

County attorney tells court of intent to relocate to N.M.

County Attorney Michael S. Line informed county commissioners Monday morning that he has verbally agreed to accept a position as general counsel for two New Mexico banks.

The 34-year-old Snyder native said he does not expect any problems with finalizing the agreement and that he will probably vacate his office in late January or early February.

Line, county attorney here since his February 1985 appointment, said he will be moving to Ruidoso to become an attorney for Ruidoso State Bank and the

Bank of the Rio Grande in Las Cruces.

Although he was elected on Nov. 8 to a four-year term, he noted, state law requires any appointee that would succeed him



to stand for election in the next general ballot, which will be in two years.

Line said it "has been a privilege to serve as your county attorney" but that he and his wife have determined that the New Mexico offer "is a situation in the best interest of our family."

Line is a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin and the Texas Tech University Law School. He returned to Snyder to open a law practice in August of 1979.

He is a 1972 graduate of Snyder High School.



MIKE LINE
...to resign post...

Counts to receive his oath of office

The new representative for the 78th District, David Counts of Knox City, will officially receive his oath of office Tuesday at ceremonies scheduled in Austin.

Counts will be sworn in at 4 p.m. in the House Chambers of the State Capitol building. A reception in the Speaker's Dining Room is slated afterwards.

A contingent of Scurry County residents, to include members of the Economic Industrial Development Committee, are expected to attend.

Counts, a Democrat, won the state representative's seat in

balloting here Nov. 8, winning both a special election to fill out the remainder of an unexpired term for 1988 and a full two-year term to begin Jan. 1.

He will replace Steve Carraker (D-Roby), who resigned the post to run and eventually win the state senate seat for the 30th Senatorial District.

As 78th District representative, Counts will serve Scurry County and the rural portion of Taylor County. Others in the district include Scurry, Cottle, Fisher, Garza, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Lynn, Nolan and Stonewall County.

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OPEC okays new production accord

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC oil ministers today reached an agreement on a new production accord that will sharply cut their output and raise crude oil prices.

"There is an agreement," said Fereedon Barkeshli, senior Iranian delegate, after meeting for more than 30 minutes with Rilwanu Lukman, president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The agreement will set the cartel's reference price at \$18 a

barrel. Saudi Arabia had made a last ditch attempt to set a minimum price of \$15 in the accord, but that effort met resistance.

Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Hisham Nazer, said late Sunday the proposal was designed to prevent prices from falling below \$15. But other ministers said the minimum price could become the ceiling price.

Despite the benchmark of \$18 a barrel, prices recently have been running at \$14 or less. Prices rose

last week on news of a tentative accord.

Each \$1 rise in the price of crude oil theoretically means a pickup of 2.5 cents a gallon in retail gasoline prices, although oil companies do not always pass along the full increase.

Barkeshli on Sunday said the Saudi proposal was "a major divergence from OPEC resolutions so far" and could "totally sabotage the agreement."

"Iran is not going to accept this type of idea," he said.

Barkeshli said that among OPEC's 13 members, Algeria, Nigeria and Libya also opposed changing the \$18 benchmark. Venezuelan Oil Minister Julio Cesar Gil said his country favors maintaining the \$18 price.

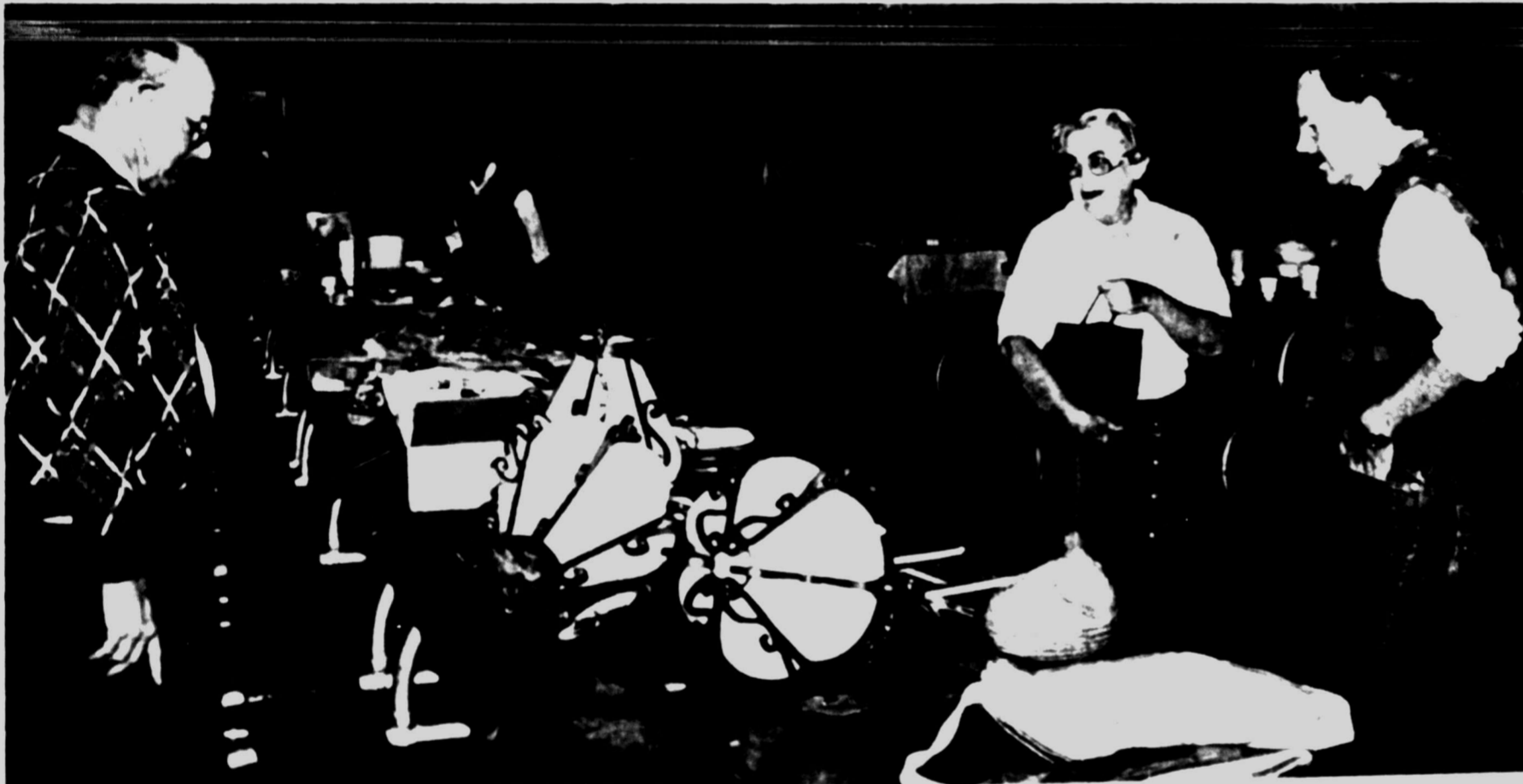
The accord would reduce the cartel's output from the current estimated 22.5 million barrels a day to 18.5 million barrels a day. Within that total, each country would be given a production quota or ceiling.

Many OPEC countries need

more money from their oil sales. Iran and Iraq want additional revenues to rebuild their economies, which were badly damaged in their eight-year war. They agreed to an August cease-fire.

Under the new agreement, Iran and Iraq each would get the same quota of 2.64 million barrels a day.

The issue of parity had been a sticking point in discussions of the cartel's winter meeting, which began Nov. 21.



FUNDRAISER — Bernhard Bartels, left, his wife Lois and Tim Kautz of Dallas were among the people who attended a Saturday garage sale at Towle Park Barn that was staged by the Scurry County

Historical Commission to raise money for the renovation of the old Dermott School building. An antique car rally this coming Saturday will benefit the school's renovation also. (SDN Staff Photo)

SHS's 'Frankenstein' second show tonight

The second showing of the Snyder High School drama department's production of "Frankenstein" will begin at 8 p.m. Monday in Worsham Auditorium.

Tickets are priced at \$3 for general admission and \$5 for reserved seating. Reservations may be made by calling 573-6301 or 573-0133.

The SHS version of "Frankenstein" includes "extensive additions" from local students and runs approximately one hour and 50 minutes.

Heading a 20-character cast in the role of Dr. Frankenstein is Corey McDaniel. The "monster" is played by Jeff Franklin. Others in lead roles include Robert Neblett as "Igor," Coy Berryman, Lei Holcomb, Amber Adams and Melissa Hodges.

Other cast members are Emily King, Tanya Mauldin, Karen Conard, Rebecca Vestal, Kristi Mize, Holly Joplun, Cindin Carney, James Cantu, John Griffin, Clay Travis, Michael Cato, Mark Kuss and Chris Robbins.

The technical crew includes Jason Best, Tommy Reeves. See FRANKENSTEIN, page 9.

'Longevity pay' proposal...

Court mulls pay hike

Scurry County commissioners Monday proposed to increase longevity pay of county employees from \$3 to \$10 per month for each year they have been employed.

A public hearing is required before the increase may be implemented, however, and one will be held during the 10 a.m. Dec. 12 court meeting, commissioners said.

Currently, county employees receive an extra \$3 per month for each year they have been with the county. The proposal is to increase this so-called "longevity

pay" to \$10.

County Auditor Bernhard Bartels said the move will amount to less than a three-percent increase in the county's budget, which now totals more than \$2 million.

He estimated the increase would amount to some \$58,000 next year.

It was noted the recommendation for the longevity pay raise originated with the county's personnel policy committee.

Other business in the meeting included acceptance of the resignation of Snyder-Scurry

Health Unit supervisor Paula Pierce, who said her husband had accepted a transfer with Chevron USA to Andrews and that she has taken a position with the state health department in Odessa.

Pierce's resignation is effective on Dec. 16. She has been with the county for the past 14 years.

Also Monday, CPA Jerry Vestal submitted audits on the 1987 county budget and the juvenile probation fund for Scurry and Borden counties for the fiscal year that ended on Aug. 31.

See COURT, page 9.

Christmas lighting contest again slated

The annual Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Snyder Jaycees is again scheduled with new categories added this year.

Cash prizes will be given out for the outdoor lighting display with the best Christmas theme as well as the best Christmas lighting. A first, second and third place cash prize will be awarded in both divisions.

Entry blanks are now available and may be picked up at seven

local merchants or at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce office. There is no entry fee.

The deadline to enter is Dec. 19, Monday. All entries will be judged between 7 and 11 p.m. on Dec. 21. Winners will be announced the next day.

Entry forms are available also at Suits Us, Everybody's Thriftway, Eckerd's, Munden's Discount Center, Anthony's and Knott.

Tree lights ceremony set at WTC

The Christmas tree which decorates the central courtyard area at Western Texas College will be lit for the holiday season in brief ceremonies planned Tuesday.

There will be a musical program from 7:30 until 7:50 p.m. which will precede the lights being turned on. The public is invited.

Hermleigh girl treated after two-vehicle crash

A 17-year-old Hermleigh girl was treated and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital Sunday after being "shaken up" in a two-vehicle collision in the 3200 Block of College Ave.

Police said Christie D. Lloyd was driving a 1978 Ford four door that was in collision with a 1986 GMC pickup driven by Coy W. Berryman of 3309 Houston Ave. at 4:48 p.m.

Earlier Sunday, a 1984 Ford two door driven by Mariselda C.

Lopez of 100 35th St. was in collision with a 1977 Oldsmobile two door driven by Randall M. Martin of Rt. 3 at 3:04 p.m. in the Furr's Plus parking lot off College.

A 1976 Lincoln Continental Mark IV driven by Elies Bailey of 3101 Ave. K was in collision with a 1982 Pontiac Bonneville driven by Clarence M. Cummings of Rt. 2 at 11:35 a.m. Saturday in the 2800 Block of College.

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Ask Us

Q — Is Cogdell Hospital receiving as much tax subsidy this year as in previous years?

A — No. The 1988 tax subsidy is \$360,000, the lowest amount for the past four years. In 1987, it was \$460,000; in 1986, it was \$600,000; and in 1985, it was \$500,000.

In Brief

Actor dies

MILAN, Italy (AP) — John Carradine, the patriarch of an American acting family who appeared in more than 500 films, has died at age 82, a spokeswoman at a Milan hospital said today.

The spokeswoman at Fatebenefratelli Hospital, who declined to give her name, said Carradine died Sunday.

Hearing set

DALLAS (AP) — Armed with new evidence unearthed by a New York City filmmaker, Randall Dale Adams will be back in state district court this week asking a judge to recommend he receive a new trial.

Convicted nine years ago of the 1976 murder of Dallas police officer Robert Wood, Adams was sentenced to death for the slaying. His sentence later was commuted to life in prison.

Flood update

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan said today that 429 bodies were recovered from storm-ravaged villages of southern Thailand in the country's worst natural disaster in decades.

Floods and mudslides from a week of heavy rains starting Nov. 19 struck 12 southern provinces.

Local

At Stanfield

The Stanfield Parent Council will sponsor an evening book fair at 7 p.m. Monday prior to a Parent Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Weather

Snyder — Temperatures: High Saturday, 63 degrees; low, 32 degrees; high Sunday, 51 degrees; low, 21 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 21 degrees; no precipitation. Total precipitation for 1988 to date, 20.52 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear and not as cold. Low in the lower 30s. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northward sunrise. Tuesday, mostly sunny and a little cooler. High in the mid 90s. North wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisories may be needed.

Delicate policies needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Bush's schedule as president-elect includes high-level meetings that call for delicate diplomacy, such as the one next week with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and today's session with Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole.

Bush is meeting his former rival for the GOP nomination, with whom he has never had more than a cordial relationship at best, at a private lunch in his suite in the Executive Office Building next to the White House.

Just back from a four-day Thanksgiving vacation in Maine, Bush also was to attend a breakfast session with all other Senate Republicans on Tuesday.

Although Dole endorsed Bush after being overwhelmed by the vice president in last winter's GOP primaries, the two have had little contact since then.

Bush spokesman Stephen Hart said the meeting was arranged by Bush but that both men had wanted it for some time. "It's of mutual interest," Hart said.

Bush already has met with House Speaker Jim Wright and has promised a meeting with the new Senate Democratic leader as soon as he is chosen.

The president-elect will join President Reagan for a Dec. 7 luncheon with Gorbachev in New York during the Soviet leader's visit to address the United Nations.

In his campaign, Bush urged wariness in U.S. dealings with the Soviet Union, saying that just because current Soviet leaders seem more reform-minded is no reason for the United States to let down its guard.

Bush, his wife Barbara, and the family dog "Millie," an English Springer Spaniel, returned home on Sunday on Air Force Two after spending an extended Thanksgiving weekend in Kennebunkport, Maine, at their family vacation home.

The vice president has said he will consider putting the rest of his defense team together this week. He also promised to give prompt attention to deficit reduction options.

The vice president still has not named a defense secretary. Aides, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity, said former Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Tower still appears to be the front-runner.

However, Bush has emphasized that the decision will be his alone and that he has not been ready thus far to make his decision public.

QUICK LUNCHES EVERYDAY

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Oil Patch News

Scurry County
Wayne Dodson Consultants Inc. has completed the No. 2 F. M. Addison in the Diamond M field, 11 miles west of Snyder. The well produced four barrels of 22.8 gravity oil and two barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,564-648 feet, and location is in Section 144, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Borden County
Patterson Petroleum Inc. has completed the No. 1 E. L. Farmer in the Romac field, eight miles northeast of Gail. The venture was finalized to produce 60 barrels of 46 gravity oil and 339 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 667-1 with perforations from 8,062-662 feet. Location is in Section 34, Block 30, T6N, T&P survey.

Royal Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 2 Miller Trust in the Miller field, 14 miles northeast of Gail. The well produced 60 barrels of 35 gravity oil and 242 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 333-1 with perforations from 4,667-685 feet. Location is in Section 522, Block 97, H&TC survey.



BOOK FAIR—Stanfield students are having a book fair this week. First graders pictured looking at some of the books are Kim Walker, Jensen Gainer and Jeremy Border. (SDN Staff Photo)

He was 65...

George Dolan dies of cancer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — George Dolan, whose writing and humor graced — in every sense of the word — the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for more than three decades, died Saturday.

His humor was ageless. He was 65.

He died at home. Cancer. A short and all too quick spell of it. "The junk," Dolan called his illness of four months, in speaking with a friend this fall. Then he laughed, and made his joke, "I've been lying down so much my pajamas have bedsores on them." And he laughed some more.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Park.

Dolan always laughed, and had his joke. His laugh, which he once described as "a silly giggle" and another writer called "hysteria in E flat," was infectious, as were the columns he wrote for 31 years.

This is the way he wrote his columns. Simple words. Short, pithy sentences. Punchline at the end. Somebody's name. "Anecdotes with people's names," was Dolan's description of his column technique.

He wrote about people, and what they said and did that was funny, people who became as famous in West Texas as George Dolan. Like Ace Reid, the cowboy cartoonist, and his rancher father, Ol' Man Ace Reid, and Chuck Ritchie, a real cowboy who "looked like a covered wagon with the stays broke." Groner Pitts, the Brownwood mortician. Hondo Crouch, who created the town of Luckenbach, and Grandpa Holmes, a Hill Country rustic who slickered everybody. And the Rev. Barry Bailey, minister of Fort Worth's First United Methodist Church, whom Dolan once called "God's

answer to Mick Jagger."

Dolan invented them. They were, and are, real, but he nevertheless invented them.

Not often, but Dolan, when pressed for a column, wrote about himself disguised as "Barney," a fumbling husband of a never-named "West Side Housewife," who really was Melba, George's wife of 43 years. The humor was self-deprecating and gentle. Barney, in a Dolan column, was an all-thumbs bumbler and the housewife sorely put upon by her awkward spouse. In real life, Dolan (his full name was George Bernard Dolan) would admit the characterization was all too true.

They were married soon after George returned from World War II to his native Temple for work on the Daily Telegram. They came to Fort Worth for the wedding because George wanted to see the Golden Gloves. Blackie Sherrod, the legendary Texas sports writer, and a Temple native, was best man. The ceremony was performed by a one-legged justice of the peace, of whom Dolan declared, "I know this marriage is off on the right foot because it's the only one he's got."

Afterward, Dolan asked the justice what he was owed. "Whatever you think it's worth," the man replied.

"Got change for a dollar?" Dolan asked, and then of course he laughed.

Laughing — the high-pitched giggle — quickly branded Dolan when he arrived for work in 1948 at the Star-Telegram. He giggled at everything. Very soon, he was the paper's funny story writer, and, unlike most new reporters, did not have to write obituaries.

That's because bad news distressed him. And when he was distressed, he giggled. He was banned forever from writing obits because one morning he was overheard taking an accident story on the phone.

"Two killed, you say? Heh, heh, heh!"

Briefly, he was tried as an assistant editor, but that also failed because he would stand atop the huge city desk and shout orders at everyone.



So, in April 1957, he became the newspaper's Page One columnist, beginning with the title This Is West Texas. At least, it was Dolan's West Texas, and he became over the next three decades the most popular and best-known newspaper columnist in that half of the state. For Star-Telegram readers, a survey once proved that Dolan was more popular even than Ann and Dear Abby, America's most celebrated columnists.

In person, Dolan was an unusual man. He worked — worked very hard — at smoking a pipe, always fumbling with it, putting fire to it, trying to make it

burn. A co-worker once described him as having skin "like a measlesed football bladder" and eyes rubber-stamped below washed-red brows. That was the caricature.

The real Dolan, someone once wrote, "is a red Irish face with eyes the tint of bluebird eggs. His fringe of hair almost is the color of those cheese crackers so popular at cocktail parties. His hairline has receded so far that when he gets a haircut, no one notices. He is beginning to laugh as a father of five and grandfather should."

No cuts to elderly foreseen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The doctor who now oversees the nation's Medicare program and who may play a role in the next administration says he sees no conflict between George Bush's desire for a kinder America and indications the president-elect will seek major Medicare savings.

"Of all the list of problems of our health care system, I for one don't believe one of the problems is too little money," William L. Roper said in an interview last week. "The problem is we're not spending as best we could the money we are spending."

Bush, pressed by reporters about his budget chief's assertion that Medicare cuts are likely to be a part of a deficit-reduction drive, said only that he wants to make the program "more efficient."

Roper, head of the Health Care Financing Administration, has a working relationship with several members of Bush's staff, including Deborah Steelman, the vice president's chief health policy adviser during the campaign.

Prior to the election, Steelman offered one example of how Bush's so-called "flexible freeze" on federal spending might affect Medicare. Given the spiraling cost of health care in general, she said, Medicare might grow by 8 percent while other programs were held below the general inflation rate.

In last week's interview, Roper threw out the same hypothetical figure to illustrate possible spending for Part B, the portion of Medicare that pays doctor bills and has been growing at about 15 percent a year.

"It's the idea of saying in 1989 we're going to spend what we spent this year plus 8 percent and that's all we're going to spend," he said. "That's all there is. There ain't no more."

Whatever the final approach, both Democratic and Republican health experts in Congress agree that Part B is ripe for scrutiny if only because of its headlong growth.

Despite widespread criticism that Reagan administration cuts in Medicare spending threatened the welfare of the nearly 32 million elderly and disabled Americans covered by the program, the thrust of the approach has been to cut into the profits of providers such as hospitals rather than reducing benefits.

Roper, the first physician to head the Medicare program, acknowledges that the next target will be doctor fees and that the outcry will be intense.

Dear Abby



If Marriage Doesn't Succeed, Some Folks Try, Try Again

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: "Perplexed in Bethlehem" asked if marrying an ex-spouse ever works out. I can answer that.

Seymour and I were divorced after nine years of a very troubled marriage. Five months later, we realized that we were more miserable apart, so we asked the rabbi who married us the first time if he would remarry us in a quiet little ceremony in his study.

He said he would marry us only after we had gone through some serious marriage counseling. We agreed, and it was the best thing that ever happened to us. We learned a lot about ourselves, and also how to make a marriage work.

Abby, the second time around is lovelier only if you find out what went wrong the first time. We learned that once a problem is resolved, it never should be brought up to be rehashed. Also, never listen to friends and relatives who say, "You'd have to be crazy to take him (or her) back!"

GLAD WE DID IT

DEAR ABBY: I hope this gets to "Perplexed in Bethlehem" before she makes the same mistake twice. Here's my story. I married a man who could sell sand to the Arabs. Nine years later, I divorced him because he was an alcoholic, but wouldn't admit it. He used his drunkenness as an excuse for physically and verbally abusing me, gambling and chasing women.

After our divorce was final, he started leaving notes on my car and sending me flowers. He told me that he had joined A.A. and had become a born again Christian, so I let him talk me into marrying him again. Two months later I filed for divorce. Here's some advice for "Perplexed": Don't marry him until you've lived with him long enough to find out if he's changed.

ONCE WAS ENOUGH

DEAR ABBY: I'm an authority on remarrying an ex-spouse. I

married my first wife in 1962. We were divorced in '65. Three weeks after our divorce was final, we got remarried.

Three years later we divorced again, and I married No. 2. That marriage ended in divorce after one year. Nine months later, the same judge who granted us our divorce married us again. (Wait. It gets better!)

I married No. 3 in '72. We were divorced in '74, remarried in '76, divorced in '77, but have been living together ever since. I've learned that marriage kills love, so I'm through with marriage, but not with love.

LONG ISLAND LOVER

DEAR ABBY: I was 17 and he was 18. We married right out of high school. Then came World War II and he enlisted. The long separation during wartime led to our divorce. We both married other people and lost track of each other.

Thirty-nine years later, he located me through my sister and phoned me! I had been a widow for two years and he had been a widower for four years. We met "just for coffee" and rediscovered what we first saw in each other when we were teen-agers. We remarried, and the last seven years have been the best years of our lives. These two senior citizens were given a second chance for love.

DICK AND JANE IN PHOENIX

DEAR ABBY: Regarding marrying your ex: It's like being downwind from cooked cabbage.

RAY ELWELL, SEATTLE

"How to Have a Lovely Wedding" is a revised, up-to-date guide for formal church weddings, home weddings, second-time-around weddings. To order, send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.99 (\$3.99 in Canada) to: Abby's Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Nov 29, 1988

In the year ahead you should be able to finalize two enterprises that have never been completed to your satisfaction. After this transpires, it will prove very worthwhile financially and emotionally.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you'll have implicit faith in your ideas today, you are likely to be easily aroused to a righteous defense of your beliefs, but don't be too bullish. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Trade on the business acumen of associates today, because the outlook for joint endeavors appears to be more promising than what you attempt to do on your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Cooperation, diplomacy and tact are your most effective assets today. When you show a willingness to work with others, it will encourage them to make special concessions to you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Participate today in something that's both physical and fun, preferably in the fresh air and sunshine. Active time out of doors will help brighten your outlook for the rest of the week.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Enterprises requiring bold measures should work out rather well for you today. You're not apt to fear taking a chance, yet it's unlikely you'll take foolish risks.

AIDS dementia disputed as future issue

DENVER (AP) — Researchers and AIDS support groups say they are concerned that discrimination could result from a legal expert's contention that AIDS dementia may become a public health hazard in the workplace.

Edward P. Richards, a public health lawyer and visiting professor at the University of Denver, wrote in the Preventive Law Reporter that employers should transfer people with the AIDS virus out of "physically risky" jobs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A substantial portion of your time today might be spent looking out for the needs of others. You won't mind this, however, because you'll do it of your own volition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You shouldn't have any problems today successfully promoting causes or your true beliefs. This gift can work for you in both commercial and noncommercial areas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Since you're apt to be generous with your resources today, spend them on something you'll enjoy that will also provide pleasure for those you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A matter of significance to you can be advanced to your satisfaction today if you make it the top priority on your agenda.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Lady Luck tends to favor you today in ways that will be obvious to you, but might go unnoticed by others. It's best to keep what occurs to yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in a cycle now where your hopes and expectations have very good chances of being fulfilled. Don't let any negative thoughts slip in and convince you otherwise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There are indications that you might accomplish something today of personal pride. Others will also admire your achievement and their approval will enhance your image.



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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Noah Project support group for victims of family violence; 3:45 p.m. For more information, call 573-1822.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 District Boy Scouts; West Texas State Bank; 5:30 p.m.
 Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
 Rebekah Lodge 294; lodge hall; 7:30 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.
 New Choices Support Group; Park Club in Winston Park; 7 p.m.
 For co-dependency or adult children of alcoholics. Call 573-4837 or 863-2427 for information.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.
 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 more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th St.; for more information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
 Scurry County Genealogical Society; Chamber of Commerce; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
 Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
 Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys' Club; 7 p.m.
 Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.
 Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Snyder Country Club.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
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SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 Bethel students in recital; Willow Park Inn; 7 p.m.
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SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
 Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Energy officials plan for new, safer, nuke reactors

WASHINGTON (AP) — As engineers struggle with the aging plants that now produce U.S. nuclear weapons material, Energy Department officials are drawing up plans for two new, safer reactors expected to cost a total of \$6.8 billion.
 One proposed design, the smaller and more expensive of two envisioned, involves technologies that some engineers believe will lead to commercial reactors that drastically reduce the dangers of meltdown and contamination.
 Building new reactors has assumed new urgency since April, when engineers last were

able to safely operate the remaining three production reactors at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, S.C.
 "We feel that we can make the plants at the Savannah River Plant operate, safely, although they are nearing the end of their operational lives," said Ron Cochran, head of the Energy Department office for the new reactors.
 The first of the Savannah River reactors is not expected to resume production of tritium.

Exchange is halted by Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Charging too few Iranian prisoners of war were being returned by Iraq, Iran said it has halted its exchange of prisoners from the Persian Gulf conflict.

Tehran Radio said in a report monitored in Cyprus on Sunday that Iran's Foreign Ministry sent a letter to the International Red Cross, sponsor of the exchange, demanding the immediate release of an additional 67 Iranians.

Under a Nov. 11 accord, Iran and Iraq agreed to release up to 1,570 sick and disabled POWs in batches of about 150, who would fly home aboard a plane chartered by the International Committee for the Red Cross.



AUTHENTIC DRESS—Northeast morning kindergarten students all dressed up like Indians last Wednesday. Teachers pictured are Barbara Bowen and Cheryl Winkles who substituted for Helen Mock who was absent that day. Students in Mrs. Bowen's class include Jason Dennis, Ernest Flores, Will Henderson, Jesus Leyva, Shannon Barnes, T'Leah Eicke, Malina Gonzales, Jennifer

Lara, Ashley Lee, Ashley Long, Daisy Mae Lozoya, Jessica Ramos and Lisa Marie Martinez. Mrs. Mock's students include Manuel Alaniz, Zackery Burns, Justin Cline, Robert Stanley, Sheena Callaway, Amy DeLoera, Lauren Donelson, Julianne Dooley, Kandance Kimmel, Vanessa Paine, Cheryl Reed and Amy Reynolds. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 11-24-88			
♦ 975			
♥ K 6			
♦ A 9 8 6 2			
♦ 7 5 4			
WEST		EAST	
♦ Q 8		♦ J 10 6 4	
♥ Q J 10 9 8		♥ 7 5 4	
♦ 10 7 4 3		♦ J 5	
♦ Q 9		♦ K 10 6 3	
SOUTH			
♦ A K 3 2			
♥ A 3 2			
♦ K Q			
♦ A J 8 2			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: South			
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass			Pass
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

By James Jacoby

A common way to develop tricks is to set up a side-suit, but care frequently has to be taken to do it in the right way. This week we will look at some successful strategies.

Declarer won the opening lead with the ace of hearts, retaining the king in dummy for an entry. Then he played K-Q of diamonds. Going over to dummy with the heart king, he cashed the diamond ace. When the suit failed to divide, the defenders eventually took five tricks.

Declarer can give himself a better chance. His play would have netted an overtrick if diamonds had split, but all he needed was nine tricks. What should he have done? Suppose that he had overtaken the second diamond honor from his hand with dummy's ace. Because East had the doubleton jack, he could now lead the nine of diamonds from dummy. That would force out the 10, later the eight would swallow up the seven, and the remaining small card would be a winner. And what if overtaking the second diamond honor did not draw the jack or 10 from either defender? Declarer would still play another round of diamonds and hope for a 3-3 split. By playing in this fashion, declarer sacrifices an overtrick at times but gives himself a better overall chance of making the contract. He succeeds whenever the diamonds split 3-3, or whenever the jack or the 10 is doubleton in either defender's hand.

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.

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Central Committee convenes to consider restructuring

MOSCOW (AP) — The Central Committee, the policy-making body of the ruling Communist Party, convened today to consider proposals for revamping the central government's relationship to the 15 Soviet republics.

Critics say such revisions, which come after weeks of controversy over proposed constitutional amendments, would concentrate too much power in the Kremlin.

The official news agency Tass said today that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was delivering a report to the 300-member body, but gave no further details.

The Central Committee meeting, known as a plenum, is a prelude to Tuesday's meeting of the Supreme Soviet, or parliament, but it is not known whether it will take up the issue of ethnic unrest now sweeping the southern republics of Azerbaijan and Armenia. At least six people died in protests there last week.

The news agency said the party meeting is considering "measures to effect political

reform in state development," but made no mention of the unease in the Caucasus.

The proposed constitutional changes have stirred controversy particularly in the Baltics, where the Estonian parliament on Nov. 16 declared the republic "sovereign" and claimed authority to conduct its own business except in regard to foreign policy and defense.

The parliaments in neighboring Lithuania and Latvia stopped short of approving similar measures, but activists there still oppose more centralized power and are agitating for defeat of the constitutional changes.

In addition, thousands in the southern republic of Georgia have protested the proposed amendments and many have expressed support for Estonia's action. Soviet newspapers have

contained numerous letters objecting to proposals that readers say could produce a dictator.

Gorbachev appeared at a Saturday meeting of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet and pronounced the Estonian action unconstitutional, saying it "must be rejected as mistaken, not having any legal force."

He said the Presidium, which is the nation's highest executive body, had made several changes.

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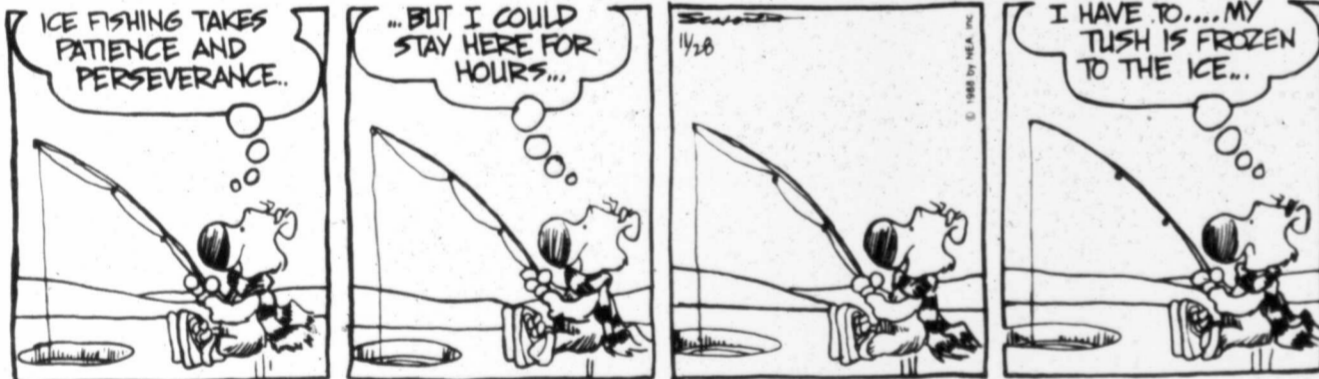
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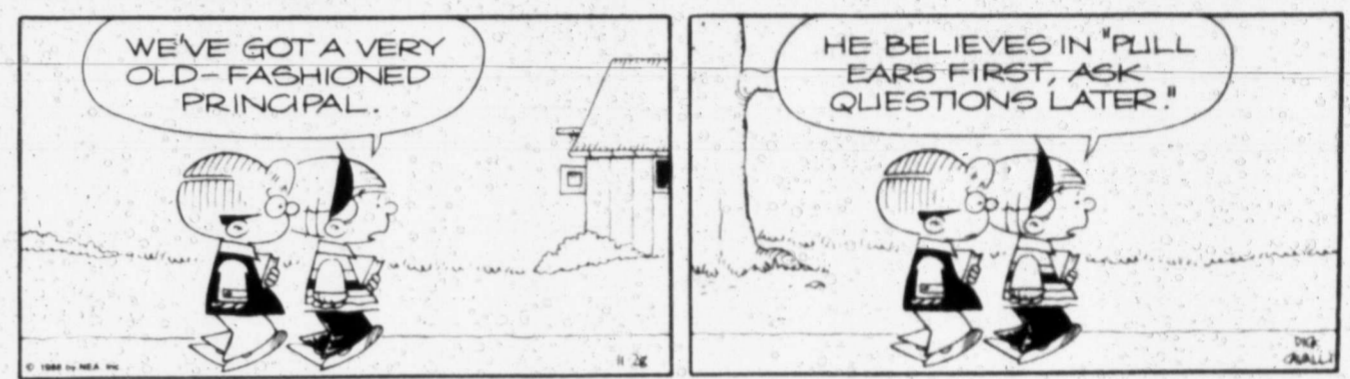
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 - Wharf
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 - the ground floor
 - In addition
 - Superlative suffix
 - Administer corporal punishment
 - Lawyer F. Bailey
 - Come all faithful
 - Bored exclamation
 - Grinds up
 - Black
 - Mae West role
 - Tropical tree
 - One of Columbus' ships
 - Diving bird
 - Swedish singing group
 - Fortune teller
 - Map within a map
 - French article
 - Possesses
 - Touchy
 - Escape (sl.)
 - Cry of surprise
 - Small sword
 - Smear
 - 52, Roman
 - Miss Kett of the comics
 - Placed
 - Person of action
 - Infringe
- DOWN**
- Quarrel
 - Muse

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 51 Aug. time
 55 Away (comb. form)

WTC Westerners edge TSTI, 133-127; host Chaps in WJCAC opener tonight

The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Mon., Nov. 28, 1988 5

Western Texas' Westerners already have as many wins in 1988 as they did in the entire 1987-88 season. The question is, can the Westerners play with the conference's top brass?

They'll find out tonight at Scurry County Coliseum.

Western Texas, coming off of a 133-127 double-overtime victory over Texas State Technical Institute, entertains Midland College's Chaparrals in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener at 8 p.m.

Western earned its eighth victory of the season Saturday by outlasting TSTI in final-round action of the Odessa College Tournament. The win put Coach Tony Mauldin's bunch at 8-2 and already insured as many wins as last year, when the coach

debutted at 8-23.

Against Midland, Western will have to find a defense that has eluded the Westerners at times this season, despite accounting for just two losses. Saturday, Western jumped on TSTI quickly and fashioned a 64-55 lead, only to struggle in the second half. Led by 6-3 sophomore Creig Charles, who blasted the hoop for 10 3-

pointers enroute to a 55-point night, TSTI rallied. The result was a 108 deadlock at the final buzzer and a 113 tie after the first overtime.

TSTI stayed close in part by taking advantage of a rough outing from the charity stripe by Western. WTC hit just 28 of 48 shots from the line. TSTI managed 30 of 44.

Western got a solid performance from 6-8 freshman Ken Critton, who bagged a season-high 39 points and had 14 rebounds. Bernard Williams scored 29 points, Bobby Spear 18, David Smith 9 and Keith Hawkins 8.

TSTI, 2-10, got 55 from Charles and 19 from Lyndon Love.

High school grid scores

Class 5A Regional Semifinals
Arlington Lamar 41, Amarillo Palo Duro 13
Converse Judson 24, San Antonio Clark 13
CC Carroll 21, Harlingen 10
Dallas Carter 31, Lufkin 7
Hogdon Stratford 39, Forest Brook 33
Odessa Permian 48, Irving Nimitz 7
Marshall 24, Lakeview Centennial 14
Willowridge 35, Deer Park 10

Class 4A Regional Semifinals
Cleburne 35, Hereford 20
Denison 24, Midlothian 0
Kerrville Tivy 41, Calallen 23
Monahans 14, Wichita Falls Hirsch 6
Paris 28, Kilgore 7
Tomball 26, Sissbee 14
Uvalde 24, Bastrop 21
West Orange-Stark 14, Katy Mayde Creek 0

Class 3A Regional Semifinals
Decatur 21, Brownfield 14
Denver City 20, Springtown 19
Fairfield 32, Crockett 7
Hitchcock 27, Carrizo Springs 2
Navasota 7, Hamshire Farnett 0
Southlake Carroll 42, Danglerfield 13
Sweeny 21, West Oso 6
Wills Point 7, Linden-Kildare 3

Class 2A Regional Semifinals
Boiling 35, Mason 8
Celina 38, Lorena 26
Corrigan-Camden 35, Grand Saline 3
Eastland 17 West Texas High 0
Hughes Springs 20, Groveton 20 (Hughes Springs wins on penetrations, 4-3)
McGregor 34, Pilot Point 0
Quanah 24, DelLeon 22
Refugio 12, Manor 6

Class A Regional Semifinals
Bartlett 32, Skidmore-Tynan 14
Bremont 28, Union Hill 12
Fannindel 21, Wortham 16
Flotonia 35, Thrall 8
Lindsay 12, Baird 0

Hankin 28, Follett 7
Rolan 41, Muenster 14
White Deer 21, Garden City 20

SIX-MAN Quarterfinals
Christoval 42, Lazbuddie 26
Fort Hancock 68, New Home 46
May 54, Milford 20
Zephyr 62, Jayton 34

TEXAS ASSN. OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS
Class 2A
State Championship
Dallas Bishop Dunne 35, Houston St. Pius 26

Class 2A
State Championship
Temple-FW 41, Tyler Gorman 0

Class 1A
State Championship
Temple-Dallas 23, Lexington 6

TEXAS CHRISTIAN INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Class 3A
State Championship
Dallas Bishop Lynch 21, St. Gerard 13

High school grid pairings

by The Associated Press
Here are this week's pairings for the Texas high school football playoffs:

Class 5A Quarterfinals
Region I
Odessa Permian (11-2) vs. Arlington Lamar (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Odessa Stadium, Odessa

Region II
Marshall (12-0) vs. Dallas Carter (11-0-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Floyd Casey Stadium, Waco.

Region III
Willowridge (12-0) vs. Houston Stratford (11-1), to be announced.

Region IV
Corpus Christi Carroll (13-0) vs. Converse Judson (12-1), TBA.

Class 4A Quarterfinals
Region I
Monahans (10-2) vs. Cleburne (11-2), TBA.

Region II
Denison (12-1) vs. Paris (10-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving.

Region III
West Orange-Stark (10-2) vs. Tomball (10-1), TBA.

Region IV
Kerrville Tivy (12-0) vs. Uvalde (12-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Austin.

Class 3A Quarterfinals
Region I
Denver City (11-2) vs. Decatur (9-2-2), TBA.

Region II
Southlake Carroll (13-0) vs. Wills Point (10-2), 8 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

Region III
Fairfield (12-1) vs. Navasota (10-3), TBA.

Region IV
Hitchcock (10-2-1) vs. Sweeny (6-5-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Angleton.

Class 2A Quarterfinals
Region I
Quanah (11-1) vs. Eastland (10-2-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene.

Region II
McGregor (11-1) vs. Celina (12-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

Region III
Hughes Springs (12-0-1) vs. Corrigan-Camden (12-0-1), TBA.

Region IV
Refugio (12-0) vs. Boiling (13-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Rosenberg Terry.

Class A Quarterfinals
Region I
White Deer (12-0) vs. Rankin (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Levelland.

Region II
Lindsay (10-2) vs. Rotan (10-2-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mineral Wells.

Region III
Fannindel (12-1) vs. Bremont (11-1-1), TBA.

Region IV
Bartlett (12-0) vs. Flotonia (13-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Nelson Field, Austin.

Six-Man Semifinals
Region I
Christoval (12-0) vs. Fort Hancock (13-0), TBA.

Region II
Zephyr (13-0) vs. May (11-2), TBA.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	East					Central					West							
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Buffalo	11	2	0	.846	273	189	8	5	0	.615	266	258	6	6	0	.500	219	274
New England	7	6	0	.538	217	249	7	6	0	.538	290	239	6	6	1	.500	277	279
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	290	239	6	6	1	.500	277	279	5	8	0	.385	229	278
N.Y. Jets	6	6	1	.500	277	279	10	3	0	.769	395	261	9	4	0	.692	326	294
Miami	5	8	0	.385	229	278	8	5	0	.615	221	206	3	10	0	.231	245	343

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	East					Central					West							
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	314	275	11	2	0	.846	269	152	9	4	0	.692	326	294
N.Y. Giants	8	5	0	.615	266	258	9	4	0	.692	327	185	9	4	0	.692	327	185
Phoenix	7	6	0	.538	303	305	3	10	0	.231	223	325	3	10	0	.231	223	325
Washington	6	7	0	.462	291	324	3	10	0	.231	168	265	6	7	0	.462	291	324
Dallas	2	11	0	.154	213	317	2	11	0	.154	182	262	3	10	0	.231	168	265

Chicago (11-2) vs. Houston (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Reliant Stadium, Houston.

Minnesota (10-3) vs. Cleveland (10-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Cleveland Stadium, Cleveland.

Tampa Bay (9-4) vs. New York Jets (8-5), 8 p.m. Friday, Sun Life Stadium, Tampa.

Detroit (8-5) vs. Green Bay (7-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Tiger Stadium, Detroit.

New Orleans (9-4) vs. San Francisco (8-5), 8 p.m. Friday, Superdome, New Orleans.

L.A. Rams (7-6) vs. Atlanta (7-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Anaheim Stadium, Los Angeles.

Atlanta (7-6) vs. New York Jets (8-5), 8 p.m. Friday, Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Atlanta.

Ladies host Wall Tuesday

Snyder High School's Lady Tigers will entertain Wall in a non-district basketball game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the school gym.

A junior varsity contest is set for 6 p.m.

Hogs, Cougs, Horns victors

by The Associated Press
Texas coach Tom Penders made a successful debut and the Houston Cougars showed why they are the preseason pick to win the Southwest Conference basketball title.

The Longhorns knocked off Pepperdine 82-79 in the opening game of the Hawaii Tip-Off Tournament. In the second game Sunday, the Longhorns were edged out by Hawaii 85-84. Penders came to Texas from Rhode Island to replace Bob Weltlich.

Houston ripped Iowa State 89-82 as Richard Hollis scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. It was the first home opening loss for the Cyclones since 1975.



CONFERENCE OPENER TONIGHT -- Western Texas College's Westerners will entertain Midland College at 8 tonight in Scurry County Coliseum. The game will be the Western Junior College Athletic Conference opener for both teams. Above, Coach Tony Mauldin talks with Ken Critton as Vladimir McCrary (40) and Terry Whitcher look on. (SDN Staff Photo)

Despite loss to Miami...

Arkansas gains some respect

by The Associated Press
The Cotton Bowl came out smelling like a rose for its matchup of Arkansas versus UCLA on Jan. 2.

Southwest Conference champion Arkansas, the host team, threw a major scare into Miami before falling 18-16 on Saturday on a late field goal.

"I kept trying to tell everybody I visited with that Arkansas was vastly underrated," said Cotton Bowl executive vice president Jim Brock. "Now, they know

what I meant. Arkansas can play with anybody."

It was Arkansas' first loss, but until the game the Hogs had gained virtually no national respect. They were unblemished but were ranked only eighth and were 17-point underdogs.

"We've got a great game with those tough Razorbacks and UCLA and Troy Aikman," Brock said.

Arkansas wanted revenge for last year's 51-7 slaughter by Miami and in a measure gained some.

"We're a lot better team now," said Arkansas linebacker Kerry Owens. "Don't take us lightly."

"This team has a lot more confidence," said quarterback Quinn Grovey. "We thought we could beat Miami, and we came up just short."

Miami end Greg Mark praised Arkansas as among "the top three or four teams in the country."

Arkansas' loss did show a problem for the SWC in 1988. The league was 1-8 against teams in the Top 20.

There are two non-conference games left.

Texas A&M (8-4) and Alabama (7-3) play in a game the Aggies have dubbed "The Hurricane Bowl" on Thursday night from College Station. ESPN will televise the game nationally beginning at 7 o'clock.

The game is a replay of a game originally scheduled earlier, when Alabama refused to come to Texas because Hurricane Gilbert was headed toward the state. Instead, the hurricane hit Mexico and weather was ideal in College Station the day of the scheduled game.

Texas Tech and Oklahoma State play in Tokyo in the Coca Cola Bowl on Saturday with the Red Raiders trying to stop the nation's leading rusher, Barry Sanders, who is one of the top three candidates for the Heisman Trophy.

Houston finished third in the

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	Atlantic Division				Central Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	9	4	.692	—	10	2	.833	—
New York	8	4	.667	1/2	8	3	.727	1 1/2
New Jersey	7	7	.500	2 1/2	7	6	.538	3 1/2
Boston	6	7	.462	3 1/2	6	6	.500	4
Washington	4	7	.364	4	5	5	.500	4
Charlotte	2	10	.167	6 1/2	1	11	.083	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	Midwest Division				Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	9	3	.750	—	8	3	.727	—
Utah	8	3	.727	1/2	7	5	.583	1 1/2
Denver	8	4	.667	1	6	6	.500	2 1/2
Houston	8	5	.615	1 1/2	5	6	.455	3
San Antonio	4	7	.364	4 1/2	5	7	.417	3 1/2
Miami	0	10	.000	8	5	7	.417	3 1/2

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Tighter thrift rules make loans for building scarce

HOUSTON (AP) — The failures of Texas savings and loans and tighter federal controls on remaining thrifts have created a money shortage that may force home builders to turn toward other funding sources to survive, industry officials say.

"It's getting harder and harder to come by financing with the restraints the regulators are putting on the S&Ls," Tom Walker, president of the Greater Houston Builders Association, told the Houston Chronicle. "It's a real problem for us."

The problem is serious enough that some Houston builders say a shortage of homes is a possibility. Financing is scarce for model homes or any house that isn't sold before construction begins.

As a result, Walker said, builders may be forced to turn away from traditional loans and look instead to foreign banks, insurance companies or government bonds.

Tom King, president of the Texas Savings and Loan League, said the problem stems from a regulation imposed about three months ago on thrifts by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

The regulation limits the growth of deposits and loans at insolvent thrifts, he said.

"As long as the Federal Home Loan Bank Board strictly enforces that regulation, especially in Texas, it will hinder the economic development of Texas," King said.

Signe Allen, spokeswoman for the Bank Board, rejected criticism that the federal regulators are hindering the economic recovery of Texas.

"The housing market in Houston is dependent on a whole lot more economic factors than what our supervisors say is OK or not OK," she said.

Ms. Allen said regulators had imposed no ban on construction and no ban on construction lending, but adds that many federal supervisors overseeing lending activity are taking a conservative approach in directing the operation of thrifts.

As a result, Houston home builder Gary L. Wilkerson is unable to get a loan to build despite four buyers who have already signed contracts.

"It has reached critical proportions," said Wilkerson, who expects to build about 40 homes this year. "The main problem is the S&Ls. The feds have put a clamp down on the S&Ls where they can't loan to us for any reason."

Jim DeLaPlaine, the Houston

area vice president of the Texas Association of Builders, said builders in Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio have been complaining about the same problem.

One Dallas builder recently had to dip into his company's own funds to complete a half-built house when federal regulators closed the thrift that provided the construction loan, DeLaPlaine said.

DeLaPlaine said the association is planning "to warn builders they need to be aware of the solvency of their lenders."

Builders that construct 100 houses a year generally maintain credit lines of \$15 million to \$20 million, he said. A single construction loan usually covers 50 percent to 70 percent of the value of the house, with the builder's cash making up the remainder, DeLaPlaine said.

Large national builders usually have credit lines with a number of commercial banks or financial institutions and aren't dependent on Texas thrifts, he said.

A few large mortgage com-

panies provide financing for builders, but most Houston banks discontinued significant amounts of loans to small and medium-sized builders in the mid-1980s, when the real estate markets crashed, DeLaPlaine said. Other Houston home builders confirmed that thrifts financed most of Houston's small and medium-sized builders.

DeLaPlaine said some local builders have seen as much as 30 percent of their credit lines disappear in recent months.

"Construction loan financing is just drying up," he said.

Jay Freeman, senior vice president at San Jacinto Savings in Houston, said his company is actively making construction loans to builders.

But Freeman said many Houston thrifts operating under the supervision of federal regulators are restricted to making home mortgages for home buyers — no development loans, consumer loans or construction loans to builders.

Gorbachev says unrest is menace to reforms

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said ethnic strife is threatening his program of economic and social reforms, and he said restructuring is the cure for the violence, not the cause.

Gorbachev was reacting to a wave of nationalist unrest that has swept across the country from the Baltic republics in the northwest to the Caucasus in the southwest.

He said in a speech broadcast on state television Sunday that "attempts are being made to kindle dislike in the interethnic sphere."

"This would be disastrous, it would put perestroika in jeopardy," he said, referring to his reform campaign. "It would even make some people think that it is, perhaps, perestroika that is to blame for all that."

He said his policy of opening up information and opinion is the solution to ethnic tension, which exists in many of the 15 Soviet republics.

Gorbachev's remarks come during violent tensions between the neighboring southern republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan and during demands for increased autonomy in the Baltic republics of Estonia, Latvia and

Lithuania.

He made his speech Saturday before the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the nation's top executive body.

Saturday's session of the Presidium struck down an Estonian declaration of limited sovereignty made earlier this month, official media reported. Estonia declared then that it had the right to veto Soviet laws.

Official media said Gorbachev acknowledged before the Presidium that national constitutional amendments he has proposed may have angered Estonians and others by curtailing local rule.

But his remarks Saturday also carried a veiled warning. "I must say we receive a great number of letters from working people in every republic with remarks that we are at times too tolerant with regard to extremists," Gorbachev said.

In Azerbaijan on Sunday, two Communist Party officials were reported fired.

Soviet newspapers charged that local authorities were not helping soldiers halt the ethnic violence in the republic.

Rallies of up to 500,000 people were reported Sunday in Baku, the republic's capital.



TOP CLASS—During Northeast's recent promotion to sell chances for two food baskets which were given away in time for Thanksgiving, Margie Martinez's second graders had the highest percentage of sales in the entire school. They were treated to an ice cream party for their efforts. Students include Eddie Abell, Nicholas Barboza, Jonathan

Davis, Timothy Dominguez, Josh Loper, Lucas Wood, Toby Zalman, Summer Barnes, Jennifer Carrisalez, Amanda Compton, Joanie Hembree, Brooke Henderson, Marci Irvine, Amy Ornelas, Veronica Ortega, Angela Reeves and Brandi Wolf. (SDN Staff Photo)



THANKSGIVING FEAST—These Humble Smith School early childhood students and their families enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast last Wednesday. Students pictured are Blaine Burney, Christopher Ward, Shayne Harmon and Lela Stevens. Families members pictured are Birdwell Burney, Brenda

Burney, Jeanie Ward, Doug Harmon, Louise Stevens and Harvey Stevens. Also shown is teacher Pat Cunningham and aides Deborah Jenkins and Sally Rios. The students prepared the meal themselves and it consisted of stone soup, rolls and butter. (SDN Staff Photo)

Austin dealer detects forged copies of historic documents

HOUSTON (AP) — The popularity of Texana and the increase in available cash during the boom days of the 1970s and early 1980s created an atmosphere ripe for the forgery of historic documents, and a rare book and document dealer says he's finding increasing evidence of the problem.

W. Thomas Taylor of Austin said he has uncovered forged and fabricated copies of 13 different Texas documents, including more than 50 facsimiles located in museums, libraries, university and private collections.

The damage may go well beyond fake copies of actual documents, Taylor said.

"I suspect a significant number of autograph letters by important people about important matters in this state's history probably are forgeries and describe events that never happened," Taylor told the Houston Chronicle. "The pitfalls for future scholars should be obvious."

His findings have prompted a lengthy investigation by the Public Integrity Section of the Travis County District Attorney's office, which has been trying to determine whether criminal violations occurred in the reproduction of those documents cited by Taylor.

Assistant District Attorney Steve McCreely said the investigation is nearly complete, and prosecutors will present evidence to a grand jury if indictable offenses appear to have occurred.

Among the alleged phony documents are copies of the Feb. 24, 1836 "Victory or Death" letter written by William Barret Taylor, appealing for aid at the Alamo, and the declaration of independence from Mexico, approved by rebellious Texas settlers in a convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos in March 1836.

To rally support for the Texas Revolution, Texan printers put out hundreds of copies of Travis' letter and the Declaration of Independence in the form of broadsides, or circulars.

The most popular documents came from this romantic period of Texas history, but only rare copies still exist, he said.

"Virtually all the printing done in Texas during that period took

the form of highly perishable broadsides," Taylor said, and only a handful survived, generally in institutional collections.

"How frustrating that must have been for our bibliographic entrepreneurs. They moved quickly to remedy the imbalance by two simple expedients: theft and forgery," he said.

About 1970, thieves systematically stole documents from many important Texas collections, but for the most part, these thefts were not publicly disclosed, Taylor said.

If the thefts had been reported, he said, the stolen items might have been recovered and their copies recognized when they appeared in the market.

Until 1973, only two copies of the broadside relating Travis' famous message from the Alamo were reported to exist, he said, but since then, 10 copies have surfaced, "a number, which to any thinking person, is wholly implausible."

"In the 1970s, I had sold three copies of the Declaration of Independence and one copy of the Travis letter for a great deal of money," he said.

"I would wince and worry a bit when I would see another copy of these documents, but I did not rush out looking for trouble."

Among the documents he has

determined to be fakes was one Taylor unwittingly sold to the San Jacinto Museum of History in Houston seven years ago for \$30,000. Taylor said he has refunded \$58,000 for fake documents he inadvertently sold.

"The Declaration of Independence proved to be a kind of Rosetta Stone for the discovery of other forgeries," he said. "I simply looked for once-gone documents that had become common, that originated with certain dealers, that were poorly printed or which showed signs of retouching a negative."

Among his other discoveries were five forged documents that had been presented as gifts to the University of Houston.

He also located fake Texas documents in the possession of the Barker Texas History Center, Yale University, the American Antiquarian Society, the Star of the Republic Museum at Washington-on-the-Brazos, Baylor University, the Texas State Historical Association, the Dallas Public Library, the branches of the University of Texas system at San Antonio and Arlington and assorted private collectors.

A forged copy of the Declaration of Independence turned up in the Texana collection of Gov. Bill Clements.

Trade deficit falls during third quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit shrank by 5.4 percent from July through September, the third consecutive quarterly decline, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said that the imbalance between imports and exports narrowed to \$28.5 billion in the year's third quarter.

It was the lowest quarterly deficit since the first quarter of 1985 and reflected the continued improvement the country has enjoyed in trade this year.

The decline followed a revised 14.3 percent narrowing in the second quarter, when it shrank to \$30.15 billion. In the first three months of the year, the deficit had fallen by 14.6 percent.

For the first nine months of this year, the trade deficit has been running at an annual rate of \$125.2 billion, down 22 percent from the record deficit of \$160.3 billion in 1987.

Economists believe this trend will hold for the final three months of the year, marking the first annual improvement in the country's trade balance since President Reagan took office in 1981.

The new figures confirmed an improvement already evident in the department's monthly merchandise trade reports. Those figures showed the deficit declining by 3.2 percent to \$32.2 billion in the third quarter, compared to \$33.2 billion in the second quarter.

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The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Such suit is a Trespass to Try Title Suit by which Plaintiff seeks to establish record title and ownership to Defendants'

5% of 8/8ths overriding royalty interest in and to the South 280 acres of the North 600 acres of Section No. 140 in Block No. 97 of the H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, as to depths from the surface down to and including 3,500 feet. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued this the 17th day of November, 1988. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Texas, this the 17th day of November, 1988.

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Obituaries

John Powell

Services for John Powell, 74, of 509 35th are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. He died Sunday.

He is survived by two daughters; one sister, Ethel Gillands of Reno, Nev.; and two brothers, Ennis Powell of Snyder and Coffie Powell of Reno, Nev.

Pearl May Bass

Services for Pearl May Bass, 94, of Snyder Nursing Center will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Tom Holcomb of East Side Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

She died at 10:35 a.m. Sunday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She was born May 11, 1894 in Titus County, Tex. She was a homemaker and member of East Side Church of Christ. She was married to Luther Franklin Bass in 1915 in Titus County. He died June 22, 1974.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Franklin Bass.

She is survived by three daughters, Edith Hilburn of Edmond, Okla.; Catherine McKinzey of Staples and Christine Jesson of Hillsboro; two sons, George of Sacramento, Calif. and Neyland of Longview; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Susan Jagers of Mt. Vernon.

Eula Olga Ryan

Services for Eula Olga Ryan, 91, of San Antonio, former Snyder resident, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Loren Gardner, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Coahoma, officiating. Burial will follow in Hermleigh Cemetery.

She died at 1:30 a.m. Monday at Four Seasons Nursing Home in San Antonio.

She was a homemaker and was married to Lindsay Ryan who died in 1965. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Berdie Treiber of Kendall; one son, E. L. Ryan of San Antonio; one brother, Charlie Drennan of Sterling City; one sister, Edith Wilcox of Downey, Calif.; one grandson, Kenneth Hooks; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Luther Smith

WEATHERFORD—Services for Luther Smith, 63, of Weatherford, former Ira resident, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday. He died Saturday. He was born Feb. 21, 1925 in Ira.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita of the home; a daughter, Nita Smith of the home; three sisters, Cleo Smith of Snyder, Zelta Dillion of Detroit, Tex., and Kathleen Stowe of Fort Worth; an uncle, D. D. Smith of Dunn and an aunt, Jude Huddleston of Snyder.

3 juveniles arrested here for break-in

A 21-year-old man and three juvenile boys were arrested at the scene of a vehicle burglary at 6 p.m. Saturday in the alley north of the 1000 Block of 25th St.

Two city officers responded to a report of several males breaking into an ice cream truck and took the boys, two aged 14 and one aged 15, into custody for burglary of a vehicle.

The adult was arrested for public intoxication and was not believed to have been involved in the break-in, officers said.

A 78-year-old woman was arrested for shoplifting at 4:54 p.m. Sunday at Kmart.

An 18-year-old male was arrested for DWI and his two companions, 28 and 20 years old, for PI at 10:57 p.m. Saturday in the 1900 Block of 40th St.

A 30-year-old man was arrested for PI at 1:34 a.m. Sunday at 21st St. and Ave. T.

Neighborhood has tire cutting

Police are investigating two tire-cutting incidents in the 400 Block of 36th St.

Mike Post of 411 36th and Rog Bailey of 401 36th reported Sunday afternoon that tires on vehicles parked in front of their residences had been slashed.

Gary Bingham told officers at

Head-on collision causes no injuries

The Department of Public Safety reported two weekend accidents, one a 12:30 p.m. Sunday incident in which two vehicles collided head-on 13.5 miles west of Snyder on U.S. 180. No injuries were reported from either accident, however.

A DPS trooper said a 1987 GMC Suburban driven by Jon K. Rucker of Dallas was eastbound and a 1988 Ford Thunderbird driven by Stanley C. Talbott of Odessa was westbound when the Rucker vehicle veered into the other lane as the driver attempt-

ed to retrieve something from the floorboard.

The trooper said both vehicles slowed enough prior to impact that the two drivers and Rucker's wife, 3-year-old girl and 8-month-old son all escaped injury.

At 7 a.m. Saturday 5.3 miles north of town on U.S. 84, a 1985 Toyota Celica driven by Robert B. Fox of Corpus Christi went out of control when Fox went to sleep at the wheel and hit a guard rail, extensively damaging the undercarriage of the car, the DPS said.

Arab League to call for General Assembly to move to Geneva, Switzerland

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Arab diplomats say they have enough votes for an unprecedented measure to move the U.N. General Assembly from New York to Geneva so PLO chief Yasser Arafat can address the world body on the Palestinian issue.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar accused the United States on Sunday of violating its U.N. treaty by refusing to issue a U.S. visa to Arafat to speak to the General Assembly.

The Arab Group of U.N. member states planned to meet today to recommend moving the General Assembly.

The State Department denied a visa to the Arafat on Saturday, saying the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman "knows of, condones and lends support to" terrorist attacks.

President Reagan lauded the decision. "I think the other way would have sent out the wrong signal—that we are paties," he said in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Reaction from other nations was largely negative. Arafat has not commented on the decision.

Perez de Cuellar said the move to deny Arafat a visa violates the 1947 agreement under which the United States promises not to interfere in U.N. matters.

"Such a decision is incompatible with the obligations of the host country under the Headquarters Agreement," he said. "If maintained, this action is likely to complicate and render more difficult the further debates on the question of Palestine and the situation in the Middle East."

A nearly one-year Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has left more than 300 Palestinians and 11 Israelis dead.

The policy-making Palestine

National Council, the PLO parliament-in-exile, proclaimed an independent Palestinian state during its meeting in Algiers on Nov. 15. More than 30 countries, most of them Arab, have formally recognized the state.

The Palestine homeland proclamation implicitly recognized Israel by endorsing a U.N. resolution that guarantees all Middle East states the right to exist in peace. It promised to restrict guerrilla activity.

Thirty killed on Texas highways during the holiday

A 20-year-old El Paso soldier and two unidentified men in San Antonio and Dallas were killed in separate accidents to boost to 30 the number of Texas traffic fatalities over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

According to an unofficial tally by The Associated Press, the 30 died between 6 p.m. Wednesday and midnight Sunday.

Authorities said Joseph Merrick St. Peter, who is stationed in Fort Bliss, was struck and killed in Waco about 4 a.m. Sunday. St. Peter was crossing North Valley Mills Drive to Waco Drive when he was struck by a 1987 Chevrolet pickup driven by a 16-year-old Waco boy. St. Peter was pronounced dead at the scene.

Meanwhile authorities continue to search for clues to the identity of two other traffic fatalities in San Antonio and Dallas.

In San Antonio, a man without identification was killed when he drove his car into a tree in front of MacArthur High School about 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Another unidentified man died in Dallas about 11 p.m. Saturday when he was struck as he tried to cross North Central Expressway near Fitzhugh Avenue.

The latest accounting by AP includes several additional deaths on Thursday, Friday and Saturday within the state.

Lasonia Gail Dobbins, 18, and Carmen Denise Washington, 19, both of Houston died in a one-car accident on Interstate 45 about 13 miles north of Huntsville during a Saturday morning rainstorm. Investigators said the car's driver, Wilford Earl Stevens Jr., 29, had lost control of the vehicle. Stevens was in stable condition at Huntsville Memorial Hospital.

Henry Shephard, 46, of Houston, died after losing control of his van and slamming into a steel post on a Houston street about 9:25 p.m. Friday.

Harvey Lee Ledford, 63, of Galena Park, also died after losing control of his van. His vehicle struck a guardrail about 11 a.m. Friday and he died about three hours later at Sunbelt Regional Medical Center.

3 fire runs made locally

Firemen had three calls over the weekend, one to a burning cotton trailer at 11:58 a.m. Sunday 10 miles southwest of Snyder.

A department spokesman said a 10-bale trailer owned by Leland McCarter caught fire and the trailer was saved while most of the cotton was destroyed.

They returned to the station at 1:45 p.m.

A grass fire behind the Ira Church of Christ occupied firemen from 11:57 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Saturday, and they were at the scene of a pickup truck fire for 45 minutes Sunday night at 38th St. and Muriel Dr.

A 1964 Chevrolet pickup owned by Norman Eakin had minor damage in the engine compartment in the 10:32 p.m. Sunday incident.



NORTHEAST WINNERS—Northeast students recently sold chances for two food baskets which were given away just before Thanksgiving. Odeatha Anderson of Hermleigh and Prissila Gonzales won the baskets of groceries. Pictured are the top six students in the promotion. They are from left, Joanie Hembree a second grader who was the top ticket seller in the entire school; Brad

Eicke, also a second grader who was second in sales; Rosemary Escobedo, a third grader who was third highest in sales and she also sold one of the winning tickets; Brandy White, a sixth grader, who was fourth highest in sales; and Nick Curiel, a fifth grader who sold one of the winning tickets. (SDN Staff Photo)



NORTHEAST PUMPKIN FEAST—Northeast second graders were treated to a pumpkin feast Wednesday. They dressed for the occasion and en-

joyed treats made with pumpkin and played games. (SDN Staff Photo)

Newspapers, broadcasters were victims of 1984 hoax

HOUSTON (AP) — When newspapers and broadcasters reported a story in August 1984 that Houston troopers had made one of the biggest drug seizures in Texas history, they fell victim to an elaborate hoax created by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

And when Harris County authorities in September described a cocaine seizure as further proof that Houston had become a major entry for drug trafficking, reporters were again fooled.

But so were drug dealers, authorities say.

For several years, the DEA has directed local law enforcement agencies throughout the country to stage such phony drug seizures and generate false news reports to help agents gain the confidence of drug lords, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

"DEA-Houston is only one finger. This is going on all across the United States," said Harris County Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen, who praised the bogus seizures as "very productive in taking illicit drugs off the street."

Because of its success, he said, the practice has gained widespread national acceptance. But journalists say the scams raise ethical questions about government deception of the news media and the public.

"If the DEA is willing to lie to the media and public about this issue," said Houston Chronicle Managing Editor Tony Pederson, "what else might they be willing to lie about?"

Pederson acknowledged that extraordinary measures are necessary to fight drug trafficking, but said government agencies must maintain credibility.

Meanwhile, The Houston Post

DA names assistant

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strong. She was officially admitted to the State Bar last week and is a recent graduate of the Texas Tech University Law School.

She is a native of Big Spring and grew up in Borden County.

reported today that the DEA has given suspected drug dealers the required chemicals and even built a drug laboratory for one target.

A Houston attorney, Philip Greene, told the Post that DEA agents watched a suspected dealer in Dallas make and deliver methamphetamines and Quaaludes but did not intercept the drugs. The dealer, however, was arrested, according to Greene.

"If the point of the DEA is to get drugs off the street, they violated policy," said Greene, who specializes in drug cases.

"I'm saying our basic goal is to infiltrate drug dealers," Mariop Hambrick, the DEA chief in Houston said. "We can't expose what we do undercover."

The practice of staging the fake seizures and feeding the information to news reporters apparently came into practice several years ago to resolve a dilemma for undercover drug agents posing as cocaine importers for Colombian drug lords, the Chronicle reported.

Often the DEA operatives deliver the drugs according to instructions from Colombian exporters and keep the shipment under surveillance in hopes of intercepting it before it hits the streets, officials said.

But the DEA sometimes ensure that drugs never reach the street by "dropping the load" in cooperation with local authorities, who stage phony seizures and allow the undercover operation to proceed without detection, the newspaper said.

Newspaper clippings generated by the tactic are used to provide cover stories for agents.

DEA spokesman Maurice Hill in Washington, D.C., said the technique is employed in high drug traffic areas nationwide, in-

cluding Florida and Texas.

"It's a procedure that is used, but I can't begin to tell you with what frequency. It's not a new technique. I can tell you that," Hill said. "The Colombians, the only way they'll believe you is to show them the stuff (drugs), the money or the newspaper clips."

Journalists said the practice carries implications about the final responsibility for the actions of government agents.

"We almost have a shadow government in addition to the government of the people," Will Norton, chairman of the journalism department at the University of Mississippi, said of the drug agents' actions.

"There seems to have been no accountability in the entire process," Pederson added. "At least some type of judicial review has always been necessary for other elements of law enforcement deception, the key example being wiretaps. But who, if anyone, has reviewed this process?"

In 1984, DEA agents helped smuggle 952 pounds of cocaine into the country, then abandoned their van at a prearranged Harris County roadblock set up by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Court hears audit report

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Vestal said there was a fund balance in the county budget of \$2,308,016 on Dec. 31, 1987, and a \$3,382 balance in the juvenile probation fund at the end of fiscal 1987-88.

A low bid of \$12,500 was accepted from Bruckner's Mack Trucks of Lubbock for a used diesel tractor to be used in Commissioner Tommy Pate's Pct. 2, the northwestern quadrant of the county.

Frankenstein due 2nd show

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Kevin Tate, Marcus Best, Bill Vestal, Jeffrey Cockran and Gina McWhirter.

The final show will be Thursday, also beginning at 8 p.m.

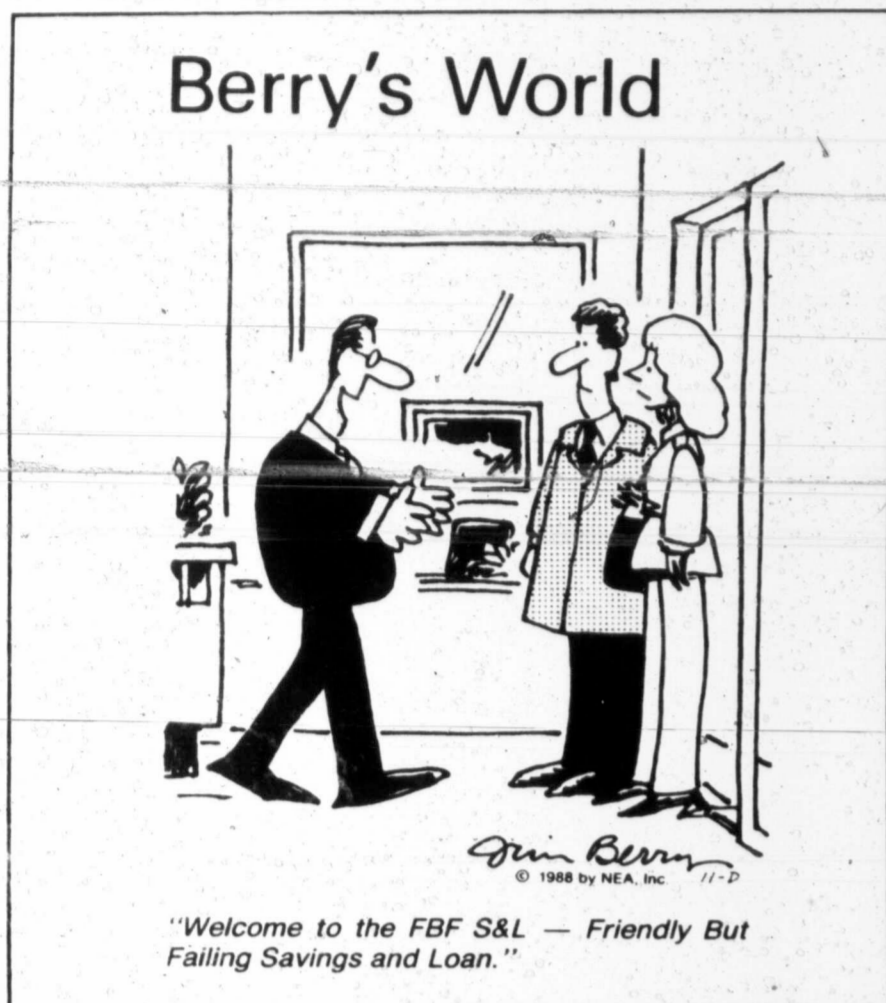
College plans ceramics sculpture exhibit

Pottery and ceramic sculpture by Ty Brunson will be featured in an exhibit opening Dec. 4 in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Gallery. A reception honoring the artist is planned from 1-2 p.m.

The exhibit will be part of the 10th annual Christmas Happening hosted by the Scurry County Museum and Western Texas College. The public is invited to attend the Christmas Happening and there is no charge for admission to any of the activities.

Brunson joined the faculty at WTC this fall, coming to Snyder from Rouston, La. He received the Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Master of Fine Arts degrees from Louisiana Tech University. His works are represented in the Stoner Arts Centers in Shreveport, the Roundtree Gallery in Monroe and The Friend, Piper and Mulker Gallery in Shreveport.

Included in the show will be both old and new pieces, all for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the Fine Arts Department.



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Husband forgiven one year later

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — A woman says she has forgiven her husband, who is accused of killing their two young sons by placing them in a 1,300-degree foundry ladle, and will deal with the criticism for taking him back.

Susan Dobben, 29, sat in a car on Thanksgiving Day 1987, while her husband, Bartley James Dobben, 27, took their children into the Muskegon foundry where he worked. He told her he wanted to pick up a Bible and show off his workplace to the children.

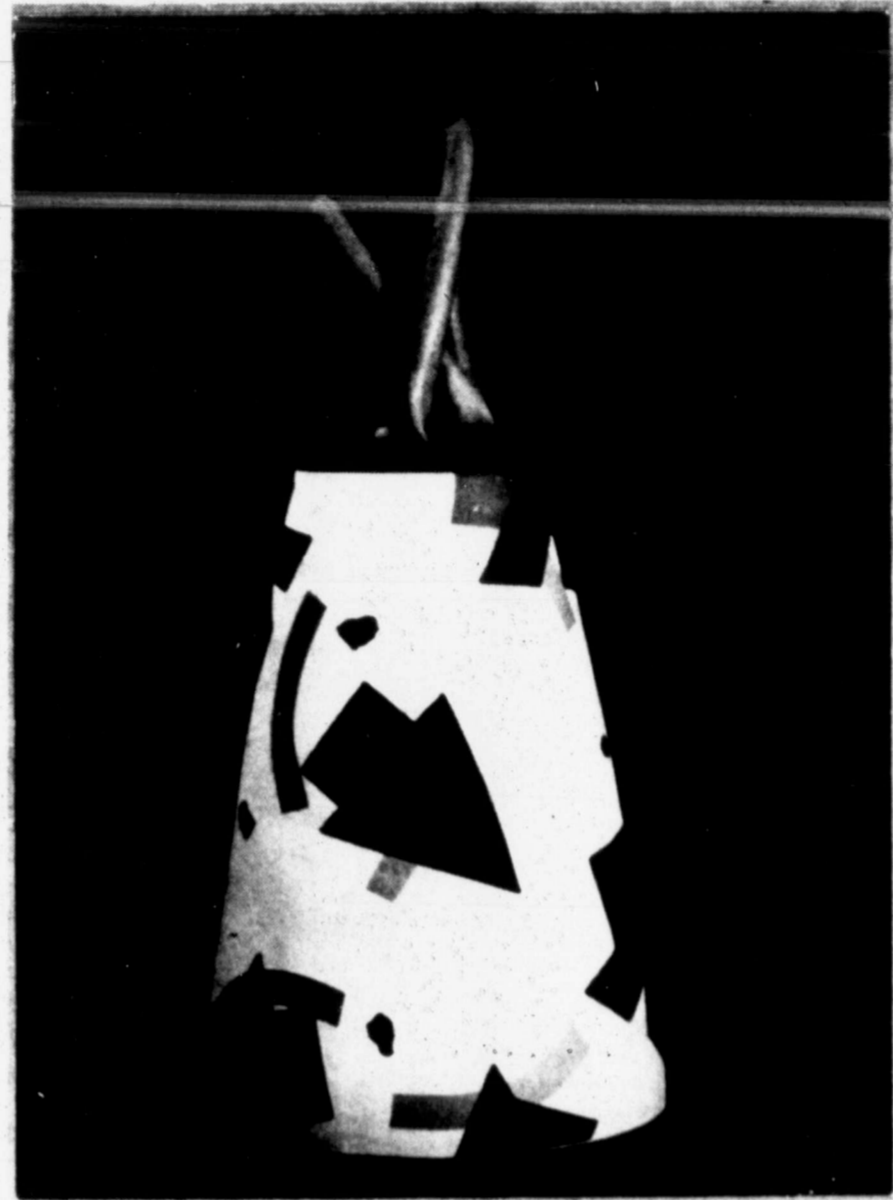
As she waited, he placed Bartley Joel, 2, and Peter David, 15 months, in the hot foundry ladle, authorities said.

Mrs. Dobben said earlier this month that she has had to deal with criticism over how she has handled the ordeal, forgiving her husband and ending divorce proceedings he initiated in April 1987.

"One of my friends told me if I stopped the divorce, I'd have the whole community against me," she said. "But I couldn't live with myself if I did. People who knew him before will understand."

Some therapists also have suggested she was too understanding.

"One of the first counselors in Ypsilanti told me that I couldn't just forgive him," she said.



IN EXHIBIT—Ty Brunson, WTC art instructor, will be exhibiting his works in an exhibit scheduled Dec. 4-12 in the Fine Arts Gallery at the college. He will be honored at a reception from 1-2 p.m. on Dec. 4 as the show opens. (WTC Photo)

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

What caused broken blood vessels?

DEAR DR. GOTT: Occasionally the blood vessels in my fingers will burst. It's quite painful and the finger will turn black and blue for a few days. Is this an indication of an underlying disease?

DEAR READER: You are experiencing subcutaneous hematomas, the leakage of blood into tissues beneath the skin. Minor injuries can cause this. Ordinarily, this is due to the rupture of tiny veins or capillaries, not to the bursting of a large blood vessel. I am concerned that you seem to have quite a lot of bleeding in your fingers. This could indicate disease: either faulty blood-clotting or an unusual degree of especially fragile blood vessels.

For example, deficiencies of certain vitamins (especially vitamin C) will promote capillary rupture. In addition, problems with blood coagulation will cause easy bruising.

Mention your symptoms to your doctor; some testing may be in order.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago my son was in an auto accident, got water on the brain and had a shunt inserted. We've noted a change in his personality since then and he has headaches most of the time. He was never given any instructions about the shunt and hasn't seen the neurosurgeon since he was released from the hospital. What should we do?

DEAR READER: Headaches and personality changes are common consequences of severe head injuries. However, these symptoms can also indicate a pressure build-up in the cerebrospinal fluid, the liquid that bathes the brain.

Because your son needed a shunt, the implantation of a small tube to relieve excess fluid pressure, I worry that the shunt may be operating improperly or may have become blocked.

Make an appointment with the neurosurgeon. A follow-up visit is mandatory. At that time, the doctor should give the family some much-needed advice about how to handle the symptoms that are troubling your son.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Willie and John-

ny are in 4th grade. Willie has AIDS. They get into a fight. Johnny bloodies Willie's nose and shins a knuckle on Willie's teeth. Does Johnny need to get checked for AIDS?

DEAR READER: Johnny has a potential exposure to AIDS because Willie's blood may have entered the wound on Johnny's knuckle. Admittedly, this is an unusual situation but the risk, albeit small, is there. Whether Johnny should be checked for AIDS is a matter best taken up with his doctor.

The AIDS virus is spread from one person to another by intimate sexual activity or by blood. I wish that Johnny hadn't bloodied Willie's nose. A simple fight between children is one thing, the transfer of blood or saliva from an AIDS patient to an uninfected person is quite another, and increases the risk of AIDS transmission.

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Museum seeks Santa letters

The Scurry County Museum invites children to mail their letters to Santa Claus in an antique post office set up in the museum lobby.

This is the first year the museum has offered the mailing service and is using a post office window and mail boxes from its permanent collection.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday.

The museum and Western Texas College will host the 10th annual Christmas Happening on Dec. 4. Call 573-6107 for more information.

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Countdown underway for shuttle military mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The countdown began today for Thursday's launch of shuttle Atlantis, which will carry five astronauts and a secret satellite that reportedly will gather military intelligence over the Soviet Union.

The clock began ticking at 12:01 a.m. EST as NASA test director Jerry Crute issued the traditional "call to stations" that assembled more than 100 controllers at computer consoles in the launch control center four miles from the launch pad.

The call also was a signal for workers at the pad to begin servicing Atlantis' engines and removing work platforms from the base of the spaceship.

"We're pressing on; the countdown has started," said George Diller, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration spokesman.

Because the mission is classified, the Defense Department and NASA are disclosing few details of the flight, including its length and what the astronauts will be doing.

As for the launch time, sources speaking on condition of anonymity have said it should take place about 7 a.m. EST if weather and other conditions are adequate. But officials will say only that launch is scheduled for sometime between 6:32 a.m. and 9:32 a.m. Thursday. They say they will make the time public when the clock reaches the nine-minute mark.

A preliminary weather forecast for Thursday called for unfavorable conditions: overcast sky, brisk winds and possible showers.

Atlantis' crew, all military officers, planned to fly here this afternoon from their training base in Houston to make final preparations for launch. Instead of making the usual arrival comments to the news media, they have been advised to say nothing. The crew commander is Navy Cmdr. Robert L. Gibson. The pilot is Air Force Lt. Col. Guy S. Gardner.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Traffic accidents killed more than 400 people on the nation's highways during the four-day Thanksgiving weekend.

A preliminary count put the number of deaths at 415 nationwide.

The National Safety Council had estimated that between 450 and 550 motorists could lose their lives during the period, from 6 p.m. Wednesday to midnight Sunday local time.

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