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Ask Us

Q—I sent the IRS two separate checks for payment of last year's income tax and for taxes they claim I owed for 1990. Now I find out that they applied both checks to what I owed from 1990 and none to last year's taxes. I've written them two letters of explanation, but I keep getting the same statement from them. What can I do?

A—According to the IRS, you should call the Problem Resolution Office at 1-800 424-1040 and someone there can help you straighten the problem out.

In Brief

Pantex Plant

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Storage of 20,000 plutonium weapon cores at the Pantex Plant for the next six to 10 years poses no "significant" environmental threat, according to an Energy Department environmental assessment released Monday.

Pantex, located about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo in Carson County, is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nuclear weapons.

The assessment, performed by Los Alamos, N.M., National Laboratory, found no significant impact on the Ogallala Aquifer, which provides a source of water for the city of Amarillo and much of the High Plains, or workers at the plant.

Trial moved

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A judge today decided to move to Amarillo the trial of a man accused of killing two lawyers and wounding three other men during a shooting rampage at the Tarrant County Courthouse.

State District Judge Sharen Wilson changed the venue of the trial of former attorney George Lott, who is representing himself.

Lott objected to the move, but Wilson decided it was best because of pre-trial publicity surrounding the July 1 shooting.

Tarrant County assistant district attorney Alan Levy said jury selection is suspected to begin at Jan. 11, with testimony expected to start Feb. 8.

Local

Retirement

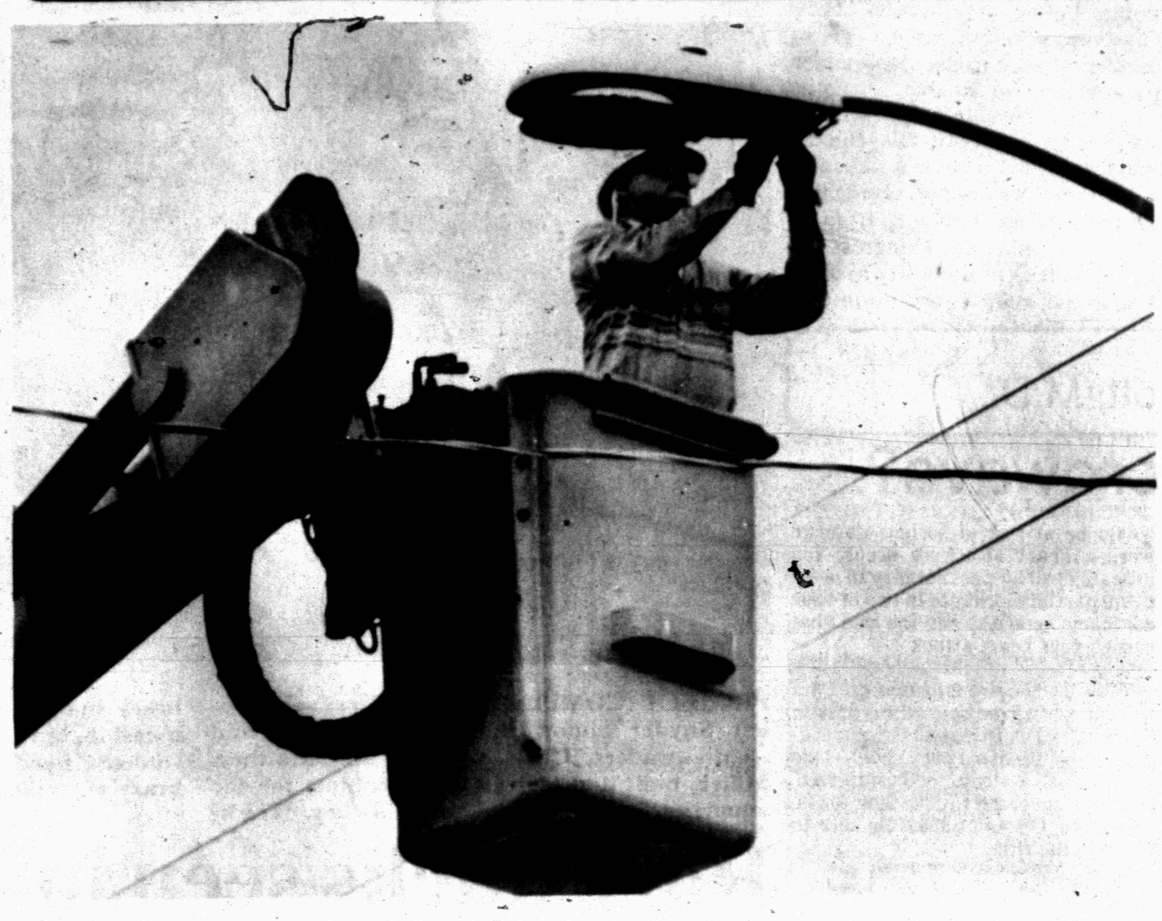
A retirement reception for Cliff Necessary will be held at the Lone Star Gas Company office, 1712 27th St. from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 49 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 55 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 27.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 50s. South to southwest wind 10-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Highs near 70. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Forecast for New Year's Day, mostly cloudy and colder. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Highs near 50.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:50. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:42. Of 363 days in 1992, the sun has shone 339 days in Snyder.



STREET LIGHT REPAIR — Dwain McGuire of TU Electric worked under this morning's rain-threatening skies to repair one of the city street lights on Avenue E. (SDN Staff Photo)

Start II treaty accord reached

GENEVA (AP) — The United States and Russia reached agreement today on a Start II treaty that would sharply reduce the two countries' stockpiles of long-range nuclear weapons.

Under the treaty announced by Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger, hundreds of the world's deadliest nuclear weapons — long-range, land-based missiles with multiple warheads — would be banned and stockpiles of U.S. and Russian strategic warheads would be pared to about one-third current levels.

It would be President Bush's third major arms control agreement. In 1990, he signed an East-West agreement to cut troops and tanks in Europe. Last year, he signed a treaty with Russia to cut strategic nuclear weapons by about one-third.

There were indications Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin would sign the treaty soon. In Moscow, aides to Yeltsin were preparing to fly to the Sochi, a Russian city on the Black Sea, to make plans for a Bush-Yeltsin summit in early January.

In Washington, early reaction was positive. Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., incoming chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called the agreement "a great gift to the nation and to the world."

Hamilton, speaking on Fox Morning News, said "it certainly gives a good sendoff for President Bush as he leaves the presidency."

Eagleburger made the announcement following a 90-minute meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev. "We have made very good progress," Eagleburger said as he prepared to fly back to Washington. "We now have a text we can put to the two presidents."

Iran-Contra...

Weinberger, Clarridge possible witnesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caspar Weinberger may have one final role to play in the Iran-Contra affair: as an unwilling witness answering questions about President Bush.

Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh is considering calling the former defense secretary before a federal grand jury, according to officials close to the probe. The officials said the same fate may be in store for former CIA official Duane Clarridge.

Clarridge, like Weinberger, got a Christmas Eve pardon from Bush for his conduct in the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages scandal.

Before the pardons, neither Weinberger nor Clarridge was called as a grand jury witness because both were under investigation. They eventually were indicted and were awaiting trial when they were pardoned.

Weinberger charged Monday that going before a grand jury would be "just a form of harassment."

"There's nothing more that I can tell him," Weinberger said of Walsh.

But such a move wouldn't surprise Weinberger "because otherwise Lawrence Walsh is out of business," Weinberger said on CNN.

Walsh's spokeswoman, Mary Belcher, said she "will not comment on any speculative grand jury action."

The officials, speaking on condition they not be named, said prosecutors would like to question Weinberger extensively on his handwritten notes from 1985 and 1986, with particular emphasis on meetings that Bush attended.

Prosecutors didn't uncover Weinberger's notes until 1990, and this would be their first opportunity to question him about them.

According to Weinberger's notes, Bush attended a Jan. 7, 1986, meeting where the participants — including President Reagan — discussed trading 4,000 TOW missiles to Iran for five American hostages. Bush has always maintained he didn't find out until mid-December 1986 that the weapons deliveries to Iran were linked with hostage releases.

Application forms necessary to get birth certificates in '93

In an effort to eliminate fraud, anyone wishing to obtain copies of birth and death certificates in Texas will have to complete an application form after the first of the year, County Clerk Frances Billingsley has announced.

The change is a state mandate from the Texas Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics, effective Jan. 1.

Required will be all information about the person, a photocopy of a driver's license or other photo identification for the person requesting the certificate, their relationship to the name of the person on the certificate and their purpose for obtaining the information.

The penalty for falsifying information on the application can be two to 10 years in prison and a fine up to $10,000.

The county clerk's office will charge a fee of $9 for the first certificate, and $3 for each additional copy of the same certificate, if the applicant gets the copies at the same time.

If an additional copy is requested later, there will be a $9 charge. No photocopies of certificates will be issued, but the county clerk's office will verify information persons may have about birth or death records.

More information concerning requirements for obtaining birth or death certificates is available at the county clerk's office on the third floor of the courthouse or by calling 573-5332.

Indictees arrested

Two persons indicted earlier this month by a Scurry County grand jury have been arrested by county deputies, including one picked up Monday in New Mexico.

Daniel F. Percifull, 39, was arrested Monday in Artesia, N.M. on a Dec. 7 indictment for burglary of a habitation. Percifull is charged with the Oct. 31 burglary of a residence belonging to Joe Costilla.

Also charged in the burglary was 36-year-old Mitzi Hunter, who was arrested earlier this month in Artesia. Both are being held in Scurry County Jail on $5,000 bond each.

Arrested last week in Giddings was 32-year-old Sueleen Chandler, who was indicted on Oct. 1 charges of felony theft from a local business. She has been released from the county jail on $5,000 bond.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A clear conscience may be no more than a bad memory."

Bernhard Bartels, former county commissioner and long-time history buff, brought us a copy of The Exponent, a Snyder High School magazine published on Nov. 1, 1913.

E.A. Watson was superintendent as well as the high school algebra teacher. G.G. Hazel was principal and taught the three Ps - physics, physiography and physiology.

Miss Ina Davis was the history teacher, everything from medieval to U.S. Miss Bonnie Wilkins taught English and German while Miss Annie Baines was the instructor for Latin, geography and arithmetic.

Augustine Howell was the editor and others on the Exponent staff were Una Parsons, Leclaire Stokes, Grayum Baker, Henry Payne, Grady Whitmore and Ada Riley.

The editor explained that corrections would be made and "will be gladly apologized for by the editorial staff, if approached in the right manner, provided, the approachee knows the right manner to approach, etc."

The editor also offered a cash prize of $5 in gold to the high school pupil who turned in the highest number of paid subscriptions.

In the magazine, we learned that the editor was the senior class president. Roy Strayhorn was vice president and Annie Williams was secretary. Others in the class, totaling 14, were, Alma Thompson, Lara Hunter, Ada Riley, Lucretia Morrow, Eula Stimson, Francis Ely, Margie West, Marion Hairston, Una Parsons, Clyde Boren and Dorcas Porter.

The magazine also had an update on the SHS' previous graduating class. Eight were preparing to be teachers. Those listed were Lucile Miller, Lena Ramsour, Gladys Clark, Fayne Moore, Pearl Wilson, Bessie Patterson, Olga Periman and Ola Shuler.

Tomorrow, will tell you about the 1913 advertisers.

Year in review...

First four months of 1992 were busy ones

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second in a four-part series reviewing the events that impacted Scurry County in 1992. Today's article covers the first four months.

The first four months of 1992 were busy ones for Scurry County residents, who went to the polls twice, agonized over a school reorganization plan and tried a Price Daniel inmate for escape.

In other highlights, Western Texas College claimed the national meats judging contest but lost a coach; a missing businessman was discovered to have been murdered; school trustees struck down the district's hair code; and Walls Industries, closed since July 1991, announced that it might reopen its factory here.

In capsule version, here are some of the highlights from the first four months of 1992:

JANUARY

—On Jan. 2, county residents getting ready for the day's activities were gently joustled by an earthquake. The quake, centered near Frankel City in Andrews County, registered 4.7 on the Richter Scale. It occurred at 5:48 a.m.

—After deliberating only 14 minutes, a seven-woman, five-man jury returned a verdict of guilty in the 132nd District Court trial of Travis Dale Gray on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Gray was being tried for a June 20, 1990 escape from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel Unit, where he was serving a 40-year sentence for murder. Gray managed to escape in the back of a furniture truck and remained at large until he was apprehended on June 31, 1991 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Gray was sentenced to 10 years for the escape.

—On Saturday, Jan. 18, Snyder citizens went to the polls and placed their support behind a ½-cent sales tax designed to generate funds for economic development and ad valorem tax relief. Voters approved the tax increase by a 56.5 percent margin, casting 834 votes for and 642 against.

Of the ½-cent tax, three-eighths will be directed toward economic development and one-eighth toward property tax relief.

On Feb. 20, Dan Cotton, John Jarrell, Rev. Miller Robinson, Bill Seale and Paul Zeck were named as the first members of the five-member Development Corporation of Snyder, the board responsible for administering economic development funds.

—A 252-pound heavy weight Crossbred pig entered by 14-year-old Audra Oliver of Ira FFA won grand champion honors at the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show. Shauna Huddleston, of Snyder 4-H, entered the reserve champion, a light weight Hampshire.

Jamie Beck of Scurry County 4-H captured grand and reserve champion with her heavy weight Medium Wool entries. Rad Eicke, Scurry County 4-H, had the winning steer with his heavy weight Hereford. Reserve went to a medium weight Crossbred entry by Craig Leatherwood of Snyder FFA.

—Scurry County's 911 system was put on-line Jan. 29.

FEBRUARY

—Scurry County Coliseum Advisory Board elected officers and appointed committees on Feb. 3. Elected president was Roy Carter. Betty House was named vice president and Drew Bullard was named secretary.

—Some 950 concerned citizens

(see YEAR, page 8)

Experts say no...

Can Packwood be recalled?

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Sen. Bob Packwood won't resign despite the sex scandal swirling around him, so opponents are looking at various ways to force him out, including one constitutionally dubious possibility — a recall election.

Most experts say the state and U.S. constitutions do not allow the public to remove members of Congress except by voting them out when they're up for re-election.

For now, the group that's leading the charge against Packwood says it's concentrating on pressuring the Republican to resign and trying to persuade the Senate not to seat him when Congress convenes next month.

But if those tactics don't work, a legal challenge could follow in an effort to force a recall, the group said.

"We voted him in, and we should be able to remove him," said Tia Plympton, spokeswoman for Oregonians for Ethical Representation and state coordinator for the Oregon chapter of the National Organization for Women.

Oregon's junior senator has been at the center of a political storm since The Washington Post reported Nov. 22 that 10 women have accused Packwood of making uninvited sexual advances.

Packwood, who was elected to a fifth term in November, has since apologized and promised to cooperate with a Senate Ethics Committee investigation.

But that hasn't quieted his critics, who say he worked to prevent the allegations from becoming public before the election. They say voters ought to be given another chance to decide whether they want him in the Senate.

Oregon law allows for the recall of state and local officials. But the state attorney general's office in 1935 issued an opinion saying that Oregonians are precluded from recalling members of Congress because there is no authority to do so under the state constitution.

PROJECT COMPLETED — Terry Huestis, left, Snyder Junior High shop instructor, and eighth graders, Chris Ramirez and Matthew Miller, built and delivered this cabinet for the aquarium at the Scurry County Library. "The library shall treasure this cabinet for its craftsmanship, but even more as a reminder of these students' hard work," said Noreen E. Taylor, library director. (SDN Staff Photo)

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Are drugs affected by microwave?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Recently a friend visiting my home admonished me for keeping medicine containers on top of my microwave. He indicated this was dangerous as it would affect the contents. Is this correct?

DEAR READER: Properly functioning microwave ovens do not leak significant microwaves. Therefore, your habit of storing medication on top of the oven is not dangerous; the drugs will not be affected by the microwaves produced within the appliance.

I have other concerns, however. Most drugs deteriorate more rapidly when exposed to heat, such as a warm kitchen environment. Other drugs — for example, nitroglycerine — are inactivated by light and oxygen. For these reasons, I advise against storing medication in areas that are not dark, dry and cool. In my opinion, your medicine is much more likely to be affected by the kitchen environment than by microwaves.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is the difference between a clogged artery and a dead artery? I had double bypass surgery in 1985 and I am doing fine. A friend of mine had a heart attack about two months ago and his doctor told him he had a dead artery and surgery would be a waste of time. Should he have a second opinion?

DEAR READER: I believe a "clogged" artery and a "dead" artery are one in the same: The blood vessel has become completely occluded and no longer functions.

With respect to your friend who had a heart attack from an arterial blockage, I assume that the portion of cardiac muscle supplied by that artery was permanently damaged — died, if you will. In such circumstances, attempts to bridge the blockage and resupply blood to the damaged area would be fruitless; therefore, a second opinion will probably not help your friend.

Customarily, doctors will by-pass blocked arteries only if the tissue "downstream" is alive and functioning. Thus, by-pass surgery is usually performed to salvage tissue that would be at risk of serious damage were a heart attack to occur. You probably had by-pass surgery to overcome partial blockages in two of your coronary arteries, not the one that caused your heart attack.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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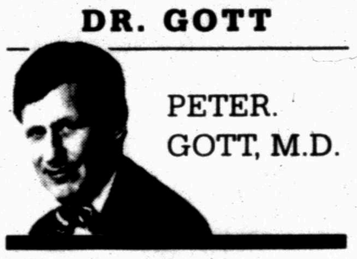

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Rare ducks seen in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Who was that Masked Duck?

A bird watcher says the sightings of three extremely rare Masked Ducks means Texas is hosting some of the most aloof and elusive members of the bird world.

"I guess why birders are all excited is because we have never had a mass sighting," Rob Thacker, the attorney who made the third sighting during the Christmas Day bird count at Brazos Bend State Park, said Monday. "They are just real rare and they just don't turn up here."

The other two sightings were on Union Carbide property in Seadrift and at the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge near McAllen, according to bird watcher Jim Day, who saw one over the holiday.

"It's a beautiful bird," he said. "The neat thing is, it is right in the public view."

The last known sighting in Texas was a single duck at the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge in 1989. Before that, a pair inhabited the marshes of Anahuac from 1969 to 1970.

The Masked Duck is not common to any one area, though it is most often seen in tropical areas of northern South America. It enjoys small, lowland freshwater pools with lots of vegetation.

The birds are unusual in that they have no regular, migratory pattern. In fact, unlike most others, Masked Ducks do not flock.

Many times, bird watchers say, they are able to blend in with other ducks and go mostly undetected.

It was only by using a high-powered spotting-scope that Thacker was able to pick out the visitor at Brazos Bend.

Astro-graphs By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 29, 1992

Either by choice or circumstance you may undergo a change of attitude in the year ahead. Your altered personality will make you stronger and more positive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are very perceptive today and it shouldn't be too difficult for you to know when someone is not telling the truth. However, you would be wise to keep your perceptions to yourself. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today you might be a bit more generous than usual in your business dealings. This could be either good or bad, depending upon how far you go in your giving ways.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Situations you personally manage or direct could have better chances for success today than those where you are under the direction of another. Do your own thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let something that occurred in the recent past cause you to prejudge what is developing today and make you resentful. The two events are unrelated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Seek companions today who match you in generosity and sharing. If you make poor selections, you might end up a giver surrounded by takers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you may secretly think that your way of doing things today is better than your contemporaries' methods, for harmony's sake, let everyone have some sort of input.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be one of those days where you might create problems for yourself in areas where there are no reasons for problems to exist. Don't rock the boat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be helpful to friends today, but try not to become too immersed in their problems. Getting in too far could cause a loss of objectivity, and your ability to help could decrease.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you may do certain things that are worthy of praise and acknowledgment. However, you won't look good if you blow your own horn. Let the accolades come from others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone whose help you might want today could back off if he or she feels you're asking assistance in something you can do for yourself. When requesting assistance, be sure it's out of dire necessity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be upset or jealous today if someone you like gets more attention from others than you do. Everything moves in cycles and shortly it will be your turn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Domestic conditions in general look rather pleasant today, provided you don't rehash an old issue that recently disrupted the family.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 29, 1992

Today is the 364th day of 1992 and the ninth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1982, scientists discovered the oldest human bones ever found in North America at Anzick, Mont.; the skeleton was estimated to be over 12,000 years old.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), U.S. president; William Gladstone (1809-1898), British statesman-prime minister; Pablo Casals (1876-1973), cellist-conductor; Thomas Bradley (1917-), U.S. politician-lawyer, is 75; Mary Tyler Moore (1937-), actress, is 55; Jon Voight (1938-), actor, is 54; Ted Danson (1947-), actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Clemson defeated Ohio State, 19-15, in the Gator Bowl. Buckeyes head coach Woody Hayes was fired after he punched Clemson middle guard Charlie Bauman.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The cello is like a beautiful woman who has not grown older, but younger with time, more slender, more supple more graceful." — Pablo Casals

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1830, a historical snow commenced in Kansas City, Mo. The frontier community was eventually buried under 30 inches of snow, with drifts to 12 feet.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL®
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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 23) and first quarter (Dec. 31).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

Our winters were a lot more bearable before some sadist invented the wind chill factor for the weather reports.

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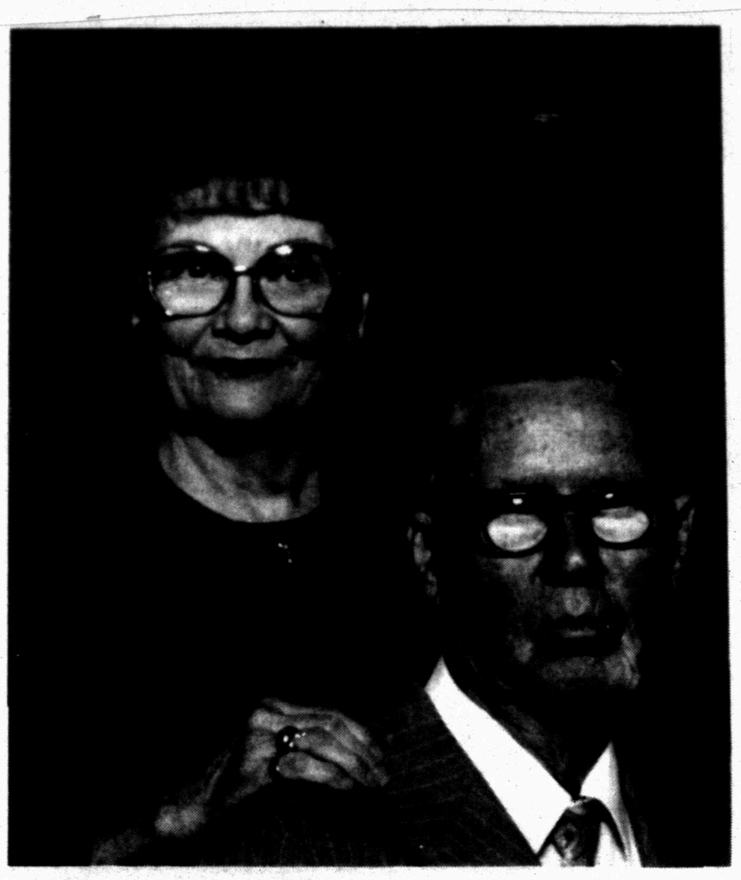

IRA L. and DOROTHY BERRYHILL

Berryhills will celebrate anniversary

A reception is set for 2 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 2 in the Navarro Mills Baptist Church in Purdon to honor Ira L. and Dorothy Berryhill, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

Berryhill married Dorothy Jones on Dec. 31, 1942, in Purdon.

Mrs. Berryhill was born on Dec. 25, 1925, in Chico and Berryhill was born on Nov. 27, 1916, in Corsicana. They met in Henderson County, near Kemp. Since their marriage they have lived in Purdon, Roscoe, Navarro Mills and Snyder.

Mr. and Mrs. Berryhill are Baptist. He is retired from Lone Star Industries and she was a cosmetologist.

Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Berryhill of Sweetwater, Dr. and Mrs. Alton (Patricia) Hassell of Waco, and Mr. and Mrs. Waymonn Berryhill of Longview, will host the event.

The couple has six grandchildren.

British Gen. Edward Braddock was mortally wounded July 9, 1755, as his troops suffered a massive defeat at the hands of French, Canadian and Indian forces near present-day Pittsburgh. One of the survivors was an aide to Braddock — Col. George Washington.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-29-92
♠ Q 4
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A 7 6
♣ A Q 10 6 3

WEST
♠ 9 6
♥ A 6 5
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ J 9 5 4

EAST
♠ A K J 8 3 2
♥ 7 2
♦ 9 5
♣ K 8 7

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

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

Opening lead: ♠ 9

The cryptic clarified

It is nearly 1993. It is time to learn a little about squeeze play. A good starting point is Hugh Kelsey's book "Simple Squeezes" ($14.95, Gollancz, 800-274-2221).

Kelsey lucidly explains the key aspects of the subject. And as he says, most simple squeezes play themselves. Usually, while you are cashing winners, you need to watch for only one key honor. If it hasn't appeared, try to run your other suit. Maybe an opponent has made the "wrong" discard.

The penultimate chapter is useful too, explaining how to defend against squeezes. Finally, there are 20 problems on which to test yourself.

Today's deal from the book gives you an idea of what to expect.

Against four hearts, West leads the spade nine. After winning with the king, most Easts would continue spades, hoping to promote a trump trick for West. But these defenders play as if they can see through the backs of the cards. At trick two, East switches to a trump, West ducking your king. You lead another spade, but East wins and returns his second heart, West winning and playing a third round, killing the spade ruff in the dummy.

Now it looks as though you need the club finesse to work. But is that a realistic hope? Remember, East opened the bidding. He must have the club king. Instead, just run all your red-suit tricks, bringing everyone down to two cards. The dummy will have the A-Q of clubs; you will hold the spade 10 and club two. But what will East keep? He cannot retain both the spade ace and the K-x of clubs. He has been squeezed.

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PARTY-INSTALLATION HELD — Snyder High School Home Economics Living Area was the site for the FHA member's Christmas party and installation of officers. Special guests were mothers of FHA members. Pictured from left are, front row, Mrs. Carolyn Limmer, FHA advisor; Margarita Garcia, vice president of recreation; Maggie Wright, president; Kasi Campbell, historian; Joyce May, refreshment chairman; Kizzy Anderson, yearbook chairman; and Mrs. Carolyn Derouen, FHA advisor. On the back row are Tiffany Anderson, vice president of programs; Daniel Flores, co-chairman of clean-up committee; Shalawn Smith, co-chairman of clean-up committee; Rachel Bolin, secretary; Lisa Alonzo, telephone chairman; Kim Way, treasurer; and not pictured, Carma Brandon, publicity chairman. (Contributed Photo)

SPREADING CHEER — Before Christmas, first grade Brownie Troop No. 400 sang "Silent Night" and other carols to residents at Snyder Nursing Center. They also distributed holiday favors they had made. From left are Kerissa Simmons, Whittney Criswell, Marci Kelley, Gretchen Hollis, Sarah Crawford, Laci Thompson, Andrea Valadez, Tiffany Kubena, Nichole Ornelas, Lauren Ellerbe, Destiney Proctor, Tatiana Hermosillo. (Contributed Photo)

Mother Teresa receives honors from Russia's consul general

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Mother Teresa has been honored by Russia for her efforts to care for destitute children.

The 82-year-old Nobel Peace laureate received the 1992 Leo Tolstoy International Award on Monday at her mission in Calcutta. The gold medal and citation were presented by Russia's consul general.

The Roman Catholic nun said she hoped to open five more centers to care for poor and sick children in Russia, where her order already operates two homes.

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a) ***Woody Allen*** b) ***Lily Tomlin***
c) ***Shelley Long*** d) ***James Caan***
e) ***Richard Dreyfuss***
f) ***Danny DeVito***

Look for the answers in tomorrow's **Pop Culture!**

Yesterday's answers: *1) Victoria Tennant 2) "King Tut" 3) "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," "The Jerk," "The Kids Are Alright," "The Muppet Movie," "Pennies From Heaven," "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid," "The Man With Two Brains," "All Of Me," "The Lonely Guy," "Movers & Shakers," "Little Shop Of Horrors," "Three Amigos!" "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," "Roxanne," "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," "Parenthood," "My Blue Heaven," "L.A. Story," "Father Of The Bride," "Grand Canyon," "Housesitter"*

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ACROSS

1 Bridge on the River —
5 Cuckoo
8 Ali —
12 Encourage
13 Roman bronze
14 Spiritual leader
15 New (pref.)
16 Muse of poetry
18 Recede
19 North of FL
20 Actor — Novello
21 Forward
23 Bone
24 Boxer Mike —
26 Biblical witch's location
28 ... — — where the buffalo roam
29 Collection of facts
30 — Lingus
32 Barrels
33 Insect
34 Leave — — Beaver
35 As far — — know
36 Total
37 Shimmer
38 Lather
40 Large oven
41 River in Siberia
43 A continent (abbr.)
44 Coagulates
45 Biblical king
47 Help
49 Rustic
51 Year (Sp.)
52 — Kringle
54 Parcel of land
55 Flying toy
56 Cut
57 Beast of burden
58 Experts

DOWN

1 — fu
2 Draper with garland
3 In the past
4 That is (abbr.)
5 Brother of Moses
6 Approach
7 Adherent of (suff.)
8 Metric wt.
9 Tint
10 Tree parks
11 Lumps
16 Revelers' cry
17 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
20 Beliefs
22 Between MT and MN
25 Hindu mystics
26 Noun suffix
27 Made of cereal
28 Alias (abbr.)
29 Including
31 Gypsy man
33 Paid notices
34 Misfortunes
36 Hebrew month
37 Fish's breathing organ
39 Kin of dis
40 English poet
41 Shade trees
42 Revolve (a floating log)
44 Silk fabric
45 Aware of
46 Leaves
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50 Gums
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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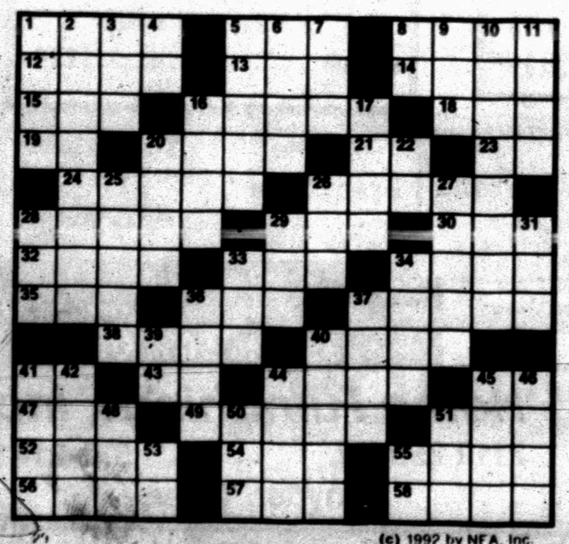

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"DINNER IS ON THE TABLE. NO, I DO NOT DELIVER"

'Pokes give Richards walking papers after fumbles against Bears

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jimmy Johnson sent a message to his NFC East champion Dallas Cowboys: If you fumble, you're job is likely to tumble.

Ask Curvin Richards about Johnson's distaste for miscues.

Richards, a 5-9, 195-pound 1991 fourth-round draft pick, got the axe Monday a day after he scored a touchdown and made a fumble that cost the Cowboys a touchdown in a 27-14 victory over Chicago.

"It hit the point where I had enough," said Johnson. "Curvin has a lot of talent but he hasn't shown he can be depended upon."

Richards was nicknamed "Swervin Curvin" for his darting runs, but twice he failed to take the ball with him.

One Richards miscue was picked up by Chris Zorich and returned 42 yards for a Bears' touchdown.

Tommie Agee will backup Emmitt Smith for the Cowboys playoff game on Jan. 10 in Texas Stadium. The Cowboys are expected to activate Derrick Gainer, a former Los Angeles Raider from Florida A&M off their practice squad. Gainer was a free agent.

The Cowboys also are looking for another tight end. Alfredo Roberts suffered a knee ligament tear in Sunday's victory and will miss the playoffs.

Pat Evans could be activated off the practice team although Johnson said he plans to look at several free agents.

Johnson said of Richards: "I want to go into the playoffs with people I can count on. I can count on Tommie Agee. I think Curvin understood. He can play in this league. My advice to him on his next stop would be to concentrate better and take a more serious approach to the game."

Richards gained 22 yards on 13 carries and scored on a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter Sunday.

Richards lost three fumbles for the season in 49 carries and three pass receptions.

At Canyon Tournament...

Snyder stings Hornets, 56-49

CANYON — Coach Bud Birks' Snyder Tigers broke their first two-game losing streak of the season Monday with a 56-49 win over Tulia in the opening round of the Canyon Holiday Tournament.

The Tigers, now 10-3, broke out on top 11-6, before an 18-12 surge by the Hornets left Tulia with a 1-point halftime lead.

"We were a little sluggish, as could be expected after a week's layoff," said Birks. "I'm sure they were, too.

"We played good defense throughout the game, but we struggled with our shooting. The second half, we ran our offense well. We still didn't shoot very well, but we ran the offense better."

The combination of Snyder's defense and the emphasis on the offensive scheme gave the Tigers a 35-30 lead at the end of three quarters.

A 21-point burst in the final eight minutes assured SHS of the win.

Snyder was led by seniors Barretta Collins and Adrian Sneed.

Sneed canned seven field goals on his way to a team-high 17 points. Collins hit four baskets and converted seven of 10 free-throw opportunities for 15.

Tulia was paced by Dwain Hawthorne, who hit 21 points to lead all scorers.

Snyder will face Amarillo Highland Park in today's 6 p.m. semifinal matchup. Highland Park tripped Dalhart, 61-57, in its first-round meeting Monday.

Other Monday results included host Canyon dropping Littlefield, 58-50, and Hereford notching a 71-63 win over Floydada.

Today's other semifinal tilt finds Hereford battling Canyon at 7:30 p.m.

Consolation semifinals include the 3 p.m. Dalhart-Tulia contest, and Floydada taking on Littlefield at 4:30 p.m.

The tournament winds up Wednesday with consolation and championship finals.

Canyon Holiday Tournament
Canyon High School
Boys
Monday, Dec. 28
Snyder 56, Tulia 49
Amarillo Highland Park 61, Dalhart 57
Canyon 58, Littlefield 50
Hereford 71, Floydada 63
Tuesday, Dec. 29
Consolation semifinals
Dalhart vs. Tulia at 3 p.m.
Floydada vs. Littlefield at 4:30 p.m.
Championship semifinals
Snyder vs. Amarillo Highland Park at 6 p.m.
Hereford vs. Canyon at 7:30 p.m.

Snyder	11	12	12	21	-56
Tulia	6	18	6	19	-49

Leading scorers: Snyder — Sneed 17, Collins 15, Patrick 6, Bollinger 6, Stansell 5, Alvarez 4, Garza 3; Tulia — Hawthorne 21. **Record:** Snyder 10-3.

Slaton drops SHS girls in first-round contest

SLATON — The Snyder Lady Tigers could manage only one point in the first quarter Monday, falling behind 11-1 after eight minutes, before losing, 59-29, to the Slaton Tigerettes in the first round of the Slaton West Texas Invitational girls basketball tournament.

The Lady Tigers rebounded with 12 points in the second, but a third-period 14-6 surge and a 20-10 fourth-quarter run by the host squad sealed the rout.

Junior guard Annie Ragland paced the SHS attack with 10 points. Phylesha Whaley hit 12 for the Tigerettes.

Snyder was to have taken on Sweetwater, a 49-32 loser to Dalhart on Monday, at 9:30 a.m. today in the consolation quarterfinals.

Other action Monday included a 56-40 win by Floydada over Crosbyton; Littlefield's 61-50 victory against Ralls; Levelland racing past Lockney, 66-41; Morton falling to Big Spring, 52-46; Abilene Wylie tearing up Roosevelt, 53-31; and Perryton stopping Wall, 43-36.

Today's championship quarterfinals began at 11 a.m. with the Floydada-Big Spring matchup. Dalhart faced Slaton at 12:30 p.m.; Littlefield and Abilene Wylie square off at 5 p.m. and Levelland takes on Perryton at 6:30 p.m.

The Floydada-Big Spring winner will battle the Dalhart-Slaton winner in today's 8 p.m. nightcap.

Consolation bracket games began at 8 a.m. today when Lockney took on Wall. Crosbyton faces Morton at 2 p.m. and Ralls battles Roosevelt at 3:30 p.m.

Monday's loss drops Snyder to 3-12 on the season. Slaton improves to 13-4.

Snyder	1	12	6	10	-29
Slaton	11	14	14	20	-59

Leading scorers: Snyder — Ragland 10; Slaton — Whaley 12, Houston 10. **Records:** Snyder 3-12, Slaton 13-4.

West Texas Invitational
Slaton High School
Girls
Monday, Dec. 28
Floydada 56, Crosbyton 40
Littlefield 61, Ralls 50
Levelland 66, Lockney 41
Big Spring 52, Morton 46
Dalhart 49, Sweetwater 32
Abilene Wylie 53, Roosevelt 31
Perryton 43, Wall 36
Slaton 59, Snyder 29
Tuesday, Dec. 29
Consolation quarterfinals
Lockney vs. Wall at 8 a.m.
Sweetwater vs. Snyder at 9:30 a.m.
Crosbyton vs. Morton at 2 p.m.
Ralls vs. Roosevelt at 3:30 p.m.
Championship quarterfinals
Floydada vs. Big Spring at 11 a.m.
Dalhart vs. Slaton at 12:30 p.m.
Littlefield vs. Abilene Wylie at 5 p.m.
Levelland vs. Perryton at 6:30 p.m.
Championship semifinal
Floydada-Big Spring winner vs. Dalhart-Slaton winner at 8 p.m.

Cards compete in Hawley tourney

Hermleigh will open the Hawley Holiday Classic basketball tournament with games against host Hawley in both boys' and girls' divisions today.

The Lady Cardinals will take on the Lady Bearcats at 5 p.m. today. The Cards will tangle with the Hawley boys in the tournament's 3:30 p.m. matchup.

Hermleigh's girls begin round-robin play with a 5-5 season record. The Cardinals are 3-5 heading into the tournament.

Today's other girls' division contest finds Bronte taking on Aspermont at 11 a.m.

Boys' division tilts include Merkel versus Aspermont at 9:30 a.m. and Abilene Cooper's JV versus Bronte at 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon battles featured Abilene High's JV against Cisco at 2 p.m. and the Hermleigh-Hawley battle.

The tourney concludes Thursday with consolation and championship finals.

Montana, 49ers get past Lions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Joe Montana answered the most important questions.

He can still pass. He can still play. He can still take a hit, pick himself up and throw some more.

And he can still win.

Montana returned from a nearly two-year, injury-caused absence to throw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes and the San Francisco 49ers pulled away for a 24-6 win over the Detroit Lions in Monday night's final regular season game.

The 49ers (14-2), who closed with eight straight wins, have a first-round bye in the playoffs and will play host to a divisional playoff on Jan. 9.

Detroit, which reached the NFC championship last year, finished 5-11 to conclude a disappointing, injury-racked season.

"I'm glad it's over. It's been a long year for us," Detroit coach Wayne Fontes said. "We may have a poor record, but we're not that bad a football team. We gave them all they could handle for one half. The second half, we had nothing offensively. But they deserve all the credit."

Montana, 36, the oldest player on the 49ers' roster, was greeted by a standing ovation and numerous "welcome back" signs when he opened the second half in relief of starter Steve Young.

He outscored Young 17-7, directing three scoring drives in the rainy, windy weather, beginning with a Mike Cofer field goal that gave San Francisco a 10-6 lead with 13:18 remaining.

Cornerback Don Griffin intercepted an Andre Ware pass to give San Francisco possession at the Detroit 26. Montana scrambled 16 yards to the 10, Amp Lee gained a yard on a run, and after an incompletion, Montana hit Brent Jones with a 9-yard scoring pass.

Montana brought the crowd to its feet again when he threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Lee with 1:15 remaining. The score cappped a beautifully executed 76-yard march in which Montana completed all five of his passes.

"That was vintage Montana — drop back, boom; drop back, boom," 49ers center Jesse Sapolu said. "Everybody wanted to know the answers to a lot of questions. They wanted to know if he could pass, if he could scramble. Well, Joe answered a lot of those questions."

There was one question Montana couldn't answer, and the one who could said he wasn't ready. San Francisco coach George Seifert said he needed more time before deciding whether Montana would displace Steve Bono as the team's No. 2 quarterback for the playoffs.

Known for his cool demeanor, Montana said he was surprised he was so nervous when he entered the game.

"In terms of butterflies, this one's near the top," he said.

Montana finished with 126 yards, completing 15 of 21 throws. His first completion, a four-yarder to Marc Logan, put him over 35,000 passing yards for his career.

"It's been a while, so I figured I'd be rusty," Montana said. "I just tried to tell myself not to be over-cautious. I just didn't want to make a big mistake."

He didn't.

He has said repeatedly that he would be unwilling to remain with San Francisco as a backup to Young.

The 49ers, down 6-0 after a pair of field goals by Jason Hanson, took a 7-6 halftime lead on Logan's 1-yard touchdown run with 3:14 left in the second quarter.

Young shook off a sack by Tracy Scroggins to complete a 23-yard pass to Jones for a first down at the 5. He threw to Rice for 3 yards and Detroit was called twice for encroachment before Logan went over left tackle for the score.

Ware took Detroit on two long drives, but both ended in field goals as Hanson kicked a 44-yarder in the first period and a 50-yarder in the second.

Ware was sacked six times, including three by Tim Harris. Harris had 17 sacks on the year to finish one behind NFL leader Clyde Simmons.

Bowl glance

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Washington State (8-3) vs. Utah (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Southern Cal (6-4-1) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 9 p.m. (Raycom)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Hawaii (10-2) vs. Illinois (6-4-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	16	9	.640	—
Orlando	13	10	.565	2
New Jersey	15	12	.556	2
Boston	12	15	.444	5
Philadelphia	8	16	.333	7½
Miami	8	17	.320	8
Washington	8	19	.296	9
Central Division				
Chicago	19	7	.731	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	4
Charlotte	14	12	.538	5
Detroit	13	12	.520	5½
Indiana	13	13	.500	6
Atlanta	12	14	.462	7
Milwaukee	11	15	.423	8
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	17	8	.680	—
Houston	14	9	.609	2
San Antonio	13	12	.520	4
Denver	7	18	.280	10
Minnesota	5	18	.217	11
Dallas	2	20	.091	13½
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	20	4	.833	—
Seattle	17	8	.680	3½
Portland	16	8	.667	4
LA Lakers	14	11	.560	6½
LA Clippers	14	12	.538	7
Golden State	14	13	.519	7½
Sacramento	9	16	.360	11½

Monday's Games
New Jersey 104, Charlotte 103
Washington 97, Atlanta 96
Orlando 110, Milwaukee 94
Miami 107, LA Lakers 96
Cleveland 98, Detroit 89
Golden State 106, San Antonio 105
Utah 114, Minnesota 95
Tuesday's Games
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Boston vs. Seattle at the Kingdome, 10 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NFL glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
x-Miami	11	5	0	.688	340	281
y-Buffalo	11	5	0	.688	381	283
Indianapolis	9	7	0	.563	216	302
N.Y. Jets	4	12	0	.250	220	315
New England	2	14	0	.125	205	363
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	11	5	0	.688	299	225
y-Houston	10	6	0	.625	352	258
Cleveland	7	9	0	.438	272	275
Cincinnati	5	11	0	.313	274	364
West						
x-San Diego	11	5	0	.688	335	241
y-Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	348	282
Denver	8	8	0	.500	262	329
LA Raiders	7	9	0	.438	249	281
Seattle	2	14	0	.125	140	312
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
x-Dallas	13	3	0	.813	409	243
y-Philadelphia	11	5	0	.688	354	245
y-Washington	9	7	0	.563	300	255
N.Y. Giants	6	10	0	.375	306	367
Phoenix	4	12	0	.250	243	332
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	5	0	.688	374	249
Green Bay	9	7	0	.563	276	296
Tampa Bay	5	11	0	.313	267	365
Chicago	5	11	0	.313	295	361
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	273	332
West						
x-San Francisco	14	2	0	.875	431	236
y-New Orleans	12	4	0	.750	330	202
Atlanta	6	10	0	.375	327	414
LA Rams	6	10	0	.375	313	383

x-won division title
y-won playoff berth

Saturday's Games
New Orleans 20, New York Jets 0
Los Angeles Raiders 21, Washington 20
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 23, Cleveland 13
Kansas City 42, Denver 20
Minnesota 27, Green Bay 7
Indianapolis 21, Cincinnati 17
Miami 16, New England 13, OT
Philadelphia 20, New York Giants 10
Los Angeles Rams 38, Atlanta 27
Dallas 27, Chicago 14
San Diego 31, Seattle 14
Tampa Bay 7, Phoenix 3
Houston 27, Buffalo 3
Monday's Game
San Francisco 24, Detroit 6
End Regular Season

Broncos fire Reeves

DENVER (AP) — "Life goes on," Denver Broncos coach Dan Reeves told a news conference. And the Broncos will go on without Reeves at the helm.

Reeves was fired Monday, ending a 12-year career in Denver that included three Super Bowl appearances and five AFC West Division titles. Reeves, 48, announced his own firing at a news conference at Broncos headquarters.

Reeves admitted that he and owner Pat Bowlen differed over how the team should be run, with Reeves preferring to retain control and Bowlen wanting it to be shared.

In addition to serving as head coach, Reeves was offensive coordinator and team vice president, with power over virtually all player personnel decisions. Bowlen wanted responsibilities spread around.

"When you own a football team, you should be able to run the ballclub the way you would like to," Reeves said.

Bowlen said Reeves made some allowances, but said he did not think a new arrangement would work.

Bowlen said he will go to New York to attend to NFL matters before he begins the task of hiring a new coach next week. He said a new coach will be hired within a month.

Reeves said defensive coordinator Wade Phillips would be a good candidate. Former offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan's name also has surfaced.

The Broncos, who reached the AFC title game last season before losing 10-7 in Buffalo, ended their season 8-8 after a 42-20 loss at Kansas City that knocked them from the playoffs. They started 7-3 but lost four straight games after quarterback John Elway was injured.

Reeves led Denver to five first-place finishes and three second-place finishes in the AFC West Division. His Bronco teams also appeared in four AFC championship games and three Super Bowls, losing all three times.

Reeves has played or coached in a record eight Super Bowls, including five appearances as a player and coach for the Dallas Cowboys.

AP cage poll

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (47)	7-0	1,607	1
2. Kansas (18)	8-0	1,569	2
3. Kentucky	6-0	1,464	3
4. Indiana	10-1	1,412	4
5. North Carolina	7-0	1,383	5
6. Michigan	6-1	1,298	6
7. Seton Hall	9-1	1,242	7
8. Iowa	8-0	1,158	8
9. Arkansas	7-0	1,050	10
10. Georgetown	5-0	950	11
11. UCLA	7-1	906	12
12. Syracuse	8-0	844	13
13. Purdue	6-0	810	15
14. Georgia Tech	5-1	786	16
15. Oklahoma	7-1	692	9
16. UNLV	4-0	574	19
17. Michigan St.	5-1	468	20
18. Florida St.	6-3	449	18
19. California	5-0	442	21
20. Nebraska	7-1	388	17
21. Cincinnati	4-1	328	23
22. Arizona	2-2	322	14
23. Connecticut	4-1	294	22
24. Vanderbilt	8-1	178	25
25. Brigham Young	7-2	162	—

Others receiving votes: Massachusetts 65, Louisville 40, Tulane 29, Tennessee 24, Xavier, Ohio 18, New Mexico State 17, Utah 16, Virginia 16, Missouri 14, Houston 12, Ohio State 12, Alabama-Birmingham 10, Providence 10, George Washington 8, Texas-El Paso 8, Wake Forest 8, Minnesota 7, LSU 6, Long Beach State 6, Pepperdine 5, Marquette 3, Memphis State 3, Southwest Missouri State 3, Clemson 2, New Mexico 2, Florida 1, Oklahoma State 1, SW Louisiana 1, Texas 1, West Virginia 1.

College hoops

by The Associated Press

EAST
Boston College 97, Long Island U. 62
Colgate 77, Buffalo 70, OT
Fairfield 82, Loyola Marymount 75
Lafayette 77, Columbia 72
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"We shave and they don't — that's about the only difference," said Marine Gunnery Sgt. Jeff Vandervort of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Bugs, heat and boredom affect both sexes equally. I or the men and women in this devastated country to protect famine relief supplies, the bigger issue of whether women should be in combat has had little opportunity to arise.

There's been little except occasional exchanges of gunfire between Marines and Somali bandits.

And because the Marines escorting food convoys and patrolling cities are from combat divisions, they wouldn't include women in the first place.

The main battle is against tedium and isolation.

Most of the more than 20,000 U.S. troops — about 300 of them women — never leave their military compounds.

The support people make the humanitarian mission run smoothly: tending to medical problems; distributing mail; maintaining the military's trucks, planes and helicopters; running the airport control tower.

That routine gives the women plenty of time to ponder whether they would want to go into combat — even if they were allowed to.

"You're going to die one way or the other anyway, so why not die fighting for your country?" said Air Force Sgt. Jeanette Winston of the 343rd Missile Security Squadron based at Malmstrom AFB in Montana.

Although Somalia is a Muslim country, the women haven't experienced the discrimination that was widespread in Saudi Arabia during the Persian Gulf War.

There has been no government, police force, or organized social institutions to enforce law since the fall of dictator Gen. Mohammed Siad Barre two years ago. Western women draw stares in Somalia, but so do Western men.

Air Force Maj. Rita Pfeifer, a nurse, recalled that in Saudi Arabia, she was forced to wait for a table at a restaurant until one was available at the back, out of sight of other diners.

That's not a problem here. There are no restaurants.

One is arrested on felony charge

Snyder police made two arrests Monday, including one for felony possession of marijuana.

Thirty-three-year-old Simon Morin of 1909 21st St. was arrested at his residence at 11:49 p.m. Monday after officers entered the home with a search warrant. Morin was arrested for felony possession of marijuana and misdemeanor possession of alcohol in a dry county for the purposes of selling.

At 8:53 p.m., police arrested a 27-year-old man in the 2100 block of 30th Street on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated.

At 10:08 a.m. Monday, police worked a hit and run. Involved was a parked, unoccupied 1989 Ford owned by Bobby Hernandez of Rt. 2 and an unknown vehicle which left the scene. The exact location of the hit and run is unknown.

Senior citizens news announced

Senior citizens will have a joint New Year's Eve party and birthday party in the Senior Center Thursday.

The birthday party will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by the New Year's Eve party at 10:30 a.m. The Kitchen Band will be providing musical entertainment during the morning.

The center will be closed all day Friday, New Year's Day.

Senior citizens are encouraged to keep fit by participating in the daily exercise class at 11 each weekday morning. Golf instructions for seniors is offered in the gym adjacent to the center at 10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

The Senior Center will hold an open house from 5-8 p.m. on Jan. 4 and local residents who are nearing senior citizen age are invited to attend. There will be bingo from 5-6 p.m. and the Local Yokels will be performing from 6-8 p.m. Visitors are invited to play pool, dominoes, 42 or card games, learn about the center's quilting program and have blood pressures checked. For more information call 573-4035. The center is located at 2603 Avenue M.

Senior citizens who help with the distribution of surplus commodities each month are reminded that there will be a training session for them at 10 a.m. on Jan. 14. Everyone who helps with the program is encouraged to plan to attend the session.

Petroleum prices

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

	Mon.	Thu.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	.5690	.n.a.
Gasoline unl prem RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.5890	.n.a.
Gasoline unl RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.5430	.n.a.
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light $ per bbl fob	n.q.	n.a.
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	n.q.	n.a.
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	19.80	n.a.
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	17.50	n.a.

Brazil's president resigns

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) — President Fernando Collor de Mello, who rose to power as an elegant knight in white campaigning to clean up government, resigned today as the Senate began his corruption trial.

Collor, 43, accused of taking millions that went to such projects as building waterfalls at his private mansion, was suspended from office Sept. 29. The trial was to decide whether to strip him of his powers and force him out of politics.

Collor had derided the proceedings as a kangaroo court and vowed never to quit. There was no explanation for his abrupt and surpising turnaround, announced by his lawyer, Jose de Moura Rocha, in a one-line statement.

By resigning, Collor loses his presidential immunity and could be prosecuted on criminal charges that carry an eight-year sentence. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The Senate could still decide to ban Collor from politics until 2001. Senate President Mauro Benevides suspended the trial for 90 minutes and called a joint session of Congress to announce the resignation.

Benevides declared the presidency vacant and asked acting President Itamar Franco to be sworn in. Franco would serve the remaining two years of Collor's term.

"The nightmare is over," said Sen. Amir Lando, who wrote the congressional report on the probe that led to Collor's downfall. "The country can sleep peacefully."

Collor rose from obscurity as a state governor to take office in 1990 as Brazil's first directly elected president in three decades. But his administration came crashing down after the August report charging him with corruption.

He was charged with receiving $6.5 million from a slush fund run by his former campaign treasurer.

The treasurer, Paulo Cesar Farias, is accused of extorting money from businessmen in exchange for government contracts and favors. No formal charges have been filed against him.

Dear Abby

Couple's Years of Blessings Become Bounty for the Needy

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This letter is long overdue. George and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary last April and we used a suggestion we read in your column. We had a lovely party at the Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club, and our invitations read:

"Your love and friendship is the only gift we need. However, if you wish to bring something, please make it an item of non-perishable food that will be donated to the needy."

Abby, it worked! We had a heavy carload to deliver. The people at the pantry were amazed at the quantity of food we brought in. We thank you for publishing that suggestion and hope you will continue your wonderful column for a long time.

JANE LEONARD, SKOKIE, ILL.

DEAR JANE: I'm pleased that you used my idea for your 50th wedding anniversary celebration. May you and George enjoy many more anniversaries.

When all is said and done, all we really have in the end is the pleasure we receive from that which we give away.

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DEAR ABBY: During the holidays, blood banks around the country face the task of providing transfusions for the many hospital patients who depend on our community blood supply. The need is so great, and you have been such a stalwart friend, Abby, that we are asking you to remind your readers once again that the need for blood never takes a holiday.

Perhaps you can also remind your readers that giving blood is safe: You can't get AIDS or any other disease from *giving* blood! It's simple and usually takes 30 to 40 minutes from registration through post-donation juice and crackers. And, most important, giving blood saves lives!

Last year, more than 4 million Americans received blood transfusions. Sadly, only about 5 percent of those able to donate actually give blood. Here in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, we need more than 700 units of blood every day, including Christmas and New Year's!

Abby, Americans have so many blessings to celebrate. Why not celebrate the blessings of good health by sharing it? This holiday season, visit your local blood center and give the gift that lasts a lifetime: Give blood.

WILLIAM F. HELLER,
CARTER BLOOD CENTER;
WILLIAM V. MILLER, M.D.,
WADLEY BLOOD CENTER;
HAROLD KAPLAN, M.D.,
PARKLAND BLOOD CENTER

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DEAR ABBY: At a recent party, a large bowl of dip was served with vegetables cut into small "sticks" — carrots, cucumbers, etc. To my horror, I saw people proceed to dip half-eaten vegetable sticks back into the bowl of dip!

This struck me as being very unsanitary. Am I too fussy, or not?

REPULSED IN VERMONT

DEAR REPULSED: You are not too fussy — you're sensible. When serving a dip, a spoon should be provided in order to allow the guests to spoon out the dip onto small cocktail plates.

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DEAR ABBY: The first thing I look for in my newspaper is the obituary column. When the cause of death is listed as cancer, I always wonder if the deceased had been a heavy smoker.

I wish that very important fact would be included in the write-up. Am I the only person who wishes it were?

LONG ISLANDER

DEAR LONG ISLANDER: I'm sure you're not. But unless the deceased had requested that it be included in his/her obituary, which is highly unlikely, that "very important fact" will remain a mystery.

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Abby's family recipes are included in her cookbooklet! Send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, [illegible] included.)

Alabama governor accused of stealing funds

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Guy Hunt pronounced himself "totally innocent" and vowed to serve out the last two years of his term after being indicted on charges of stealing $200,000 from his 1987 inaugural fund.

Hunt, a 59-year-old Primitive Baptist preacher in his second four-year term, was booked and fingerprinted Monday on 13 felony charges including theft, conspiracy and an ethics violation and released on his own recognizance.

He's the eighth U.S. governor this century to be indicted in office.

The first Republican elected governor of Alabama since Reconstruction, Hunt was accused of conspiring with inaugural fund accountant Gene McKenzie, who was also indicted, and two former aides to take for his own use $200,000 raised by the inaugural. The indictment didn't say what Hunt allegedly did with the money.

Under state law, a felony conviction would mean automatic removal from office. Eleven of the charges carry prison terms of 2 to 20 years each.

"I'm totally innocent," Hunt said. "I'm going to fight. I'm going to serve out my term."

Earlier, his office issued a blistering statement accusing Alabama's Democratic attorney general of concocting the charges to embarrass a Republican. The statement later was withdrawn.

A grand jury returned the indictment after a six-month investigation that initially focused on whether Hunt illegally used state aircraft to take paid preaching trips. The panel later expanded its investigation.

The indictment made no mention of the preaching trips.

"I have never stolen anything in my entire life. These outrageous charges are absolutely false and will be proven such," Hunt said.

The governor will plead innocent at his arraignment Jan. 20, said his lawyer, George Beck.

Mark McDaniel, a lawyer for McKenzie, said his client is innocent.

Tax records show that the inaugural fund collected nearly $1.2 million from 1986 through 1991, spending only slightly less. Organizers of the first inaugural said the event was to pay for itself through the sale of banquet tickets, program advertising and donations.

Incorporation papers of the tax-exempt fund said it also was meant to promote the general well-being of all Alabama residents.

"We think there's some basic misunderstanding about the accounting for these funds," the governor's lawyer said. "Hunt did not expend any funds without first getting the advice of an accountant and an attorney."

The grand jury's report said the panel would continue work on seven other cases.

Hunt, a farmer, preacher and former Amway salesman who revels in his country bumpkin image, was first elected in 1986. State law prevents him from seeking a third consecutive term in 1994.

Cubans on flight request asylum

MIAMI (AP) — A Cuban airliner pilot overcame fellow crew members and flew into Miami International Airport this morning, and almost all of the 53 aboard requested political asylum, officials said.

The Soviet-made Aero Caribbean twin-engine turboprop was supposed to fly from Havana to the tourist resort of Varadero Beach on communist Cuba's north coast, said Anne Eldridge of the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta.

It had five crew members, 40 adult passengers and eight children aboard, and all but four or five of them requested asylum, said airport spokesman Chris Magnos.

Miami airport controllers were contacted by Havana controllers and "they told Miami that the pilot called them and said he was being kidnapped," she said.

But the pilot himself apparently was behind the unscheduled flight to the United States, said U.S. Customs Service spokesman Michael Sheehan.

"At some point during the flight it appears that chloroform was used to pacify the co-pilot and that he was also restrained, possibly with handcuffs," he said. "There was a security officer on board as well who may also have been restrained during the flight."

Year in review: First four months

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attended a public hearing Feb. 4 in Worsham Auditorium over a proposed elementary school reorganization plan. Trustees accepted the controversial plan on Feb. 13 by a 6-1 vote.

—Hayward Clay and Tonya Warren were named Mr. and Miss SHS for 1991-92 in a morning coronation ceremony at Snyder High School.

—Funeral services were held during the month for Chief Deputy Sheriff Andy Anderson and Jonisue Cogdell Stiff. Stiff donated 160 acres south of Cogdell Center as a site for Western Texas College.

—Mobil announced that it would begin a CO2 injection project in the Salt Creek Field in mid-1993.

—Western Texas College claimed the national meats judging contest held at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

MARCH

—Chris Halbert, a sixth grade student at West Elementary, spelled "deuce" to win the Scurry County Spelling Bee on March 6.

—Price Daniel Unit Assistant Warden Charlie Streetman was named assistant warden at the Hughes maximum security unit in Gatesville. Major Orlando Perez was named as assistant warden at the new McConnell unit in Beeville.

Named new assistant warden at Price Daniel was Robert Parker, a veteran of 21 years with the TDCJ. In May, Kevin Moore, an eight-year veteran with the TDCJ, was appointed as major for the local unit.

—In a surprise announcement Wednesday, March 11, WTC Lady Dusters' basketball coach Kelly Chadwick announced his retirement. Chadwick had posted a 704-266 overall record as a high school and college coach over a 29-year span. He led the Amarillo College Lady Badgers to the national finals three times and the Lady Dusters to nationals twice.

—Most local races in the March primary produced runaway victors but Democratic candidates Weldon Beck and Ralph Trevey were forced into a runoff for the position of County Commissioner of Precinct 1. Trevey defeated Beck in the April 14 runoff.

Veteran lawman Keith Collier held off a bid by challenger John Leftwich for the county sheriff's post and former county judge Bobby Goodwin won the Democratic nomination for Precinct 1 constable over Jimmy Wilson. All other races were uncontested until November's general election.

—Snyder received the good news that it has made the TDCJ's short list for a new prison site in mid-March. More than 800 people turned out in support of a second prison unit during a public hearing April 1. Unfortunately, hopes for a second 1,000-bed unit were crushed on April 10 when the TDCJ board bypassed Snyder in the selection process.

—Ryan Teague of Pampa and Lei Holcomb of Snyder were named Mr. and Miss WTC for 1991-92 at the college's spring formal, held March 26. (more)

—The body of Paul Edward Milford, local businessman who had been missing since Nov. 2, 1991, was found March 30 in a cistern one mile off U.S. Highway 84 near Fluvanna. An autopsy indicated that Milford had been shot twice in the chest with a small-caliber weapon.

In April, Police Chief Lannie Lee said his department would seek to file murder charges against Milford's employee, Arthur Lee Harding. Harding, along with his girlfriend Nina Jonell Henderson, left Snyder two days after Milford was reported missing.

Henderson and Harding would be arrested in Louisiana in July and charged with Milford's murder.

—Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerrero, who would later step down as commissioner during a scandal over her educational background, was guest speaker for the annual chamber of commerce banquet, held March 31 in Scurry County Coliseum.

APRIL

—Saying there has been no correlation between hair length and a student's ability to learn, Snyder public schools administrators and faculty members determined that length would not be a factor in the 1992-93 code.

—Walls Industries, which closed its factory in July of 1991, announced that it was interested in re-opening the facility. Over 250 applicants turned out on April 9, indicating a strong employment base for the factory.

On April 15, Walls officials announced that the facility would reopen on Monday, April 27.

—Anadarko Petroleum Corporation announced its intent to purchase 100 percent of the outstanding stock of Calley & Fowler Production of Scurry County for $11 million.

—Phillip Cockerell was named Firemen of the Year for the Midwest Texas District at its area convention in Rotan.

—Ronald Jones, one of Oklahoma's most successful high school coaches, was named by the board of trustees to replace Kelly Chadwick as coach of the WTC Lady Dusters.

—L.D. Smith was honored as Conservation Farmer of the Year and Bill Blankenship was named Conservation Rancher of the Year at the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District awards banquet.

—Tin Ping (Patrick) Lam and Andra McKinney were named outstanding male and female academic students during the WTC annual Spring Awards Day ceremonies.

—Bernadette Stephens was named director and promoter of the county coliseum on April 27.

—Kurtis McCathern and Kevin Gutierrez advanced to the Class 4A UIL state academic contests along with members of Snyder's One-Act Play.

McCathern placed third in persuasive speaking at state in early May. Gutierrez competed well but did not place. The drama department's production of "Romeo and Juliet" was runner-up. Casey Franks and Erin Rambo were named to the All-Star Cast and Sam Grimes received honorable mention. Craig Row received a technical award for lighting.

—Snyder High School baseball coach Albert Lewis reached the 300-win mark on April 28 as Snyder defeated Dunbar 15-5.

Obituaries

Francisco Torres

1914-1992

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. today in the Snyder Cemetery for Francisco Torres, 78, who died Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Officiating was Father Patrick Maher.

Born in Rio Hondo, Mr. Torres was married to Aurora Aguirre. She died in 1960.

Survivors include three sons, Vanancio Torres, Juan Torres and Israel Torres, all of Snyder; two daughters, Virginia Rivera and Eva Garcia, both of Snyder; two brothers, Antonio Torres and Paulo Torres, both of Snyder; two sisters, Delfina Valarreal and Carmen Araguz, both of San Benito; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

Erma Barthold

1906-1992

KERMIT — Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Eastside Church of Christ for Emma Barthold, 86, of Kermit. Allen Green will officiate. Burial will follow in the Kermit Cemetery.

Mrs. Barthold died Sunday in Lubbock's St. Mary of the Plains Hospital.

She was the mother of Elizabeth Duncan of Snyder.

Born on Dec. 19, 1906, in Ozark, Ark., she married Charlie Herman Barthold on July 22, 1923, in Denton County. She had lived in Kermit for 48 years and was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

Also surviving are one sister, Laverne Thomas of Childress; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Otto Parrish, Snyder; Kathleen Head, 2907 Ave. H.

DISMISSALS: George McDonald, Patricia Jones, Cindy Arnette.

Census: 45 (Med.-11, CCU-1, OB-2, Long-Term Care-31).

UpWard Bound receives funding

UpWard Bound, a non-profit organization committed to helping those who cannot help themselves, has been awarded a fall grant of $1,000 from the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

The grant is for start-up costs for the Scurry Community Services program to identify and meet human service needs within Scurry County.

UpWard Bound was founded in 1992 by a group of concerned Christians to provide spiritual, physical and financial assistance, particularly in times of medical financial crisis.

All contributions to UpWard bound, P.O. Box 16 in Snyder, are tax deductible.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	645/8	64	645/8	+1/8
Albtsn	523/8	515/8	521/8	+1/2
AlliedSignal	62	613/8	62	+3/8
ALLTEL Cp	485/8	481/4	483/8	-1/8
AmStores	445/8	44	441/2	+1/2
Amer T&T	521/8	511/4	52	+1/8
Ameritech	705/8	70	705/8	+5/8
Amoco	505/8	493/4	503/8	+3/8
AndarkPtr	275/8	271/4	271/2	+1/4
Arkla	81/4	8	81/8	
ArmcoInc	65/8	61/2	65/8	
AtlRichfld	1153/4	1137/8	1153/4	+13/4
BakerHugh	19	185/8	19	+3/8
BancTexas	17/8	17/8	17/8	
BellAtl	527/8	515/8	523/4	+11/4
BellSouth	531/2	53	531/2	+1/4
Beth Steel	163/8	161/8	161/4	-1/8
Borden	291/4	287/8	291/8	+1/4
Caterplr	541/8	535/8	541/8	+3/8
Centel	333/4	335/8	335/8	-1/8
CenSoWst s	293/4	291/2	293/4	+1/4
Chevron	701/4	691/4	701/4	+3/4
Chrysler	331/4	323/4	331/4	+1/2
Coastal	241/2	231/2	241/2	+1
CocaCola s	441/2	435/8	441/4	+3/4
ColgP	567/8	561/8	561/2	-1/4
ComlMetl	263/8	261/8	261/4	
CooperIn	471/2	461/2	471/2	+1
CyprusMn	297/8	295/8	297/8	+1/8
DallSemicn	13	127/8	13	
DeltaAirl	501/2	503/8	501/2	+1/8
DigitalEq	341/4	331/8	341/8	+7/8
Dillard s	511/2	497/8	511/8	+11/8
DowChem	573/4	563/4	573/4	+7/8
DresserInd	183/8	173/4	181/4	+3/8
DuPont	487/8	481/8	483/4	+3/8
EstKodak	401/2	401/8	401/2	+1/8
EljerInd	85/8	81/2	81/2	-1/8
Enserch	147/8	145/8	147/8	+1/8
Exxon	625/8	621/8	621/2	
FlowerInd	197/8	195/8	193/4	-1/8
FordMotor	431/8	423/8	431/8	+7/8
GTE Cp	343/8	34	341/4	+3/8
GnDynam	1043/4	1033/4	1043/4	+11/4
GenElct	873/8	863/4	873/8	+1/2
GnMill	711/2	707/8	711/2	+1/4
GenMotors	331/4	33	331/8	
GenMotrE s	331/4	323/4	331/4	+1/2
GaPacif	607/8	601/8	607/8	+1/4
GlobalMar	21/4	21/8	21/4	+1/8
Goodrich	49	481/4	49	+3/4
Goodyear	697/8	683/4	693/4	+3/8
GtAtlPac	243/8	241/8	243/8	-1/8
Gulf StaUt	161/4	161/8	161/4	+1/8
Haliburtn	291/4	285/8	291/8	+3/8
Hanson	175/8	171/2	175/8	
HoustInd	461/2	463/8	461/2	
IBM	511/8	495/8	50	—13/4
IntlPaper	651/4	65	651/8	-1/4
JohnsnJns s	51	501/2	51	+3/8
K mart s	247/8	245/8	247/8	-1/8
Kroger	143/4	143/8	143/4	+1/4
vjLTV Cp	9-16	1/2	9-16	+1-16
Litton s	461/8	453/8	461/8	+1/2
vjLoneStar	25/8	25/8	25/8	
Lowes s	243/4	243/8	243/4	
Lubys	221/8	217/8	221/8	
Maxus	61/2	63/8	63/8	
MayDSt	721/4	701/2	721/4	+21/4
Medtronic	931/4	913/8	931/4	+21/8
Mobil	627/8	621/4	627/8	+1/2
Monsanto	573/8	563/8	573/8	+5/8
Motorola	1061/4	1043/4	1061/4	+15/8
Motorla wi	53	523/4	53	+1/2
Nationsbk	531/8	52	531/8	+11/8
Navistar	23/8	21/4	23/8	+1/8
Nynex	847/8	84	847/8	+1
OryxEngy	191/2	193/8	191/2	
PacTelesis	453/4	451/4	455/8	+1/8
PanhECp	167/8	163/4	167/8	+1/8
PenneyJC	79	781/4	787/8	+7/8
Pennzoil	50	493/4	50	+1/4
PepBoys	233/8	231/8	233/8	+1/8
PhelpD s	471/2	47	473/8	
PhilipPet	251/4	247/8	251/4	+3/8
PilgrmPrd	63/8	61/4	63/8	
Polaroid s	317/8	315/8	317/8	-1/8
Praxair n	163/8	161/4	161/4	
Primerica	493/8	49	491/8	-3/8
ProctGamb s	55	545/8	55	+1/8
PubS NwMx	123/8	121/4	121/4	
SFePacCp	131/4	13	131/4	+1/4
SaraLee s	313/4	31	315/8	+1/2
SearsRoeb	463/8	453/8	463/8	+13/8
SherwinW	313/4	311/4	313/4	+1/4
SmthBck s	371/4	363/4	363/4	-1/4
SmthBc eqt s	323/8	32	321/8	+1/8
Southern Co	383/8	381/8	381/4	-1/8
SwAirl s	29	283/4	29	-1/8
SwstBell	737/8	731/4	737/8	+1/2
Sprint	257/8	253/4	253/4	
SterlingChm	33/4	35/8	35/8	
SunCo	275/8	271/2	271/2	-1/4
TNP Ent	19	187/8	19	+1/8
Tandy	291/4	283/4	291/4	
TempIlnl	513/4	511/4	511/2	+1/4
Tenneco	403/4	401/8	403/4	+1/2
Texaco	593/4	593/8	593/4	+15/8
TexasInd	213/4	211/2	211/2	-1/8
TexasInst	461/2	453/8	463/8	+7/8
Tex Util	427/8	423/8	427/8	+3/8
Textron	437/8	423/4	437/8	+7/8
Tyler	41/2	41/2	41/2	
US West	391/8	381/2	39	+1/2
USX-Marathn	171/2	171/4	173/8	
USX-USS	33	323/8	33	+5/8
UnCarbde	167/8	161/2	165/8	-1/4
UnPac	593/4	59	593/4	+5/8
UnitTech	477/8	471/2	477/8	
Unocal	253/8	251/8	253/8	+1/8
WalMart	655/8	641/4	655/8	+3/4
WstnGasRs	25	243/4	243/4	-1/4
WestghEl	13	123/4	127/8	
WinnDixie	791/2	79	791/2	
Woolwth	321/4	311/8	32	+11/4
Xerox Cp	797/8	791/8	795/8	+1/4
ZenithE	6	57/8	57/8	

PUBLIC NOTICE

In July, 1991 the City of Snyder was placed under an Administrative Order from the Texas Water Commission. The order cited a fish kill in the City's receiving stream, and a violation in failure of notification in removing part of the existing treatment plant for site preparation of the new plant. Although, the City of Snyder is held responsible for each of these violations as outlined in its permit, each offense was caused by extenuating circumstances beyond its control.

In May and June, 1990, illegal discharges by third parties were monitored at the wastewater treatment plant. The source of these discharges were discovered and laboratory analyses were performed on samples collected at the site of the discharges and at the treatment plant. City staff members conducted an investigation into these discharges and agreements were reached in order to prevent this from happening again. Due to the expremely high toxicity level of this material, the treatment capability of the plant was severly damaged. The long term effect on the treatment plant eventually resulted in the discharge of ineffectively treated sewage into the receiving stream which acounted for the violations to permitted discharge values and ultimately eliminated all of the available oxygen present in the receiving stream which created the fish kill. The failure of notification in the removal of part of the existing plant was an oversight of the engineering firm designing the new treatment plant. The design of the proposed new facility was sent to regulatory agencies for their inspection and approval. This design clearly outlined the new plant and showed that a portion of the existing plant would have to be altered in order to build the new plant. Once the engineers were notified that the design had been approved, an assumption was made that they could proceed to remove a portion of the existing plant to begin preparation of the new plant. The Order cited that prior notification was not made granting approval to remove a portion of the existing plant.

These violations have resulted in fines being levied against the City of Snyder totalling $15,900. Because of the City's longstanding committment to environmental enhancement and the City's progress toward construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, $3,900 of the fine was abated contingent upon continued compliance with Texas Water Commission regulations requiring protection of human health and water quality and all permit and State requirements, the enforcement order and completion of the new wastewater facility by August 1993. This notice is published in compliance with the Texas Water Commission Enforcement Order.

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By Mike Morrow,
County Extension Agent

Soil testing should be one of the first steps in planning 1993 crop production programs. January is a good time for producers to take soil samples after the cotton has been harvested and the stalks have been shredded.

The cost of a soil test is a minor investment to make considering the information it gives when faced with making fertilizer decisions.

Soil tests will indicate how much fertilizer is needed to attain a desired yield goal. On the other hand, direct savings can result when a soil test indicates that there are already adequate levels of nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium or other nutrients to attain a desired yield.

Phosphorus applications should be made during the winter months during land preparation. Phosphorus will not leach with rainfall and water movement through the soil profile. Therefore, it will remain where it is placed and be available to the plant during spring and summer.

Many experts advocate delaying nitrogen applications until your final land preparation prior to planting. Unlike phosphorus, nitrogen will leach through the soil profile with water movement. Split applications of nitrogen have been shown to enhance cotton yields. Using split applications, one-third to one-half of the recommended nitrogen is applied prior to planting. The remainder is applied during the growing season using side-dress chisel shanks. This ensures that nitrogen is available to the plant during critical stages of plant and boll development.

Soil sample bags and information sheets can be obtained by contacting the Scurry County Extension Office.

The feedlot business is picking up, according to Dr. Ernie Davis, Extension Economist-Livestock Marketing. Feed is cheap due to a large corn crop across the nation. And in Texas we have a very large harvest of milo — much of which was planted on abandoned cotton fields in the Panhandle.

The dry fall weather in wheat-growing areas is one major reason why so many calves were sent to feedlots earlier than usual.

Agricultural economists at Texas A&M say the state's major feedlots are about 80 percent full. But it's still too early to talk about a boom. Too much beef on the market could force prices down. Still, cheap feed makes cattle feeding a paying proposition, even if the price of fat cattle declines a little. Lower feed costs may boost the ranching economy as well because feedlot operators can afford to bid more for the rancher's calves.

USDA lab trying...

Eliminate mosquitoes without chemicals?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department scientists are working to develop a synthetic hormone that could replace chemicals and provide an environmentally friendly method of pest control.

Scientists at the Medical and Veterinary Entomology Research Laboratory in Gainesville, Fla., "are looking for new ways to control harmful insects without using chemicals," said Robert Faust, USDA's national program leader for basic entomology.

Researchers have discovered a synthetic hormone mimic that — when injected into female mosquitoes, biting midges, flies and fleas — inhibits the formation and hatching of 98 percent of their eggs.

If they can successfully cultivate the hormone and insert it into a parasite common to insects and ticks, USDA says it could spray selected areas with the parasite. Mosquitoes would then be kept from multiplying.

University of Florida and USDA scientists are in the preliminary phases of developing this method, but the department said, "This is an emerging approach to controlling insects ... by disrupting their internal functions."

Dallas, Granite Shoals sell lotto winning tickets

AUSTIN (AP) — Stores in Dallas and the small Central Texas town of Granite Shoals sold tickets that matched all six winning numbers from Saturday's $5 million lotto drawing, lottery officials say.

But no one had brought a winning ticket to lottery headquarters in Austin by late Monday afternoon, they said. The jackpot will be split between the two winners, officials said.

The winning tickets were purchased at Cracker Barrel Grocery in Granite Shoals and Circle K No. 1645 on South Saint Augustine in Dallas, officials said.

The retailers will be eligible for a bonus equal to 1 percent of the jackpot amount paid to each winner, if the winning tickets are validated and the prize claimed.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 17, 21, 23, 26 and 38.

Jury pools increase as drivers' licenses and IDs now qualify

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of more Texans become eligible Friday to serve on Texas juries, and officials across the state are curious about the effect of the new law.

"I'm really anxious to see," said Linda Bierman-Davis, Tarrant County's jury administrator.

In the past, the state's list of registered voters was used as the source for prospective jurors. By not registering to vote, a person could assure he would never be asked to serve on a jury.

But under a new state law which goes into effect Jan. 1, county officials will also be provided the names of those licensed to operate a vehicle in Texas. The law was passed more than a year ago, but its effect was delayed to give time for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the secretary of state's office to work out the logistics.

Many county clerks have just sent out their first summons under the new law.

A preliminary estimate showed the number of potential Tarrant jurors increasing to about 670,000, a 22 percent increase over the 550,000 over the past year, she said.

New grading standards may offset complaints, sorghum producers say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sorghum producers say they hope new grading standards will combat complaints from overseas buyers and boost exports of U.S.-grown grain.

On June 1, 1993, the Federal Grain Inspection Service will reduce the amount of broken kernels and foreign substances allowed in sorghum, a grain fed to livestock. Debris such as corn or other types of grain, rocks and sticks get mixed in with the sorghum, lowering the product's quality.

"Many overseas buyers were turned against sorghum in general, so this change will be helpful in establishing overseas markets," said Ralph Olson, a producer from Ceresco, Neb.

The new regulations will also lower the allowable amount of tannic acid, a substance found mostly in foreign-grown sorghum that reduces the nutritional value of the grain.

"These new grading standards will be significant for the future marketing of U.S. grain sorghum, both domestically and internationally," said Jeff Casten, president of the National Grain Sorghum Producers and a grower from Quenemo, Kan.

The most commonly bought grade of sorghum will now be allowed to have 7 percent broken kernels and debris, down from 8 percent. Only 2.5 percent of the sorghum can be debris; previously, there was no regulation on the ratio of debris to broken sorghum kernels.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Planning a child's room sounds like an easy project. This is especially true of first-time parents who are dreaming about the perfect color scheme to compliment newly acquired baby furniture. Others realize a child's room will require as much forethought as the well designed kitchen if the space is going to look good and yet be practical and functional for a number of years.

Today's children belong to a technologically sophisticated generation. Because no one has a crystal ball for the future, incorporating flexibility into a master plan will allow modifications to be made as individual tastes and interests grow.

These tips can help in designing rooms for children:

•Space — Consider what is essential. Standard furnishings include a bed, chest of drawers, bookcase and bulletin board. Next, consider how easily one can move through the space once the essentials are in place. Can the furniture and accessory items be arranged to maximize open floor area? Is there a private space to store possessions and a place to be alone? children can satisfy their curiosity, broaden their interests and accomplishments, gain academic skills and form good study habits if they have an available space to call their own.

•Floor — Children of all ages love being on the floor. It needs to be free from drafts, warm and adaptable enough for work and play. Select a floor covering based upon ease of maintenance, ability to muffle sounds, prevention of germ retention and reduction of slipping hazards. Vinyl or rubber mats similar to those found in offices make an excellent, safe and resilient floor surface for playing.

•Storage — Where will clothes, toys and equipment of various kinds be stored? If children are to learn to be tidy, make it easy and fun to put items away. Chests of drawers work well for adults, but are not necessarily the answer for the younger set. Children really love to see what they have and to be able to retrieve it instantly. A better solution for them might be storage bins, cubby holes, open shelves, hooks and baskets that are within their reach. Shelves that can be adjusted as the child grows are ideal. For creative storage options, scout office, kitchen, hospital and restaurant equipment supply stores. Feel free to mix and match to create witty, clever and colorful arrangements.

•Furniture — Look critically at each piece of furniture under consideration in terms of its safety, function, versatility, durability and good design. Above all, children need sturdy merchandise that is easy to clean, smooth and splinter free and finished with a non-toxic paint or sealant. If possible, shop for furniture designed for school, industrial or contract settings. These items are designed to withstand a lot more use and a great deal of abuse.

•With the exception of cribs, car seats, high chairs and "first" table and chairs and special child-sized furniture, purchases should be kept to a minimum. Instead look for items that can easily make the transition as the child grows. For instance, an adult size twin bed and removable quadrails will accommodate a child right out of the crib through high school and will also provide and "extra bed" when company arrives. And by choosing a standard size, there will be plenty of bedding options.

•Cribs - Cribs need to be careully selected. They come in a variety of styles and sizes. There is a "standard" size however, and mattresses and bedding readily available to fit it. Always keep the most stringent safety aspects in mind when purchasing a crib. The rail height must be adequate even when the dropside is lowered and crib slats should be no further apart than 2⅜ inches to prevent a baby's head from getting caught between them. All hardware must be safely attached so it cannot be removed by a child. Fastening devices should engage automatically so babies cannot lower the sides on their own.

•Chairs — Comfortable seating is necessary for eating, relaxing, group play, writing or other intensive play activities. While a child is still young, a strong, stable high chair that can be adjusted to a convenient height for feeding from the table and lowered for other activites will save money. Avoid high chairs with sharp ends or open-ended tubes. Look for a safety strap, a seat adjustment device that locks securely, a foot rest and a base that is wider than the seat for stability. Toddlers prefer chairs that are scaled to their height so their feet rest on the floor. They also like to have a chair they can move around by themselves. Whether stackable plastic or wooden, but a chair that is sturdy and won't tip over easily when climbed upon. Again, all finishes need to be non-toxic and wooden chairs need to be smooth and splinter free.

•Play Equipment — Children are creepers, rollers, movers, runners, throwers, jumpers, climbers, pedalers, balancers, tumblers, rollers, punchers, hitters and kickers. They need freedom to be noisy and boisterous and the opportunity to test themselves, their imagination and their endurance. With regard to play equipment, the greatest consideration will be the amount of space available for accommodating all the paraphernalia. For long-term enjoyment, choose items for young children that are as adaptable as possible and challenge the imagination. Children tend to be enthusiastic about anything they can pull around and pretend is something else. Therefore, abstracted playforms tend to capture a child's interest for hours where as a seesaw allows only one activity to take place. As a child grows, there wll be additions based upon individual tastes and interest.

•Walls and Windows — Walls have the tremendous potential as areas of great visual interest. But before decorating, it may be wise to install a second layer of plasterboard over the existng wall for noise control. If this is not possible, panels covered with fabric can be placed on the walls to help absorb distracting noise. Walls painted in neutral colors allow cutouts, prints, paintings, toys, blackboards, tack boards and storage units, themselves to become focal points. Since younger children are incorrigible scribblers and chalkers, you might consider covering the lower portion of the wall in scrubable wallpaper that can be easily removed at a later date.

Window treatments are more an aesthetic judgement. They can be plain and functional, decorative and functional and should provide insulating properties which help prevent heat loss in winter and act as a heat reflector in the summer. Remember, any window treatment chosen needs to be out of reach of toddlers and crawlers.

There is no "best way" to design a child's room, but you can create a friendly, cozy and safe environment where children can enjoy sleeping, playing and learning.

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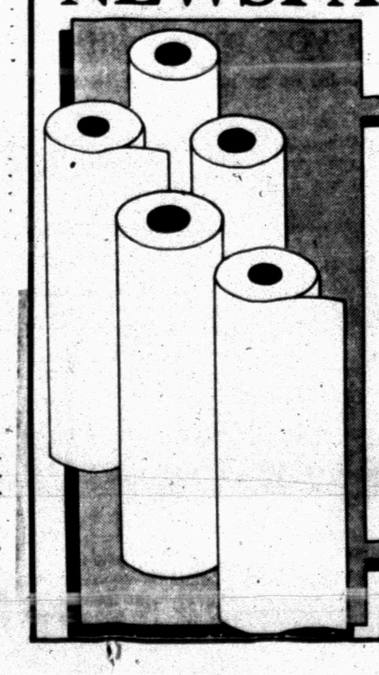

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Happy New Year from the IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is preparing to mail its New Year's greetings: 107 million federal income tax packages.

The Internal Revenue Service said Monday that letter carriers will begin delivering the tax forms on Saturday.

Most taxpayers will see little change in the forms, which cost $12 million to print and another $19 million to mail. That's 30 cents a package.

By the time the April 15 filing deadline rolls around, the IRS expects to have received 116 million returns, including 60.5 million from taxpayers using Form 1040. It expects another 18.5 million to use Form 1040A and 16.8 million to return Form 1040EZ.

It anticipates that another 14 million taxpayers will use tax preparers who return forms electronically, rather than by mail. And it's looking for 6.7 million to file returns prepared on home computers using tax preparation software.

The IRS says that half of all taxpayers use the less complicated Forms 1040A or 1040EZ, or an electronic filing format.

Earlier this month, the IRS mailed more than 11 million postcards to farmers and self-employed taxpayers who used a paid preparer last year. The postcard included a pre-printed label and told taxpayers to take the cards to their preparers who will have the necessary tax forms.

The tax rates and, for the most part, the forms will be unchanged from last year.

The basic rate for upper income bracket taxpayers is 31 percent. The rates for the lower brackets remains 28 percent and 15 percent, although the income ranges covered by the brackets have been adjusted to reflect inflation.

There are several significant changes in compiling individual taxes, however.

The standard deduction for people who do not itemize has been raised. For a single taxpayer, it's now $3,600, up from $3,400 last year; for heads of households, it's $5,250, up from $5,000.

The standard deduction for a married couple filing jointly has been raised to $6,000 from $5,700, while the deduction for a married couple filing separately now is $3,000, up from $2,850 last year.

Once again, people who itemize will not be permitted to include most interest payments on personal debt, such as credit card borrowing and auto loans. Home mortgage interest continues to be deductible, however.

The personal exemption has been raised by $150, to $2,300 for most taxpayers, their spouses and children. However, high income earners may have to reduce their exemptions if their adjusted gross income exceeds a certain amount.

Fourteen million more high-income earners will be able to use the tax table in Form 1040, however. It has been expanded from $50,000 to $100,000, which the IRS hopes will cut down on errors made when figuring the tax amount.

The dollar limit for earned income credit — the benefit for low-income working families with children — has been raised from $21,250 to $22,370, including any non-taxable earned income. The maximum credit this year is $2,211, up from $2,020.

Novelist resigns from social party

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Novelist and playwright Guenter Grass resigned from the opposition Social Democratic Party in protest after it agreed to work with the government to curb the flow of refugees into Germany.

In an interview with German television Monday, Grass said the party had broken with decades of tradition by agreeing to restrict the asylum law.

Grass, a leftist and spokesman for liberal causes, became a member of the center-left Social Democrats 10 years ago.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government needs the support of the Social Democrats to change the constitution, which includes some of the world's most liberal asylum provisions.

The government blames a rise in right-wing violence on the record number of people seeking asylum in Germany.

Grass's works include "The Tin Drum," a 1962 novel critical of Germans' attitudes during the rise of Nazism.

Thieves bilk millions from companies

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston office of the Drug Enforcement Administration has been stung for an estimated $1.8 million by drug dealers who used its phone system freely for about 18 months.

And that's just one of many examples of thieves using computers and credit card calling cards to pilfer millions of dollars from Texas companies, officials say.

"It's something everybody's got to worry about," Mark Anderson, regional manager of Southwestern Bell's business equipment division, said. "If you haven't been abused yet, you will be."

Armed with a voice mail extension number and a pilfered access code, telephone thieves can rack up thousands of dollars in long-distance calls before a company has a chance to react.

John Haugh, a Portland, Ore., consultant and author of "Toll Fraud and Telabuse," estimates toll fraud cost American business and consumers some $3.8 billion last year.

Calling card abuse is a major problem during the holidays when thieves become "shoulder surfers" in malls and airports to observe travelers punching code numbers into pay telephones. But calling card scams are of little consequence to businesses because long-distance companies generally swallow misapplied charges.

However, telephone companies aren't as charitable when a hacker breaks into a customer's private telephone system.

"Under the law, the user is liable for 100 percent of charges that arise from misuse of his equipment," Haugh said.

"You get a little trucking company that grosses $10,000 a month and they get a phone bill for $300,000, what are they going to do?" he asked. "They've got to shut down."

Authorities say the weak link in most companies' security system is the private branch exchange, or PBX, a computerized switching device that routes calls within a building and manages other systems such as voice mail.

"Any time you have electronic equipment, there's going to be some software gurus out there who will figure out a way to crack it," said Steve Nichols, president of Inter-Tel, a Houston-based seller of PBX equipment.

Most hackers are looking for a feature called DISA — Direct Inward System Access. DISA allows employees to call into their company's switchboard and get an outside line. Many PBX systems allow access to DISA through the voice mail system, so that an executive on the road, for example, can call in for messages and then make long-distance calls without hanging up.

Hackers either look for a direct DISA line or an unused voice mail box, then try to crack its security code. Finding the code is easier than it sounds: If it's a four-digit number, a hacker with speed dialer can crack it within minutes.

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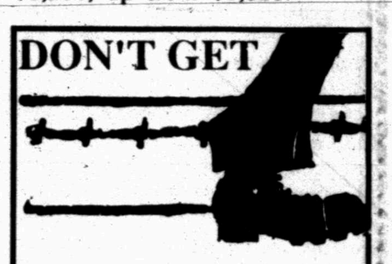

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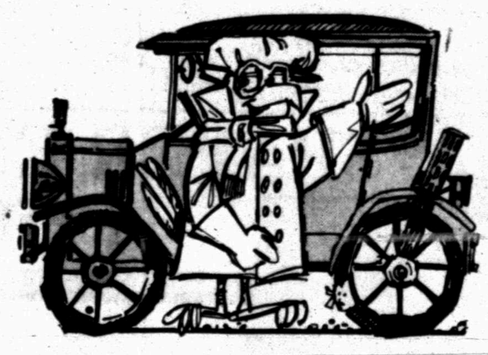

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