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Ask Us

Q—How much money has the county put in TexPool?

A—The county joined TexPool but to date has transferred no funds.

In Brief

More rain due

AUSTIN (AP) — Area residents are on alert today as the forecast called for more rain, officials with the Lower Colorado River Authority said.

"The lakes are full; the river is full. We want the people in the Highland Lakes and downstream to know that this is a potentially dangerous situation," said Mark Rose of the LCRA.

Lake Travis could rise in two instances. If rains fall below Lake Travis and floodgates on Mansfield Dam have to be closed to reduce downstream flooding, the lake could rise, Rose said.

Lake Travis also could rise if rain falls farther upstream because reservoirs there are full, he said.

29 are freed

PLACENTIA, Calif. (AP) — Twenty-nine people walked out of a bank unharmed after a botched holdup by a gunman who later shot and killed himself.

Authorities were trying to determine whether another robber might have been involved in Tuesday's 61/2 hour ordeal inside the Bank of America building in this suburb about 20 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

It was not immediately clear if a shirtless man who left the building with his hands raised about 11/2 hours before the others was an accomplice of the gunman, police said.

Sometime shortly after the holdup, police said the gunman fled the bank with two female hostages, commandeered a car, then fatally shot himself after he was chased onto a nearby freeway.

Local

Tourism

The tourism and retirement committee of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the chamber board room.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 65 degrees; low, 35 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 35 degrees. No precipitation.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 30s. Light north wind. Thursday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 50s. West wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:47 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:47 a.m. Of 365 days in 1991, the sun has shone 345 days in Snyder.

Good news...

Year's fire total down

Most places wouldn't be happy to learn that business had fallen off by 19 percent. But most places aren't in the businesses of putting out fires.

"Business is down and that's great," said Snyder Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell. "We hope it stays that way."

Snyder Fire Department made "only" 284 calls last year; 69 fewer than the previous 12-month period.

Admittedly, is was out of the ordinary.

"We usually average about one a day," McDowell said. "So, yes, 284 is low."

There were 353 in fiscal 1990.

Grass fires donimated the list of emergency responses by the department for 1990-91, according to an annual report released by the fire chief. Of the total emergency calls, 78 were in response to grass fires. Twenty-two of those were in Precinct 3 and 20 were in Precinct 1.

Most out-of-city grass fires are caused by people burning trash, McDowell said. Although many people confine the fire to a barrel, they frequently use no grate or a grate which allows cinders to escape. Only a mesh-type grate, such as window screen, will keep cinders from blowing out and possibly causing an unwanted fire.

Of the 284 total responses, 86 were listed as public service. These include a number of requests, including safety programs at schools, or responding to a cautious caller who fears he has detected a gas leak.

Smoke scares accounted for 34 of the department's calls.

Snyder Fire Department responds to both city and county calls, and routinely assists neighboring counties when needed.

Department officials and volunteers handled 17 dwelling fires and 13 rescues during the 12-month period.

McDowell noted that dwelling fires range from an engulfed structure to a brief, small fire which may have caused minor damage to a kitchen or some area of a home.

Rescues have usually been confined to using the Jaws of Life to free a victim of a motor vehicle accident.

The department also responded to 12 vehicle fires, 12 cotton fires and seven mobile home fires during the year.

A breakdown of the responses shows 132 in the city, of which 62 were of a public service nature. Firemen responded to 49 calls in Precinct 3, 40 in Precinct 1, 33 in Precinct 4 and 30 in Precinct 2.

Snyder Fire Department relies on 10 paid firemen and 40 volunteers.

Holidays almost at an end for Scurry school students

Students at Ira and Hermleigh return to classes Thursday after enjoying a holiday break.

Snyder public school students aren't scheduled to return to classes until Monday, Jan. 6.

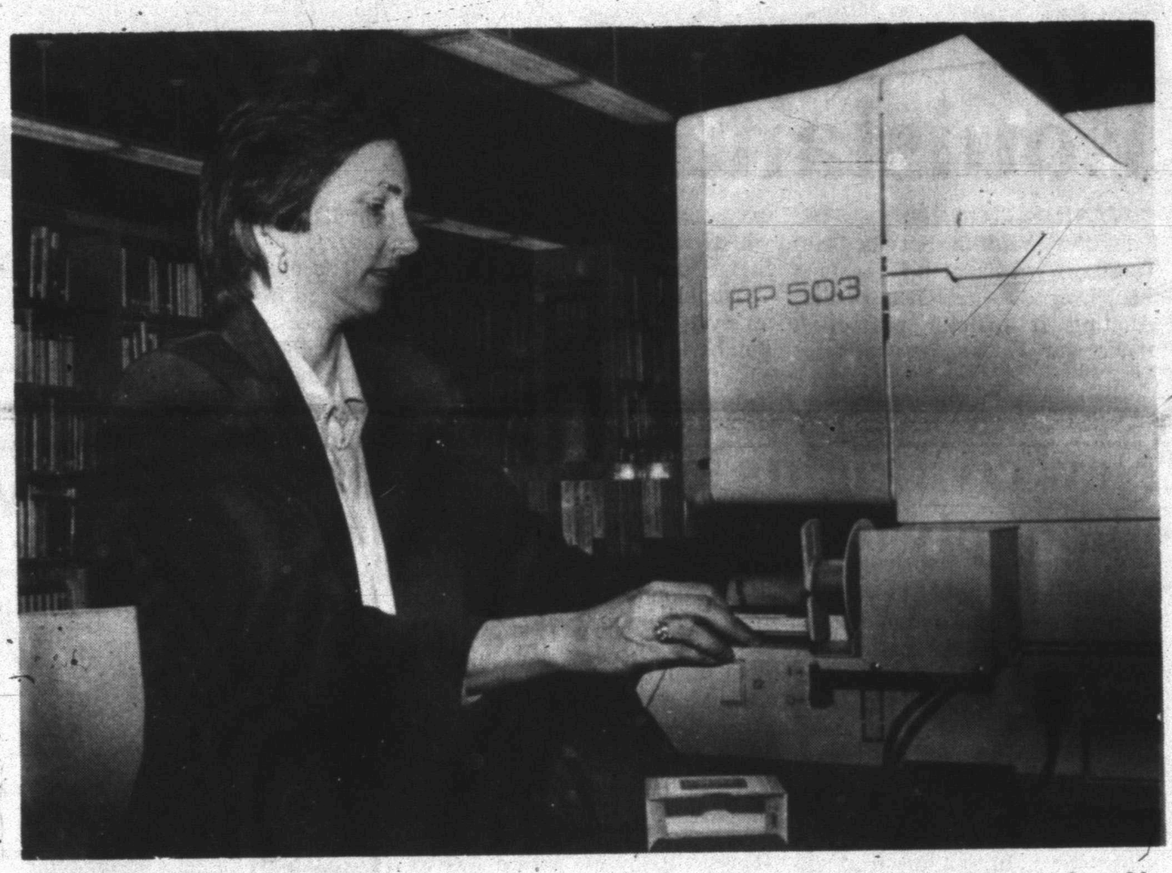
School business offices will open Thursday at Ira and Hermleigh and on Monday in Snyder.

Spring semester classes at Western Texas College will not begin until Jan. 15, although the college will see plenty of activity prior to that.

Offices at the college open at 8 a.m. Monday. Scurry County Museum will also open Monday morning.

Faculty in-service is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Dorms will open at 10 a.m. Jan. 14 and registration for the fall semester will begin at 1 p.m.



NEW EQUIPMENT — Noreen Taylor, county librarian, looks up information on the microfilm reader/printer which was recently purchased by the Scurry County Library. (SDN Staff Photo)

Library has new equipment

Microfilm and microfiche copies are now available at the Scurry County Library.

A microfilm reader and printer was recently purchased by the county library to aid in research for geneology and school projects.

"We are very proud of this machine," said librarian Noreen Taylor. "It is much more efficient and easier to use than the old equipment, and it enables us to make copies."

According to Taylor, money for the reader/printer was budgeted at the first of the year, but the equipment has been on back order for several months.

The reader and printer is available public use, and copies of microfilm items are available for 25 cents each.

Scurry County Library has 45 periodicals available for research, with many current magazines on hand.

The library has an extensive geneology collection, including census reports and books, as well as research material and periodicals in print.

The Scurry County Library is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

El Salvador...

Peace accord is announced

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Government and rebel leaders heralded the New Year today with the announcement of an ambitious accord to bring peace to El Salvador, where the 12-year-old civil war has claimed more than 75,000 lives.

The agreement reached late Tuesday will, in its words, "put a definitive end to the Salvadoran armed conflict" — a war rooted in disparity of wealth that absorbed more than $1 billion in U.S. military aid.

The accord calls for a nine-month cease-fire beginning Feb. 1 and provisions to integrate the leftist rebels in the "civilian, political and institutional life of the country."

Reached after two weeks of intense negotiations, it was a final dramatic victory for U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who ended his decade-long tenure as the talks ended.

"To the Salvadoran people, it's the best New Year's present they could have," said Bernard Aronson, U.S. assistant secretary of state for Inter-American Affairs.

President Alfredo Cristiani of El Salvador, who joined the talks in its final days, said called the accord "an overall agreement" and said it would be signed in Mexico City on Jan. 16. Talks on a timetable to implement the accord are to begin Sunday.

Perez de Cuellar had made peace in El Salvador a priority throughout his tenure and his imminent departure had placed a psychological deadline on the negotiators.

Although offering few details of the accord, Cristiani said former guerrillas would be permitted to join the new civilian police force.

Aronson said negotiators had resolved last minute disputes

(see SALVADORANS, page 7)

Ira cage squads host '92 Dog Pound event

IRA — Ira's varsity basketball teams will battle Southland in the first round of the Ira Dog Pound Classic basketball tournament here Thursday.

Both the new gym and the old gym will be used during the three-day tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs, 0-14, tangle with the Lady Eagles at 6:30 p.m. Ira boys, 10-3, battle the Eagles in the 8 p.m. nightcap.

In other first-round boy's action Thursday, Loraine faces Rotan A and Rochester takes on Westbrook in 5 p.m. games, while Hermleigh, now 2-8, battles Rotan B at 8 p.m.

On the girl's side, Rochester meets Westbrook and Loraine faces Rotan A, both at 5 p.m., and Rotan B plays Hermleigh's 6-5 Lady Cards at 6:30 p.m.

Elimination games begin in the girls' bracket at 3:30 p.m. Friday. Boy's second-round games start at 5 p.m.

The tourney's championship game is set for Saturday at 6:30 p.m. for the girls and 8 p.m. for the boys.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happy New Year."

We're not normally superstitious, but just to be safe we plan on having some black-eyed peas today. And just for good measure, we may go back for seconds.

With all the economic uncertainties left over from last year, West Texas — Scurry County included — can use a little good luck in 1992.

Currently underway is absentee voting for the half-cent sales tax, of which three-eights will be used for economic development. The purpose is to use the funds to create new job opportunities here.

Although it is called a tax, it really is an investment in the future of Snyder and a way of life that we all have come to enjoy.

If you're looking for some resolutions for the new year, any or all of the following will do. Resolve to have:

--A sense of purpose: Set a goal and work towards it.

--A sense of values: The ability to pick and choose values that will enhance life, including the ability to know what you can do without.

--A sense of involvement: The ability to communicate with those around you.

--A sense of responsibility: The ability to enjoy the things that happen and to enjoy even more the things you help make happen.

--A sense of wonder: The ability to marvel at the wonders of the world.

--A sense of beauty: The ability to recognize it and enjoy it.

--A sense of timing: The ability to use it wisely and to understand its value.

--A sense of self: The ability to know one's own ability and use those talents for the good of all.

--A sense of fun: The ability not to take ourselves too seriously.

Lone Star to utilize new center

In a statewide effort to improve customer service, Lone Star Gas Company has switched to a central communications center.

The center, located in Waco, is much like the ones used by the telephone and electric companies. The toll-free number is answered 24 hours, seven days a week.

According to Janice Barrington, customer service representative in the Waco office, the switchover is being made statewide, with local offices being brought into the system gradually.

Barrington states that the new number is now serving over 500,000 customers across the state, including Snyder.

"This new system allows local offices more time to help customers in the office," said Barrington. "Work orders are answered in our central office, and are sent to local offices by computer."

Phillip Cockerell, manager of Lone Star's Snyder office, states the new system offers better convenience to customers locally and statewide.

(see LONE STAR, page 7)

Officials formally serve termination notice on Subic

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines Tuesday served formal notice on the United States to vacate the Subic Bay naval base, its last military installation in this former colony, within one year.

The move came four days after President Corazon Aquino's government announced that the two nations had decided to abandon talks on a three-year phaseout for the base.

The notice states that "the withdrawal of all U.S. military forces from Subic Naval Base should be completed" by Dec. 31, 1992. U.S. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Navy will accelerate the withdrawal and that most of the 5,800 troops should be gone by October.

Subic's strategic value declined as the Soviet and Chinese military threats diminished. The base once was regarded as key to mounting military operations in the Middle East, but it was not a major element in the Persian Gulf War.

In addition, the eruption this year of Mount Pinatubo damaged Subic and showed it more vulnerable than had been realized. The eruption also did severe damage to the Clark air base, which since has been returned to the Philippines.

Together, Subic and Clark constituted the Pentagon's largest overseas installation. Four smaller bases were returned to the Philippines earlier this year.

In announcing the formal notice, the Department of Foreign Affairs said the decision to close Subic "does not diminish the continuing desire of the government of the Philippines and the Filipino people to maintain their close, historical ties with the U.S. and the American people."

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — Children's Day Out students, aged 2-3 years, presented a Christmas program last month. Top row, from left, Kaitlyn Greenlee, Heather Fields, Gena Dooley, Cale Lancaster, Dani Patterson, Kayla Hartzog, Katie Morrell, Ashly Pavlovsky, Jason Cave. Bottom row, front left, Seth Cooper, Brett Partain, Aryn Calley, Jessica Yanez, Dillon Matthies, Kaylee Lacik, Rachel Mitchell, Cassie Mahoon, April Beth Boyd, Claire Morris, Kyle Long, Chase Talbot, Tate Hopping and Jared Bailey. (School Photo)

Arlington officials work on battle plan to save plant

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — City officials met Tuesday to put together battle plans to convince General Motors to keep its 3,800-worker Arlington plant open.

Tax breaks and an economic impact study were among the topics of discussion during the day-long meetings of the Arlington City Council development and tax abatement committees.

Arlington Mayor Richard Greene said he wants the city council to complete its proposals to GM by Jan. 10.

"We can't afford to wait," Greene said.

In December, GM chairman Robert Stempel announced the automaker would merge operations at the 38-year-old Arlington plant and newer a plant in Ypsilanti, Mich. Both plants make full-size rear wheel drive cars, but GM has not yet announced which plant will close.

Breast implants...

Firm told to stop misleading callers

NEW YORK (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration has warned Dow Corning Wright Co. to stop misleading callers to its consumer information line about the safety of silicone-gel breast implants, it was reported Tuesday.

The letter, dated and made public by the FDA on Monday, said operators of the consumer hotline were telling callers the implants pose virtually no hazard, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal reported.

The company had advertised the hotline number in newspapers, promising information "based on 30 years of valid scientific research."

The letter said the company could face enforcement action if it doesn't stop making false or misleading statements by Thursday.

A Dow Corning spokeswoman, Barie Carmichael, told The Wall Street Journal that hotline staffers have been trained to provide accurate information and will continue to do so.

The warning letter to Dow Corning Wright President Dan M. Hayes said Dow's employees were telling callers that breast implants are 100 percent safe, that the migration of silicone in the body can be easily detected and corrected by a doctor and that the rate of connective tissue disease among women with implants is the same as that among members of the general population.

FDA officials said that the company did not have data to back up those claims and that the agency in fact has data showing that silicone does leak and that it may migrate to the lymph nodes.

The data also show that ruptures may occur in 10 percent to 20 percent of implants after a few years and that doctors have reported cases of arthritis-like, autoimmune diseases that they say may be associated with implants.

An FDA panel reviewed data on the safety of breast implants but decided in November that the findings were not conclusive enough to pull them from the market. FDA Commissioner Dr. David A. Kessler is to decide the matter next month.

About 150,000 women undergo breast implant surgery every year and more than 2 million women in the United States have had implants since they became available 30 years ago. About 20 percent of those receiving implants get them after mastectomies.

Louisiana black bear on threatened list

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Fish and Wildlife Service said Tuesday it has listed the Louisiana black bear as a threatened species, granting it official protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The agency declined to declare the bear an endangered species, which would have given it a higher degree of protection.

The black bear, once found extensively throughout Louisiana, Southern Mississippi and parts of eastern Texas, is a large, black-haired mammal with a short tail, small eyes and a yellow-brown muzzle.

The agency said the bear has suffered from a loss of its habitat and faces a continuing threat to that habitat but that these do not place the species in imminent danger of extinction.

The agency's ruling will permit normal forestry operations in habitats the bear occupies. Officials said those operations are considered compatible with preservation of the species.

Roger Schlickeisen, president of Defenders of Wildlife, called the decision "a halfway effort to protect a species that is all but extinct."

"The Bush administration has purposefully crafted what it's done so that it can look like it's finally moving to protect the bear in a significant manner," Schlickeisen said. "Had they really intended to provide the bear the protection it needs, they would have listed it as endangered."

Threatened species, under the agency's definition, are likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant part of their range.

The service said suitable habitat for the bear has been reduced by more than 80 percent with the encroachment of people, so that the animal now exists only in the Tensas and Atchafalaya River basins of Louisiana and Southwestern Mississippi.

The bear gained national prominence nearly a century ago when President Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a cub during a hunting trip. The incident was depicted in cartoons that led to creation of the toy animal known as the Teddy Bear.

New civil rights law does not apply to pending cases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new civil rights law does not cover claims of job discrimination that occurred before the measure was signed into law, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has ruled.

The panel's chairman, Evan J. Kemp Jr., said Monday the EEOC decided that the new law — which allows the right to a jury trial and punitive and compensatory damages up to $300,000 — may not be applied to thousands of existing cases.

President Bush signed the civil rights bill on Nov. 21. Cases of alleged discrimination that occurred before then must be fought under old rules that make it more difficult to win.

The commission's ruling was first reported in Tuesday's issues of The New York Times. Kemp confirmed in a telephone interview Monday night the EEOC had notified other federal agencies of its decision on Friday.

Kemp said he did not know how many cases would be involved but said it would be in the thousands. He said that thus far he has received no reaction to the ruling.

Congressional debate over the measure, which simmered for two years, never resolved whether it would apply to pending cases. The decision to rule them out was adopted unanimously by the EEOC, Kemp confirmed.

The panel has administrative powers to enforce the civil rights laws relating to job discrimination, although the courts have the final word in such cases if they go that far.

In support of its decision, the EEOC pointed to a recent Supreme Court decision holding that a new law should not be retroactive unless if ambiguity exists concerning the issue.

Berry's World

"HAPPY NEW YEAR — I'm outta here!"

Bomb found in mail room

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A package containing a bomb sent to Gov. Pete Wilson was discovered in the mail room of the state Capitol building last week and removed without incident, officials said.

"We were pretty lucky on this," James Lee, a spokesman for the governor, said Monday.

The explosive device, found inside a package, was discovered Saturday in the mail room of the governor's office, officials said.

A member of the governor's staff found the device inside a package sent to the governor through the mail. Investigators refused to comment on the type of explosive found.

"We certainly don't want to give psychopaths out there any more ideas," Lee said.

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PERFORM AT CHRISTMAS — Children's Day Out Discovery School students presented a Christmas program in December. Top row, from left, Hadley Hirt, Colt Long, Kelly Murray, Cole Robertson, Matthew Morris and Tanner Bloom. Bottom row, from left, Alan Gray, Meggan Minor, Jessica Hines, Brad Fields, Xandra Wilkie, Alec Thompson, Andrew Edwards and Abel Aguilar. (School Photo)

Alabama has to spend $20 million at black universities

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Alabama is under orders to spend $20 million at two historically black colleges to erase any remaining traces of segregation in the state's university system.

U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy on Monday ordered $10 million in building improvements each at Alabama A&M at Montgomery and Alabama State at Huntsville over three years.

He also directed several mostly white schools to do more to attract black students, faculty members and administrators.

"This court is obligated to see that vestiges of discrimination are eliminated root and branch and it will brook nothing less," Murphy wrote in his 1,000-page ruling.

Alabama A&M and Alabama State had argued that they had been shortchanged in money and attention for decades. The lawsuit was filed in 1981.

Murphy lauded the University of Alabama for its work toward desegregation since then-Gov. George Wallace tried in the 1960s to keep the school white.

"The university has made great strides towards eliminating policies defended by Gov. Wallace's 'stand in the schoolhouse door' and is today, in many respects, on the fore of university race relations nationwide," he wrote.

Gov. Guy Hunt said it is too soon to say whether the state will appeal.

Rob Hunter, an attorney for the governor and other state officials, said, "I have no idea how the state could come up with $20 million" in a time of budget cuts.

The U.S. Supreme Court is considering a similar case involving Mississippi. That state is appealing a court order to upgrade its mostly black institutions, arguing it has done enough to ensure that blacks and whites can freely choose among schools.

Similar cases are pending in several other Southern states that had dual college systems in the days of segregation.

Court documents show that in 1990, all but about 1,125 of Alabama A&M's 4,890 students were black. At Alabama State, all but approximately 115 of the 4,590 students were black.

That same year, about 850 of Auburn University's 21,535 students were black, and 1,760 of the University of Alabama's 19,795 students were black.

Morales to file stay of federal judges plan for redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — A legislative redistricting plan approved by a federal three-judge panel should be replaced with one passed by the Legislature, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said.

Morales said that he would ask the panel to stop its state House and state Senate redistricting plan Tuesday and defer to lawmakers who meet in a special session starting Thursday.

"When we're talking about redistricting, the will of the people as is evidenced directly through their elected representatives ought to control," Morales said.

The judges said their plan would increase the number of minority representatives. But Democrats and minority groups said the judges, all appointed by GOP presidents, laid down a plan that would increase the chance of Republicans to win election.

Morales said regardless of how the three-judge panel responds to the state's request, state leaders must be prepared for a battle before the U.S. Supreme Court over drawing up legislative district lines.

"There is a likelihood, perhaps a probability that there will be some action required before the high court and we intend to be ready," Morales said.

The judges' decision also threw into question the special legislative session called by Gov. Ann Richards.

"I'm very concerned about a sham session, in which they try to rush everything through without considering the desires of any other constituencies that make up the state," said Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer.

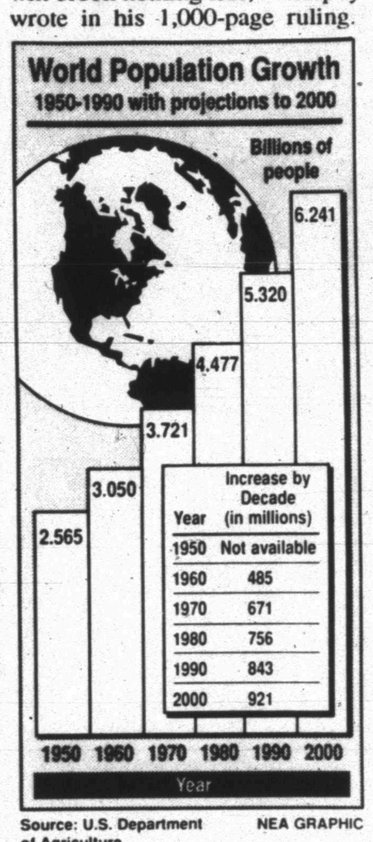
But Morales said the most effective move the Legislature could make would be to adopt the state House and state Senate plans that were the result of settlements between state leaders and minority plaintiffs.

The state Senate settlement proposal was approved by the U.S. Justice Department. Justice has not acted on the House settlement plan.

"A majority of the House and a majority of the Senate have already indicated their support for both of those plans," he said.

Morales said he believes that the March 10 primaries can be held on time if the Legislature adopts a plan within one week of the start of the session.

In another development, the secretary of state's office confirmed that the three-judge panel's decision extended until Jan. 10 the deadline for candidates to file for the primary elections for local, state, and federal races.



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It is projected that by the year 2000, there will be almost 6.25 billion people in the world — an increase of nearly 3.7 billion people since 1950.

Councilman backs out of retreat

DALLAS (AP) — Objecting to the $14,000 price tag and the location outside of Dallas, City Council member Paul Fielding says he isn't going to the council's retreat next week.

"It was just four months ago that we didn't have the money to fund our libraries or school crossing guards or fight crime, but now we have $14,000 to spend on something we don't need?" Fielding said Monday.

But Dallas Mayor Steve Bartlett said hotel rooms will be only $25 per night for the planned retreat Jan. 9-11 at Lake Texoma, and called the cost justified for the 15 council members who will plan how to spend millions of dollars in city money.

Fielding was elected to the council in November.

"I'm told the purpose of the retreat was to teach the council how to get along with each other," Fielding said. "It really doesn't seem to me that we need to go to learn how to get along when we already do."

"The retreat is not to learn how to get along. It's a workshop to set the agenda for '92," Bartlett said.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 1, 1992

Today is NEW YEAR'S DAY. It is the 1st day of 1992 and the 11th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law, marking the end of legalized slavery in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Paul Revere (1735-1818), American patriot; Betsy Ross (1752-1836), American patriot; J. Edgar Hoover (1895-1972), U.S. government official-criminologist; J.D. Salinger (1919-), novelist-short story writer, is 73.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1942, because officials feared a sneak attack by the Japanese, the Rose Bowl was moved from Pasadena, Calif., to Durham, N.C. Despite having the home-field advantage, Duke lost to Oregon, 20-16.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We are a fact-gathering organization only. We don't clear anybody. We don't condemn anybody." — J. Edgar Hoover, on the FBI.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1864, subzero temperatures stretched from the Midwest to parts of Tennessee. Smithsonian thermometers recorded highs of -25 degrees in Minneapolis, -20 degrees in Waterloo, Iowa, and -16 degrees in Chicago.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 27) and new moon (Jan. 4).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
New Year's Day football is Providence's way of punishing those who have gargantuan hangovers from the previous evening's festivities.

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Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-1-92
♠K 4 3 2
♥A 6 3
♦A 7 6 4 3 2
♣- - -

WEST
♠6
♥8
♦J 10 8
♣Q J 10 8 7 5 4 3

EAST
♠- - -
♥K Q J 10 9
♦K Q 9
♣A K 9 6 2

SOUTH
♠A Q J 10 9 8 7 5
♥7 5 4 2
♦5
♣- - -

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			1 ♥
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 8

Zionism is the effort of the Jews to regain and retain their biblical homeland, based on the promise of God in the Book of Genesis that Israel would forever belong to Abraham and his descendants as a nation. The term is named for Mount Zion, the site of the ancient temple in Jerusalem.

Happy New Year to all my readers

By Phillip Alder

Everyone begins a new year with renewed hope. Perhaps this year it is more justified than usual. World tensions relaxed during the past year, even in the Middle East. South Africa is being readmitted to the international sporting community. It is an Olympic year, with the games in Spain not necessarily staying on the plain.

To get the year off to an interesting — and taxing — start for bridge players, cover the East-West cards in the diagram and decide how you would play in six spades, West leading the heart eight.

The deal is based on one I was shown by a Belgian friend. Later I learned that it is in Dorothy Hayden Truscott's book "Winning Declarer Play."

Who knows how to bid hands like these? All the actions are reasonable, though the final contract leaves a lot to be desired because of the shortage of dummy entries. You must find diamonds breaking 3-3. But if you win the lead with the heart ace, cash the diamond ace, ruff a diamond in hand, play a trump to the king and ruff another diamond, you have established the suit, but you have no dummy entry remaining.

You must use the knowledge that the lead is a singleton. You must win trick one, cash the diamond ace, ruff a diamond *high* and lead the spade five. When West follows with the six, play *low* from the dummy.

If West returns a diamond, ruff and cross to the spade king for your discards. If he leads a club, ruff in the dummy, ruff a diamond and return to dummy with a spade to obtain the vital discards.

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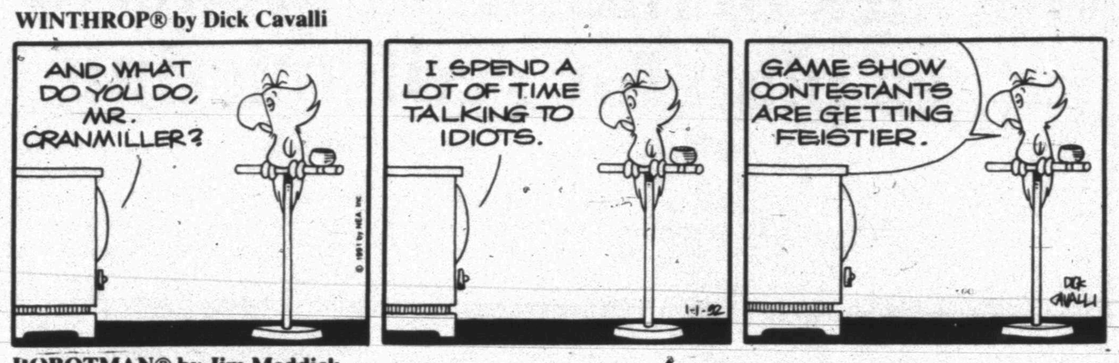

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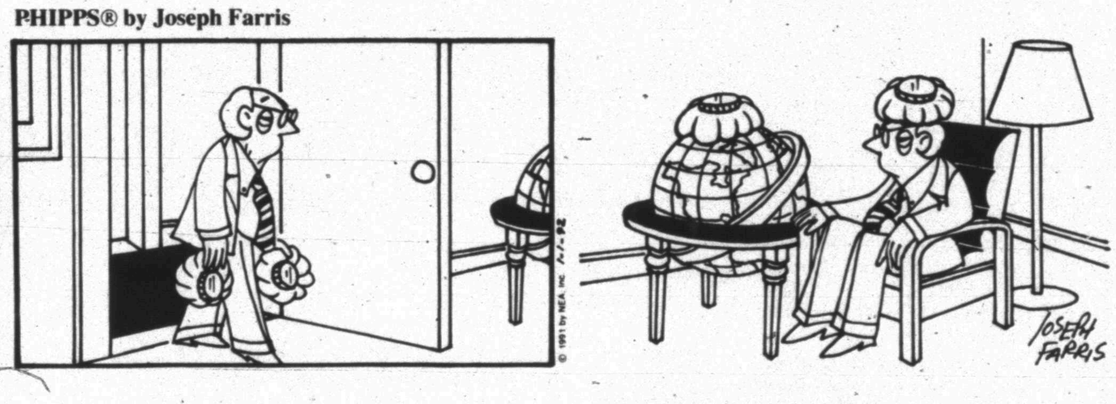

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ACROSS

1 Ring
7 Type of cloud
13 Style of type
14 Navigate in air
15 Religious ceremony
16 Middle
17 Curvy letter
18 Poet Ogden —
20 Language suffix
21 Ankle coverings
24 Mineral tar
27 Shy
31 Young hawk
32 Melancholy
33 Chores
35 Smell strongly
36 Toward the front
40 Yield
41 Discolor
43 Hebrew
46 Furnace
47 Harem apartment
50 The — Cometh
53 Sarcastic
55 Cook slowly
56 — Creed
57 — oneself: basked on the beach
58 Joke (sl.)

DOWN

1 Glossy fabric
2 How sweet — —
3 Vermin
4 Actor — Gulager
5 Tropical vine
6 Chocolate —
7 Distinctive character
8 — Got a Secret
9 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
10 Price per unit
11 Southwestern Indians
12 Parched
19 Sault — Marie
21 Rubber ring
22 Edge
23 Parch
24 Beet genus
25 Baseballer Nolan —
26 Direction
28 Small sword
29 Require
30 Playful child
34 Mrs. in Madrid
37 Pressed
38 — — Clear Day
39 Coming up
42 Minute groove
43 Sails
44 Off-white
45 Put on solid food
47 Small bills
48 Eat formally
49 Maple genus
51 Hr. segment
52 Chemical ending
54 Mil. school

Answer to Previous Puzzle

F	R	U	G	A	L		F	R	E	E	S	T
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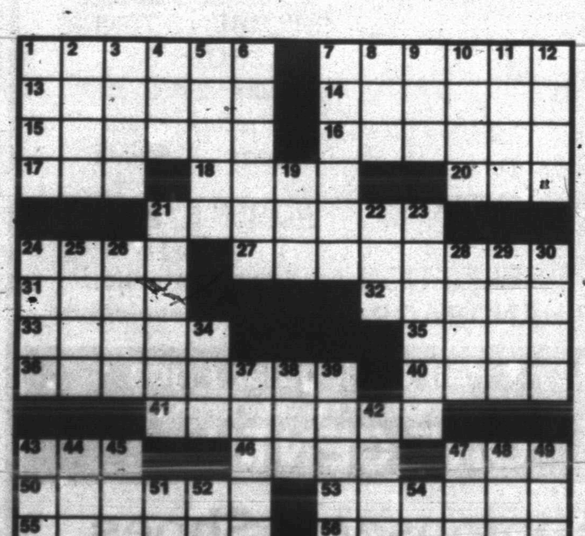

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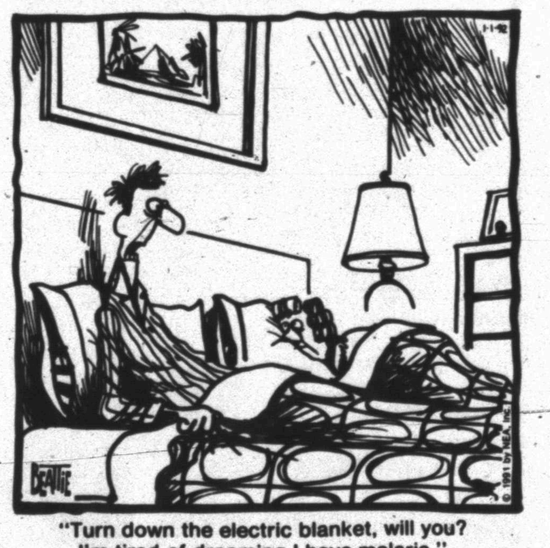

"Turn down the electric blanket, will you? I'm tired of dreaming I have malaria."

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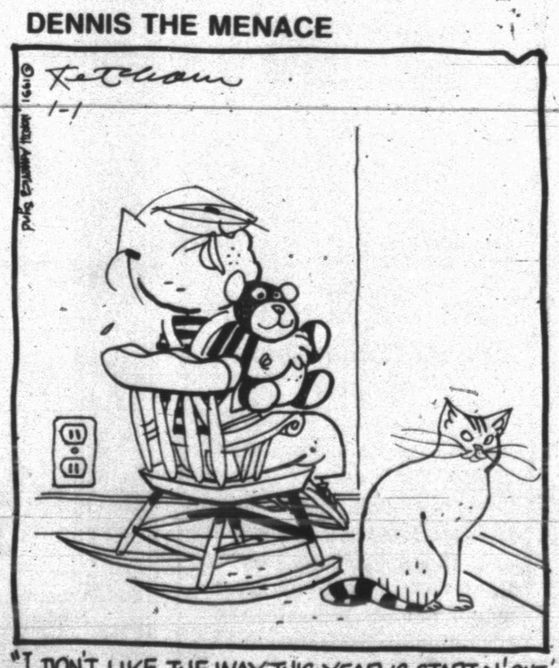

"I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THIS YEAR IS STARTIN' OUT."

Beuerlein to start in playoff contest

IRVING, Texas (AP)-The Dallas Cowboys are going with the hot hand.

Backup quarterback Steve Beuerlein has the Cowboys on a six-game victory roll and coach Jimmy Johnson isn't about to switch dice.

It hasn't made Troy Aikman happy to be standing on the sidelines but Johnson feels he's doing what the team wants him to do for Sunday's NFC playoff game against the Detroit Lions.

"Beuerlein will be our starter unless something unforeseen happens," Johnson said. "We're on a roll and we're winning."

Beuerlein has won five consecutive games as a starter and can claim a "save" in a victory over Washington after Aikman went down with a knee injury.

Aikman's ready to play again and feels he should be starting but wouldn't make an issue of it.

Aikman said "there's a time and a place to say something but it would be selfish on my part to do something that would hurt or distract the team. I felt I was ready to play last week."

Johnson said Aikman wasn't ready physically to be the starter.

"I know he's a tremendous competitor and wants to play but we are in a situation where the starting quarterback is playing well and we are winning," Johnson said. "Troy is not 100 per cent and I have to do what's best for the team."

"I'm trying to make the best of a tough situation but I've never been a backup since my freshman year in college (Oklahoma)," Aikman said. "I think I could be sharp in a game. I'm throwing all the routes in practice. I guess right now I'm just the ace in the hole if Beuerlein gets hurt."

Aikman said he hated not to be a part of the Cowboys playoff run which included a 17-13 victory over Chicago on Sunday.

"It's doubly frustrating because I had been at the bottom with the team when it was 1-15 and I'm not able to enjoy the better times," Aikman said.

Beuerlein said he understands his role with the team is a backup for the long haul.

"I can sense Troy's frustration," Beuerlein said. "He wants to be part of the team doing well. All I do is just show up and do what the coaches tell me. We're very good friends and I'll support the team either way it goes."

Beuerlein was obtained from the Los Angeles Raiders in late August for a fourth round draft pick.

Aikman passed for 331 yards but suffered two interceptions when Dallas lost 34-10 to Detroit earlier this year.

Johnson said the Cowboys won't be motivated by revenge.

"What's at stake is motivation enough," Johnson said. "I think the experience of playing in the Silverdome before will help us. It's loud there."

Johnson said the Cowboys, who have won six consecutive games, have the confidence they lacked earlier.

"We've won some big games since then and that gives us confidence," he said. "We feel like we can go into any stadium and win."

Miami or Washington...

Who's tops in college football?

by The Associated Press

College football poll voters all bring different perspectives to the search for No. 1. Perhaps the most unique, however, belongs to ESPN analyst Lee Corso, an ex-coach.

"I don't care about past history or tradition," he said. "I vote according to which team would win if the two teams played each other. Strength of schedule and margin of victories are part of the input but for me, it comes down to how they would do against each other."

And right now, with Miami's ground attack depleted — "52 percent" according to Corso — by the loss of Stephen McGuire and Martin Patton, he likes Washington better.

So Corso, who votes in the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame poll, has Washington (11-0) No. 1 and Miami (11-0) No. 2 at the moment as the two undefeateds head into New Year's Day bowl games, the Huskies against Michigan in the Rose Bowl, the Hurricanes against Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

Corso's view is a minority opinion. Miami is No. 1 and Washington No. 2 in The Associated Press rankings and they share the top spot in the USA Today-CNN Coaches poll.

Mike Gottfried, another ex-coach who works now for ESPN, is in Miami's corner.

"For me, the biggest edge Miami has is the unknown," said Gottfried, who voted in the coaches poll when he was at Pitt and now votes in UPI's poll. "I've seen Miami. I haven't seen Washington.

"Washington suffers from the lack of TV exposure. I'm sure they're good, but you'd like to see them. When I coached, I wanted to vote accurately. I wanted to see as many games as I could. If I couldn't see a team, the next thing I looked at was strength of schedule.

"Margin never meant anything to me and it still doesn't. You play 11 games, you're going to have some close calls."

What is perceived as a tougher schedule helps Miami with some AP voters like Mike Francesa, who works for CBS-TV and New York sports radio station WFAN.

"I've voted for Miami because they beat Florida State and Penn State, two of the top five teams in the country," Francesa said. "Washington hasn't played anybody that good. That makes Miami's 11-0 better than Washington's."

What about wins over UCLA, California, and, of course, Nebraska — the same Nebraska that Miami faces Wednesday night?

"I reserve the right to change, depending on how the games go Wednesday," Francesa said. "There's a possibility I'll change. The door is open for Washington. It's not just winning. Margin counts, too. But it's more important against good teams than bad teams."

AP voter Mark Blaudschun of the Boston Globe, in Miami to cover the Orange Bowl, is less flexible.

"If you've got two undefeated teams, you can't decide by their records," he said. "My theory is I've had Miami No. 1 since they beat Florida State. If they win, they stay. If you're No. 1 and undefeated going in and you win, you stay No. 1."

Blaudschun did not arrive at this conclusion easily.

"I wrestled with this a long time," he said. "If Miami looks horrendous and if Washington wins 45-6, then I'd have my doubts. But in my mind, it's Miami's to lose."

Bryan Jacobson of the Idahoian in Moscow, Idaho, said he wants to see each team once more, on Wednesday.

"For me, it's who plays well in the bowls," he said. "I've had Miami ahead because of beating Florida State and schedule. But it's so close."

What if Washington dominates in the Rose Bowl and Miami squeaks by in the Orange?

"I need to see the games," Jacobson said.

win, lose & DREW

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Iowa 13, Brigham Young 13, tie

Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Tulsa 28, San Diego State 17

Tuesday, Dec. 31
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
UCLA 6, Illinos 3

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Indiana 24, Baylor 0

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
East Carolina (10-1) vs. North Carolina State (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Syracuse (9-2) vs. Ohio State (8-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
California (9-2) vs. Clemson (9-1-1), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Florida State (10-2) vs. Texas A&M (10-1), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Penn State (10-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Washington (11-0) vs. Michigan (10-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (9-1-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Notre Dame (9-3) vs. Florida (10-1), 8:20 p.m. (ABC)

Hoosiers post shutout over Bears in bowl tilt

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Linebacker John Miller thought Indiana's 24-0 blanking of Baylor in the Copper Bowl was a fitting way to end the year.

"We finished second in the Big Ten on defense," Miller said. "But it didn't seem like we got any respect. No one was talking about us.

"It made us really ready to come out and show we can play. We did just that and shut them out."

The defense limited Baylor, which had averaged 414 yards a game, to 269 and came up with decisive plays on consecutive possessions late in the third quarter and early in the fourth to assure the outcome.

Free safety Damon Watts' fumble recovery in the Indiana end zone squelched a Baylor drive that could have cut the lead to 17-7.

Then, on the Bears' next possession, Miller picked off a pass that led to Indiana's final touchdown.

"Everybody in the stadium knew we were going to score" before quarterback J.J. Joe's handoff to fullback Robert Strait popped out into the end zone, Baylor coach Grant Teaff said.

"Psychologically, it was very tough for us. We weren't able to get anything going after that."

Watts said, "They ran a dive trap and our linebackers filled in well. I saw it come out and just dove after it."

"Today, we had something to prove. I think we showed we're one of the better defenses in the country."

"I never thought that we wouldn't score," Teaff said. "There aren't many times where we don't put the ball in the end zone."

Indiana's Bill Mallory said he "certainly didn't think we would shut them out. We really contained. Our defense did a great job. ... My hat goes off to the defense. We expected to line up and go at 'em and we did."

"You have to give Indiana credit," Teaff said. "They didn't make any mistakes. ... We felt if we got a touchdown in the third quarter, we could come back."

Mallory also praised punter Jim DiGiulio, whose 49-yard average on six punts kept Baylor backed up. "He's kicking the daylights out of the ball. I think he likes it down here," Mallory said.

"He was kicking helium balls up in the lights," Teaff said.

"They had drives which hurt us, one in the first half and one in the second half," Baylor All-American defensive tackle Santana Dotson said. "We shot ourselves in the foot, we didn't execute. Indiana changed blocking schemes. They were well-prepared."

Ross accepts Chargers job

ATLANTA (AP) — Bobby Ross, who led Georgia Tech from college football's cellar to an unbeaten season in 1990, is leaving to coach the San Diego Chargers.

Ross decided Tuesday to take the Chargers spot, his second NFL job. He was an assistant at Kansas City from 1978-81.

Ross' departure from Tech had been speculated for days, but he said he did not make his mind up until he woke up Tuesday morning. The previous night he'd stayed up until 3 a.m. discussing the matter with his family and, before that, spent parts of two days meeting with Chargers officials.

"As late as 3 o'clock this morning I had not made up my mind," Ross said.

But Ross, who compiled a 31-26-1 record in five seasons with the Yellow Jackets, said he felt now was the time if he was ever to try his hand at leading a pro team.

"It was with a tremendous amount of mixed emotions because Georgia Tech has been special to me and college athletics have been special to me," Ross said. "I'd like to be remembered as a guy who worked hard and was faithful and loyal to Georgia Tech."

1992 sports predictions...

Hurricanes win national title

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

After Terry Norris showed him that the past was definitely more glorious than the future, boxer Sugar Ray Leonard finally took his leave from the world of sport in 1991.

'I,'' said Sugar Ray with a conviction lacking from his previous retirements, "am not of the '90s."

Plenty of athletes are in the same boat; they just haven't realized it yet. To spare them from a similar beating, we now fearlessly (foolishly?) attempt to separate some of the winners from the losers in 1992:

Jan. 1 — Miami wins its fourth national championship since 1983. Washington narrowly beats Michigan in the Rose Bowl 17-14. But the Hurricanes humiliate Nebraska in the Orange Bowl 42-10 and, in a departure from tradition, say nothing but nice things while doing it. The show of self-restraint so deeply impresses pollsters that they vote Miami a unanimous No. 1.

Jan. 26 — Buffalo's Scott Norwood is flawless in three field goal tries, only to learn that somebody up there genuinely doesn't like him. Norwood's third extra-point attempt in the final seconds flies wide right. Answered prayers give Washington the Super Bowl 30-29.

Feb. 23 — With athletes from the once-potent Soviet bloc and East German teams spending more time shopping than training, U.S. athletes bring home so much gold from the Winter Olympics that President Bush announces the recession is over. Consumers ignore him, but sales of Olympic memorabilia enable the economy to post a modest first-quarter gain.

Feb. 21 — Pitchers and catchers report. George Steinbrenner, figuring this is the only way to stay close to his beloved Yankees, sneaks into camp but is found out when he throws a fit over Gene Michaels' shoulder-length hair. Commissioner Fay Vincent bans Steinbrenner for a second lifetime.

April 6 — Michigan, with its Fab Five freshmen, wins the NCAA basketball crown by beating North Carolina and its Super Sophomores 75-71. The underclassmen on both teams declare themselves eligible for the NBA draft immediately after the championship game, giving everyone else hope for 1993.

June Teen-Something — Michael and the Jordannaires repeat as NBA champions by beating Portland. Wayne and the Gretzky-ramas win the Stanley Cup in Montreal. Both stars announce they will skip the traditional White House visit, Gretzky because he is a Canadian, Jordan because he is a Democrat.

December — I disown all of the above.

A high-ranking Washington official, Jack Kemp, played as a pro quarterback for 11 seasons.

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	18	8	.692	—
Boston	19	10	.655	½
Miami	14	16	.467	6
Philadelphia	13	16	.448	6½
New Jersey	11	18	.379	8½
Washington	11	18	.379	8½
Orlando	6	23	.207	13½

Central Division

Chicago	24	4	.857	—
Cleveland	19	9	.679	5
Detroit	15	15	.500	10
Milwaukee	14	14	.500	10
Atlanta	13	15	.464	11
Indiana	12	18	.400	13
Charlotte	8	23	.258	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	19	12	.613	—
Houston	16	13	.552	2
San Antonio	16	13	.552	2
Denver	12	16	.429	5½
Dallas	12	17	.414	6
Minnesota	4	23	.148	13

Pacific Division

Golden State	19	8	.704	—
Phoenix	19	10	.655	1
Portland	19	10	.655	1
LA Lakers	17	12	.586	3
Seattle	15	13	.536	4½
LA Clippers	16	15	.516	5
Sacramento	8	20	.286	11½

Monday's Games

New Jersey 122, Orlando 112
Washington 94, San Antonio 84
Cleveland 121, Houston 89
Phoenix 110, Detroit 103
Chicago 109, Indiana 104
Sacramento 117, Minnesota 109
Denver 109, Philadelphia 93
Boston 97, LA Clippers 86
Golden State 114, LA Lakers 99

Tuesday's Games

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

SDN sports week

Thursday, Jan. 2

Basketball
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Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.

Friday, Jan. 3

Basketball
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Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.
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Salvadorans announce peace agreement

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Tuesday over the future of the military and land reform. The rebels unilaterally declared a cease-fire in November but said a permanent truce depended on settling substantial questions about post-war El Salvador.

Cristiani praised the Salvadoran military, which has long dominated the government in the small Central American nation, for agreeing to the peace plan: "We know that for the military it's not an easy step."

Key issues in the talks were demands by the leftist rebels that social programs be established to lift the Salvadoran people out of staggering poverty and that the guerrillas be included in the future police force.

Parties to the final days of U.N.-mediated negotiations included Cristiani as well as his defense minister and top leaders of the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

On hand since Sunday were Aronson and Thomas Pickering, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and formerly to El Salvador, which has received more than $1 billion in U.S. military aid over the past decade.

Aronson characterized the U.S. officials' role in the talks as that of observers.

Perez de Cuellar had been scheduled to leave the U.N. building at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday to begin a vacation in the Bahamas. But he emerged from the talks to tell reporters he would not leave immediately because of "some remaining problems."

Deputies work theft reports

Reports of theft and criminal mischief were worked by the sheriff's department Tuesday.

Charles Galloway reported two propane tanks, regulators and guages taken from a travel trailer at his residence. Approximate value of the items was $200.

Tuesday afternoon, Bobby Lack of Fluvanna reported 2,000 pound of burnt-out copper and a rim from a 1953 Chevrolet had been stolen from his trailer house, which is unoccupied.

Lack told sheriff's deputies that someone had shot holes in the trailer within the past several months.

Lone Star

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"Customers can call 24 hours a day, seven days a week to ask questions about their bill or to have service connected or disconnected," said Cockerell. "Our local office is only open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m."

Billing or service questions can be answered by calling the Lone Star Gas central office at 1-800-460-3048, or stopping by the Snyder office at 1710 27th St.

Obituaries

Hilton Ward

1919-1991

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Hilton Ward, 72, who died at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Born Sept. 10, 1919, Mr. Ward resided at 3700 Muriel. He is survived by his wife, Marsha.

Johnnie Curtis

1925-1991

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Assembly of God Church for Johnnie Faye Curtis, 66, who died at 7:25 a.m. Tuesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Officiating will be the Rev. James Jackson and the Rev. Cary Moore.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born June 6, 1925 in Glen Rose, she married John D. Curtis Jr. on Oct. 31, 1942 in Snyder. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Dewayne Curtis of Midland and Randall Curtis of League City; two daughters, Janet Davis and Eugenia Bates, both of Snyder; one brother, Jack Horton of New Orleans; five sisters, Martha Davis of Lake Thomas, Lela Davis of San Angelo, Billie Oliver of San Angelo, Gypsy Clark of San Angelo and Nina Hubbard of Louisiana; and nine grandchildren.

R.S. McCullah

1914-1991

Graveside service is set for 3 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder Cemetery for R.S. "Mac" McCullah, 77, who died Sunday in Dallas.

Born Dec. 18, 1914 in Marionville, Mo., he married Frankie Jo Wilson on June 9, 1944 in Snyder.

Mr. McCullah was a civil engineer and worked for the cities of Midland, Big Spring and San Angelo. He was self-employed from 1976-1985. He had been a resident of San Angelo since 1964.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie Jo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Hardy N. and Linda McCullah of Dallas, and David F. and Alice McCullah of Carrolton; and five grandsons.

Frankie Williams

1910-1991

POMONO, Calif. — Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday in Forest Lane Memorial Park Chapel for Frankie Elizabeth Williams, 81, a former Scurry County resident who died Monday in a Pomono Hospital.

She was the sister of Howard Gibbons of Snyder.

Mrs. Williams grew up in Scurry County and attended the Woodard School. She married J.B. Williams in 1933 in Snyder. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Gibbons, preceded her in death.

She moved from Snyder to Fort Worth and then to Pomono. She was a homemaker.

Other survivors include a son, J.B. Williams Jr. of Boston, Mass.; a daughter, Betty Jean Williams of Pomono; a sister, Alma Martin of Flagstaff, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Woman abducted

AUSTIN (AP) — Police were continuing to hunt for an Austin woman believed to have been abducted Sunday night at a carwash.

Colleen Reed, 28, has been missing since 9:15 p.m. Sunday, Sgt. Don Martin of the Austin police assault unit said Tuesday.

"I don't feel good about this at all," Martin said. "Generally speaking you kidnap someone to take their car, money or to sexually assault them."

Ms. Reed's purse was in her car and the vehicle's door was open, suggesting she may have sensed danger and tried to return to the car, Martin said. The car was left at the central Austin carwash covered with soapsuds.

Four witnesses said they saw two men in their 30s drive the wrong way down a nearby street before the abduction, Martin said.

The witnesses also told police they heard a scream followed by the slamming of two car doors. The same men then drove the wrong way down the street where the carwash is located, leading police to believe the driver was unfamiliar with the area.

Martin said the kidnappers probably didn't know Ms. Reed, either. "It appears at this time that this is going to be a genuine (random) kidnapping," he said.

Ms. Reed is a certified public accountant employed by the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Hall weds

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a setting befitting a soap opera, "Days of Our Lives" star Deidre Hall wed novelist and producer Steve Sohmer at Sohmer's 17th century manor house outside London.

Sohmer, former president of Columbia Pictures, is the author of "Favorite Son" and producer of last year's Emmy awards broadcast.

Police arrest five; take various calls

Snyder police made five arrests Tuesday and early today and took several juveniles into custody who were later released to relatives.

Officers also filed a report for felony theft after Frances Williams of A-1 Air Conditioning complained at 2:29 p.m. Tuesday that someone had stolen some air conditioner parts from the business.

At 9:39 p.m. Tuesday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the 3300 block of College Ave. for driving while license suspended.

Two females, ages 26 and 29, were arrested for public intoxication at 2:09 a.m. today in at the intersection of 39th St. and Noble Dr.

At 3:37 a.m. today, officers responded to a family disturbance in the 700 block of Ave. V where a 24-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication. One other subject was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room and treated and released for minor injuries.

At 5:17 a.m. today, officers arrested a 26-year-old male at Allsup's convenience store for driving while intoxicated.

On Tuesday, at 5 p.m., police identified two juvenile males as making harassing telephone calls. The juveniles were later released to the custody of their parents. According to the police report, other juveniles are believed to have been involved and the investigation will continue.

At 11:05 p.m., officers took a complaint from a female who said she had been receiving harassing phone calls. She was advised of the proper steps to take.

Police took two female juveniles into custody at 12:54 a.m. today for shoplifting at the Town & Country convenience store. They were escorted to the department and released to their parents.

Among other reports, Snyder EMS was called to the 1100 block of 26th St. at 1:57 a.m. today where they transported a female to the emergency room. She was treated and released for minor injuries. The female advised she had been assaulted and officers informed her of the steps necessary to file charges.

At 1:50 a.m. today, a female requested an officer in reference to some people creating a disturbance and damaging some property in the 1900 block of Coleman. Officers filed a report for Class B criminal mischief.

A separate case of criminal mischief, Class A, was filed at 8:28 a.m. Tuesday in reference to damage done to a 1976 Toyota station wagon. According to the report, several windows had been broken on the vehicle while it was parked at 1907 43rd St.

In one other report, officers worked a hit-and-run at Huffman Ave. and Old Lubbock Hwy. at 1:45 a.m. today. Involved were a 1989 Mazda driven by Travis Dwayne Goswick of Ira and a vehicle which left the scene.

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3210 Ave A-3-2-2-55T.
3000 Denison-3-2-2CP, 69.5T.
3100 Hill-3-2-2CP, low 50's.
2512 Towle Pk Rd-3-2-2CP.
3802 Noble-2-1-1CP, mid 20's.
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The address of the Independent Co-Executors is in Scurry County, Texas, as follows:
Mr. Herbert Reed, Jr., 900 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas 79549.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 30th day of December, 1991.
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By: (s) Michael P. Reed,
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The undersigned having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Roy C. Wood, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by James R. Doolittle, Judge of the County Court of said County on the 30th day of December, 1991, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Carolyn A. Doolittle, 1502 McDonald, Midland, Texas 79703; within the time prescribed by law.
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Stock traders ask: 'what recession?'

NEW YORK (AP) — It's not quite a repeat of the wildly profitable mid-1980s, but Wall Streeters celebrating 1991 with an after-hours brew clearly were ebullient even as much of the rest of the country rang out a year of recession.

The optimism prevailed at a tavern in Manhattan's financial district, where young traders gathered to drink beer and watch market wrapups on television.

"The mood's pretty good," said Michael Antolini, a stock trader with UBS Securities. "Guys are starting to spend money. People are starting to go out a little more."

Several patrons at the Water Street Tavern noted the conventional wisdom that asserts Wall Street is the first to display broader nationwide economic trends — both good and bad.

"Wall Street was sunk in 1988, '89, well before the rest of the economy," said Peter Barrett, a securities trader for Credit Lyonnais, a big international bank. "Now we're seeing the flip side."

While high profile corporate giants like General Motors and IBM have announced major restructurings that will eliminate tens of thousands of jobs, Wall Street has shown strong signs of recovery from a downturn that began with the stock market crash of October 1987.

After laying off more than 50,000 people, Wall Street firms began hiring again, though in small numbers. The stock market itself soared, with the Dow Jones average and other key barometers hitting record highs.

American companies issued new stocks and bonds in record amounts, generating enormous fees for investment bankers. Securities firms are projected to earn more than $4 billion before taxes in 1991, the best year since 1986 — the peak of a roaring decade.

The gray-suited traders at the Water Street Tavern one recent night characterized themselves as survivors, wiser and tougher for having made it through the last four years.

Some who lost jobs through layoffs and the collapse of firms like Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc. got jobs with other firms, they said.

But "a lot never came back," said Linda Cordilione, a securities trader at the Herzog, Heine, Geduld Inc. brokerage firm. "They're in other professions."

Despite the booming business, she said she doesn't see firms hiring hordes of new young traders, as they did in past bull markets. "So maybe they have learned," she said.

Vanessa Jagenburg of Lehman Brothers said she thinks good traders will always be able to find jobs. But, she added, "Are you going to get what you think you're worth? No."

That doesn't mean the days of Rolex watches, Armani suits and BMWs are gone for good, however. Wall Street historically has behaved toward extremes, so the fat years are marked by ostentatious wealth that evaporates during the famines.

"Right now, sure we learned our lesson," Barrett said. "But will that still hold in two or three years? No. That's the nature of the business."

Economy worries blue-collar worker

DALLAS (AP) — Steve Brennecke's leading economic indicator is whether or not he has a job. He's working now, but the indicator has been higher.

The 34-year-old warehouseman at Dallas Semiconductor saw 75 of his 750 fellow workers laid off in October. Now, sitting over a pitcher of cold beer at the smoke-filled David's Bar & Grill on the eve of 1992, he frets about his future.

"I'm more worried than I've been in the past five years," he said. "I've been talking to my friends about how things are going at their companies. Everybody's worried."

Brennecke said he has many out-of-work friends, including a couple who are scrounging to pay basic debts.

"She's laid off ... She's applied at 45 companies and still doesn't have a solid lead. He's laid off from construction work. They're staying home and everything they make goes toward the mortgage."

The government reported Tuesday the official Index of Leading Economic Indicators fell 0.3 percent in November, the biggest drop in 10 months. The fall was blamed on declining consumer confidence and other falling business barometers.

In a story that's been repeated at many employers around the country, circuit manufacturer Dallas Semiconductor told workers the layoffs were a reaction to soft demand.

Besides the layoffs, the company has cut overtime, meaning the remaining workers have to compensate for the lost help without extra hours. There also weren't the usual Christmas bonuses this year.

"That's what I usually do my Christmas shopping with," Brennecke said. "People got used record albums and stuff for gifts."

Brennecke already has been scouting the job market, preparing for what he thinks might be inevitable, but he's found that times are tough everywhere. He tried unsuccessfully to get a part-time job. He finally gave up.

Fortunately, he said, he's not married and has no children to support.

"I can't afford a family."

Brennecke doesn't know who to blame for the recession, which President Bush only recently acknowledged but workers in this area have known about for months.

In the past year, such area companies as General Dynamics and American Airlines have announced layoffs.

Nearly 4,000 employees at the General Motors assembly plant in nearby Arlington found out a few weeks ago their chances of employment beyond 1992 are 50-50.

On Monday, Dallas-based Zale Corp., the nation's largest jewelry retailer, announced it was closing 400 of its 2,000 stores at a cost of 2,500 jobs after a dismal holiday season.

Brennecke said he used to deliver papers part-time for the Dallas Times Herald, which left 900 people unemployed when it shut down in early December.

"I'm wondering how long my job will be around," he said, pouring another beer. "They concealed it the first time. They didn't give us any hint that anything was going to happen. We have every reason to believe they'll do it again."

Switzerland squeezed between Iran, France

GENEVA (AP) — Switzerland has made a big virtue of staying out of world wars and other conflicts, but now it finds itself in the middle of a dispute between Iran and France over the slaying of the shah's last prime minister.

Switzerland has previously found itself in the diplomatic crossfire between Iran and the United States, whose interests it has represented in Tehran after the 1979 Islamic revolution toppled Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi.

And a leading Swiss official complains that his country has become a virtual battlefield between the Iranian government and exiled opposition forces.

"One could almost say that Switzerland has become a theater of war between the Iranian government and the opposition," says State Secretary Klaus Jacobi, the top diplomat in the Swiss Foreign Ministry.

The current flap stems from the Swiss' response to a French request to arrest an Iranian in connection with the Aug. 6 assassination near Paris of Shahpour Bakhtiar, the last prime minister of the late shah.

On Tuesday, French investigators requested that Switzerland extradite 25-year-old Zeyal Sarhadi, who was arrested in Bern on Dec. 23. France accuses him of renting apartments and providing other logistical support for Bakhtiar's assassins.

Sarhadi had been staying at the Iranian Embassy in Bern since September. Iran, claiming he is an embassy employee, said the Swiss violated international conventions by arresting him.

Iranian security forces began harassing the Swiss Embassy in Tehran.

The Swiss reacted calmly at first, pointing out that Sarhadi had never been registered as a diplomat or embassy employee and that he had entered Switzerland on a tourist visa. He was arrested after leaving embassy grounds.

But when Iranian authorities stopped a Swiss diplomat from taking a vacation flight to Switzerland on Sunday, Bern shut its embassy in Tehran and fired off a sharp protest.

The closure cut off official U.S. contacts with Tehran because of the embassy's use by Washington as its diplomatic base.

On Monday, the Iranians appeared to be backing down, easing some of their restrictions on the movements of embassy officials and announcing that the incident Sunday had been a technical problem.

Sarhadi filed a legal request with the Swiss federal court that he be freed, but a decision wasn't expected immediately.

French authorities believe three Iranian men carried out the killing. One suspect, Ali Rad Vakili, was arrested in Switzerland on Aug. 21 and extradited to France a week later. Two others remain at large.

In October, France issued an international arrest warrant for a fourth Iranian, Hossein Sheikhattar, 42, a counselor to the Iranian Telecommunications Ministry, on charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

The Swiss have represented U.S. interests in Iran since Washington broke relations over the 1979 seizure of its Tehran embassy.

Recession aside: it's out with the auld

By The Associated Press

Americans got ready Tuesday to rip down the final page of the 1991 calendar and ring out the auld with fireworks, champagne fizz and a little show biz.

New Year's also brought the usual parades, artsy First Nights and caveats — about drinking and driving and about shooting off guns.

And did some party pooper say recession?

"Even though there is a recession, people look forward to this," said Jennifer Blazey, spokeswoman for the Queen Mary and Spruce Goose attraction in Long Beach, Calif.

Elsewhere in Southern California, restaurant and hotel operators reported strong demand for New Year's Eve reservations despite the area's faltering economy.

At Chasen's, in Hollywood, reservations for the six-course New Year's Eve dinner (at $145 per person) were filled two weeks ago.

Susan Price, a publicist and Aspen, Colo., partygoer, said Hollywood celebrities in Aspen — including Sylvester Stallone and Harry Hamlin — are attending the Billy Idol show at the China Club, which is sold out at $400 per ticket.

In Milwaukee — where barhoppers can party 441/2 hours straight under a law that says bars don't have to close on New Year's — people can get free city bus rides home. And many taverns have arrangements with taxi companies to give patrons free rides.

New York braced for the usual throngs at Times Square and was holding its inaugural First Night celebration spotlighting the performing arts. In Boston, where First Night originated a decade ago, more than 1,000 artists performing everything from comic opera to country music were scheduled at 70 locations citywide.

The fete in Concord, N.H., was to include a parade, snow sculptures, hot-air balloon displays, blacksmith demonstrations and fireworks. And two presidential hopefuls were in town, Democrat Jerry Brown, the former governor of California, and conservative Republican Patrick Buchanan.

In Las Vegas, most of the city's 74,000 hotel rooms were expected to be full, with the resorts offering a wide array of parties to greet 1992.

On the Strip, resorts offered Shirley MacLaine, Liza Minnelli, Frank Sinatra (with VIP seating at $500 a ticket), Rich Little, Wayne Newton, Harry Connick Jr., the Righteous Brothers, the Four Tops and Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

In anticipation of New Year's morning, crowds started staking out positions along Pasadena, Calif., streets for the Tournament of Roses Parade. And the annual Mummers Parade in Philadelphia was scheduled to step off.

To preclude a repeat of New Year's 1990 — when more than 2,000 gathered for a party that ended violently — the Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta is making guests wear identification bracelets to get into the hotel. About $250,000 worth of damage, 15 injuries and 50 arrests ensued after teen-agers began throwing huge flower pots from balconies into the crowded atrium below.

Police in several cities warned gun owners not to use their firearms as high-powered New Year's Eve noisemakers.

State police forces offered free coffee and promised beefed-up patrols to combat drunken driving, which some experts warned could be worse this year.

New U.S. study says...

Migraine headaches said more common among poor

CHICAGO (AP) — Migraine headaches plague the poor more than the rich, disable men who get them as readily as women and cause four of five sufferers to miss school or work, according to the largest U.S. study of the malady.

"One big surprise is that migraines occurred at all income levels, but they occurred mostly at low-income levels," said Dr. Richard B. Lipton, co-author of a study that drew subjects from 9,507 U.S. households.

Poverty-related conditions — high stress, poor diet, less access to medical care — could trigger migraines, said Lipton, associate professor of neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

But it may also be the other way around: that migraines cause poverty by undermining people's earning power, he said.

Migraines among the $10,000-or-less income group were 60 percent more common than among people in households making more than $30,000, said the study, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"If you look at (patients in) a doctor's office, it's a disease of the middle income and rich," Lipton said by telephone from New York, where he is also [illegible] Montefiore Medical Center Headache Unit.

"But if you look in the community, not in a doctor's office, you find it most common in households of income less than $10,000 a year," he said.

The findings, based on answers to a questionnaire mailed to 15,000 U.S. households in 1989, indicate migraines are "extraordinarily common," afflicting 23 million Americans annually, Lipton said.

That includes 11.3 million who suffer moderate to severe disability, wrote the authors, led by Walter F. Stewart, an epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore.

"Our study debunks a number of myths about migraines," Lipton said in a telephone interview Monday.

Besides the myth that migraines afflict mostly the affluent, the study counters the notion they are "a women's disease," Lipton said.

As in previous studies, female sufferers were found to outnumber males about 3-to-1 — 17.6 percent of females and 5.7 percent of males suffered one or more migraines annually, the researchers found. But men and women migraine sufferers were equally [illegible] The myth is that it's a neurotic problem of women or women's desire to get medical care, or inability to tolerate pain," said Dr. Joel R. Saper, president of the American Association for the Study of Headache.

"It is a biological problem of women more than men because of (the female hormone) estrogen," he said by telephone Monday from Ann Arbor, where he directs the Michigan Head Pain and Neurological Institute.

The women's-disease myth may discourage men from seeking treatment, because they are embarrassed, Lipton said.

Saper said the new report is important and, if anything, underestimates the prevalence of migraines. The researchers asked respondents only about severe headaches that met the criteria of the International Headache Society.

A headache is a migraine, Lipton said, if it has any two of four traits: pain on one side of the head; pulsing or throbbing pain; nausea or vomiting; extreme sensitivity to light or sound. A migraine also must be recurring and not caused by any other physical condition. Untreated, migraines last four to 72 hours.

Especially Southern California...

Sunset eclipse will dazzle the West

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The moon will look like it's taking a bite out of the sun for viewers in most of the West on Saturday, and Southern Californians will be treated to a stunning ring-shaped eclipse at sunset.

"For the West in general, this is going to be a very unique eclipse because it occurs at sunset. That will be the visual attraction that makes this stand out as an eclipse to remember," said Alan Dyer, an editor at Astronomy magazine in Wisconsin.

The moon will partly block the sun for North American spectators west of a line running from Oaxaca, Mexico, through western Texas, eastern Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, and central Alberta, Canada, and central Alaska.

The percentage of the sun's surface area blocked by the moon will be lowest, roughly 5 percent, when viewed from cities near that line, such as Mexico City, Denver and Anchorage.

It will be highest in cities farther west of the line: 44 percent from Boise, Idaho; 49 percent from Portland, Ore; 58 percent from Phoenix; 67 percent from Las Vegas; and 82 percent from Los Angeles and San Diego.

The most awesome sight will be visible only from southwestern California — including Los Angeles and San Diego — and northernmost Baja California, Mexico. Residents with an unobstructed view of the Pacific Ocean horizon will see the moon move directly in front of the setting sun, creating a bright ring of sunlight around the lunar disk.

"A ring of fire will slip into the Pacific Ocean. It will be unusual and stunning," said astronomer Edwin Krupp, director of Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.

That phenomenon is known as an annular eclipse, from the Latin word for ring. An annular eclipse at sunset happens somewhere on Earth every two or three years, but [illegible] Krupp said.

During last July's total eclipse, the moon completely blocked the sun as viewed from Hawaii and parts of Mexico and Central and South America.

But on Saturday, the moon will be farther from Earth in its elliptical orbit around the planet, and the Earth will be closer to the sun in its orbit around the sun. So a bright ring of sunlight will shine around the moon.

The conventional partial eclipse in southwestern California will start within a minute or two of 3:33 p.m. PST, depending on the precise location. The ring phase starts about 4:50 p.m. and will last only a few minutes.

The conventional eclipse starts and ends during the afternoon in Hawaii, where 52 percent to 65 percent of the sun's surface will be eclipsed, depending on the location.

Elsewhere in the West, the eclipse starts in late afternoon and reaches its climax at sunset.

The ring eclipse spectacle should be greatest along coastal and high-elevation areas of the Los Angeles area — especially between Malibu and Santa Monica — where the entire ring phase should be visible. But viewers may have to contend with cloudy weather.

"I doubt it will be dead overcast, but it won't be clear," said Brian Finke, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

The eclipse actually begins Sunday west of the international date line. It will be visible as a unimpressive partial eclipse near sunrise as seen from Japan, the southern Philippines and northeastern Australia, according to Sky & Telescope magazine.

The discount rate is the rate of interest charged by the Federal Reserve on loans it makes to member banks. This rate has an influ-

Receipts disappear after basketball game

NEW YORK (AP) — The $60,000 in receipts from the star-studded basketball game that touched off a deadly stampede are missing, and no record could be found of the charity that was supposed to benefit, it was reported Tuesday.

The Daily News said City College officials don't know who's holding the money. Several witnesses said they saw a ticket seller carrying the main cash box push through the crowd shortly after the deadly crush, the newspaper said.

Eight young people were killed Saturday when a crowd pushed its way down a stairwell and piled up against the doors of a below-ground gym in Harlem in an attempt to see a game put on by rap stars. Dozens of people were injured.

A city task force investigating the tragedy met Monday, and Deputy Mayor Milton Mollen said afterward that college officials told investigators they didn't know until the day before the event that rap stars would be there.

Mollen said college officials found out when a campus guard came across a flyer promoting the match between rappers such as Heavy D and Big Daddy Kane.

If the school had known earlier, officials said they may have canceled the even or at least insisted that more be spent on security, Mollen said.

The student government — which handled security — reported spending $500 to $600 on security. About 50 guards were inside the gym to deal with a crowd of as much as 5,000 — a ratio some security experts said was inadequate.

Mollen and Police Commissioner Lee Brown also reported Monday:

— As many as 5,000 tickets may have been sold even though the gym legally could hold only 2,730 people. Mollen said the college left "control of the sale and distribution of the tickets" to promoters.

— A call for an ambulance to go to the event was mistakenly canceled, delaying the arrival of medical help by eight minutes.

— The police captain in charge outside the gym did not go inside until 7:30 p.m., an hour after he arrived and some 15 minutes after the first call to 911.

In addition, the charity that was supposed to benefit from the game — the AIDS Education Outreach Program — is not registered with the New York secretary of state, as required by law, newspapers reported. And city and college officials and representatives of AIDS organizations said they had not heard of it.

Police said security at the game should have been the college's responsibility. And the Daily News reported that a regulation adopted recently by the City University of New York, of which the college is a part, states that all security for events on campus "shall be under the control and supervision of the college."

Mayor David Dinkins appointed the task force Sunday. The district attorney's office also began an investigation into possible criminal charges.

Dear Abby

Strained Relations Stretched By 'Spiteful' Wedding Gift

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter was recently married in a formal ceremony and reception to which my sister, her husband and two teenage children were invited. Relations are strained between my daughter and my sister; however, I have a good rapport with my sister's children.

My sister and her family arrived an hour after the ceremony. Their gift to the bride and groom — written in my sister's handwriting — was a card stating that a donation had been made in the newlyweds' name to the American Heart Association! My daughter suffers from chronic heart problems. My sister knows that this is a very sensitive issue and that my daughter prefers not to discuss it.

I feel that my sister's gift was inappropriate, spiteful and inconsiderate. I would like to know what you think. Sign me ...

STUNNED

DEAR STUNNED: I agree — a donation to the American Heart Association in the name of the newlyweds was an unusual wedding gift.

But giving your sister the benefit of the doubt, perhaps she thought that contributing the money to heart research would benefit your daughter more in the long run than a toaster or a waffle iron.

I would be more upset about their arriving an hour late for the ceremony. Now that is tacky!

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for three years — sometimes I think it's been three years too long.

He never lets me go anywhere without him. He bosses me around and acts more like a father than a boyfriend. When we get into a fight, he calls me terrible names and throws my past in my face.

He recently cheated on me with his "ex," whom he keeps going back to just to spite me. He is very moody. Sometimes he gets violent and hits me. He won't let me out of his sight. I never have an opportunity to get away from him for a while — never mind forever.

What should I do? Please don't print my name. He'd kill me.

SICK OF HIS ABUSE

DEAR SICK: Find "Women's Services" in your telephone book or call information for the number of a women's shelter.

You are being held hostage to a selfish, abusive tyrant. If you think your life might be in danger if your name is published, it is essential that you get away. If you have to call the police in order to get out of the house, call them — but don't stay there another day.

There is nothing anyone can do "for" you — only you can save yourself. Please, take my advice. And let me hear from you again. I care.

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Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Houston resident angry authorities break into home

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston homeowner said he feels "trampled" after Harris County officials searching for a parole violator broke into his home while his family was on vacation.

Members of the Precinct 6 Parole Violators Task Force destroyed one door on Ted Murray's home in the Memorial area and damaged another before deciding they had the wrong house.

"They absolutely violated our constitutional rights," Murray, an attorney, said Monday.

"The neighbors had to tell us that we were burglarized — not by burglars, but by some task force. If I had been home, with two small children and my wife, it would have been a nightmare."

Murray, his wife and two children spent the Christmas holidays in Rockport. When they returned Sunday night to their affluent neighborhood, they found their home's back door swinging on its hinges.

Officers kicked the door in about 10:30 a.m. Sunday, breaking it and the frame. Accompanied by one Houston police officer, about four task force members also attempted to break through the front door, scuffing the mahogany wood.

The officers believed a parole violator who had threatened to shoot her family was inside the Murray home, Precinct 6 Constable Victor Trevino said.

He said officers cross-referenced the suspect's phone number to the Memorial address, unaware that the number had since been assigned to another residence.

"The deputies moved on that information because the family was frantic," Trevino said.

Although knocks on the door went unanswered, the officers believed the suspect, who was known to ride in expensive cars, was at the house because Murray's late-model BMW was parked in the driveway, Trevino said. He said they also heard a noise inside the house that probably was the Murrays' dog.

The alleged violator was arrested without incident Monday afternoon about five miles from the Murray home.

At Murray's request, Trevino has opened an investigation into the incident. He said he would wait until it is completed before deciding whether to reimburse Murray for the damaged doors.

"If this would have happened to me," Trevino said, "I would have felt as upset as he did."

The president of the Evening Students Association, which sponsored the event, refused to comment Monday.

Higgins' widow says hostage captors shouldn't be forgiven

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robin Higgins watched at graveside as her husband was laid to rest with other Marines, then told her fellow Americans it would be shameful to forgive the "savages" in whose hands he died in Lebanon.

The dramatic statement by the Marine colonel's widow, herself a major in the Marine Corps, was issued only hours after William R. Higgins and William Buckley, former CIA station chief in Beirut, were buried Monday.

Higgins and Buckley both were captured and held hostage by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslems in Lebanon. Both died in captivity — Higgins by hanging and Buckley, according to other hostages, of illness and neglect.

"While I do not want to diminish the joy of the families of the live hostages who have come home, I want to remind the American public that I and my family are not sharing in that joy," Mrs. Higgins said.

"The filthy hostage fabric has spit out the bones of my husband."

"If we forgive, if we forget, if we thank these savages, then we are merely inviting them, at a time and place they will select, to kill again," she said. "Shame on us if we do."

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, at a farewell tribute at Andrews Air Force Base, told mourners, "An ugly chapter in terrorism is ending and the lessons are clear ... We will hold those who bear responsibility for these murders to account."

Later, Buckley was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, just across the Potomac River from Washington, and Higgins at Quantico National Cemetery, near the Marine Corps base at Triangle, Va.

"This man, this patriot, this last American hostage in Lebanon, is finally home," Naval Reserve Cmdr. William Beck, a friend of Buckley's, said at the service in Arlington. "Not as he would have wished it, but he is home again nonetheless."

Buckley's family said he had told them he wanted to be buried in Arlington, to which he was entitled as an Army Reserve lieutenant colonel and winner of the Silver Star.

Higgins was serving with a United Nations peacekeeping force in Lebanon when he was seized. He would have been 47 on Jan. 15. Buckley was 57 when he died.

Lawmaker wants papers released

AUSTIN (AP) — As a controversial movie draws fresh attention to the assassination of President Kennedy, a Dallas lawmaker wants Congress to make public all investigating committee files on the matter or explain why it will not.

"Only in an atmosphere of full disclosure can the questions regarding this tragic event be finally put to rest; we owe it to ourselves, and to all citizens of this land, to seek the truth with the openness and honesty that justice demands," says the House resolution filed by state Rep. Steve Wolens, a Democrat.

Wolens' resolution, filed for consideration by lawmakers in the special session that begins Thursday, does not mention Oliver Stone's "JFK." The lawmaker did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press.

Stone's movie has been praised by some but criticized by others, who say it is misleading and contains factual errors about the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination in Dallas.

Family tips

Help your kids to be good students

By Mary V. Bicouvaris

The best schools are the ones where the parents assume their share of responsibility for their children's education. The correlation between a youngster's success in school and the degree of parental support he or she receives is indisputable.

Parents are the first and most important teachers. And they hold the key to their children's success.

But what does it mean to be a supportive parent? The formula is actually quite simple: Parents must instill their children with a reverence for learning and respect for themselves and others.

To do this, parents do not necessarily have to be educated themselves. My mother had only a sixth-grade formal education, yet she taught me to love school and respect my teachers.

Self-worth can probably take a child farther than "natural intelligence." It is a self-fulfilling prophecy: The child who believes he or she can succeed, will succeed. Likewise, a child who is told he or she is slow or stupid will believe it and stop trying.

Here are basic ways to improve your children's performance in school:

• Maintain order at home. Try to have designated times for meals, bedtime and play. Aside from learning discipline, the children will be properly rested, dressed and fed before they leave for school.

• Make sure that your children attend school regularly, and that they are punctual.

• Provide an orderly place for children to do their homework. The rest of the family should be quietly busy during a child's study time.

• Show interest in your children's schoolwork. Ask them about their lessons, their successes and their difficulties.

• Don't hesitate to seek outside help for your children if they are beginning to slide in a particular subject. The sooner a child receives tutoring, the sooner he or she can get back on track and experience success. Even the best students may need tutoring from time to time.

• Get to know your children's teachers. Call them to say you appreciate what they do, and let them know you are ready to do your part. By doing this you'll not only be kept informed of your child's progress, but you will show your children that you respect their teachers. If *you* respect their teachers, so will they. The ability to deal with authority is an essential skill.

Parents are the first and most important teachers. And they hold the key to their children's success.

• Take your children to the library regularly so that they may discover the pleasure of reading. If a child finds a love for books at a young age, half the battle will be won. Reading is the foundation of learning and the key to good writing.

• Take your children to museums and historic areas. This will help instill a love of learning for its own sake. Learning about art and culture is much more exciting when you get to see the subjects first-hand.

• Monitor your children's TV watching. While television can be an instrument for learning, it can also distract children from more productive activities. Teach your child to be a selective viewer.

• Make sure your children have access to paper, pencils, pens, a dictionary, a thesaurus, an atlas, an almanac and a set of good encyclopedias. A child cannot learn without the proper tools. At holidays, give books as gifts so your children will realize that a book is something to be cherished.

• Place a map of the world in a prominent place and refer to it when discussing global events with your children. Through casual conversation, your children can learn geography along with local, national and world affairs. During discussions, be sure they ask questions and make statements in complete sentences.

• Encourage your children to read the newspaper and watch TV news on their own, and help them see how the news affects all kinds of people. Children must learn to respect each other's differences while celebrating all that humankind has in common.

• Finally, if possible, do not allow your older children to sacrifice their education to an after-school job. A student's first job is studying. If that is done well, it is a full-time job.

Weekend work, summer jobs and responsibility at home should be enough for a student. The rest of the time must be devoted to study, extracurricular activities at school, volunteer work or sports.

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EDUCATING AMERICA

Special police teams practice in mock crises

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — The man hiding in the darkened room said he could hear the footsteps in the hallway and saw the warning flash of light. But he couldn't move fast enough to escape capture by the members of the Special Weapons and Tactics team.

"They hit me in the face with the lights and I just dropped my gun right then. I knew I didn't have a chance," said Amarillo Police Department Sgt. Terry Lichtie.

Lichtie, an APD negotiator who helped out during a recent SWAT team practice, said even for an experienced street cop like himself, it's hard to evade an oncoming SWAT officer.

In real life, members of the team are called out to rescue victims of hostage situations, capture hostage takers and disarm people who are armed and barricaded inside a structure.

In the frequent practice sessions, team members learn to move quietly and swiftly and gain experience in handling a wide variety of situations.

And it takes a lot of training and practice, APD Sgt. Perry Gilmore said, a police negotiator who works closely with the team.

Each SWAT action is different because each building or residence the team closes in on is different and each hostage taker or barricaded person is different, Gilmore said.

As a small crowd of observers watched the recent practice session, the SWAT team members, covered from head to toe in black, swarmed through the hallways of a vacant dormitory on the West Texas State University campus in Canyon.

In the first scenario the team was called to handle in the practice, two men were being held hostage by a third man. All three of the men, who are actually Amarillo police officers, were primed to make the situation as challenging as they could for the SWAT team.

A negotiator had been talking to the make-believe hostage taker for more than an hour. The hostage taker, upset by a recent problem with his wife, asked for cigarettes, but seemingly wanted nothing more specific.

But the talks suddenly reached a point where the negotiator believed the victims were in extreme danger. A quick and silent signal sent the SWAT team storming to the room.

After a few muffled steps, the hallways were filled with screams of, "Police! Get down on the floor." The hostage taker and two victims were down on the pea green carpet in handcuffs within a matter of nanoseconds.

Gilmore pointed out that SWAT officers handcuff everyone on the scene in these incidents so that the officers can gain control of the situation. When the smoke clears, the good guys are sorted out from the bad guys, he said.

The scripts for the practice sessions are often based on actual hostage or barricade situations that SWAT teams have confronted in various parts of the country.

Further details about negotiations and SWAT team tactics are being withheld to protect future victims and SWAT team members.

In another practice scenario, the team launched a search for two bandits hiding in the building. With ninja-like precision the officers scurried through the hallways into each room and out again. A police officer posing as one of the bandits managed to trip up a SWAT officer and fired a would-be shot into his head.

The mistakes are discussed after each scenario and the team goes at it again.

Each action by the SWAT unit has to be thought out carefully, said Sgt. Tom Porter, an APD negotiator and former SWAT team member.

Flashes of light that can be used to blind suspects can also blind team members. Chemical agents or sound-flash devices that can disable a suspect can also disable a team member if not used with precision, Porter said.

Of course, the SWAT unit gets no warning about when the next precarious situation will arise, said Sgt. Chancie Coberley, an APD detective, and former SWAT member. Sometimes the team goes a year without being called to rescue a hostage. And then there are the months when the team is summoned repeatedly, Coberley said.

The physical standards for being on the SWAT team in Amarillo are pretty stiff, said Cpl. George Williams, a senior member of the SWAT team. The members must pass a tough psychological evaluation and be better than the average police officer at shooting firearms, Williams said.

Some of the other qualifications include being able to run 1.5 miles in 15 minutes or less and being able to maneuver through a firing range obstacle course. Only 10 of the last 25 applicants were accepted to the team, Williams said.

The officers must learn to work with each other as a team, Williams said. Egos have to be put aside in order to make the team effective, Williams said.

Equally crucial is each officer's ability to focus on a specific assignment. "If you hear gunfire in the next room, you still have a job to do and you have to concentrate on it," he said.

Best, worst in 1991 listed

by The Associated Press

In arts and entertainment, 1991 was a year of mega-mediocrities, when the "highlight" in visual arts was Christo's transoceanic umbrella wrap, the bestseller list was top-heavy with a leaden sequel to "Gone With the Wind," and a jewel of an animated feature — "Beauty and the Beast" — outshone some of Hollywood's costliest movies with real live (and high-paid) stars.

Here is the tally of best and worst for 1991 as selected by Associated Press specialists:

BEST MOVIE OF THE YEAR

"The Silence of the Lambs"

A tightly constructed adaptation of Thomas Harris' horrific psychological thriller. Well edited, good camera work, excellent direction from Jonathan Demme and a brilliant portrayal of pure evil from Anthony Hopkins.

WORST MOVIE OF THE YEAR

"Hudson Hawk"

A mind-numbing, incoherent ego trip. The pits of high-powered Hollywood.

BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR

"Dancing at Lughnasa"

By Brian Friel. A heart-felt memory play about five courageous Irishwomen. They are played by five unknown Irish actresses who currently are giving the best performances on Broadway.

WORST PLAY OF THE YEAR

"Return to the Forbidden Planet"

The most joyless musical in New York. For some reason a big London success, it trashes Shakespeare, the cult sci-fi movie "Forbidden Planet" and great 1950s and 60s rock 'n' roll hits.

BEST TV SHOW OF THE YEAR

"Northern Exposure"

This series proved that television can be smart and sweet and successful in detailing the simplicities of everyday life.

WORST TV SHOW OF THE YEAR (a tie)

"The Adventures of Mark & Brian"

It proved that television can be silly and stupid and senseless in thinking anyone would care about two L.A. disc jockeys with big hair.

"P.S.I. Luv U"

Time warp TV. This unremittingly stupid series plays like it was drafted on cocktail napkins. A hunky cop and a "cute" crook in Palm Springs.

BEST RECORD OF THE YEAR

Bruce Cockburn, "Nothing But a Burning Light"

Veteran Canadian singer-songwriter delivers by far his best work ever. Strong-willed politically and spiritually, and the music kicks it, too.

WORST RECORD OF THE YEAR

Rickie Lee Jones, "Pop Pop"

Her marble-mouth, baby-talk delivery trashes some good songs.

BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR

"A Dangerous Woman"

By Mary McGarry Morris. Fear and loathing in a small town, seen through the thick, smudged glasses of the doomed Martha Horgan. A wrenching, terrifying novel.

WORST BOOK OF THE YEAR

"Scarlett"

By Alexandra Ripley. An expensive project that produced a weak and boring plot. So poorly written, it makes the average first-grader look like D.H. Lawrence.

Russians go on buying spree before price hike

MOSCOW (AP) — Russians went on one last buying spree for bread and other basics Tuesday before stores were to close for the New Year's holiday and reopen with drastically higher prices.

Huge lines snaked outside stores all over snow-swept Moscow as the Kremlin-subsidized prices expired with 1991. Shoppers venturing out in the middle of their three-day holiday encountered some of the biggest queues in memory.

"I have never seen lines like today, because tomorrow bread's going to be three times more expensive," said an 82-year-old woman who would identify herself only as Olga.

The prices rise on Thursday, when the economic reforms of Russian President Boris Yeltsin go into effect. The cost of basics such as bread, milk, baby food, sugar, meat, vodka and oil will jump three to five times, while everything else will shoot up as much as the market will bear.

Stores were jammed as shoppers stocked up for New Year's celebrations in addition to trying to beat price increases. The lines exceeded those for previous holidays, and shoppers said the only time they could remember similar crowds was in April, just before an earlier round of price hikes.

Waiting inside the gray, cavernous Taganka food store, Olga said she had managed to buy only bread and ice cream.

"That's what I'm going to greet the new year with," she lamented, noting that she couldn't even find brown bread.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 1, 1992

Situations that start off on a sour note should not be written off too readily in the year ahead. Interesting twists could occur, where you'll end up the winner rather than an also-ran.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're apt to be lucky today dealing with older individuals who possess sober and practical outlooks rather than with optimists who have flighty natures. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your greatest asset at this time is your ability to turn negative developments into positive and hopeful endeavors. There are indications this talent will be used effectively in several instances.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) An important arrangement you share with another should go off as planned today. Lady Luck might help adjust the variables for collective benefits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If at all possible, try to spend time today with not just your immediate family, but with a few of your dearest friends. It could make this a memorable day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day to start moving on an endeavor you have already thought through. Be certain first, however, that those you're involved with share your frame of mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You and your mate can be extremely effective today in furthering a shared interest. The key is to completely agree beforehand as to how and when you want things to be done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) New Year resolutions you make today have excellent chances of being fulfilled, especially if they pertain to things that affect your work or earnings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In this cycle, there are four individuals who could play favorable roles in your future affairs. There is a possibility you might encounter at least two of them today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Loved ones in your chart can benefit from constructive measures you take on their behalf today, particularly if they are a bit insecure at the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your chart indicates your optimism is justified concerning projects that are large in scope. Good things could begin to develop for you over the coming weeks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A material opportunity that might not sound too exciting at first is worthy of additional study. Upon review, you may begin to appreciate its potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you're likely to be the first to show concern for the needs of others today, you'll be in a favorable position when it comes time for them to see to it that your wants are gratified.

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you provide information on lupus?

DEAR READER: Lupus erythematosus is a chronic disease that causes inflammation of connective tissue, the material that supports and joins parts of the body and organs within the body. Although the precise basis for this disease is unknown, LE is believed to be an autoimmune disorder, marked by an allergy to the body's normal tissues.

Most patients with LE experience initial joint pain and stiffness, which may or may not be associated with fever and malaise. This is usually followed by a rash, especially over the cheeks and bridge of the nose (the so-called "butterfly" rash). Other skin afflictions, such as loss of hair and a purplish rough rash, may appear.

When LE affects the lungs, it leads to chest pain, pleurisy and hypertension within the blood vessels of the lungs. Inflammation of the heart-covering (pericarditis) is often present.

The lymph glands and spleen may be affected, causing swelling, pain and abdominal fullness.

The most serious consequence of LE is renal involvement, a form of nephritis that can lead to progressive kidney failure and death.

LE also affects the blood count (anemia and reduced white blood cells), causing exhaustion and susceptibility to infection.

When LE attacks the brain, patients experience headaches, personality changes and seizures.

LE is diagnosed by blood tests, especially tests that measure antibody proteins to normal cells. The two most common tests are the anti-nuclear antibodies (ANA) and the anti-DNA antibodies.

Some medicines, notably hydralazine and procainamide, may occasionally cause lupus (or a syndrome resembling it, which usually disappears once the offending drug is discontinued).

Treatment of LE depends on the severity of the disease. Mild forms usually respond to aspirin, aspirin-substitutes or anti-malarial drugs, such as hydroxychloroquine. Moderate or severe forms require cortisone. As soon as symptoms are controlled, the dose of cortisone is slowly tapered and stopped. Patients may remain in remission for months or years.

LE is a common and serious disorder for which treatment is almost always necessary. With therapy, most patients can be helped to lead long and symptom-free lives.

To provide more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." Other readers who would like copies 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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...of the Year...

C.R. Perez

C.R. Perez (right) was recognized as Lawrence IGA's Employee of the Year at it's recent Christmas party. He has been assistant manager for IGA since he started with the company in 1983. C.R.'s friendliness and helpfulness toward customers, his dependability, being a good team member, high quality of work, and enthusiasm earned him this award. Presenting the award is Jack Lawrence, owner and Sammy Hancock, store director.

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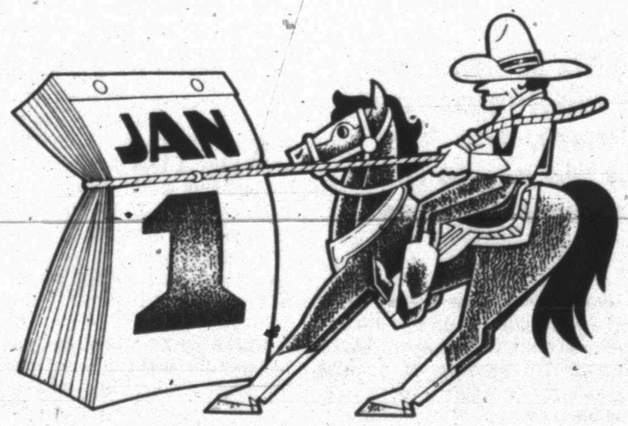

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