



BILL KIMMELL
...for commissioner 4



BOB DOOLITTLE
...for county judge

Kimmell and Doolittle...

2 more file for county office

Scurry County has its second Republican candidate for county judge and its third Democrat for precinct 4 county commissioner today.

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Candidates have until Jan. 2 to file for office in the March 13 primary election.

Bob Doolittle, a county resident for the past 16½ years, has announced that he will run for coun-

ty judge on the Republican ticket, opposing Greg Crawford, owner of Texas Real Estate and Appraisal. Two others have announced as Democrats — Marlin Terrell, retired Farm Bureau manager for Scurry County and incumbent Bobby Goodwin.

Bill Kimmell, partner in Midwestern Vacuum Truck Co., has announced he will seek the office of precinct 4 county commissioner. He will be opposing Jerry Gannaway, a Hermleigh-area farmer, and Jack Greene, owner-operator of Jack's Roadboring

and Pipeline Construction. Incumbent Ted Billingsley has not declared his intentions.

Others having declared their intentions as Democrats are incumbent Tommy Pate and Don Tucker for precinct 2 county commissioner; incumbent Frances Billingsley for county clerk; Elois Pruitt for district clerk; Wanda Rushing for peace justice, precinct 1; H.M. Lomax for precinct 2 peace justice and incumbent Rita Staton for county treasurer.

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Ask Us

Q—How many bowl games did Bear Bryant coach in? How many did he win?

A—The late Paul "Bear" Bryant, a legend in college football, coached in 29 bowl games. Of those, his teams won 15, lost 12 and tied twice. Bryant coached at several colleges, including Texas A&M and Alabama.



8
days until
Christmas

Local

Set meeting
The Alzheimer's support group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Trinity United Methodist Church parlor.

Appraisal
Scurry County Appraisal District Board of Directors will have a special 9 a.m. Monday meeting to discuss bank depository bids.

School board
Snyder public schools board of trustees will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday to discuss freeport tax exemption and approve an outside auditor for next year.

AARP
AARP will meet Monday at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center with Chic Hale presenting a slide show. The board of directors will meet, preceding the program, at noon.

Divorce case
Prospective jurors have been summoned to 132nd District Court Monday to hear a contested divorce case.

The attorneys in the case, which involves a Snyder couple, are Bob Lindsey of Abilene and Thomas J. Purdom of Lubbock.

City council
City councilmen will meet in a special 6:30 p.m. Monday session, in part to discuss the proposed transfer of the city's cable television franchise to a new owner.

Other business will include consideration of freeport tax exemption for businesses whose materials are in the county for less than 175 days.

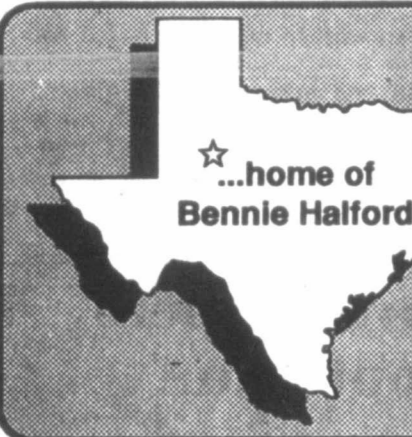
Commissioners
Scurry County Commissioner will discuss unfinished business at their 10 a.m. meeting Monday.

Last Monday, commissioners tabled action on either allowing exemptions on personal property such as airplanes and travel trailers from the tax roll, or adding them to the roll, along with personal automobiles.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 23 degrees; low, 9 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 9 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.59 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday...Considerable cloudiness and cold. High in the lower 30s. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night...mostly cloudy and cold. Low near 20. Sunday...mostly cloudy and not as cold. High in the lower 40s.



SUNDAY

Snyder Daily News

Kidd will retire to enjoy leisure life at year's end

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Long-time Snyder veterinarian Dr. Robert "Pop" Kidd will retire and close his 1706 E. 40th St. practice at the end of the month after almost 43 years as a DVM here.

Kidd, 64, came to Snyder in 1946 after working for Colorado City vet Dr. J.D. Williams for a year following his graduation from Texas A&M.

He was reared in Menard, in central Texas, where he also attended high school.

Dr. Kidd said he would like to sell the business but no prospects are on the horizon.

"I would really like to thank all my former clients," Kidd stated recently, "for their trust and confidence and for allowing me the joy of treating their pets over the years."

Kidd's wife, Katherine, who has worked with him during his tenure in Snyder, will retire at the same time.

Kidd and his wife were married the same year he came to Snyder — 1946.

Formerly Katherine Lynch, Mrs. Kidd plans to pursue painting upon retirement.

The couple, according to Dr. Kidd, plan to loaf, maybe take a trip or two, though probably not overseas, and play some golf.

He is a two-handicap golfer who has hit an amazing nine holes-in-one since taking up the game in the early 50's.

He has eight of the balls from the aces on his office bookcase with the date inscribed on each.

His first hole-in-one came January 7, 1955.

He also has the club, a three-wood, with which he hit that particular shot, mounted.

It sits on a pedestal on a table built by his son, Jay, now a Snyder dentist, while the younger Kidd was in wood shop in school.

The Kidd's have two other children, a son, Art, of Euless

and a daughter, Becky Kidd, of Garland.

"I've enjoyed my work with the people of Scurry County," Kidd reflected.

"It's been very enjoyable to work with them and we hate to have to tell them goodbye."

The Kidds are members of Snyder Country Club and 37th Street Church of Christ.

Grandparents overjoyed by unique child

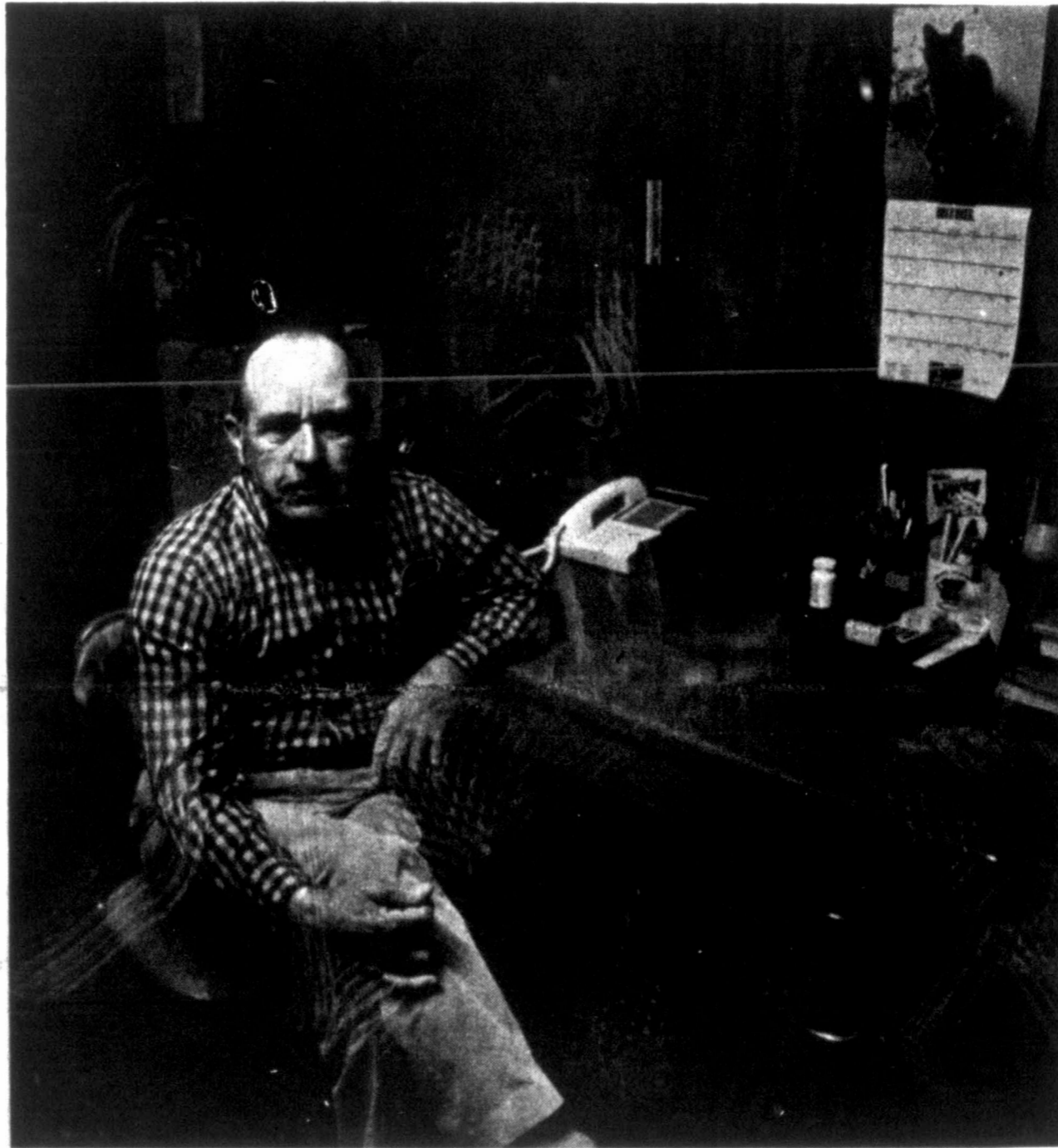
From local and wire reports

An Ira couple has a new grandchild that they would never have had but for modern medical technology — a grand-daughter in Carrollton who is the first baby in North Texas to be born from a frozen embryo.

"We're just real happy and excited," said Cleo Wemken. "We tried to be optimistic, but there was a lot of doubt and worries involved in the whole thing."

"They didn't give them any hope it would be successful, but she is beautiful and perfect and they're very proud of her. She didn't even have to stay in the hospital."

The little girl, Laura Jean (see IRA, page 17A)



WILL RETIRE SOON — Dr. Robert "Pop" Kidd will retire and close his veterinary practice at the end of the month. He and his wife, Katherine, plan to relax. (SDN Staff Photo)

Over last year...

Sales tax returns up 16.5 %

Snyder sales tax returns were up 16.54 percent over what they were at this time a year ago, according to the latest report from the state comptroller's office.

This month's check, which reflects local sales taxes collected in October by businesses that file monthly tax returns, was

in the amount of \$56,026.45. That figure is up some 16.5 percent from the same month in 1988, which drew \$48,073.26.

Sales tax collected in the city also increased 2.29 percent for the year-to-date, amounting to \$770,609.17 this year and \$753,322.04 in 1988.

State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that sales tax payments to Texas cities topped \$1 for the first time in the state's history. This year's total payments to cities reached \$1.04 billion, nine

percent more than last year's total \$956 at this time. Payment to cities this month totaled \$72 percent.

In addition, Scurry County received a monthly return of \$32,206.51 for the ½-cent sales tax it collects to offset ad valorem taxes. That figure is an improvement of 5.33 percent over October of 1988 when \$30,575.45 in payments were received. For the year-to-date, payments to the county have increased 29.64 percent, up to \$451,368.19 this year

from \$348,180.47 last year.

A sampling of other area city sales tax returns includes:

—Lamesa: plus 6.45 percent with \$533,141.15 returned to date compared to \$500,840.90 last year. The monthly return of \$33,937.20 was an increase of 1.89 percent from last year.

—Colorado City: plus 1.09 percent with \$372,001.03 returned to date compared to \$367,981.73 last year. The monthly return of \$23,033.58 was a decrease of 2.63 (see SALES, page 17A)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who finds such a man."

Things were simpler in the old days. You may remember the Lonesome Dove story about two ex-Texas Rangers who started on a trail drive in South Texas and drove the herd 3,000 miles to Montana.

Things were simpler in the old days for a variety of reasons. A recent case in Montana is a case in point where citizens there faced all kinds of bureaucratic red tape.

Folks in Montana thought it would be a great idea to stage a cattle drive as part of Montana's Centennial celebration. But organizers found out they must have an environmental impact study to determine how to dispose of all the manure that 10,000 cattle leave on the trail.

Next, they discovered they had to secure water quality variances to ford the streams and rivers. Then they had to get a federal air pollution permit for all the dust they would raise in driving 10,000

cattle on the trail. Instead, of riding into the sunset, they became bogged down in federal red tape.

Cost of the 58-mile cattle drive from Roundup to Billings was estimated to cost about a half million. In pioneer days, cattle never thought much about those things. They just rounded up the cowboys, put supplies in the chuck wagon and started out.

If it had cost that much to get beef to market 100 years ago, Jesse Chisholm would never have blazed the trail and Americans might have grown up eating sushi instead of hamburgers.

Knowing how long it takes to cut through federal red tape, we hope the Montana promoters started the drive with young calves.

A thief in Cleburne either isn't very smart or he just has one leg. The local newspaper reported someone broke into a western wear store.

Missing were six boots from the shelves among the thousands in inventory. All the boots fit the left foot.

Holiday happenings set in Scurry County

With Christmas just over a week away, many churches and organizations throughout the county are welcoming members and guests to special services.

Below is a list of some of the events taking place. Keep in mind that many churches will hold regular Sunday services on Dec. 24 as well.

POINSETTIA PARADE — A "Parade of Poinsettias" along with special music from the children's choirs was to be held during morning worship Sunday at First United Methodist Church.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS — VFW Post 8231, along with the ladies auxiliary, was to host a Christmas party for children from 2:30 p.m. until 4:20 p.m. at the post home. Santa was to be on hand, passing out gifts.

CANTATA — The chancel choir of First United Methodist Church will present its annual Christmas Cantata entitled "The Touch of Christmas," at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church building, 2700 College Ave.

MOUSE'S CHRISTMAS — The youth of Calvary Baptist Church will present "A Church Mouse's Christmas" in the church auditorium at 6 p.m. Sunday. Calvary Baptist will also hold a special Christmas service at 10 a.m. Dec. 24.

(see HOLIDAY, page 17A)

Kremlin eulogizes its onetime enemy

MOSCOW (AP) — In what amounted to a public apology, Mikhail S. Gorbachev and Soviet leaders Saturday eulogized Andrei D. Sakharov as a "man of honesty and sincerity" who suffered great injustice at the hands of previous rulers.

An obituary signed by Gorbachev, five other members of the ruling Communist Party Politburo and 50 other leading officials and scholars was printed

along with a picture of Sakharov on page 4 of the party daily Pravda.

Such obituaries are reserved for favored public figures and scientists, and Pravda emphasized the importance of the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize winner by printing a decree about the formation of a funeral commission in a black box on its front page.

Sakharov, 68, died Thursday night in his study, just hours

after urging fellow members of the Congress of People's Deputies to create a formal opposition to the party in their drive to break its seven-decade stranglehold on political power.

"A distinguished scientist and public figure, a man of honesty and sincerity has passed away," the obituary said. "Everything that Andrei Dmitrievich did was dictated by his conscience, his deep humanitarian convictions."

The obituary noted Sakharov was exiled in the industrial city of Gorky about 250 miles east of Moscow from 1980 to 1986.

"Gross injustices were permitted in relation to A.D. Sakharov," it said.

It was signed by Gorbachev and fellow Politburo members Nikolai I. Ryzhkov, Vadim A. Medvedev, Lev N. Zaikov, Alexander N. Yakovlev and Vitaly I. Vorotnikov.

However, the signatures of

several other Politburo members, including KGB chief Vladimir A. Kryuchkov and leading conservative Yegor K. Ligachev, were missing.

It was Leonid I. Brezhnev, now blamed by Gorbachev for permitting stagnation and corruption to overcome the Soviet system, who exiled Sakharov for criticizing the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Gorbachev called Sakharov in Gorky in December 1986 and told him he could return to Moscow.

The Soviet leader told reporters at the Congress of People's Deputies that Sakharov's death was a "great loss."

Even though the two often tangled at the Congress, Gorbachev said he respected Sakharov. "He was not some sort of political intriguer," the Soviet president said Friday.

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Hermleigh Methodist youth to present Christmas program

Hermleigh United Methodist Church youth will present their annual Christmas Service this Sunday. Entrance to the church will be lighted with luminaries beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The service will begin with a processional of the youth at 7 p.m. Christmas music, special readings, prayers, and the hanging of the Chrismos will take place in the sanctuary of the church.

An added treat will be an appearance by Santa Claus scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday. All youth are invited.

For several years members of the church have made Chrismos for the church tree. Chrismos comes from the combination of two words: Christ and monogram. Christian symbols date back to the early church. A Chrismos service is a worship service for Christmas time, designed to incorporate the meaning of Chrismos. It portrays the drama of redemption through the use of Chrismos—symbols of Christ. Most Chrismos are familiar signs of Christ: the Epiphany Star, the Christmas rose, the manger, and many others.

Chrismos originated in 1957 when the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, VA, used them to decorate a Christmas tree. Since then, their use has been widespread throughout the United States.

Chrismos are composed of white and gold material symbolizing purity, perfection, majesty, glory, and triumph. Each one is described in Scripture and refers to some aspect of Jesus Christ. As particular Scriptures are read, the youth will bring the Chrismos forward, where they will be placed on the tree.

The public is invited.

Attorneys uncover papers on nuclear fallout issue

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The veil of secrecy over the government's 38-year-old program at the Nevada Test Site has lifted some, in part thanks to the efforts of two lawyers seeking compensation for radiation victims since 1970.

Brothers Alan and Larry Johns have unearthed top-secret government files that show workers were repeatedly exposed to dangerous levels of radiation but seldom told of the threat it presented.

The documents tell stories of the cavalier approach to radiation that prevailed in the early nuclear years — attitudes that might be funny if it weren't for the tragedy involved. They talk of managers who told miners to drink beer to flush tritium from their bodies, and workers so unconcerned about the radiation they received that they would hide their exposure badges, so they wouldn't be pulled off the job.

"That happened all the time," Johns said Friday. "They would just pretend to lose them so they could continue working and not lose any money."

In 1961, the documents show, miners yanked from tunnels used during nuclear weapons testing were told to drink as much beer as possible to rid their bodies of radiation.


That incident was retold by a miner in an affidavit and backed up by tunnel logs prepared by Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co., the prime contractor at the site.

"It was their way to flush out the tritium," said Alan Johns on Thursday. "They'd give them a beer allotment and let them have all the beer they could drink. They reimbursed one miner who turned in \$25 in receipts for beer over a weekend. And that was when beer was a dollar a six-pack."

From the time a 10-kiloton nuclear bomb leaked a cloud of radiation that enveloped several hundred workers three miles from the blast site in 1970, the two attorneys have waged a protracted legal struggle on behalf of those who believe they got cancer from radiation released by nuclear bombs.

Today, they represent two cases involving 200 workers who allegedly died from cancer caused by the radiation and another 18 who contracted the disease. The suits continue to bounce between various courts with no settlement in sight.

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Aylwin says he will exercise full authority over military

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — President-elect Patricio Aylwin said Friday he will exert his authority over the military and Gen. Augusto Pinochet, who intends to retain command of the army when he leaves the presidency March 11.

Aylwin said he would meet with the military service commanders, who have ruled Chile since a coup in September 1973, to establish a working relationship.

Scattered disturbances broke out Friday in downtown Santiago.

Groups of young leftists threw rocks at police, who responded with water cannon and tear gas. Skirmishes scattered shoppers and halted traffic several times on the principal boulevard, Alameda Avenue.

The protesters demanded immediate release of leftists imprisoned on charges of political violence, including many accused of guerrilla activity. Police reported at least 20 arrests.

Aylwin soundly defeated two opponents in Thursday's election. At a news conference, he pledged to "exercise the full powers of the president, and the armed forces must be subordinate and obedient to the president."

His comment went to the heart of one of the new civilian government's most difficult and sensitive problems: the considerable power that still will be held by the armed service commanders, particularly Pinochet as head of the 60,000-man army.

A special provision of the constitution Pinochet's government wrote in 1980 says the commanders cannot be dismissed until 1998.

Aylwin, 71, won 55.2 of the 7 million votes cast Thursday, as the candidate of a 17-party alliance of the center and left. Hernan Buchi, the pro-government candidate, got 29.4 percent and Francisco Javier Errazuriz, a wealthy entrepreneur, 15.4 percent.

Lawrence Eagleburger, deputy secretary of state, said in Washington: "We are enthused

... that (the elections) were free and fair. We are very, very pleased that Chile has returned to democracy."



CENTRAL SUPER KIDS—These Central students were named "super kids" for the third six weeks. "Super kids" exhibit the foundation stone for success: honesty, character, faith, integrity, love, and loyalty. Students pictured include Joshua McGaha, Trake Lee, Veronica Maldonado, Jeffrey Young, Chonito Villazana, Dewey Lee, Priscilla

Gonzales, Vanessa Lara, Saul Pena, Ernest Sosa, Renite Jackson, Ashley Delce, Joey Gutierrez, Jason Stagner, Valerie Lara, Escar Rivera, Melissa Alvarado, Robert Martinez, Amanda Bailey, Gabriel Madrid, Lupe Guerra, Michelle Silva, Nuvia Rivera, Donny Durst, Donna Stagner, and Olga Martinez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Defense attorney: Brandley won't be released from jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Death row inmate Clarence Brandley will remain behind bars until well past Christmas after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Friday stalled defense attorneys' efforts to get Brandley released on bail.

The court, which overturned Brandley's capital murder conviction earlier this week, ruled Friday that a Galveston judge would have to prove he had jurisdiction in the case before a bond hearing scheduled for Monday could take place.

Defense attorney Mike DeGeurin said the ruling essentially puts an end to efforts to free Brandley before Christmas — or even before a third trial could take place.

"The announcement of the prosecutor's filing of a new

trial effectively denies any hope of Clarence Brandley being freed or even coming off death row," DeGeurin said.

"The good news is still there," DeGeurin said of the appellate decision Wednesday to overturn Brandley's conviction. "But this hope of mine is dashed. The hope was that he could be released before Christmas."

DeGeurin said he would withdraw his motion for bail from before the Galveston court.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said the Galveston judge would have until Jan. 2 to prove why he believed he had jurisdiction to decide bail for Brandley. But DeGeurin said that won't be necessary if he withdraws the motion.

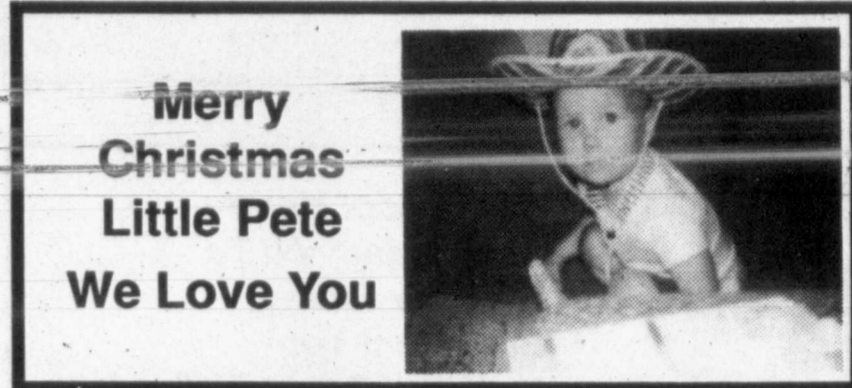
Brandley, 38, was convicted in the rape-strangulation of 16-year-

old Cheryl Dee Ferguson of Bellville, who was killed in 1980 while attending a volleyball tournament at Conroe High School.

The appeals court Wednesday set aside the verdict, saying Brandley did not receive a fair trial.

Brandley, who is black, was a janitor at the school when Miss Ferguson was attacked. Miss Ferguson was white. Brandley supporters contend the former janitor's conviction was racially motivated.

Brandley's first trial ended with a hung jury. In the second trial, an all-white jury convicted him of capital murder and sentenced him to death. He has come within six days of execution.



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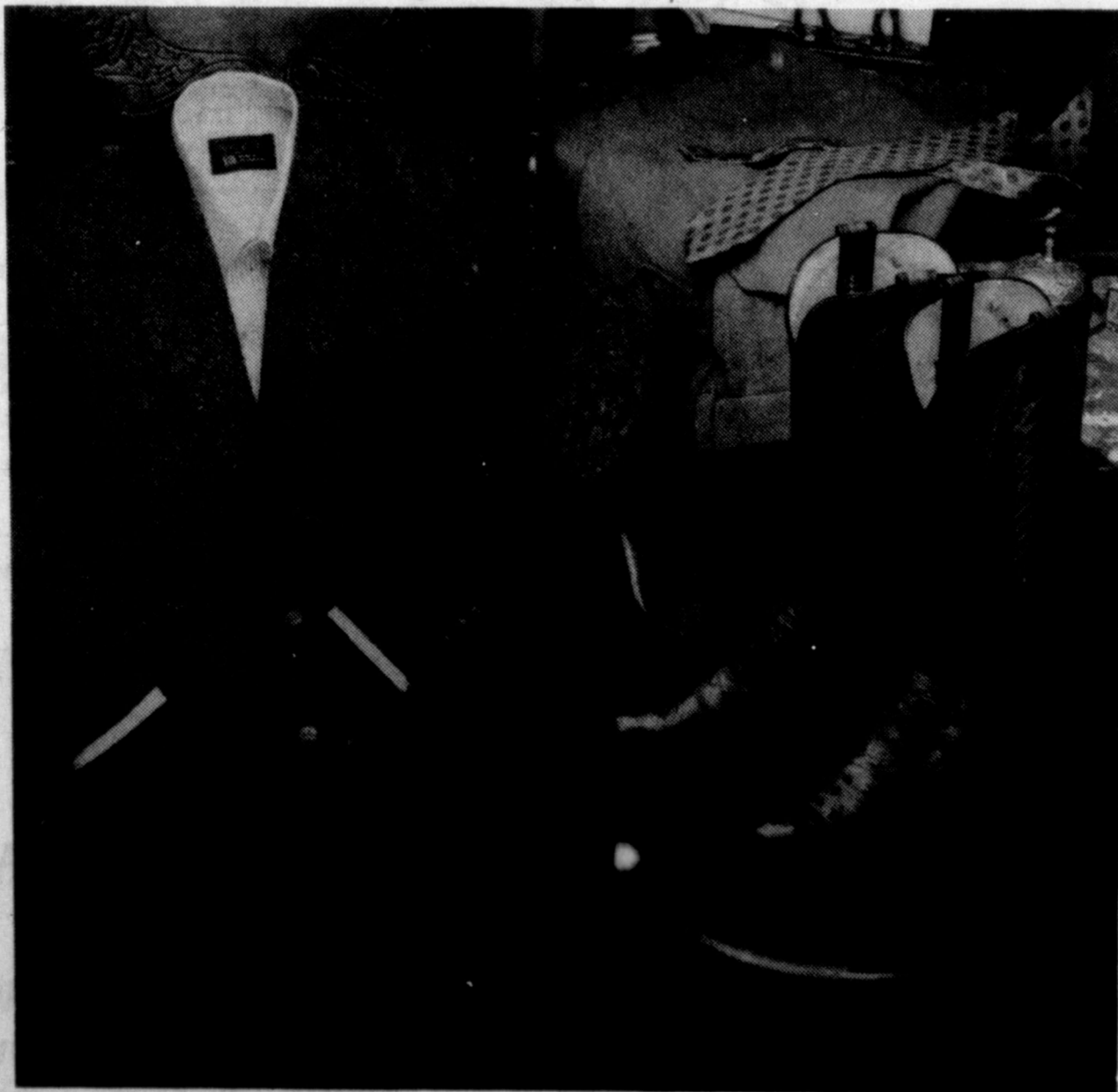
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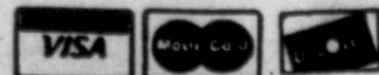
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**Volcanic ash
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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Redoubt Volcano belched an 8-mile-high cloud of ash that turned day to night in a town 200 miles away and apparently clogged all four engines of an airliner, forcing an emergency landing.

The mountain 115 miles southwest of Anchorage, which ended a 23-year slumber with an eruption Thursday, erupted twice Friday, and could continue to spew ash, said seismologists with the U.S. Geological Survey.

The huge plume of ash was tentatively blamed for the failure of all four engines on a Boeing 747 passenger jet that made a safe emergency landing here at 12:25 p.m. Friday, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

Engines on the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines plane traveling from Amsterdam stopped after the aircraft passed through volcanic ash undetected by radar, FAA spokeswoman Mary Lou Wojtalik said.

The plane fell 13,000 feet before all engines were restarted and Flight 867 landed without injury to the 245 people aboard, she said.



FOR THE GOODFELLOWS — Snyder Lions Club president Jene Steakley, right, presented Art Feinsod of the Noon Kiwanis Club a check for \$225 to be used in this year's Goodfellows Christmas campaign. (SDN Staff Photo)

Chinese couple hijack 747 in harrowing three-nation hop

TOKYO (AP) — A Chinese couple hijacked a China Air jumbo jet carrying 223 people today, and the plane was forced to touch down in Japan with only 40 minutes of fuel left after South Korea refused to let it land, officials said.

The hijackers, who were accompanied by a child, were arrested and the passengers were freed unharmed after the aircraft landed in the western city of Fukuoka, Japanese officials said.

The Boeing 747 was flying from Beijing and bound for the United States when it was taken on its harrowing journey.

The motive for the hijacking was not clear and it was not immediately known whether a weapon was used. The male hijacker was injured when he jumped out onto the Fukuoka airport tarmac, Japanese television reports said.

Flight 981 was on a flight from Beijing to New York with stops in Shanghai and San Francisco, and was commandeered before landing in Shanghai, an unidentified Japanese Transport Ministry official said on television.

The aircraft headed into South Korean airspace over the southernmost island of Cheju. It sought permission to land in

Seoul but was refused, according to a South Korean Defense Ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The plane changed direction and headed toward Japan, the official said.

South Korea and communist China have no diplomatic relations, and there are no commercial flights between the nations.

Japan Broadcasting reported that the hijackers had initially sought to land in Taiwan, seat of the Nationalist Chinese government, but were denied permission there as well. Officials at Taipei Aerial Control Center said they did not receive any such request for landing in Taiwan.

When the jet moved into South Korea airspace, South Korean and Japanese jet fighters intercepted the plane, according to officials from the two countries.

The South Korean jets blocked the Chinese airliner's path and forced it to leave Korean airspace, according to military officials in Seoul, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Four Japanese military jets escorted the jumbo jet to Fukuoka, Defense Agency spokesman Hironobu Mizoguchi said.

The Fukuoka airport was closed

to all traffic, and all flights heading toward Fukuoka were being diverted elsewhere, NHK network said.

The aircraft landed at Fukuoka, 560 miles southwest of Tokyo on Japan's westernmost main island of Kyushu, at 2:52 p.m. (12:52 a.m.) after the pilot said he only had 40 minutes of fuel left, the Transport Ministry official said.

Japanese officials said the crew overpowered the woman hijacker on the plane after the male hijacker jumped to the tarmac below.

Senior Center plans Christmas Sing Along

A Christmas Sing Along led by the Senior Citizens Sunshine Choir will highlight activities in the center on Thursday. The Sing Along will begin at 11 a.m. in the dining room.

The center will be closed Friday, Dec. 25 and Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday.

A domino tournament will begin activities in the center on Monday. Play will begin at 9 a.m. The AARP executive committee will meet at noon and a chapter meeting will follow at 1 p.m. Persons interested in joining are invited to attend that meeting.

Hoss Clayton and his band will perform at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Golden K Kiwanis Club will meet at noon on Tuesday. The Kitchen Band will present a program at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

The Tri-Chem class will hold its session at 9 a.m. Thursday.

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Senior Center Menu

- MONDAY
 - Sliced Ham w/Pineapple Sauce
 - Scalloped Potatoes
 - Succotash
 - Lettuce & Tomato Salad
 - Chocolate Pudding
- TUESDAY
 - Oven Fried Chicken
 - Broccoli-Rice-Cheese Casserole
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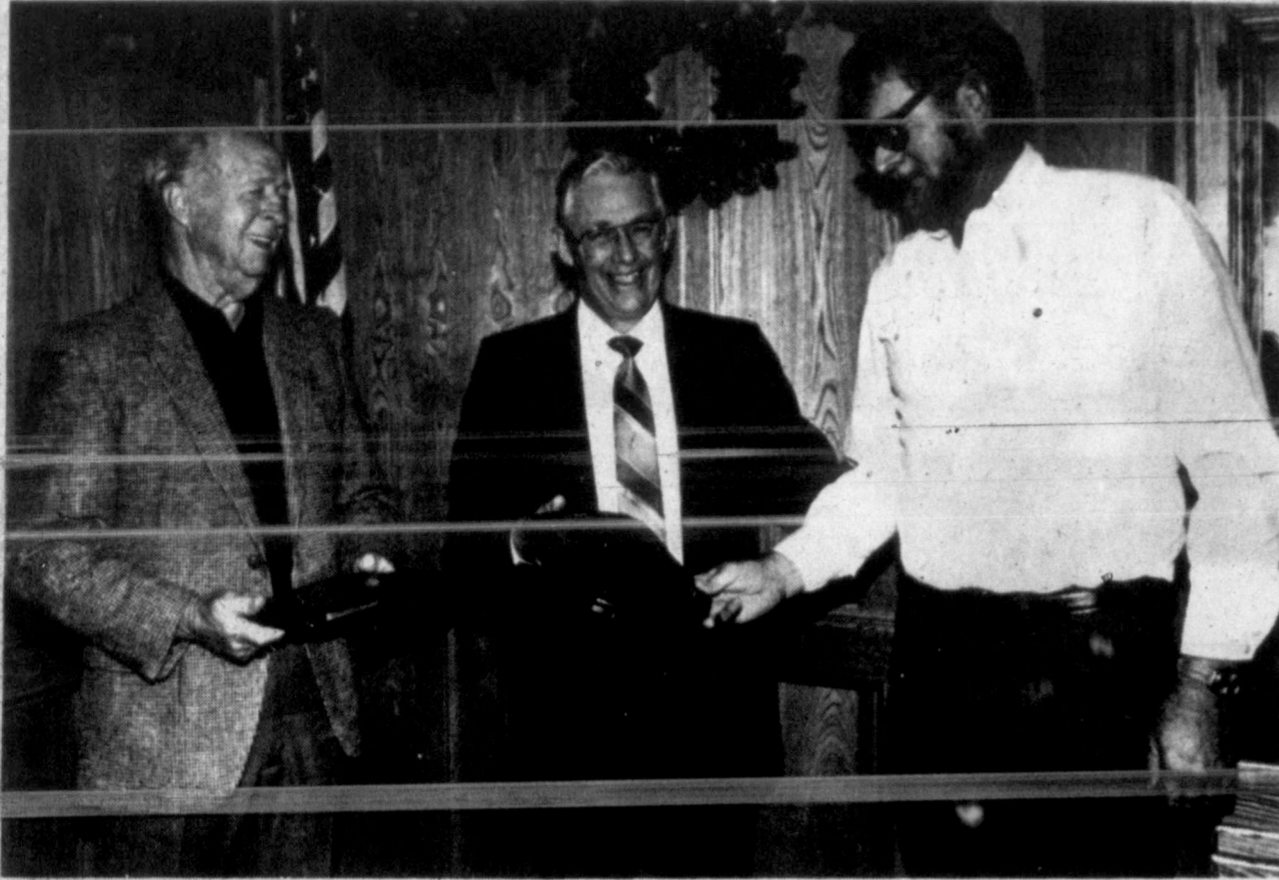
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army says it won't give the Medal of Honor to a Wisconsin man because it could not prove his claims that he single-handedly killed more than 500 Japanese soldiers during World War II.

Congressional leaders, who pushed for the investigation into the claims by David S. Rubitsky, accepted the findings Friday and said they found the probe "fair, thorough and conclusive."

Lt. Col. Terry Adkins told reporters the Army could not

even prove fierce fighting occurred Dec. 1-2, 1942, as claimed by Rubitsky, now 72.

The Milton, Wis., man contends he was denied the medal because he is Jewish.



RETIRING DIRECTORS — Scurry County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler, center, honored outgoing members of the board of

directors Mairl McFaul, left, and Dwaine Williams during the December board meeting at The Shack. (SDN Staff Photo)



OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER — Walter Stirl, left, recently accepted a plaque and congratulations from Scurry County Appraisal District Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler. Stirl is retiring from the appraisal review board after 10 years of service. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jury finds man guilty

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A New Braunfels man was sentenced to six years in prison for the videotaped assault of a former girlfriend.

Jesse Valdez Rojas was found guilty Thursday of aggravated assault. In addition to the six-year sentence, jurors recommended a \$5,000 fine, plus \$100,000 restitution to the victim.

Rojas, 41, had claimed that the victim, Trisha Moore, attacked him first and that he suffered adjustment problems arising from a combat tour in Vietnam.

During the trial before State District Judge Manuel Banales, jurors were shown a videotape Rojas made that showed him kicking a handcuffed, partly shaved woman who was crying for help and begging him not to hit her.

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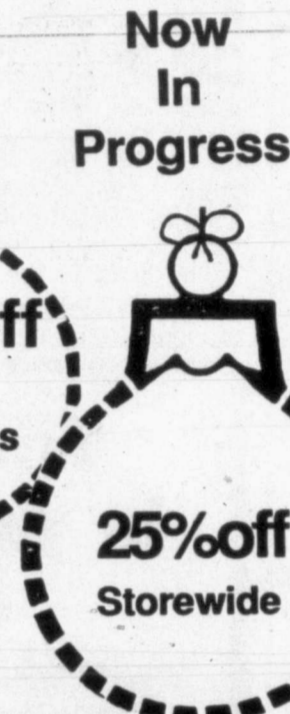
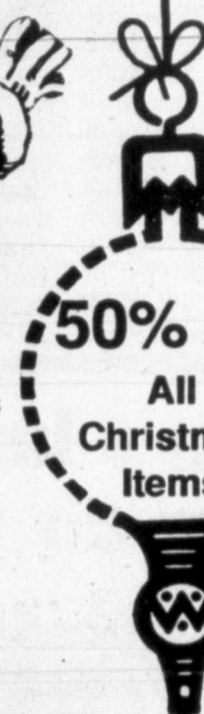
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Police kill cartel chieftain; pledge to capture Escobar

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Police who tracked down and killed a powerful leader of the Medellin drug cartel called the slaying a "splendid Christmas present," but warned that drug terrorism could rise as a result.

Hours after Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, his 17-year-old son Freddy and five bodyguards were killed in a hail of gunfire Friday, authorities pledged to hunt down Pablo Escobar, Colombia's cocaine godfather and its most-wanted criminal.

President Bush called Presi-

dent Virgilio Barco to congratulate him and the country's security forces for eliminating Rodriguez Gacha, who has been implicated in hundreds of murders of politicians, judges and peasants.

The operation was by far the biggest success of Barco's 16-week-old war on drug traffickers. Authorities said Gacha Rodriguez in fact had ordered the Aug. 18 assassination of a leading presidential candidate, the slaying that sparked the government's crackdown on traffickers.

half dozen security forces, including an elite police division and the marines, participated in the operation.

No casualty figures for the authorities were given.

The New York Times reported in today's editions that police laid a trap for Rodriguez Gacha about 10 days ago. The newspaper, quoting senior police officials, said Gacha's son, who had been arrested earlier on a weapons charge, was freed so police could follow him to Rodriguez Gacha.

Maza said the trafficker's death was "a splendid Christmas present."

Just hours after the druglord's death, gunmen fatally shot a police lieutenant in Medellin, the RCN radio network reported. RCN said it was not known if the slaying was related to the drug war.

Security forces tracked Rodriguez Gacha to a farm owned by Escobar near the Caribbean port of Covenas, 360 miles north of Bogota. Rodriguez Gacha and the others were wiped out in the fierce battle that ensued, Gen. Miguel Gomez Padilla, the national police chief, told a news conference in Bogota.

The head of the country's investigative police, Miguel Maza Marquez, said that troops from a

Rodriguez Gacha was linked to many of the killings that have rocked Colombia and killed 199 people since Aug. 18.

Maza accused Rodriguez Gacha of ordering the killing of presidential candidate Sen. Luis Carlos Galan, a staunch opponent of the nation's drug trade and the favorite to succeed Barco.

Rodriguez Gacha also has been accused of the murders of Justice Minister Rodrigo Lara Bonilla in 1984, of newspaper publisher Guillermo Cano in 1986 and of the leader of the leftist Patriotic Union Party, Jaime Pardo Leal, in 1988.

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Datapoint lays off 144 people For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads Call 573-5486

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A week after computer manufacturer Datapoint Corp. placed itself on the auction block, it laid off 144 employees — reducing overall staff by 28 percent.

Distraught employees hauled boxes filled with personal belongings to their cars Friday after the immediate layoffs were announced.

"Every single department received a hit," said Susan Hughes, Datapoint spokeswoman. Her husband, an engineer in the research department, was laid off.

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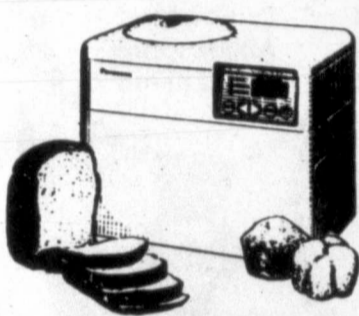
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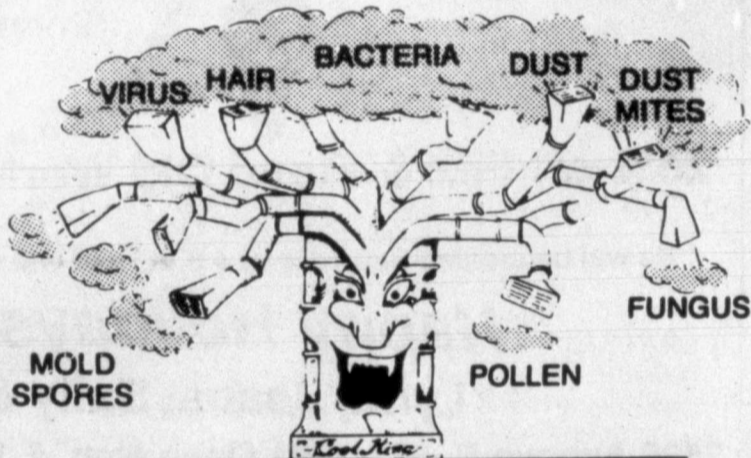
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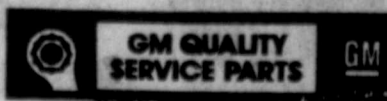
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Susan Neves has lived in Snyder since 1974. Prior to pursuing her professional business training she was employed by the Snyder Independent School District and taught mathematics for seven years.

While attending graduate school at Texas Tech she was honored with membership in Sigma Iota Epsilon, a graduate management fraternity. She has been associated with Jerry Vestal, CPA on a part-time basis since 1987. In August of this year, she became a full time staff accountant, assuming a significant role in the firm's governmental audit practice this fall.

Susan is a graduate of the 1985 Century II Leadership Class sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Western Texas College for potential community leaders. She has recently been elected to serve a three year term as a director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. In addition, she has been chosen by the board to serve as treasurer.

Susan is married to Nicky Neves who is employed by Chevron here in Snyder. They have two teenage children, Melissa and Matt. The family attends First Baptist Church.

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COLLECTION FOR GOODFELLOWS—Ira's freshman class has been collecting canned goods for the Goodfellows holiday food drive. Class officers pictured with the first food to be turned in include from left, Mauricia Rosas, vice-president; Kristi McMahon, treasurer; Neil Miller, secretary; and Mike Hughes, president. (SDN Staff Photo)



MAKE ORNAMENTS—Ira's kindergarten class made the ornaments which decorate the Christmas tree seen in the center of this photo. Back row: Nathan Smith, Kelsey Cloe, Jennifer Stovall, Jonathan Beard, Tracey Huddleston, Kali Fronenberger, and Corey Halfman. Middle row: Raquel Abalos, Riki Dorsett, Kendra Krop, Amanda Greenwood, Ryan Higgins, and Cody Ashley. Front row: Roger Warr, Laryn Brown, Aubrey Mathis, Case Hardy, Todd Wall, Johnathan Freeman, Dani White, Bea Aquinaga, and Joshua Wilson. Sandy Holmes is the teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

Parties in judicial election plan settlement will meet

AUSTIN (AP) — Minority groups and the state of Texas will meet to develop a judicial election plan before a federal judge imposes a remedy to the system he has found unconstitutional, officials said.

Rolando Rios, attorney for the League of United Latin American Citizens, said he will meet with Attorney General Jim Mattox's office Monday to begin hammering out a settlement.

"We are trying to negotiate an interim remedy," Rios said. "We think that is preferable to depriving citizens of their right to vote."

A court-ordered plan is expected from U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton III of Midland on

Jan. 3. Bunton ruled Nov. 8 that at-large elections in nine urban counties violate the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 because minorities' votes are diluted by those of the white majority and minority choices frequently do not win.

Anglos control 155 of 172 state district judges seats in the nine counties: Dallas, Tarrant, Harris, Bexar, Travis, Lubbock, Jefferson, Midland and Ector.

Bunton's plan could include a switch to non-partisan elections, which he has indicated would favor minority voters.

Bunton told Gov. Bill Clements this week he is poised to order a new, interim election scheme because state officials have not crafted a plan of their own.

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Woman receives probation term

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman accused of sending threatening letters to actor Michael J. Fox pleaded guilty to three felony counts and was placed on probation for three years.

The surprise plea bargain by Tina Marie Ledbetter, 27, was entered Friday. In exchange for the three guilty pleas, prosecutors dropped two counts. She could have been sentenced to four years in prison if found guilty of all charges.

The Snyder (Tex.) Daily News, Sun., Dec. 17, 1989 7A

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Munday victimized by Sudan ground game

by The Associated Press
Shivering players and their fans endured an Arctic cold front that kept everybody bundled, bodies chilled and football fields glazed Friday night in schoolboy semifinal action, but Thorndale's Ware brothers couldn't have been hotter.

John Ware scored on runs of 5, 7 and 5 yards and carried 14 times for 97 yards, and Jackie Ware added a 7-yard score and ran for 118 yards on 13 carries to lead unbeaten Thorndale to a 40-6 thrashing of Coolidge in a Class 1A game at Waco.

In other games Friday night, Class 2A's top-ranked Groveton shelled Schulenburg 27-6 in College Station, and Sudan's ground attack beat Class 1A's top team, Munday, 35-26 in Snyder.

The bulk of semifinal action takes place Saturday, with sub-freezing highs and sub-zero wind chills forecast for seven games and the six-man championship.

With a wind chill of minus 10 degrees and gusts up to 35 mph, the Thorndale Bulldogs (14-0) dropped the ball nine times, but recovered six of them.

Thorndale quarterback Michael Street also scored on a 37-yard run and completed his on-

ly pass for a 13-yard touchdown to tight end John Simank.

Coolidge ended the year at 13-2. In College Station, Rodney Thomas set the tone with a 98-yard return on the opening kickoff in Groveton's 27-6 victory over Schulenburg (13-2).

Thomas added a 4-yard score later in the first period, and scored again on a 57-yard drive to open the fourth quarter for Groveton (15-0).

Thomas, a 187-pound junior, had a game-high 149 yards on 20 carries.

In Snyder, Joe Gonzales led a rushing attack that stifled top-ranked Munday. Gonzales ran for 182 of the Hornets' 290 yards.

Sudan's Jarod Bellar scored on a 15-yard run with 2:40 left, capping a 62-yard, 13-play drive, that gave the Hornets its 35-26 lead that held for the final score. The drive took nearly eight minutes off the clock and ended Munday's season at 12-1. Sudan is 15-0.

The Class 1A championship next Friday in Abilene will pit Sudan and Thorndale in a battle of unbeaten, untied teams.

In Class 5A Saturday, undefeated Odessa Permian takes on Marshall at Texas Stadium in Irving, and unbeaten Converse Judson faces Aldine in San Antonio's Alamo Stadium. Both are afternoon games.

Big Spring and Chapel Hill face each other at Pennington Field in Bedford, and unbeaten A&M Consolidated goes up against Gregory-Portland in the Astrodome in Class 4A semifinals, both in the afternoon.

The rest are night games. In 3A action, Vernon and Gladewater play at Bedford, and

Needville and Mexia play at College Station.

At Iowa Park in 2A is a battle of the unbeaten: West Texas and Lorena, both 14-0. The winner will face Groveton for the title next weekend.

And in Monahan, Fort Hancock (13-0) and Jayton (11-1) play for the six-man title.

NFL roundup...

K.C. aiming for post season

By The Associated Press
The Kansas City Chiefs' sad September song has become a delightful December ditty.

Christian Okoye, the powerful fullback who leads the NFL with 1,322 rushing yards, has been a constant. But the Chiefs (7-6-1 after a 1-3 start) are making their late push for a wild-card playoff berth behind quarterback Steve DeBerg and defense.

Benched twice this season, Berg, a 13-year veteran, got a reprieve both times when his replacement was injured. But when the Chiefs play host to the San Diego Chargers on Sunday, DeBerg will be just about the hottest quarterback in the league.

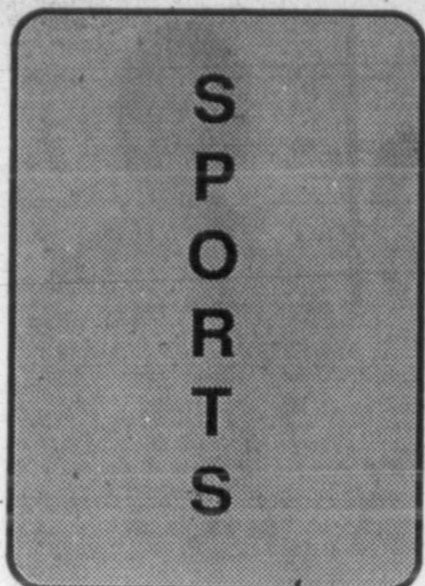
In the past three games, he has completed more than 65 percent of his passes for 666 yards and five touchdowns, with only one interception, quite a turnaround for a quarterback who at one time this season had thrown 12 interceptions and only four touchdown passes.

"I don't think there's anybody at the position playing any better right now," Coach Marty Schottenheimer said.

"I don't think there's ever been a time in my career that I've played better," DeBerg said. "I don't quite understand it myself."

The Chiefs figure they must win their final two games to have a shot at a wild-card berth. They finish at Miami.

Oilers vs. Bengals
Houston can win its first division title outright by beating Cincinnati. The Oilers shared the AFC Central crown with Cleveland in 1980. The Bengals



Bengal coach fined for avoiding media

CINCINNATI (AP) — The National Football League made Cincinnati Bengals coach Sam Wyche pay for his decision to lock reporters out of the team's dressing room last Sunday.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, in a letter to Wyche made public Friday, assessed a substantial fine against the Bengals' coach for ignoring league policy in denying media access last Sunday and because

he said earlier this week that he wouldn't rule out closing the locker room in the future.

Wyche had several verbal confrontations with officials during the 24-17 loss to Seattle at Riverfront Stadium. At one point, he also grabbed a stadium microphone to admonish fans for throwing snowballs.

Wyche did not return phone calls to the Bengals' training facility Friday.

Joe Browne, the NFL's director of communications, said the policy on media access is important to the league.

"We're fortunate the public is extremely interested in our teams and in the details of the game," Browne said. "Our fans have a right to know how the players and coaches feel about events that occurred during our games."

The league's media policy states that team locker rooms are to be opened after a brief waiting period, usually five to 10 minutes. But after Sunday's 24-17 loss to the Seattle Seahawks, Wyche said he closed the locker room to avoid having coaches and players face questions about the officiating.

One call that Wyche hotly disputed allowed Seattle another play from the 1-yard line. Given another chance, the Seahawks scored a touchdown.

"No one is to talk to our players because we know how you will probe this one," Wyche told reporters waiting outside the Bengals' locker room Sunday.

Inside, he told players not to talk to reporters as they went out.

At one point during Sunday's game, Wyche had tried to stop fans from throwing snowballs at Seattle players by commandeering the public address microphone. Referring to Cleveland Stadium's "Dawg Pound," of which Wyche has been very critical, he told fans to improve their behavior because "You don't live in Cleveland, you live in Cincinnati!"

At his weekly media gathering earlier this week, Wyche said he didn't regret locking out reporters and might do it again if he thought it was necessary.

"Like any other standard, there are times you feel it is important enough to deviate from it for the good of everybody," Wyche said.

Despite Wyche's unconciliatory stance, assistant general manager Mike Brown had assured reporters that the Bengals would abide by NFL policy.

Don Pierson of the Chicago Tribune, president of the Pro Football Writers Association of America, raised the prospect of a reprimand hours after Wyche's lockout.

"I've asked the league that they be fined," Pierson said. "You just can't do things like this."

Indiana RB wins trophy

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Maxwell Football Club named Anthony Thompson its outstanding college player of the year although the Indiana running back received fewer first-place votes than Houston quarterback Andre Ware.

Thompson received 1,398 points, including 273 first-place votes. Ware, who beat Thompson by 70 points for the Heisman Trophy, had 1,245 points, including 286 firsts, in the Maxwell voting. Major Harris of West Virginia was third with 712 points.

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Notre Dame learns about grid trouble

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — At the beginning of the season, Notre Dame worried over the loss of its top running back, best linebacker and a key defensive lineman.

Looking back at the 11-1 record of the No. 4 Irish, the player losses don't seem to matter.

"We could have used them, I'm not being unrealistic," senior Pat

Eilers said. "But at the same time, I think you've got to stick behind the people you're going to go with."

In August, the loss of Tony Brooks, Michael Stonebreaker and George Williams loomed large.

Brooks, who was refused readmission for unspecified disciplinary reasons, had rushed for 667 yards in the 1988 national championship season. Stonebreaker, disciplined after a drunken driving accident, won All-America honors in 1988 after making 104 tackles and two interceptions. Williams started all 12 games, collecting 44 tackles and four sacks.

"Losing these people is a disappointment," quarterback Tony Rice said before the season. "But what can we do except look for replacements?"

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Warden named

AMARILLO (AP) — A warden has been appointed to run the new 2,250-man maximum-security unit being built in Amarillo. Randy McLeod, 36, a prison system employee with 14 years experience, will run the William P. Clements Jr. Unit, which is scheduled to be completed March 15, officials said Friday.

Two assistant wardens were also appointed, Darwin Sanders, 42, who has been with the prison system since 1976, and Reed Smith, 29, who has been with the system since August 1979.



APPRECIATION — Price Daniel Unit Warden Les Woods, right, and Assistant Warden Charlie Streetman presented members of the Snyder Lions Club appreciation certificates for the early and continued support the club has shown toward the prison. From left also are David Gist, Jack Denman, Bill Stone, Don West, Jene Steakley, Edwin Jackson, Cliff Smith, Dan Callaway, Bobby Goodwin, Mac McCown, Bill Davies, Randy Rinker and Roy McQueen. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Military drug war plans continuing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon soon will approve plans submitted by 10 commanders for increased activities in the war on drugs, a spokesman said Friday.

Defense Secretary Richard Cheney received the reports Oct. 15 on "how their commands could become more involved in the support to counter-narcotics missions," said Maj. David Super. "We can't talk about any of the specific recommendations."

Military sources said, however, that future plans included more use of AWACS surveillance and control aircraft to detect planes carrying drugs, air deployable ground-based radar systems, naval combat ships and fixed and mobile sensors.

The military's role under Cheney is markedly different from his predecessor, Frank Carlucci. Whereas Cheney describes the military's participation as "crucial," Carlucci

said in June 1988 he was "absolutely opposed to the assignment of a law enforcement mission to the Department of Defense."

Meanwhile, officials declined to comment on a report by CBS News that the Pentagon had authorized plans by military units to capture fugitive drug criminals in foreign countries.

The Defense Department's larger role in counter-narcotics began last year with a congressional appropriation of \$300 million. That figure was upped to \$450 million this year.

Congress assigned the Pentagon to be the lead and coordinating agency for detecting

and monitoring aerial and maritime drug smuggling, creating a network for the intelligence community and increasing the work of the National Guard.

The Los Angeles Times reported Friday that Air Force analysts have suggested the service use high-resolution spy satellites to provide glimpses of shifting ground bases for drug traffickers, including their jungle laboratories.

It said Navy budget planners recommended shifting some Atlantic training operations to the Caribbean, where sailors could keep watch on drug trafficking from international waters

off Colombia.

"With peace breaking out all over, it might give us something to do," the newspaper quoted an unidentified two-star general as saying.

Cheney last month approved the formation of a new anti-drug task force at Fort Bliss, Texas. The new group, Joint Task Force 6, is to deal with drug activity along the southern border. It joined two other task forces set up earlier this year to stem the flow of drugs.

Multiparty system gets party's okay

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Communist Party published a draft declaration Friday that it was ready to give up guaranteed power and compete with other parties in elections next year.

It also called for a new constitution guaranteeing market-oriented economic reform, respect for human rights and an independent judiciary.

"The Communist Party of Yugoslavia supports freedom of assembly and speech, and all other civil liberties regardless of political convictions of individuals," said the document, written by a committee preparing for a party congress next month.

The party will relinquish its monopoly on power and take part in "free, direct and secret (ballot) elections," the document said, and "we are changing all of this now in order that tomorrow it will not be too late for socialism in Yugoslavia."

Reforms specified in the declaration should be carried out within six months after the congress, it said, as published by the daily Borba.

Some opponents of change fear independent parties would be formed along ethnic lines and further exacerbate tensions in this tenuous federation of six republics and two autonomous republics.

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Snyder Cablevision employees pictured from left in front are Santos Chaidez, Kay Evans, and Stella Hermosillo. In back are, Joyce Buchanan, office manager; and Mariann Neblett. Jaycees pictured at right are Rudy Garza, chairman of Toys For Tots, Danny Engle, and Henry Ramos. Ramos is also an employee of Snyder Cablevision. (SDN Staff Photo)

Union will vote

PRAIRIEVILLE, La. (AP) — Members of an Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers union will vote Monday on a proposed accord that, if approved, would end a bitter, 5½-year labor dispute with BASF Corporation.

Both the \$33-billion German corporation, with 130,000 employees worldwide, and union leaders characterized the dispute as the longest in U.S. history.

The tentative three-year settlement was reached late Thursday and disclosed Friday.

Under its terms, BASF would recall more than 100 maintenance workers who were locked out and later replaced with contract labor, to grant pay hikes and to guarantee job security through a seniority system.

The leadership of OCAW Local 4-620 unanimously recommended ratification; the local's 370 members will vote at the end of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. shifts Monday.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Claims by rival carriers that United Airlines and American Airlines monopolized the computer reservation market by giving travel agents underpriced computer equipment were rejected Friday.

and American systems because the airlines undercut the price, and that agents then were asked to sign exclusive contracts.

The computer systems helped American and United by showing

their reservations first, according to the plaintiffs. When the government stopped biasing in 1984, American and United charged exorbitant fees for its equipment, the plaintiffs said.

"The jury has confirmed what American has long maintained: that the marketing of computer reservation systems to travel agents is extremely competitive," Robert L. Crandall, American's chief executive, said in a statement.

United Vice President Edward Hoenicke said that "United's position as to the fairness of its pricing for the Apollo service and its contract and marketing practices have now been vindicated."

When the case began about five years ago, a large number of airlines were listed as plaintiffs, but their numbers were reduced by mergers and out-of-court settlements.

A federal jury ruled against four airlines that had asked for damages totaling \$149 million from United, which operates the Apollo reservation system, and American, which runs the SABRE system.

The plaintiffs contended that travel agents bought the United

Reindeer Romp due here next Tuesday

Snyder's second annual Reindeer Romp is planned for Tuesday, weather permitting. Otherwise the health and Christmas oriented activity will be re-scheduled for Thursday.

All joggers, walkers, and other interested persons are invited to participate in the second annual Reindeer Romp slated for Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Those participating will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the pavilion in Towle Park. Those who wish may bring along toys and/or canned goods to be given to the Goodfellows and Toys for Tots projects. A sleigh is available at American State Bank for the collection of these items as well. Previously, the sleigh had been placed at West Texas State Bank. A toy box has also been placed at Snyder National Bank. Both boxes will remain in place through next Tuesday.

The route for walkers will be about two miles and the jogging route will be about five miles. The routes will be determined this weekend and will be announced next week prior to the romp. Anyone who does not wish to cover the entire distance may drop out at any time. Refreshments will be served at the end of the romp.

The romp is an informal affair, its promoters emphasize, designed to give people the opportunity to walk or jog with a group and see some of the holiday decorations in residential areas. There is no charge to enter but those taking part are encouraged to wear festive attire and are urged to carry flashlights for safety's sake. Bicycles and unsupervised children will not be permitted for this outing.

For more information call Burke at Western Texas College, Leslie or Bekky Butler, or Wanda Hudgins.

Public Records

New Vehicles
Edward R. and Judith K. Barkowsky, 1990 Pontiac from Howard Gray Motors.

Horace Rankin, 1990 GMC pickup from Howard Gray Motors.

Eddie Nettles, doing business as Nettles Electric, 1990 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage Licenses
James F. Gray and Irene Mireles, both of Sweetwater.

Filed in District Court
Clifton Thomas of Snyder vs. John Land, personal injury suit pertaining to an arrest the defendant, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, allegedly made of the plaintiff on Dec. 7, 1987, in which the plaintiff claims a wire that was pinning his broken pelvis came loose, seeking \$100,000.

Action in District Court
Mary J. and David Orona, Otis M. and Betty J. Kincheloe and Angela E. and Wesley C. Ball, divorces granted.

Warranty Deeds
Marlin Terrell et ux to Ygnacio Benitez Jr., two one-acre tracts in the southwest quarter of Section 122, Block 3, H&GN Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

Sandra Castillo to Antonio Aguilar et ux, Lot 12 in Block 15 of the Green Hills Addition to the City of Snyder.

Nelda M. Loftus to Kathleen Huddleston, the northeast quarter of Section 117, Block 97, H&TC Survey, Scurry County, Tex.

Glenn Patterson to Jimmy Nix et ux, Lot 2 and the west 50 and the south 20 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 49 of the Original Town of Snyder.

A.C. Floyd Jr. to Glen O. Butler et ux, the south 25 feet of Lot 1 and the north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 21 of the Blankenship Addition to the City of Snyder.

Alfonso B. Ramos to Delfina Ramos, a 100-by-150-foot tract in Block 57 and Lot 2 in Block 36 of the Cody Heights Addition and Lots 4 and 5 in Block 43 of the Wilmeth Addition to the City of Snyder.

Craig Merritt et ux to Billy J. Voss et ux, Section 189 and the south one-half Section 190 in Block 97 of the H&TC Survey of Scurry County, Tex.

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OPENING — The Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats joined the owners of the new Taco John's restaurant for a ribbon-cutting ceremony prior to its Wednesday opening. From left in front, holding the chamber of commerce sign, are Mike Brunetti of Cheyenne, Wyo., executive vice president of Taco John's International, and owners Eddie and Becky Johnson and Cindy and John Lacik. (SDN Staff Photo)



FIVE-YEAR PIN—Fifteen Walls' employees received their five-year-pins Monday. Recipients were: Adelia Alarcon, Victoria Alvarado, Mark Basquez, Nora Christian, Cynthia Clamon, Marie Contreras, Katy Doty, Christine Fisk, Sandra Frederick, Debbie Kimery, Christa Tankersley, Sylvia Trevino, Lois Villaneuva, Jacinta Galindo, and Sharon West. Ron Istre of Cleburne, (standing in back) senior vice president in charge of marketing, made the presentations. (SDN Staff Photo)



TEN-YEAR-PIN—Two Walls' employees received their 10-year-pins Monday. Recipients were Sharon West and Jacinta Galindo. Ron Istre of Cleburne, senior vice president in charge of marketing, made the presentations. (SDN Staff Photo)

Shooting suspect ruled competent

BENJAMIN, Texas (AP) — An Abilene District Judge ruled a man accused of fatally shooting a Knox County police officer last May is competent to stand trial.

District Judge David Hajek found Gary Lynn Adams, 26, competent to stand trial on the murder charge Friday and ordered the trial moved to Abilene due to the publicity the case has received in the local media.

The trial will begin Feb. 20, Hajek said.

Hajek said he found Adams competent based on the suspect's performance in two psychological examinations in June.

Adams is accused of shooting Munday police officer Perry Floyd Patton, 26, last May.

Authorities say Patton, who was one of only two police officers in the town of 1,700 southwest of Wichita Falls, was killed with his own gun while wrestling with a man in the robbery of an Allsup's Convenience Store.

Ned Butler of the Texas Attorney General's Office is serving as prosecutor because Munday District Attorney Bobby D. Burnett, appointed in October, has never prosecuted a capital murder case, officials said.

Crooner has sold 150 million records

NEW YORK (AP) — Crooner John Kennedy, James Dean and Julio Iglesias has sold 150 million records worldwide and makes \$22 million a year, but something's lacking: to become one of America's greatest idols.

The first step toward joining their ranks has been for Iglesias, 46, to learn the language. In his efforts to become fluent in English, Iglesias has worked with a Hollywood speech coach for the past six years.

"America has only five great stars, and all except one are dead: Elvis, Marilyn Monroe,

Financial Focus

Here's an interesting bit of investment experience worth sharing. What would have happened had you picked the worst possible time to invest in a mutual fund each year for the past 15 years?

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The lesson from Louie's investing experience isn't that he was lucky enough to select the No. 1 fund. Certainly there are other funds with equal or better performances. What's important is that even with the worst possible timing, Louie still fared much better than if he had done what many people try to do, which is wait for the perfect time to invest.

The results of both best-time or worst-time investing, although not guaranteed, were also more favorable than putting the money in a guaranteed savings account each year. Based on figures supplied by the U.S. League of Savings Institutions, those same regular annual deposits would have grown to only \$149,445.

If you plan to invest a regular amount each year (in an IRA, for example), select any major mutual-fund group and look at its management history. Don't be confused by short-term spectaculars. Look, instead, for an organization with an illustration similar to Louie's "worst-time" scenario. If your fund is consistent, you'll probably find that while there are good times and bad times, over the long haul any day is a good day to invest.

You're probably wondering what would have happened if Louie had been lucky enough to pick the best time each year to invest, the day the market bottomed. His account would have been worth more than \$378,000.

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Homeless suffer, events effected by cold snap

By The Associated Press

Texas was buffeted by Arctic winds and single-digit temperatures prevailed Friday and Saturday, but devotees of white Christmases can take heart — there is a 30 percent chance of snow Sunday.

"There could be a couple of inches if it works out," said National Weather Service Fort Worth meteorologist David Martin. The weather service is

predicting temperatures won't be above freezing Sunday.

A cold front dropped thermometers in the state as low as 8 degrees, breaking the record low of 18 degrees for Saturday's date in 1972.

Even with sunny skies predicted Saturday, temperatures won't be higher than the 20s, the weather service says.

The National Weather Service warned people in North Texas to

be careful of frostbite and other cold-related injuries. Ranchers were advised to move young, sick or pregnant livestock to warm quarters.

Officials warned people to wear warm clothes and use extreme caution when going out Saturday and Sunday. Overexposure to temperatures below 32 degrees can be deadly for people, animals and plants.

"We can lose a lot of people by freezing to death — especially the

elderly," Martin said.

In case of car breakdowns, the weather service is advising motorists to stack blankets or extra clothing in their vehicles.

Light snow is predicted Saturday and Sunday in the Panhandle, with sleet and snow predicted for Central Texas and freezing rain in South Texas. Saturday's highs will range from the upper teens in the Panhandle to 60 in Far West Texas. South Texas should see the readings in

the 30s.

Warmer days aren't in the forecast for Christmas. More cold weather is expected to blast North Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas on Monday, with a chance of freezing rain, sleet or snow through Tuesday.

Effects of the cold on homeless people were evident Friday night as they streamed into shelters.

Officials at the Dallas Life Foundation and Union Gospel Mission said they were seeing

more people than usual. Austin Street Shelter operators expected a full house.

Less than a dozen homeless people remained camped in downtown Houston Friday night. City officials urged them to seek refuge, while Houston firefighters put out fires some of the homeless had started in barrels for warmth.

Officials in Amarillo, which got a dusting of snow Friday night, also reported homeless people flocking to shelters.

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HERMLEIGH					
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LENORAH					
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SNYDER					
3908 EASTRIDGE	494-114385-235	3	1	\$24,400	
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Two candidates file for office

Bill Kimmell ...for commissioner 4



Bill Kimmell, a partner in Midwestern Vacuum Truck Co., has announced he will run for precinct 4 county commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

Kimmell will oppose Jerry Gannaway and Jack Greene. Incumbent Ted Billingsley has not announced his intentions as yet.

Kimmell moved to Scurry County in 1942 and graduated from Ira School in 1952. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1960 with a degree in business administration.

After graduation, he spent eight years with Proctor and Gamble and 11 years with Ralston Purina. While with Ralston, Kimmell became national sales manager of the Checkerboard Farms Division and vice president of operations of the Deco Plant Division.

He became a partner in Midwestern Vacuum Truck Co. in 1980 and returned to Scurry County. He is a resident of Dunn.

"To have a progressive county in our present economy will require cooperation in every facet of our county government," Kimmell said. "Conservative budgeting, imagination and cooperation at every level will make Scurry County strong and resourceful. I believe my experience in management and budgeting can and will be an asset to our county."

Kimmell is also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He and his wife Gay, have one son, Kris, who lives in Tulsa. The Kimmells are members of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Bob Doolittle ...for county judge



Bob Doolittle has announced his candidacy for county judge on the Republican ticket.

Doolittle has lived in Scurry County the past 16½ years. He has been married for 14 years to Suzanne McCommas, a native of the county.

They have two children, 6-year-old Braden and 11-year-old Julie.

Doolittle and his wife are active members of First Baptist Church, where he was ordained as a deacon in 1979. He enjoys playing golf and is past president of the Western Texas College Men's Golf Association.

He is a graduate of Lebanon High School in Lebanon, Mo. He has completed three years at William Jewell University in Liberty, Mo. with undergraduate study focused on a degree in business administration.

Doolittle has worked the past 13 years for Monsanto and BHP Petroleum at the Diamond M gas plant west of Snyder. Prior to that, he worked for Key Brothers Implement.

"Having been associated with the two major income sources of Scurry County and the hard times that have fallen upon both, I understand the concerns of the taxpayer and their wishes to see that tax dollars are spent wisely," Doolittle said. "I am qualified and willing to serve in a fair and just manner and be a strong voice for you, the taxpayer."

Zulu leader calls for unity on day marking hostilities

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President F.W. de Klerk and Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi made separate pleas for black-white unity Saturday, a national holiday marking an 1838 battlefield victory by the Afrikaners over the Zulus.

De Klerk, an Afrikaner who has sought to ease racial tensions since assuming office in August, told supporters in the Orange Free State Province that he wants to open negotiations with black leaders on the country's political future.

"In the Free State, Afrikaners, other whites, Sothos (a black tribe), and members of other groups will live in harmony," de Klerk said. "The time is now for us to all get together and get more consensus."

Right-wing Afrikaners opposed to power-sharing with blacks held several rallies Saturday calling for strict apartheid and continued white domination.

In Boksburg, an industrial town outside Johannesburg, and in Mossel Bay, a southern coastal town, blacks canceled demonstrations to avoid confrontations with right-wing groups.

The Afrikaners were celebrating the 1838 Great Trek during which their Dutch-descended ancestors left the British-ruled Cape Colony for the uncharted African wilderness.

Stories about hardships on the journey and battles with African tribesmen have taken on mythical proportions for the 3 million Afrikaners, who make up about 60 percent of the white population and control the government.

The Afrikaners, preparing for a major battle with the Zulus on Dec. 16, 1838, vowed to make it their holiest day if they won the fight. They did, and the anniversary is known as the Day of the Covenant.

For holidays...

Europe goes on terrorism alert

PARIS (AP) — Western Europe has been put on a terror alert for the holidays because of discoveries of explosives caches and weapons shipments, as well as reports that pro-Iranian terrorists may try to bomb airliners and other U.S. targets.

In France, major department stores that were targets of previous bombings were under tight surveillance Friday as crowds of Christmas shoppers coursed through the aisles.

Security patrols were increased in subways and at railroad stations, public buildings, border crossings and airports. Travelers have been warned of delays.

"These holidays, which bring with them large movements and groupings of people, along with the present situation, justify this reinforcement of police surveillance," said Interior Minister Pierre Joxe.

A State Department warning to embassies said the U.S. government, "noting recent reports of movement of Middle Eastern terrorists in Western Europe, combined with the discovery of weapons shipments destined for Hezbollah cells in Spain and Africa, is concerned that terrorists might be planning near-term attacks against a variety of targets, possible including U.S. interests."

The reference was to Shiite Moslem extremists from Lebanon.

At U.S. Military European Command headquarters in Stuttgart, West Germany, a spokesman who would not let his name be used said: "We are aware of the State Department advisory. ... Beyond that, we do not discuss specific security measures."

Cornelius Walsh, spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Bonn, said: "Everyone has been urged to be more cautious and more alert."

A security employee on duty at the Frankfurt airport, also speaking anonymously, said: "Security measures are only effective if they aren't revealed."

In London, the U.S. Embassy said it was trying to get the information out to Americans living in Britain.

The advisory was issued six days before the first anniversary of Pan Am Flight 103, which originated in Frankfurt, changed planes in London and was blown up over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

Pan Am spokesman Alan Loflin said in New York: "Largely because of the anniversary ... and also because of the incredible amount of passenger traffic, we have enhanced our security systemwide. Mostly, this involves using more people."

A TWA spokesman said: "Warnings are immediately distributed to each person on the staff, and that person is responsible for safety procedures.

Police in the Netherlands tightened airline security. A newspaper said airport police were put on alert Dec. 1 after reports that pro-Iranian terrorists planned attacks."

The most important of several reasons for increased fears of terrorist attack in France is the seizure of nearly 500 pounds of explosives Nov. 23 in Valencia, Spain, and the arrest of eight suspected Shiite Moslem extremists.

A French police report said the men and explosives were headed for France. Spanish police said at least three were from Hezbollah, a Shiite group loyal to Iran that is believed to include kidnap gangs holding Western hostages in Lebanon.

Police found the plastic explosives, four hand grenades and 250 detonators in a shipment of Lebanese canned goods at a warehouse in Valencia, on the east coast of Spain.

Many Lebanese Moslems are unhappy about what they perceive as France's bias toward the Christians in Lebanon, which has been torn apart by a 14-year-old sectarian civil war.

Some French investigators believe Lebanese Shiites were behind the bombing of a UTA DC-10 Sept. 19 over Niger that killed 170 people.

Sales tax

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percent from last year.

—Big Spring: minus 0.64 percent with \$1,425,277.68 returned to date compared to \$1,434,468.17 last year. The monthly return of \$104,016.28 was an increase of 25.58 percent over last year.

—Sweetwater: minus 2.13 percent with \$754,595.60 returned to date compared to \$771,000.68 last year. The monthly return of \$53,328.39 was a decrease of 0.42 percent from last year.

—Post: minus 4.85 percent with \$164,201.73 returned to date compared to \$171,292.68 last year. The monthly return of \$13,146.79 was an increase of 19.26 percent from last year.

—San Angelo: plus 7.10 percent with \$5,758,148.43 returned to date compared to \$5,376,657.67 last year. The monthly return of \$355,967.17 was an increase of 17.96 percent from last year.

—Abilene: plus 3.27 percent with \$7,982,791.93 returned to date compared to \$7,730,070.29 last year. The monthly return of \$546,609.60 is an increase of 16.59 percent from last year.

—Lubbock: plus 7.08 percent with \$15,087,004.25 returned to date compared to \$14,089,826.23 last year. The monthly return of \$1,083,435.20 is an increase of 2.74 percent from last year.

Another arrested in vandalism case

A 19-year-old Snyder woman was arrested on a criminal mischief warrant at 8:38 a.m. Friday at the police station, bringing to four the number of young women who have been taken into custody in connection with a Nov. 11 car vandalism case.

Three others had been arrested Thursday in the vandalism of a car belonging to another local woman in the 400 Block of North Ave. T.

A 28-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 5:23 p.m. Thursday in the 2000 Block of Ave. K.

Two wrecks investigated

Police investigated two traffic accidents Thursday, the first at 8:07 a.m. at 25th St. and Ave. Z, where a 1987 Ford pickup driven by Robert L. Beaird of 2901 Westridge Dr. was in collision with a 1983 Chevrolet driven by Terry D. Butler of Rt. 1.

At 7:50 p.m. in the 2400 Block of 40th St., a 1963 Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael S. Rodgers of 2315 40th was in collision with a 1988 Chevrolet pickup driven by Amadeo Garza of Abilene.

Grass fire is controlled

Firemen worked for less than an hour Friday morning to extinguish a grass fire in a pasture in eastern Snyder off U.S. 84.

A department spokesman said ashes from a fire place ignited the blaze on property owned by Blackie Mearns, with the call coming in at 9:19 a.m. and firemen returning to the station at 10:15 a.m.

The fire was east of the stand of 2,000 live Christmas trees that Mearns is selling this year, the spokesman said.

Critics of new study say it is misleading

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal safety official says a consumer group is misleading the public by criticizing child safety seats when in fact they are the "single most effective safety device ever developed for an automobile."

Jeffrey Miller, deputy administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, attacked the Center for Auto Safety after the group issued a report Friday declaring that millions of children are riding in unsafe child restraint seats.

Ira grandparents proud

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Stargardt, is the Wemkens' sixth grandchild. She was born Dec. 12, weighing 7 pounds, 10½ ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Mrs. Wemken is a former special education teacher at Plains whose husband, Lloyd, is a retired Monsanto employee.

Their daughter, Jeanetha, is a 33-year-old graduate of the University of North Texas at Denton who is a software engineer for the Harris Corp. Jeanetha's husband, Wayne Stargardt, is vice president of communications for the same Dallas company.

Laura Jean is Jeanetha's second child. "She has a 16-year-old son, Gregg, and he seems to be very proud of his sister," Mrs. Wemken said.

"They kept a close watch on it. She was monitored constantly for nine months, twice a day for the last two or three months. 'It's Wayne's first child, and he wanted a child so badly.'"

Laura Jean reportedly slept through a Friday news conference at Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton, whose Institute of Fertility and Reproductive Medicine had supervised the conception and birth.

"The miracle of it all is to think that at one point she was frozen in suspended animation," said Jeanetha, who uses her maiden name professionally. "She was a gift from the doctors and the technology they have now."

Wemken had been unable to conceive normally because she had a tubal ligation in 1984, according to an Associated Press report.

She had first entered the in-vitro fertilization program in August 1988, trying unsuccessfully twice to conceive with in-vitro fertilization, which involves removing eggs from ovaries and fertilizing them in a laboratory dish.

During the second try, Dr. Jane Chihal, director of the institute, froze embryos that were not implanted. "After the second failure, I was in the frame of mind to try a transfer with the frozen embryos just so they wouldn't be wasted," Dr. Chihal said at the news conference.

"We approach each case with approximately a one-in-five chance of success."

Each attempt costs \$5,000 to \$10,000, the physician said.

There were 45 pregnancies from frozen embryos reported nationally by the American Fertility Society in Birmingham, Ala., through 1987 and 90 in 1988.

Holiday happenings

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SIGHTS AND SOUNDS — Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present "The Sights and Sounds of Christmas," a Christmas gift to the residents of Snyder, Monday between 6 and 7 p.m. The come-and-go event will feature a live nativity scene, youth and adult handbell choirs, a brass ensemble and old-fashioned caroling. Coffee and hot chocolate will be served and a nursery will be provided. The church is located at the corner of 37th street and El Paso.

HERMLEIGH YOUTH — Hermleigh United Methodist Church youth will present their annual Christmas Service Sunday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A youth processional begins at 7 p.m. with Christmas music, special readings and prayers. A traditional hanging of the Chrismons is included. Santa Claus will visit at 3 p.m. Sunday.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — The children of Grace Lutheran and St. John's Episcopal Churches will have a Christmas Pageant Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 College Ave.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION — Rev. Glen O. Butler of the Knapp Baptist Church, along with his wife, Blanche, will have a special housewarming and Christmas thanksgiving celebration at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 2907 Ave. U. The Butlers have recently purchased the residence.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION SERVICE — Hermleigh United Methodist Church will have a special Christmas Communion Service on Christmas Eve, with Rev. Crumpton in charge.

SPECIAL SERVICES — Grace Lutheran with St. John's Episcopal will have special services for Christmas and Christmas Eve. The Christmas Eve service will begin at 11 p.m., and the Christmas service will begin at 10 a.m. Both services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2214 42nd.

Obituaries

O.D. Jackson

Services for O. D. Jackson, 71, of 2901 El Paso, are set for 11 a.m. Monday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Bruce Tanner officiating. Burial will follow in Gail Cemetery.

Jackson died at 9:14 a.m. Thursday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb. 28, 1918, he was a lifetime resident of Borden County, before moving to Snyder two years ago. He was a retired farmer and rancher and a member of the Church of Christ. He also served in the U.S. Air Force.

He married Jessie B. Odom March 7, 1947, and she died in July of 1979. He later married Lois Greathouse on Nov. 26, 1979 in Borden County.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of the home; two daughters, Carol Lewis of Gail and Cathrine Tanner of Menominee, Mich.; one step-daughter, Mrs. LaRhea Smith of Chandler, Ariz.; one son, Don Jackson of Abilene; one step-son, Frank Greathouse of Arcadia; two brothers, Murray Jackson of Union and Lewie Jackson of Big Spring; and 11 grandchildren.

Charitable donations are being made to Borden County EMS.

Steve Cox

Services for Steve Cox, 55, of 3211 Cherry were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with J.D. Smith officiating. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Cox, a retired employee of Chevron, died at 8:03 p.m. Thursday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born May 19, 1934 in Scurry County. He was a member of the Christian Fellowship and a member of the Ira Masonic Lodge No. 934.

Survivors include his wife, Janice; one daughter, Crystal Sutter of Snyder; one son, Don Sellers of Midland; two sisters, Claudine Gunnels of Corpus Christi and Adale Angel of Sandy, Ore.; one brother, Travis Cox of Ira; and four grandchildren.

Harry O. Krenek

ELGIN—Services are set for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Elgin Funeral Home Chapel for Harry O. Krenek, 79, who died Friday in an Austin hospital. Burial will follow in the Elgin Cemetery.

Krenek, a retired U.S. Postal Service employee, was the father of WTC President Harry L. Krenek.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Anetta of Elgin; two other sons, Darrell Krenek of Lubbock and William Ray Krenek of Elgin; a brother, Milton Krenek of Austin; two sisters, Peggy Holliman of Kerrville and Ruby Dunkin of Waco; and nine grandchildren.

Clare Plowman

ABILENE—Services are set for 2 p.m. Monday at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home for Clare Plowman, 79, who died Wednesday at her home in Abilene.

Born in Dunn, she moved to Abilene in 1918. She and her late husband, Travis Plowman, opened Plowman Feed and Seed store in 1947. She was a charter member of the Highland Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Travis Scott Plowman of Norfolk, Va.; and a son-in-law, Keith Johnston of Lubbock.

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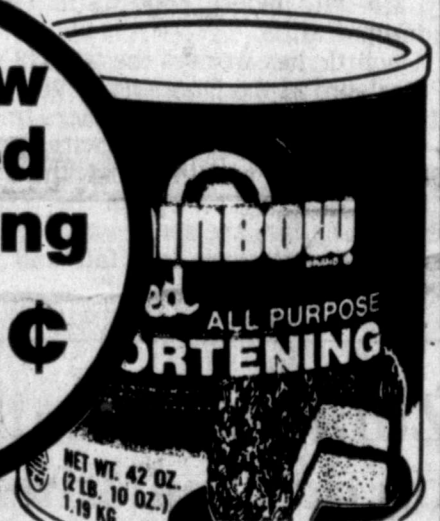
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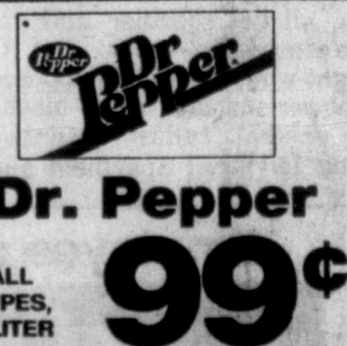
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

I.V. Zeck, co-founder of Y-Z Industries, Inc., is two years shy of his 90th birthday, but no one can tell it by talking to him.

At 87, he and his wife, Callie, returned to Snyder Oct. 1, after an 11-year absence. This past Thanksgiving he celebrated his 88th birthday.

They had been living in Waldron, Ark., where Zeck maintained a workshop to "tinker" in and occasionally complete a project for the company which he helped start decades ago and which is still being operated by family members.

Today, the Zecks live with their daughter, Sophie, and her husband, Joe Michie, in a special apartment built on to the back of the Michie home.

Zeck, as alert and articulate as a man many years younger, said he has always believed in "hard work, long hours, and keeping my mind real active."

It has been said of the octogenarian that "he is always trying to invent something." But with no shop at present in Snyder for him to work in, Zeck is having to make a "few adjustments."

Zeck moved to Snyder in 1949, during the heart of the oil boom, in order to establish a Harlow-Samons, Inc. machine works and engine shop. The company, which was then based in Wichita Falls, wanted to "branch out," and so chose Zeck to establish a shop in Snyder.

He had been living in Iowa Park at the time and while he re-established himself in Snyder, his wife and daughter, Sophie, remained there for three more years before they could join him.

During the heyday of the oil boom, Zeck said they serviced all

types of oilfield engines and/or machinery. About two years later, Zeck said he temporarily leased the business from Harlow-Samons, Inc., forming a brief partnership with Red Young before buying him out some 40 days later.

The name was first changed to Y-Z Engineers Service and finally to Y-Z Industries in 1974. After Young left, Zeck and his son became partners.

Y-Z Industries has always been located on the Lubbock Highway. After Zeck retired in 1966 he still kept his hand in the business by occasionally working on a project.

Zeck remembers a tornado in 1960 "blowing it away," and at least two train wrecks which made him feel "not very comfortable after that."

Before Zeck moved to Snyder during the oil boom he said some friends tried to talk him out of moving here. Snyder was "wild" in those days and yet Zeck said not as wild as other oilfield booms he had witnessed.

"People came from all corners of the earth when the boom hit in Snyder," Zeck explained. Drilling rigs were set up very close together, and the population grew so fast that people were living in culverts and boxcars because no lodging was available.

During this time, he said they concentrated on the drilling end of the oilfield industry, but that when the drillers moved out and the boom "collapsed," they turned their attention to the production side of the oilfield.

As work in the oilfields continued, Zeck said they began to get requests to build certain pieces of equipment and that is when they started to design and build their own equipment.

Zeck tells of he and Ted burning a lot of "midnight oil" as they tried to invent a sampling device around 1955. He said it is used to extract samples of and test gas,

methane, propane, crude oil, butane, and natural gas. Zeck said most of their ideas and projects started out as a vague description of what someone wanted or needed.

They are still using the same basic sampling device, though of course it has been improved over the years, he said.

Though experienced in all aspects of the oil business, Zeck said he likes the sampling end the best. He has been "on his own" since he was 14 and he started working as a roustabout in the old Burkburnett oilfield at the tender age of 16.

"I did anything that needed do-

ing during the two years that boom lasted," he said.

Zeck well remembers the feuding which then existed between cable toolers or "jar heads" and rotary drillers, also called "swivel necks." Zeck started out as a cable tooler.

"They sure didn't like each other much," he said. "The rotary drillers were faster."

Zeck also worked for Magnolia (now Mobil) for 12 years and said he "worked on the first electric cable tool for Magnolia."

He also worked for Bauman Drilling Co., the Warren Bradshaw Co., Texas Co., Texas-New Mexico Pipeline, Standard and SACROC.

Zeck said fixing and inventing things always "came naturally" to him, at least in part he feels, because his father, who was a mechanic and blacksmith, and brother were also mechanically inclined.

He had worked in repair shops for several years before opening his own auto repair business in Iowa Park during a slump in the oil business.

However, during the Depression, times were hard and some weeks Zeck said all he earned was \$15. Since that was hardly enough money to support a family, he said he eventually left his garage with his son Ted and mov-

ed to Snyder. Zeck was born in Tennessee and lived in Raymondville, Missouri, from age 5-8 before moving to Texas. Zeck's father did not accompany his family when they moved to Texas.

He was educated in country schools in Clara, near Wichita Falls, but did not graduate from high school. In those years he said he remembered that two school houses were operated, one for American children and the other for German children.

He also said he was "whipped for orneriness" more than one time.

Once on his own at 14, Zeck said he lived with his grandparents in Missouri for a brief time and then with his father in Tennessee for a few months.

Besides Ted and Sophie, Zeck has another daughter, Bonnie Fay; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He had one brother and two sisters, but all are now deceased.

Zeck has spent his entire life learning new things and improving his mind. At 65, a friend Jimmy Thompson, taught him how to fly.

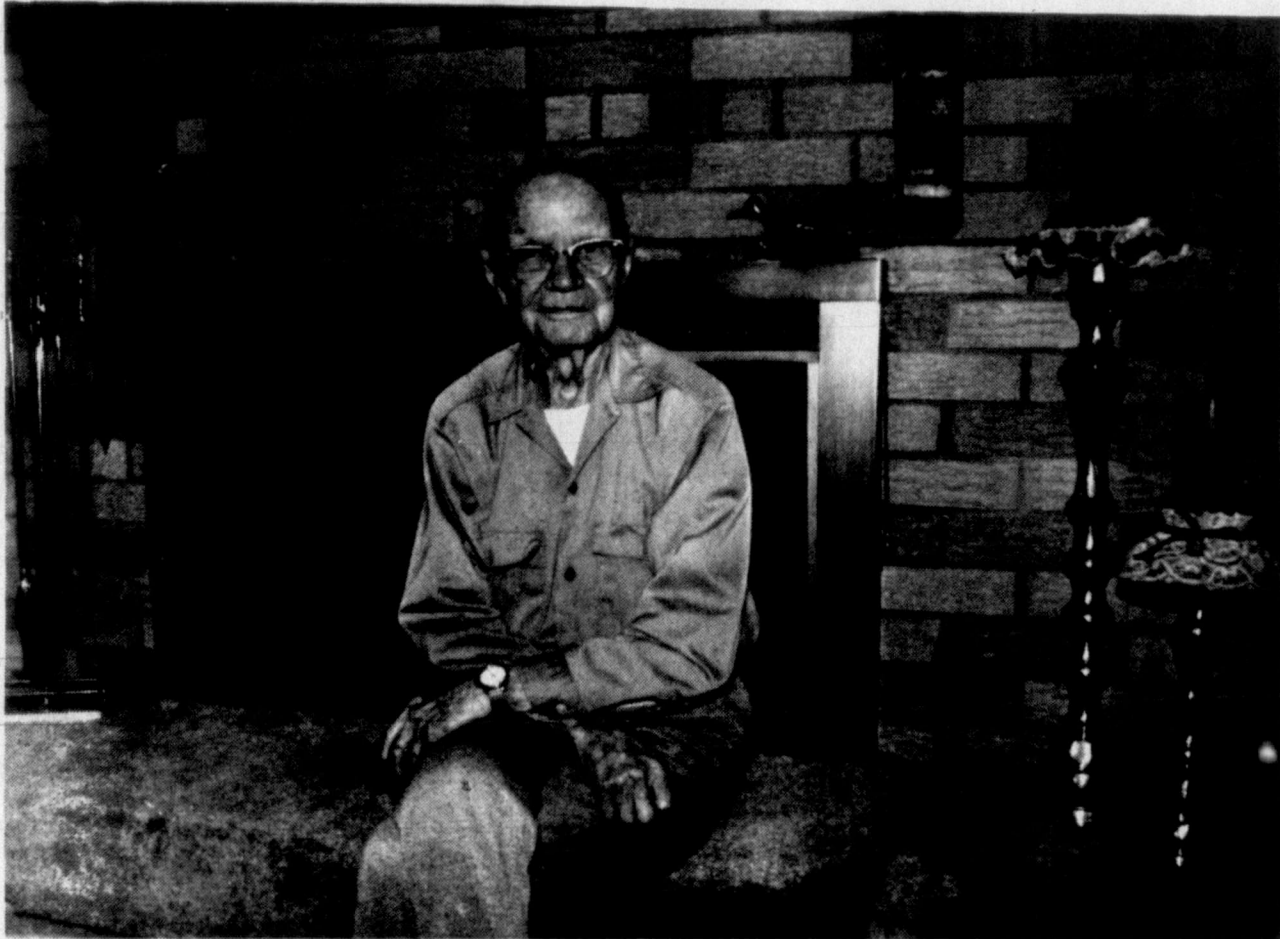
"I had been flying before with Jimmy, but I hadn't thought about learning to fly myself," he said. "But he gave me the controls and when I did what he told me to do, he said 'see you can fly too.'"

That was all the encouragement Zeck needed. His son, Ted, had a plane then and Zeck said he had no real excuse for not learning.

Zeck really enjoyed flying. "I enjoyed it as much as anything I ever did."

But when his son developed heart trouble, Zeck said that "grounded" us both.

Since returning to Snyder this past October, Zeck said his friend, Thompson, has taken him flying again, something he said he still enjoys.



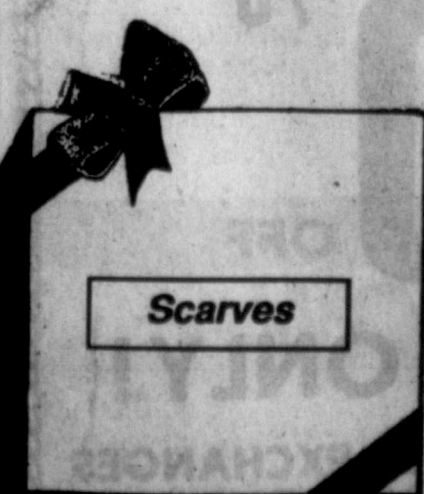
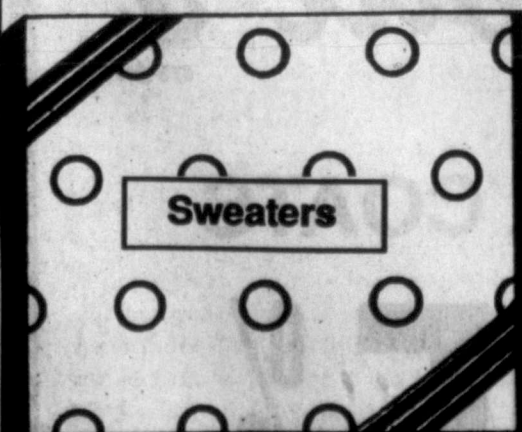
ACTIVE LIFE — I.V. Zeck, longtime Snyder resident who returned here in October, celebrated his 88th birthday this past Thanksgiving. Co-founder of Y-Z Industries, Inc., Zeck has always liked to "tinker" in a workshop, and invent things. Even though he retired in the late 1960s, Zeck still work-

ed on special projects for Y-Z Industries until recently. Now that he and his wife, Callie, have returned to Snyder, Zeck can take it easy, but he continues "to keep his mind active," a philosophy he has lived by all of his life. (SDN Staff Photo)

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**Scurry Library
News and
Views**

FEATURE: HEAD FIRST, THE BIOLOGY OF HOPE, by Norman Cousins. After 10 years of research to find proof that positive attitudes can help fight serious diseases, Norman Cousins presents his findings. This book presents the mounting evidence that hope, faith, love, the will to live, laughter, purpose and festivity can help combat disease. He recounts experiments and research that strengthened his beliefs...and the world's.

NON-FICTION

"The Complete Small Truck Cost Guide, 1989."

"It's Hard to Look Cool When Your Car's Full of Sheep: Tales From the Back Forty," by Roger Pond.

"A Parent's Guide to Heart Disorders," by James H. Moller.

FICTION

"Star Trek: The Lost Years," by J.M. Dillard.

"The Captive," by Victoria Holt.

"Reaper," by C. Terry Cline, Jr.

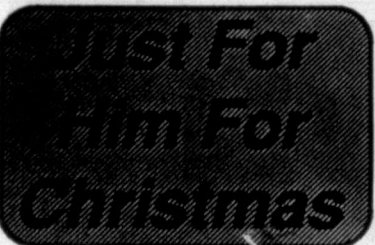


BRIDAL SHOWER — Mrs. Christopher McKay, nee Rebecca Graham, was honored with a bridal shower Nov. 8. Pictured from left are Sandra Hall, aunt of the bride; the honoree; and Reta Graham, her mother. The couple was united in marriage Oct. 22. (Private Photo)

**Collins will
host 'Home'**

NEW YORK (AP) — Gary Collins will replace Robb Weller as host of ABC-TV's "The Home Show," with Weller leaving the daytime series to go into production.

Collins, whose former syndicated series "Hour Magazine" was canceled in 1988, will start work Dec. 28 on the ABC series, the network said Tuesday.



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FEATURED SPEAKER — Chance Ann Hart, center, served as both guest speaker and the featured program for the Snyder Christian Women's Club luncheon Wednesday. Also pictured

**Supermarkets are
growing larger**

DALLAS (AP) — Supermarkets are getting larger and companies that traditionally sold their products in department stores now are selling in supermarkets, says Bud Johnson.

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are CWC executive board members Joyce Cooper, left, and Angie Strickland. The Snyder High School Swingers provided special music for the luncheon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder ISD Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY	Diced Pears Green Beans Milk
TUESDAY	Chili with Beans Buttered Corn Cole Slaw Cornbread Milk
LUNCH MONDAY	Florenz Ziegfeld staged his first "Follies" in 1907 on the roof of the New York Theater.
	Pizza Burger Tossed Salad

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Community Calendar

- MONDAY**
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
AARP; Senior Center; 1 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.
American Cancer Society Board Meeting; Board Room; Cogdell Memorial Hospital; All members are urged to attend; 5 p.m.
Alateen; 12 Step Study; Charter Centre; 6 p.m.; Call 573-5164 for information.
Stargazers Extension Homemakers; 7 p.m.; 3717 Ave. T.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group; 7 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church parlor.
VFW Post 8231 and 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; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
- 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 information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)
- WEDNESDAY**
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.
- THURSDAY**
Honey Do's Extension Homemakers; 9:30 a.m.
Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Board Room; All members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.
Cogdell Memorial Ho Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting; SCS Office; 7 p.m.
Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; 7:30 p.m.
Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
- FRIDAY**
Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
- SATURDAY**
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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Beaty's to celebrate their golden day with reception in Robert Lee

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane Beaty of Robert Lee will be honored Dec. 23 in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. The reception will be held at the Robert Lee Community Center from 3 to 5 p.m.

Alice Baxter and Fred Lane Beaty were married Dec. 23, 1939, at the First United Methodist Church in Alvin. They have lived in Robert Lee since 1966. The couple has previously resided in Mission, Premont, Falfurrias, Snyder and Silver.

Mr. Beaty retired from Sun Oil Company in 1982, after 45 years of service. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Emergency Medical Society and an active member of the Lions Club. Mrs. Beaty retired from the Coke County Extension Service in 1981 after serving 17 years. She served on the Robert Lee City Council for 10 years. Both are active members of the Robert Lee United Methodist Church.

Hosts for the reception will be the couple's daughters and son: George Ann and Jim Crowder of Midland, Becky and Eugene Kegans of Leonard, and Lane and Dot Beaty of Snyder.

The couple has seven grandchildren, including Lee Anne Lane of San Angelo, Brent Crowder of Midland, Bax and Kacey Kegans of Leonard, Chris Beaty of Colorado City and David and Jon Patrick of Snyder. One great-granddaughter, Kelsey Lane, resides in San Angelo.

The hosts invite friends and relatives to attend the celebration.



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Bridge by James Jacoby

NORTH 12-16-89			
♠ Q 6 2			
♥ A 7 4			
♦ Q			
♣ A Q 10 8 5 4			
WEST	EAST		
♠ J 8 5	♠ K 9 7		
♥ Q J 10 9 8	♥ 6 3 2		
♦ K 10 8	♦ J 7 3		
♣ 9 3	♣ J 7 6 2		
SOUTH			
♠ A 10 4 3			
♥ K 5			
♦ A 9 6 5 4 2			
♣ K			
Vulnerable: North-South			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

Declarer can improve his chances of taking five club tricks by overtaking his club king with dummy's ace and playing the queen. If no significant card (jack or nine) appears, he can play a third club, hoping for a 3-3 club split. The advantage here is that declarer succeeds when the club nine is doubleton, since the 10 can force out the jack and the eight-spot lets the suit run. You sacrifice a possible overtrick to increase the chances of making the contract.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

- FRIDAY**
Dot Casey, Director
1. Sue Mize, Ena Carroll.
2. Joyce Bass, Dorothy Hudson.
3. Robbie and Pat Floyd.
4. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
5. Jane Hinton, Martha Fagin.
- SUNDAY**
Dot Casey, Director
1. Jonisue Stiff, Dot Casey.
2. Jane Hinton, LaVerne Hood.
3. Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.
- TUESDAY**
Dot Casey, Director
1. Louise Thompson, Rube McKinley.
2. Billisue Stuard, Dot Casey.
3. Bessie Collins, Barbara Yorgesen.
- THURSDAY**
1. Libby Brinner, Kathryn Shelburne.
2. Donna Early, Jay Guthrie.
3. Helen Hood, Carla Beaird.
4. Tie: Sadie Longbotham, Thaba McMillan; Hattie Phillips, Katherine Williamson.

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST MONDAY

- Juice
- Buttered Toast
- Milk

TUESDAY

- Fruit
- Dry Cereal
- Milk

WEDNESDAY

- Juice
- Fried Ham
- Hot Rolls
- Milk

LUNCH

- Texas Hash
- Buttered Green Beans
- Cornbread
- Orange Slices
- Milk

TUESDAY

- Turkey and Dressing
- Giblet Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes
- Buttered English Peas
- Hot Rolls
- Fruit Salad
- Milk

WEDNESDAY

- Chili
- Cheese Sticks
- Relish Cup
- Crackers
- Apple Wedges
- Milk

Demolition work began in New York City in 1947 to make way for the new permanent headquarters of the United Nations.

Town and Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
Extension Agent

GIFT GIVING

As thoughts turn toward gift giving, I'd like to share "A Parent's Gift," from an old newsletter.

A PARENT'S GIFT

Gold and silver have I none. What gift then can I give my child?

-I can endow him with a sense of worth.

-I can deepen his inner security by developing self-esteem.

-I can encourage natural talents and special qualities.

-I can show an understanding of other cultures and other people.

-I can stimulate his sense of adventure.

-I can present to him a wide variety of experiences.

-I can feed his natural curiosity.

-I can help him to develop an awareness of all life around him.

-I can enrich his vocabulary.

-I can talk with him of many things, as opposed to talking "at" him.

-I can listen to him and welcome his unique expression of ideas.

-I can read to him from fact and fancy, poetry and prose.

-I can sing with him old songs and new.

-I can ignite the spark of his creativity.

-I can kindle his imagination.

-I can accept his new ideas.

-I can appreciate his efforts.

-I can provide him the raw materials with which to work.

-I can give him time to dream.

-I can mold his character.

-I can set a worthy example for him to follow.

-I can motivate him toward achieving honest goals.

-I can be reverent and hold

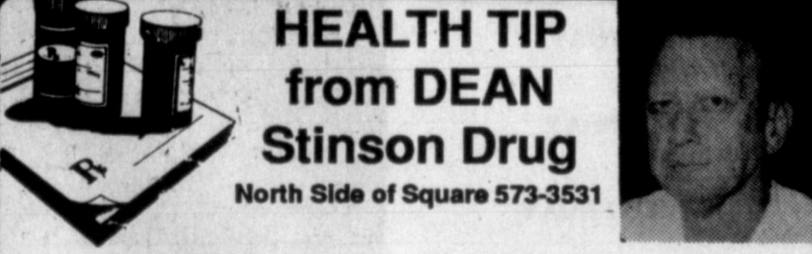
certain values sacred.

-I can laugh with him when life tests us both.

-I can offer him love.

Source: James E. Van Horn, Family Life Specialist, Cooperative Extension Service, P.S.U.

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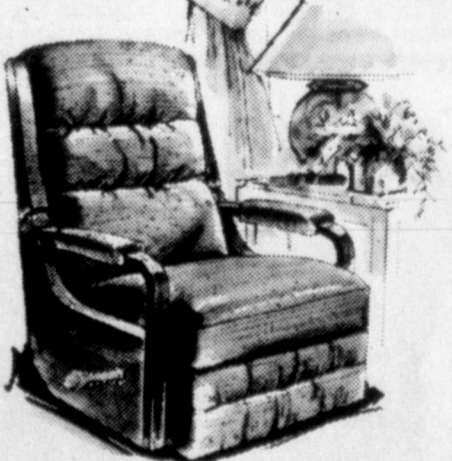
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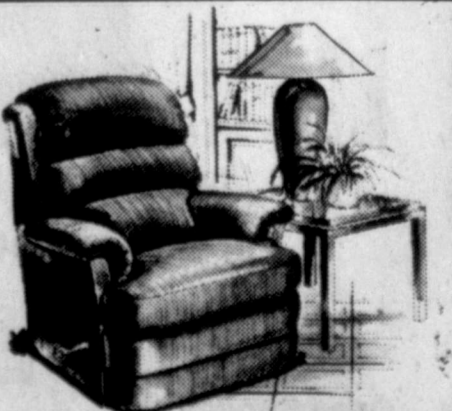
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 ½ cup chopped onion
 1 clove garlic, minced
 1 beaten egg
 ¼ cup fine dry bread crumbs
 ¼ teaspoon pepper
 ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
 One 15½-ounce jar (1 and ¾ cups) meatless spaghetti sauce
 Cook macaroni according to package directions. Drain; set aside. In a 1½-quart microwave-safe casserole, cook meat, onion and garlic, covered, on 100 percent power (high) 4 to 6 minutes or until no pink remains, stirring once. Drain off fat.
 In mixing bowl combine egg, bread crumbs, pepper, cinnamon and allspice. Stir in meat mixture and ¼ cup of the sauce; mix well.

Stuff each shell with about 2 tablespoons meat mixture. Place ¼ cup sauce in each of 4 microwave-safe individual dishes. Place 3 stuffed shells in each dish. Pour remaining sauce over shells. Wrap in moisture- and vaporproof wrap. Seal, label and freeze. Store up to 6 months.
 To serve, unwrap. Cover frozen dinner with vented clear plastic wrap. Cook 1 serving on 70 percent power (medium-high) 6 to 8 minutes or until heated through, turning dish once. To heat 2 servings, cook for 12 to 14 minutes or until heated through, turning dishes twice. Makes 4 servings.
 Nutrition information per serving: 434 cal., 24 g pro., 44 g carb., 17 g fat, 127 mg chol., 846 mg sodium. U.S. RDA: 24 percent thiamine, 17 percent riboflavin, 27 percent niacin, 24 percent iron, 21 percent phosphorus.



CELEBRATE 60TH ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Wolf were recently honored on their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception in Dripping Springs. The couple was married Dec. 15, 1929, in Bartlett. Their children, Gilbert L. Wolf of Dripping Springs, Richard S. Wolf of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Wanda Wolf of Austin, hosted the reception. The couple also has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. (Private Photo)

Make-ahead entree is great for re-heating

By NANCY BYAL
 Better Homes and Gardens
 Food Editor
 Stash a recipe of this delicious make-ahead entree in your freezer. It makes four servings; reheat just as many as you need for a meal. We've included directions for both oven and microwave reheating.

CREAMY PORK CHOP DINNER
 4 pork loin rib chops, cut ½-inch thick (1¼ to 1½ pounds)
 1 tablespoon cooking oil
 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
 1 green onion, thinly sliced
 1¼ cups milk
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 ½ teaspoon garlic salt
 ¼ teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed

½ teaspoon pepper
 ½ of a 3-ounce package cream cheese, cut up
 2 tablespoons dry white wine
 One 9-ounce package frozen French-style green beans, thawed and well drained
 Season chops with salt and pepper. In a skillet cook chops in hot oil 8 to 10 minutes or until no pink remains. Remove from skillet, reserving drippings; drain chops on paper towels.

For sauce, cook mushrooms and onion in reserved drippings until tender. Stir together milk, cornstarch, garlic salt, rosemary and pepper; add all at once to mushroom mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir 1 minute more. Stir in cream cheese until melted.

Remove from heat. Stir in wine. Stir 1 cup of the sauce into beans. Divide bean mixture among 4 shallow individual baking or au gratin dishes. Top each with one chop. Spoon remaining sauce on top. Wrap in moisture- and vaporproof wrap; seal, label and freeze. Makes 4 single-serving entrees.

Conventional reheating: Unwrap one or more entrees. Bake, covered, in a 375-degree F oven for 50 to 55 minutes.

Microwave reheating: Unwrap one entree. Cook, covered with waxed paper or vented plastic wrap, on 70 percent power (medium-high) for 6 to 8 minutes or until heated through, giving dish a half-turn once.

Gentle Dove Menu

- MONDAY**
Vegetable Soup
Cornbread
- TUESDAY**
Chicken Soup
Cornbread
- WEDNESDAY**
Irish Stew
Cornbread
- THURSDAY**
Pinto Beans
Cornbread
Peppers, Onions, Pickles
- FRIDAY**
Turkey and Dressing
Christmas Trimmings
Tea, coffee and dessert are served with each meal.

At The Shack...

Haney's have 70th anniversary party

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Haney celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Nov. 8 at the Shack. Arnold Haney and Muriel Belcher were united in marriage Nov. 8, 1919, in Ira, with Rev. McGaha officiating.

Mr. Haney was born in Dallas County July 29, 1897, and he moved to Scurry County in 1911. Mrs. Haney was born in Bosque County Sept. 23, 1901, and moved to Ira in 1909.

Mr. Haney was a farmer and employee of the State Highway

Department in Scurry County. The Haney's maintain their home at 3758 Ave. V, where they have resided since 1951.

The couple's five children, Gerald and Larue Haney of Lubbock; Harold and Mattie Haney with their daughter, Melinda, of New Iberia, La.; Bill and Avanel Sullenger of Clifton; Celia Vidulich; and Ralph and Norma Laywell of Snyder, were on hand for the celebration. In addition to their five children, the Haney's have 15 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.



OLD SWINGING BRIDGE — Arnold Haney and Muriel Belcher are pictured at the old swinging bridge south of Ira in 1917 (Private Photo)



ON 70TH ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haney are pictured on their 70th wedding anniversary, Nov. 8, 1989. (Private Photo)

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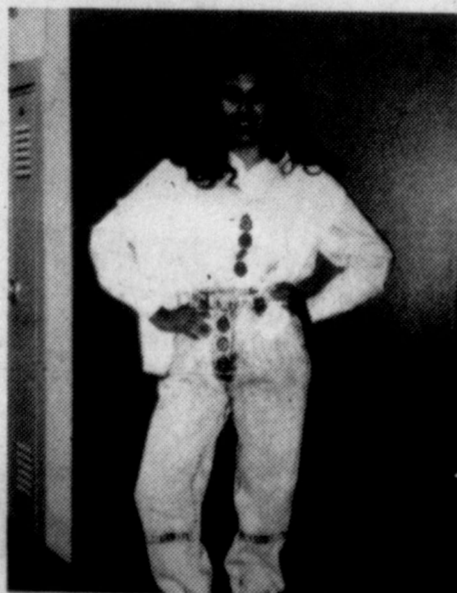
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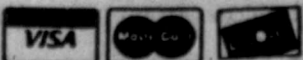
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a collector for a nationwide corporation and would like to offer a few insights to the public regarding their bills in anticipation of the Christmas season:

1. If there is any dispute regarding your account, put it in writing and keep a copy. Be sure to include your name, address, home and work telephone numbers, and your account number. Don't rely on a phone call (although written notes about all telephone calls should be kept — including the date, time and name of the employee contacted — if calls are necessary). Sometimes the party on the other end of the phone has nothing to do with the department that handles inquiries, so if the dispute is not resolved in a reasonable amount of time, you will need copies of the written complaint to proceed in another fashion.

2. Never let anyone (including relatives and family members) use your charge accounts, because you are responsible for the payments. Never co-sign on an account unless you are prepared to pay if the first party does not. (It's sad when middle-aged children use the accounts of parents who are retired and on a fixed income, and their parents end up paying the bills.)

3. If an account is opened jointly and the parties later divorce, they are jointly responsible for payment regardless of who has the merchandise or what is stated in the divorce decree.

4. Read your contract thoroughly when opening accounts, because the terms and payments will vary from place to place.

5. If you cannot pay your bills due to financial problems, unemployment, etc., write to your creditors and explain the situation. Then the creditor can use those facts as background to work out a reasonable solution for both parties. Creditors are more willing to help this kind of person than one who habitually lies about payments and denies that there is a problem.

If you think this may be helpful to your readers, print it, and sign me ...
JOAN IN COLLECTIONS

DEAR JOAN: Your suggestions are most welcome — particularly the reminder that one

should never agree to be a "co-signer" unless he or she is able to pay the entire bill.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I often receive Christmas cards signed with first names only. If the names are common — such as "Bob and Mary" — we have a difficult time figuring out who they are. Also, some of our friends do not put their return addresses on their envelopes. Senders should assume that their friends and relatives may want to reciprocate and send them a card.

Also, please suggest that people who send gifts — and especially plants or flowers — should have their names, first and last, on the card and their addresses, too. This would save a lot of detective work. (At the busiest time of the year, florists all over the country are called by people asking, "Who sent us this lovely plant?")

WANTING TO HELP

DEAR WANTING: Thank you for this helpful reminder. May I add: Recent brides should include their maiden names.

What teen-agers need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with their peers and parents is now in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$3.50 (\$4 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: I am a fairly husky and hairy man, and I am sick of people who stare at me or are outspoken about the "grossness" of my hairy chest or back when I'm at the beach. Recently a couple of friendly-looking young women approached me at the beach. One of them smiled and said sarcastically, "I love your sweater!"

Since that is an old joke, I smiled and said nothing. Then she grabbed a handful of my hair on my belly and gave it a really hard tug! I was speechless and appalled that anyone could be that rude. Then as they walked away laughing, the other girl said,

"Gross! How could you touch that ape?"

Abby, having hair is natural, and it's no indication of being Neanderthal. Could you please ask your readers to keep their opinions of other people's bodies to themselves?

BEAR-CHESTED- IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR BEAR-CHESTED: Remark on your hairiness was bad enough, but grabbing a handful and giving it a hard tug was an assault on your body.

Do you know what would have happened had you grabbed a handful of that girl's hair and given it a really hard tug? She probably would have had you arrested and charged with bodily assault. And she would have had just cause.

So much for equality and justice for the sexes. What's sauce for the gander can turn into applesauce for the goose.

DEAR ABBY: "Faithful From Florida" wrote to say that he's becoming less and less turned on by his live-in fiancée because she goes around the house stark naked most of the time. He said, "This occurred to me the other day when we were at a football game, and I found myself turned on because from where I was sitting, I could see partway down another girl's shirt!" (And he admitted that this girl was not nearly as attractive as his fiancée.)

You were quick to point out that a little mystery can be a big turn-on. Maybe so, but we all tend to take for granted what we have. We seem to want that which we can't or don't have. That guy doesn't know when he's well off. I'll bet that girl whose shirt he could see partway down wouldn't parade around naked for him.

If there are any women readers out there who enjoy walking around the house naked, if they write in, please publish their names. I know a lot of guys who would like to meet them, including me.

WILLING IN WICHITA

DEAR WILLING: There are women (and men) who enjoy walking around naked indoors — and outdoors. They are called nudists. However, most are sincere nature lovers who would have no interest in meeting members of the opposite sex who regard nudity as a "turn-on." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Faithful From Florida," the man who no longer found his live-in girlfriend exciting because she went around the house with nothing on, reminded me of a story you might find amusing.

The day before the wedding, the mother of the bride told her daughter, "You must preserve your feminine mystique, so don't ever let your husband see you without at least one article of clothing on." The bride thanked her mother for the advice and promised that she would heed it.

A month later, the groom went to his mother-in-law and asked, "Is there any insanity in your family?"

"Certainly not," she replied. "Why do you ask?"

"Well," he said, "since I've been married to your daughter, I have never seen her with her hat off."

MADLINE UPJOHN IN ARIZONA

CONFIDENTIAL TO WEEPING IN SALEM, ORE.: Weep not, dear lady. Your problem reminds me of an old Chinese tale: One tear met another tear floating down the river. Said the first tear, "I am the tear of the woman who lost her lover." The other tear replied, "And I am the tear of the woman who got him."

Wedding bells? Wedding bills! Who pays for what and everything else you need to know if you're planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. Postage is included.



THEN AND NOW — Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Brown, pictured above 50 years ago and below today, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 23 with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Western Texas College Christian Student Center. Their children, Linda Boney of Sand Springs, Leslie Brown of Houston, Susan Rosson of Snyder, and Amy Hardy of Snyder, are hosting the event. The couple was married Dec. 23, 1939, in San Antonio. They have 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. (SDN Staff Photo)



Americans may eat better in the future

WASHINGTON (AP) — A survey of bankers shows them to be in basic agreement with Agriculture Department experts that 1990 will be a brighter year for farmers and the rural economy.

The USDA projects some improvement in net cash income of farmers, perhaps to around \$54 billion or so, compared with an estimated \$53 billion this year.

Net cash income is the money farmers have left over from gross cash earnings after paying cash expenses.

Department economists also predict 1990 increases in farmland prices, farm assets and equity values, which are important indicators of financial condition.

"Overall, the financial condition of farmers is stronger now

than at any other time in the last several years," says the department's Economic Research Service. "This is largely due to cautious investment behavior, effective cost control, increased cash financing, and continued restructuring and write-offs of outstanding debt."

The American Bankers Association said its survey of 60 bankers at the group's annual conference last month in St. Louis, Mo., indicated optimism for the rural economy in 1990. Sixty percent said they were optimistic about the outlook for the rural economy. Eight percent said it would worsen.

In general, the bankers said they believe farmers next year "will plant more acreage, use fewer chemicals, sell more pro-

ducts to foreign markets, sign up for more crop insurance and increase their use of computers" for their records.

About 48 percent of the bankers responding to the survey said competition from other banks and the Farm Credit System would be the biggest issue for them in 1990. Rural development was second with 28 percent.

The bankers were not so optimistic about the use of the Farmers Home Administration's guaranteed loan program. Half said they expect to make fewer FmHA-guaranteed loans next year, while 25 percent said they expected an increase and 25 percent no change.

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Safety group: millions of child safety seats unsafe

WASHINGTON — Millions of children are riding in unsafe child restraint seats because the government has failed to ensure their safety, a consumer activist group said Friday.

The Center for Auto Safety said that more than half of the 27

million child car seats sold over the last eight years are "in use despite being recalled or failing compliance tests."

Many defective seats are still being sold by retail stores nationwide, said safety group director Clarence Ditlow.

Bobbie Browne

Has returned home to Snyder



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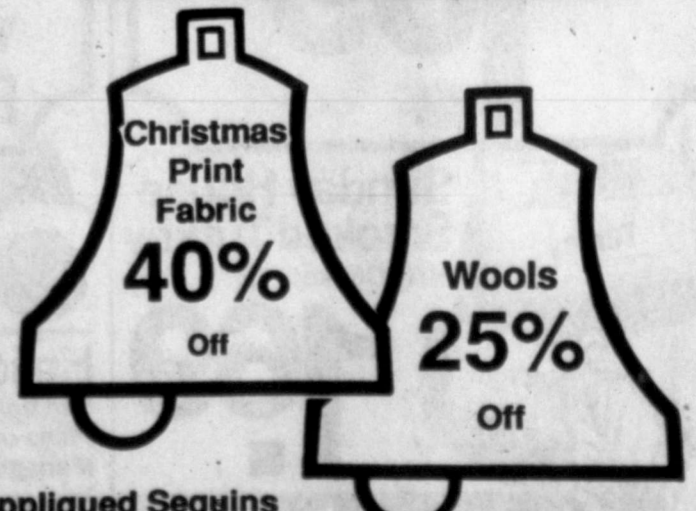
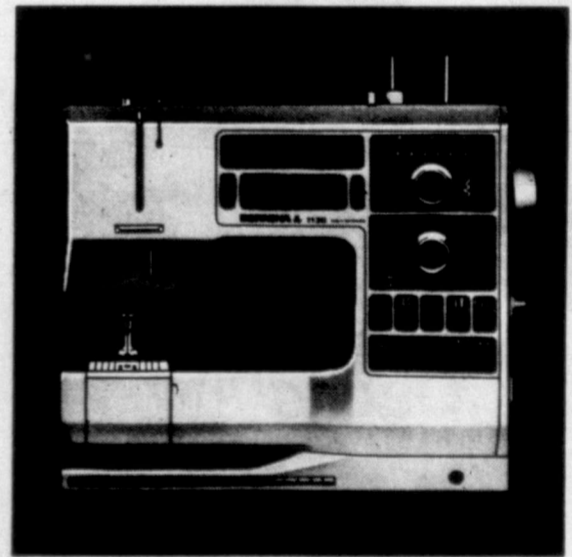


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 FOR

SAVE UP TO 66¢ ON 5



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SAVE UP TO 30¢



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 5 to 6 Lb. Average; LB

1.09


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Crunchy Fresh Large Stalk Celery
 Grown in Texas; Each

3 1.00
 FOR

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 Fresh USA, Grown in the Northwest; Each

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1.69



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1.69

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Beef or Chicken

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15 Oz. Can

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MRS. CUBBISON'S; Herb, Cornbread or Seasoned

.99

10 to 12 Oz. Pkg.

Coca-Cola
All Types

.89

2 Ltr. Btl.

COOL WHIP Topping
Regular or Extra Creamy; 8 Oz. Ctn.

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Assorted; 15 Oz.

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PAMPERS Ultra Diapers
Sm.-60 Ct., Md.-44 Ct., Lg.-32 Ct. or X-Lg.-28 Ct.

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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

A lot of folks have never heard of a Holiday Man before, especially younger generations.

My great uncle Quirt was a Holiday Man, a fact you may not be aware of. It wasn't something the family was awfully proud of, though.

I guess I should explain. A Holiday Man was sort of like a clown. Sometimes for money, most times for charity, a Holiday Man would act out the part of a central character during each holiday season. This practice was particularly prevalent in the 1800s and early 1900s. During Halloween, for instance, a Holiday Man might be a pumpkin or a goblin, making himself very visible, passing out candy to boys and girls.

During Thanksgiving, he might don the attire of a pilgrim or an Indian. At other times, he might be a clown or a pirate at a kid's birthday party. And during Christmas, he was usually the town's Santa Claus.

My uncle Quirt fancied himself as a holiday man's Holiday Man. He even performed Christopher Columbus once, for the benefit of a history teacher who was trying to get a point across.

Uncle Elber — you all know Elber — dismisses Uncle Quirt as having been daft. He was right, but not always.

SDN Opinion Page

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Uncle Elber, in his 80s now, was just a kid when Uncle Quirt was still alive. By that time, Quirt had played the part of Santa, an Easter bunny, a leprechaun, a New Year's baby, a pirate, a king, a clown, a pumpkin — a thousand different roles — all across the county. He was known across West Texas as perhaps the best Holiday Man around.

Tragically, Uncle Quirt's career ended when he decided to become a specialist.

At first, everybody thought it was something that would pass, of course. Quirt had been known to get extremely serious about the characters he played, but he always ended the role as soon as the holiday or whatever was over.

But in 1908, I think it was, Uncle Quirt played a weather vane at the county fair. Everyone thought he made a wonderful weather vane, all dressed up in red, with one arm pointing west and the other east. And to the delight of the kids, Quirt would kinda' spin around in a circle when they blew on him.

This went on for three days until the fair finally ended.

To shorten a long story, Uncle Quirt just couldn't let go. Despite counseling — even of Edna told him he was a danged fool — he never changed. Something in his head snapped. He stayed a weather vane for the next 20 years.

Oh, he would eat and sleep like normal folks, but most of his days were spent on top of the barn. He'd just stand there, arms stretched out, occasionally shifting when the wind changed.

For his 85th birthday, somebody gave him a rain gauge, which, to his own pride but to the embarrassment of relatives, he tied to the top of his head. He later began calling out the temperature, like clockwork, every hour.

Nobody knows how he figured out exactly how hot or cold it was, but when Uncle Quirt said it was 70 degrees, you could bet that it was within one-half degree of the official thermometer that hung outside Doc Jones' window.

Doc always hung the thermometer outside the window, unless he needed it for a patient.

Uncle Quirt died at the age of 91, struck down by lightning on a stormy, 52-degree night. It rained one and two-tenths inches, according to the gauge.

Unfortunately, Uncle Quirt's last request — that he be stuffed and mounted on top of the barn, pointing north — could not be met. Instead, I'm told they buried Uncle Quirt in a T-shaped homemade casket up on Skinner's Hill.

I don't know whether they left the cup tied to his head or not.

Write Your Congressman

—U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (Houston-D); Senate Office Building; Washington, D.C., 20510; (202) 224-5922.

—U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (College Station-R); Senate Office Building; Washington, D.C., 20510; (202) 224-2934.

—U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (Stamford-D); House Office Building; Washington, D.C., 20515; (202) 225-6605. He represents the 17th Congressional District.

—State Sen. Steve Carriker (Roby-D); Texas Senate; P.O. Box 12068; Austin, Tx., 78711; (512) 463-0130. He represents the 30th Senatorial District.

—State Rep. David Counts (Knox City-D); Texas House of Representatives; P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Tx., 78768; (512) 463-0480. He represents the 78th District.

This is a hectic, hurried time of year. Seldom do we go about one task without thinking about another. And so it was this morning when, speeding along down a rural back road on my way to pick up my husband's paycheck from Ezell-Key Grain Co. down on East Highway 84, busy rehearsing a speech I was due to give as I drove, I failed to slow down or even look at a railroad crossing until I heard the eardrum-piercing blast of the locomotive's whistle and looked up to see it bearing down full-speed on me, less than 50 feet away.

Do you realize how quickly a speeding train can cover 50 feet? It takes about two stumbling heartbeats.

I can't count the times I've made that crossing, but I do know how many times I've seen a train there. Once. This morning. The

first time ever that I failed to slow down and look.

Count five seconds. If I'd traveled that road that much later, that train would have smashed into my Suburban on the driver's side and dragged the wreckage 100 yards or more. There wouldn't have been time

for either of us to hit the brakes.

In the moments following my near-miss, as I drove rather shakily down the road to the sound of a rumbling train behind me, I wondered about what would have happened if I had indeed met that train — and my maker — this morning. My first thought

was for my husband. I simply could not imagine him managing without me. Oh, I knew he would, of course — you do what you have to do — but there are so many hundreds of things a wife and mother does that husbands seldom think about.

Like stopping to pick up new

icicles for the Christmas tree. And taking the kids shopping for the gifts they'll exchange at the school party. And remembering to wash a son's favorite shirt in time for school pictures. Since my husband's job entails almost constant traveling, it meant there would be simply no one here to hold down the fort in his absence.

I thought about the argument I'd had with my 9-year-old daughter that morning over her hair. She'd wanted to wear it down in her eyes and I'd taken a curling iron to it. There'd been a wrestling match in the bathroom and she'd flounced out the door in a huff without kissing me good-bye.

Those are the kinds of things that can haunt a person for a lifetime when tragedy strikes.

And I knew that no matter how kind friends and relatives were to my children, or whether my husband someday married a good person who cared for them, the loss of their mother would have left a vacancy in their hearts that could never be filled. It was strange, knowing that I wouldn't have been there to comfort them over losing me.

I even thought about my work. I wondered if my editor would have gone ahead and published "Spellbound" even though there'd be no one to do the necessary revisions. And I thought, "Oh no! I haven't turned in this week's column yet. Bill McClellan would've had a big hole to fill on the editorial page."

It seemed there was so much work I'd have left unfinished. So many things left to say.

That train's whistle lingered in my mind long after the train had passed. Sometimes, if our lives are busy and happy, we may stop long enough to think with quiet dread how awful life would be if we ever lost our spouses, like an earthquake that opens the ground and swallows us whole. Some of my friends have actually managed to survive that particular cataclysm.

Seldom, however, do we give much thought to the aftershocks that would reverberate through our little universes if our loved ones ever had to live without US.

During this Christmas season, and all year long, it's important then, that we take care of ourselves with the same attention we give our families and our work. That we not fling ourselves at life as though it were endless and we, immortal.

And that we never, ever, let our loved ones walk out that door without a kiss.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Decorating the Christmas Tree A SAGA PART III



Look Back

By Wendy Barnett

FIVE YEARS AGO

Joyce Barnes was elected president of the Snyder Board of Realtors. Other officers elected were Wenona Evans, vice president; and Joan Tate, secretary-treasurer.

Don Newbury, president of Western Texas College, was honored with the J.C. Matthews Excellence in Higher Education award at North Texas State University's Higher Education Leadership Forum.

Some 103 people attended the "Options and Opportunities in Farming" seminar sponsored by the Agri-Business Committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Dan Krieg of Texas Tech University was one of the featured speakers.

10 YEARS AGO

SHS choir students qualifying to participate in the state auditions were Laquita Reaves, Lori McCormick, Belinda Scott and Teresa Smith. Dale Shifflett and Darrell Collins were alternates to the competition.

After completing two years of pre-professional studies, Michael Marvin O'Day, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob O'Day, was admitted to Southwestern State University School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Okla.

James Eby was employed as Director of Golf Course Operations and Landscape Technology at Western Texas College. The registered landscape architect holds a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University.

Scout officers elected were Bob Traylor, district commissioner; Tom Scannicchio, district chairman; Ruby Shaw, publicity chairman; Joel Hamlett, Boy Scout chairman; Thelma Deere, Cub Scout chairman; and Doc Griffin, vice district chairman.

15 YEARS AGO

H.W. Cargile and Lyle Defebach were named to the steering committee of the Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scout Camp and Program Development Fund.

SATURDAY December 9

An April 1988 conviction and 15-year penitentiary sentenced imposed on John Randel "Randy" Locknane for aggravated kidnapping has been upheld by the 11th

Court of Appeals in Eastland.

GAIL — By a near 3-1 margin, voters here Saturday defeated a proposition that would have allowed the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in Borden County.

MONDAY December 11

Scurry County commissioners today in separate actions voted not to institute the "Freeport Exemption" for property here and to table action on either exempting personal property such as airplanes and travel trailers from the tax rolls or including them along with personal motor vehicles.

Western Texas College board of trustees decided to take a faculty member's recommendation involving computer equipment and approved a resolution to override tax exempt status for industries that handle goods in transit through the state.

TUESDAY December 12

Scurry County Appraisal District Board of Directors accepted a budget amendment, honored outgoing board members and appointed a four-man agricultural advisory board Tuesday but called for a special meeting to further discuss bank depository bids.

A 52-year-old La Belle Fla., man, Jack Elrod, received a 60-year sentence Tuesday in 132nd District court after his forgery offense was upgraded to habitual criminal status on the basis of previous felonies in Florida and Tennessee.

THURSDAY

Snyder public schools board of trustees Thursday accepted resignations from two teachers, approved an annual audit report and okayed a bid of \$17,409 to build a restroom facility near the junior high tennis courts.



"I've been informed that we must eliminate 10,000 jobs. Therefore, I'm afraid I'm going to have to let some of you go."



"I never thought I'd live to see the day — a Warsaw Pact meeting catered by McDonald's."

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 17, 1989

Your chart indicates the year ahead will be filled with a raft of activities, tailored to satisfy your restless inclinations. Lots of new and exciting people could enter your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone who likes you may do something rather extraordinary for you today that will enable you to achieve an important objective. Be sure to acknowledge your benefactor. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a good day to try to work out a future plan that requires considerable cooperation from another. Your chances for gaining this essential ally look excellent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some changes may take place today triggered by an event over which you'll have little or no control. This shift in circumstances will prove advantageous.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your judgment is a bit keener than usual today and you are fortunate to have this asset, because it looks like you will be called upon to make a critical decision.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Services you perform for those you love today will bring them happiness and your personal fulfillment. Do your duty wherever you feel you can help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Friends hold you in high regard today and it's likely several will seek out your company. It's a good feeling to know you are popular with your peers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If early indicators are not too favorable today, don't let it disturb you. Given enough time, things will eventually work out in your favor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ideas will be readily accepted by others today, so if you have some points you would like to get across to a specific individual, seek this person out and express them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions that pertain to your material well being look quite encouraging for you today. Be alert for opportunities that could be meaningful to you in material ways.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Help for advancing your personal interests could come to you today from a least-expected quarter. Don't discount suggestions you get from others today, even people you do not hold in especially high esteem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may get involved in an arrangement today where you'll feel you are doing another a favor, only to later discover that the real benefactor in this development is yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your optimism and enthusiasm will be easily aroused today, and this will be helpful. However, what will really make your day could be an expected, beneficial development.

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Your Birthday

Dec. 18, 1989

An exciting, busy year ahead could be in the offing for you where you'll learn important lessons in creative, self-expression. The knowledge you'll acquire will be effectively utilized.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Realization of several important objectives is a strong possibility today. Don't be afraid to set goals for yourself that are a trifle higher than usual. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have good leadership qualities today, but they are likely to remain dormant until they are challenged by developments. Once they are, the assertive you emerges.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Because you'll be endowed with certain insights today that others lack, you should be able to succeed in handling a serious problem with which they were unable to cope.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you may be sorting out lessons you've learned from others. Through restructuring your ideas you should be able to find more practical avenues for fulfilling your ambitions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conscientious efforts you've exerted recently should begin to bear fruit as of today. If your foundations are strong, your cause will be elevated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your wit, warmth and charm are your greatest assets today and these are the attributes that will make others want to do nice things for you. Smile and be a nice guy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You should be able to help someone you love today by showing him/her how to make the most personal resources. You can see modes of expression he/she can't.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Align yourself with experienced individuals in your commercial arrangements today. They could be instrumental in helping you deal with the here and now so that the future can take care of itself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your opportunities for material accumulation look better than average today. See if you can spring open new channels to strengthen your financial position.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a good day to make a new effort to try to work out an arrangement with an important individual who hasn't been too cooperative lately. Improvements are now possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It looks like you may receive some assistance at this time pertaining to a matter where you felt alone and deserted. This constructive intervention could turn everything around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may have an opportunity today to lift some responsibility off of a pal's shoulder. They way you'll handle this problem will sow the seeds for true comradeship.

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Three lawmakers want tests studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three members of Congress want to know if the National Institutes of Health are making good on a promise to stop testing only men when seeking cures to diseases that also affect women.

Reps. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Henry Waxman, D-Calif., on Thursday asked the General Accounting Office to investigate a policy adopted in 1987 after a report from the Public Health Service showed sex discrimination at NIH clinical tests.

"The gender bias in medical research isn't confined to the lab; it filters down to the health care that women receive," said Schroeder.

"If a woman wants to know if she should take an aspirin every other day to help prevent heart disease or take a cholesterol-lowering drug to bring down her cholesterol level, her doctor won't have the answer. All of the research in this area has been done on men," said the congresswoman.

She was referring to two

studies that were highly criticized for excluding women — the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trials, which studied coronary disease risk factors, and the Physician's Health Study, which inspected use of aspirin as preventive therapy for coronary disease.

Both studies were started before 1987.

Snowe said she feared the treatments developed from these

men-only studies might be useless or even harmful when applied to women.

"The National Institutes of Health are aware of this problem, but we want to know what success they've had in including more women in medical research," said Snowe. "After all, you don't test apples to see what happens to oranges."

Scientists find fossil bed in old lake shore

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists excavating an ancient lake shore in Virginia say a concentration of fossils there dates from a time when the area was a lush tropical forest and creatures resembling armored monsters roamed the Earth.

Hans-Dieter Sues, a Smithsonian Institution paleobiologist, said Thursday that the rich collection of fossil remains are from a variety of animals that lived 225 million years ago and some are of a type never before found.

"Many of these are not known because rocks from this particular chunk of time are not found anywhere else in the world," said Sues in an interview. "This is the first time that we've got a really diverse group of land animals from this part of geologic time."

Sues said the largest assembled fossil includes the body, but not the head, of a five-foot-long reptile resembling an armor-plated crocodile.

"This creature had two rows on its back of this very massive bony plate and huge spines sticking out on the side," said Sues. "It's like something from a Japanese monster movie. It is a funny-looking creature and an entirely new type of animal."

Sues said the Triassic period

fossils were found in a formation of stone called mudrock about 15 miles southwest of Richmond.

The assemblage includes many fossils from a group of animals called cynodonts, the closest reptile ancestors of the mammal. Sues said the fossils include parts for a cynodont about the size of a small dog, and other parts from a mammal-like reptile measuring 5 to 10 inches long.

Sues said fragments of fossils of this type have been found in the northern hemisphere, but never in such a large group. Individual cynodont fossils also have been found in Argentina, Brazil and in southern Africa.

"This is further evidence for the super continent of Pangaea, when all of the continents were one large giant land mass," he said, because fossils from the same species and the same era can be found on continents that now are separated.

It is thought that during the geologic period called Triassic, between 240 to 205 million years ago, all of the Earth's land area was connected in one large mass called Pangaea. The land mass slowly split apart, as massive plates drifted away from each other over millions of years, and the continents and islands eventually arranged themselves in their present positions.



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Nelson Cuevas Ramirez, 55, who was indicted on drug charges by a federal grand jury in Manhattan in October, was turned over by Colombia authorities at 7 p.m. EST Thursday in Bogota, Marshals Service Director K. Michael Moore announced in a statement released here early Friday.

Ramirez was immediately flown to the United States, arriving in New York City at 4:15 a.m.

EST, Moore said.

Ramirez is the tenth person to be extradited from Columbia since August when Barco began a new drive against drug trafficking, and the first since a massive truck bomb exploded in front of the offices of Bogota's federal investigative police Dec. 6, killing at least 35 people and wounding hundreds.

U.S. Marshal Romolo J. Imundi of the southern district of New York said Ramirez was in custody pending arraignment in U.S. District Court in Manhattan. Ramirez' exact whereabouts were withheld for his protection.

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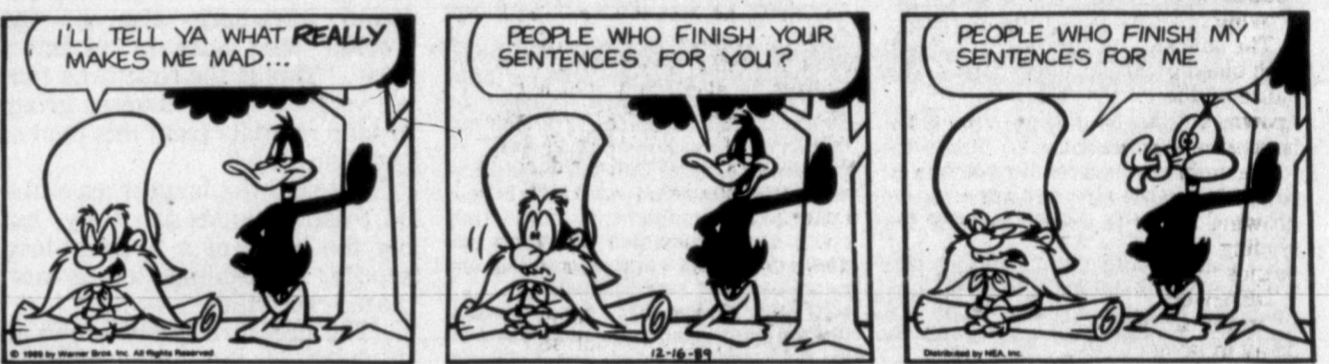
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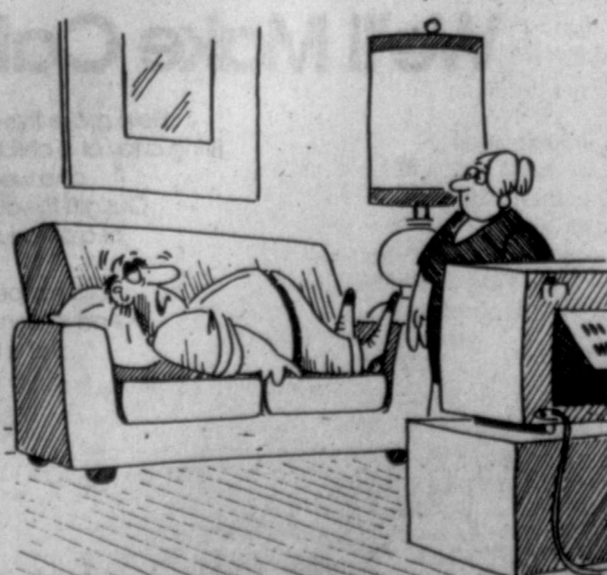
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Hormone deficiency leads to anemia

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is Epopen, and what is it used for?

DEAR READER: Erythropoietin is a hormone produced by the normal kidney and, to a much smaller extent, by the liver. The primary action of this compound is the stimulation of the bone marrow to produce new red blood corpuscles. Thus, a deficiency will lead to anemia.

Such a deficiency is common in patients with chronic kidney disease, especially if these patients are obtaining dialysis. This treatment cleanses the system of unwanted waste products that people with kidney failure cannot excrete; it does not, however, overcome erythropoietin deficiency.

After much hard work and expense, research scientists have finally succeeded in discovering a method of manufacturing synthetic erythropoietin. Called recombinant erythropoietin, or r-hEPO, the substance is now available for patients, under the brand name Epopen. The medicine is given intravenously three times a week, after dialysis treatment.

Although the hormone could theoretically aid patients with other types of anemia — such as sickle-cell disease, a defect of blood cell production in blacks — it has thus far been used only in patients with anemia caused by chronic renal failure. The results have been astounding: Patients on dialysis felt better and, in most cases, needed no more blood transfusions to provide red corpuscles.

The only side effects of r-hEPO are high blood pressure and seizures. The cause of these complications are not known, but the conditions are easily treated with medicine.

Recombinant human erythropoietin will undoubtedly be added to the growing list of medical marvels, including insulin for diabetes and antibiotics for infections.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Could a lack of vitamins cause my fingernails to split away in layers?

DEAR READER: Yes. Nutritional deficiencies often cause split, peeling nails. Make sure you are getting enough protein in your diet (at least one portion of meat, poultry or fish daily), and try taking a multivitamin with minerals. Several commercial variations are available; Centrum and Theragran-M are two popular brands. If these dietary modifications are ineffective, see a doctor.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is Photoplex Broad-Spectrum Sunscreen lotion superior to other brands?

DEAR READER: Ultraviolet light is composed of two wavelengths: UVA and UVB. UVB is responsible for sunburning and suntanning. The chemical absorbers in most U.S. sunscreens protect only against UVB.

UVA, by contrast, causes sunlight allergy called photosensitivity, marked by painful and itchy rash. Some people are naturally sensitive to UVA, whereas others can develop photosensitivity as a consequence of certain medicines, notably tetracycline. Such allergy-prone individuals are not helped by most sunscreens, which do not block UVA.

The product you mention is the first sunscreen approved by the Food and Drug Administration for protection against both UVA and UVB. Therefore, it is a more complete sunscreen than are other products and has demonstrated effectiveness for people who need a sun-block for both ultraviolet wavelengths. Photoplex does not require a prescription.

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I don't know how many doctors have been inundated, as I have, by anxious patients' inquiries about an article in the September 1989 issue of The Atlantic magazine. The lead story, "The Cholesterol Myth" by Thomas J. Moore, is a condensation of the author's new book, "Heart Failure," published by Random House. A statement on the magazine's cover says: "Lowering your cholesterol is next to impossible with diet, and often dangerous with drugs — and it won't make you live any longer."

This is revolutionary stuff, no doubt. Is it, patients ask, for real? Or is it carping by the opposition party,

those folks who like eggs Benedict and believe the blood must be suitably greased to slide effortlessly through the circulation?

The National Cholesterol Education Program, promulgated by U.S. health authorities, divides the American public into three groups. People with blood cholesterol levels below 200 milligrams per deciliter are in the "desirable" range. Those with levels of 200-239 mg/dl ("borderline high") should be periodically monitored. Patients with levels of 240 mg/dl or above are said to have "high blood cholesterol" and must be treated with diet and/or drugs for the rest of their lives.

According to Moore, "There is no quantum leap in risk at this level; it was arbitrarily selected to target 25 percent of the adult population."

The author makes a compelling case that the relation of blood cholesterol to heart disease is a medical fiction perpetrated on a paranoid public by government-appointed experts. In part, he bases his conclusions on the following facts.

- Deaths from heart attacks reached their peak in the early 1960s and have been plummeting ever since. The 1986 death rate was 42 percent lower than it had been in 1963. No one knows exactly why this happened, but cholesterol was not the primary factor: Serum cholesterol did not decline in the American population between 1960 and 1980.

- While the relation between blood cholesterol above 240 mg/dl and heart disease is unequivocal in young and middle-aged men, it is not at all clear in women before menopause (who seem to be relatively immune to heart attacks) and in the elderly, who suffer the majority of heart-attack deaths.

- A high-cholesterol diet does not invariably lead to elevation of serum cholesterol.

- "MR FIT," the Government's largest study of low-cholesterol diet and heart disease, failed to demonstrate convincingly that a significant reduction in dietary cholesterol lowered the risk of dying from a heart attack.

- Strict cholesterol dieting was found to increase life expectancy only "three days to three months."

- Cigarette smoking is a far more

important determinant of coronary artery disease than is blood cholesterol.

- Hypertension and obesity, both relatively easy to control, are associated with a higher prevalence of heart attacks.

- The measurement of serum cholesterol is fraught with uncertainty and error. Values change from day to day, and the average error rate among reputable laboratories is more than 6 percent; many laboratories have a 9 percent error. This means that an individual with a true cholesterol level of 220 mg/dl might have readings anywhere from 187 mg/dl (well within the "desirable" category) to 267, far into the danger zone. Classifying people on the basis of one cholesterol determination was found to be erroneous in more than 30 percent of cases.

- Below-normal cholesterol levels (less than 200 mg/dl) in adults may be associated with cancer. Experts are uncertain whether the cancer causes the decrease in cholesterol, or if aggressive therapy to lower cholesterol may, in some way, lead to the development of cancer.

- Cholesterol-lowering drugs are expensive and their side effects, such as muscle and liver damage, may negate what beneficial effects they have.

Moore concludes: "The health advice given to millions of Americans for decades (has) been tested in a large and elaborate clinical trial and (has) produced no measurable benefits."

So, faced with conflicting reports and opinions, what are we to do? A prudent approach is in order. We must address the obvious risk factors: cigarette-smoking, obesity and hypertension. Those patients whose cholesterol levels are high (above 250 mg/dl) should, depending on their age, make an effort to lower blood fats by dieting and exercising, reserving drug treatment for situations in which the benefits of the medicines clearly outweigh the risks.

Finally, we can hope that future researchers will discover the gene, for which cholesterol is probably a marker, that causes heart disease. Then we will be blessed with treatment that is more rational than what is currently available.

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Letters to Santa Claus are varied in tone, requests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some kiddies who write to Father Christmas get right to the point, saying what they want — "a doll and a best friend," "to get my cast off." Others ask only for the clothes their parents can't afford.

Some are concerned that Santa be able to find their house — and get in once he arrives.

Every single one claims to have been good.

"Santa, this year I don't want toys," wrote Michelle. "I need a coat for me and my brother ... my mother is good but she can't buy me a new coat, but I know you can."

Donna, the mother of "two beautiful little girls whose father has deserted them," asked Santa to explain why her children wouldn't get presents this Christmas.

Coping with a full-time job and attending college, she wrote that some paydays she can't even afford food.

"What I would like is for Santa to write my girls and explain why Christmas is not just a time for presents but also a time for sharing and being with your family. It is so hard for children to understand why Santa skips our house."

By Christmas, the Postal Service estimates, 250,000 children

will have sent letters to the North Pole.

Every year, many requests are opened at local post offices and passed on to his helpers — social service agencies, charities, community groups and people with deep pockets.

This Christmas, many of the letters are being opened by his elves in Atlanta, where the Coca-Cola Co. and its employees have contributed money and manpower to screen Santa's mail and to be sure he knows where he is most needed.

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Study: anti-smoking effort should target least-educated

ATLANTA (AP) — Younger people with limited educations are more likely than anyone to light up and should be the target of campaigns against cigarettes, a study released by the federal Centers for Disease Control concluded.

A 1986 survey of about 20,000 people in 36 states and the District of Columbia found that less-educated people, who also tend to be of a lower social and economic status, are more likely to be smokers.

"There has been progress in reducing cigarette smoking. But the study shows most of the progress is limited to the well-educated," said Dr. Luis Escobedo of the Atlanta-based CDC, who analyzed aspects of the survey released Thursday.

"The emphasis must become more targeted," he said. "Some

of that already is being done through substance abuse programs. Tobacco is an addictive substance."

Escobedo said the National Cancer Institute has a program in inner-city schools working to reduce the odds of children becoming regular smokers, as do private institutes and some state health departments.

The random telephone survey sought people 18 or older.

Results showed that for people older than 35 the likelihood of being a current smoker increased with each decrease in the level of education.

But for those ages 18 to 34, the chance of being a current smoker decreased substantially only for those with more than a high school education, while smoking rates for high school dropouts and those with high school

diplomas were more nearly equal.

The study said cultural factors, such as the high Mormon population in Utah, also may affect who smokes. Utah had the lowest rate of smokers in its over-18 population (18.1 percent) and former smokers (9.1 percent).

Kidnapping investigation said stalled

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Authorities say they are only one phone call away from solving the year-old puzzle of what happened to Catherine Thom, who was abducted in her car and turned up 30 days later naked and hysterical in a pizza parlor.

"There's somebody in the (Dallas-Fort Worth area) that knows something about this," said Mike Johnston, an Arlington police detective. "One phone call is all it's going to take."

Police said Ms. Thom was abducted by a hooded woman who was hiding in the rear of her car. She was abused during her month-long captivity and has had problems giving details to authorities, they said.

Key questions — such as where she was held, where she escaped from and who was involved — remained unanswered.

"I think the problem is, it was such a traumatic situation she's not able to talk about it," said Det. Jim Ford. "We have not pressured her to provide the specifics of the case. It would not make sense for us to pressure her."

Study: hair sample better than urine sample for tests

CHICAGO (AP) — Tests to detect cocaine use should be done on hair samples as well as urine samples because a hair analysis will detect drug abuse months afterward, a study published today says.

But an editorial accompanying the study in the Journal of the American Medical Association said hair analysis is unreliable and unwieldy.

The study said hair sampling cannot completely replace urine testing since it won't detect cocaine use in "the recent few days" as urinalysis does, but hair analysis can uncover whether someone has long used drugs.

"While a urine test will make it very difficult to hide a history of drug use," Dr. Gideon Koren, an author of the study, said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Koren and colleagues at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto did an analysis in 1987 of urine and hair samples from 21 healthy adults who reported no cocaine use.

They compared results of the test with an analysis of urine and hair samples from seven pregnant admitted cocaine users who got prenatal counseling at the Motherisk Clinic in Toronto and nine cocaine addicts from the medical ward at the Addiction Research Foundation in Toronto.

Urine samples from the groups tested negative.

Hair tests for the users, some of whom participated in a treatment program and had quit, reflected that they had once used the drug but later had quit, Koren said.

"If an adult chooses to stop tak-

ing the drug several days before the (urine) test — and chooses to tell you that he didn't use the drug — there is no way you can tell," said Koren, an author of the study. "But there is one place in the body where cocaine gets in and does not know how to get out, and that's the hair."

In the editorial, however, Dr. David N. Bailey of the University of California School of Medicine said hair analysis is "unwieldy for use by most laboratories other than research laboratories."

He questioned the reliability of hair analysis, saying dyeing or bleaching hair could taint test results, as could exposure to automobile exhaust fumes or other substances that might cause the drugs to deteriorate.

In the test, a hair sample is subjected to a chemical process called radioimmunoassay, which reduces it to a solution that can be analyzed for a cocaine derivative.

"Hair grows about 1 centimeter per month, so we can tell if someone stopped the cocaine a couple of months ago — the new hair near the scalp will not have the cocaine anymore," Koren said.

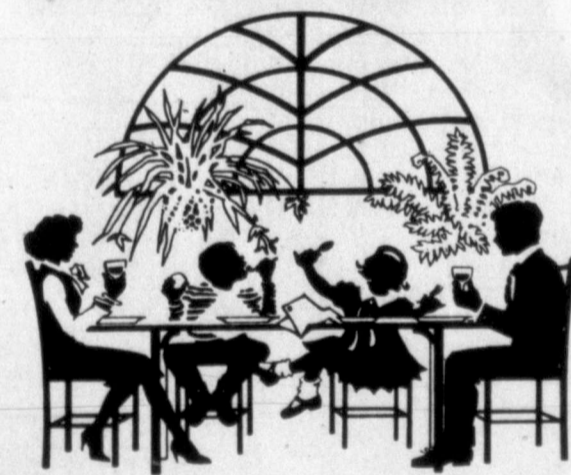
He said the researchers' main target was to find a way of determining drug use in pregnant women who do not admit it.

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Air fare hikes are studied

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air fare increases that all took effect on the same day last fall are now being investigated by the Justice Department for possible antitrust violations.

Government and industry officials said Thursday that several airlines have been ordered to supply documents and information about their ticket-pricing procedures.

The focus of the inquiry apparently is a system that allows one air carrier to signal its intention to raise fares, giving others the opportunity to follow suit before the increase actually takes effect.

On Sept. 8, American Airlines filed increases in fares into computerized systems read by thousands of travel agents and other airlines. By the time the increases took effect on Sept. 29, several other airlines had matched the hike, with fares up \$10 to \$80 depending on how many days before departure tickets are purchased.

Justice Department spokeswoman Amy Brown said civil investigative demands were sent to "a number of carriers within a short period of time after the Sept. 29 effective date."

She declined to say which airlines received the orders or to give details of the inquiry.

An antitrust expert, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the government appeared to be examining the industry's practice of reporting fare increases before they take effect.

Under this theory of antitrust violation, the pre-publication of fare increases to travel agents and an industry clearinghouse called the Airline Tariff Publishers Inc. would be viewed as a "facilitating device" for price fixing, the expert said.

While "it would be difficult to prove an agreement" among airlines to raise fares, the Justice Department might try to show that publishing fare hikes beforehand is a way to signal price increases within the industry, the expert said.

Police probe stabbing death

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Authorities plan to use genetic evidence against a man suspected of stabbing an elderly man to death in a restaurant where he slept to avoid burglars, the district attorney said.

Police are testing the blood-spattered clothing of Tony Tucker Jr., 19, of Midland, to find out whether the blood was that of Orvel McDaniel, 69, who was found Wednesday morning with two stab wounds to the back and one to an eye, District Attorney Al Schorre said. Tucker has been charged with murder.

McDaniel's body was discovered about 1 a.m. Wednesday at Seafood Place restaurant by police answering a disturbance call. The restaurant's owner said McDaniel had persuaded him to let him sleep in the store that night because McDaniel feared the return of burglars who had broken into his apartment last month.

Schorre said Tucker and another man are suspects in the burglary.

Researchers say humor is healthy

By The Associated Press
Ina Carlson still laughs at life despite two heart attacks and quadruple bypass surgery. "Why not," she says, with a chuckle. "That's

what keeps me going. Wouldn't it be awful if I sat back and cried." No wonder she's the poster patient and spokesperson for one of a growing number of

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