recorded slightly different than what her mother had told her, she needed her mother's verification before she could continue her research.

After some thought, her

mother verified the name. Mrs. Thrower went back to the library the next day and she has been researching family names ever since.

Through research she discovered the Civil War apparently divided some of her ancestors, as her grandfather's brother was a confederate soldier. Her grandfather and all his brothers had "ford" added to their first names by their parents. She later discovered that her great-grandparents had added "son" to the end of each child's name.

Though Mrs. Thrower has discovered many family names throughout years of genealogical research, one fact keeps eluding her. So far she has not discovered when her great-grandfather died.

For the past eight years, Mrs. Thrower's research has taken her to many of the libraries, courthouses and city halls — anywhere where records are kept — within 100 miles of Snyder. She has also written many query letters to institutions and private individuals, as well as relatives, seeking information about her ancestors.

Two books used extensively in her research are "The Handy Book" and "The Genealogical Helper," both published by Everton Publishers.

Another useful source of information is The Morman Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. It contains almost two billion names recorded on microfilm, tax rolls, marriage

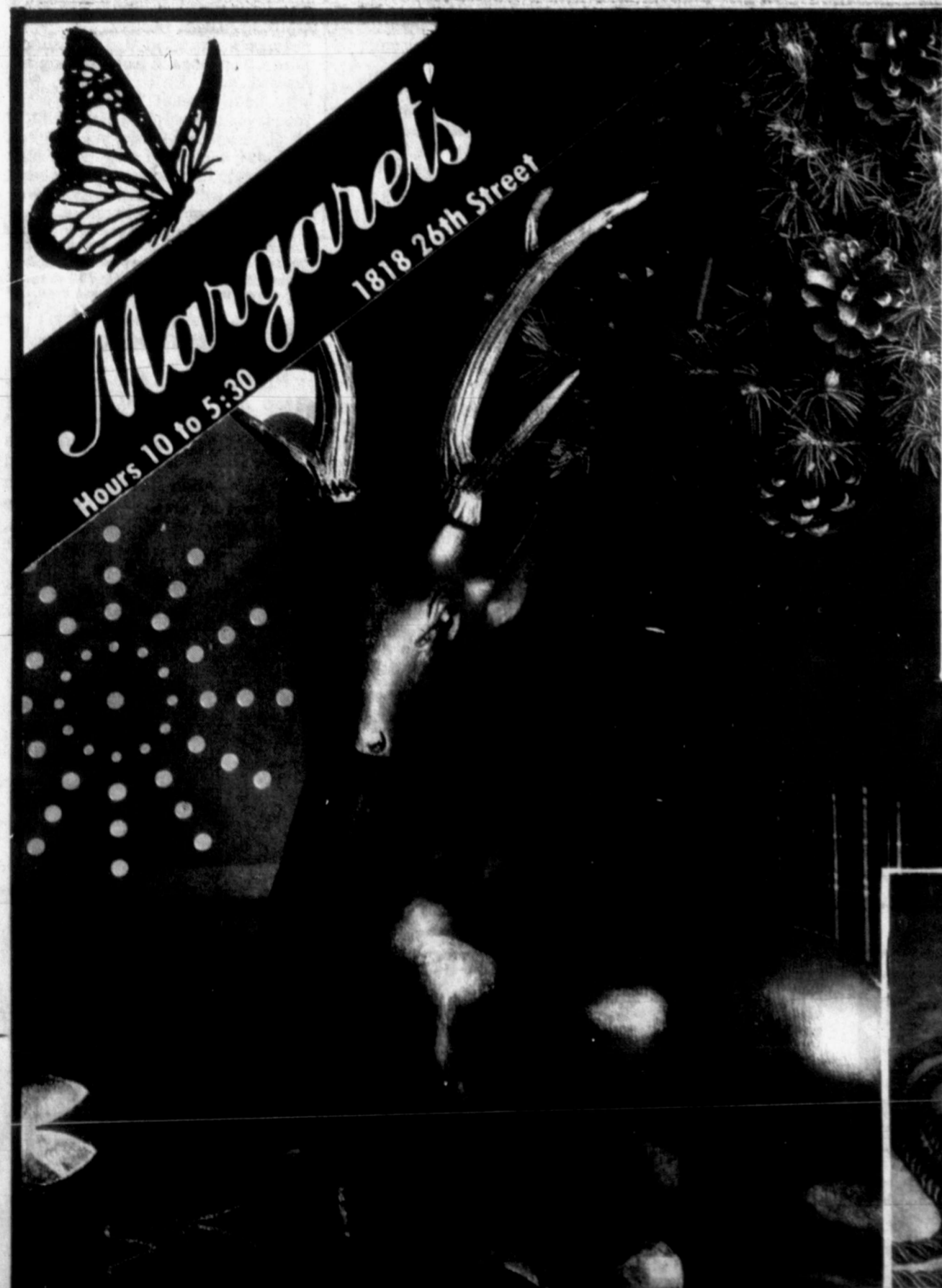
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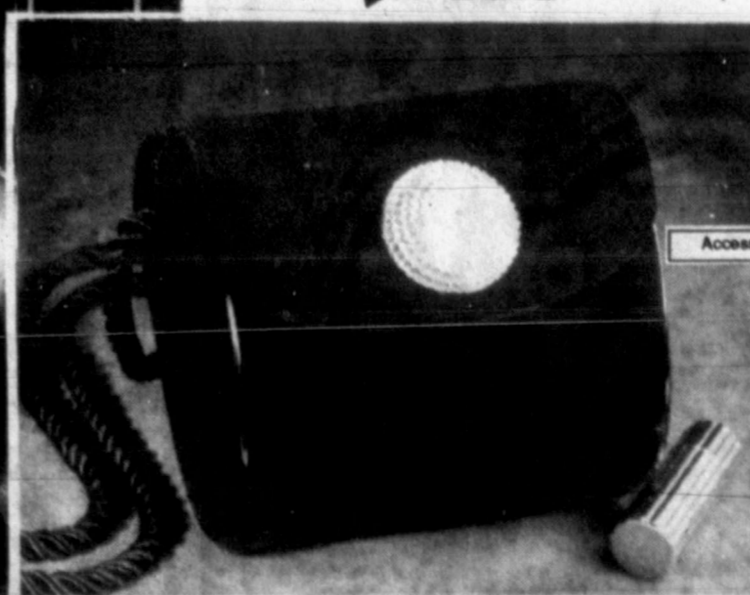
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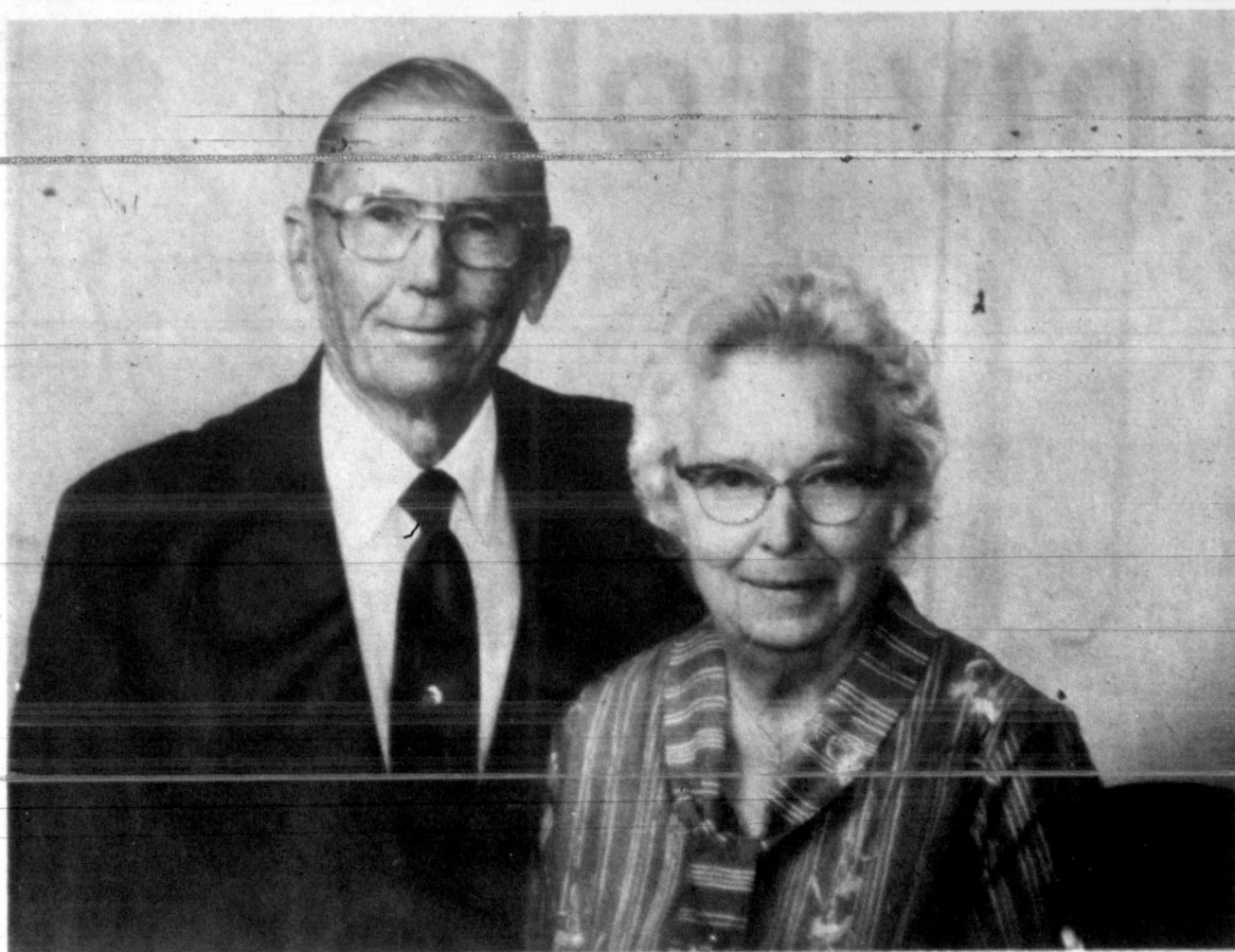
GENEALOGICAL SLEUTH — For the past eight years, Alta Jo Thrower has been researching her family lineage. She is pictured with some of the "treasures" she has discovered including a early-day family Bible, pictures and other documents such as wills and marriage licenses, and the book, "Our Climax Spring Heritage," written by a cousin who served during World War II. (SDN Staff Photo)



Deck the Halls



Evening Effects



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stirl
(Photo By Harley Bynum)

Couple's children to host anniversary celebration

The four children of Walter and Viola Stirl invite all their friends to a reception honoring their parents' 50th wedding anniversary 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Inadale Community Center. Their children are Mrs. John (Helen) Byrns of Garland, Mrs. Dennis (Shirley) Douglas of Burden, Kan., Ralph Stirl of Roscoe, and Wilma Stirl of Stanton.

born in Dewitt County and attended Nordheim schools. He came to the Inadale area to work in the cotton fields and met his wife at a house dance in November 1938. Since their marriage at Roscoe Lutheran Church, they have farmed and ranched three miles west of Inadale. The couple are long-time members of Grace Lutheran Church. They have six grandchildren. They ask friends to join them in the celebration, but no gifts please.

Mrs. Stirl was born in Scurry County and is a graduate of Pyron High School. Stirl was

News from the County Library

The library has over 60 different magazine titles from which to choose, located in the adult reading room. Several donated titles are also available, such as "Aramco World," "Free China Review," and "AARP Highlights."

Except for the current issue, any magazine may be checked out, and there is no limit on the number that may be taken at one time. Many of the older issues are also available on microfilm. "YM" and "Youth" are available in the Young Adult section.

The library also carries 12 children's magazines, such as "Pack-o-Fun," "Boy's Life," and "National Geographic World," which are located in the Children's Room.

FEATURE

"Almost Like a Song," by Ronnie Milsap — Ronnie Milsap's life is a classic rags-to-riches tale. Born blind and raised in abject poverty, he was reeducated by his mother. He was sent to a school for the blind where the students were beaten to instill discipline. But he was also taught music and how to play the piano. He began singing in the 1970's; by 1976, Milsap was headlining his own show. Today, he is one of the hottest country "crossover" singers in the nation, having won six Grammy awards.

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- BREAKFAST**
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Fruit
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Milk
- TUESDAY**
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk
- THURSDAY**
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk
- FRIDAY**
Holiday
- LUNCH**
MONDAY
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hot Puffs
Chilled Apricots
Milk
- TUESDAY**
Texas Hash
Buttered Spinach
Corn Bread
Raspberry Cobbler
Milk
- WEDNESDAY**
Turkey/Dressing/Giblet Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Candied Sweet Potatoes
Buttered Green Beans
Fruit Salad
Hot Rolls
Milk
- THURSDAY**
Chili
Cheese Sticks
Relish Cup
Crackers
Cherries/Whipped Topping
Milk

Community Calendar

- MONDAY**
AARP, Senior Center, 1 p.m.
American Cancer Society Board meeting, board room, Compton Hospital; all members urged to attend; 5 p.m.
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.
Alzheimer's Support Group; parlor of Trinity United Methodist Church; 7 p.m.
Stargazers Extension Homemakers; 7 p.m.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
VFW Post 8231 & Ladies Auxiliary; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.
Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.
- TUESDAY**
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira 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.
Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.
Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m.; For more information call 573-8885 or 573-9410.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.
Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.
- WEDNESDAY**
MAWC Luncheon and Game Day; (reservations by 5 p.m. Monday) clubhouse; 11:30 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.
Cosmorama; home of Ramona Reed; 4:15 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

Bridge By James Jacoby

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♠ J 10 9 8 3			
♣ 9 5 4 3			
SOUTH			
♦ J 10 4			
♥ A K Q 10 8			
♠ A 4			
♣ Q 8 2			
Vulnerable: Both Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
2 ♥	Dbl.	Redbl.	All pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	
Opening lead: ♦ K			

top hearts, leaving the jack outstanding.

You next lead the spade jack. West covers and you play dummy's ace, but East does not ruff. You play a low spade back to your 10, East again discarding. So you play a third spade to dummy's queen. Still no ruff from East. Now what? If you play a club, West will take the ace and lead a diamond to East's jack. East will cash the heart jack and switch to a diamond. You will ruff with your last heart but won't be able to score two club tricks. The same result occurs if you play a diamond.

Suppose, however, that you simply play a fourth spade from dummy and discard your little diamond. West wins, but now what? If he plays a diamond, you will ruff and play a club. If he plays another spade, you will ruff and play a club. In any event, East cannot gain the lead and cash his heart jack. You will be able to score your club queen and make 10 tricks.

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.

Double-dummy problem

By James Jacoby

Here is a par-contest deal. You are South, declarer in four hearts, and can see the East-West cards. You can't duck the opening lead, since West will give East a spade ruff, and East will play a club to West's ace for one more ruff. So you take the diamond ace and play a high heart. When West shows out, there is a second problem. If you try to get to dummy to pick up East's trump jack, the play will go as if you had ducked at trick one, with East getting two spade ruffs. So you cash three

Recipe booklet

NEW YORK (AP) — "Light, Lean and Low Fat" is a new recipe booklet from the USA Rice Council. The booklet contains recipes that are low in fat and virtually cholesterol-free. Each of the recipes, including Rice Primavera and Blueberry Crisp, can be prepared in 30 minutes or less. For a copy, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: USA Rice Council, Department LL, Box 740121, Houston, Texas 77274.

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records, immigration forms, land deeds, passenger lists, death certificates, military records and court documents.

Since the Morman library has almost 800 branch libraries located in the U.S., it isn't necessary to go to Salt Lake City. Instead, Mrs. Thrower spent a lot of time in the Big Spring branch library doing her research.

The first genealogical information she gleaned from her research concerned her great-grandparents' marriage which was recorded in Kentucky in 1831.

She has also determined that her older children are descendants of Queen Victoria of England's cousin.

Before Mrs. Thrower began her research she had never seen any pictures of her Jones grandparents. However, she now has their wedding picture, plus other pictures of them.

One of her goals is also to find what countries her ancestors came from, but so far that particular bit of information has eluded her.

However, she has researched most of her lineage to the late 1700s and one back to 1649. "I still have not found where they came from, but I have learned that I am of Scott, Dutch, Irish and English descent," she said.

During her research, Mrs. Thrower also discovered a distant cousin who had written a book about her third and fourth great-grandfathers. The cousin served as a major during World War II. Following the fall of Bataan on April 8, 1942, he helped the Filipinos and others by organizing the Guerrilla Resistance movement in the Philippines against the Japanese.

For some 34 months he led the forces in central Luzon. During that time he was listed as missing in action. Later, after the war, she said her cousin was honored for his deeds.

He also appeared on the TV show, "This Is Your Life" with Ralph Edwards serving as host. He also eventually wrote the book, "The Life and Times of Leonard Hall" which told the story of a 20-year battle between survivors of one of her ancestors who died leaving a large estate.

Perhaps the greatest genealogical find Mrs. Thrower has made to date would be copies of 26 letters written in longhand between the years 1850-1939.

She now has copies of all the letters, courtesy of a niece, Janie Honeycutt Norred of Oklahoma City, Okla. The niece discovered that Mrs. Thrower's cousin, Dorothy Beal McCoy, who lives in Choctaw, Okla., (near Oklahoma City) had them in her possession.

This past Thanksgiving holiday, Norred visited with Mrs. Thrower and her family and the two stayed up to the wee hours of the morning getting all of the family names transferred to computer discs.

Norred is also interested in genealogy but, at present, she is conducting taped interviews of her living relatives as well as making copies of their old pictures.

One of the letters, written by

John H. Cuzzins, speaks unfavorably of the "Californy" (California) Gold Rush. Cuzzins was born in New Jersey and married in Illinois. Later he went to Placerville, Calif. in order to try his luck in the newly discovered gold fields. Letters to his wife contained depressing tales of the "hard life of the miners" with sometimes as many as 15-20 deaths in a given day. He reported seeing a man hung one day.

Placerville then had a population of about 10,000 people. Wages barely came to \$5 a day and living expenses took about \$3 a day.

history (her maiden name) she ran into a dead end until she discovered that someone else had done extensive research in that area. However, she spent four years trying to find what he had done with the information. Eventually, she learned that he had given all of his research to the Morman library in Salt Lake City — some 26 rolls of microfilm.

Facts gleaned through her research (The Life and Times of Leonard Hall) include a sixth great-grandfather who had been one of the first colonists to settle in America and had received a land grant in Maryland from

anyway in care of Gilmer, which was close to Latch, where she had been told she lived.

A few days later, she received a call from the woman's sister. Her cousin lived in Gilmer after all and though the last name was wrong, the Gilmer Postal employees delivered the letter to the right "Artie Bell" anyway.

"Generally, things want to be found out," Mrs. Thrower said. "And the more I find out the more I want to find out."

Other facts gleaned from her research include her grandfather, Bluford Gardner, who had to saw off a man's leg during the Civil War because gangrene had set in. Lacking anything but the most primitive medical tools and supplies, the man was first given a lot of liquor to drink before his leg was amputated.

Gardner also received 160 acres in a 1901 Oklahoma land lottery and he moved to Oklahoma from Kansas in a covered wagon. Their first home in the new land was a dugout.

Other facts include John T. Cuzzins and Bluford Gardner fighting in some of the same Civil War battles years before Gardner would marry Cuzzins' sister.

Mrs. Thrower has also discovered that someone in her family lineage has fought in every war she has researched. She now has two nephews in Saudi Arabia.

She has also discovered that Harold Vogel, her grandmother's first cousin, once removed, has written a book, "Our Climax Spring (MO.) Heritage," which she discovered through the Morman library.

She is now seeking military records from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. In addition, she is getting papers together so that she can join the Daughters of Union Veterans (which requires a direct line to a Union soldier).

Mrs. Thrower also has copies

of various land grants and wills written in the 1800s. This past August she visited in Oklahoma where she saw a chest and a wash stand which John T. Cuzzins had made over 100 years ago.

Mrs. Thrower has also done some research on her husband's family. His grandfather on his mother's side was a Confederate soldier during the Civil War. She has his military records which she ordered from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Her research in this area though is complicated by the fact that her mother-in-law's maiden name is also Jones.

Other research revealed that her husband's third grandfather came to Poinsett, Ark. from Virginia and that he helped to build the first post office there out of logs. In addition, he served as the 1850 Census taker for Poinsett.

When Mrs. Thrower first began her genealogical work, she said she was consumed by it "twelve hours a day." The research continues to fascinate her even though she doesn't always have as much time to spend on it as she

would like. So far, she is really the only one in her immediate family who is really interested in genealogy. She does, however, receive support from her husband, who is tolerant of the time the research takes.

She has even taken to going by her given name, Alta, even though she doesn't like it, because she doesn't want to confuse any future genealogists who might research their lineage some day. "Jo" is the name she picked for herself several years ago.

Mrs. Thrower and her husband, Leroy, have lived in Snyder since 1966. They own M&M Electronics. They have one son, Bryan. Mrs. Thrower also has three children from a previous marriage, including Wally Holmesly and Shana Holmesly Randolph, both of Snyder, and Kevin Holmesly of Arlington.

Genealogy Society helps sleuths trace their roots

Alta Jo Thrower helped to organize the present Scurry County Genealogical Society which provides invaluable knowledge and support for anyone wishing to research their family lineage. She has served as the treasurer of the organization since 1988.

The genealogical group meets on the last Tuesday of each month, but due to the Christmas holiday, no December meeting is held. Since the meeting site usually rotates between the members homes, an announcement prior to the meeting is announced through the local media.

Members pay yearly dues of \$10 each and receive the biannual "White Buffalo Tales" newsletter which is published by the organization.

The Genealogical Society periodically donates genealogical materials (such as books and rolls of microfilm) to the Western Texas College Library.

Mrs. Thrower said the Genealogical Society is a fun way for family history buffs to exchange information and to share the fun and enjoyment at what is today considered the second fastest growing hobby in the world.

Cuzzins was very much against anyone coming to the gold fields. According to his letter, he intended to return home to his wife after two years.

Cuzzins' son, John T., fought in the Civil War and father and son lost track of each other for a while after the war ended.

Mrs. Thrower has enjoyed assimilating all family history contained in these letters. Those letters, plus stories her mother told her, have provided Mrs. Thrower with knowledge of the Cuzzins' side of her lineage which she had never known before.

Her mother told her about the great locust plague which struck Kansas in 1874, wiping out all of the crops. Cuzzins had no choice but to board out his four remaining daughters who still lived at home while he went out-of-state to look for work. He stipulated that he wanted his daughters to go to school but he had little success as none of the girls were allowed to spend much time in school.

In later years, Cuzzins taught Valariah, one of his daughters, to write before she got married. While Mrs. Thrower was researching the Jones family

Lord Baltimore. A fourth great-grandfather received land in Kentucky from Patrick Henry for services rendered during the French and Indian War. His sons helped Daniel Boone with land surveys and lived within about three miles of the now famous frontiersman.

This fourth great-grandfather was also the one whose death plunged his survivors into a 20-year battle over his wealth and property.

Mrs. Thrower's research has also led her to relatives in Spur which she never knew she had. She also met an 82-year-old cousin from California several years ago when he decided to drive to Snyder to meet the cousin he had never seen before either.

She took him to Spur, where he visited with cousins he had not seen for 71 years.

Mrs. Thrower of another cousin living in East Texas whom she had never met. But he gave her the wrong last name and the town he said she lived in was not listed in the Postal Service's Zip Code Book. Undaunted, Mrs. Thrower mailed a letter to her cousin



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Ideas for gifts

NEW YORK (AP) — The following ideas for holiday gift-giving and entertaining are provided by the California Table

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— For gift-giving, fill a basket with bunches of different grape varieties and top the basket with a bow.

— Hang a bunch of grapes instead of mistletoe.

— Drop frozen, de-stemmed grapes into a bowl of holiday punch. The grapes will add interest and color and won't dilute your holiday beverage.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CHAMBERS
(Family Photo)



PLAN WEDDING — Mary Jimm Huckabee and Jay Martin announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. They have planned their nuptials for Dec. 22. (Family Photo)

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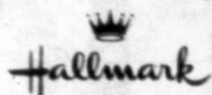


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**Chambers to note
50th anniversary**

A reception is planned 2-4 p.m. Dec. 23 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, Colorado City, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chambers on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Robert Chambers and Helen Andress were married Dec. 27, 1940, in Sweetwater. Chambers was born in Malvern, Ark., to James David and Eula Chambers. Helen was born in Rotan to M.L. and Clemey Andress.

Chambers is retired from T.U. Electric and Mrs. Chambers worked with the Colorado Independent School District and First Baptist Church. They are former residents of Colorado City and now live in Ruidoso, N.M., and attend the First Baptist Church there.

The reception will be hosted by their family, Clemey Andress and Joann Jameson, both of Ruidoso; David and Anne Chambers of Jal, N.M.; Charles and Elynn Crenshaw of Grapevine; Richard and Linda Chambers, Allen and Brenda Smith, and Randy and Connie Chambers, all of Colorado City.

Also assisting will be the couple's 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives have been invited to attend the celebration.

Cook with mustard

NEW YORK (AP) — "The French's Family Meal Times" is a quarterly newsletter from the makers of French's Yellow Mustard. It includes recipes, tips and product information. For a free subscription, send a postcard with your name, address and zip code to: "The French's Family Meal Times," Box 523, Gibbstown, N.J. 08027-9918.



MARRIED 50 YEARS — Mr. and Mrs. Waylon Gladson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23 at Willow Park Inn. Hosting the event will be their children, Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes of Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gladson of Rockford, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. John Nix of Highland Park Village, Tex. Co-hosting will be their six grandchildren. Gladson and the former Laurence Bransom were married Dec. 23, 1940, in Snyder. He is retired from The Western Company after 35 years service. They have three great-grandsons. The Gladsons are members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The couple asks no gifts please. (Photo By Harley Bynum)

Recipe Box

NEW YORK (AP) — Cookie baking is a holiday tradition. The fragrance of spicy cookies, still hot from the oven, creates a cozy, inviting warmth that has given joy to generations.

Whether for gift-giving or for Santa's midnight snack, the following recipes will fill your house with the satisfying smells of Christmas.

FRUIT BURST COOKIES
1 cup margarine or butter
¼ cup sugar
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 cups flour

½ teaspoon salt
1 cup finely chopped nuts
Spreadable fruit (any flavor)
Cream margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Blend in almond extract. Combine flour and salt; add to mixture and mix well. Shape level tablespoons of dough into balls; roll in nuts. Place on ungreased cookie sheet; flatten slightly. Indent centers; fill with spreadable fruit. Bake in a 400-degree F oven for 10 to 12 minutes or just until lightly browned. Makes 2½ dozen cookies.

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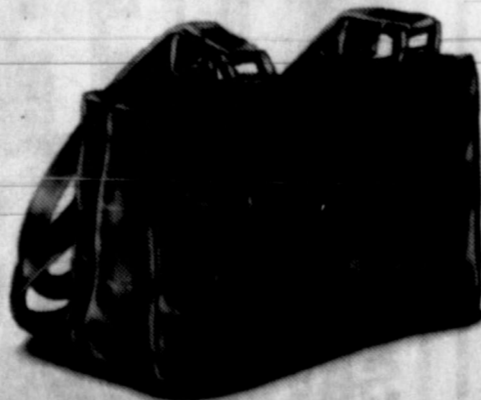
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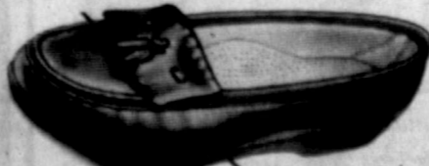
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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER GRADS - Members of Class 10 received their certification Thursday night as graduates of the Western Texas College correctional officer training program. Front row, from left, are Vicky Lynn Granados, Sheila Ann

Daniels and Sidney Carleta Loyd. Back row, from left, are Sebastain David Rivera, Felix Fernandez Jr. and Marcus Flores. Not pictured was Ethan Wayne Wilemon. (SDN Staff Photo)



GRADUATES - Certification as correctional officers was awarded to members of class 11A during graduation ceremonies held Thursday night at Western Texas College. Front row, from left, include Wilson Adams Glass, Belinda B. Fuentez and Randall Wayne Dunlap. Second row, from left, are Albert John Dickens, Clarence Timothy Counts, James Ray Boon and Ronnie Lynn

Hodges. Back row, from left, are Bobby Scott Jr., John Russell Stewart, Leonard E. Browning Jr. and Jeffrey Wayne Stueart. Not pictured are Mary Frances Drennan, Santos Juan Garcia, Thomas Roy Jones, Jerry Wayne Macek, Ronald Edward Pickens, Ronnie Dean Reed, Iris Kay Reeves, Randy Wayne Rickel, Karl Duane Rohde and Charles David Wright. (SDN Staff Photo)

Goody boxes for troops will be made by Texas company

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Texas company will boost its work force by at least 200 people in the economically strapped Rio Grande Valley under a \$36 million contract to produce thousands of goody bags for U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf.

Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, announced Thursday that Right Away Foods Corp. in McAllen had won the contract from the Defense Logistics Agency. The company's president, Bill Barth, refused to comment on the contract, saying "we don't talk to the press."

Barth cited national security reasons for his refusal to discuss the contract and even the number of people employed at the firm. He said the government would know what was confidential and what was not.

According to Bentsen's office, RAFCO will produce 216,000 sundries cases containing 30 dif-

ferent items such as razor blades, shaving cream, pens and writing tablets, boot laces and sunglasses. Each box contains enough supplies for about 100 people, roughly the size of a company.

"This contract will mean as many as 250 new jobs for the people of South Texas and that's good news for an area that frequently reports some of the highest unemployment levels in the state," Bentsen said.

Barth told Bentsen's office that the company expects to add 200 to 250 jobs to its work force of 400 employees. The company is already one of the largest employers in McAllen, Bentsen's office said. The RAFCO plant in McAllen has 150,000 square feet of operating space and will have to lease additional space under the new contract.

The contract is RAFCO's third to produce sundries cases for the

military. One of the largest companies in the country producing MREs, or meals ready to eat, RAFCO won its first contract to produce 65,000 sundries cases in August, Bentsen's office said.

RAFCO expects to continue to get similar contracts throughout the duration of Operation Desert Shield, Bentsen's office said.

The \$36 million contract "enhances RAFCO's position as one of the biggest employers in McAllen, with a total of up to 650 workers. That's just the kind of economic development the Rio Grande Valley needs, the kind that helps raise the standard of living for people on that border," Bentsen said.

RAFCO has the capacity to produce up to 40,000 cases of 12 meals a day, Bentsen's office said.

German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche died in 1900.

Bakker liable for \$129 million

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Jim Bakker was found liable by a jury Friday for more than \$129 million in damages in a lawsuit filed by former PTL ministry contributors. His fellow defendants were found to be not at fault.

The federal jury deliberated for close to 28 hours over five days before reaching its decision.

The lawsuit's other defendants - Big 8 accounting firm Deloitte, Haskins & Sells; David Taggart, Bakker's former personal aide; and Aimee Cortese, a minister from New York who served on PTL's board of directors - were not liable, the jury ruled.

The civil suit, which totaled \$757 million when it was filed in 1987, alleged Bakker conspired with other PTL officials and accountants to set up secret bank accounts to give Bakker; his wife, Tammy; and other ministry leaders huge bonuses.

Plaintiffs in the class-action suit were some 145,000 PTL lifetime partners, or major contributors who were told their donations would buy them lifetime time-share rights at Bakker's Heritage USA religious

theme park.

The jury said Bakker should pay \$129,618,000 in actual damages and \$129,618 in punitive damages. The jury said Bakker, who earns 12 cents an hour working at a prison hospital, would be required to pay punitive damages because he committed common law fraud.

Bakker resigned from his Fort Mill, S.C., ministry in 1987, amid

a sex and money scandal involving Jessica Hahn, a former New York church secretary.

He was found guilty on 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy. He was sentenced to 45 years in prison and fined \$500,000.

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Gasoline a bargain in McAllen

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Gasoline prices in McAllen must be causing a few double-takes for newly arrived visitors to the South Texas city.

The fuel costs about 25 cents less per gallon in McAllen than motorists pay just about everywhere else in the state. Thursday in McAllen, many stations sold regular unleaded for about \$1.11 per gallon. Some sta-

tions posted prices as low as \$1.08 and nine-tenths cent per gallon.

But a company many consider responsible for the low prices says there's no "gas war" in McAllen.

Othal Brand Jr. said the gasoline station his company manages simply passes wholesale price drops to consumers.

"Whatever I'm buying it for,

I'm marking it up the same as I was a month ago," Brand said.

He said Thursday his gasoline suppliers were selling gasoline for 22 cents less per gallon than they were a month ago.

A produce company run by his father, McAllen Mayor Othal Brand Sr., manages the United Farmers Co-Op gasoline pumps on North 23rd Street in McAllen. For about two years, the cooperative station has sold its gasoline to the public at a lower profit margin than most stations.

Other gas stations in the city of about 90,000 have had to keep their prices low to stay competitive. Prices lately really have dropped. The Co-Op station Thursday was selling regular unleaded for \$1.08 and nine-tenths per gallon.

"If I can keep my same margin, they can drop the price," said the younger Brand, who is executive vice president with the family's produce company, Griffin and Brand of McAllen Inc.

Prices in McAllen are about where they were when Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2. Crude oil and gasoline prices shot upward after the invasion in that oil-rich part of the world.

Recent declines in crude prices generally have not shown up so fast at the gas pumps in this country. McAllen's dropping gasoline prices are an exception.

The prevailing price for regular unleaded statewide Thursday was about \$1.34 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association.

Concern over public alarm delays report

by The Associated Press

White House fears of unduly alarming the public have delayed until next week the release of an Environmental Protection Agency report linking electromagnetic fields to leukemia and brain cancer in children, the EPA says.

The report, which was to have been released last month, suggests, but does not prove, that electromagnetic fields can cause cancer, EPA officials said Thursday.

D. Allan Bromley, a White House science adviser, and James O. Mason, assistant secretary of health and human services, told EPA officials they were concerned the public would misinterpret the report's conclusions.

"They were concerned not about the accuracy of the report," said Robert McGaughey, who supervised the report's preparation. "They were concerned about how people would react to the news. There is a concern that people will take too seriously the suggestions that

there may be some connection with cancer."

Neither Bromley nor Mason were available for interviews Thursday, their offices said.

Some EPA scientists were angry about the delay, said David Bayliss, one of the report's authors. It initially was scheduled for release Nov. 27, he said.

"What is the use of having an Environmental Protection Agency if you're going to withhold information from the public?" Bayliss said. "I thought the EPA was for letting people know about health problems, or possible health problems."

The report looked at all kinds of electromagnetic fields, from those produced by high-power electrical transmission lines to those produced by household appliances.

Virtually everyone is exposed to such fields every day.

Epidemiological, or statistical, studies have linked residential exposures to childhood cancer, and studies have linked occupational exposures to cancer in adults, said David Savitz of the

University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, the author of one of the most important of those studies.

Laboratory experiments have suggested that living cells can respond to electromagnetic fields. And researchers have hypotheses as to why the fields might cause cancer, Savitz said.

"There are credible scientific suggestions of adverse health effects from these exposures, but the overall body of evidence is not conclusive," he said.

The EPA report is a review of all existing studies on electromagnetic fields and cancer. A draft prepared last summer concluded that the studies "show a consistent pattern of response which suggests, but does not prove, a causal link" between household power distribution systems and certain cancers in children.

The draft has been revised once, but "our current conclusions are very similar," McGaughey said.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations
Automotive Rentals Inc., 1991 Ford from McLarty Ford Inc. of Maple Shade, N.J.

Roy T. Cozart, 1991 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Albert L. and Retha Canon, 1991 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

C.H. Ater, 1991 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Jim and Nancy Wood, 1991 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Leonard and Martha Broach, 1991 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

M.H. Roe, 1991 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Bubba Dennis, 1991 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Barbara Lyons, 1991 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Bill Wilson Leasing Corp., 1991 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses
Ray Linn Darden and Leana Sue Rudy, both of Snyder.

James Felton Wallace Jr. and Rachela Rodriguez, both of Snyder.

Bernardo Alarcon and Alfonsina Benitez Gudarrama, both of Snyder.

Thomas Franklin Rowe and Cindy Lynn Brown, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Ray Herring, vs., Permian Operating Limited Partnership and Permian Corp., suit for damages.

Action in District Court
Bernarda Rodriguez, vs., Joe Digby and Smithee Inc. dba Brooks Oil Well Service, judgment for defendant.

Warranty Deeds
Harold Lee Miller, et ux, to Charles E. Beil, all Lot 11, Block 2 of the Cedar Creek addition.

Don Marshall Taylor, et ux, to Charles E. Beil, all Lot 8, Block 1 of Highland Terrace addition.

Catholic Diocese of Kansas City to John H. Ratterman Trust, Tract One: the southwest one-quarter of Section 115, Block 97 of Texas Central Railway Survey; Tract Two: the south 84 acres of southeast one-quarter of Section 114, Block 97 of Texas Central Railway Survey.

Joe W. Vincent, et ux, to Myron Fenton, all of Lot 7, Block 17 of Chambers addition; all the north 75 feet of the west 90 feet of Lot 3, Block 39, of the Blakenship addition; all the west 100 feet of the south one-half of Lot 3, Block 39 of Blakenship addition.

George C. Vincent to Myron Fenton, Lots 13 and 14, Block 20 of Wilmeth addition; all north 40 feet of Lots 11 and 12, Block 24 of Wilmeth addition; the north 75 feet of Lots 1 and 2 of Wilmeth addition; the south 50 feet of Lot 2, Block 22 of Lundy Park addition;

the north 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 22 of Lundy Park addition; the south 75 feet of Lot 1, Block 8 of Lundy Park addition; all Lot 8, Block 43 of Wilmeth addition.

Randy C. Tolman, et ux, to Ivan Tim Lancaster, et ux, all of Lot 9, Block 2 of Cedar Creek addition.

Thomas R. Hochwalt, et ux, to Harold E. Robbins, et ux, all of Lot 8, Block 2 of Cedar Creek addition.

Teen to stand trial as adult

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old girl accused of fatally stabbing a classmate at Jesse H. Jones High School because of a remark he made about her clothes will stand trial as an adult.


State District Judge Eric Andell on Thursday ruled that the case against Christie Marie Jones, who will be 17 at the end of the month, will be transferred from juvenile court to state district court.

Anthony Johnson, 17, was pronounced dead on arrival at Ben Taub Hospital on Sept. 21 after he was stabbed once in the back. Police said Johnson made a teasing comment about the leather shorts Miss Jones was wearing and the two began a brawl. Police say Miss Jones stabbed Johnson with a hunting knife she had brought to school.

Students and teachers testified during three days of hearings that students at Jones High are arming themselves for protection in a school overrun by thugs and gangs.

Those who testified said Johnson was among about 20 members of the Wesley Square Posse, a group that carried weapons on weekends because of their propensity for fighting.

Miss Jones' attorney, George Parnham, said he was not surprised by the judge's ruling and will seek probation for Miss Jones.



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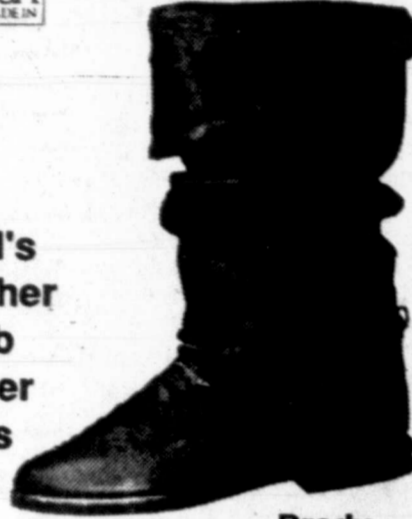
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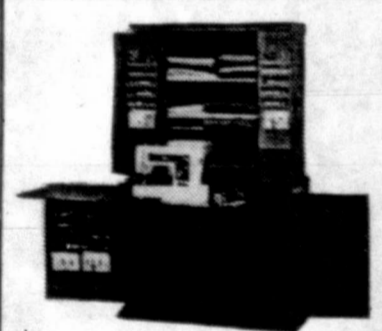
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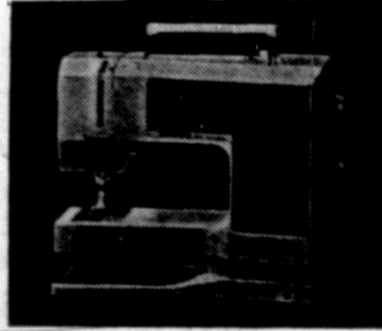
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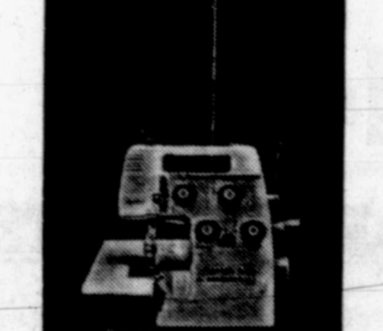




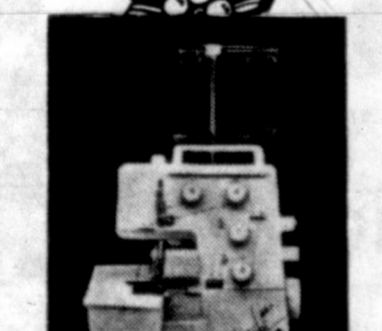
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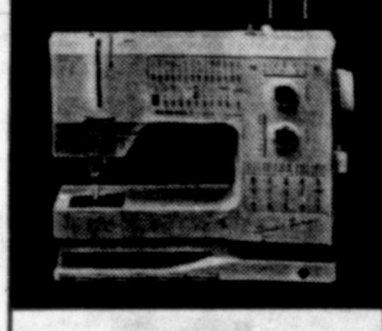
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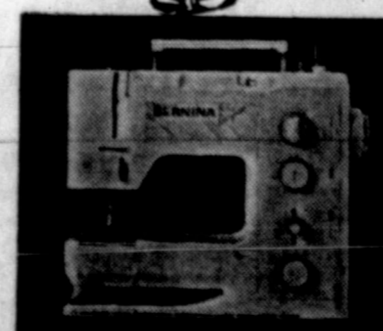
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Paradigm causes Republicans lots of angst

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is an inside-the-beltway debate, conducted in words most people don't use, with a predictable outcome but no lack of noise. In Republican arguments about "the new paradigm," the G is the only thing that's silent.

Beneath those conservative buzzwords, Republicans in and out of the administration have been arguing about proposals for President Bush's Jan. 29 State of the Union message.

"There's a lot of phrases going around, phrases like 'empowerment' and 'new paradigm,'" said John H. Sununu, the White House chief of staff. "The fact is that they all come down to that fun-

damental approach of not having... an overly centralized process."

In other words, cutting through the bureaucracy to give individuals and institutions more power to make their own decisions, instead of relying on management by government. That's a basic Republican theme, and a guaranteed feature of the 1991 Bush program.

The president says that centralized bureaucracy isn't working for the people who need government help.

Sununu said Bush would propose measures to allow individual citizens, institutions, state and local governments "to

contribute to the process again by unshackling them as much as possible..."

A paradigm is an example or a pattern. Conservatives who favor the new one want to remodel government using incentives and self help. The goal is to give people the power to improve their own lot by, for example, becoming tenant owners in what are now rented public housing projects.

Government-financed education vouchers would empower the poor to send their children to private schools if they chose.

There would be tax and other government incentives for businesses that opened opera-

tions in depressed city areas, designated as urban enterprise zones. Republicans, notably Jack Kemp, the secretary of housing and urban development, have been pushing that idea for years.

Kemp has been chairman of an economic empowerment task force putting together proposals for Bush.

James P. Pinkerton, a White House policy aide, assembled "the new paradigm" concept around proposals like those. The package may be newer than most of its components.

Nevertheless, it has been provoking arguments for a month, since budget director Richard G. Darman sarcastically questioned whether the ideas were new or workable.

His boss seemed to think they were. "What we're talking about here in this conservative

philosophy is unlimited opportunity — a vision to protect the family, empower the poor and reward creativity," Bush said in a speech to conservative leaders last April 26. "This new paradigm can fulfill it."

But Darman stirred up the argument with a Nov. 16 speech calling the label a bit pretentious and questioning whether the ideas behind it would work on the most difficult cases government confronts.

"At the same time, in the real world, others might simply dismiss it by picking up the refrain, 'Hey, brother, can you paradigm?'" he punned. That play on the words of the song "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?" didn't go down well with conservatives, who already were angry with Darman over the tax increases the administration ac-

cepted in the budget deal he helped negotiate.

Darman also said that "many of the ideas now returning as the new paradigm — vouchers, decentralization, empowerment — were themselves fashionable in the power-to-the-people '60s," as part of the Democrats' war on poverty. Republicans advanced similar proposals, reshaped into programs designed to shift power away from Washington, to lower levels of government, closer to the people.

Darman said such ideas never have been seriously tested or evaluated, and should be. He put the emphasis on management, and said programs should be judged, and financed, on the basis of performance, not facts.

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CHRISTMAS AT OK CORRAL — Debra McNair's fourth graders at Stanfield presented "Christmas at the OK Corral" last week. Students pictured include, from left, back row: Dannyell Jacomine, Brady Johnson, Erica Vasquez, Jacob Smith, Amanda Hicks, Elizabeth Beckham and Calli Pierce. Middle row: Britney Canada, Amanda Gentry, Nicky Jones, Blake Bell, Jacob Hodges and Dusty Ashby. Front row: Darcee Purcell, Joni Williams, Laurie Kerley and Stoni Riggan. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

A guy stopped by the other day, said he'd seen my column about tumbleweed huntin' and wanted some information.

Specifically, he was intrigued about how to entice tumbleweeds out into the open by making sounds like a barbed wire fence. Obviously, he said, it's a great tactic because usually when you see a herd of tumbleweeds, they're congregated around a barbed wire fence.

That's pretty common knowledge.

Well, I told him that while I've caught a few tumbleweeds that way, I'm not really expert enough to teach someone else. I got what little basic training I have from my Uncle Elber — you all know Uncle Elber — and so I told this man I'd give Elber a call.

Elber, being the good sport he is, was happy to pass along a few pointers.

So, what I have here for you is Elber's advice on calling a tumbleweed in the wild, but I should caution everyone that hunting season doesn't begin until Feb. 15. So please, if you want to try this, practice all you want, but don't actually do the hunting until then.

Anyway, here is Elber's advice:

"It's the hummin' of the wire in the wind that's the key but you have to take into account the optionals," he said. "Now first, you got to spend time listenin' to the sound the wind makes when it sails across the wire. It's got a speakier sound than the wind movin' past a high line. And you have to be careful, 'cause if that tumbleweed thinks there's an electrical line around, he'll take off the other direction."

Okay, I said, what are the "optionals?"

"It's the creaks the posts make, the rustle of the paper beatin' again' the wire and that strange kinda' THA-WHITTY WHITTY WHITTY sound a sissortail makes when he takes off that really perks a tumbleweed's ears up," Elber revealed.

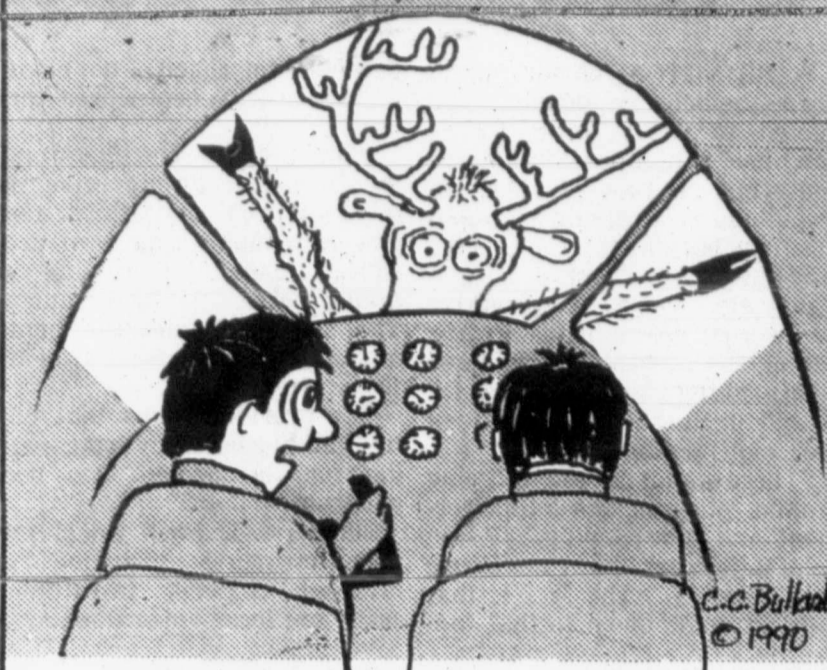
"The main thing is to study the land. If you make sounds like a

cedar post when there ain't none around, the tumbleweed'll be wise to ya. One trick is to make sounds like an old pickup truck movin' down a dirt road. Them tumbleweeds figure if there's a road nearby, well, there's sure to be a fence runnin' along it.

"But don't make no train sounds. Tumbleweeds are deathly afraid of trains. Fires, 'ya know," Elber cautioned. "Poachers use train sounds a lot. To keep from gettin' caught poaching tumbleweeds off a fence, they'll get behind a hill somewhere's and wait 'til dusk. Then, when the tumbleweed can't see too good, that poacher will make train sounds to chase 'em off the fence and away from the main road."

In a future feature, Crazy Joe Hettermeyer has promised to reveal his technique of rolling into a ball and moving among a herd of tumbleweeds without being detected.

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Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

FIVE YEARS AGO

Don Newbury, president of Western Texas College since April, 1981, has accepted a similar post at Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Officers of Future Homemakers of America for 1986 were installed in a candlelight ceremony. They are Roxanna Romero, president; Celia Zamarripa, vice president; Goldie Kirkpatrick,

secretary; and Sonia Robinson, historian.

TEN YEARS AGO

Norman Fulks presented a plaque of appreciation to Ida Mae King for her work with Scurry County Association for Retarded Citizens at their annual banquet.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Grant Teaff, head football coach at Baylor University, will be at Snyder Book Store to autograph copies of his book "I Believe." Teaff, a Snyder High School graduate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Teaff

of Snyder.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Six new directors for Snyder Chamber of Commerce were elected. They are J.L. Browning, Browning Realty; Jack Cummins, Dairy Queen; Bill Gilliland, Southwestern Bell; Jimmy McFarland, Sherwin Williams store; Paul Sizemore, Arrow Const. Co.; and Loren Sullivan, J.C. Penney Co.

The Dr. Robert Hargrove residence won first place in the annual in the Christmas

outdoor lighting contest sponsored by the Snyder Jaycees.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

John Best of Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Best, has been elected president of his pre-med society at Texas Tech University.

Dr. Gaylan Jane Collier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collier of Fluvanna, will have her book, "Assignments in Acting," introduced at the national convention of the Speech Association of America to be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York on Dec. 27-30.

SDN Week In Review

MONDAY December 10

Area gins are reporting 26,825 bales of cotton ginned and estimate that the county will produce in excess of 30,000 more.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital auxiliary extended a scholarship to Walter Ray Seidel Jr., M.D., who is currently in his first year of family practice residence at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

Western Texas College board of trustees accepted bids for equipment in the G/LT program and approved a revision of the by-laws for the senior center advisory committee during a meeting which largely centered on informational items.

TUESDAY December 11

Scurry County Auditor Linda Franklin was informed by District Judge Gene Dulaney that he would not re-appoint her again. On Wednesday, Dulaney named Eddie McHaney as the new county auditor.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — A seven-man, five-woman jury took less than two hours to find a former Snyder man, Johannas J. Eicke, guilty of federal charges of conspiracy and aiding and abetting the disappearance of his common-law wife. Sentencing was set for April 1.

WEDNESDAY December 12

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will continue to provide pharmaceutical services for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's 2,250-bed Clements Unit in Amarillo for the fiscal year, according to a signed contract.

Thirty-year-old Donny McClain was charged with aggravated assault in the Monday evening beating of his 67-year-old father.

THURSDAY December 13

Christmas came early for Snyder resident Vona Fisher, whose brother, Ron Dwight Webster of Champagne, Ill., was released from captivity in Kuwait and allowed to leave the country.

FRIDAY December 14

Snyder public schools board of trustees "took no action" during the first of three executive sessions, approved a new three-year contract for Superintendent Dalton Moseley following a second, and determined a time of in-school suspension for a student in a third.

Twenty-eight candidates were certified as correctional officers in graduation ceremonies held at Western Texas College.

Kathy Wilson, R.N. nursing supervisor, was selected as Employee of the Year during Cogdell Memorial Hospital's annual holiday awards banquet, held in the county coliseum.

OUR LANGUAGE

By Jeffrey McQuain

To lessen the value or importance of something, DEVALUE. This is a useful verb; you should see the value in DEVALUE.

Something TACTUAL involves or relates to the sense of touch. To put your finger on a word that ends like TACTUAL, try FACTUAL.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

As I write this, an icy wind is positively howling around my solid old rock house, creeping into every crack and crevice and slithering down the neck of my fleecy-lined running suit. My daughter's kitten, Pandora, a silver-gray little imp who thoroughly deserves her name, is perched on top of my computer, avidly watching my fingers fly over the keys and the cursor blink. Before long she will pounce. I will yell, and she will dash off, her belled collar jingling.

On the surface, it hasn't seemed like that productive of a week, even though when I do things like I did this morning — spent a couple of hours cuddled in my big warm waterbed, reading Dean Koontz's latest bestseller, "The Bad Place" — I'm still working. I study the elements that make me want to turn the page, marvel at the genius of a fine writer, and gloat a little teensy bit when I catch him in a mistake. (Forensic analysis would show if a body has been drained of blood, even if it was later burned in a fire, I think to myself. Gotcha!)

The wind is whistling through my front door facing, demanding that I fling back the door and let it in, but I refuse. Pandora has settled down on the warm computer top and keeps me slant-eyed company.

I did put in a full day Monday at the computer, only stopping to fling on clothes in order to go into

town and watch my son play in an after-school junior high basketball game. I never knew how much fun it could be, watching your kids play sports. All I ever knew was 72 hours under a hundred-degree sun, watching a cowboy-hatted judge stare at a dozen horse's behinds. The boys did well, in spite of having two of the bummiest knees in town (which have prevented him from "starting" with the team), and we all had fun.

Tuesday, I didn't get much work done, but I gave three speeches back-to-back to my old friend Drew Bullard's Honor's English classes at Snyder High School — my favorite thing to do all year. It's great to be back in a classroom again, and in front of such bright, sharp kids, too. I talked to them about the Ten Things You Need to Make Your Dreams Come True. I made them take notes. They always give me energy; it would be hours before I'd realize just how tired I was.

Back home, my agent had left an urgent message on my answering machine. It seems my books aren't coming out every nine months after all. They're coming out every six months! My editor wants to know when I'll be done with "Freefall." (Since I haven't started writing it yet, it's a little hard to say.) She says that they will negotiate a new contract for me in the Spring, "after the numbers come in."

Numbers — that's what publishing is. If you thought it was words, you are so sadly mistaken. If the numbers aren't there, they won't let you write the words. Spring will mark six months since "Darkroom" came out, and the "numbers" (sales) will be in. If the numbers are good, the advance on the new contract will be good; if not, it won't. We're just all supposed to wait and see and I'm not supposed to be a nervous wreck in the meantime. I am, however, expected to churn out a new book proposal even before I finish the manuscript I'm working on.

It reminds me of a quote I once heard from Agatha Christie: "I'm a perfect little sausage-maker," she said. I think I'm beginning to understand. My fingers are cold and Pandora looks uncomfortable. Time to turn up the heater. I've still got a bunch of research to wade through from the National Head Injury Foundation — (Man, you just read a little of this stuff, and you'll never neglect to buckle your seat belt again!) And I've got to crawl through this amazing labyrinth of red tape in order to get permission to quote from a song in my next book. (So far I've written a rock star, his lawyer,

his record company, his music publishing company, and the same for his co-writer, who owns 20 percent of the rights to the song. Sigh.)

I wasn't going to work over the Christmas holidays, but deadline pressure put an end to that. In my mind, that whistling, howling wind had Spring on its heels. The week's almost over now and I'm not sure what I've accomplished. I cheered a son in a ballgame and gave some bright, young people a dose of encouragement and wrestled with a few private insecurities and worked through a

cluttered desktop. Maybe that's all any of us can do in a given week.

I've heard it said that we make our own destiny. If that's true, that we demonstrate with our lives the thumbprint on our souls, then the trueness of that image should make our hearts glad even in the small things we do each day. Maybe they add up, like a mosaic, to create a whole picture at the end.

That way, even blustery, cold days spent curled up with a good book aren't wasted.

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Superpowers move to close down costly war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Superpower diplomacy may yet rescue the tragic country of Afghanistan after 12 years of war, 1 million deaths and staggering devastation that has made refugees of 5 million people.

The children, as is often the case in war, have suffered the most.

About half of the dead and displaced are children. Infant mortality is extremely high, rivaled only by the death rate in Cambodia and Sudan. Tuberculosis and malaria are the biggest killers — inside the camps in Pakistan and Iran and within Afghanistan itself.

This week, the United States and the Soviet Union took some serious steps to end the fighting. They agreed in principle to stop providing the combatants with weapons and decided an election should be held under international supervision.

"There is a wide area of agreement between us," Secretary of State James A. Baker III said after talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze. But, he said, "there are still questions that have to be answered."

Among them is the scope of an assistance program to rehabilitate the country. The job is immense.

"The fragile Afghan social fabric has been torn apart," writer Selig S. Harrison said in his recent book, "After The Wars."

More than 100,000 of the country's educated elite have resettled abroad. Tensions among diverse ethnic groups have been exacerbated as the Soviet Union, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and other outsiders sought to manipulate the outcome of the war to suit their own interests.

The Soviets wanted a client

state. Pakistan, which had inherited part of the country lopped off, by British imperialists, wanted a government in Kabul it could influence. And the Saudis used their wealth to try to swing Afghanistan into the Moslem camp.

The United States, recognizing even before the Cold War thawed that the Soviet Union would not put up with having a hostile regime on its border, dubbed the guerrillas "freedom fighters" and armed them to combat Soviet influence.

Apart from the 1 million deaths, the war has left 700,000 widows and orphans and 535,000 disabled veterans, destroyed one-third of the country's villages and two-thirds of its paved roads and created 2 million internal refugees out of a pre-war population of 11.7 million.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev withdrew the Red Army last year after more than nine years of warfare against guerrillas armed by the United States, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Many U.S. analysts assumed President Najibullah's pro-Moscow government would collapse.

They underestimated his skills and also the frictions among the guerrillas, some of whom are controlled by Pakistan and inclined to a Moslem fundamentalism at odds with democratic principles.

Gorbachev's move did not remove the superpowers from

the conflict, however.

The Soviets provide the Kabul government with about \$500 million a year in military assistance. The United States and Saudi Arabia each help the guerrillas with about \$300 million in weapons and other military aid.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Barry Schweid heads the AP's State Department staff in Washington.

Man falls to his death in cave in South Texas

CAMP BULLIS, Texas (AP) — Officials said they don't know why an Army soldier fell approximately 100 feet to his death in a cave while helping wildlife researchers look for an endangered salamander species.

Sgt. 1st Class Murray Elson III, 40, was pronounced dead Thursday after rescue workers retrieved his body from the vertical cave. It was taken from the heavily wooded area by Army helicopter.

"Four individuals were out doing some environmental-type endeavors. One of the individuals fell into a cave, supposedly anywhere from 80 to 100 feet," said Sgt. Maj. Raymond Morris of Fort Sam Houston.

Officials said the New Mexico native fell about 15 feet, then released his safety rope and fell the rest of the way into the cave.

"We asked him if he was secure after he fell the 15 feet. He said 'yes' and that was about it," said Andy Price, a Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife worker who was on the expedition. "Apparently he unhooked himself from the rope. I don't see how he could have fallen otherwise, but we're not sure."

Soldiers at Fort Sam Houston routinely do training at Camp Bullis, located north of San Antonio.

The accident occurred about 2 p.m., and the body was retrieved about 4:30 p.m.

Elson was helping researchers,

Morris said. Also along on the expedition were Price, a University of Texas graduate student and a civilian worker employed at Camp Bullis, Morris said.

"(They) were looking for endangered species, specifically, salamanders," Morris said.

Bexar County fire and rescue units were called to the scene to help.

The wooded area where the cave is located is about 12 miles inside Camp Bullis.

Officials at the military camp referred all questions to officials at Fort Sam Houston.

Morris said Elson had been on similar expeditions in the past.

Even though the salamander researchers have previously done studies at the military camp, this was Elson's first time to assist the group, according to Morris.

Businessman found guilty

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A state district court jury today found a local businessman guilty of defrauding customers of failed Rio Grande Savings and Loan Association, the state's only uninsured thrift.

Ronald Piperi could be required to pay as much as \$96 million dollars in damages to Rio Grande S&L. Piperi, however, has filed for bankruptcy, and his ability to pay is uncertain, records show.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 16, 1990

Projects or endeavors you personally originate or control have promising potential for the year ahead. When you begin something, be sure to see it through to a desired conclusion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do as little delegating as possible in this time frame, because no one can handle your personal interests as competently as you can. Self-sufficiency enhances your chances for success. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Things could start falling into place at this time that should enable you to finally fulfill a secret ambition you've been nurturing. Make your moves when you see the signals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strive to be a rational thinker, but, by the same token, don't put limitations on your hopes and expectations. You can do what you envision, provided your optimism is founded upon realism.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are now entering a rather extended cycle where if you apply yourself you should be able to upgrade your status socially and also achieve new heights where your career is concerned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're now in a favorable cycle for acquiring the type of information you can use for constructive purposes. How much you will learn and what you'll do with it is up to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The timing is right and conditions are conducive for making some important changes you've been anxious to implement. Instead of conceptualizing further, start taking positive measures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Partnership arrangements into which you enter during this cycle could have far reaching, favorable effects, especially if the alliance is not formed for commercial objectives.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Beginning today you could now be in a better position to fulfill an important, ambitious goal you've thus far been unable to gratify. Keep the faith.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Give expression to any urges or inclinations you get to reorganize your personal affairs in order to put them on a more productive basis. Big improvements can be made.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There are strong indications at this time you should be able to finalize to your satisfaction an important matter you haven't as yet been able to tie down. Continued persistence is necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ingenuity and creativity are trending upwards. Good things can result if you start capitalizing on your new ideas. Don't just think about things, do something about them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are now in what could be an extremely profitable cycle. Lady Luck is your ally, so be alert for large opportunities of an unusual nature. You can handle them.



Your Birthday

Dec. 17, 1990

Financial trends will be moving in your favor in the year ahead and this could result in improved material circumstances. Make the most of your opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The ways and means to acquire something luxurious you've been wanting for yourself looks like it can be worked out at this time. Focus your efforts on fulfilling this special desire. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Personal interests can be gratified today if you mask your assertiveness with unselfishness and charm. Be sure there is also something in it for the other guy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your possibilities for fulfilling realistic objectives are better than usual today. Don't give up on your expectations, merely keep them within practical parameters.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You are in an interesting cycle where personal benefits may be derived through persons with whom you're involved socially. There could be a big payoff from being nice to everyone you know.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't duck tedious tasks or assignments today, because that which appears to be the most arduous could turn out to be the easiest to perform. Challenge is the companion to opportunity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It behooves you to be observant of persons you admire today, because you might be able to profit from studying their experiences and procedures. You can use what you learn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something advantageous might be derived today from an arrangement that has been initiated by a person with whom you have strong emotional ties. There's room for you in this endeavor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your pleasant and cheerful demeanor could serve as a magnet today to attract companions of similar dispositions. Something interesting, as well as fun, may result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a special knack today for handling tasks that involve creativity or beautification. The unsightly can be transformed by your artistic touch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't be surprised today if someone you find appealing evinces an equal interest in you today. This person has been waiting for the right time to make his/her feelings known.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Make the concerns of someone you love your top priority today. You'll be adept at doing things for this person he/she can't accomplish unaided.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be lavish in your praise today, provided there is justification for your comments. Sincere approval from you will be of enormous value to the recipients.

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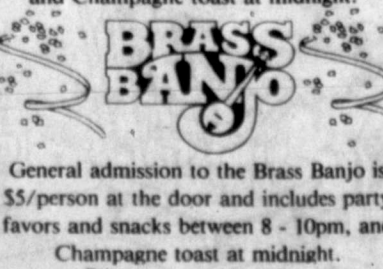


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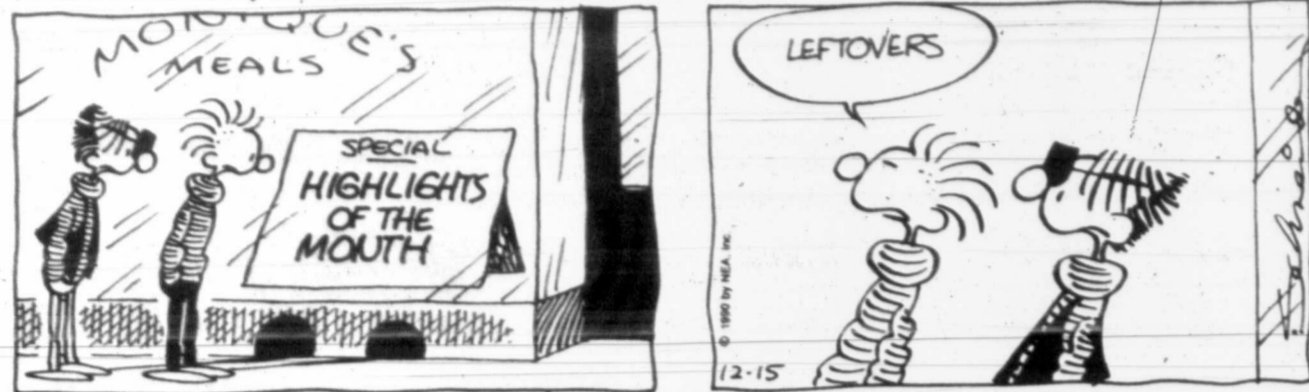
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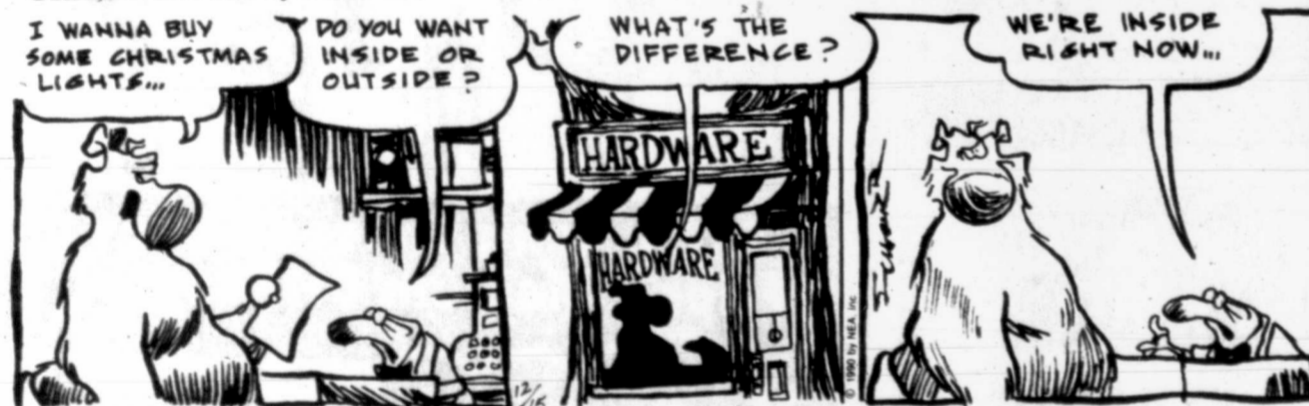
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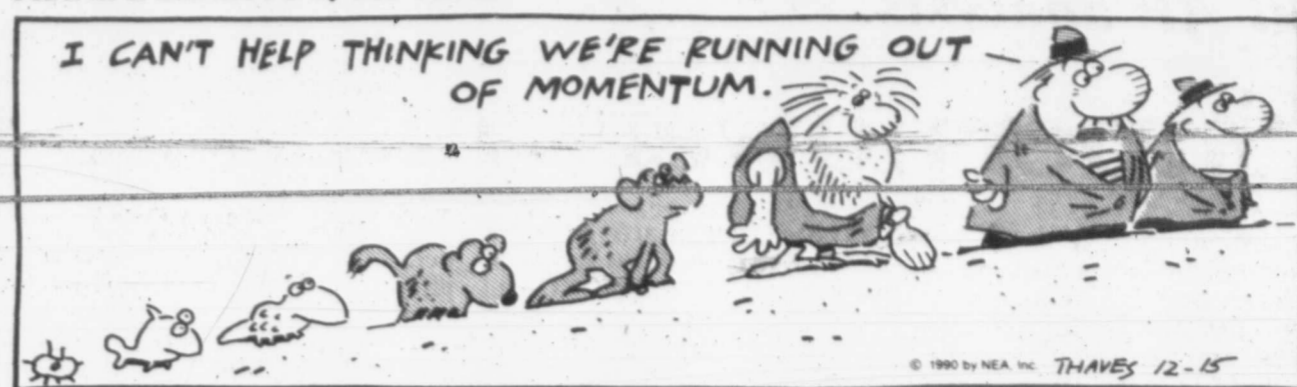
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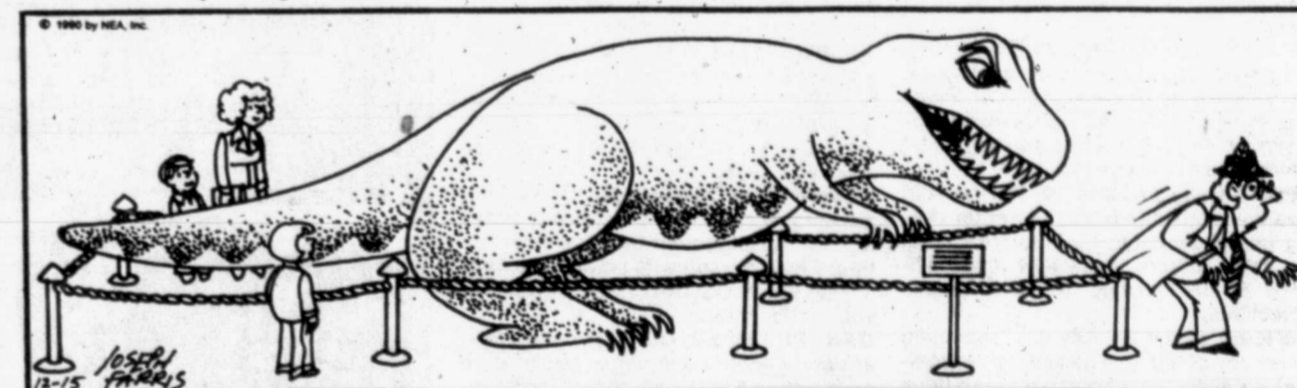
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ACROSS

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- 5 Revolves
- 11 Emitted coherent light
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- 13 Actress
- 14 TV serial
- 15 Artist's equipment
- 17 Those in office
- 18 Author Kingsley
- 19 Dislike
- 21 Exclamation
- 24 Human being
- 25 Singer — Te Kanawa
- 26 Furze genus
- 27 Russian village
- 28 Detective Queen
- 30 Loud shouts
- 33 Long inlet
- 34 Sharpen

- 35 Discretion
- 37 Holiday suffix
- 40 Be in debt to
- 41 Old stringed instrument
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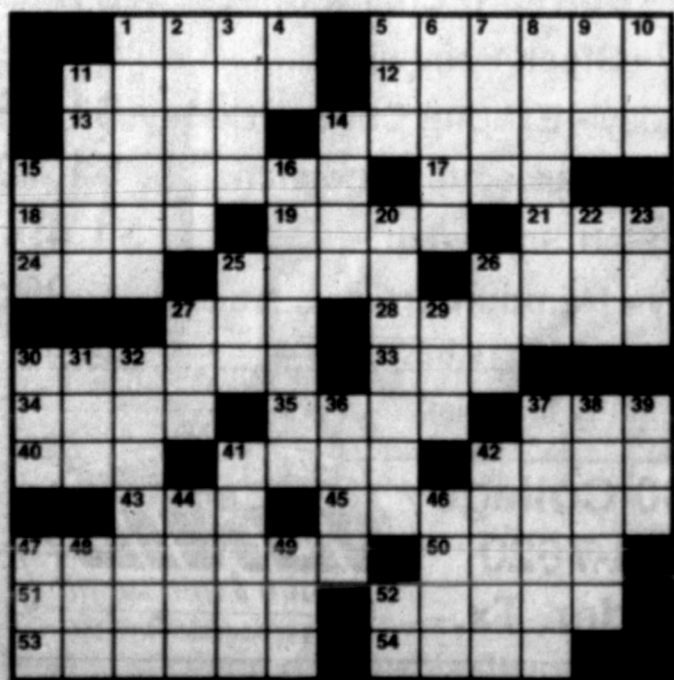
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- 8 Roll of meat
- 9 Map abbreviation
- 10 Cunning
- 11 South American animal
- 14 Cherished
- 15 Card game
- 16 In need of water
- 20 Male falcon
- 22 Female pronoun
- 23 Containing a certain gas
- 25 Gym feat
- 26 Gums
- 27 One of the Three Stooges
- 29 Illuminated
- 30 What person
- 31 In what way
- 32 Heavy
- 36 Dry
- 37 Actor — Rooney
- 38 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
- 39 Fast aircraft (abbr.)
- 41 Long strides
- 42 Pavilion
- 44 Table d' —
- 46 Actress Sue
- 47 Genetic material (abbr.)
- 48 Legal matter
- 49 Vetch
- 52 Musical syllable



Economy hurting charities

DALLAS (AP) — The shrinking economy and deployment of thousands of troops from Texas military bases are contributing to a decline in contributions to charities in the state.

One sign of the problem is that Elf Louise, the popular holiday charity in San Antonio, had to make an emergency appeal for help for the first time in 21 years.

The Elf Louise Christmas Project, which provides two toys per child for thousands of low-income families, was \$60,000 in the red last week. Two business leaders contributed more than half the amount and the city responded.

"They do come through. They are now," said Linda Tippett, spokeswoman for Elf Louise. The all-volunteer group expects to serve 12,000 children in 3,900 families.

That's still below the service Elf Louise has given the last two years — to 6,200 families in 1989 and a record 7,000 families in 1988.

Ms. Tippett said contributions to Elf Louise have suffered some from the loss of thousands of San Antonio-based military personnel who have been sent to the Persian Gulf.

The deployment of troops from Fort Bliss near El Paso has contributed to a 20 percent decline in store kettle collections of the Salvation Army there.

"We're not having the military personnel out there shopping," said Capt. Brian Aird, coordinator of the Salvation Army in El Paso County.

Donations are off about 5 percent at the store kettles of the Salvation Army in the Houston area, said area commander Maj. Rolan Chambless. "One day is up and the next day is down," Chambless said.

"As we get in closer to Christmas, people are going to get a little more into the giving spirit," he said.

Nationally, donations to the Salvation Army are running about 8 percent above the same time a year ago.

Last year's Christmas freeze destroyed citrus trees in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and it will take several years for them to recover, leaving the region without a major source of winter income.

Amancio Chapa Jr., director of Amigo del Valles Inc., said the senior citizen program has had to reduce staff hours and appeal to local government agencies for more money.

"Even some of our local fundraising efforts have not been able to keep pace with the kind of giving we like to see," Chapa said.

Connally-Wyatt trip to Iraq probed

HOUSTON (AP) — The Treasury Department is trying to determine if former Texas Gov. John Connally and Houston oilman Oscar S. Wyatt, in their recent visit to Iraq, violated the economic sanctions against the country, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday.

The investigation is looking into Wyatt's widely publicized trip to rescue hostages and reported negotiations to sell half of

Coastal's oil refining and marketing business to Iraq, according to a Treasury Department source who asked not to be identified.

"The investigation centers on his activities in regard to Iraq," the source said. "It's not just one thing. It's not just the trip. It's the reports we've heard about the sale (of Coastal's refining and marketing operations). It's a number of things that attracted

the attention of the Treasury Department."

The source declined to provide specifics on why the department began the probe.

Financial World magazine, in a story set to appear in its Jan. 8 issue, reported that Wyatt had been quietly negotiating to sell 50 percent of Coastal's oil refining and marketing business to Saddam when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August.

"Now that's all on hold," the business magazine quoted Wyatt as saying in an interview before his trip to Iraq early this month to try to secure the release of hostages.

The sanctions prohibit any sales to Iraq. The penalty for violations of the Iraq Sanctions Act of 1990 is a fine of up to \$1 million and up to 12 years in jail, said Barbara Clay, spokeswoman for the Treasury Department, whose Office of

Foreign Assets Control administers the economic sanctions.

Wyatt and Connally, a member of Coastal's board of directors, couldn't be reached for comment, the newspaper said.

Coastal issued a statement, saying it isn't doing business with Iraq "and has not done so since imposition of the president's executive order."

"Coastal has fully complied with both the United States executive orders, as well as the United Nations' sanction resolutions," the company said.

"Mr. Wyatt's and Gov. Connally's trip was motivated solely by personal humanitarian reasons and not for any business purpose. Coastal, however, is proud of their success in securing the release of Americans held hostage."

The company declined further comment.

Coastal and Wyatt have had strong business ties with Iraq in the past. Before the August invasion of Iraq, Coastal bought 10 percent of the crude oil produced by Iraq.

But regarding the trip to Baghdad, Coastal spokesman Jim Bailey said earlier this week, "Our indication was that no Coastal business was discussed."


Wyatt and Connally told the Los Angeles Times that their trip to Iraq had nothing to do with the fact that Coastal Corp., at the time of the U.S. trade embargo was imposed, was buying 250,000 barrels of crude a day from Iraq.

Connally said the two men talked no business and didn't spend 10 cents while in Baghdad.

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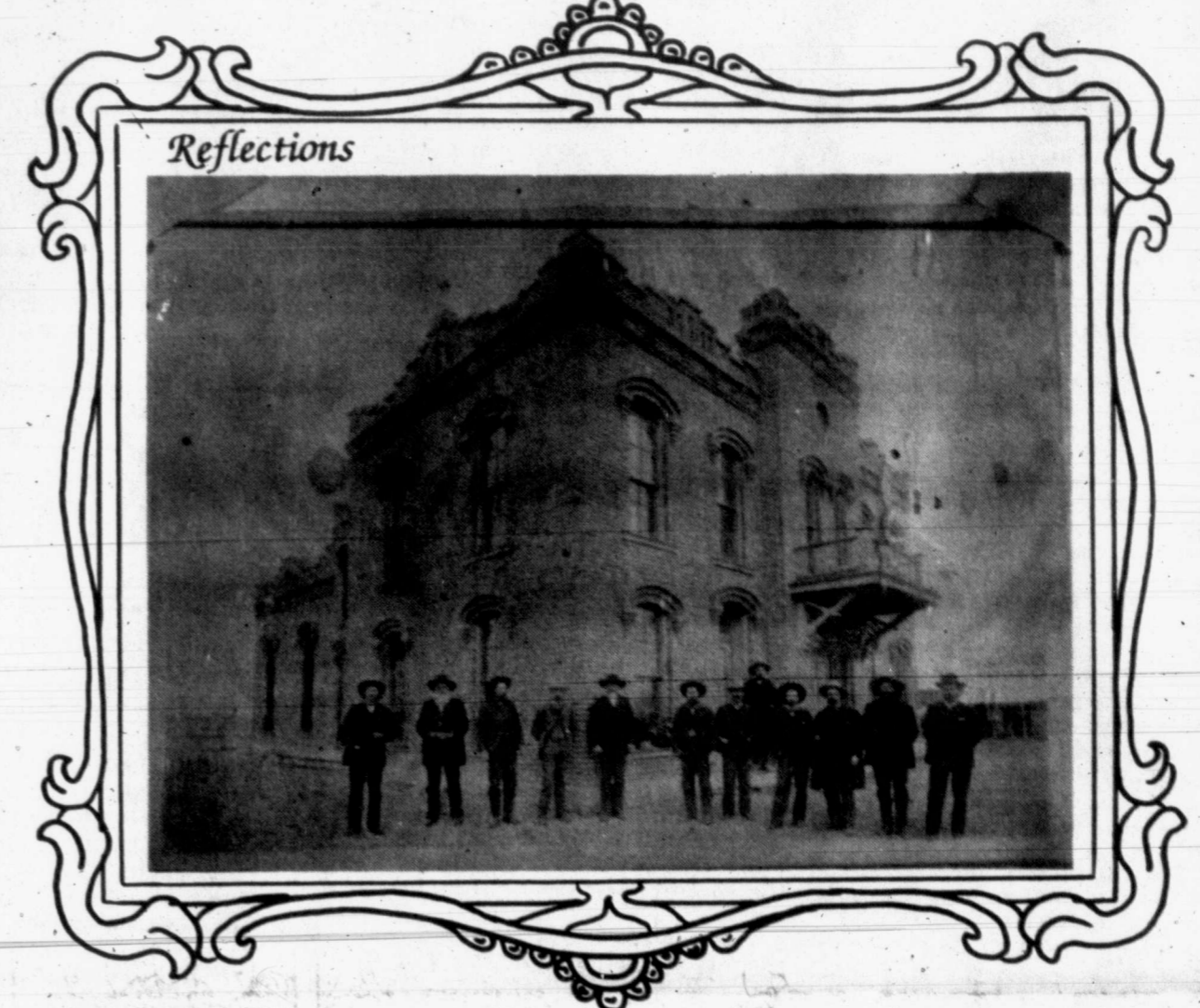
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DEAR ABBY: A couple of years ago, you had a beautiful piece in your column I would love to have, but I can't remember the name of it. In it was this line: "Kisses aren't contracts, and presents aren't promises, and sunshine burns if you get too much of it."

Please try to find it and run it again. I believe the author was unknown.

JOYCE IN K.C.

DEAR JOYCE: Here it is. It was copyrighted in 1987. The author is Joy Whitman.

COMES THE DAWN

After a while you learn the subtle difference between holding a hand and sharing a life and you learn that love doesn't mean possession and company doesn't mean security and loneliness is universal

And you learn that kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises and you begin to accept your defeats with your head up and your eyes open with the grace of a woman not the grief of a child

And you learn to build your hope on today as the future has a way of falling apart in mid-flight because tomorrow's ground can be too uncertain for plans yet each step taken in a new direction creates a path toward the promise of a brighter dawn

And you learn that even sunshine burns if you get too much so you plant your own garden and nourish your own soul instead of waiting for someone to bring you flowers

And you learn that love, true love always has joys and sorrows seems ever present, yet is never quite the same becoming more than love and less than love so difficult to define

And you learn that through it all you really can endure that you really are strong that you do have value and you learn and grow with every goodbye you learn

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend of mine recently lost her 30-year-old son. He was a Navy pilot. The cards and flowers were so numerous that when I called to ask her how she was doing (after the funeral), she said she just didn't see how she was going to send out the required thank-you notes — inasmuch as her mind was numb, and it took all the energy she had to make it through the day. I feel that the social amenity of having to send thank-you notes when there has been a death is one we need to reconsider. Surely, those who send remembrances know in advance of the family's gratitude and thankfulness for being thought of at this tragic time.

HER FRIEND IN KANSAS

DEAR FRIEND: Under the circumstances, it is acceptable to send commercially printed cards. For example: "The family of () thanks you warmly for your thoughtful expression of sympathy."

Stationers who print such cards can help your friend frame an appropriate message.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please reprint a request from a dog to its owner, beseeching the owner to put him to sleep when life ceases to be a happy experience?

It has been several years since I read it in your column, but I hope you will print it again, as it will be a great help to a member of my family who is having a hard time accepting the inevitable end to a 15-year relationship between himself and his "best friend."

EVA A. MICHAUD, BANGOR, MAINE

DEAR EVA: With pleasure. Here it is:

A DOG'S PRAYER
by Beth Norman Harris

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me. Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footsteps fall upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the Great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest ... and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

DEAR ABBY: Are there any children who have wanted to thank their parents for separating?

In my recent months of separation from my husband, I've watched my children transform before my very eyes! As the tension left our home, so has it left them. The boys are no longer confused about the inconsistencies in discipline, scheduling, rules, etc. Mealtime is now an occasion for family conversation and laughter. In former years, it was Dad's opportunity to criticize and one of the children would usually leave the table in tears.

I know there will be scars, but sometimes good things come from removing the tension from the home. And best of all, I now feel free from the guilt others are trying to put on me with comments such as, "You really should stay together for the sake of the children."

Are there other families like ours? Sign me ...

FROM THE TALL CORN STATE

DEAR FROM: My mail tells me that there are many. Every separation or divorce is not necessarily an indication of failure. It is frequently a victory.

CONFIDENTIAL TO J.J.G. IN EUGENE, ORE.: Reforms usually come from those who got the short end of the stick. No one with four aces ever asks for a new deal.

Tax hike looms for expensive cars

DALLAS (AP) — Luxury car dealers say they expect a surge of new orders before a new tax goes into effect on Jan. 1 that will hit luxury cars and "gas guzzlers" particularly hard.

Buried in the deficit-reduction package that won congressional approval in late October were a pair of taxes that take effect Jan. 1.

A 10 percent luxury tax will be assessed on any vehicle costing more than \$30,000, with the tax applied only on the portion above \$30,000.

A gas guzzler tax, meanwhile, has been doubled. It applies to vehicles that get less than 23.5

miles per gallon and ranges from \$1,000 to \$7,700, with the amount of the penalty related to each model's mileage rating.

The guzzler tax on a Roll's Bentley Continental, which gets about 12 mpg, will be hiked from the present \$3,850 to \$7,700, while the tax on the more fuel efficient Mercedes Benz 300 TE, rated at 22 mpg, will be \$1,000.

Buyers of the \$220,000 Rolls-Royce Corniche III convertible will have to pony up an additional \$22,800 or so to pay both extra federal taxes if they purchase it next year. The luxury tax of \$19,000 is assessed on the \$190,000 of the purchase price above

\$30,000, and \$3,800 more in taxes is assessed because of its MPG rating.

The luxury tax hikes also apply to more modest upscale models, mostly European-made cars such as Jaguars, Mercedes Benzes and BMWs that sell for more than \$30,000. A \$40,000 Jaguar XJ-6, for example, will cost an additional \$1,000, while a \$34,000 Mercedes Benz 190E-2.6 will be slapped with a \$400 luxury tax hit in January.

Even a few domestics will be hit with the luxury tax — a \$34,557 Lincoln Town Car Signature, for example, will cost another \$455 next year, while a \$55,250

Cadillac Allante will run another \$253. And that doesn't include the \$1,300 guzzler penalty on the sporty Cadillac, dealers said.

"It's surprising how few people know about it (the new taxes)," Larry Crandall, sales manager for Rolls-Royce at Overseas Motors, the only Rolls dealer in North Texas, told the Dallas Times-Herald.

In an effort to alert their customers to the tax hikes and spike their December sales at the same time, a number of Dallas area luxury car dealers are placing advertisements cajoling customers to "beat the tax."

'Godfather III' draws mixed reviews

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's coming out over budget, behind schedule and 16 years after its predecessor, but Paramount executives are betting "The Godfather Part III" will be a movie audiences can't refuse.

After a frantic month of round-the-clock editing and polishing, the final film in Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia trilogy was unveiled Wednesday to critics and movie theater owners in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and other key markets across the country.

The response was mixed. Disappointment ran higher among New York viewers, while those who watched in Los Angeles applauded.

The movie will open on Christmas Day on 1,800 screens in the United States and Canada. It originally was scheduled for a Thanksgiving release, but was moved back because of production delays.

For a while, it was uncertain whether "Godfather III" would be released at all this year. Paramount Pictures, gunning for the lucrative holiday market, decided to rush it out at the end of the year after Chairman Frank Mancuso and other executives saw a rough cut in October.

"Without question, this is the one everybody's talking about," said John Krier, president of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. "Ever since 'Dick Tracy,' all the talk

has been about 'Godfather.'"

With preview screenings held this week, the movie qualifies for this year's award consideration from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and Los Angeles Film Critics Association.

The \$58 million film — triple the industry's average cost — was burdened with problems throughout production. Real-life lovers Al Pacino and Diane Keaton, reprising their roles as Michael and Kay Corleone, split up during the filming. Rising star Winona Ryder ("Edward Scissorhands") was unable to co-star as Michael's love-struck daughter because of exhaustion.

She was replaced at the last minute by Coppola's daughter

Sofia, who had never had a major film role before.

The first two "Godfather" films are considered masterpieces of American cinema and either made or solidified the careers of some of today's leading actors, including Pacino, Keaton, Robert De Niro, James Caan, Robert Duvall and Talia Shire.

The first "Godfather" made \$133.7 million in 1972 and its 1974 sequel had ticket sales of \$45.5 million.

Reviewers in New York were largely critical of "Godfather III," complaining that at two hours and 42 minutes it was too long and that it lacked a hard edge and keen focus.

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Sun exploration mission threatened by malfunction

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A \$750 million mission to study the sun's poles is in danger because the Ulysses spacecraft is wobbling for reasons U.S. and European flight controllers don't fully understand.

The malfunction developed Nov. 4, about four weeks after the spacecraft was launched by the shuttle Discovery. The Associated Press has learned. The spacecraft was 40.6 million miles from Earth Friday, flying toward Jupiter.

Officials of NASA and the European Space Agency confirmed the problem's existence during interviews this week.

Willis Meeks, Ulysses project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said he is optimistic engineers can repeatedly use the spacecraft's thrusters to minimize the wobble when Ulysses becomes the first spacecraft to orbit the sun's poles during 1994 and 1995.

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