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BIKER SANTAS — Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus arrived at Central Elementary Friday morning on a bicycle built for two, and students and faculty were gathered out front to greet them. Santa's helpers consisted of Central teacher Wanda Hudgins and princpal L.D. (Sonny) Monroe. (SDN Staff Photo)

...,000 bales expected...

'Bale an acre' cotton is rule

Initial estimates for the 1987 Scurry County cotton crop--already considered one of the best ever regarding the quality of the fiber--indicate its average will equal or better the "bale to the acre" criteria often pointed to as the mark of a bumper crop year.

With some 61,000 acres planted last spring, current projections for the final bale count are now in the range of 63,000 bales."

County Agent Marvin Ensor estimated Friday that 85 to 90 percent of the county's cotton had now been stripped.

A week of snow, ice and cold rain slowed Scurry County's seven gins to about half their previous pace, but week upon week of clear skies had them so far ahead that gin spokesmen said they are nearing being complete.

Friday, they reported having processed 48,300 bales with an estimated 14,875 remaining to be done, which would put the county total at 63,175.

"We would have almost been through by Christmas if it hadn't been for the snow," Ensor noted. Regarding price, he said the current estimates are "a nickle over the loan," which would place it in the range of 60 cents.

The "bale to the acre" criteria is holding true for much of the county, and select areas are reporting as much as 1,000 pounds of cotton stripped from a single acre, Ensor said, placing it

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ISD learns board ratio must change

By DONNY BROWN
SDN Managing Editor

School officials have learned that Snyder ISD must now expand its single member district representation on the school board--increasing from four to five trustees elected to represent specific geographic locations.

This will see the seven-member board's ratio go from 4-3 to 5-2, meaning five trustees will be elected based on where they reside and two will be elected "at-large"--a vote of all registered voters within the school district.

The new ratio of 5-2 will be implemented with the spring school board elections here. After the May 7 ballot, the immediate result will see the status of at-large trustee Billy Bob McMullan change.

He will go from an at-large trustee to a representative of a new single member district.

McMullan was singled out for the change since he received the highest number of votes of all at-large candidates in the school board election last April.

This plan of action was decided prior to McMullan's being elected to the board. As it turns out, however, he is currently a resident of the new single member district he will represent.

This single member district seat on the school board will not come up for re-election until May of 1990. McMullan's term as an at-large trustee would have expired in the spring of 1989.

This coming May, trustees representing single member districts 2 and 3 will come up for election. These seats are now held by Charlene Light and Mike Jordan.

In the spring of 1989, the board's two remaining at-large trustees, Luann Burleson and Ken Branam, will come up for election.

In May of 1990, McMullan in single member district 4 will face an expiring term, as will Ygnacio Benitez in district 1 and Ben Wilcox in district 5.

The change, which has been expected here since early November, is prompted by a discrimination lawsuit involving LULAC vs. Midland ISD.

In that case, LULAC alleges that a school district under the single member district plan must have at least 70 percent of its board membership elected from a specific area.

Under Snyder's current 4-3 ratio, 57 percent of the board is elected from specific areas.

Local school officials have now been informed that Midland ISD will not pursue its appeal of a decision handed down by the Fifth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals. That decision upheld the 70 percent rule.

Many school district residents will be affected by the change as single member district boundaries inside the city limits will be redrawn.

The area outside the city limits will continue to comprise one

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Council returns building

Steps were approved Friday by the Snyder city council to pass the building which most recently housed King's Highway Mobil Industries back to the Scurry County Industrial Foundation.

The change will ultimately allow the facility to become the property of the Texas Department of Corrections as part of the plan to construct a 1,000-bed state prison facility here.

Since April of 1983, the city had been the "on paper" owner of the building and had been leasing it to the Industrial Foundation, which was in turn reimbursed by its tenant industry.

The building has been without a tenant industry since King's Highway opted to relocate its facility in January of 1985.

Approximately $190,000 was still owed on the building, and this amount is to be retired as

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A LONG NIGHT — These people were among the nine who were already in line at 4:30 p.m. Friday for the 1 p.m. Saturday Christmas promotion give-away at the chamber of commerce. The first person in line appeared around 3 p.m., chamber officials said. Saturday's session was to be the second of three planned. The final one is this Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

United Way honors pledge

Scurry County United Way directors--assisted in the final days by memorial donations in honor of the late Lyle Deffebach--made good on their pledge to be "On the Rebound" Friday by declaring the 1987 campaign at 100 percent of its $80,000 goal.

The theme "On the Rebound" was adopted this year since United Way failed in its effort in 1986 to reach 100 percent of its $85,000 goal.

The United Way board, meeting in its final session for the campaign, greeted the news of a 100 percent goal enthusiastically. "It was just a super, super campaign," said United Way President Ralph Williamson. "To raise $80,000 this year, with everything else that's been going on, is just tremendous."

The drive was aided by more than $1,800 in donations during the final weeks through a memorial effort dedicated to former United Way director Lyle Deffebach.

The longtime Scurry County civic leader died Nov. 5 as a result of wreck injuries. At the time of his death, Deffebach was the senior member of the 25-member United Way board and again serving as chairman of the royalty owners division.

The memorial in his honor was begun with a $250 amount comprised of donations from United Way directors. Some 27 individuals or couples contributed to the fund as well, most giving in the range of $100.

In addition to United Way directors, those contributing in-

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Days until Christmas

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some folks don't really want advice, they just want a wastebasket for their worries."

Larry McAden is minister of the Calvary Baptist Church on 35th Street. The family home is adjacent to the church and just south of a natural draw.

That draw has plenty of varmits--everything from skunks to raccbons. A few months ago, the wild creatures played havoc with the family's lawn and McAden was hesitant to mess with the ecological balance.

One particular worrisome creature was an armadillo that repeatedly dug holes in the front lawn. Even though the minister is long-suffering, he finally had enough. Late one evening McAden spied the varmit and sneaked up on it with his trusty .22.

McAden's son, Jason, insisted that the armadillo be saved for a science class project. So McAden wrapped it properly and placed it in the church freezer.

One Sunday morning, a visiting musician arrived at the church early. Like most preacher-types, he was tempted to look in the refrigerator and he told the congregation that McAden was harboring an armadillo in the freezer.

The holes in the lawn continued, and McAden figured that the ole boy in cold storage had a friend. Late one evening, McAden's wife, Janelle, spotted another armadillo.

The preacher got his rifle and Janelle insisted that she be allowed to shoot this time. Wham! The creature failed to moved.

"You must have missed him," McAden observed.

"Nope, I'm sure I hit him," the preacher's wife argued.

The creature still didn't move and the couple edged closer to investigate. The preacher's wife was right--she had hit the "creature" dead-center.

Only it wasn't an armadillo--it was their sons'--Jason and Greg-- football that had been left in the yard.

Holiday advice: Don't eat fast--remember haste makes waist.

Vet officer rites slated

Services are set for 4 p.m. Sunday at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Elmer Taylor, 94, who died Saturday morning at his home, 3603 Houston Ave.

Taylor had retired in 1978 as Scurry County veterans service officer, a position he held for 20 years. Born in Denton County on Oct. 12, 1893, he was a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War I.

He taught in Commerce and Arlington after the war, serving one term as mayor of Arlington in the 1920s. He was superintendent of schools in Ira for 12 years before joining the Snyder school system for 11 years both as teacher and director of transportation.

He married Edith Wheeler on Aug. 30, 1921 in Commerce. She

ELMER TAYLOR

died on Nov. 14, 1979.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jean Jordan of Abilene; one son, Jack Taylor of Arlington; four sisters, Cora Lee Hedges of Snyder, Essie Taylor of Snyder, Clara Stroud of Lawton, Okla., and Hazel Hill of Winnsboro; one brother, Raymond Taylor of Dallas; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Sunday

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Ask Us

Q. — What are the filing dates for city and school elections this year?

A. — The first day to file is Feb. 22 and the last day is March 23. In addition to the city council and school board, an election will be held this year for Western Texas College trustees. The election for all three will also be later this year, the first Saturday in May - rather than April.

In Brief

Boesky to jail

NEW YORK (AP) — The judge who sentenced Ivan F. Boesky to three years in prison for masterminding Wall Street's biggest insider trading scandal said the business world must learn such crimes are too serious "merely to forgive and forget."

"Breaking the law is breaking the law," U.S. District Judge Morris E. Lasker said.

Korean feud

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Kim Young-sam and Kim Dae-jung, who split the opposition vote in the presidential election, feuded again Saturday — this time over how to protest the government candidate's victory.

Kim Dae-jung sent an emissary to Kim Young-sam to discuss a common front for their struggle against Roh Tae-woo, who they claim won South Korea's first direct presidential election in 16 years through massive fraud.

But Kim Young-sam refused to meet with the messenger.

Local

Road request

The only item on the 10 a.m. Monday Scurry County Commissioners Court meeting agenda, other than reading minutes, paying bills and miscellaneous business, is consideration of a request from Myron Fenton for the construction of a neighborhood road in the Rt. 2 area.

The road would be built also at the request of Ricky Miller, Stewart Long, G.E. Skaggs and Harold W. Gasaway, according to court records.

Light judging

Judging of entries in the Jaycee Christmas lighting contest will take place Monday.

Entries will be judged from 7 until 11 p.m. and prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

On SCAT

A video of "Christmas Memories," a presentation from the Lynn Bethel piano studio, will be shown Wednesday at 6 p.m. on SCAT Channel 2.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 54 degrees; low, 38 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 52 degrees; precipitation, .12 of a inch; total precipitation for 1987 to date, 18.38 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Fair with a low in the upper 30s. Southwest to west wind 5 to 15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy and cooler with a high in the lower 50s.

Snyder's Friendship Home receives cash donation

Friendship Home, a residential treatment shelter for abused girls, was awarded $1,000 recently from the Furr's Foundation, a philanthropic arm of Furr's, Inc.

Friendship Home will use the donation to buy supplies for the home.

The Furr's Foundation raises money for children's organizations through the sale of Share Bears. The check to Friendship Home is one of 51 donations made so far this year to groups that support underprivileged and needy children in Texas and New Mexico.

The Share Bear campaign for this year is well on its way to meeting the goal of raising $750,000. This year's Share Bear is a 19 inch tall honey-colored stuffed bear wearing a festive bow tie. For the $12.99 purchase price of each bear, five dollars will be contributed to the Share Bears fund. The funds raised through this annual campaign are distributed in towns where Share Bears are sold.

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FOR THE GIRLS — Furr's manager Doc Worden gives a $1,000 check to Nancy Doyle, executive director of the Friendship Home for teenage girls in Snyder. The toy bears in the background are sold with proceeds going to various children's organizations through the Furr's Foundation. (SDN Staff Photo)

To Contras...

Budget negotiators divided

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharp differences over Medicare benefits and aid to the Nicaraguan Contras are hampering congressional attempts to complete a $600 billion spending bill and an accompanying deficit-reduction measure.

Lawmakers and their staffs plan to work through the weekend to finish the spending bill and a companion measure that would raise $23 billion in taxes over two years and reduce many federal benefit programs including Medicare.

Work on the two measures, which together would trim the anticipated federal deficit by $30.2 billion this year, went late into the evening Friday but produced nothing final.

"This isn't an exact science," said Rep. Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, after negotiations on the spending bill broke up for the evening over the Contra aid issue. "Folks get stubborn sometimes."

The negotiators decided Friday to include one item in the spending bill that President Reagan has promised will cause him to veto the measure: enactment of the fairness doctrine, which requires broadcasters to air conflicting sides of public issues. The Federal Communications Commission stopped enforcing the rule this year, and the president has already vetoed one bill that would have resurrected it.

But the lawmakers planned to revisit the issue today. Republicans, who oppose reviving the rule, said they believe they have enough votes to strike it from the bill.

Reagan has also threatened to veto the spending bill unless it contains aid to the Contras, who are trying to topple Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Senate negotiators want to provide the Contras with $9 million worth of non-military items such as clothes, food and medicine, which would be distributed over two months. The proposal also would allow the CIA to use the deliveries to bring previously purchased weapons to the fighters.

Bargainers from the House initially proposed no assistance to the Contras, but on Friday offered to accept a $5.5 million aid package and a Dec. 31 cutoff date for the CIA's weapons-supply operation.

Negotiators already have agreed on provisions to ban smoking on airline flights of two hours or less for the next two years; allow up to 20 states to raise the speed limit to 65 mph on some rural highways; virtually ensure that a dump for high-level nuclear waste will be constructed in Nevada; and prevent members of Congress from receiving a 2 percent pay raise that other federal workers are due in January.

House-Senate bargainers on the revenue bill agreed Thursday night to $9 billion in new taxes in fiscal 1988, which began Oct. 1, and $14 billion more next year. Most of the levies would be on corporations, but telephone users will be hit by a three-year extension of the 3 percent federal tax on phone calls.

Negotiators, however, are still seeking agreement on Medicare, Medicaid and U.S. Postal Service cuts.

A temporary measure providing enough money for federal agencies to function expired at 12:01 a.m. today, but the lack of funds was expected to have only minor effects until Monday, when most government offices reopen.

The White House and congressional leaders reached a two-year, $76-billion deficit-reduction agreement on Nov. 20.

For the $30.2 billion in savings scheduled for 1988, $7.6 billion is supposed to come from the spendng bill and the rest from the tax measure. Even with the reductions, the spending legislation is the largest in the nation's history.

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Texaco, Pennzoil reach tentative settlement

NEW YORK (AP) — Texaco Inc. and Pennzoil Co. have virtually concluded a pact that would end their acrimonious multibillion-dollar legal war and bring Texaco out of bankruptcy court, according to an advisor to the negotiations.

"I understand an agreement has been reached," said Wilbur Ross, finance advisor to Texaco's shareholders committee, early Saturday.

He said Texaco will pay Pennzoil $3.001 billion to drop a $10.3 billion judgment Pennzoil holds against the oil giant. In addition, it provides for payment of about $2.5 billion to Texaco creditors, thereby enabling the nation's third-largest oil company to emerge from bankruptcy.

At Texaco's White Plains, N.Y., headquarters, spokeswoman Anita Larsen said she could not comment on Ross's statement. A secretary at Pennzoil's New York office said spokesman Robert Harper was unavailable.

In a telephone conference call Friday night, Texaco's board approved the most important details of the settlement, leaving smaller issues to be ironed out later, according to a source close to the negotiations.

Those talks were still going on in the early hours of Saturday.

The dispute began in 1984, when Texaco bought Getty Oil Co., upsetting Pennzoil's plans to buy part of Getty. The Houston-based Pennzoil sued Texaco for damages and won a record judgment from a Texas jury that now stands at $10.3 billion.

Texaco filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code in April to avoid having to post a potentially ruinous security bond equal to the Pennzoil judgment while Texaco attorneys appealed.

Aside from the payment to Texaco, Ross, who is managing director for corporate finance at the Rothschild Inc. investment banking firm, said the agreement includes provisions to give shareholders more voice in company affairs.

"There is a further understanding that the main way of paying the settlement will be through asset sales rather than the sale of common stock," he said. "I don't believe it specifies the assets to be sold."

One likely prospect in this regard is Texaco's 78 percent interest in Texaco Canada, Inc., which has already drawn the interest of at least two Canadian firms, and which has been estimated to be worth at least $2.2 billion.

Ross also said that the agreement provides that all creditors other than Pennzoil would receive "cash or value equal to 100 percent of the face amount, plus whatever interest and principal they have been entitled to during the bankruptcy."

The main points of the agreement appeared to be about the same as the framework worked out Thursday among the two companies, and committees representing Texaco shareholders and creditors.

With that proposal, many people involved in the negotiations felt a settlement was near.

Representatives of the two oil companies huddled in a lawyer's office all day Friday struggling to work out details involving the form of payment and interest.

Ross said the talks hit a snag on the question of an effective date Texaco might have to pay interest on the $3.001 billion.

He said he understood from a participant that Pennzoil Chairman J. Hugh Liedtke had insisted that 9 percent or 10 percent interest be paid from April, when Texaco filed for bankruptcy protection, until next spring, when it is expected to emerge from bankruptcy.

But Liedtke retreated from that position after Texaco, supported by its creditors and shareholders, maintained that no interest should be paid, Ross said.

The plan, if approved, will be filed in U.S. bankruptcy court in White Plains, N.Y., where Judge Howard Schwartzberg will hold a hearing, then put the measure to a vote by all Texaco shareholders. The entire process could end by April, Ross said.

In the last two weeks, efforts to reach a settlement moved into high gear.

Gressett receives degree from Baptist seminary

DONALD R. GRESSETT

FORT WORTH--Donald R. Gressett received the master of arts in religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies Friday.

President Russell H. Dilday awarded degrees to 393 students in Southwestern's schools of theology, religious education and church music.

Gressett is the son of Leroy D. and Sue Gressett of Snyder.

He is married to Teresa, whose parents are H. D. and Pauline Strickland of Snyder.

Churches announce schedule for holiday

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and St. John's in Hermleigh announces the following schedule for Mass and confession for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

St. Elizabeth
Mass Schedule

—Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass. Betty Watts will be the organist and Jeana Fox will be the soloist.

—Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Virgil Mott will be the organist.

—New Year's Eve: 7 p.m.

—New Year's Day: 10:30 a.m.

Confession Schedule

—Saturday, Dec. 19: 5-5:45 p.m.

—Christmas Eve: 5-6 p.m.

St John
Mass Schedule

—Christmas Eve: 9 p.m.

—New Year's Eve: 6 p.m.

Confession Schedule

—Sun., Dec. 20: 8:15-8:30 a.m.

—Christmas Eve: 8:30-8:45 p.m.

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Cheese Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak w/Cream Gravy
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Chocolate Chip Cookies

THURSDAY
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Center plans Christmas music

A program of Christmas music will be presented by Marge and Lori Sealy at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Senior Citizens Center.

On Tuesday, the Browning Band will present a program of country and western music starting at 11 a.m. Al Ballard's band will play for country and western dancing starting at 7 p.m.

The Golden K. Kiwanis Club will hold its meeting at noon Tuesday in the center and men 60 years and older who would like to join the club are invited to attend.

The Kitchen Band will rehearse at 10 a.m. Wednesday and the Sunshine Choir will hold its rehearshal at 1 p.m. The center will close early on Wednesday and will be closed all day Dec. 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

Ira Baptists slate concert

Bill and Vicky Murphy of Anson, music evangelists, will be at the First Baptist Church of Ira for a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. this Sunday.

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On derailed train...

Crash blamed on brakes

ROUND ROCK, Texas (AP) — The brakes were not properly set on 86 railroad cars involved in a derailment that forced the evacuation of 5,000 people and sparked a huge blaze, a member of the freight train's crew says.

The Union Pacific Railroad cars rolled backward 7 miles from the town of McNeil last week to a few miles east of here, about 10 miles north of Austin.

They struck a closed switch, causing some cars to jump the rail and then continued for a mile before some of the lead cars rolled over and came to a stop, railroad officials and witnesses said.

"It's very simple. The guy just screwed up and didn't set the brakes and they got away and that's what caused the whole deal," the crew member, who asked not to be identified, told the Austin American-Statesman Friday. He was one of four crew members on the train.

But a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board said last week the brakes were inspected and found to be working.

Three tank cars ruptured and 60,000 gallons of propylene, a chemical similar to propane, and 25,000 gallons of butyl alcohol burned for two days, forcing the evacuation of 5,000 people near the tracks along U.S. 79.

No one was injured in the Dec. 12 derailment and fire. The derailment involved nine other cars of hazardous chemicals that were flammable and explosive, including vinyl chloride, a potent cancer-causing chemical.

Vinyl chloride also produces toxic byproducts when it burns — prosgene gas, hydrogen chloride and carbon monoxide. None of the cars containing that chemical burned, however.

The Federal Railroad Administration, the NTSB and the Texas Railroad Commission are investigating the accident. The agencies are awaiting results of drug and alcohol tests performed on the San Antonio-based crew.

Train brake systems operate by air pressure and include a fail-safe system that automatically applies the brakes if the cars are uncoupled and air pressure is lost.

INCLEMENT WEATHER--With headlights on, motorists were moving more like it was after dark Friday morning down 25th St., shown here in a view west toward downtown. Despite the light mist which fell off and on all day Friday, temperatures stayed above the freezing mark. (SDN Staff Photo)

SMU trustees to reimburse school for scandal expenses

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University trustees aren't buying their way out of a problem by reimbursing the school for expenses associated with the pay-for-play football scandal, school President A. Kenneth Pye says.

But both Pye and Board Chairman Ray Hunt said Friday the donation marks the end of the scandal.

"It's going to, in effect, close this chapter," Hunt said.

Southern Methodist's board members voted Friday to dig into their pockets for about $1.7 million in expenses associated with the scandal that resulted in the cancellation of football at the school for two years.

Pye described the action by the trustees as "a marvelous Christmas present" to the university and said that he, as an ex-officio board member, would also contribute.

The resolution calls for donating about $1.1 million to deal with general expenses such as legal fees and investigative costs.

About $600,000 will be placed in an escrow account to pay the remainder of about $850,000 in termination contracts for former Athletic Director Bob Hitch, former football Coach Bobby Collins and former athletic department assistant Henry Lee Parker.

The idea for the trustee contributions came up in a committee meeting about two months ago, Hunt said, after a number of potential donors expressed concern that their donations might be used for payments to Collins and Hitch.

"When I talk to a donor, they'll sometimes say, 'I don't care whether you're legally bound under the termination contracts, I don't like it,'" Pye said.

Though the board members may be perceived as buying their way out of a problem, Pye said they were actually in a no-win position.

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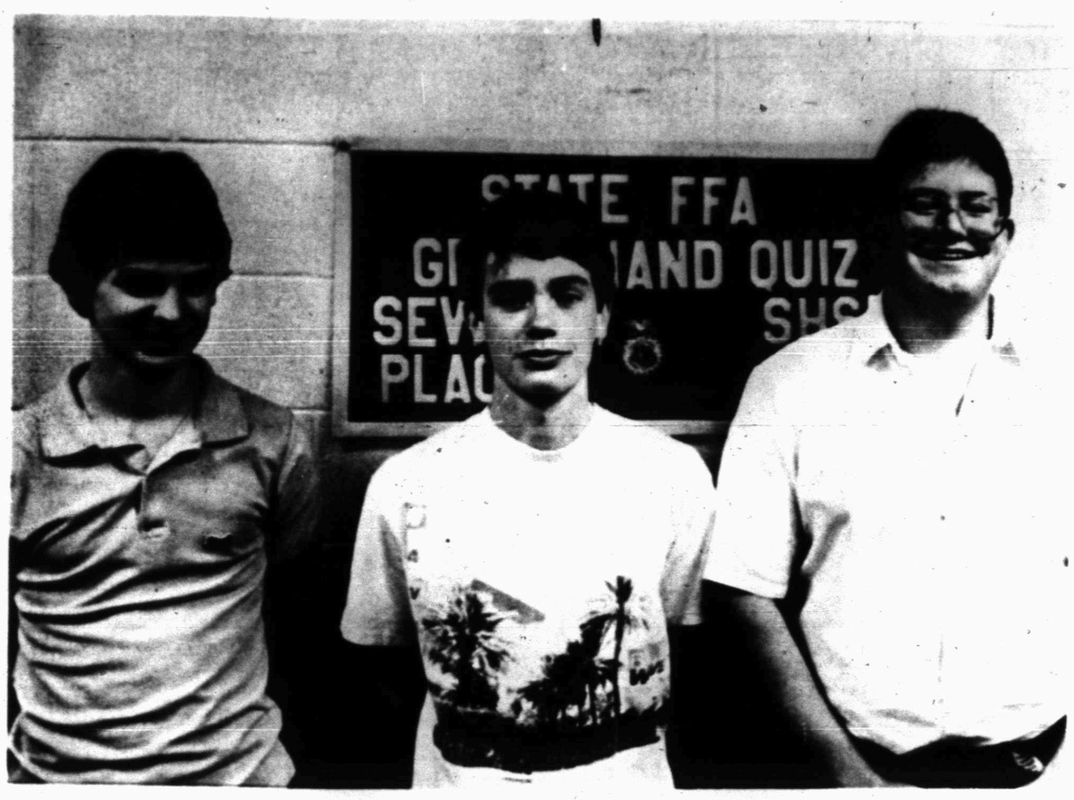

BACK FROM STATE — Mark Stansell, Jerry Leatherwood and Clay Gordy from Snyder High School were the seventh-place greenhand quiz team at the recent state-wide FFA contest held in Huntsville. (SDN Staff Photo)

Oil rally fails; some expect price slide will continue

NEW YORK (AP) — The failure of oil futures prices to sustain a short-lived rally has prompted speculation that the recent slump in prices could intensify.

Crude futures fell in active trading Friday after an early rally fizzled and traders dumped futures to clear their positions before the weekend.

Analysts said the market remained leery that the recent plunge in prices, which have pushed futures to levels not seen in a year, was not yet over and that the market's failure to sustain early gains Friday pointed to possibly heavier selling next week.

The January contract for West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark U.S. crude oil, fell 26 cents to $15.58 per 42-gallon barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, bringing its loss since last Friday to $2.73.

Trading was active but slowed sharply from Thursday's record high volume.

The February contract, which will become the near-month contract on Monday, also fell sharply, falling 31 cents to $15.40 a barrel.

Refined oil products traded on the exchange were mixed.

Wholesale heating oil for January delivery closed at 48.73 cents a gallon, up 1.82 cents from Thursday's close.

The January contract for wholesale unleaded gasoline settled at 40.94 cents a gallon, down 0.74 cent from Thursday.

Crude oil had finished slightly lower Thursday after a volatile session. At one point the near-term contract dipped below $15 a barrel, sparking a late rally as traders bought crude on the notion that it was undervalued in relation to recent price trends.

The rally continued in early trading Friday, pushing the crude contract up by as much as 31 cents. But buying was not strong enough to maintain key technical price support levels, and the rally flagged toward the close as major players such as oil refiners declined to take strong buying positions amid continued doubts that the recent price drop was over, analysts said.

Refiners later were joined by speculators, intensifying the selloff near the end of the session as traders sold contracts rather than hold their positions through the weekend.

A key factor putting downward pressure on oil prices has been the failure of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to deal with the world oversupply of oil at its recent ministerial meeting.

The current slide accelerated Monday after the OPEC ministers concluded a six-day meeting in Vienna, Austria, with no new agreement to limit production, thereby increasing the prospect of a supply glut.

James Steel of Refco Inc. said the market's failure to rally strongly from what generally was considered a deeply oversold condition indicated the severity of the pervading bearish sentiment. Because of the inability to sustain any rally after the huge recent selloff, "nobody will risk buying it now," and a rally becomes even more difficult, he said.

Specialist believes luck factor in good health

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Although proper diet, exercise and not smoking have long been considered crucial factors for good health, scientists might also consider if luck plays a role, a nutrition specialist says.

Dr. George R. Kerr, speaking at the 15th annual Texas Human Nutrition Conference at Texas A&M University, said diet, biology, environment, heredity and other variables play their part in causing health problems such as heart disease and cancer.

But the magnitude of each factor still remains unknown and needs further study, said Kerr, director of the Human Nutrition Center at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston.

And scientists might even consider whether luck is a factor, he said Friday.

"That's a dangerous way of thinking," he said.

Price controls lifted on some phone company services

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission has voted to begin lifting price controls on several telephone company services, but Southwestern Bell officials complained that the commission is moving too slowly.

Commissioners adopted emergency rules Friday that will put into effect a partial deregulation law approved by the Legislature earlier this year.

Under the rules, Southwestern Bell and the state's 66 other local phone companies could lower their prices on services in which they have competition, such as private lines, mobile phones and paging systems, customized phone services and internal phone systems for businesses.

The deregulation does not affect basic monthly service.

The rules are intended to let telephone companies adjust their rates for those services so they can better compete with private firms offering the same services.

But officials with Southwestern Bell, the largest phone company in Texas, said the commission rules are so strict that it will be difficult for Bell to obtain any significant benefits for the next several months.

"It is much less than we think the law calls for," said Jon Loehman, Bell assistant vice president for rates and revenues. "Right now, it doesn't look like it will give us what we need to respond to our competition."

Commission Chairman Dennis Thomas agreed with Bell, arguing that the emergency action could actually lead to higher monthly charges for basic service.

Thomas and Bell officials objected to two controversial provisions, supported by commissioners Jo Campbell and Marta Greytok, requiring that:

— Any rates lowered by a phone company must be lowered for all their customers, whether they are in the highly competitive urban markets or in less competitive rural areas.

— For at least the next 18 months, rate flexibility could be granted only for a limited number of services in which a phone company has competition. Bell had called for pricing flexibility on all competitive services.

Racing panel list cut to about 30 Texans

AUSTIN (AP) — About 30 Texans who are still under consideration as new Texas Racing commissioners will have their finances and background thoroughly scrutinized, an aide to Gov. Bill Clements says.

Clements and his appointments secretary, James Huffines, on Friday cut the list of candidates for the commission from more than 200 to about 30. Clements has said he hopes to appoint the six public members of the panel, which will govern betting on horse and dog tracks, by mid-January.

"What we will do now is spend an extensive amount of time doing background and thorough research checks on each individual," Huffines said.

"The individuals will have to undergo fingerprinting and they'll have to make complete financial disclosure statements with us. There will be complete security and background checks with DPS (the Department of Public Safety) and the FBI."

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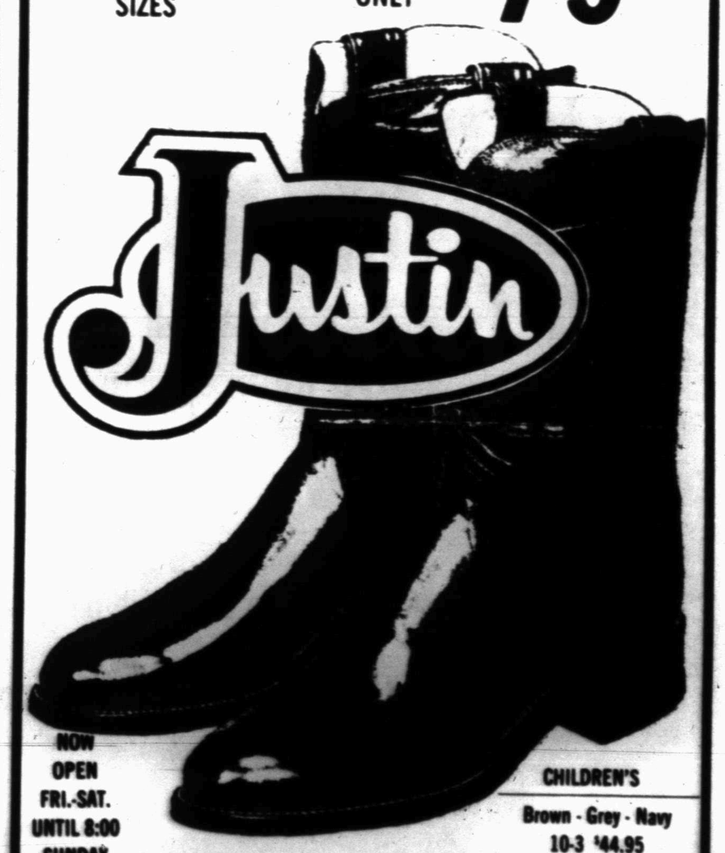

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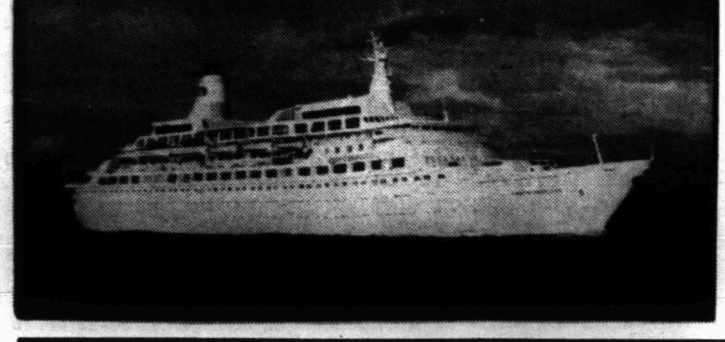

Conviction is obtained in cocaine bust

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The owner of an El Paso record production company was convicted of running a cocaine ring that federal authorities called the largest in the Southwest.

Audelio Arzola Amaya, 40, was found guilty Friday of running a continuing criminal enterprise — the alleged cocaine ring — and on 17 other counts, including possession of narcotics, conspiracy and falsifying income tax returns.

He faces a life prison term without possibility of parole.

Five men accused of being part of Arzola's gang were found guilty of some charges and acquitted of others.

Those men are Edward Maynard, a former El Paso police officer; Santiago Rosas Arzola, 36, a stepbrother of Arzola; Jesus Javier Estrada Hernandez, 24, a former Mexican police officer; and two Colombian nationals, Jorge Humberto Salazar, 31, and Edison Alvarez, 22.

U.S. District Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth set sentencing for all six for Jan. 29.

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Redskins' owner files for divorce from pregnant wife

WARRENTON, Va. (AP) — Jack Kent Cooke, the 75-year-old owner of the Washington Redskins, has filed for divorce from his 31-year-old pregnant wife of five months, a court clerk said.

Cooke, 75, one of the nation's wealthiest men, married Suzanne Martin, his third wife, in a quiet ceremony on July 24. Mrs. Cooke is expecting a child in January.

Helen Zalecki, deputy clerk of the court in Fauquier County, said Friday a divorce petition had been filed in the Cooke case on Oct. 5. The papers have been sealed at the parties' request.

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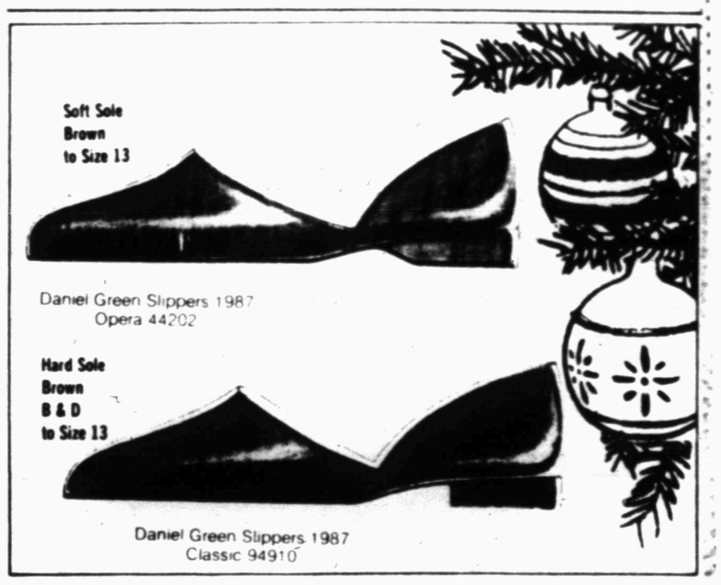

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Rumors say Okies are out

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — A member of the Oklahoma Geological Survey team, which chose the proposed Oklahoma site for the federal government's proposed super atom smasher, says the state might not be among the top choices for the multi-billion dollar research facility.

Rumors last week out of Washington, D.C. were that Oklahoma would not be among the finalists for the project.

Geological engineer Ken Luza told a meeting of the Stillwater chapter of the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers on Thursday that "there is probably some truth to the statement."

Luza said Illinois, which already boasts the Ferme laboratory, the nation's premier physics research facility, has the best shot at grabbing the highly sought-after federal contract for the "super collider."

"They have a proven track record and the proximity of several nationally known higher education institutions, such as Northwestern University and the University of Chicago, as well as the Illinois Institute of Technology," Luza said.

Those strengths could outweigh Oklahoma's greatest advantage, which is low-cost excavation, he said.

Printing of the first English-language Bible was completed in 1535.

Possible bribery is focus in Meese case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The independent counsel in the Wedtech case has been examining stock trading by Attorney General Edwin Meese's former financial manager to determine whether Meese may have benefited from a subtle bribery scheme, say sources familiar with the probe.

Independent counsel James McKay has been comparing the service W. Franklyn Chinn provided to his other customers, most of them wealthy millionaire investors, with the service he gave Meese.

The comparison is an attempt to determine whether he gave Meese preferential treatment over his other clients, the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday.

If preferential treatment can be found and evidence can be gathered suggesting that it was a reward for official acts by Meese, then a case for "a very subtle bribe" could be established, said one knowledgeable law enforcement source.

Chinn turned a $40,000 profit for Meese on a $55,000 investment in just 22 days' work over 19 months.

In 1982, as White House counselor before he became attorney general, Meese interceded on behalf of Wedtech Corp., triggering a series of events that led to the awarding of a $32 million no-bid federal contract to Wedtech to build small engines for the Army.

Most of Chinn's clients are well-heeled businessmen with large amounts of money to invest, but Chinn took on Meese in 1985 after the two men were introduced by E. Robert Wallach, a longtime Meese friend who was paid $1.3 million in fees and stock by Wedtech from 1981 through 1986.

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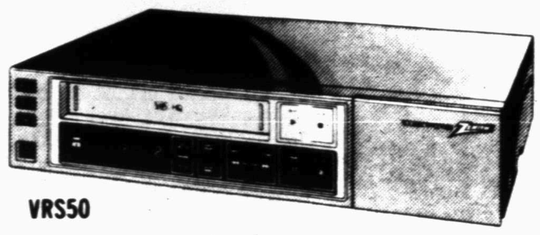
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JV girls win 10th contest of season

PECOS – Snyder junior varsity girls started out slowly, but eventually wore down the Pecos Eagles and turned in their 10th victory of the 1987-88 season.

Snyder outscored the Eagles 16-3 in the second quarter and 20-6 in the third, on the way to an overpowering, 58-21, win.

Rebounding totals were not available, but Jodie Dunk, Teena Braziel and Anne Osborn yanked down a dozen apiece for the young Lady Tigers.

"We started out slow in the first quarter but I think our press started to hurt them and we started stealing some balls," said Coach Vicki Nelms. "We had a hard time making our shots but we were able to rebound and get shots until we made it, basically."

Braziel and Osborn scored 13 points each while Dunk scored 10 and Anissa Reed added 9.

Snyder got four steals from Braziel and three each from Osborn and Beth Alvis.

Now 10-0, Snyder will play in Sweetwater at 6 p.m. Monday for its next outing.

Snyder 58, Pecos 21

PECOS– Bitotas 6, R. Jenkins 6; TOTALS 9 3 21.

SNYDER– Beth Alvis 1 0 2; Jodie Dunk 5 0 10; Teena Braziel 5 2 13; Mande Henry 2 1 5; Shannon Warren 1 0 2; Anne Osborn 4 5 13; Debbie Martinez 0 0 0; Cindy Martinez 0 0 0; Anissa Reed 4 1 9; Annette Ramos 0 0 0; Neosha Beach 1 2 4; TOTALS 23 11 58.

Total Fouls- PHS 18, SHS 8; **Fouled Out**- PHS- V. Simmons; **Three-point Goals**- SHS 1 (Braziel).

Pecos	6	3	6	6	-21
Snyder	6	16	20	16	-58

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Tigers pound Pecos; try Mustangs Monday

PECOS – Snyder's Tigers wrapped up their second straight District 2-4A victory here Friday night, beating Pecos 61-54.

Snyder out-gunned the hosts 20-12 over the first eight minutes, but led only 29-25 at intermission. Coach Larry Scott's crew came back with 19 third-quarter points, however, and held the hosts to just seven.

A major factor was the board game, where Snyder pulled down 46 rebounds to Pecos' 20.

Snyder, now 2-0 in loop play and 9-5 overall, will entertain Sweetwater on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum.

The Tigers aided their cause Friday by hitting an uncharacteristic 10 of 14 free throws, including a six-of-six effort by Terry Garza.

"How about that! Somebody must have been doing some coaching finally," laughed Coach Larry Scott.

Garza got 10 of his 20 game points in the first quarter. Snyder was led by 6-5 senior Trey Tippens, who ruled the hoop for 25 points and had 14 rebounds. Tracy Braziel scored 11 points and came away with 10 boards.

Pecos, which falls to 6-7 overall and 0-2 now in district play, also benefitted from the foul line. The Eagles hit 13 of 19 shots. Ron Flores was eight-of-nine in that effort and scored 14 of the hosts' points. Teammate Bobby Ray Smith led Pecos with 24 points, including four three-pointers.

Snyder struggled early. Though the Tigers took a 20-12 lead over the first eight minutes, they didn't score in the first two and a half of the second quarter.

"The third quarter we came out aid did real well," said Coach Scott, who directed the Tigers to go inside for points. "We only took eight shots outside the lane all night. We got several fast break opportunities and we went inside. We turned down a lot of good shots outside because we knew we could get the ball inside."

The final score looked closer than the game actually was, although Pecos made a legitimate run at the visitors.

"With five or six minutes left they made a three-point shot, we fouled and they made their free throws, and then they made another three-point shot," said Coach Scott. "It (Snyder's lead) went from 15 to seven points in just about that quick."

Smith made the three-point goals for Pecos, but it wasn't enough.

"We did a good job of controlling Smith," said Scott. "He's their big play man. We put Lewis Wesley on him the whole game and we kind of wore him down."

Snyder 61, Pecos 54

SNYDER– Anthony Wortham 0 0-0 0; Van Echols 1 0-1 2; Tracy Braziel 5 1-1 11; Terry Garza 7 6-6 20; Lewis Wesley 1 0-0 3; Kevin Combest 0 0-1 0; Trey Tippens 11 3-5 25; TOTALS 25 10-14 61

PECOS– L. Ephraim 0 1 2 1; B. Smith 10 0-0 24; T. Williams 1 0-0 3; I. Nichols 2 0-1 5; T. Cobas 1 0-0 2; D. Sandoval 0 0-0 0; R. Flores 3 8-9 14; G. Moore 0 0-1 0; E. Bustillos 1 4-6 6; TOTALS 18 13-19 54

Total Fouls- SHS 17; PHS 11. **Fouled Out**- Moore, Bustillos. **Three-point Goals**- SHS 1 (Wesley); PHS 5 (Smith 4, Williams). **Rebounds**- SHS 46 (Tippens 14); PHS 20. **Records**- SHS 9-5, 2 0; PHS 6-7, 0-2

Snyder	20	9	19	13	-61
Pecos	12	13	7	22	-54

Ladies nipped again; Meierhoff stands out

Lisa Meierhoff apparently found Snyder Gymnasium to her liking here Friday and scored 30 points enroute to leading Pecos to a 71-68 victory over the Lady Tigers in District 2-4A basketball action.

"Lisa Meierhoff had an excellent ballgame," said Snyder Coach Ken Housden. "We knew she was a real fine player, but she doesn't usually score 30 points a game."

Snyder took several shots in the final 15 seconds of the game, but couldn't get anything to fall. It was a tough week for the ladies, who also fell 52-48 to Fort Stockton on Tuesday.

Snyder will try to break the losing slide Monday when the Lady Tigers bus to Sweetwater for a 7:30 p.m. contest. Snyder will go into the game with a 2-2 district mark; 7-5 overall.

"Our man defense didn't do as well as what we had hoped so we went to a zone. They handled our press pretty well, too. We got about 10 turnovers but we wanted more," said Coach Housden.

In addition to the 30-point effort of Meierhoff, a 6-1 senior, Yvonne Acosta scored 16 points and Sophia Jenkins added 10.

Teri Sue Henry led Snyder with 22 points and 11 rebounds. The Lady Tigers got 12 points from Rhonda Echols and 8 from Melody Pickering.

Snyder outrebounded the visitors 39 to 33 but lost that advantage at the free throw line. The ladies hit just 16 of 29 shots from the stripe.

Pecos 71, Snyder 68

PECOS– Ortega 2 3 7; Terry 4 0 8; Acosta 2 6 10; Mierhoff 11 8 30; Jenkins 6 3 16; TOTALS 25 20 71.

SNYDER– Christi Comer 1 3 5; Teri Sue Henry 10 2 22; Deedra Tomlin 2 0 4; LaFon Williams 1 0 2; Rhonda Echols 4 4 12; Holly Fuller 2 0 4; Melody Pickering 2 4 8; Melissa Williams 1 1 3; Evette Housden 1 0 2; Shelly Tomlin 2 2 6; TOTALS 26 16 68

Total Fouls- Pecos 25, Snyder 24. **Fouled Out**- Pecos- Terry. Snyder- Comer, Pickering. **Three-Point Goals**- Pecos 1 (Jenkins). **Rebounds**- Pecos 33, Snyder 39 (Henry 11). **Records**- Pecos- 8-3, 4-0; Snyder 7-5, 2-2.

Pecos	29	15	17	19	-71
Snyder	17	18	14	19	-68

Pro basketball roundup...

Thomas, Pistons bomb Mavs

by The Associated Press

Dallas rookie Steve Alford may have learned a lesson about challenging NBA superstars.

Alford, ribbing fellow Indiana alumnus Isiah Thomas about his long-distance shooting, watched helplessly Friday night as Thomas hit five 3-point shots in the first 15 minutes, lifting the Detroit Pistons to a 117-112 victory over the Mavericks.

"Alford told me the other day that I couldn't hit them," Thomas said. "So I kind of wanted to prove him wrong."

Thomas was 5-for-7 from 3-point range and scored 20 of his 24 points in the first half as the Pistons took a 60-47 lead. Thomas, who is 9-for-26 from 3-point distance this season, set a team record for 3-point goals in a half.

Adrian Dantley finished with 28 points as the Pistons won for the 15th time in 20 games. They have the best record in the NBA.

Dallas' Mark Aguirre also was 5-for-7 on 3-pointers as he led all scorers with 35 points.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Cleveland 103, New Jersey 94; Indiana 121, Utah 97; San Antonio 133, Denver 114; Atlanta 94, Milwaukee 87, and Portland 129, Phoenix 114.

Joe Dumars scored 18 points for the Pistons. Derek Harper and Rolando Blackman scored 18 points each for Dallas.

Spurs 133, Nuggets 114

San Antonio, which is 1-9 on the road, won for the eighth consecutive time at home as Walter Berry scored a career-high 30 points and Frank Brickowski added 23 points and 15 rebounds against Denver.

Alex English had a season-high 37 points for the Nuggets.

Hawks 94, Bucks 87

Atlanta won its fourth straight game as Dominique Wilkins scored 23 points and reserve John Battle had 12 of his 22 in the fourth quarter at Milwaukee.

Pacers 121, Jazz 97

Indiana routed Utah and broke a three-game losing streak, taking control when John Long scored nine straight points in the third quarter.

Indiana's Chuck Person scored 22 points and Long finished with 20.

Utah was led by Karl Malone with 20 points.

Trail Blazers 129, Suns 114

Portland beat Phoenix for the fourth consecutive time this season as Clyde Drexler scored 30 points and Kiki Vandeweghe, playing just his third game in the last month, added 23.

Jerome Kersey had 20 points,

(see NBA, page 9A)

Area hoops

BOYS

Hermleigh 81, Trent 74 (2 ot)

HERMLEIGH– Ben Smith 30; Rodney Foster 21; Andrew Sanchez 13; Martinez 12

TRENT– Hunt 32; Payne 19

Trent	19	13	16	18	4	4	74
Hermleigh	14	16	16	20	4	11	81

Borden County 55, Jayton 36

JAYTON– Smith 10; Sumner 12

BORDEN COUNTY– Shannon Bond 12; Will Phinizy 10; Kerry Fryar 12; Brian Bond 13

Jayton	8	7	12	9	-36
Borden	17	17	17	4	-55

GIRLS

Trent 52, Hermleigh 51 (2 ot)

TRENT– Gibson 18; Collier 12

HERMLEIGH– Tisha Crumly 27; Smith 15

Trent	6	7	16	12	6	5	-52
Hermleigh	10	9	9	13	6	4	-51

Jayton 52, Borden County 46

JAYTON– Bryant 18; Brown 13

BORDEN COUNTY– Kate Phinozy 15; Sternadel 10

Jayton	8	16	11	17	-52
Borden	8	10	12	16	-46

Freshmen girls flatten Lamesa Tornadoes, 43-27

LAMESA – Snyder freshmen hoopsters defeated Lamesa 43-27 here Friday.

Next action for the young Lady Tigers will be 5 p.m. Monday, when they entertain Colorado City at 5 p.m. in the high school gym.

Liz Greathouse led the girls with 13 points. Dessie Ware popped for 8, Katina Brandon for 7 and Vinnie Clay and Camille Thompson for 6 each.

Greathouse and Thompson had three assists each. Greathouse led with nine rebounds. Ware had eight.

Snyder 43, Lamesa 27

SNYDER– Liz Greathouse 5 3 13; Vinnie Clay 3 0 6; Camille Thompson 3 0 6; Robbie Brazeel 0 1 1; Dessie Ware 3 2 8; Katina Brandon 3 1 7; Natalie McCravey 1 0 2; TOTALS 18 7 43

LAMESA– Meeks 7

Snyder	10	9	14	10	-43
Lamesa	8	6	10	4	-27

JV boys punch Pecos; play again on Monday

PECOS – Nine players put points on the board for the young Tigers as Snyder defeated Pecos 66-52 in a junior varsity basketball game here Friday.

Dewayne Clinkinbeard led Snyder with 16 points. Jeff Franklin scored 13 while Tyrone Durst added 10. Six other players scored, including Lee Hamilton, who had 8.

The Tigers will play again Monday, when they host Sweetwater at 6 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder 66, Pecos 52

SNYDER– Shane McCarter 1 0 2; Jason West 2 0 4; Lee Hamilton 2 4 8; Vyron Clay 2 0 4; Michael Riggins 3 1 7; Kevin Winter 0 2 2; Tyrone Durst 5 0 10; Dewayne Clinkinbeard 7 2 16; Jeff Franklin 6 1 13; TOTALS 28 10 66

PECOS– Bradley 17; M. Martinez 14; TOTALS 23 5 52

Total Fouls- SJV 10; PJV 15. **Fouled Out**- None. **Three-Point Goals**- Pecos 1 (Anchonda).

Snyder	13	23	14	16	-66
Pecos	6	13	22	11	-52

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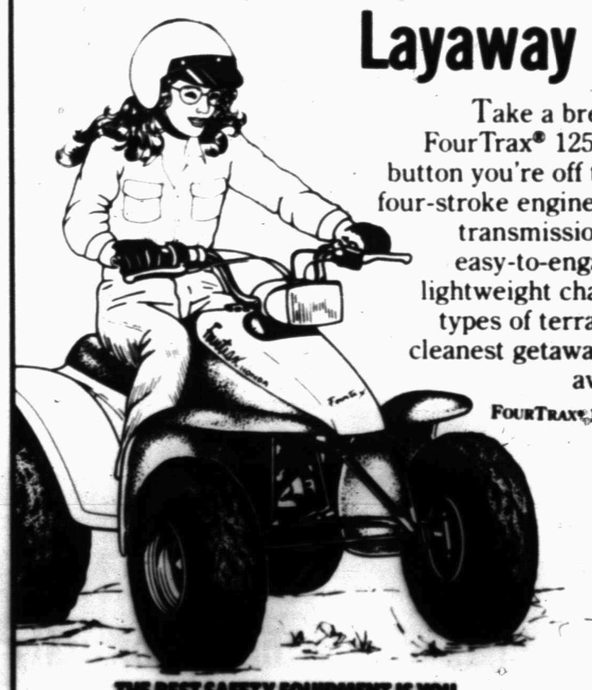

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Pro football roundup...

Bills trying for 8th victory

by The Associated Press

The Buffalo Bills, winners of only eight games in the preceding three seasons, have a chance to match that total for the season Sunday.

The Bills, 8-40 in 1984-86, have a chance for their eighth victory when they host the New England Patriots at Rich Stadium. Victories over New England and Philadelphia in their final two games would assure the Bills of the AFC East crown.

New England, which has beaten Buffalo 10 straight times, needs a victory to keep its own flickering playoff hopes alive.

The Bills' revival, spearheaded by quarterback Jim Kelly and a young defense bolstered by the midseason acquisition off Cornelius Bennett, has sparked talk of a Super Bowl among some Buffalo fans.

Indianapolis and Miami, the two teams tied with the Bills, play key games Sunday. The Colts, who missed a chance to take control of the division by losing to Buffalo 27-3 last Sunday, visit San Diego, where the Chargers have lost four in a row. The Dolphins, coming off back-to-back victories, host NFC East champion Washington on Sunday night.

Elsewhere in the NFL, the New York Giants hosted Green Bay and Kansas City was at Denver today.

In other Sunday contests, it's Minnesota at Detroit, New Orleans at Cincinnati, Philadelphia at the New York Jets, Pittsburgh at Houston, Seattle at Chicago, Atlanta at San Francisco, St. Louis at Tampa Bay and Cleveland at the Los Angeles Raiders.

Dallas visits the Los Angeles Rams on Monday night.

Green Bay at N.Y. Giants

The Packers, 5-7-1, needed to win to keep alive their slim playoff hopes. They also want revenge for last year, when the Giants rolled to a 55-24 victory on the way to their Super Bowl triumph.

The Giants, 4-9, will be playing without defensive end Leonard Marshall, out for the season following wrist surgery.

Kansas City at Denver

The Broncos, 8-4-1, could clinch at least a wild-card playoff berth with a victory at Mile High Stadium.

The Chiefs, 3-10, must stop Denver quarterback John Elway, who should have two more targets with the expected return of wide receivers Vance Johnson and Steve Watson.

Indianapolis at San Diego

Both the Chargers, 8-5, and the Colts, 7-6, have to win to keep at least a share of the AFC East lead.

Pittsburgh at Houston

The Oilers trail the Browns and Steelers by a game in the AFC Central. The Steelers come into the Astrodome with a three-game winning streak on the road.

Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders

The Browns, 8-5, need to win to keep at least a share of the AFC Central lead, but they have only beaten the Raiders once in 11 meetings, a 7-3 victory in 1973. The Raiders, 5-8, have the NFL's top rushing offense, while the Browns are No. 1 at stopping the run.

Philadelphia at New York Jets

The Eagles, 5-8, have won all three previous meetings between the clubs, who have not played since 1978. The Jets, 6-7, need a win to keep their slender playoff hopes alive.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	256	275
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	256	225
Miami	7	6	0	.538	329	290
New England	6	7	0	.462	283	276
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	300	302
Central						
Cleveland	8	5	0	.615	347	209
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	256	256
Houston	7	6	0	.538	300	316
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	244	308
West						
Denver	8	4	1	.654	335	271
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	246	273
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	317	252
L.A. Raiders	5	8	0	.385	281	259
Kansas City	3	10	0	.231	215	348
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
x-Washington	10	3	0	.769	331	238
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	315	333
Dallas	5	8	0	.385	290	311
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	282	346
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	240	295
Central						
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	329	245
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	295	294
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	221	247
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	266	305
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	225	354
West						
y-San Francisc	11	2	0	.846	376	246
y-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	348	235
L.A. Rams	6	7	0	.462	296	284
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	185	371

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Green Bay at New York Giants
Kansas City at Denver

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Buffalo
New Orleans at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at New York Jets
Pittsburgh at Houston
Seattle at Chicago
Atlanta at San Francisco
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
Indianapolis at San Diego
Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders
Washington at Miami

Monday's Game

Dallas at Los Angeles Rams

Cuero gets 3A crown in third try at state

by The Associated Press

Cuero found the third time a charm and clinched the class 3A state football championship by defeating McGregor 14-6 Friday.

Meanwhile, Plano and West Orange-Stark were to try to repeat as state football champions in Class 5A and 4A title games Saturday.

Wayne Mathis threw two touchdown passes to Carlos Taylor and Robert Strait led a time-consuming rushing offense Friday night as Cuero defeated McGregor 14-6 for the Class 3A state schoolboy championship.

Cuero had lost the previous two years in the 3A finals - to Daingerfield in 1985 and Jefferson in 1986 - but led 14-0 at halftime and was not tested by McGregor until the final two minutes.

McGregor quarterback Jimmy Hering scored from the 1 on a fourth-down plunge with 1:50 left in the game. A two-point conversion attempt failed, and an onside kick by McGregor failed.

Plano was to try and become the first school to repeat as Texas Class 5A football champion since Austin Reagan did the trick in 1967-1968.

The unblemished Wildcats, 15-0, were to meet equally untainted Houston Stratford, 15-0, at noon Saturday in Austin's Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas campus. The game was to be televised on a statewide network and will be replayed on national television by ESPN on Dec. 24.

The last time Stratford and Plano tangled it was the Spartans who won the state title with a 29-13 victory in 1976. The hero of that game was Craig James, who went on to All-American fame at Southern Methodist.

Ironically, there is a Craig James on the Plano team this time. And he's a running back.

Plano has won its last 27 games, including 11 playoff triumphs.

In Class 4A, Rockwall was to play defending champion West Orange-Stark, which was unbeaten and untied in 14 games. The game was set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Kyle Field in College Station on the Texas A&M University campus.

Rockwall had won 11 of its last 12 games to post a 12-3 mark under new Coach Troy Miller.

Stark had won its last 22 games while Rockwall was in the playoffs for the first time since 1981.

In Class 3A, two teams who haven't been defeated met Friday night. Cuero, 15-0, and McGregor, 14-0-1, played at Austin for the championship.

In Class 2A, Lorena, 13-1-1, and Refugio, 14-0-1, were to play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Stadium.

Refugio is trying for its third state title. Running back William Mack Garza has scored 55 touchdowns this year and is two short of a national record 57 scored by Kenneth Hall in 1953.

In Class A, Bremond, 14-1, and Wheeler, 12-2, were to tangle at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Bremond running backs Tim Scott and Charles Bailey have each gained over 1,000 yards.

NBA

(continued from page 8A)

Kevin Duckworth a season-high 15 and Terry Porter 14 points and 17 assists for the Trail Blazers, who have won 12 of their last 15 games.

The Suns, who have lost four straight, were led by Larry Nance with 26 points and 14 rebounds.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	13	8	.619	—
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	1½
Washington	7	14	.333	6
New York	6	15	.286	7
New Jersey	3	17	.150	9½
Central Division				
Detroit	15	5	.750	—
Atlanta	15	6	.714	½
Chicago	15	7	.682	1
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	3½
Indiana	12	10	.545	4
Cleveland	9	12	.429	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	13	7	.650	—
Denver	13	8	.619	½
Houston	11	10	.524	2½
Utah	11	11	.500	3
San Antonio	10	10	.500	3
Sacramento	5	16	.238	8½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	15	6	.714	—
Portland	14	8	.636	1½
Seattle	11	11	.500	4½
L.A. Clippers	8	12	.400	6½
Phoenix	7	12	.368	7
Golden State	3	16	.158	11

Friday's Games

Cleveland 103, New Jersey 94
Detroit 117, Dallas 112
Indiana 121, Utah 97
San Antonio 133, Denver 114
Atlanta 94, Milwaukee 87
Portland 129, Phoenix 114

Saturday's Games

Dallas at Philadelphia
New Jersey at New York
Chicago at Washington
Utah at Atlanta
Denver at Houston
Los Angeles Lakers at Los Angeles Clippers
Seattle at Golden State

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Boston
Indiana at Cleveland
San Antonio at Portland
Phoenix at Sacramento
Seattle at Los Angeles Lakers

'Pokes test improving Rams Monday; game has little meaning this season

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - "America's Team" is suffering. Anaheim's team is over its agony.

The Dallas Cowboys and Los Angeles Rams, clubs with similar records but in markedly different circumstances, play Monday night in a game that has far less significance than many past meetings between the NFC foes.

The Cowboys have lost their last four games to fall to 5-8 and will have consecutive losing seasons for the first time in 23 years.

Their coach, the once-revered Tom Landry, has come under fire from the club owner. Injuries and age have taken a dreadful toll on Dallas' lineup.

The Rams have known misery and controversy this season, too - but not lately.

After a 1-7 start, they've have won their last five in a row and still have a slim chance to make the playoffs.

Landry, whose Cowboys over the years often faced the Rams in the playoffs, now looks at Coach John Robinson's club with a certain amount of envy.

"Where the strike hurt us so much, the controversy over Eric Dickerson hurt them tremendously," Landry said of the Rams, who traded the disgruntled running back to Indianapolis in midseason.

"Now they've recovered. I wish we could recover from ours."

Bum Bright, the Cowboys' owner, recently criticized Landry for some of his coaching decisions and also said, "I think the aura of the Cowboys is dying. I'm talking about an aura where they were smart ..."

Landry said it has been difficult to take the criticism.

"I think you have to stick together if you're going to win," the Cowboys coach said in a telephone conference call with reporters. "We've been together a long time and stuck together well, but when you get into adversity, things come.

"You've got to remember in Dallas, especially with owners, we're having a tough time in Texas. California and the East Coast are doing pretty well, but in Texas we're in a mild depression.

"Like our owner, Bum Bright, there's no telling how many millions and millions of dollars he's lost already with real estate and oil and I guess the Cowboys are one thing he felt pretty comfortable with. And when they aren't going good, he doesn't like it very well, I guess.

"Ah, heck, a guy's got to express himself. It (the criticism) didn't help us, but we've got to overcome it if we're going to win."

Running back Herschel Walker said the Cowboy players didn't like the criticism of their coach.

"Personally I think it's sort of unjust," Walker said. "The players are responsible for their action; they're responsible for getting out and executing the play. I don't think a coach should take the heat and have the players sort of hide behind his coat tails.

"I don't think the players like that."

Walker said that it has been an extremely frustrating year for Dallas, but he added that the Cowboys haven't given up.

"The great thing is the guys still want to win. They've got the will to win," he said.

Foreman having fun; stops Sekorski in 3rd

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) - Former heavyweight champion George Foreman is having so much fun in his boxing comeback that he can't even sit down between rounds.

"I'm full of excitement now," Foreman said Friday night after stopping a game Rocky Sekorski in the third round for his fifth straight knockout. "This old dog has got another few tricks left."

Foreman took a big step toward his goal of fighting Mike Tyson for the heavyweight championship sometime late next year in what was the most impressive outing yet of his improbable comeback at the age of 39.

"I want to fight Mike Tyson," he said. "It doesn't do me any good to fight these guys for nickles and dimes. I'm looking for a good fight."

Foreman methodically pounded Sekorski with left jabs and savage rights before a string of about 30 uncountered head punches forced referee Richard Steele to stop the fight at 2:48 of the third round.

"It's nothing new for the referee to come in and rescue a fighter from me," said Foreman, who held the heavyweight championship from January 1973 until Muhammad Ali stopped him in October 1974. "We don't want to see anyone hurt."

Foreman showed he still has zip in his left jab and power in his right hand, although at 244 pounds he fought flat-footed and showed little movement.

"I've fought champions in all parts of the world and Foreman hits harder than any of them," said Sekorski, a journeyman from St. Paul, Minn., who fell to 20-8.

Sekorski, 209, was the first opponent in Foreman's comeback to actually try to give the former champion a fight, and he refused to go down, even under a relentless barrage of head shots in the final round.

Sekorski, whose biggest victory was a knockout of a bloated Leon Spinks in August 1986, managed to land a few right hands of his own in the second round although it was clear from the beginning that he was badly outmatched.

"Joe Frazier didn't give me as tough a fight as that," Foreman said, referring to his second-round knockout of Frazier to win the heavyweight title nearly 15 years ago.

Foreman, who earned $10,000 for the fight, looked relaxed and comfortable in the ring before a sellout crowd of 2,500 at Bally's hotel and casino and an ESPN television audience.

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Today's people are healthier

DEAR DR. GOTT — In our area, it seems people are getting sicker in the winter and staying sicker longer than they did in the past, with more severe illnesses. My husband is a pharmacist, and our theory is that the popularity of drugs to lessen symptoms is weakening the body's natural immunity. Do you have any theories about this?

DEAR READER — All I really have is theories. People are living longer and closer to each other and are more likely to ask for help than in the past. Many past illnesses — such as diphtheria, malaria, polio and hypertension — were more severe and caused early death. Now these diseases, and others like them, have been tamed. Therefore, people are more likely to suffer inconsequential ailments, such as flu, and a host of other afflictions that come with age. These folks are also more likely to ask a pharmacist for medicine than they would have years ago, when many families depended on folk remedies and home brews.

Your perception that more people are getting sick for longer periods may be in error. There are more people today, hence, more illness. Actually, most people are leading healthier, longer lives than ever before in history.

Unquestionably, drugs do have the potential to alter the body's immunity. Perhaps, as you suggest, this is a factor. However, my impression is that medicine is not the cause of the phenomenon you describe. I should add the obvious caveat: Drugs are not necessarily the answer to good health; we take too many and probably would be better off if we popped fewer pills.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My mom has tennis elbow. The doctors have given her cortisone shots but her arm still hurts constantly. She's tried using a heating pad, but that hasn't helped, either. What can she do?

DEAR READER — Tennis elbow is known medically as lateral humeral epicondylitis, an inflammation of the area where the elbow bones articulate. It is due to overuse (or misuse) of the elbow joint. It can be treated with anti-inflammatory pills (such as Butazolidin and Indocin) or with cortisone shots. Rest is vital. In difficult cases, physiotherapy (using heat, exercises and ultrasound) is usually successful.

If your mother's elbow continues to hurt her, I suggest that she ask her doctor for a referral to an orthopedic specialist, who will be able to offer her suggestions and supervise a program in physiotherapy.

House calls are outmoded

This is the fifth article in a series of operational guidelines suggested by an imaginary business consultant to help a doctor manage his practice. The answers are not meant to be taken literally.

A quiz designed to test the physician's self-assessment of house calls:

A physician can most appropriately take care of house calls by:

(a) agreeing to see only the truly sick and infirm patients at home.

(b) refusing to make house calls.

(c) sending ill patients to the hospital emergency room.

(d) seeing all patients in the home.

ANSWERS:

(a) Incorrect. It is wrong and unfair to encourage some patients to believe they are "special" or require extra attention and care. Although the federal government has clearly delineated a group of "have" diseases (example: chronic renal failure) as opposed to the "have-not" diseases, the practicing physician has an obligation to maintain a policy of equality. The concept of "privilege" has no more a place among the sick than it does in government or the business world. Those patients who believe they require home care can best be managed by visiting nurses or other deliverers of health services.

(b) Correct. The physician's ability to provide care is hampered in the home. He does not have available necessary electronic equipment or laboratory facilities. He must resort to so-called "bedside diagnosis," an old-fashioned and totally outmoded notion that has successfully been relegated to the same category as the application of leeches. The patient who is called upon at home is being deprived of his constitutional right to scientifically impersonal, machine-oriented care in a government-subsidized, state-regulated, germ-free hospital.

(c) Correct. The financially precarious position of most hospitals mandates that their emergency suites be constantly utilized. Since most walk-in patients are destitute and, therefore, have no private physicians, it is the job of every responsible doctor to refer his sick patients — who are usually adequately insured — to the emergency room. Preferably, the trip should be made by ambulance so that emergency medical personnel can feel needed and useful.

In addition, by using ambulance services, the physician is guaranteeing much-needed jobs in the health-care system.

Furthermore, when house-call patients are taken to the emergency room, the hospital staff has greater opportunity to experiment with skills that may be put to better use in the future. This is a well-documented method of continuing medical education for interns, nurses and full-time hospital physicians.

Finally, the inconvenience to the patient in getting to the hospital has therapeutic benefit. Many sick people believe that if medical care is easily available, it is not worth having. This concept explains, in part, why medical care is in such demand in low-income areas: It is hard to obtain, so becomes that much more desirable.

(d) Incorrect. This type of physician is not engaging in office practice and, as a result, is out of the mainstream of medical care.

Send your questions to Dr. Gott in care of this newspaper at P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Due to volume of mail, individual questions cannot be answered. Questions of general interest will be answered in future columns.

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EAST PLAY–East second and fourth graders presented "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies" recently. Second graders in photo one are: Jackie Beck, Kyle Beck, Jack Briseno, Melissa Free, David Garcia, D. J. Garcia, Rachel Garcia, Eric Hernandez, Greg Herrera, Marissa Huffman, Kristen Tolek, Pete Olivarez, Christopher Riggins, Stacey Robertson, Christy Tankersley, Jacob Tovar, Benita Ubando, Shannon Richards, Shanna Fisk, Monica Harlan, Jessica Hernandez, Kacy Hooker, A. J. Jones, Troy May, Jocelyn Pinkerton, Griselda Sanchez, Lori Sanders, Christina Sauceda, Thad Sharp, Jason Singleton, Mikella Tidewell, Janette Waltz, Marissa Wilson, Jeri Ann Brown, Veronica Hermosillo, Angela Berkley, Jennifer Bigham, Landon Bowers, Angie Breuer, Cory Chesser, Brady Collier, Josue Coronado, Matt Davis, Traci Eicke, Chris Fuentes, Lolitta Garvin, Amy Hernandez, Michael Hornsberger, Ray Jasso, Jerrod Rinehart, Olga Rubio, Tony Scott, Cecilio Valdez, and Bo Whitehead. The fourth graders in photo two are Dena Atkinson, Wayne Braziel, Cory Botts, Frank Esparza, Brad Hinton, Trevor Kleindel, Nicole Lawrence, Mat Powell, Sergio Pena, Marlow Riggins, Rita Rubio, Scott Stout, Cathy Tatlock, Tonya Terry, Lisa Thamez, Miranda Wilson, Ray Wright, Lena Atkinson, Kelly Beck, Will Collier, Eric Davis, Melissa Davis, Jennifer Gordon, Christie Hancock, Erica Hernandez, Casey Irwin, Lisa Johnson, Rayna Kellams, Andy Layva, Chris Macky, Bridget Moore, Jannica Northerns, William Smith, Tommy Torres, Scott Upton, Bunni Welsh and Krissie Guynes. The teachers are Kristi Reneau, June Holcomb, Becky Lewis, Mary Ann Masters, Karen Ensor, and Donna Smith. (SDN Staff Photos)

Prosecutor critical of Reagan response to Deaver conviction

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's expression of sorrow over the perjury conviction of his former aide Michael K. Deaver sent the wrong message to Americans about justice, prosecutor Whitney North Seymour Jr. said Friday.

"I think he really let the country down," Seymour said of Reagan's statement after a jury convicted Deaver of lying under oath about his lobbying business.

The independent counsel's remarks Friday on the CBS program "This Morning" and other comments Thursday night on the "MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour," were attacked by presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater as "sanctimonious and self-righteous."

In letters to Congress, meanwhile, Seymour said his investigation of Deaver encountered loopholes that make "essentially unenforceable" the law restricting lobbying by former government officials.

Former officials advised by "any moderately competent lawyer," Seymour said, can "carry on a lucrative lobbying business involving otherwise highly questionable contacts with his former agency without any significant interference" from the Ethics in Government Act.

Seymour, who has accused the administration of being indifferent to ethics, said Reagan's comment following the verdict on Wednesday "was not the right message for the American people."

"He should have either kept it shut about his views, or at least said something about the fact that the jury system shows that this is still a country where everyone is treated the same," Seymour said Thursday night on the MacNeil-Lehrer program.

On the CBS broadcast Friday, Seymour said the president's statement missed the point that "grand juries are the essence of the administration of justice and they've got to be respected and they've got to operate properly."

Following Deaver's conviction on Wednesday, Reagan issued a statement saying he and his wife, Nancy, were saddened by the verdict. "He has been a longtime friend, and has served with dedication," the president said.

At the White House, Fitzwater told reporters, "I find it outrageous that he would find it wrong for one friend to feel sorry for the hardships of another friend, and he is totally out of line."

Seymour's comments "are an insult to the people of Washington. They are an insult to government civil servants as well as political leaders throughout the country," the president's spokesman said.

Deaver was convicted of two counts of lying to a grand jury impaneled at his request to investigate allegations his lobbying violated federal conflict-of-interest laws.

IRA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1987

DATA CONTROL CODES		Governmental Fund Types: 10 General Fund	20/30/40 Special Revenue	50 Debt Service	60 Capital Projects	Totals Memorandum Only: 98 August 31, 1987	97 August 31, 1986
	REVENUES:						
5700	Local, Intermediate, Out of State	1,030,720	-	139,582	-	1,170,302	1,112,642
5800	State Program Revenues	51,157	-	-	-	51,157	65,048
5900	Federal Program Revenues (Note H)	12,618	11,255	-	-	23,873	17,005
5030	Total Revenues	1,094,495	11,255	139,582	0	1,245,332	1,194,695
	EXPENDITURES:						
0011	Instruction	496,398	7,437	-	-	503,835	506,865
0012	Instructional Computing	15,541	989	-	-	16,530	16,822
0022	Instructional Resrcs & Media Servs	10,286	-	-	-	10,286	13,299
0023	School Administration	24,201	-	-	-	24,201	41,777
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	424	-	-	-	424	815
0033	Health Services	65	-	-	-	65	81
0034	Pupil Transportation - Regular	14,395	-	-	-	14,395	21,847
0036	Co-curricular Activities	25,498	-	-	-	25,498	27,493
0037	Food Services	49,354	-	-	-	49,354	47,953
0041	General Administration	101,245	-	-	-	101,245	111,973
0042	Debt Service	500	-	141,925	-	142,425	148,475
0051	Plant Maintenance & Operations	101,276	-	-	-	101,276	102,046
0052	Facilities Acquisition & Operations	-	-	-	-	-	15,484
0072	Computer Processing	2,400	-	-	-	2,400	-
6050	Total Expenditures	841,583	8,426	141,925	0	991,934	1,054,930
	OTHER RESOURCES:						
5060	Other Resources	2,829	-	-	-	2,829	21,933
6060	Other (Uses)	-	(2,829)	-	-	(2,829)	(18,333)
7000	Total Other Resources (Uses)	2,829	(2,829)	0	0	0	3,600
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue/Resources over Expenditures/Uses	255,741	0	(2,343)	0	253,398	143,365
0100	Fund Balance - Sept 1 (Beginning)	692,808	0	15,257	0	708,065	564,700
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	948,549	0	12,914	0	961,463	708,065

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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Santa letters reveal needs

SKIT–Hermleigh eight grade language arts students under the SKIT–Hermleigh 8th grade language arts students under the Panhandle Christmas," adapted from Loula Grace Erdman's "The Wind Blows Free." Students pictured are from left, standing: Katrina Reynolds, Cris Jones, Renee Matthews and Rebecca Ramey. Those seated are Billy Breitweiser and Lance Price. Not pictured is Simon Mireles. (SDN Staff Photo)

CHICAGO (AP) — "Dear Santa, I am a single parent. I have a 10-year-old son. This year things are hard. I don't have a job. We need food also. Santa, I do believe in Christmas, but at times, reality hits real hard."

The letter from a Chicago woman is one of the 8,000 pleas for help addressed "Santa Claus, North Pole" expected to arrive this year at the Main Post Office. Many are put on display in the hope that somebody will help.

An increasing number of the pleas arrive each year from adults, said Darrow Andrews, the post office's communications managers.

Among those asking St. Nick for help are elderly people on fixed incomes needing food and clothing, single parents requesting toys or school supplies for their children and unemployed people seeking jobs.

"We thought a few years ago when we got some letters from adults that it was a unique thing," Andrews said. "Now, you have just as many adults writing as kids."

The flow of Santa letters has been steady since Dec. 1, with about 250 letters from needy people arriving daily, Tonie King, a post office supervisor, said Friday.

The letters are sorted by the number of children in a family, and many are displayed on a table for people interesting in helping, Ms. King said.

Among the letters was one written on cardboard cut from a shoe box: "My husband died and I need a job to help my family. I've been good this year. I am a cook. Signed, Pearlie."

Another — from "Denise" — requested nothing for herself but asked Santa to bring her parents a gift.

High school sophomore Dinita Storball also wrote, saying she, her mother and brother live on $308 per month in welfare money and that she needs a sewing machine "so I can make us some clothes."

"My little brother ... needs books to read to help him learn more in school," she wrote.

A prisoner wrote asking for toothpaste, a toothbrush and other toilet articles but said he wanted "no dope and no cigarettes."

Ms. King said part of her job is separating the letters from the truly needy from those she considers "greedy."

Typical of letters sent to the "greedy" pile is one from a little girl who listed 21 items with the prices for each.

"Please buy me all and the same for my sister because my mother don't have that much money," the letter said.

Ms. King said the Santa letter program began about 20 years ago when postal workers began fulfilling Christmas wishes from letters that accumulated at the "dead-letter office."

"Do I like it?" she said, laughing. "Santa Claus is alive and well, but his helper is sinking fast. I'm tired."

Large star on mountain is popular El Paso attraction

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Star light, star bright, what are your dimensions tonight?

They're 278 feet wide and 459 feet high, big enough to be seen from afar in the sky.

Pilots have reported being able to see the five-pointed star on the east side of Franklin Mountain from 100 miles away on a clear night. It can be seen from 30 miles away on the ground.

The star, outlined by 459 150-watt light bulbs strung about 15 feet above the mountainside, has been an annual Christmas tradition for at least the past 41 years.

El Paso Electric Co. has been in charge of putting up the massive star every year beginning in 1946. No one remembers who put up the first 50-foot-wide star outlined in lights in 1940, or why the star design was chosen, said El Paso Electric spokesman Ken Perry.

"It (the first star) could barely be seen," Perry said.

Controversy exists over whether the star overlooking Fort Bliss was lighted during World War II. It was enlarged to roughly its current size in 1946.

SIXTH GRADE OFFICERS–Hermleigh sixth grade officers are from left, standing: Chris Lambaren, president; Sherri Sandefur, vice president; and Freddie Martinez, secretary. Calvin Butler, treasurer, is seated. (SDN Staff Photo)

Britain's naval hero, Lord Nelson, was born in 1758.

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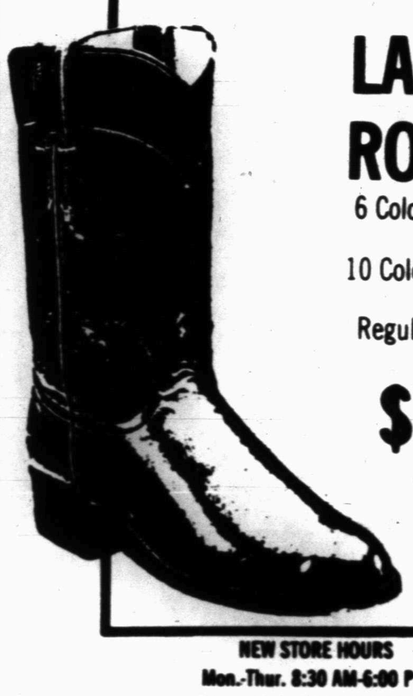
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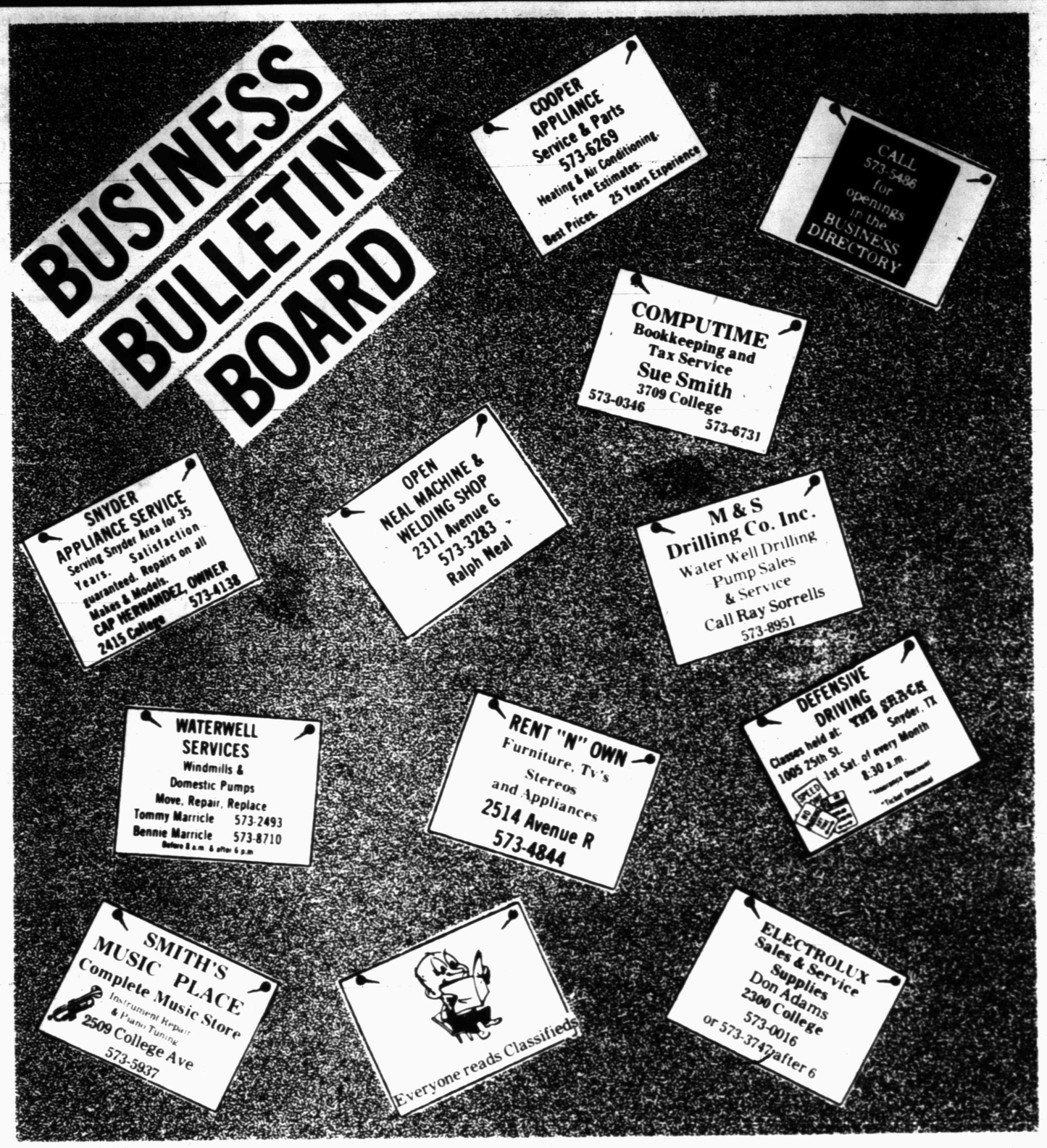

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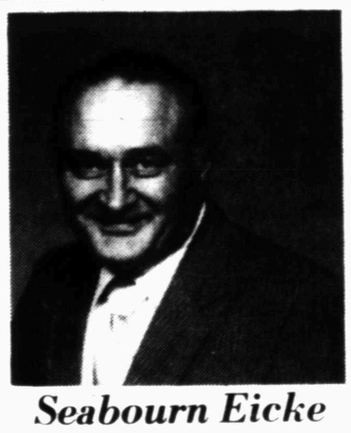

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to the ladies who served the meal,
for all the help and offers of help,
for the beautiful memorial service of our beloved Husband and Father,
for the singing, the comments, the prayers and words of encouragement, the pall bearers and honorary pall bearers,
for all who came by the house, the funeral home and to the memorial services.
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Bush says memo won't hurt

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Vice President George Bush says a White House memo linking him to the Iran-Contra affair won't harm his presidential campaign, because people "want to look forward."

"I've never felt stronger politically, and I think people are looking ahead," Bush said Friday at an impromptu Statehouse news conference. Moments after speaking to the media, Bush became the last major announced candidate to file for New Hampshire's earliest presidential primary.

"Any corrections that needed to be made have been made a year-and-a-half ago," he said. "People are smart. They don't want to be dwelling in the past all the time. ... They want to look forward and solve the problems that are facing our country."

During appearances in New Hampshire, Bush was asked repeatedly to explain his position on the Iran deal following the release of the memo by congressional committees that investigated the affair.

The memo, written Feb. 1, 1986, by then-National Security Adviser John M. Poindexter and released Thursday by the Senate Iran-Contra Committee, indicated Poindexter believed that sales of weapons to Iran could help bring about the release of some Americans held in Lebanon.

Reagan's top advisers were divided on the issue. Poindexter wrote.

Obituaries

Frances Williams

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Pyron Cemetery for Mrs. Jim (Frances) Williams, a former Scurry County resident, who died Friday in an Alamogordo, N.M. hospital.

Mrs. Williams, 66, was born Feb. 11, 1921 in Hermleigh. She was a long-time resident of Alamogordo and was a bank teller. Her parents, both deceased, were Scott and Blanche Patterson.

She married Charles W. Williams on March 14, 1958 in Tularosa. He survives.

Other survivors include one step-daughter, Mary Williams of Manhattan Beach, Calif.; one son, Pat McCracken of Lovington; three step-sons, Charles L. Williams of Alamogordo, James T. Williams of Long Beach, Calif., and Michael N. Williams of Redondo Beach, Calif.; one brother, Ted Patterson of Denver, Colo.; and nine grandchildren.

Lawrence McNew

SEMINOLE--Services for Lawrence L. McNew, 82, are set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Westside Church of Christ with burial to follow in the Gaines County Cemetery.

A resident of Carlsbad, N. M., he was the father of Jerry McNew of Snyder.

McNew died Thursday afternoon in Carlsbad's Guadalupe Medical Center. He had lived in Seminole 45 years before moving to New Mexico.

He married Ruby Greenwood on Sept. 26, 1929 in Lamesa. She died in 1983. A son, Dale, died in 1979. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three other sons, John McNew of New Deal, Charles McNew of Carlsbad and Denton McNew of Giddings; one daughter, Laverne Carson of Wolfforth; a brother, John McNew of Alamogordo, N. M.; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Drink-related arrests noted

Police made a number of drinking-related arrests Friday night and early Saturday, including several for DWI.

A 47-year-old woman was taken into custody for DWI at 8:30 p.m. Friday in the 1900 Block of Ave. T, and her 55-year-old male companion was arrested for public intoxication.

A 25-year-old man was arrested for DWI at 11:50 p.m. in the 1600 Block of 37th St.

An 18-year-old man was arrested for DWI at 12:55 a.m. Saturday on Cogdell Blvd. and was later released after passing the Intoxilizer test.

A 28-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 12:11 a.m. in the 600 Block of the East Highway.

A 19-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 2:41 a.m. in the 3400 Block of College Ave., and a 19-year-old man was arrested for DWI from the same vehicle but was released after passing the breath alcohol content test.

Grass burn noted

Firemen answered a grass fire call at 11:48 a.m. Friday to Ave. A and 24th St. but found upon their arrival that it was instead a controlled trash burn, a department spokesman reported.

Plea has 15-year sentence

A 37-year-old Snyder man has been sentenced to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexual assault of a child.

Jesse M. Salazar of 1711 13th St. entered the plea before District Judge Gene Dulaney in connection with a Sept. 11 incident involving a 16-year-old girl.

Mary Olivarez, 32, of 2009 Ave. N pleaded guilty to arson in connection with a Dec. 2 fire in a vacant house at 706 15th St. and was given a three-year probated term.

Vehicle towed after mishap

One vehicle had to be towed from the scene of a two-vehicle accident that was reported at 4:38 p.m. Friday in the 1500 Block of 11th St.

Neither driver was seriously injured, however.

A 1980 Ford driven by Tommy Franklin McBroom of Rt. 2, Box 173, was in collision with a 1974 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Kay Guthrie Hendricks of 607 Ave. T.

The Suburban had to be towed, police said.

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3-2-2 BRICK- almost new, 3302 Irving St., $81,500.
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Farm credit bill clears house

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved today up to $4 billion in federally guaranteed bonds to bail out the Farm Credit System and sent the bill to President Reagan amid reports that he might sign the measure.

The vote was 85-2 in favor of the bill with Sens. Jake Garn, R-Utah, and William Proxmire, D-Wis., voting against the measure.

"I've received the welcome news that it is very likely that the president will approve this legislation and sign it into law," Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., said as the Senate prepared to vote.

Boren added that the White House continues to have concerns about some of the bill's provisions.

Action on the measure accelerated two weeks ago after longstanding troubles at the system's Federal Land Bank in Jackson, Miss., worsened. Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., warned the Senate today that the institution "faces a situation which could be very devastating to many borrowers, many investors and those who depend on the Farm Credit System."

"Without this legislation, we face the the possibilty of financial disaster in the Farm Belt," Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., told lawmakers.

"The financial integrity of $50 billion in Farm Credit System bonds is going to be at risk" and that "could be devastating to confidence in our economy at this critical time," Leahy said.

Unlike most banks, the Farm Credit System has no depositors but instead sells bonds to raise money to lend to farmers, ranchers and other agribusiness.

Long-term system borrowing at high interest rates combined with the financial devastation that hit many farmers in the early 1980s are being blamed for much of the plight of the nation's largest agricultural lender.

Besides providing aid for the system, the legislation contains features that would streamline it with a series of mergers and ease the way for some of the farmers who are still struggling to dig out of debt.

The Senate took final action a day after the House passed the measure 365-18.

United Way has 100 percent goal

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cluded Rudy and April Hinojos, Robert H. Watlington, Irene Smith, Stanley L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Church, Mary E. Vestal-Thomas, Warren B. Leech, Ross Carroll Jr., Sam Joyce, L.L. Lewis, Lora Heard, Marian Stansell, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Self, Nelson Littell, Dean Brown, Rod Waller, Ruth Martin, Joe Sentell, Geraldine Hightower, Annette Mulkey, Skipper Joyce, Mrs. Vernett Slater, George and Shirley Stewart, Howard Hogue, Arthur and Evelyn Duff, Miss Nettie Faye Gardner and Marietta Scurry Ransone.

At Friday's meeting, a special thanks was extended also to firms which made "100 percent" donations to this year's campaign--indicating all employees of the firm contributed to United Way.

Included in this list were two school campuses, West Elementary and Snyder Junior High.

Public entities also made the "100 percent" list to include staffers with the Boys Club, the Scurry County Library, the county auditor's office, the justice of the peace office in the courthouse, the Texas Employment Commission, the Scurry County Appraisal District and the Scurry County Coliseum.

Many local businesses were also "100 percent" to include TUElectric, Snyder Daily News, N.L. McCullough, Reef Chemical, Price Brothers of Snyder, Ezell-Key Grain Company, Anderson and West, McCormick Phillips 66, Jerry Vestal & Company, Lone Star Gas, Landes Home Furnishings, Howard Gray Motors, Moore's Exxon, Snyder Drug, Snyder Insurance, Louise's Coffee Shop, Eckerd Drug and Amerian State Bank.

United Way directors who served as division chairmen for the 1987 United Way campaign were:

—Pacesetters: Jack Gorman, Mike Banta, Donny Brown and Ralph Williamson.

—Special Contributions: Rex Robinson.

—Oil and Industry: Bill Jacobi, Burt Robbins and Rodger Sullenger.

—Royalty Owners: Lyle Deffebach.

—Commercial: Blanche Chisum, Art Feinsod, Barbara Figueredo, Perry Westmoreland, Bob Lang and Jeff Lowrance.

—Professional: Lee McNair, Bid Cooper and Bill Moss.

—Public Employees: Jeanne Johnson, Fran Farmer and L.E. (Doc) Griffin.

—Rural: Jay Martin, Ira and Dunn; Glen Butler, Hermleigh; and Don Farmer, Fluvanna.

—National: Eddie Johnson.

The amounts to be distributed among the nine United Way agencies during 1988 are: Boys Club, $27,500; Noah Project, $11,000; Snyder Child Day Care Center, $10,000; Boy Scouts, $9,500; Girl Scouts, $9,500; Oil Patch Foster Parents, $4,060; Red Cross, $1,775; Salvation Army, $1,335; and West Texas Rehab Center, $445.

United Way also budgeted to itself $4,885 as campaign expenses.

Snyder ISD to gain 'district'

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single member district, but its number will change from District 4 to District 5.

When the Snyder single member district agreement was finalized last March, the Midland case was still pending with the Fifth Circuit court of appeals.

Since school board members were aware of the case, a contingency plan involving how the entire school district would be divided into five single member districts was agreed to.

Under this plan, District 1--which involves the area surrounding the Central Elementary campus--will increase to a minority population estimated at 60 percent. The highest percentage for the remaining four will be 23 percent.

Cotton proving 'bale an acre'

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in the rare range of two bales to the acre.

The highest bale count reported Friday was at the Inadale Co-op, which also gins Mitchell County cotton.

Inadale manager Martin Ferris reported 13,100 bales ginned with an expected final total of 20,000.

Linda Cline, office manager at Farmers Co-op on the Roby Highway east of Snyder, said 12,469 have been turned out there with an expected 1,600 to go.

"The snow slowed us down a little because we have to dry it out," she said, adding that the recent inclement weather has slowed them to about half-speed.

Barbara Sutton at Paymaster Gin on the Lamesa Highway in west Snyder reported 6,418 bales ginned with 2,500 to 2,800 more to be done.

"Wet, wet, wet," was her comment. "The price has been up the last two days to about 58 cents a pound. It had been down to 52 and 53, so everybody feels better about that."

Hazel Smith at Dunn Gin said 4,600 bales have been ginned there and that the total should reach 5,100 or 5,200.

A spokeswoman for Ira Gin said 4,100 bales have been processed and another 2,000 are expected.

Fluvanna Gin bookkeeper Nita Caraway said the bale count there was up to 4,635 and that another 900 should finish the season.

Linda Roemisch at Hermleigh Gin said the count stood at 2,978 and that about 75 more bales should complete the task there.

Council approves building transfer

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part of the $1 million-plus raised here within the past few weeks by local supporters of the prison plan.

The action by the council Friday was to authorize the mayor to sign contracts conveying the building back to the Industrial Foundation. In effect, the foundation was excercising its option to purchase the building.

The building will now be donated to TDC.

With Friday's vote, Joe Fowler, who also serves as president of the Industrial Foundation here, abstained. All other council members voted for the measure to include Paul Zeck, Fred Castillo, Ralph Williamson, Mike Post and John Johnson.

Danish tanker is attacked in Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iran's Revolutionary Guards twice attacked a Danish supertanker in the Persian Gulf today and the vessel's captain appealed for help from foreign warships, maritime salvage executives reported.

There was no immediate indication that any of the U.S. and European warships patrolling the gulf intervened to protect the 337,700-ton Karama Maersk.

But a spokesman for the owners, A.P. Moeller Shipping Co., said in Copenhagen that U.S. warships later escorted the tanker through the Strait of Hormuz, the southern gateway to the gulf. He did not identify the U.S. Navy vessels.

The executives noted earlier that the tanker had continued its voyage southward down the waterway toward Hormuz without assistance.

The owners said the Karama Maersk suffered no casualties among the 21-man crew in the attacks, launched 20 minutes apart. The sources said the Iranians' aim apparently was to create panic rather than hit the vessel.

"They were clearly out to terrorize this time, apparently firing at random around the vessel more than at it," one source said. "The hull of the vessel was slightly damaged but it proceeded, and there was no fire or injuries."

The tanker was laden with Saudi Arabian oil, which shipping sources said was destined for the United States.

A.P. Moeller spokesman Palle Genckel told The Associated Press in Copenhagen that the company was considering calling on the Danish government to send warships to the gulf to protect Danish merchant ships.

U.S. warships usually only escort U.S.-flagged vessels to protect them against Iranian attack in the so-called "tanker war," an offshoot of the 7-year-old Iran-Iraq conflict.

Shipping executives reported Friday that the U.S. Navy had deviated from this policy for the first time by escorting the Norwegian tanker Happy Kari through Hormuz after it had been attacked by the Iranians.

The Pentagon, which denied that report, has made no comment yet on the Danish company's statement.

Tehran accuses Saudi Arabia and Kuwait of aiding Iraq's war effort and frequently retaliates for Iraqi air strikes on its tankers by attacking tankers carrying Saudi or Kuwaiti oil.

Shipping executives who spoke on condition of anonymity said the gunboats that attacked the Happy Kari fired nine rocket-propelled grenades, starting a small fire in the vessel's bunker fuel tank and forcing it to flee the gulf through the Strait of Hormuz.

They said the tanker was joined in its exit by two U.S. ships.

Associated Press photographer Greg English, flying in a chartered helicopter, saw the guided-missile frigate USS Gallery escorting what he said was a tanker.

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Scurry County Folks...

By Shirley A. Gorman

Recently a group of junior high students in Darlene Beard's home and family living class experienced the joys and tribulations of motherhood as they either gave "birth" to or "adopted" baby guppies.

The assignment included 24-hour care of the "babies" for seven days.

The students prepared cribs out of butter dishes and eagerly awaited the arrival of their little ones. Kellye Starnes, counselor, donned a doctor's smock and delivered the baby guppies one day at class. From then on the students were on their own.

Some took their new role as mother very seriously, making things for their "baby" or "babies." The guppies were also named. "Baby" presents were also received from members of the student's family.

On the eve of the day one of the project, students began by telling their parents that they would become grandparents the next day. Some gave "birth" to their babies and made birth certificates announcing the new arrival. Others "adopted" and drew up adoption papers.

For the next seven days students had to go everywhere and do everything with their baby guppies. They could hire baby sitters, but if anything happened to their guppies because of a negligent baby sitter then the mother was tried for child abuse. If a guppy died then the mother was also put on trial.

Students acted out the parts of prosecutor, judge and jury and they assessed the punishment for each offense. Mrs. Beard had to approve all punishments before they became official.

Guppies required lots of care. The water had to be changed every day and it had to set for 24 hours before it could be used. They also had to be fed every day.

One student was tried for "murder" when she lost a guppy down the drain while she was changing the water. Her punishment was to write "I love the muppet babies" 75 times. Other sentences involved staying after school or having a late lunch.

In all, there were five "murder" trials and four trials for "child abuse."

One student left her guppies in the gym overnight and they were kidnapped by the gym teachers and held for ransom. Another left hers on the school bus overnight.

The trials were made as authentic as possible. Students could call witnesses and if a witness could not appear then they were allowed to give a deposition. Students drew lots to determine the position they would have during the trial.

There were also cases of careless baby sitters. One dropped the guppies in the hall and made no effort to pick them up. As the trials were conducted some students were judged guilty and sentenced and others were found innocent.

"I tried to be flexible with this assignment," Beard explained. "The students could get as involved as they wanted to. The more involved they became the more they learned."

Beard has been using guppies to simulate maternal responsibilities for about six or seven years. She started out using eggs but she said eggs are too easily replaced by the students and besides you cannot kill an egg through carelessness or neglect. Guppies are just more life like, she said.

"I work real hard to come up with something different," Beard said. "I can't force anyone to learn but the potential is there if they want to utilize it."

Guppies are not the only live creatures which Beard and her homemaking students experiment with. They are also currently conducting a nutrition experiment with several rats. One group is fed a diet consisting of the basic four food groups and the other set is fed the same diet, but minus milk and with candy and butter added.

They have had the rats for four weeks and will keep them for about six weeks in all. The rats fed the improper diet will get rust spots on their tails, lose their hair and what remains will turn yellow. They will lose weight and their nervous systems will begin to be affected. At this point, when the students can begin to see the results of their experiment, Beard says she stops the project because she does not want the rats to die. Indeed, she said they all become very attached to them. When the experiment is completed, then a drawing is held to see who gets to take home the rats, she explained.

Other class projects include barbecuing outside with students from the foods class, a fire safety program in which students actually have to put out a controlled fire and making stuffed animals in the clothing class.

Other things they do is simulate what it is like to be old. Beard said the girls will talk with a ping pong in their mouth to simulate what having a stroke is like. They will also put on bulky gloves and try to thread a needle.

"I keep a suggestion box for the girls to use and sometimes they come up with some real good ideas," Beard explained. She admits that other ideas come to her when she has trouble sleeping at night.

Beard said she feels fortunate that Snyder has a junior high homemaking program since the state does not recognize that curriculum on the junior high level.

Beard has taught homemaking at Snyder Junior High for the past 14 years. She is a Snyder native and is married to Jerry Beard who is an engineer technician for the highway department. They have two children, Jennifer, 12, and Jeremy, 9.

Beard earned her degree at Texas Tech University. Originally she had planned to become a home demonstration agent, but since you cannot become an agent in the county you grow up in and since she knew she planned on returning to Scurry County she said she switched to teaching instead.

"I have enjoyed teaching and I really enjoy the kids. My door is always open to them. They can come to me anytime with their problems."

The girls who took part in the guppies experiment became very involved with their charges and all say they learned a lot.

Shannon Hicks named her twins, James Curt and Justin Cade. She was the first "mother" tried because she lost one of hers down the drain.

"I learned that I had to take them with me wherever I went. It was not much fun, almost as bad as having kids. Parents can't go wherever they want to go.

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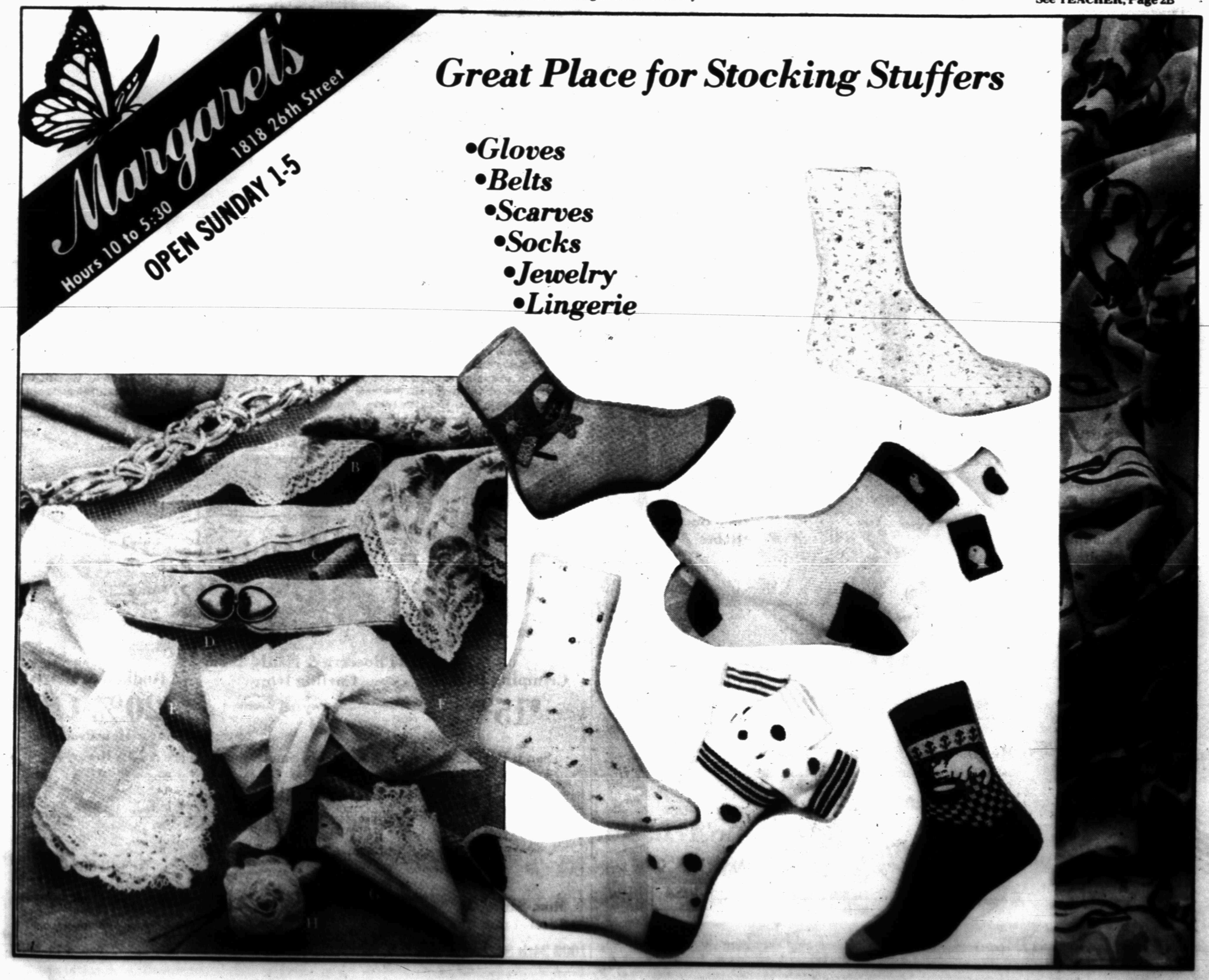
UNUSUAL PROJECTS–Mrs. Darlene Beard, who teaches homemaking at the junior high level, loves to challenge her students by coming up with different and unusual class assignments. Recently they treated baby guppies as real live babies for a week and conducted a nutrition experiment with live rats. (SDN Staff Photo)



Teacher introduces class to 'motherhood'

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It's a responsibility."

Shahala Rudloff had twins, Mechelle and Mecheal. "It was fun and I learned that it would be hard to care for real babies."

Cynthia Luna named her twins, Roy and Rachel. She called the experiment "fun" and as of Dec. 3 her guppies were still alive at home. She took them to lunch with her and anywhere she went. "It's hard to have kids," she said. "It's a bunch of responsibility."

Shawna Stipe chose Tritnity and Christopher as the names for her babies. "It was a real neat experience and I got to realize what our parents go through. You can't always go where you want to go and do what you want to do when you have a baby."

Melanie Carpenter's twins were named Andrea Nicole and Jared Anthony. "The most problem I had was keeping up with them. I left them in the gym overnight and the three coaches kidnapped tham and held them for ransom. I had to make them brownies before I could get them back. I learned that when I have kids I will try to be more responsible."

Barbara Beck's twins were Garron Reed and Neal Wayne. She said she never got to do all the things she wanted to do and she had a little trouble finding baby sitters. She finally settled on two she trusted. "I learned I am not ready to have kids at my age. They are hard to keep."

LeeAnn Owens named her triplets Stephanie Ann, Wanda Marie and Leigh Rein. "It was okay but after a while it got boring," she said. She also had some mishaps as one disappeared and one was knocked over in the gym. She got two more to take their place. She was tried for her negligence. "I learned you need to take them with you wherever you go. It's a big responsibility to have kids."

Jennifer Beard's twins were Jamie and Jessica. "I took them out to eat one time and I thought it was embarrassing," she said. Since both died she also was put on trial. "I learned that it is hard to take care of a baby when you are in school."

Tina Leatherwood's baby was named Jeffery Lynn. She took him outside with her and played games with him. "I learned it is a big responsibility to have a baby around the house."

Priscilla Suarz's Lacey Obua was still alive as of Dec. 8. She made a basket for her and her relatives brought her charge some fish toys. She hired two baby sitters and took her guppy with her to church and to the football game. "I learned it won't be easy to care for a real human being. Taking care of a baby is a big responsibility."

Connie Salazar named her twins Jennifer and Jessica. One died a "crib death" and she was tried for that mishap. She took hers walking and to the park. "I learned how to take care of a baby."

Christy Smith had twins, Christine and Robert. One night she hired a baby sitter so she could go to the show. Another time she had her babies with her when she watched HBO with friends and spent the night at a friend's house. She forgot one and left it alone for four hours and the other one died the night before the class assignment was to end. "I learned that when parents first have a baby they can get excited and forget it."

Chris Rumpff took Jessica with her to school every day and to a church group meeting one Saturday. "I learned I am too young to

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SPECIAL DELIVERY–Kellye Starnes, counselor at Snyder Junior High School, recently donned a doctor's smock and delivered baby guppies to Darlene Beard's home and family living class. The students cared for the guppies for a week just as if they were real live newborns. (SDN Staff Photo)

MOTHERS FOR A WEEK–These Snyder seventh and eighth graders recently were "mothers" for a week when they cared for baby guppies just as if they were newborn babes. It was all part of a home and family living class project taught by Darlene Beard which acquainted the students with the responsibilities of motherhood. Students in the back row are from left, Shannon Hicks, Shahala Rudloff, Cynthia Luna, Shawna Stipe, Melanie Carpenter, Barbara Beck, and Jennifer Beard; middle row: Leeann Owens, Tina Leatherwood, Priscilla Suarez, Connie Salazar, Christy Smith, Jodi Rinehart, and Nancy Espinoza; front row: Chris Rumpff, Debbi Jones, Danielle Vernon, Carly Jenkins, and Amy Crumpton. Not pictured is Mary Jane Guerrero. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Hints for purchasing new carpeting

NEW YORK (AP) — If you need to buy a carpet for your home, here are some tips from Homeowner magazine to help you get the best value for your money.

— Compare samples of fabrics and paint chips with the carpet, under both natural and artificial light.

— Ask to see written warranties for carpets you are considering and read them.

— Good quality cushion or padding is important to the life of a carpet. Possibilities include felt, cellular rubber and urethane foam. Your padding should meet the requirements of the Carpet Cushion Council.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Noah Project support group for victims of family violence; 3:45 p.m.; for more information, call 573-1822.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

American Cancer Society board meeting; Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room; all board members urged to attend; 5 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

VFW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (or other dysfunctional families); 3781 Highland; 8 p.m.; for more information, call 573-8730.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time at players convenience.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th St.; for more information, call Peggy at 573-9000.

Dance lessons, country-western; VFW Hall; $2.50 per lesson; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101.

WEDNESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominoes; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

Scurry County Museum, Western Texas College, open from 1-4 p.m.

Hermleigh ISD Menu

BREAKFAST
MONDAY

Juice
Cinnamon Toast
Milk

TUESDAY

Fruit
Dry Cereal
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY

Corn Dogs
French Fries
Carrot Sticks
Apple Wedges
Milk

TUESDAY

Bologna Sandwiches
Relish Cup
Potato Chips
Orange Slices
Milk

Students become 'mothers'

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have a baby. I learned how to care for a baby and that it is hard to get a baby sitter."

Debbi Jones' Jessica and Elizabeth helped her with her homework, watched TV with her and went to visit grandmother. They also stayed with her mother overnight while she attended a lock-in. "I learned that a real baby is hard to care for. You have to get up at night and pay a baby sitter. It's expensive to care for a baby."

Danielle Vernon named her baby Cody James Jr. She decorated his container. "He was a problem because he was in the way all the time. But other times he was okay. I learned that babies do take a lot of care. You have to be sure and give them the care they need so they don't die."

Carly Jenkins named her twins, Tonya Michelle and Bryant Thomas. She took them for walks and to church and school. "I learned I'm not ready to have children and when I am married I don't want twins."

Amy Crumpton's Nicole and Thomas went out to eat with her and went to the laundromat with her. They listened to the radio with her and she made them a special basket. Amy had some problems as the first two died and were replaced and then she left them on the bus. She was tried for her offenses. "I learned you have to take care of them always and you always have to know where they are."

Mary Jane Guerrero called hers Jana Lee and Daniel Lee. She put toys, colored rocks and shells in their basket. "I learned that having a baby is hard because it is hard to take care of. Right now is not the time for me to have a baby."

Jodi Rinehart named hers Anthony and Lacy. She made bonnets for them and a glass acquarium lid. She took them to the store. She was also put on trial for picking the wrong baby sitters. Her's dropped her charges and made no effort to pick them up. "I learned that babies aren't that easy to care for. They are a lot of responsibility and you get attached to them."

Births

Wesley and Susan Kruger wish to announce the birth of their son, Wesley Ross. He was born Nov. 16 in Ft. Worth and weighed seven pounds and one-half ounce. Grandparents are Durwood and Nelda Kruger of Hermleigh and Ray and Miriam Cochran of Snyder.

Doufu is the Chinese name for bean curd. It was invented in China and has been made there for about 2,000 years.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. L.D. "Buck" Logan will be honored with an open house Dec. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at their home on Pleasant Hill Road. The event will be hosted by their daughters, Kay Willis and Jane Spikes. (Private Photo)

Lots of water flows through oysters

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — About 4½ gallons of sea water pass through an oyster every hour, leaving behind the tiny organisms the oyster filters out for food.

An oyster's body is 83 percent water, so it is easy to understand how an oyster's taste is affected by the water it lies in.

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 12-19-87
♠ 5 4 2
♥ A 4 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ K 8 5 3

WEST
♠ K Q 10 8 6
♥ J 2
♦ J 7 4
♣ A J 4

EAST
♠ J 9 7
♥ 9 6
♦ K 10 5 3 2
♣ Q 10 6

SOUTH
♠ A 3
♥ K Q 10 8 7 5
♦ A 9
♣ 9 7 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

West	North	East	South
	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♥	2 ♠	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠ K

Second hand middle

By James Jacoby

As a general rule for defense, "second hand low" usually works well, but we've also seen many deals where second hand must grab a trick right away to get something else going. Here's an unusual deal where second hand must play the middle card to defeat the contract.

Declarer's four-heart contract was played in a world championship several years ago. Declarer ducked the opening lead. When spades were continued, he won the ace and immediately played the seven of clubs. West played low, a low card was played from dummy, and East won the 10. Back came a spade, ruffed by declarer, and another club was played. That established a long club trick to take care of the diamond loser when South eventually played K-Q and a heart to dummy's ace.

West could not have helped matters by rushing in with the club ace when the suit was first led. If he did that and switched to a diamond, declarer would play low from dummy, take East's 10 with his ace, and lead back the nine to set up the diamond queen for a club discard. But suppose West plays the club jack on the first club play. If allowed to hold that trick, he will play a diamond. If declarer wins West's jack of clubs with dummy's king and plays another club, West must overtake his partner's 10 to play a diamond. It's so easy when you can see all 52 cards.

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

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COUPLE CELEBRATES 50TH YEAR — The family of Rev. and Mrs. Abe Hester Jr. held a 50th wedding anniversary celebration recently at their home in Hermleigh. The Hesters were married Dec. 16, 1937. The event was hosted by the couple's children, Rev. and Mrs. Morris Pruit of New Home, Mr. and Mrs. John Hester of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Vogler of Lamesa. The Hesters also have six grandchildren. The couple served in churches in Oklahoma City, Okla., Hobart, Okla., Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Midland, Lamesa and Texhoma, Okla. They presently serve as interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Justiceburg. (Private Photo)

Town and Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
Extension Agent

ELDERS CAN GIVE SPECIAL GIFTS TO GRANDCHILDREN

The gift of family history and traditions is one of the most important that grandparents can pass on to their grandchildren at Christmas.

Children like to know where they came from and what happened in the family. A gift that gives that information can be especially valuable to a youngster.

Special ways to pass on traditions have been around for a long time.

Many grandparents make and give quilts designed with family handprints, names and birth dates. Others do needlework and samplers.

An album of family photographs is also a good way to preserve information by giving it to grandchildren.

One of the most appealing gifts is a personal book that grandparents write for their grandchildren. You can include information and stories about your own parents and grandparents, sisters, brothers and other relatives; where you were born and raised; games you played as children; school days and work experiences.

Grandchildren especially enjoy learning about the funny incidents and occasional trouble that their parents got into when they were young.

Bank books sold in department and book stores are ideal for this purpose. Writing may seem like an overwhelming task, but writing one page a day can fill a book quickly.

If you don't enjoy writing, you may want to electronically record family traditions.

A video or tape recorder makes creating oral histories easy. If you want to change a story, it can easily be erased and redone with the push of a button. Plus, some embarrassing, but wonderful, family stories may be easier to record than tell face-to-face.

William of Normandy landed in England Sept. 29, 1066, to promote and establish his claim to the English throne. Two weeks later, his forces defeated those of King Harold at the Battle of Hastings. The Normans quickly subdued Britain and William became the island's first foreign-born king.

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Diversified

By Marvin Ensor Extension Agent

Many cattle producers could benefit from the cotton crop produced during 1987. Cottonseed is an excellent protein and energy source for beef cattle.

Forage samples collected over the area show that most native grass ranges averaged from three to four percent crude protein from October until April. This means that a spring calving cow would need 3 lb. of supplemental crude protein and a fall calving cow nursing a calf would need 1 lb. of crude protein above that furnished by the pasture for optimal performance.

Whole cottonseed is 23% crude protein and 84% T.D.N. (a measure of energy) which makes it 15% higher in crude protein and 30-50% higher in T.D.N. than typical 20% protein range cubes. The extra energy in whole cottonseed is particularly helpful in successfully breeding and wintering fall calving cows. A spring calving cow would need approximately 1.3 lbs. of whole cottonseed per day and a fall calving cow would need 4.3 lbs. per day to meet their protein requirements.

Shown below is a table that compares protein and T.D.N. levels of typical protein supplements fed in the area. There will be some variance from these values depending upon the specific formulations used by individual feed manufacturing companies.

If protein is the most critical factor in a winter feeding program, supplements should be compared based upon the cost per unit of crude protein.

2,000 lb. per ton x 23% crude protein = 460 lb. of crude protein per ton of whole cottonseed.

If cottonseed sells for $85 per ton then the cost per lb. of protein is as follows: $85 per ton divided by 460 lb. = 18.48¢ per lb. of crude protein.

When comparing other supplements, the costs will depend upon the specific formulations of the supplements under consideration. The value of other nutrients contained in the supplements must also be considered such as vitamins, minerals, trace minerals, feed additives, etc. Other factors must be evaluated when considering cottonseed such as storage facilities since most cotton is harvested before winter feeding begins. The cottonseed stored in bulk will not handle as easily as supplemental feed purchased in sacks nor as conveniently as free choice liquid supplements.

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Cottonseed Meal	41	69
20% Natural Protein Cube	20	63
20% High Fiber Cube	20	56
32% Liquid (Molasses-Based)	32	45
30% Block	30	52
Alfalfa Hay	16	51

In 1970, a new translation of the Bible, known as the New American Bible, was made public by Roman Catholic authorities in New York. It was designed to replace the Douay version of the Bible, standard in English-speaking Roman Catholic churches for 220 years.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY — Hugh N. and Gladys Davis, formerly of Snyder, will be honored at a reception Dec. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Jal, N.M. Public Library. The couple's four children, born and raised in Snyder, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren will host the event. The presence of relatives and friends is the only gift requested. (Private Photo)

Scurry Library News and Views

FEATURED THIS WEEK

THE NEW SEASON. By George F. Will.

"It seems as if we just had a presidential election," writes George W. Will. This is a lively and good-natured book about a serious event that ought to be celebrated as the year's most entertaining and important spectacle — the 1988 presidential election.

In it, one of our leading political thinkers, columnists and television commentators has brought together a wealth of information about the political patterns of the recent past and suggests what can, and what cannot, be predicted about the near future.

NON-FICTION

"Worth Dying For: an account of the Philippine Revolution" by Lewis M. Simon.

"I Think I Don't Remember" by Art Buchwald.

"Basic Montessori: learning activities for under-fives" by David Gettman.

FICTION

"Undercover of Daylight by James W. HallTeam Yankee" by Harold Coyle.

"September Faces" by Seymour Epstein.

"Kataki" by Hank Searls.

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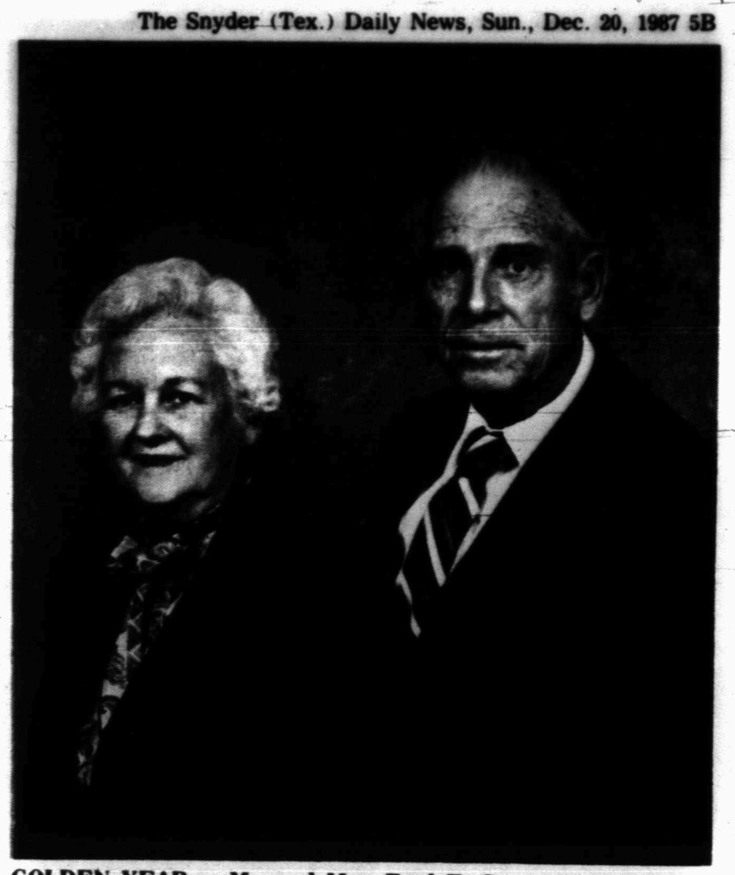

GOLDEN YEAR — Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Carson of Big Spring celebrated their 50th year together Dec. 13 with a family gathering in Snyder hosted by their daughter Charlotte and her husband, Tommy Hester. Other children are Anne Hays of Houston and Paul Carson of Snyder. Grandchildren are Jeff and Amy Carson of Snyder, Ron and Laura Hester of Brownfield and Mark and Connie Hester of Arlington. The couple met at a party in Hamlin in 1934 and were married Dec. 18, 1937 in Anson. They have resided in Hamlin, San Angelo and Big Spring during their marriage. They have eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. (Private Photo)

Office etiquette is getting attention

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Twenty or 30 years ago, office etiquette just wasn't important. But as more women entered the workplace, things changed. Now manners count in the office and beyond, says Beverly Cooper, president of the Etiquette Centre.

"After more than two decades of allowing rudeness to reign, today's executives and professionals, and those aspiring to join the senior ranks, have found that a neglected social education impedes career progress," Ms. Cooper said.

She said this rudeness came about because manners weren't taught in the home — or if they were, children didn't listen. The sit-down meal was passe and children were reared by the "fast food on the go method."

"So we have a whole new set of rules today," Ms. Cooper added. "A lot of rudeness many times is because people don't realize they are being rude. They don't know what the more appropriate behavior might be. A lot of them just simply don't know the rules. These people are in their 20s, 30s, maybe even 40s."

In today's competitive business world, the social graces are being taught because people just don't know them, she said.

"The little things add up," Ms. Cooper said. "Minor details make up the total person. There is a certain way to make a proper introduction and many people avoid making introductions simply because they don't know how to do it and they are uncomfortable.

"Nor do they know how to give a proper handshake or whether to stand when somebody enters the office," she added. "Just what is the rule now with women in the business world? Do men stand or don't they?"

In today's business world, introductions are genderless, she said, but they do depend on protocol.

"The more prominent person's name is spoken first," she said. "It is not necessarily the woman's name that is spoken first as in a social setting. Rules are pretty much the same where a woman's name is spoken first when making an introduction in the social world or an older person's name is spoken first."

The question of when to stand is more complicated in the business world.

"The rule is to remember that it is genderless," she said. "So a woman should rise to greet somebody (man or woman) just as if she were a man."

Rules also have changed for paying the bill when the meal is over.

"The person that did the inviting pays the bill. It's as simple as that. A man shouldn't feel like he has to pay if he has been invited by a woman. The women really have to be in control and take the check as soon as it arrives at the table," she said.

Ms. Cooper teaches people in her etiquette seminars to be more comfortable and more self-confident at social and business occasions.

"The most important thing is to make an introduction," she said. "We should on the first occasion use Mr. or Ms. or Mrs. A lot of older people especially are offended by people calling them on a first-name basis the first time they meet. You let that person say, 'Please call me Beverly,' or whatever the name might be. If you forget somebody's name, just be honest."

Table manners is another area Ms. Cooper emphasizes in her classes. She works on getting young business people to keep their elbows off the table through a practical dining session.

"One of the big questions with table manners is which knife and fork to use," she said. "People don't know the basic place settings or how to set a table. So if you don't know how to set a table, you wouldn't know which plate to use. Your salad plate and butter plate are always on the left and the drinking utensils are always on the right. With the silverware, you always start from the outside and work your way in."

One courtesy that seems to be dropping by the wayside among the younger generation is the RSVP. "I stress that an RSVP means to respond to an invitation within a week after it is received and preferably sooner," she said.

"We are finding that more people are beginning to send thank-you notes," Ms. Cooper noted. "Thanking people for gifts is an absolute requirement. That's another way of standing out, of giving yourself the edge."

Ms. Cooper suggests eliminating slang from the vocabulary. She also stresses speaking in complete sentences and using complete phrases.

Men and aerobics

NEW YORK (AP) — Men consider strengthening the cardiorespiratory system the most important reason for participating in aerobic dance, says the Reebok Aerobic Information Bureau.

A survey of 500 men rated improving flexibility and range of motion as the second best reason for doing aerobic dance.

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Miles Standish, the leader of the Pilgrim Fathers, died in 1658.

The British tested their first atomic bomb off the coast of Australia in 1952.

William Tyndale, the English translator of the Bible, was strangled and burned at the stake in 1536 by order of Emperor Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire.

FOOD GATHERED — Junior Girl Scout Troops 172, 221 and Brownie Troop 143 collected food recently to donate to the Noah Project. Troop leaders are Becky Bredemeyer, Linda Jones and Reatha Morris. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Carlucci's career made him millionaire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frank C. Carlucci, President Reagan's new secretary of defense, managed to become a millionaire during four years in private industry after leaving the administration in January 1983, financial disclosure reports show.

The 57-year-old Carlucci, sworn in as defense secretary on Nov. 23, currently is worth at least $1 million and perhaps as much as $2.24 million, the reports show.

A good portion of that net worth stems from a $753,722 "termination settlement" with Sears, Roebuck & Co. that Carlucci received when he stepped down as chairman and chief executive officer of Sears World Trade Inc.

That was in addition to his 1986 salary with Sears of $385,794 and $60,000 worth of fees paid by four other corporations and the American Stock Exchange for serving on their respective boards of directors.

Carlucci also earned an additional $71,000 to $198,600 in interest or dividends on investments during 1986 and 1987 combined.

Carlucci has spent almost his entire working life with the federal government. A career diplomat with the U.S. Foreign Service for much of that time, he has also served in such positions as deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget, under secretary of the old Department of Health, Education and Welfare and deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

In 1981, with the start of President Reagan's first term, Carlucci moved to the position of deputy secretary of defense, serving as the top aide to former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger. He remained in that job until January 1983, when he finally left government to join Sears.

Carlucci subsequently agreed to return to the administration last January as Reagan's national security advisor. He was asked by the president to replace Rear Adm. John M. Poindexter, who had resigned two months earlier in the wake of the Iran-Contra scandal.

He moved to the Pentagon last month upon Weinberger's retirement.

On May 10, 1982, in his last financial disclosure statement before leaving the Pentagon for private industry, Carlucci identified his assets as consisting of small holdings in various stocks, mutual funds, money markets and credit union savings.

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Unemployment rate up slightly in state

AUSTIN (AP) — Unemployment rose in nearly all of the state's urban areas from October to November, probably because seasonal job hunters outstripped the number of Christmas jobs, the Texas Employment Commission said Friday.

"Apparently there were a lot of people out looking for that kind of temporary work that were unable to find it," said TEC labor market analyst John Kruse.

"It would probably indicate that the November increase in Christmas-related employment was not as great this year as it is in most years. We have a pretty flat economy in the state right now," he said.

But Kruse added that the November unemployment rate is lower for most areas than it has been for much of the year.

"Even though the unemployment rate went up, total employment went up also," he said.

The statewide rate was 7.9 percent, up from a revised figure of 7.4 percent in October.

urban areas of Texas as announced Friday by the TEC for November compared with revised October figures (in parenthesis) included:

Abilene 7.6 (7.1)
Amarillo 6.2 (5.7)
Austin 6.5 (5.9)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 11.1 (10.5)
Brazoria 8.8 (8.2)
Brownsville-Harlingen 14.5 (13.2)
Bryan-College Station 4.9 (4.7)
Corpus Christi 10.4 (9.8)
Dallas 6.2 (5.8)
El Paso 10.6 (9.9)
Fort Worth-Arlington 6.5 (6.1)
Galveston-Texas City 10.0 (9.7)
Houston 8.0 (7.6)
Temple-Killeen 7.8 (7.5)
Laredo 14.4 (12.8)
Longview-Marshall 9.6 (9.1)
Lubbock 5.6 (5.4)
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission 18.3 (16.7)
Midland 7.4 (7.0)
Odessa 7.8 (7.9)
San Angelo 5.9 (5.6)
San Antonio 7.8 (7.3)
Sherman-Denison 7.3 (6.9)

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 20, 1987
Some unusual developments will occur in the year ahead that will put you on a promising new path. The route will be revealed to you by two close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone with whom you've been unable to iron out an important matter will be more convivial and responsive today if you get together socially. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarians in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 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) Situations have a way of working out to your ulitmate advantage today, provided you don't trip over your own shoestrings. Why rock the boat when things are proceeding smoothly?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, someone who likes you will be working to do something for you that he/she knows you cannot do on your own.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be sure that you are doing everything in your power at this time to better your lot in life. The harder you try, the luckier you'll get.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You should be extremely fortunate today in advancing personal interests, especially if that which you are eager to push is something grand in scale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Ask the right questions today. Important information that was denied you previously will now be disclosed in terms you can comprehend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone who hasn't always been fully cooperative with you in the past will be a dedicated ally this time. This person's interests are now in harmony with yours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are presently on a roll pertaining to the fulfillment of your ambitions, don't slack off today. Forego pleasurable pursuits and concentrate on your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A pleasant surprise may be in store for you today. It will develop through one of your social involvements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Use a little applied ingenuity today. You should be able to find ways to get things you've been wanting for your family but couldn't swing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be a good listener today. You'll pick up valuable elements from conversations with friends that will go right over the heads of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your luck is exceptionally strong at this time in areas that can add to your resources or contribute to increased earnings. Don't miss a trick.

Dec. 21, 1987
In the year ahead, you should experience a marked improvement in your material conditions. However, your extravagant inclinations will also be stronger, so be careful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Little financial surpluses that you've accumulated could go by the boards today if you decide to go on a shopping spree. Keep this in mind before starting your trek. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarians in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're a goal-oriented person who is tenacious in pursuing an objective, but if things don't go easily, you might back off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Associates will be prepared to cooperate with you today if there's something in it for them. They won't put themselves out, however, if you're the only one who benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Before making any large purchases today, give the matter lots of thought. Be sure your expenditures don't get you in over your head.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You must exert a more conscientious effort than you are presently expending if you hope to make the most of your areas of immediate advantage.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A decision to which you've given considerable thought will not go as anticipated if you begin making little changes at the last minute.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be extremely careful about who you get involved with at this time in a commercial venture. Don't plunge in before investigating everything thoroughly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't expect too much in a business way from a person you merely know socially. This individual keeps the two worlds widely divided.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Strong self-motivation is required today if you hope to be successful. Lady Luck isn't likely to take a hand in helping things fall into place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, if you feel compelled to take a chance, gamble on your own abilities and not on those of someone else. Betting blind could be disappointing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you want to keep your household budget in line today, hide your mate's credit cards. Your partner may be a shade too extravagant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The results should be pleasing today, provided you can get someone else to carry out your ideas. You're not likely to do too much about them yourself.

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Organization calls for WIPP study

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A citizens group is calling for a halt to work on the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad pending a study of the slow but steady seepage of water into the planned nuclear waste respository.

Albuquerque attorney Joseph Goldberg of the Committee to Make WIPP Safe told a news conference Thursday afternoon that the evidence of water seepage also should prompt Congress to delay legislation to transfer 10,240 acres from the public domain for WIPP until safety concerns are addressed.

"There is, I think, no doubt that the Department of Energy is clearly pushing the land withdrawal act on a fast track," said Goldberg, a former state secretary of Health and Environment. "What should control here is the public's health and safety."

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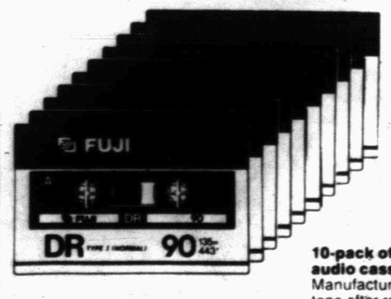

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New Vehicles

J. Merrill Kayser, 1988 Dodge pickup from Snyder Motor.

ARI, 1988 Chevrolet pickup from David Penske Chevrolet.

Donlen Corp., 1988 Ford pickup from Golf Mill Ford.

Doug Foster, 1987 GMC pickup from Howard Gray Motors.

Automotive Rentals Inc., 1988 Ford pickup from McLarty Ford.

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David A. Byrnes, 1988 Dodge pickup from Snyder Motor.

Alan Pollard, 1988 Chevrolet pickup from Mal Donelson Chevrolet.

M.P. Herring, 1988 Chevrolet pickup from Mal Donelson Chevrolet.

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Source Services Inc., 1988 Cadillac from Howard Gray Motors.

Rex Cox, 1988 GMC pickup from Howard Gray Motors.

Robert D. Williams, 1988 Chevrolet pickup from Brunken Chevrolet.

McCullagh Leasing Inc., 1988 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

B.P. Hayden, 1988 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

R. Lanham Hodnett, 1988 GMC Jimmy from Howard Gray Motors.

Marriage Licenses

Brent Jay Hardegree and Stacey Leigh Hillis, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Cogdell Memorial Hospital in separate suits on sworn accounts vs. Mohammed Ilyas, Ismail Ortegon, Lucio Ramirez, Scott Winsor, Charles Holloway, Raymond Valadez, Kenneth Redden, Mike Davis, Keith McClain, Bob Dennis, Randy Petty, Wesley McGinty, Kenneth McClure, Jerry Leatherwood, Elizabeth Ferguson, Kenneth Dollar, James Buchanan, Willie Brooks and Marion Bacerra.

Action in District Court

Aaren Rene Cox and Billy Ray Cox, divorce granted.

Norma A. Ramirez and Ignacio Ramirez, divorce granted.

Yvonne Overton Everton and Freddie Leon Everton, divorce granted.

Kalko Industries vs. Grace Oil Co., judgment for the plaintiff for $7,489.

Cynthia Ruth Moreland and David William Moreland, divorce granted.

Frank Nicholas Konvicka and Bessie Dee Konvicka, divorce granted.

Maria Delrosario Fernandez and Jose Maria Fernadez, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs to Edward D. Underwood, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition to the City of Snyder.

Janie Sue Willard et vir to David M. Willard et al, a 40/491sts interest in the west one-half and west 123 acres of the east one-half of Section 462, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, containing 433 acres; the north one-half of Section 460, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, containing 324.70 acres; and the north one-half of Section 459, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, containing 324.47 acres, Scurry County, Tex.

D.C. Worley et ux to the First Baptist Church of Snyder, Lot 20 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition to the City of Snyder, Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith Surveys; a tract in the southeast quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Tex.; a tract off the south end of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 37 of the Wilmeth Addition to the City of Snyder, and Lot 4 in Block 1 of the Casstevens Subdivision of Block 15 in the Cody Heights Addition to the City of Snyder (gift deed).

Keith Collier to Snyder Independent School District, Lot 3 in Block 1 of the Helm Heights Subdivision, Scurry County, Tex. (sheriff's deed).

Vickie Marie Holt to Dan Gallagher et ux, the west one-half of Lot 1 in Block 31 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition to the City of Snyder.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Mark A. Doty et ux, Lot 1 in Block F of the Highland Park Addition to the City of Snyder. (special warranty deed).

Thomas Wayne Galyean et ux to Kerry L. Fritz et ux, Lot 7 and the north 30 feet of Lot 8 in Block B of the Highland Park Addition to the City of Snyder.

Pete J. Nachlinger to Malinda Jones, the north 50 feet of the east 140 feet of Lot 1 in Block 24 of the Lundy Park Addition to the City of Snyder.

Malinda Jones to D&D Auto Supply, the north 50 feet of the east 140 feet of Lot 1 in Block 24 of the Lundy Park Addition to the City of Snyder.

Ima Gay Chandler to O.W. Chandler, Lots 2 and 3 and the west 50 feet of Lots 1 and 4 in Block 36 of the Original Town of Snyder. (gift deed).

Earline V. Webb to Scurry County, the east one-half of the north one-half of Lot 1 in Block 8 of the Lundy Park Addition to the City of Snyder.

James R. Lewis et ux to Michael D. Harrison et ux, .26 of an acre in Tract 46 of Section 13, J.P. Smith Surveys, Scurry County, Tex.

Belva Jo LaRoux to William Josiah LaRoux, the south 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 7 of the Dodson Addition to the City of Snyder; and Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Hamner Resubdivision of Blocks 2 and 3 of the Gould Addition to the City of San Angelo. (special warranty deed).

Keith Collier to Hermleigh Independent School District, Lot 6 in Block 45 of the Original Town of Hermleigh. (sheriff's deed).

Keith Collier to Hermleigh Independent School District, Lot 4 in Block 51 of the Original Town of Hermleigh. (sheriff's deed).

Keith Collier to Hermleigh Independent School District, Lot 3 in Block 45 of the Original Town of Hermleigh. (sheriff's deed).

Keith Collier to Hermleigh Independent School District, Lot 8 in Block 35 of the Original Town of Hermleigh. (sheriff's deed).

Keith Collier to Hermleigh Independent School District, Lot 4 in Block 45 of the Original Town of Hermleigh. (sheriff's deed).

Ron Slone to First Texas Savings Association of Irving, the west 75 feet of Block 17 in the Blankenship Addition to the City of Snyder. (trustee's deed).

Leader surrenders to police

HOUSTON (AP) — A man accused of running the city's largest "crack" cocaine ring says he is innocent and has nothing to hide.

Johnny Binder, who returned to Houston from Los Angeles to turn himself in to federal authorities, claimed the charges were in retaliation for a lawsuit he filed against the federal goverment.

"I came back here to prove to the media and the people that I have nothing to hide," Binder said Wednesday at a news conference in attorney Kent Schaffer's office. Binder later surrendered to authorities.

No bond has been set for Binder, and he remained in the Harris County Jail, Schaffer said Thursday.

Schaffer claimed the evidence authorities say they have against Binder is based on information from "people charged with crimes who are trying to buy their way out of trouble by making cases against Johnny Binder."

On Tuesday, federal officials announced a 24-count indictment against Binder and 27 others. Twelve of the 28 people named in the indictment are in custody.

Federal officials said the indictment was the culmination of a 14-month investigation nicknamed "Operation Crack" by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. The ring was the largest crack ring operating in Houston, officials said.

Temporary restraining order issued in Gulf States case

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A New York insurance company's attempts to force Gulf States Utilities Co. to pay $111 million in promissory notes have been blocked by a temporary restraining order.

U.S. District Judge Joe Fisher issued the temporary restraining order and set a hearing on the matter for next Wednesday.

Gulf States sought the judge's help in resolving a dispute about a bond insurance agreement with AMBAC Indemnity Corp.

The utility contends that if it is forced to pay promissory notes it furnished AMBAC in 1986, it would run out of cash and be unable to meet day-to-day financial obligations. AMBAC said the $111 million in promissory notes were due Tuesday.

Gulf States said that if AMBAC calls the notes in and declares them in default, the utility's other lenders also could request payment on demand.

The utility's note holders have a cross-default policy, which means if one lender declares notes in default, then Gulf States' other financial obligations may be declared due and payable.

The company has notes totaling more than $1 billion, and instant payment would prevent Gulf States from providing power to its customers in Louisiana and Texas, according to Gulf States' application for the restraining order.

In 1982 and 1983, the Beaumont-based utility issued $65.7 million in pollution control revenue bonds and bought a bond insurance policy from AMBAC Indemnity.

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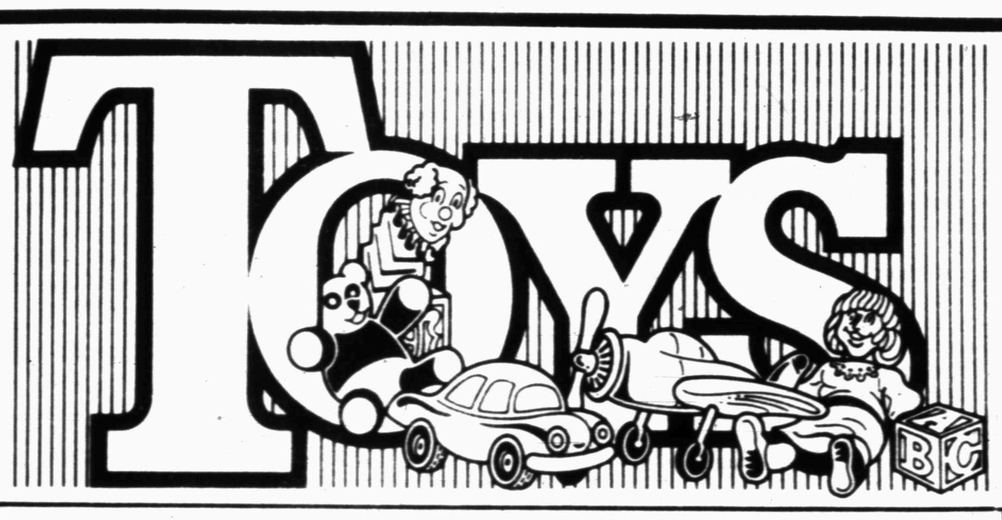

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Coupon Books Available

Above the Fold

By Donny Brown

SDN Opinion Page

Editorials-Columns-Cartoons-Kid Stuff-Look Back-Letters

We like to think that somewhere in the dark corners of the family storm cellar there remains a host of brown grocery sacks--today, no doubt, brittle as a butterfly's wing--containing piles of Gandy's milk carton tops.

We were thinking about those cartons this week as we read stories of the chamber of commerce's Christmas promotion encouraging local folks to shop at home for the holidays.

And we have a feeling we can identify with the majority of those responding to this plea. It is simple math, really. If you offer 100 prizes, and if several hundred people respond, someone is going to be left without.

Or, in our case, "with." With, we would estimate, 20 shopping bags full of milk carton tops, cleanly severed from their wax and paper boxes and stacked neatly to allow greater storage space.

The milk company contest was an area-wide phenomenon in the late 1950s. On a specified Saturday morning, and only on this specified Saturday, the Gandy's milk company would be offering to the highest bidder brand new, shiny red bicycles.

The bidding would be limited to children--or their designated representatives--and the bidding process would not involve money. Rather than hard currency, the auctioneer would accept only Gandy's milk carton tops.

In our memory, it was the first project we ever really took seriously. For starters, the stakes were so terrifically high--a brand new, shiny red bicycle.

We were raised in a family that believed one bicycle per childhood was sufficient. It was purchased just like britches--way too big when you first got it with the assumption you would grow into it later.

When we received our 26-inch bike, our legs weren't long enough to stretch from the seat to the pedal's down stroke. You can ride a bicycle this way, by the way, but not for long.

When the Gandy's milk carton offer rolled around, however, the shiny new of our bike's red enamel had long since faded to a color more closely akin to rust.

So the offer of a new bicycle simply by saving milk carton tops was almost like a license to steal. "Milk carton tops," we thought, "I can get a million of those."

And we did, because we had an edge. Our parents owned a grocery store, but our inside track wasn't with the milk man. It was with the customers.

Being a small Ma and Pa grocery, we knew our customers and they us. Armed with this information, yours truly knew who had kids and grandkids who might also want milk carton tops.

Those that didn't were identified as our personal sponsors, and a plea was made, with every purchase we witnessed, for the empties.

The result was no less than a haul. Our personal fortune in milk cartons rose beyond even our initial expectations.

Our days were entertained with visions of outbidding every kid, EVERY KID, in the city--inflating the auction's ante with an outrageous offer of milk carton tops. Then, with our brand new, shiny red bicycle in tow, tossing out the tops remaining like so much pocket change to the crowd.

In our industry, however, we made one tragic miscalculation. The date we had understood as auction day was, in reality, a week off. While still organizing our weightly pile of Gandy's milk carton tops, we learned the auction had been held the previous Saturday.

Nothing galls like a missed opportunity. And, to this day, we still hold out the hope that Gandy's will some day make the offer again. We stand ready.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

A glance at the calendar tells me this column will appear Christmas week, which means that it really should be a Christmas column. I have a problem with that. The problem is...well, to be perfectly honest, I'm just not in the mood for Christmas this year.

There's no Bah, humbug! involved. No family tragedies, thank goodness. It's nothing concrete that I can put my finger on. I'm just not in the mood, is all.

I haven't had time to get in the mood. One day it was Labor Day and my son had his tenth birthday and school was starting. The next day Sweetwater High School was in the play-offs again. When did they have a football season, would somebody tell me? Maybe if I had kids in high school I would realize that autumn is here. Or maybe if the WEATHER was cold. But summer just kind of blended into a rather pleasant spring, I thought, and here it is Christmas, right in the middle.

I can vaguely remember Halloween. (I wasn't ready for that, either.) Thanksgiving saw us on the road — we had dinner in a cafeteria, which wasn't so bad, dishes considered. Now I'm supposed to be buying presents for people and I can't seem to get it through my head WHY.

The kids are looking forward to it, of course, but they can't seem to figure out what they'd like to ask Santa for. (Lord knows HE doesn't have any idea, either.) There's a boy who's not quite through playing with He-Men and not quite ready for rock music, but he still likes a little of both. There's a girl who has a sinful amount of Care Bears and Barbie dolls and seems contented enough.

Then there are 25 various and sundry kinfolk scattered all over the state and overseas whom we never see and hardly know any more. I don't want to get them anything, to be truthful, but they keep buying us stuff, even when we beg them not to, so what do you do? You pick up funky little doo-dads that are on sale that they are going to stuff into their cabinets and closets along with the rest of their doo-dads and you think, This is crazy. And you buy their kids He-Men and Barbie dolls and they buy your kids the same thing and you think, This is ridiculous.

THEN you have to pay the bills.

It's hard to get in the mood.

This year I did have a stroke of brilliance. First, I assigned my husband the task (actually, he volunteered, the sweetie), of buying for all the males in the family. Brothers and dads and stuff. Then, I sat down and gave gift subscriptions for "MS. Magazine" to all the females! (Except for my baby sister, who's not old enough for militance just yet, and if she is, she can read my mother's copy.)

Actually, I joke about it, but "MS." is the only "women's" magazine I know of which has a news format and deals with issues of substance. (It really doesn't care what's going on between Chuck and Di and neither do I.) It's an intelligent gift and I hope they will be flattered. Meanwhile, my legs are saved and my shopping is done.

This weekend we'll go cut down a lopsided Cedar, put Christmas music on the stereo, pop some popcorn, make hot chocolate and put on all the beloved ornaments. I'll put scented candles and bits of cedar around the house and tempting packages under the tree. Christmas Eve we'll attend candlelight services (we visit a different church each year), then Kent will get out the guitar and we'll sing carols around the tree.

We'll read the ancient story from the book of Luke and the antique poem, "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." Last thing before bed, we'll open gifts that have come in the mail from family, each person taking turns, opening one gift at a time to enjoy and exclaim over. We'll put out cookies and milk for Santa and the children will conk out much sooner than they expect, only to awaken us around 3:00 a.m. to show us their treasures. Christmas day we'll have a feast, and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus.

Every other year we forego the long haul to Dallas and Texarkana to Grandmamas' houses in order to stay at home and enjoy our very own special country Christmas.

I think I'm beginning to get into the mood after all.

"...there arose such a clatter..."

SDN Week in Review

SUNDAY
December 13

Ernie Armstrong, district attorney for Scurry and Borden counties, has announced his intention to seek re-election, subject to the Democratic primary.

Armstrong, serving his first term, announced Sunday.

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Snyder Goodfellows are now contacting 293 Scurry County families--involving an estimated 1,060 persons--to notify them they have qualified for a Goodfellow Christmas food package.

The totals are near the record-number of persons helped last Christmas, when the downturn in the local oil-based economy began to be felt at its height.

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Negotiations for St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock to assume management of Cogdell Memorial Hospital hit an apparent snag Friday over the issue of elective sterilizations, it was reported Sunday.

MONDAY
December 14

Scurry County commissioners Monday voted not to assess a property tax on motor vehicles and to drop the tax they have been levying on boats.

At the same meeting, the court heard recommendations from the Scurry County Pilot's Association regarding upcoming appointmens to the county airport board.

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Snow fell in Snyder Monday, but accumulations were slight compared to other areas of West Texas to include up to 16 inches of snow which blanketed the El Paso area.

A winter storm which roared across western portions of Texas had dumped 11 inches of snowfall at Amarillo and 3 inches at Lubbock by early Monday.

TUESDAY
December 15

Chamber of commerce officials extended their appreciaton to Snyder National Bank Tuesday, pointing out the contributions the bank has made to the Snyder area.

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The list of some 52 applicants for the Snyder High School head coaching position has now been reduced to approximately 10 individuals, according to members of the school committee organized to select candidates for the post.

Topping the stipulations for employment is experience as a head coach or an assistant varsity coach post with a winning 5-A school, officials said.

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A report of a "horrible odor" in north Snyder Tuesday morning was the preliminary cue for a morning-long disaster drill which simulated a massive gas leak north of the city of the deadly oil field gas hydrogen sulfide.

It was "only a drill," but the exercise--conducted in early morning temperatures which began below the 20 degree mark--involved a large segment of emergency-related personnel in the county.

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The final blood drive of 1987 saw 135 individuals register and 118 pints of blood drawn Tuesday at the National Guard Armory.

Included in the donor list was 11 first time donors and "gallon" pin presentations to 12 longtime donors.

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A preview of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce's "Program of Work" for 1988 was offered to the chamber board Tuesday by Bill Moss, chamber manager.

The proposed work agenda follows last year's schedule, with some additions, deletions and redefined areas. The chamber will gain committees with specific goal areas in tourist development, education and membership development during 1988.

THURSDAY
December 17

The management agreement between Cogdell Memorial Hospital and St. Mary of the Plains Hospital of Lubbock is on again, and the Cogdell Board of Managers was scheduled to interview an administrator recommended by St. Mary executives in a 4 p.m. Thursday meeting.

Jake Henry, regional president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange (California) system, said at a Wednesday hospital board of managers meeting that, contrary to the expectations he stated in a meeting here last Friday, Bishop Michael J. Sheehan of Amarillo has okayed the continuation of elective sterilizations at Cogdell.

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The monthly sales tax return for October indicates Snyder's return jumped a whopping 24 percent, but the sudden jolt of new tax income was not purely an increase in consumer spending since the month included a broadening of the sales tax base, it was reported Thursday.

The report also marks the year-end report, and Snyder's sales tax return--a total of $680,899--will end at a minus 13.9 percent when compared to 1986.

FRIDAY
December 18

The postmaster for Snyder's U.S. post office, Wendell Thomas, and the superintendent of postal operations, J.O. Morrison, have announced plans to retire, it was reported Friday.

Morrison's retirement is effective Friday and Thomas will be leaving his post as of Dec. 31. Both men are 59 years old.

Look Back

By Lilith Smith

10 YEARS AGO

The Snyder High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 34 new members in a candlelight ceremony. Officers of the society were Jimmy Shelburne, president; Vicki Hinshaw, vice president and Tommiebeth Hunt, secretary.

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Snyder's fledgling community college was nearing fully accredited status as Dr. Robert Clinton, president of the school, announced that Western Texas College had been officially admitted as a candidate for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools during annual meetings this week.

15 YEARS AGO

Scurry County Commissioners signed an agreement with the Big Spring State Hospital establishing a Mental Health Unit for Snyder. The signing climaxed a three-year effort by local officials to get such a center established in Snyder.

20 YEARS AGO

Members of the Grace Lutheran Church premiered their own movie entitled "The Tree" at their annual Christmas program. Director and narrator was Rev. Walter A. Lentz. Raymond Graves Jr. served as cameraman on the production while Charles served as director of music and choir.

25 YEARS AGO

Snyder school board members met with architect Fred Buford of Dallas to finalize plans for the new south elementary school. Trustees set a tentative limit of $550,000 on construction costs.

30 YEARS AGO

Citizens of Snyder elected a new city council and mayor following the adoption of a new city charter on Oct. 21. Harry T. Holbrook was elected mayor and the new council was composed of Eugene Harper, J.L. (Broadway) Browning, C.N. von Roeder, Dr. Robert H. Hargrove, Malven K. Stevenson and James W. Phillips. A total of 218 votes were cast.

SDN Letters to the Editor

To the editor,

Thanksgiving has gone. Christmas with all its festivities is upon us.

After having worked 25 years for the U.S. Postal Service, I wish to make a small comment.

Every business day, regardless of the weather, your mail is delivered.

A donation to the various funds is admirable. A thank you note to your carrier would be appreciated.

You tell all other services "Thank You" and take some time to leave a tip. Just try a Christmas card or a small sack of cookies.

Give it a consideration. A small thank you will go a long way.

Bill Schiebel
3011 Ave. T
Snyder, TX 79549

To the editor,

I wish to correct a misprint which appeared in my column, "Country Life," on Dec. 13. While referring to the battle against racism which reached prominence in the '60s, I mentioned that, while student teaching, I had been assigned to a cooperating teacher who separated the races in her gradebook.

The sentence read, "I reported her to Education Department officials and requested — and never received — a new teaching assignment." The sentence should have read, "...I requested and DID receive a new teaching assignment." It is also true that this particular teacher was removed from working with student teachers, which was somewhat punitive in that cooperating teachers received extra pay for working with student teachers.

I would never in good conscience have been able to work with a teacher who not only

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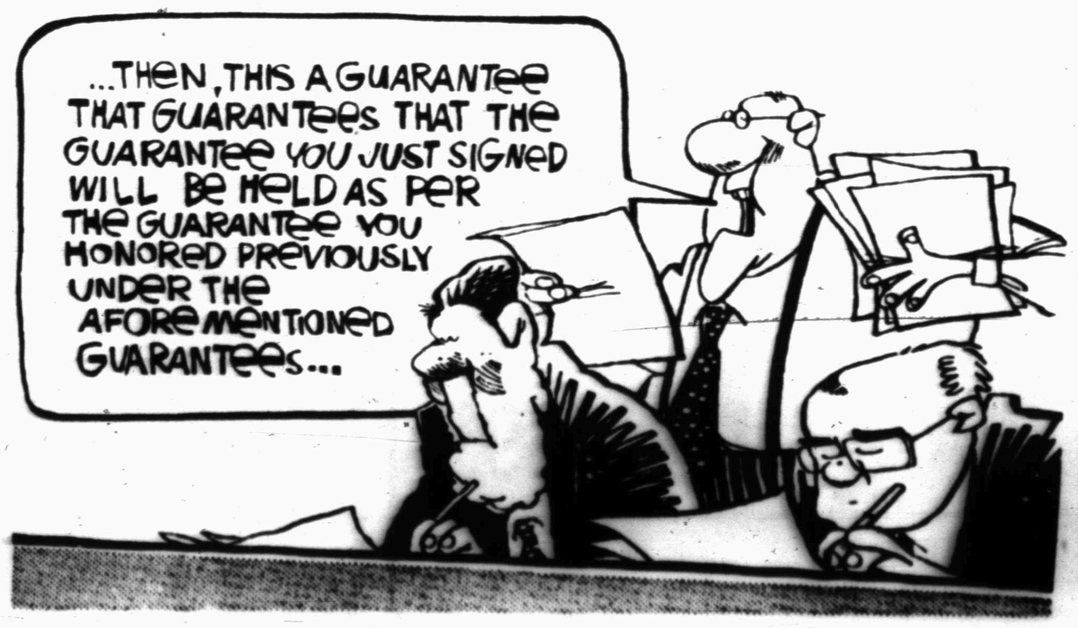

They Serve

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER — Jackie Jenkins, 32, is a native of Paris who graduated from Snyder High School, worked as a meter reader for Lone Star Gas Co. and then operated a restaurant with a relative before graduating from the state school for animal control officers in Abilene almost two years ago. Besides the usual array of dogs and cats, she has picked up snakes, skunks, raccoons, goats, possums and pit bulldogs for the city pound at West Texas Animal Clinic. She and her husband, Delbert, a postal carrier, have two children, Bryson, 4, and Misty, 13. (SDN Staff Photo)

de Gortari's trip to the north overshadowed by bad news

ENSENADA, Mexico (AP) — Carlos Salinas de Gortari brought his presidential campaign to Baja California this week hoping to tout his ties to northern Mexico and the region's relative prosperity.

Instead, the bad economic news coming from Mexico City followed him here and raised doubts about his ability to disassociate himself from the current administration's policies.

"I am sure that we will move forward once again," Salinas de Gortari said in this fishing port 70 miles south of the U.S. border. "We will bring down inflation."

The speech concluded his visit to Northern Baja California state, with stops here and in Mexicali, Tecate and Tijuana since Monday. He moved on Thursday and Friday to Southern Baja California state.

Salinas de Gortari is certain to win the election next July as the candidate of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, and be inaugurated to a six-year term on Dec. 1, 1988, succeeding President Miguel de la Madrid.

The campaign, which started two months ago, takes the candidate to each of Mexico's 31 states. It is a time to gather opinion, to boost the image of the man who will be Mexico's next president and to lead cheers.

Salinas de Gortari rapidly is finding that there is very little to cheer about.

His speech here reacting to Monday's sharp devaluation of the peso currency on the controlled market and Tuesday's announcement of a new plan to drive out high inflation had not been planned beforehand.

"The effort and the sacrifice of today will be compensated, not immediately but in the course of some months, by hopeful results in the bringing of inflation under control and, later, in economic recovery," Salinas de Gortari said.

Border areas whose residents traditionally have heavy demand for dollars are hit particularly hard by devaluations of the peso currency.

Tijuana has been a bright spot during Mexico's now 6-year-old economic crisis, but attention did not focus on its booming "maquiladora" assembly plant industry during the candidate's tour.

Salinas de Gortari had served as de la Madrid's budget and planning secretary.

Although his key role in developing the president's economic policies played a major part in his gaining the nomination, he now will have to convince Mexicans that they can have some hope for the future despite the continuing gloom.

Board approves providing drug

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Human Services has approved a plan to provide AIDS patients on welfare with AZT, an expensive drug that combats the deadly disease.

"We feel that it certainly will alleviate much of the suffering," board Chairman J. Livingston Kosberg said after the decision Thursday. "It will, in fact, prolong the life of many patients who are waiting for a cure, so it might ultimately save their lives."

Beginning Jan. 1, the drug will be available to Medicaid patients suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome, a fatal disease that attacks the body's immune system. Its victims are often homosexuals and intravenous drug users.

AZT slows the spread of the AIDS virus in an infected person and is the only federally approved drug that has improved the health of some AIDS patients.

Glen Maxey, executive director of the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said his organization applauds the board's decision. Maxey's group had planned to sue the Texas Department of Human Services if the AZT plan were not approved.

Although the board had indicated earlier that it might restrict purchase of the drug because of its high price, the panel on Thursday voted to dispense the drug without any limit.

"This will assure that the problem is dealt with," Maxey said. "We're also very pleased that there are no guidelines here that would discriminate among people with AIDS and put this board in the position of deciding who lives and who dies."

Until the board's decision, Texas was one of only four states that did not pay for AZT in its Medicaid program. About 57 percent of the Medicaid funds to purchase AZT will be provided by the federal government.

But the state's cost of providing AZT to indigent AIDS patients is undetermined because of confidentiality rules that interfere with estimates of how many people are carrying the AIDS virus, officials said.

States must raise taxes to meet 1990-91 deficit

AUSTIN (AP) — The 1989 Legislature will have to look at extending the sales tax to professional services or launching a state income tax to cover an estimated 1990-91 shortfall of at least $1.5 billion, Rep. Dan Morales says.

"That's the amount needed to maintain current services," the San Antonio Democrat said at a Thursday meeting of the Select Committee on Tax Equity.

"We have topped out in terms of the sales tax rate. We have topped out in terms of the franchise tax rate. We have topped out in terms of the local property tax rate," Morales said.

"We've got to make the structural reforms that are necessary simply in order to create a system which more fairly and accurately characterizes the reality of the Texas economy," he said.

Morales, who was House sponsor of the major bill in the $5.7 billion tax increase approved by the 1987 Legislature, added that a sales tax base expansion is more likely than an income tax.

"Politically and otherwise, that simply is where most support currently lies within both chambers of the Legislature," he said.

Legislative Budget Board Director Jim Oliver told the select committee, appointed to recommend tax system changes, that the 1990-91 state budget would be $43.3 billion if Texas maintains current services.

The budget board projection includes anticipated increases in public school enrollment and human services program caseloads.

The projection also includes the cost of meeting federal court orders and settlements related to mental health and prison facilities, and of servicing bonds.

The budget for this two-year budget cycle is $38.5 billion. The shortfall predicted by Morales is based on the expiration of the 1987 increase in the franchise tax and professional fees.

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discriminated in grading, but who also instructed her student teachers upon how to "handle the niggers."

We have come a long way against bigotry since 1973, but we are still a long way off from erasing it. It is up to each and every one of us, as individuals, to speak out whenever we witness injustices such as this, and to search our own consciences should we, ourselves, be a party to it.

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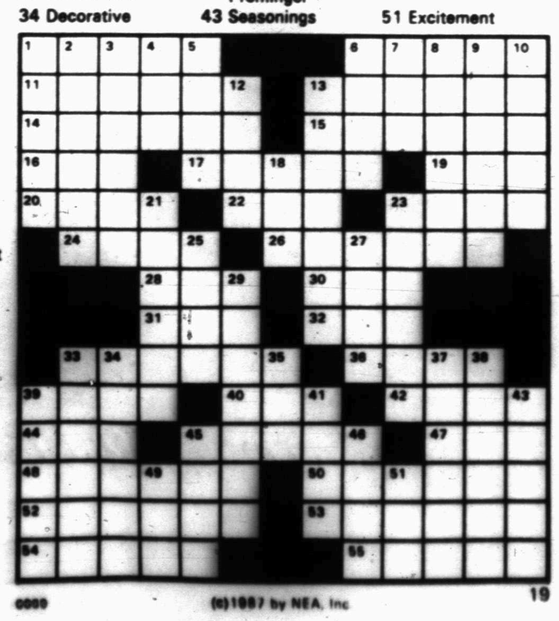

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Woman Goes Off Deep End With Her Joke in Office Pool

DEAR ABBY: Our small office group (seven) recently took up a collection of bets and played paycheck poker. The person with the best poker hand among his paycheck's six digits wins the pool.

I held the winning checkstub (three 5s) and went to the gal who had collected the bets to show her my winning numbers. She checked them out, and then in the center of the office floor proceeded to flip seven $1 bills around her feet, saying in a voice for all to hear that the winner must pick up the bills and collect the money for the next payday pool. I was appalled and told her I felt humiliated. She said, "Think what it's doing for your waistline." (No one laughed.)

I went over to her desk later in the afternoon (after building up some steam) and told her how upset I was. She said it was a joke. Later I heard her telling others (ha ha) that she was surprised I should be upset over the "fun."

The next morning I returned everyone's money, saying that I would not be participating in any future pools and couldn't, therefore, accept my winnings. To the "lady" in question, I placed the $1 bill on her desk (not on the floor as many people had suggested) and told her I thought what she did was sadistic and unfunny.

Is something wrong with my sense of humor?

NOT LAUGHING
IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

DEAR NOT: No. I think something is wrong with hers.

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DEAR ABBY: You are not going to believe this, but I haven't been to visit my mother for four years. She lives 1,000 miles away, but that's not the reason. My mother has a cat, and I have a wife and daughter who are both allergic to cats to a point that they literally choke when they enter a house where a cat lives. Their allergist says there is no cure for this type of allergy.

It's not reasonable to ask my mother to get rid of her cat so we can visit her annually. And it wouldn't be much of a visit if I went alone and left my family home. Help!

ONTARIO

DEAR ONTARIO: It's not necessary for your mother to get rid of her cat permanently. She could arrange to have someone keep her cat once a year while you and your family visit her. Or she could come to visit you, and leave her cat home — which, I think, is the purrr-fect solution.

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DEAR ABBY: Our daughter just turned 5 years old. Several times now, I have noticed that while playing or in some activity, when she turns her head a certain way she suddenly screams with pain, indicating that she must feel a very sharp pain in her head.

I have asked her pediatrician twice about it, and both times he said it was nothing to worry about.

I am worried. What could cause it? That child screams out in pain and cries. Isn't there anything that can be done to prevent this from happening? With access to your experts, you might be able to come up with some answers.

TROUBLED MOTHER IN N.C.

DEAR MOTHER: Please have your child examined by a neurologist immediately. The sharp pain she feels is a symptom that there is something wrong. Furthermore, a pediatrician who would tell a mother "not to worry" without ordering some tests to determine why her child screams in pain, would never see my child in his office again.

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DEAR ABBY: Re the "lady" who asked if she should send her ex-lover's love letters to his wife:

Four years ago, after 12 years of what I thought was a perfect marriage, I learned that my husband was having a long-distance affair with a woman every other weekend. He had lied to her, saying he wasn't married. He wrote love letters to both of us! In his letters to me he said he loved me, couldn't bear to lose me, but he was in the clutches of "this other woman." Meanwhile, he continued to see her every other weekend.

Finally, in desperation and enormous frustration, I sent all his "Please don't divorce me, I can't live without you" letters to the other woman.

Although it didn't put an end to their affair, it showed her a side of him she had never seen before, and it made me feel a lot better. I did not divorce him and we are still working through the pain and guilt with counseling. Why? Because, perhaps foolishly, I still love him, and I always will.

Why do we always hurt the one we love?

SANTA ANA

DEAR SANTA ANA: We don't always hurt the one we love, but those who do usually end up hurting themselves more. In your case, you attempted to reveal your husband for the rat he was, hoping the other woman would drop him. But she, like you, knowing he was a rat, chose to hang in there anyway. I don't know what this rat has, but he should package and market it.

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DEAR ABBY: Authorities on human behavior tell us that fantasizing is normal, healthy and beneficial in achieving the ultimate in sexual satisfaction. As a woman who has been faithfully married to the same man for 22 years, I find this to be true. It is only natural for a husband or wife to grow bored with a spouse (sexually) after a number of years. Sex therapists recommend "pretending" (or fantasizing) that we are making love to our favorite movie or TV personality — or even a personal acquaintance.

Now, I ask you to consider this: Somewhere in the Bible, it says that thinking lustful thoughts is as great a sin as actually committing the sin. So, if that is the case, why not go right ahead and commit the sin?

AFRAID TO FANTASIZE
IN CHICKASHA, OKLA.

DEAR AFRAID: No theologian I have ever put this question to has provided me with a satisfying answer. If I hear from one after this appears, I'll publish it.

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DEAR ABBY: Yesterday my husband started expressing his dissatisfaction with my appearance. Why do men expect us to look as good as we did at 20? I would never criticize him for losing his hair, or any of the other changes that occur with the natural aging process.

I am an active wife and mother, and take pride in my appearnce. Although I am a little overweight, I feel comfortable with myself. Obviously my husband feels cheated when summer comes around and the beaches are full of young beautiful women with firm bodies.

His comments have hurt, and I find it difficult to respond to his sexual advances when he makes fun of my body. What should I do?

OVER THE HILL

DEAR OVER: I wish all the problems were as easy to solve as this one. You can say, "You hurt me when you make fun of my body, and consequently, it's difficult for me to respond to your sexual advances. Now, what were you saying?"

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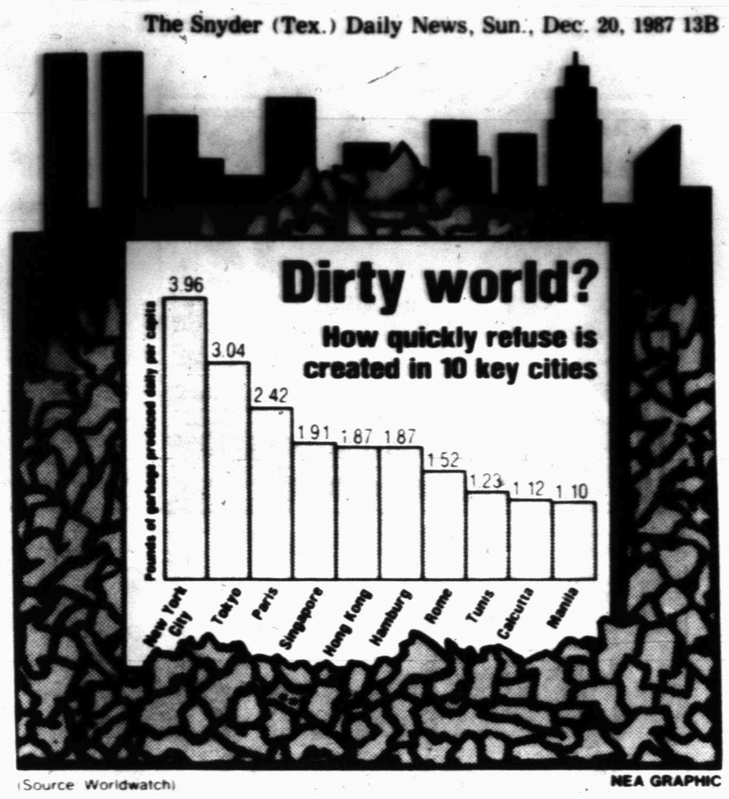

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Man's memories extend over most of this century

BRAZORIA, Texas (AP) — For 93-year-old David York, memories of childhood in the 19th century are as real as yesterday.

In fact, he says smiling, sometimes he can remember what happened almost 100 years ago better than yesterday.

"At my age," York says, "your memory comes and goes. I can't always remember things like I used to."

But since neither his mother or father could read or write, memory was about all they had. York said his parents remembered dates by picking something important that coincided with them.

The youngest of nine children, York was born in 1894, the year the new courthouse was built in Brazoria.

He was born not far from where he lives now in Old Town Brazoria.

York's father was a sharecropper who came from Oklahoma in a wagon train.

It was a hard life, but "we done all right, I guess," he says.

The Hurricane of 1900 is one of York's memories. His family was not harmed in what was one of the worst hurricanes to hit the Gulf Coast, but part of his family's house was destroyed.

York said he and his family sat huddled together in one wing of their L-shaped home while the winds ripped off the other side.

The schools were destroyed by the storm, so the black children attended school in an old vacant house while the white children went to school in the new courthouse, which was abandoned when the county seat was moved to Angleton.

But York, like his father, believed in work. He was 12 years old when he got his first job as a water boy for the railroad that was being built through Brazoria.

Before the railroad, York said, everything had to come to Brazoria by the river.

York said he was always a big boy for his age, and he quit school as a teen-ager because "I thought I was too big."

In 1910, York went to East Texas to work with his brother at a sawmill and soon after enlisted in the Army in World War I.

The dates begin to run together after that, but York said he moved back to Brazoria sometime during the Depression, after his father had died, to take care of his mother.

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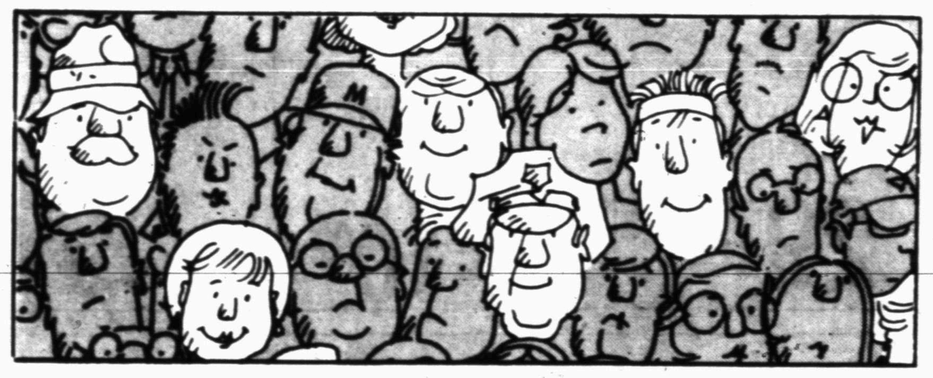

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