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'Worst year ever'...

Cotton gins idle with bale counts stopped at 2,800

With the recent rainfall, Scurry County gins--already severely cutback due to a disastrous crop year--were essentially shutdown Tuesday morning with an estimated 2,800 bales of cotton ginned.

If the figures do not rise, this would make 1986 the worse cotton year on record in the county.

A good year might produce 60,000 bales, and the previous "worse" was 1984 when Payment in Kind (PIK) supplements by the U.S. Government cutback the year's total to approximately 5,000 bales.

Last year at this time, county gins had completed some 32,000 bales--a figure placed at 70 percent of the expected 48,000 total.

With the 1986 cotton crop adversely affected by both untimely rains and insect damage, five of the eight gins which normally operate in Scurry County did not open this ginning season.

Those that did open were the Inadale Gin near the Scurry-Nolan County line, the Farmer's Co-Op gin and the Paymaster Gin.

Spokesman for all three said Tuesday morning they had been shutdown since last week when rainfall again moved into the county.

Two of them noted that gin crews for this year's season had already been laid off and that workers would be rehired only if needed.

The count from Inadale was some 1,580 bales, although it was noted likely half of this was from Nolan County cotton.

The Paymaster Gin here has ginned some 670 bales; and the Farmers Co-op Gin some 1,400 bales.

County gins which did not open this season include facilities at Dunn, Fluvanna, Hermleigh, Ira and China Grove.

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Voyager ends 9-day flight

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Voyager ended its historic unrefueled, non-stop trip around the world with a safe desert landing today after a nine-day flight beset by storms, engine problems and worries over fuel.

The lightweight tri-fuselage plane with front and rear engines covered nearly 26,000 miles, its maker said, effectively doubling every non-stop, unrefueled distance record in aviation history.

The Voyager was accompanied by three chase planes as it appeared through clouds over the desert. It slowly descended, doing several victory passes before touching down at 8:06 a.m. PST on a dry lake bed, watched by 15,000 spectators.

Storm-battered pilots Dick Rutan, 49, and Jeana Yeager, 34, were helped from Voyager after the landing at this famed flight test center. Both had suffered bruises when Voyager was tossed around by turbulence over the Indian and Atlantic oceans and over Africa, and they appeared a little wobbly.

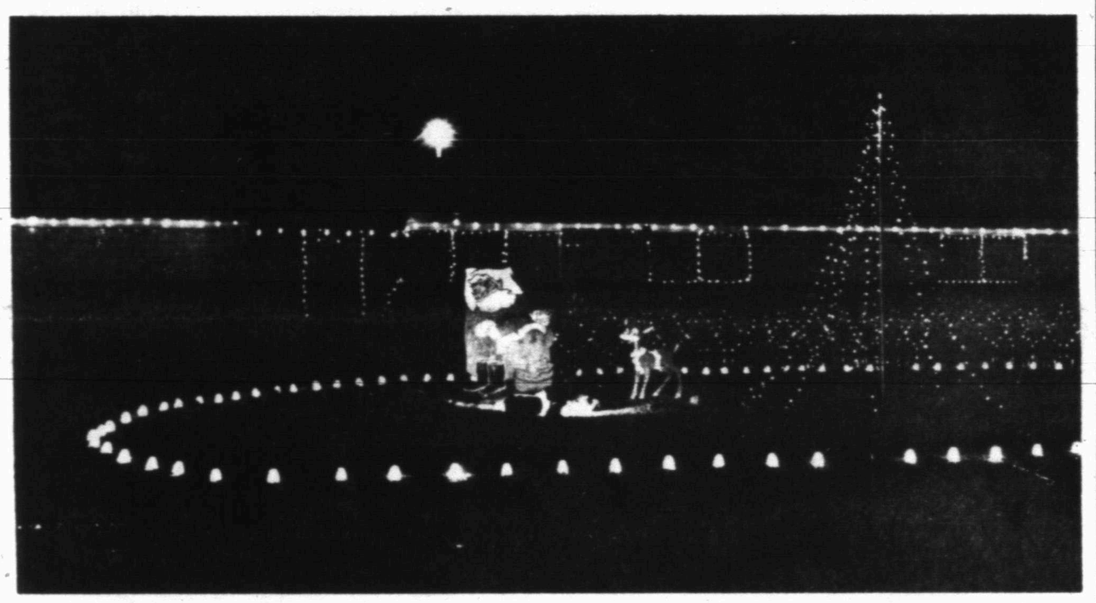
"Nine days, huh?" Rutan said moments before landing. "Nine days without a shower."

Rutan screamed a victory yell, stretched his arms above his head, thumbs up, and slapped on a cowboy hat before leaving the cockpit. The couple were to be taken to the base hospital for checkups as international aviation officials checked the plane to make certain it indeed had flown nonstop.

President Reagan, watching on television in his White House study as the Voyager touched down, called the flight "magnificent, absolutely magnificent," spokesman Mark Weinberg said.

The flight had been repeatedly delayed amid warnings that if it didn't take off by mid-December, its next opportunity would be in the spring. Yeager had the flu when the plane took off at 8 a.m. Dec. 14 from Edwards, dragging its fuel-heavy wings on the desert runway and shaving at least a foot off each Styrofoam wingtip.

FIRST PRIZE DECORATIONS — This barnyard Christmas scene is included in the lighted display at the Wedge Turner residence at 2608 28th St. which won first place in this year's annual Snyder Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest. (SDN Staff Photo)



SECOND PLACE HOME — Santa Claus, reindeer and a Christmas tree made of lights are featured in the yard decorations at the Emmitt Askins residence at 3009 35th St. The Askins home won second place in the Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

THIRD PLACE RESIDENCE — Snoopy's Christmas is featured in the outdoor decorations at the Gary Landes home at 5504 Cedar Creek Dr. This display won third place in the annual Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest. (SDN Staff Photo)

Overhaul likely...

OPEC price not seen as helpful

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. oil producers need higher prices than the OPEC target of $18 a barrel, analysts said.

Even if oil prices go up a few dollars as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries want, the increase won't be enough to pull U.S. oil production out of a deep depression, the specialists said Monday.

All OPEC members, except Iraq, agreed over the weekend to reduce their oil production by 7 percent during the first half of 1987.

American producers need an average of $15 a barrel to make a profit while the Middle East producers need only $3, said Tony Lentini, spokesman for Mitchell Energy Co., based in The Woodlands. For the U.S. producers to start recovering, prices would have to go up to about $20 a barrel, he said.

"It's unprecedented how the (U.S.) industry almost overnight has gone to using only 20 to 25 percent of capacity," he said.

In December 1981, 4,500 oil and gas rigs were drilling. That figure dropped to 969 this week, said Ike Kerridge, a spokesman for Hughes Tool Co., which has kept industry statistics since 1940.

A steady price of $18 a barrel would probably increase the number of rigs to about 1,100, Kerridge said. Otherwise, the number probably will drop to an average of 850 next year, he said.

Analysts also agreed on Monday that a lack of OPEC unity may prevent the organization from meeting its target of $18 a barrel.

"The agreement won't last," said Charles Maurice, an economist at the Texas A&M University. "They've been trying for ages. Every time they come up with an agreement, they go home and then start breaking up."

DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

'87 budget might change farm aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's fiscal 1988 budget will likely propose a radical overhaul of federal farm aid, ending the present tie between government payments and crop production, says Budget Director James C. Miller III.

"We want to break that link," Miller said in an interview on Monday. He said that the present subsidy program is proving far too costly to taxpayers and is crippling this nation's ability to compete in world markets by keeping prices high.

Miller said he expected the few remaining decisions on the budget, which will be submitted to Congress on Jan. 5, to be made by the end of today.

Details of phasing out the current farm subsidy program are among those that await a presidential decision, he indicated.

As it now stands, Miller said, the $1.01 trillion budget proposal will call for a record $52 billion in program cuts and other savings to meet the Gramm-Rudman deficit target of $108 billion for the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1.

Of that, $30 billion will come from proposed program cuts and eliminations, the bulk of them recycled from previous budgets, Miller said.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Beware of folks who slap you on the back. They may be trying to get you to cough up something."

Santa is in a predicament at the John Lacik home this Christmas. Santa will have a hard time upstaging last year's gift to the Laciks' son, Kevin.

Last December, Santa was right on target with his gift to the seven-year-old. For a couple of years, Kevin had asked the jolly gentleman for a snake.

Despite reservations from his mother, Cindy, placed under the tree last Christmas morning was a 24-inch baby boa constrictor. Asked if "Bo" would get a mate this year, Cindy replied, "No, thank goodness."

Bo has grown to about four feet during the past year, and he is fast outgrowing his herpeterium. Kevin has been faithful in feeding Bo--two mice required once each week.

Bo has been a favorite "show and tell" for classmates of Kevin and his sister, Kelli. One day at West Elementary, mother Cindy was even called into action to help hold and display Bo.

Cindy says she is growing accustomed to having Bo around the house. "He's so fast, we really have to keep an eye on him and make sure the cat's outside."

The parents report there have been no major problems in raising the non-venomous creature. When fully grown, Bo is expected to be 14 to 15 feet long.

Did you hear about the guy who had too much to drink at a holiday party. He approached a strange woman and embraced her by mistake. "I'm sorry, I thought you were my wife."

"You're a fine sort of husband for any woman to have, you stupid, drunken bum," the woman said.

"There, see," the man replied, "You even talk like her."

Ask Us

Q. — When is the work on the Colorado City Highway going to be completed?

A. — Highway officials say all construction on the highway to the Mitchell County line should be complete by late January or early February. The highway will still need a final coat of asphalt, but this will not be done until the warmer spring weather.

In Brief

Won't testify

WASHINGTON (AP)--The Intelligence Committee is trying to question retired Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord, a key figure in the Iran-Contra arms deal, but the panel's chairman says he expects Secord to refuse to testify under the Fifth Admendment.

May be freed

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — An underground group that claims to hold two Frenchmen hostage on Tuesday pledged to release one of them soon, citing the "occasion of Christmas," and also urged France to stop its military sales to Iraq.

The Revolutionary Justice Organization made the promise in a statement delivered overnight to Beirut's independent newspaper An-Nahar and the leftist As-Safir newspaper.

Charge three

NEW YORK (AP) — Three white youths were charged with murder and eight others were questioned Monday in what the mayor called "a racial lynching" — an attack on three blacks, one of whom was killed by a car as he tried to escape.

The three were to be arraigned Tuesday on charges of second-degree murder, second-degree manslaughter and second-degree assault.

Local

SDN changes

The offices of the Snyder Daily News will be closed both Wednesday and Thursday for the holidays.

The SDN will be delivered during the morning Wednesday, but there will be no edition published Thursday, Christmas Day.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 39 degrees; low, 35 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 38 degrees; .10 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1986 to date, 30.19 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tuesday...a 30 percent chance of rain..occasionally mixed with sleet early morning. High in the mid 40s. North wind 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night...cloudy with a low in the middle 30s. Wednesday...partly cloudy with a high near 50.

Outlook for Christmas Day...partly cloudy with a low in the lower 30s. A high in the middle 50s.

Task force makes recommendations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fuel economy standards passed at the height of the 1970s oil crisis are now preventing U.S. carmakers from producing heavier "muscle" cars for the American market and should be abolished, according to a vice presidential task force.

At its first meeting on Monday, the Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief, re-established by President Reagan on Dec. 15 to review federal regulatory programs, took aim at the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards.

The proposal was the first of many expected from the newly re-established panel, which reviewed existing regulations for two years after Reagan was first elected, said Wendy Gramm, the wife of Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and the panel's executive director.

"Our focus will be a little different this time. It will be focused on legislative changes that are called for to further promote competition domestically and internationally," she said.

The CAFE regulations, which require automakers to meet rigid fuel efficiency standards or face fines, are squeezing domestic makers out of the large car market, which has surged as oil prices have fallen, said the the vice president's counsel, C. Boyden Gray.

"Automobile companies cannot produce the kinds of cars that a portion of the public wants — big station wagons, for instance," without facing fines, Gray said after the task force's White House meeting.

If the government standards are not met, automakers must pay $5 per car for each one-tenth of a mile over the limit. Cars manufactured 25 percent or more out of the country, however, are not required to meet the rigid standards, Gray said.

"The result of the constraints is that automobile companies are going abroad causing the loss of tens of thousands of jobs," Gray said. Ford Motor Co. has already moved some of its parts manufacturing to Mexico, he said.

"Because the Japanese are so much more flexible, they are sending cars into the United States that are the same classification as those produced domestically but that are less fuel efficient — have more muscle — which is what some consumers are looking for now," Gray said.

Members of the task force include Attorney General Edwin Meese III, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, Labor Secretary William E. Brock, Office of Management and Budget Director James C. Miller III and Beryl W. Sprinkel, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Both Ford and General Motors Corp. issued statements praising the task force's proposal, which will now go to President Reagan's desk. If he approves the idea it will be sent on to Congress as a legislative proposal.

"When the CAFE law was passed a decade ago, it was not expected that it would favor Japanese manufacturers who have specialized in small cars with high average fuel economy," said General Motors spokesman John Hartnett.

But while U.S. manufacturers are being forced away from their traditional larger car base, Japanese makers, with the CAFE cushion their traditional small car base gives them, are increasingly attracted into building cars that are larger and more powerful but less fuel efficient, he said.

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Deregulation of financial markets faces controversy

LONDON (AP) — The heralded deregulation of Britain's financial markets, not yet two months old, already faces a storm of controversy because of a growing number of insider trading scandals.

The latest scandal surfaced with the disclosure that workers at the Department of Trade and Industry — the agency that polices giant corporate takeovers — might have engaged in illegal insider trading themselves.

The disclosure spurred critics of the Conservative government last week to renew calls for for an independent watchdog, such as the the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, to regulate London's financial district, known as the City.

But others argued that the scandals did not stem from a lack of regulatory clout, and instead showed that the government was zealously using newly adopted powers to crack down on insider trading.

Nonetheless, the opposition Labor Party said it would demand a government statement after Parliament's Christmas recess on the allegations that some employees of the Department of Trade and Industry might have used confidential information to reap stock profits.

A quick succession of insider trading scandals in the City and on Wall Street recently has rocked financial markets on both sides of the Atlantic.

The scandals here again raised fears that Britain, in a widespread deregulation of its markets Oct. 27 that was dubbed the "Big Bang," failed to simultaneously develop adequate protections against abuses.

Big Bang was heralded as a way to enhance London's role as a major financial center, but investment officials and others also are worried that its reputation will be tarnished because of the scandals.

The Financial Times, Britain's leading financial daily, commented: "The overriding aim must be to ensure that honest investors get a fair deal. Financial markets are built on such confidence and die without it."

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government has been sensitive to charges that its plans for policing the City are inadequate, particularly since the government has been championing "People's Capitalism" by selling off nationalized companies, offering shares to the general public.

When the first insider trading scandal hit the City in November, about the same time as the Ivan Boesky case broke in the United States, Paul Channon, the trade and industry secretary, put tougher laws against insider trading into effect nearly two months ahead of schedule.

Boesky agreed to pay back $100 million in illegal profits and SEC civil penalties, and to plead guilty to an unspecified criminal charge.

The new laws empower appointed inspectors to obtain any documents they wish and question anyone under oath. Those who refuse to comply can be prosecuted.

Last Thursday, Channon announced he had appointed such inspectors to investigate the Department of Trade and Industry.

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Overhulser graduates AF

Airman William P. Overhulser, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Overhulser Jr, of Snyder, has graduated from the U. S. Air Force aerospace ground equipment mechanic course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.

Clawson enlists in Air Force

ARLINGTON,--Damon Michael Clawson, son of Darrol Clawson Jr. and Glenda Clawson of Snyder, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment recently.

Clawson, a 1985 graduate of Snyder High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on May 15, 1987. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the tactical aircraft maintenance career field.

Thamez arrives for Army duty

Army Spec. 4 Sandra J. Thamez, daughter of the Rev. Joseph M. and Teresa L. Thamez of Snyder, has arrived for duty with the 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Tex.

Thamez is a food specialist.

Robertson earns insurance honor

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.--Sam Robertson, district manager in Snyder for the Franklin Life Insurance Company, has been named the company's district manager of the month. He has been accorded this honor on the basis of his agency's outstanding development, both in manpower recruitment and sales growth.

A feature story concerning Robertson's life industry achievements is scheduled to be published in the Franklin Field magazine, the company's national publication.

Dear Abby

Family's Ugly Little Secret Has Been Hidden Long Enough

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years ago when I was 15, my brother, "John," raped me. From this rape I got pregnant. John was 17 at the time. My parents sent me to the Florence Crittenton Home in Washington, D.C., where I gave birth to a baby boy I'll call Paul. My parents told me to tell the people at the home I didn't know who my baby's father was, but after I had been there a while, I told them the truth. When I brought the baby home, my parents raised him to believe that he was their child and I was his sister. However, my 12-year-old sister, "Mary," knew the whole story.

Ten years ago, Mary called Paul and told him that he was my son and not my brother, but she didn't tell him that our brother, John, was his father.

John had known all along that he was Paul's father, but he never mentioned it to anyone. He's married and has kids of his own now. He has always avoided me. It's like we're strangers. Our parents are long dead. My son, Paul, is a good person, also married with a family.

I recently called John and told him I thought the family should know the truth. He said nobody would believe me and I had no proof. I do have proof because I sent for Paul's birth certificate, and John is listed as the father! What should I do?

KEPT QUIET LONG ENOUGH

DEAR KEPT: Since John got away with raping you, and many rapists are repeat offenders, has it occurred to you that John may also have raped Mary and possibly his own children and others while you were keeping quiet?

It's time to let the "family secret" out of the closet. Tell John that if he doesn't tell the family, you will, and you have Paul's birth certificate as proof. Specialists at rape crisis centers repeatedly advise that the victim will forever feel the pain if it is not aired and dealt with. Even after 45 years, I see no reason to protect the guilty.

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DEAR ABBY: Re shutterbugs who ruin every wedding, christening, funeral and family reunion: Suggest to the family that they buy the guy a camera with a zoom lens. That way Mr. Shutterbug can stay at the back of the church or far away in the corner and shoot all he wants in peace and quiet. The family will not know he's been present until he presents the wonderful pictures.

JOE JOYNT,
WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

DEAR JOE: Here's your letter. It's a long shot, but let's hope something develops.

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DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine has asked me to be the godmother of her baby daughter. I would love to do this, and was very honored to be asked.

The problem is that I'm not sure what the responsibilities of a godmother are. Do you have any information covering this subject so that I know exactly what is expected of me?

SUE

DEAR SUE: It is an honor to be asked to be a godparent. Your responsibilities are essentially spiritual; you would be expected to help with the religious training of the child.

Godparents traditionally take a special interest in the godchild as a close relative would, and they remember the child on birthdays and special holidays. Should you cease to be close to the family and the child, you may stop giving gifts.

Before you accept the honor, I suggest that you confer with the child's parents to find out what they expect of you.

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(For Abby's booklet, "What Every Teen-Ager Ought to Know," send a check or money order for $2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 24, 1986

Several important objectives will be achieved in the year ahead. The victories may not come easily, but they will give you a great sense of accomplishment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today initiates the beginning of a brief cycle where you'll reap rewards for something you have diligently strived to achieve. Hooray! Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Quality is far more important than quantity today. If you are planning a social happening, limit it to those whose companionship you truly enjoy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A delicate situation may be handled in a strange manner today, and leave you wondering if what transpired served your best interests. The answer is yes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you'll arrive at a proper decision pertaining to a serious matter you've been pondering for a long time. Implement it cautiously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're well equipped to overcome testy conditions today, especially where your career is concerned. Instead of ducking challenges, meet them head-on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something of significance will emerge from a social encounter you'll experience today. An older person who is extremly fond of you will be involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Devote as much time as possible today to practical family matters that require immediate attention. Get an early start and you'll be amazed at how much you'll accomplish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In case you're a bit behind on social communications, this is a good day to tackle them. You'll know how to say all the right things to make others happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You should do exceptionally well in your financial affairs today, provided you treat matters with a no-nonsense approach. Keep your mind on the issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People who have dealings with you today will feel at ease because they'll know your word is your bond. If you say you're going to do something, you'll do it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something of considerable value to which you're entitled, but has been frustratingly delayed, is going to be in your hands shortly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) By being completely truthful, you can be a big help today to a close friend who is desperately in need of some sincere answers to his or her present predicament.

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CHRISTMAS TEA — A tea and style show honoring WTC word processing students was held Dec. 16 in the home of Joann Snider with Tammy Wesson also hostessing the affair. Both are office careers instructors at the college. Ann Brunson with Mildred's (left) and Kelly Burns with Shadras displayed appropriate office wear to those attending. (SDN Staff Photo)

ART GUILD DONATION — The study club held its annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange on Dec. 16 with 20 members present. A gift of $100 was presented to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital mammography fund. Pictured from left are Wilma Dillard, member of the mammography steering committee, M. J. Merritt, treasurer for the guild, and Katherine Williams, club president. (SDN Staff Photo)

Poetry Society meets for potluck and reading session

The Scurry County Poetry Society met for a potluck supper Dec. 15 in the home of Dorothy Cox. President Garnet Quiett presided and chaplain Christine Killgo offered the blessing for the meal.

Janelle Burk reported that she composed the lyrics to a song written by Barbara Perkins and is entitled, "A Christmas Greeting." It was sung at both the Snyder High School choir program and the Junior High Christmas program.

Dorothy Cox, program chairman, passed out program books for 1987 and the group expressed appreciation for the work done by Cox and Sherry Bryant in compiling the books and the yearbooks.

Marianne McNeil, a member of the Amarillo Poetry chapter, has accepted an invitation to speak to the Snyder chapter in the spring.

During the poetry reading session, members reading their own poetry were Janelle Burk with "A Christmas Greeting" and "What Christmas Means to Me;" Dorothy Cox with "The Hurry of Christmas" and "The Depiction of Age;" Sherry Bryant with "His Nearness" and "Christmas Is upon Us."

Also reading were Gwen Mather with "Love Is Near" and "Seasons of the Heart;" Garnet Quiett with "Winter Night" and "The Stable Boy's Gift."

Christine Killgo read a Christmas story by Norman Vincent Peale, "The Shoemaker's Dream."

Betty Kellum visited the session with Gwen Mather joining the group as a new member.

The next chapter meeting will be Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m. with the place to be announced. Visitors and poets are welcome.

B&PW Yule dinner held

The Business and Professional Women's Club met Dec. 12 for the Christmas dinner and gift exchange at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Clemy Andress as hostess.

Fay McCollum gave the special program featuring homemade holiday breads and cookies which were later given to members in a drawing. Copies of the recipes were distributed also.

Other items on exhibit for the program included a wall-hanging, a wreath and special candies. Fay gave instructions for the candy crafting and wrapping.

Dinner tables were decorated with candy canes, Christmas cards and poinsettias. Red napkins were folded in the shape of candles on white cloths.

Lee Weaver, president, presided for a brief business session after the gift exchange.

Dentists dissolve tooth decay

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Instead of grinding away tooth decay, some dentists are "dissolving" it.

Better Homes and Gardens says the Caridex Caries Removal System uses a solution that the dentist applies to the tooth. The softened decay is then brushed away.

"Some drilling will be necessary between 50 and 75 percent of the time," according to Dr. Bruce Bloom, dental consultant to National Patent Dental Products Inc., which markets Caridex. "But it's done in the enamel part of the tooth, which has no nerve sensation." Almost 90 percent of Caridex patients need no anesthesia.

The system isn't for use on hard-to-reach cavities or for some patients on sodium-restricted diets. Only dentists who have taken a seminar are eligible to use the system. So far, 4,200 dentists nationwide have qualified.

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Opening lead: ♦ 5

Finding a better way

By James Jacoby

South had a sound opening bid with first-round control in three suits and a singleton diamond. When North showed not only a good hand but also excellent club support with his jump to four, South simply bid six clubs. The bidding was easy, but not the play.

Declarer took the diamond opening lead with dummy's ace and trumped a diamond. He played a heart to dummy's king and trumped another diamond. Next came the A-K of clubs. A spade to the king enabled him to cash the club queen. He had to discard and rightly decided to throw a heart. Now he could play ace and a spade. If spades were 3-3, he would make the slam. He would also make it if East had started with either Q-x or J-x of spades, but no luck. When he played the third spade, East won the nine and cashed the queen to set the contract.

Declarer has a better play. After the first diamond ruff, he should play a low heart from both hands. He can now ruff another diamond, play the heart king and then play A-K of clubs. Now he leads a low heart toward dummy's void. If hearts are 3-3, he will be able to ruff with the club nine. Even if hearts began 4-2, he is safe if West started with the two hearts. Finally, even if West had four hearts originally, declarer can hope that West also has the remaining trump. If declarer can ruff the third heart in dummy, he can then throw his losing small spade on dummy's queen of clubs and claim.

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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Leon Trotsky and other Bolshevist leaders were exiled to Turkestan in 1928 after differences with Joseph Stalin.

CHRISTMAS BELLS — Members of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church handbell choir presented a Christmas program to Snyder Nursing Center residents Thursday. Ringers pictured include (front row from left) Betsy Armstrong, Kathy Duncan and Patti Whittenburg. In the middle are Jerald Garner, director, Ellen Rumpff, Jeanie Rice and Andrea Garner. Shelley Gibson, Mary Pryor, Tonya Canada, Kathy Post, Laticia Couch and Mickey Williams are standing in back. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time at players convenience.

Phobic and Anxiety Disorders meets at 1911 25th St. at 6 p.m. Led by licensed professional counselor. Call 573-8140 or 573-9750 for more information.

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

Snyder Singles Organization; First United Methodist Church; devotional begins at 7 p.m.; games and fellowship at 8 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Chapel of Roses, Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101.

Al-Anon; Chapel of Roses, Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-8325 or 573-2101.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-0414.

FRIDAY

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

Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8325 or 573-2101.

SATURDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Joyce at 573-7149.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

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

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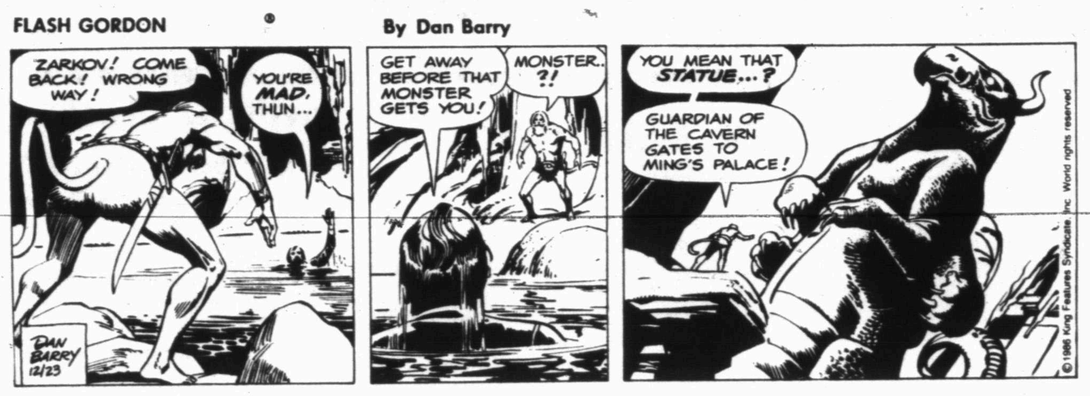

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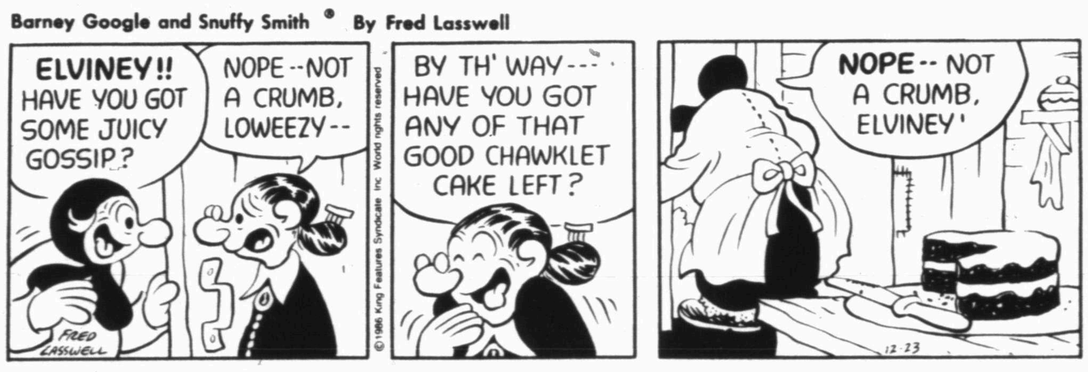

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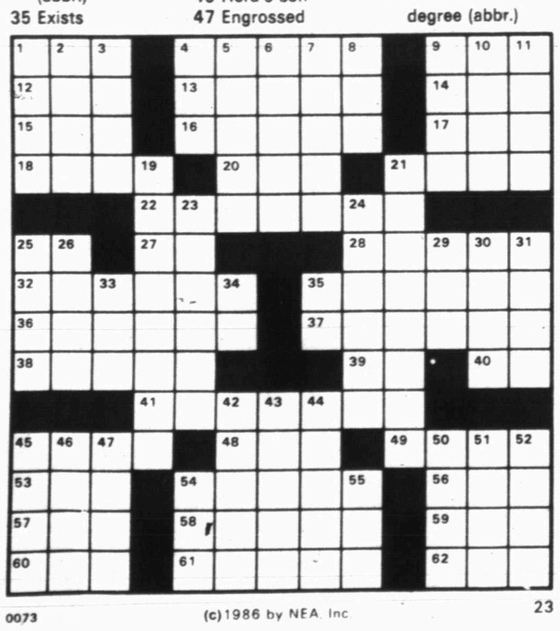

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"DID YOU KNOW SANTA CLAUS WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BOY?"

Tigers lack 'killer instinct' but still defeat Sweetwater

SWEETWATER -- Coach Larry Scott knows what's coming, and despite the fact the Tigers won their fifth straight game here Monday night, he has to be concerned.

"We need to develop a killer instinct. Right now we have a suicidal instinct. We had chances to put them away for the night and we couldn't do it. We're still turning the ball over way too much and we've got to find an answer to that," said the Snyder High School coach, whose Tigers never quite broke open the game, despite a 62-48 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs.

Snyder led by 10 points in the second quarter and 13 in the third, but was in front by just eight, 52-44, with about three and a half minutes to play in the ballgame. Credit Terry Garza for being the mainstay for the Tigers. He retaliated to score 5 unanswered points and put Snyder back in control, 59-46, with just 1:12 to play. He scored a season-high 32 points on the night, including 14 in the second period and 12 in the fourth.

Snyder, 9-6 overall and 3-0 in District 2-4A play now, will host non-conference opponent Abilene Cooper at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30. The Tigers also entertain San Angelo Central on Jan. 3. But then, it's into the fire.

"We play Big Spring, Andrews and Lamesa in the span of about eight days and we know they will press us and foul us if we're leading near the end of the game," said Scott, whose Tigers committed 19 turnovers and were just 16 of 31 from the line Monday. "We're playing pretty good defense. We've got to stop the turnovers and hopefully shoot our free throws better."

Sweetwater never led in Monday's game though the Mustangs trailed only 15-14 at the end of the first quarter. Just how capable Snyder was of dominating the hosts became apparent in the next period. But in reference to Scott's statement, it also showed the Tigers' inability to put the Mustangs away.

Snyder outscored the hosts 12-3 in the first four and a half minutes to run up a 27-17 advantage. Sweetwater made the most of several Tiger turnovers after that, however, and hit eight of 10 free throws in the period to stay in the game. Led by Chris Harris, the Mustangs scored five unanswered points to end the quarter, and went to the dressing room behind just 33-28 at halftime.

Though Ronnie Leberman scored the first basket of the third period to put the Mustangs within three points, Snyder ruled the quarter. The Tigers scored the next 10 points for a 43-30 advantage. A Doug Messer field goal made the score 43-32 going into the final quarter.

Snyder led by as much as 13 again in the fourth, but couldn't finish the Mustangs until late. Sweetwater slowly whittled at the Tiger lead, until Messer made it 52-44 with a pair of free throws and sent Chris Garrett to the bench for Snyder with his fifth foul. Tom Marvin and Leberman traded buckets but Garza came up with the next five points to put the game away.

While Snyder didn't fare well from the line and missed the front end of seven bonus situations, it was the charity stripe that helped keep Sweetwater close. The Mustangs hit 16 of 19 freebies, including an eight-for-eight effort from Harris, who led the Mustangs with 20 points. Messer, eight-of-11 from the line, scored 14.

Despite their overall success, however, Harris and Messer managed just eight combined points in the second half.

"I thought we played good defense again, especially in the second half," said Scott. "Holding Harris and Messer to just four points each was a key for us."

Snyder's defense limited the Mustangs to just 16 field goals in 67 tries. Snyder was 23 of 58.

Garza was Snyder's only double-figure scorer, though Garrett and Reynaldo Gomez scored 9 apiece. Snyder had a good night on the boards, out-rebounding the hosts 45 to 25. Garrett yanked down 14; Trey Tippens 13.

Snyder 62, Sweetwater 48

SNYDER– Terry Garza 11 10-14 32; Chris Garrett 4 1-2 9; Trey Tippens 3 0-3 6; Reynaldo Gomez 3 3-7 9; Dennis Martinez 0 0-1 0; Lewis Wesley 0 0-0 0; Tom Marvin 2 0-1 4; Wayne Ware 0 0-0 0; Scott Lanier 0 2-2 2; Brad Gartman 0 0-1 0; Daniel Chasteen 0 0-0 0; TOTALS 23-58 16-31 62.

SWEETWATER– Elmer Green 0 0-0 0; Rufus Blueford 1 0-0 2; Doug Messer 3 8-11 14; Chris Harris 6 8-8 20; Ronnie Leberman 4 0-0 8; Ron Reed 1 0-0 2; David Williams 0 0-0 0; Jimmy Henderson 0 0-0 0; TOTALS 16-67 16-19 48.

Total Fouls- Sny 16, Swtr 24; **Fouled Out**- Garrett, Blueford, Reed; **Technical**- Reed; **Rebounds**- Sny 45 (Garrett 14, Tippens 13), Swtr 25; **Records**- Sny 9-6, 3-0; Swtr 8-6, 1-2.

Snyder	15	18	10	19	-62
Sweetwater	14	14	4	16	-48

2-4A scoreboard

BOYS

Snyder 62, Sweetwater 48
Lamesa 89, Lake View 67
Andrews 95, Fort Stockton 61
Big Spring 73, Pecos 60

GIRLS

Sweetwater 49, Snyder 42 (ot)
Big Spring 78, Pecos 31
Lake View 48, Lamesa 40
Fort Stockton 35, Andrews 22

SPORTS

Perryman leads Texas with individual effort

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas senior forward Dennis Perryman almost single-handedly pulled off a Longhorn victory over Tennessee-Chattanooga, but coach Bob Weltlich made it seem almost routine.

Perryman led his team in scoring with 17 points, pulled down 11 rebounds and hit two free throws with two seconds left in the game to give Texas a 75-74 come-from-behind victory.

"Dennis makes a living out of offensive rebounds," Weltlich said. "Anyway, seniors are supposed to make free throws. The first one is the tough one. I wasn't really worried about that."

In the other Southwest Conference game Monday night, Winston Garland scored 17 points and Stan Worthy added 15, including seven of eight from the free throw line, as Southwest Missouri State defeated Arkansas 56-49.

The Longhorns, 7-4, fought back from a 43-25 halftime deficit to win their fourth straight game. It was Perryman who brought Texas back with eight straight points to pull the Longhorns within 64-61 with 6:19 left in the game.

"We almost played Santa Claus tonight. Their quickness was really a problem for us. I just felt like we were just not playing well and kind of loafing around," Weltlich said.

Patrick Fairs shook off an 0-8 first half slump and shot Texas into its first lead of the night with a 20-foot three-point shot to make it 69-68 with 4:04 left in the game.

Fairs followed with another jumper and a tip-in to give the Longhorns a 73-72 lead before Lance Fulfe made two free throws to put the Moccasins back in front, 74-73.

Tennessee-Chattanooga, led by Morris Lyons' 25 points, fell to 4-4.

In Springfield, Mo., Southwest Missouri, now 8-3, took the lead for good at 15-14 with 7:45 remaining in the first half on a Garland jumper. The Bears led 25-20 at halftime.

The closest the Razorbacks could come in the second half was three points after a six-foot jumper by Andrew Lang opened the period. Lang and Mike Ratliff led the effort with 13 points each.

Arkansas, which fell to 6-3, was ahead 10-5 in the opening minutes of the game before Southwest Missouri State outscored the visitors 12-4 over seven minutes to take a 17-14 lead with 7:15 to go.

Mustangs clip Snyder girls in extra period here, 49-42

Coach Ken Housden figures his Lady Tigers are about due, but he'll have to wait until Monday to see what happens.

The Tigers dropped a 49-42 overtime decision to District 2-4A opponent Sweetwater here Monday; Snyder's third straight loss in conference play.

"We've lost a bunch of close ones," mused Housden. "We've won a couple too, but I think we've lost six close ballgames now. I think we're due to win one."

The Lady Tigers hope to stop the losing skid next Monday, Dec. 29, when they play Abilene Cooper at noon in the Colorado City Tournament.

Snyder led 14-12 at the end of the first quarter here Monday, but trailed 22-20 at halftime. Sweetwater outscored the hosts 12-7 in the third, and it appeared as if Snyder might fold it up for the night. The Lady Tigers, didn't however. They rallied to outpoint the Mustangs 15-8 and send the game into overtime.

"Sweetwater scored the first bucket in overtime and from then on it just seemed like we couldn't hit anything," said Housden, whose Tigers also had a chance to win the game in regulation. "We had a shot right under the basket with 12 seconds left and the game tied but it just wouldn't fall for us," he said.

"The girls played a good ballgame. They've played tough most of the games. We just can't quite get over the hump. Hopefully, good things will start happening for us," Housden added.

Snyder, 6-7 now and 1-3 in loop play, got 13 points from Stephanie McKnight, 10 from Teri Sue Henry and 8 from Christi Comer. Melody Pickering pulled down 9 rebounds.

Sweetwater, which improves to 8-5 and 2-2, got 17 points from Cheryl Owens and 9 from Angela Goodman.

Sweetwater 49, Snyder 42 (ot)

SWEETWATER– LaDonna Puckett 3 0 6; Angela Goodman 4 1 9; Cheryl Owens 6 5 17; Kelly Brentz 1 0 2; Sharon Smith 2 0 4; Karshena Blueford 3 0 6; Juanelle Sadler 2 1 5; TOTALS 21 7-16 49.

SNYDER– Stephanie McKnight 5 3 13; Angie Housden 0 2 2; Christi Comer 2 4 8; Teri Sue Henry 5 0 10; Deedra Tomlin 1 2 4; Melody Pickering 1 3 5; TOTALS 14 14-23 42.

Total Fouls- Swtr 18, Sny 17; **Fouled Out**- Blueford; **Rebounds**- Swtr 32, Snyder 25 (Pickering 9); **Records**- Swt 8-5, 2-2; Sny 6-7, 1-3.

Sweetwater	12	10	12	8	7	-49
Snyder	14	6	7	15	0	-42

JV girls overcome Sweetwater bunch

Snyder's young Lady Tigers limited Sweetwater to just four points in the first and fourth quarters here Monday to earn a 49-40 victory in junior varsity hoop action.

The Tigers outscored the visitors 12-4 in the first and 10-4 in the fourth.

Shelly Tomlin scored 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds for Snyder, which doesn't play again until Jan. 2 when the Tigers host Odessa. Evette Housden bagged 16 points.

Snyder 49, Sweetwater 40

SWEETWATER– H. Harris 11, P. Ransberger 10; TOTALS 17 6 40.

SNYDER– Michelle Candanoza 2 2 6; Beth Alvis 1 0 2; Shelly Tomlin 7 4 18; Dana Fenton 0 1 1; Evette Housden 7 2 16; Jodie Dunk 1 0 2; Melissa Williams 1 0 2; Mande Henry 1 0 2; TOTALS 20 9 49.

Total Fouls- Swtr 16, Sny 19; **Fouled Out**- Welch, Swtr.

Sweetwater	4	18	14	4	-40
Snyder	17	12	10	10	-49

Mustang JV boys topple young Cats

SWEETWATER -- Sweetwater's Mustangs jumped out to an early lead and held on to defeat Snyder junior varsity boys here Monday, 57-42.

The Mustangs led 16-8 at the end of the first quarter. Snyder rallied to make it 30-26 at halftime, but was beaten 27-16 over the final 16 minutes.

Perry Greathouse scored 14 for Snyder. Tracy Braziel added 9.

Snyder will entertain Abilene Cooper at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, in Scurry County Coliseum.

Sweetwater 57, Snyder 42

SNYDER– Vyron Clay 2 1 4; Anthony Wortham 0 0 0; Van Echols 1 0 2; Roland Romo 0 0 0; Tracy Braziel 3 3 9; Kevin Combest 0 0 0; Juan Escobedo 5 1 11; Cory Pace 0 2 2; Perry Greathouse 7 0 14; Lee Fletcher 0 0 0; Shannon Fontanilla 0 0 0; Rocky Castillo 0 0 0; TOTALS 18 6-19 42.

SWEETWATER– Rose 20; TOTALS 20 17-31 57.

Total Fouls- Sny 22, Swtr 19; **Fouled Out**- None.

Snyder	8	18	10	6	-42
Sweetwater	16	14	13	14	-57

NCAA may not decide issue soon

DALLAS (AP) - Southern Methodist University officials, who asked for a quick resolution of allegations into their football program, may have to wait until after national signing day to learn their fate, officials say.

Dr. Frank Remington is chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Committee on Infractions that would hear evidence on the latest allegations of rules violations by SMU. Remington told the Dallas Morning News that his group will not conduct any hearings at the NCAA's annual convention, beginning Jan. 4 in San Diego.

Any action likely would have to wait until at least Feb. 13, the committee's next regularly scheduled meeting, or two days after the national signing day for high school football prospects, officials said.

"There's one institution - I don't know the identity of it - that was hoping to be able to reach some agreement with staff on the facts and get it dealt with," said Remington. "But at last report, it looked as if that was not going to be feasible.

"Right now, we have no hearings scheduled at all."

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Play begins Sunday...

NFL playoff contenders settled now

by The Associated Press

The New England Patriots are in, the Cincinnati Bengals are out - and all the pieces of the NFL playoff puzzle are now in place.

New England, 11-5, entered the playoffs Monday night when it beat Miami 34-27 to step over the slump-ridden New York Jets, claim the AFC East title and earn a first-round bye.

The Jets would have taken the division had Miami won, and Cincinnati, 10-6, would have won a tiebreaker over New England for the final AFC wild-card berth.

Instead, the Jets, 10-6, despite finishing with five straight losses, will host the wild-card game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday. The Chiefs, also 10-6, are in the playoffs for the first time in 15 seasons.

Also in the AFC playoffs are Central Division champion Cleveland, 12-4 with the home-field advantage in the conference, and Denver, which won the West with an 11-5 mark.

In the NFC, where four of the five teams have qualified for at least three straight years, playoff spots were finalized a week earlier. Settled in the final week was the NFC West title, which went to San Francisco when it beat Los Angeles 24-14 on Friday night; and the home-field advantage, which went to the New York Giants when they drilled Green Bay 55-24 Saturday.

In losing, the Rams, 10-6, became a wild-card team bound for Washington and a meeting Sunday with the 12-4 Redskins.

The Giants, 14-2; the 49ers, 10-5-1; the Central Division champion Bears, 14-2, and the Rams have not missed the playoffs for at least three seasons. The Redskins have made it in two of the last three.

The semifinal matchups in both conferences depend - as always - on the outcome of the wild-card games.

The winner of the Kansas City-Jets game will play at Cleveland on Jan. 4. Denver will host New England on Jan. 3.

The NFC matchups are up in the air because NFL rules prevent title winners from meeting wild-card teams from their own division until the conference championship game. Normally, the top-seeded team - in this case the Giants - would meet the wild-card survivor. But a Washington victory would preclude that.

A wildcard victory by the Rams, who have qualified in all four years John Robinson has coached them, would put Los Angeles in the semifinals against the Giants on Jan. 4. A victory by the Redskins would put Washington in Chicago on Jan. 3 against the defending Super Bowl champion Bears.

It also would send San Francisco, enjoying a four-year run in the playoffs, to New Jersey on Jan. 4 to meet the Giants, who eliminated the 49ers there last season in the wild-card game. The Giants, at 8-0, were the only NFL team to win every home game.

A Giants-Rams matchup Jan. 4 would follow by a day a semifinal between the 49ers and Bears.

The conference finals are Jan. 11 with Super Bowl XXI set for Jan. 25 at Pasadena, Calif.

Pats edge Miami to reach playoffs

MIAMI (AP) - The New England Patriots waited until the final seven minutes of the regular season to show why they're going to the playoffs and why the Miami Dolphins aren't.

The Patriots, 11-5, know how to win when they have to. Miami, 8-8, never developed that trait all season.

With 6:55 left on the clock in the last NFL game played in the Orange Bowl, the Patriots had the ball at their own 14-yard line. Twelve plays later, they put it into the Miami end zone for the clinching touchdown in a 34-27 victory that gave New England the AFC East title.

The Patriots scored the game-winner with 44 seconds left on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Steve Grogan to Stanley Morgan. That gave the Dolphins time for a last-gasp effort, but defensive back Rod McSwain intercepted Dan Marino's pass on the first play after the kickoff to end the suspense.

"This is two years in a row down here that have left me speechless," said Patriots Coach Raymond Berry, whose team won the AFC Championship game 31-14 in Miami last January only to lose to the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl.

"I don't have to talk about this team's character. It speaks loud and clear about them how they performed in clutch situations tonight."

The victory sent the New York Jets, 10-6, into the AFC wild-card game against Kansas City, 10-6, and knocked the Cincinnati Bengals, 10-6, out of the playoffs. The Patriots would have been the odd team out if they had lost.

Steve Grogan, a 12-year veteran, was the surprise hero, taking over for injured starter Tony Eason in the first quarter. Before he was hurt, Eason passed 22 yards to Morgan for the game's first touchdown.

Grogan was a little rusty at first, but quickly warmed to the task, hitting 15 of 24 passes for 226 yards and two touchdowns with only one interception.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	16	9	.640	*
Philadelphia	14	12	.538	2½
Washington	12	13	.480	4
New York	6	21	.222	11
New Jersey	5	19	.208	10½
Central Division				
Atlanta	19	6	.760	—
Milwaukee	18	8	.692	1½
Detroit	14	8	.636	3½
Chicago	12	12	.500	6½
Indiana	12	14	.462	7½
Cleveland	11	13	.458	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	17	8	.680	—
Utah	17	8	.680	—
Denver	12	14	.462	5½
Houston	9	15	.375	7½
Sacramento	8	17	.320	9
San Antonio	7	19	.269	10½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	19	6	.760	—
Portland	17	11	.607	3½
Golden State	15	11	.577	4½
Seattle	13	11	.542	5½
Phoenix	12	14	.462	7½
L.A. Clippers	4	20	.167	14½

Monday's Games

New York 103, San Antonio 99
Utah 114, Philadelphia 111

Tuesday's Games

Detroit at Indiana
Utah at New Jersey
L.A. Clippers at Houston
Cleveland at Chicago
San Antonio at Milwaukee
Dallas at Phoenix
Portland at Golden State

Cooper announces intention to retire

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Injury-plagued offensive tackle Jim Cooper, who once was voted the fans' favorite player, decided to retire from the Dallas Cowboys after 10 years on the team.

Cooper, who was never the same after dislocating an ankle during the 1984 season in a Dallas disco, missed most of this season with injuries.

"It's tough going out on a year like this, but I made my decision a year ago and I've got to stick with it," he said Monday.

He said he and his wife decided last spring that he should retire after this season.

"I knew it was going to be my last year. Ten years is enough for me and we're ready to move on," Cooper said after informing coach Tom Landry of his retirement.

Cooper, who last Saturday was put on the injured reserve list with a sprained knee, said he plans to join his family reconditioning business in Philadelphia.

"We'll miss Jim," Landry said. "He's been one of our class guys we've had. But he feels like it's the right thing to do, so I didn't try to discourage him."

The 6-foot-5, 275-pound lineman, who has also played at guard and center, started for three years at Temple University in his native Philadelphia under Wayne Hardin, who was Roger Staubach's coach at Navy.

Cooper was drafted by the Cowboys the same year as running back Tony Dorsett and wide receiver Tony Hill, and had been the Cowboys' starting right tackle much of the time since 1980.

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Sales disappoint some retailers

By The Associated Press

Behind the garlands, tinsel and colored lights decking stores across the country this holiday season are some long faces as many retailers experience slow Christmas sales.

"It is not a great Christmas," said Stanley Berkovitz, a spokesman for Zayre Corp., which has 362 stores in 26 states in the East and Midwest.

The retail industry, dependent on the holiday season for more than half its annual profits, generally has had lower than expected sales this year, said Joanne Legomsky, an industry analyst with Standard & Poor's Corp.

"Consumers are very stretched in terms of debt," and are spending less, Ms. Legomsky said. A general uneasiness about the economy has given the public more restraint.

The federal tax overhaul also is having an impact on pre-Christmas sales, she said. Consumers, facing the loss next year of the sales tax deduction, committed money to big-ticket items such as new cars and were left with less to spend on Christmas gifts, she said.

One bright spot has been sales of apparel, said Walter Loeb, a retail industry analyst with Morgan Stanley. Specialty stores, which concentrate on a particular kind of merchandise such as toys, also have done well, Loeb said.

He noted that sales of durable goods, which include major household appliances, are down and stores that depend on them have suffered.

"They're in trouble," Monroe H. Greenstein, an industry analyst with Bear Stearns, said of the retailers.

At Kmart Corp., sales were relatively slow until Friday, then showed only a slight improvement over the weekend, said Teri Kula, a spokeswoman for the 2,100-store discount chain. She said the Troy, Mich.-based chain would not have any specific figures until it released its monthly sales report in early January. Last year, its sales were up 5.7 percent over December 1984.

Retailers were hoping sales would pick up in the remaining days before Christmas, when last-minute shoppers descend on the stores. "We may be surprised," said Berkovitz of the Framingham, Mass.-based Zayre.

Some retailers reported their sales at expected levels.

"We are tracking right at our plan," said Charles Self, vice president of finance for the Benton, Ark.-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. The chain's 1,000-plus discount stores in 23 states in the Midwest, Southeast and Southwest reported an increase in sales in December "in the high single-digit area."

Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s sales have been "reasonably good, in line with our expectations," said spokesman Ernest Arms.

"We can't quantify them," Arms said, but added that this season had given Sears a record for sales in one day, on Saturday Dec. 13.

Two years ago, many retailers with large inventories were hard hit when sales dropped. This year, many have protected themselves with relatively leaner inventories and therefore will have less merchandise to unload after the Christmas season, Loeb and Ms. Legomsky said.

Looking ahead, Ms. Legomsky said sales were not expected to pick up until the second quarter of 1987. By then, she said, consumers will have saved some money and will be in more of a mood to spend.

France quit the League of Nations in 1941.

010 LEGAL NOTICES

SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SCURRY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That by virtue of a certain Execution issued out of the Honorable 162nd District Court of Dallas County, on the 5th day of December, 1986, by Cause No. 85-15840-I of said District Court for the sum of Five Million Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-four Dollars and Fourteen Cents and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of Utica National Bank and Trust Co. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 85-15840-I and sytled Utica National Bank and Trust Company vs Singletary Investment Company placed in my hands for service, I, Keith Collier as Sheriff of Scurry County, Texas, did, on the 9th day of December 1986, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Scurry County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

TRACT A: An undivided one-sixtieth (1/60th) of all of the oil, gas and other minerals owned by Margaret Hewgley Singletary (also known as Margaret Hewgley Singletary James) lying and being situated in Scurry County, Texas, and being in, on and under the East 120 acres of the South one-half (s/2) of Section 464 and the West one-half (W/2) and Southeast one-fouth (SE/4) of Section 463, all in Block 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Surveys of Borden and Scurry Counties, Texas, the entire described tract containing 600 acres, more or less.

This levy and sale are limited to that portion of the described property which is located in Scurry County, Texas.

TRACT B: An overriding royalty interest equal to a .020833 owned by Margaret Hewgley Singletary (also know as Margaret Hewgley Singletary James) in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Being out of Tracts 38, 39 and 40, of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Sub of Grimes Ranch Lands, in the Kirkland & Fields and the J.P. Smith Surveys, Scurry County, Texas, more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at the NW corner of said Tract 38, THENCE S 1° 05' W. 4161 ft. to the SW corner of said Tract 38;
THENCE E along the SBL of said Tract 38, 1330.1 ft. to a point for corner;
THENCE N 1° 05' E, 1395.0 ft. to a point for corner;
THENCE E 1745.9 ft. to a point for corner;
THENCE N 45.0 ft. point for corner;
THENCE E 1210.0 ft. to a point in the EBL of Tract 40;
THENCE N 1230.3 ft. to the NE corner of said Tract 40;
THENCE 70° 30' W. along the NBL of said tracts 40, 39 and 38, 4463.6 ft. to the Place of Beginning, containing 240.00 acres.

SACROC UNIT
Tract 206

TRACT C: An overrriding royalty interest equal to a .020833 owned by Margaret Hewgley Singletary (also know as Margaret Hewgley Singletary James) in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

Tracts 38, 39 and 40 of Dallas Trust and Savings Bank subdivision of Grimes Ranch Lands in Kirkland and Fields Survey No. 39 and J.P. Survey Smith No. 14, Scurry County, Texas, Less and except Land described under Tract 206 - Sacroc Unit (Tract 206-A containing 97.4 acres, more or less).

SACROC UNIT
Tract 206-A

TRACT D: A royalty interest equal to 0.003473 and an overriding royalty interest equal to 0.020833 owned by Margaret Hewgley Singletary (also known as Margaret Hewgley Singletary James) in the oil, gas and other minerals produced and to be produced from:

The East 120 acres of the Southeast quarter (SE/4) of Section 250, Block 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. Survey, Kelly Snyder Field in Scurry County, Texas.

SACROC UNIT
Tract 208

and levied upon as the property of Margaret Hewgley Singletary James and that on the first Tuesday in January 1987, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Scurry County, in the City of Snyder Texas, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Keith Collier, Sheriff of Scurry County, I will offer for sale and sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said Margaret Hewgley Singletary James in and to said property.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of December, 1986.

Keith Collier, Sheriff
Scurry County, Texas

Locals' daughter garners Austin volunteer award

Dana Mattingly of Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Falls of Snyder, was recently named volunteer of the Year by the Austin School District.

Mattingly, an anesthesiologist, is married to Dr. A. T. Mattingly. They have two daughters: Elizabeth, 8, and Catherine, 12. She is a 1963 graduate of Snyder High School.

Mattingly started school volunteer work in 1979 when her oldest daughter began kindergarten.

The honor she received was for landscaping work at Zavala Elementary. Prior to Mattingly's beautification efforts, "trampled-down grass" was the landscaping motiff, said Belia Greek Nichols, principal.

Now the school entrance is enhanced by a graceful array of plants and wildflowers surrounded by a brick border.

"She took a full-time interest in the project. She worked days and weekends, coordinated the efforts of volunteers, helped raise money for the plants and selected and planted the plants. And it looks nice," Nichols said.

Mattingly has also volunteered in the school library, helped with fund raisers and provided transportation for class trips. She also volunteers at Casis and O. Henry Junior High, the schools her two daughters attend.

Kids seem to love toys that are considered gross

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — First came the Garbage Pail Kids. Then The Slime Pit oozed into the world. Now, such sterling characters as Sewer Face and Victor Vomit may wind up under the Christmas tree.

These toys are gross. Parents hate them, but kids love them and toy makers are selling thousands of grosses of ugly, disgusting playthings.

Talking teddy bears notwithstanding, some of the hot-selling items this Christmas season are anything but cute. Madballs are grotesque, Rude Ralph is flatulent, and Victor Vomit, Dogbreath and their fellow Breath Blasters literally stink.

"Ever since Tom Sawyer pulled a frog out of his pocket and dangled it in front of Becky Thatcher, little boys have been looking for something to gross out little girls and their parents with," said Andy Levison, licensing director at Axlon Inc., maker of Breath Blasters and Rude Ralph.

Americans for Democratic Action, a citizens group based in Washington, D.C., has denounced the toys as "disgusting, sickening, bizarre, unpleasant and offensive," labeling 1986 "The Year of the Ugly Toy."

Toy companies don't disagree. They just don't understand what all the fuss is about.

"The idea of grossness and disgustingness in toys is nothing new," said Jodi Levin, a spokeswoman for the Toy Manufacturers of America, in New York.

"We're a fashionable industry," Ms. Levin said. "The current fad sort of came out of the blue and will fade out eventually, but grossness will never completely fade and die."

Levison shrugs off criticism of grossness, such as the ADA's naming Breath Blasters and Rude Ralph dolls as among the 10 worst toys on the market.

Rude Ralph sports a rubbery head with orange hair, an orange-green complexion and a bloodshot eyeball which, when yanked, produces gagging, burping and other noises. He sells for a suggested retail price of $9.95.

Breath Blasters go for $4.99. The plastic, hand-sized dolls emit aromas such as dog breath, dead fish and vomit when their bellies are squeezed.

ADA calls them "products of the sickest mind."

Levison said the grossness trend is "harmless."

It definitely hasn't harmed Axlon.

The company estimates it's sold about 200,000 Breath Blasters, on the market only since early last month, and 100,000 Rude Ralphs since that product's Halloween debut.

Many places have words Christmas tree in name

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of places across America are basking in seasonal glory, from Christmas Tree Point, Alaska to Tinsel Lake, Mich., and from Garland City, Colo., to Star, N.C.

This is the season for the traditional Christmas Tree, but a look at place names across the country shows that in many spots the season lasts all year, at least in the name of the location.

Besides Christmas Tree Point for example, there are Christmas Tree Lake and Tank, Ariz., Christmas Tree Gulch, Idaho; Christmas Tree Camp., Minn.; Christmas Tree Coulee, Mont.; Christmas Tree Pond and Canyon in Nevada and Christmas Tree Creek, Utah.

Indeed, more than 9,000 places across the country have Christmas Tree related names, according to the Geographic Names Information System at the U.S. Geological Survey.

The Survey's computerized list contains the names of millions of cities, towns, localities, valleys, streams, mountains, schools and other places.

For folks interested in decorating their trees there's Ball, La.; Angel, Ala.; Light, Ark.; Candlewyck, N.J.; Garland City Station, Ark.; Tinsel Lake, Wis.; Snow, Mich., and Star, Texas.

Those, of course, are only examples.

Indeed, the Geological Survey reports that there are 358 locations with the word ball, 138 angels, 434 using the word light, 76 candles, 129 locations named garland, 563 including snow in their name, and 1,227 stars. But, there are just two Tinsels, the lakes in Wisconsin and Michigan.

Of course, Christmas Trees come in a multitude of types and the Geological Survey also asked its computer to take a look at various sorts of trees.

Foresters may be interested to learn that there are no less than 5,073 places across the country named Pine, with examples in every state except Hawaii and North Dakota.

In addition to the Christmas-tree related names, the Geological Survey's files disclose that there are 838 places called Bethlehem in the United States. Other holiday-related place names include Holiday, 110; Christmas, 89; Yule, 3; Noel, 30; Joy, 145; Poinsettia, 1; Menorah, 4; Holly, 542; Mistletoe, 12; Carol, 17, and Santa Claus, 7.

In 1535, King Henry VIII assumed the title of Supreme Head of the Church in England.

The French playwright Moliere was born in 1662.

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Grand jurors rule no state laws broken in hazing death

AUSTIN (AP) — Grand jurors say there was "much wrongdoing" in a University of Texas fraternity outing that ended in a drinking death, but no state laws were broken.

A Travis County Grand Jury Monday declined to indict anyone in connection with the death of University of Texas freshman fraternity pledge Mark Seeberger, 18, who was found dead in his dormitory room Sept. 19.

Grand jury testimony showed that Seeberger drank as much as 20 ounces of rum during a Phi Kappa Psi "ride" the night before.

"Although the grand jury is aware of much wrongdoing on the part of many parties involved in this "ride," it cannot find a justification for criminal charges under the statutes governing involuntary manslaughter or criminally negligent homicide," the grand jury said in a 12-page report.

The state's anti-hazing law also was not violated, but the grand jury said that law should be changed to include a ban on rides such as the one that led to Seeberger's death.

Seeberger drank himself to death while handcuffed in a van. During a ride, fraternity pledges are dropped off in remote areas after being encouraged to drink excessively. He had been brought back to his room by fraternity members who feared he was too drunk to be abandoned.

"I really cannot comment on whether it's all right, wrong or indifferent. It does not happen to be a violation of the law," said grand jury spokesman H. Moak Rollins, referring to the handcuffing.

The grand jury said witnesses said "there was friendly pressure on the pledges to participate, and to be jovial, agreeable pledges who could drink and have fun."

"There was encouragement to drink, but not coercion," the grand jurors said, adding that another pledge on the ride declined to drink the rum.

Randy Leavitt of Austin, a lawyer for three students involved in the ride, including two who were granted partial immunity in exchange for their testimony, said Monday, "We're delighted there were no indictments, but at the same time it's hard to be joyful about this. I can't help but think about the Seeberger family and what they are going through this Christmas."

The Seebergers could not be reached for comment Monday at their Dallas home. They had been notified Friday of the grand jury's decision, authorities said.

Earlier this month, the student's father, Jeff Seeberger, said he hoped some of the fraternity members involved in his son's death would be sent to jail.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	55¾	55¼	55¼
Amer Can	86	85	85
Ameritech	138½	137⅝	137¾
AMI Inc	15	14⅞	14⅞
Am Motors	3	2⅞	2⅞
AmStand	43⅛	43	43
Amer T&T	25¾	25½	25½
Amoco	68⅜	67⅝	67⅝
ArmcoInc	5⅝	5½	5⅝
AtlRichfld	61⅞	61¼	61⅜
BancTexas	13-32	⅜	⅜
BellAtlan s	72½	72	72⅛
BellSouth	59⅞	59	59½
Beth Steel	6⅜	6⅛	6⅛
Borden s	48	47	47
Caterplir	40⅝	40¼	40¼
Centel	55½	54⅝	54⅞
ChesebgP	72¼	72⅛	72⅛
Chevron	46¼	46	46
Chrysler s	39⅝	39⅛	39¼
CoastalCp	35¼	34¼	35⅛
CocaCola s	39⅝	38½	39¼
Coleman	31¾	31¼	31½
Colg Palm	43	42⅝	42⅝
ComlMetl s	16⅞	16⅝	16¾
DeltaAirl	49⅛	48⅞	49⅛
DiamShm	13	12⅞	12⅞
DowChem	61	60¾	60⅞
DressrInd	19¾	19½	19¾
duPont	87⅞	87⅛	87⅜
EstKodak	69¾	69⅛	69¼
Enserch	17¼	17⅛	17¼
EntexInc	16½	16⅛	16⅜
Exxon	74⅛	72⅞	73
FederalCo s	41	40⅝	40⅞
Firestone	28⅝	28¼	28⅜
FtBcpTex	3⅜	3¼	3⅜
FlowerInd	25¼	25⅛	25⅛
FordMot s	57⅝	56¾	57
GAF Cp s	39	38¾	38⅞
GTE Corp	59¾	59¼	59¼
GnDynam	68¾	67⅞	68⅝
GenElec	87	86⅝	86¾
GenMills s	44	43⅝	43¾
Gen Motors	66⅝	66¼	66⅝
GnMotr E	25¾	25	25½
Goodrich	45⅜	45	45⅛
Goodyear	42	41⅞	41⅞
GtAtlPac	25⅛	24⅝	25
Gulf StaUt	7½	7¼	7⅜
Haliburtn	25½	25¼	25¼
HolidayCorp	69¼	68¾	68⅞
HoustInd	35⅞	35½	35⅝
HughesTl	8⅞	8⅝	8⅞
Interfst	5	4⅞	4⅞
IBM	122½	121⅛	121⅛
Int Paper	75½	74⅞	75
JohnsJn	67⅛	66⅝	66¾
K mart	46⅛	45¼	45¾
Kroger s	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝
vjLTV Cp	1⅝	1½	1½
Litton Ind	76½	75⅞	76⅛
LoneSta Ind	34⅜	34	34
Lowes	27⅜	26⅞	26⅞
MCorp	10⅞	10⅝	10⅞
MayDSt s	37	36⅝	36¾
Medtronic	80¼	78½	78¾
Mobil	40⅛	39¾	40
Monsanto	78⅜	77½	77⅝
Motorola	37⅜	36¼	36⅝
Navistar	4⅞	4¾	4¾
Nynex s	68	67½	67⅝
OwensIll s	50⅞	50½	50⅝
PacTel s	55⅞	55	55⅛
Penney JC	76½	75½	75½
Phelps Dod	21⅝	21⅜	21½
PhilipPet	12	11¾	11¾
Polaroid	68⅛	67⅝	67⅞
ProctGamb	81	80¼	80½
PubS NwMx	34¼	34	34
RepBankCp	19¾	19¼	19¾
Sabine	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛
SFeSouPac	30⅞	30⅛	30⅞
SearsRoeb	41½	41	41
SherwinWm s	29⅜	29	29⅛
Singer Co	40¼	39⅞	39⅞
Southern Co	25⅞	25½	25⅝
Southland	48¼	48	48
SwstBell	115¼	114¼	114⅝
StdOil	50⅜	50	50¼
SunComp	58¾	58⅜	58⅜
TNP Ent	22⅜	22⅜	22⅜
Tandy	42⅞	42½	42¾
TempleInld	57⅜	57⅛	57¼
Tenneco	38¾	38⅜	38¾
Texaco Inc	36	35¼	35½
TexAmBnch	16	15⅝	15⅞
TexComBn	26¼	26⅛	26¼
TexEastn	29	28¾	28¾
Texas Inst	120⅝	120	120
Tex Util	32⅝	32⅜	32⅜
Textron	66	56¾	65⅝
Tyler	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
USX Corp	21¾	21½	21½
UnCarbde s	22⅞	22⅝	22¾
UnPacCp	65⅞	65	65
USWest s	55⅞	55¼	55¼
UniTel	26⅜	26⅛	26¼
Unocal	27⅝	27¼	27½
WalMart	48	47½	47½
WestghEl	59⅞	59½	59¾
Xerox Cp	63⅜	62⅝	63
ZenithE	22⅛	21¾	21⅞

Parked auto hit Monday

One minor traffic accident involving a parked auto was reported in Snyder Monday evening.

Involved in the 8:15 p.m. mishap in the 3000 Block of 41st St. was a 1976 Chevrolet driven by Bonnie Jones Crenshaw of 2342 Sunset Dr. which struck a parked 1984 Datsun owned by Kim Harlin of 3110 42nd St.

Knife threat causes charge

Snyder police detectives are searching for a suspect in a Sunday afternoon assault officially reported at 8:36 a.m. Monday.

A Snyder woman told police that her 17-year-old son and a juvenile companion threatened her with a knife at her east Snyder apartment during the noon hour Sunday.

Commitment ordered here

Police Monday evening were called to a reported attempted suicide at an east Snyder residence just before midnight.

A male subject had reported that a 21-year-old woman had taken a large quantity of pills.

The woman was taken from the residence and to Big Spring where she was committed to the state hospital under an emergency commitment order.

The 20-year-old male was also committed to the state hospital on a voluntary basis.

Incidents lead to local arrests

Police investigated and cleared a forgery complaint, two bicycle thefts and an indecent exposure incident Monday.

Suspects in each case were arrested.

Cipriano Sosa of 2008 Ave. N filed the forgery complaint at 8:15 a.m.

Lorenzo Avila Guerrero, 31, of 507 14th St. was arrested and charged with one count of forgery by passing Monday afternoon.

Guerrero is alleged to have forged the signature on a check on Sosa's account and passed it at the Skinny's Convenience Store on 37th St.

He remained in the Scurry County Jail Tuesday morning in lieu of bond set at $5,000.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male suspect on a misdemeanor charge of indecent exposure at 10:30 p.m. Monday in connection with an incident reported at the Snyder post office at 6:30 p.m.

According to reports, the man exposed himself to a woman outside the post office. She reported a vehicle description and a partial license number to police.

In addition, the suspect was seen driving around the city later in the evening and reported to police.

He was released from jail Monday night after posting a $500 bond.

Esperanza Renteria of 2801 Ave. N filed a bicycle theft report at 2:03 p.m.

She reported her son's 10-speed bicycle stolen.

At 4:33 p.m., she called police to report spotting the bike. Officers took possession of it and returned the bike to her.

In the course of that investigation, officer contacted a second individual, Marcus Carroll, who had previously reported a bike stolen.

Carroll told police he had seen another juvenile with what he believed to be parts from his bike.

Acting on Carroll's report, officers took a 12-year-old male suspect into custody for possession of stolen property.

He was later released to the custody of his parents.

Petroleum prices

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

	Mon.	Fri.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	46.25	44.25
Gasoline reg. NY hbr bg gl fob	46.50	45.10
Gasoline unleaded NY hbr bg gl fb	45.25	44.35
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light (netback bass)	13.40	12.71
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	17.10	16.35
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	16.90	16.20
Alaska No. Slope del. US Gulf Cost	15.95	15.25

Christmas songs

Novelty tunes brighten the holidays

By Denise Gorga

It's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas....

Christmas songs have always been a traditional part of the holiday season. But yuletide staples such as "Silent Night" are competing more and more on the airwaves and in stores with a newer breed of Christmas tune — the novelty record.

Nonconformant songsters began departing from traditional religious carols as early as 1700 with "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

For the past few decades, it has been the modern Christmastime hype and commercialism that has fueled much of the season's novelty music.

"All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth" (1947) and "Nuttin' For Christmas" (1955) hint at the down-to-earth material, as well as the spiritual, importance of the holiday.

Even hidden romance — 1952's "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" — has been the subject of a popular, less-than-traditional Christmas hit.

Singers from Gene Autry to Bruce Springsteen have long known that updated Christmas music makes for great record sales.

And "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" — the 1949 hit song written by Johnny Marks, who adapted the verse published 10 years before — isn't the only tuneful Christmas animal. "The Chipmunk Song" and the Singing Dogs' bark-version of "Jingle Bells" have found their own holiday niche.

So, it wasn't surprising when Elmo & Patsy, going somewhat further, came out with "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer." It has become, for many, the quintessential novelty Christmas song of the 1980s.

Ex-veterinarian Elmo Shropshire, who with his wife Patsy launched the phenomenally popular hit record seven years ago, thinks that the appeal of their yuletide sendup has a special significance for the '80s.

"One of the song's appeals is that it's a new Christmas story," says Shropshire. "It is sadistic, sort of. But the moral of it is that there is a Santa Claus, and it really pushes that point across.

"It's the humor of the times, sort of ridiculous 'Saturday Night Live'-ish, that's been very popular in the late '70s and '80s."

SONGWRITER JOHNNY MARKS turned "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" into a Christmas hit in 1949.

Which is not to say that everyone appreciates it.

"When we started to perform it in '79, there was a group called the Gray Panthers that picketed one of our performances," Shropshire recalls. "They thought the song was ageist and sexist against women. There were about 40 or 50 people walking around with picket signs saying, 'What's so funny about a dead grandma?'"

Quite a lot, apparently. According to Shropshire, "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer" has been the nation's number one Christmas song both in airplay and record sales for the past three years.

Frankie Blue, music director for New York City's WHTZ-FM, finds that the station's mostly teenage audience is also big on octogenarians being trampled by reindeer — to a degree.

"It's because of the novelty," Blue says. "It's a different type of Christmas song. There's an audience for novelty songs, but too much of it would be too distracting and disturbing. 'Grandma Got Run Over' is always our most-requested Christmas record, but if you hear 10 records like that in a row, it starts to jeopardize the spirit of Christmas."

There's also a fine line between campy and crude.

Novelty songs are amusing because they parody the pop culture that has evolved around Christmas. But once a song comes too close to spoofing the religious motivation behind the commercial hoopla, the humor is lost.

"You're mocking some people's faith and their religious beliefs, and they may take that a little too seriously," cautions Blue.

Jeff Mazzei, music director for an oldies rock station, WCBS-FM in New York, thinks the older crowd also appreciates a mix of schlocky novelty songs with their traditional favorites.

"'Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer' is fun without being particularly sacrilegious," Mazzei notes. "There have always been novelty records, but in the last few years there haven't been that many legitimate hits.

"I would say there hasn't been a song of the normal Christmas nature in close to 20 years. Maybe people thought this was a way to get a Christmas hit and make an impact instead of coming up with some normal schmaltzy Christmas song."

Pop-culture aficionados will find one of the best compilations of Christmas camp in Rhino Records' "The Greatest Novelty Records of All Times" series. It features quirky ditties from Bobby Helms' version of "Jingle Bell Rock" to Cheech & Chong's "Santa Claus and His Old Lady."

Whatever the reason, it looks like novelty Christmas tunes are here for the duration. Just like the holiday spirit.

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★ SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Rain fails to dampen spirit

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Rain interfered with plans to raise a Texas flag, fire a musket salute and plant a native bald cypress, but it failed to dampen the spirit of the San Antonio Living History Association as it commemorated the organization of Bexar County 150 years ago.

In spite of the weather, the ceremony in the central jury room Monday was deemed a success.

County Clerk Robert Green read the actual organizational minutes of the Bexar County Commissioners Court, Dec.22, 1836.

Among other things, the county fathers ordered four keys made for locks on public houses. They also ordered paper, quills and ink.

The historical meeting was held while Texas was a republic. But the county's organization remained an entity through the days of the Republic, annexation and the Civil War.

County Judge Tom Vickers, moving himself back in time and in the place of his 1836 counterpart, read a speech his predecessor had written.

Vickers had the advantage of history to make 1836 Chief Justice Joseph Baker's remarks more perceptive. The first county judge carried the title of chief justice.

Vickers wore a wide-brimmed, gray felt hat, a blue coat, white shirt and black tie, with tan trousers, black boots and sidearm.

Other current commissioners, wearing modern clothes, sat beside him.

He said to the make-believe first court: "We protested the excesses of the Mexican government, and we overthrew it.

"Now, we are the government. The responsibility of protecting the lives and liberty of our citizens and promoting the general welfare belongs to us.

"I foresee a great growth in population and commerce for the Republic of Texas. There is no doubt in my mind that citizens of the United States will come to Texas in ever-increasing numbers, brought by the opportunities to farm and ranch and engage in commerce.

"There is another challenge we face: the responsibility of a division between those of Mexican descent, and those who, for want of a better term, call themselves Anglos.

"Those who lost brothers and sons and fathers at the Alamo and at Goliad are still in mourning.

"In their anger and in their sorrow, they may be tempted to hate all persons of Mexican descent. But we must remember that many Mexicans who were residents of San Antonio were leaders in the revolt against Santa Anna's oppression.

"Some signed our Declaration of Independence March 2. Some died defending the Alamo. Some were a part of Gen. Houston's victorious army at San Jacinto.

"They, too, poured out their blood to nourish the fragile tree of liberty which we have planted on this soil."

The commissioners at the organizational meeting also appointed 16 jurors to serve at trials of those charged with horse thefts and other crimes.

"As much as we despise the criminal acts which are committed in our county," Vickers said, "we still guarantee trial by jury.

"A fair trial and a prompt hanging is the promise we offer to all who would do violence to the citizens of our new republic."

Commissioners approved the minutes and Vickers recessed the court until Dec. 22, 2036.

Studies show 70 percent buckle up

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Seat belt advocates are heartened by studies that show Texans buckle up at possibly the highest rate of any state.

Nearly 70 percent of Texans use seat belts, according to a survey conducted for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The Texas seat belt law, which went into effect in September 1985, is one of the nation's toughest. The law carries a fine of $25 to $50.

Unlike drivers in other states, Texans continued to buckle up even after the newness of the law wore off. In most states, belt use peaks immediately after the law takes effect, then falls off.

Texans' willingness to abide by the law contrasts with people in other states. Massachusetts and Nebraska last month became the first states to repeal seat belt laws, and similar efforts are under way in at least nine other states.

Safety promoters are heartened by the finding at a time when laws requiring belt use are under increasing attack.

"It blows my mind," said John Cook of the Washington-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, one of the groups that has studied seat belt use in Texas.

Cook, who is from Houston, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that he would "have bet my year's salary that Texas wouldn't have been the leading state for seat belt compliance in the country. But it is."

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

See doctor about dandruff problem

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I have tried all sorts of home treatments and special shampoo for dandruff of the scalp and one eyebrow. I might just as well have used plain water. What can I do?

DEAR READER — Dandruff is caused by a skin condition called seborrhea. It usually responds to medicated shampoo. Ask your doctor about your dandruff, because your problem could be caused by another skin condition, such as psoriasis, for which other treatment would be more effective.

DEAR DR. GOTT — Why do men spit? You never see women spit, but men do it all the time. Is there a physiological reason for it?

DEAR READER — None whatsoever. Spitting is an unattractive and unsanitary habit that is both unladylike and ungentlemanly. Men spit for a variety of reasons, one being that their parents failed to teach them proper manners. Spitting may be a gender-related activity, but there is no physiological basis for it.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My daughter, 52, has had a heart attack, nine operations on her nose to remove skin cancer, and she has allergies and bad sinuses. She gets bad nosebleeds — it's scary how much blood she loses. What do you think is causing them?

DEAR READER — Nosebleeds (epistaxis) occur when a vein or artery within the nose leaks blood. This can come from severe allergies (in which the nasal lining becomes inflamed), sinus infection, cancers that are present in the nose or injury (like that commonly produced by nose-pickers). Your daughter needs a thorough nose examination by a specialist, who might choose to cauterize (burn) the blood vessel that keeps bleeding.

For more minor epistaxis, patients usually can stop the bleeding by applying firm pressure on either side of the nostril just below the nasal bone. Also, the use of nose sprays, like neosynepherine, can prevent nosebleeds and aid healing, but should not be used for more than two weeks. Incidentally, the folk remedy of putting ice or cold water on the neck does not stop nosebleeds.

What is cholesterol and how can it be controlled? For more information, write for Dr. Gott's new Health Report, UNDERSTANDING CHOLESTEROL. Send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to mention the title.

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Oil slump has not hurt boot business

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Pee Wee Dalton worries that his business may grow too quickly, a concern almost unheard of lately in this area hard-hit by the oil slump.

His business, located east of Odessa just past the Midland County line, is a discount boot store that the 31-year-old Dalton opened in 1981.

"We've grown during the slump, but I don't want to grow too big," Dalton said.

He said he wants to keep personal contact with his customers.

"Pee Wee Dalton" is not the owner's given name. He made it up six years ago as a gimmick. And it seems to work.

"I've got people coming in thinking it's a chain," Dalton told the Odessa American. Actually, there is only one Pee Wee Dalton's.

"We used to be in Odessa and did business like everybody else," Dalton said.

Then he noticed his customers preferred the discount boots he carried, so in June 1985 he started focusing on that line.

"I sell boots for what a lot of stores buy them for," Dalton claimed. "Of course, I spend a lot of time finding them. I'll go to the heart of Mexico looking for a good company."

For example, he found a Mexican company that tans sharkskin leather for big-name American makers, and discovered that the tanning company also makes boots.

"People have this theory that Mexican leather isn't any good. Let me tell you something: The only two sharkskin tanneries in the world are in Mexico," Dalton said.

Sharkskin is noted for being waterproof, while other exotic leathers used in boots have their own salient qualities. Elephant, for example, is the toughest boot leather available, and ostrich breathes best.

His business carries the exotic leathers, but Dalton's own work boots are simple black calfskin with a thick crepe sole added to cushion his feet during his 11-hour shifts, seven days a week.

"I haven't had a day off in two years," Dalton said. "I go to the bank, and I'm nervous. I want to get back here."

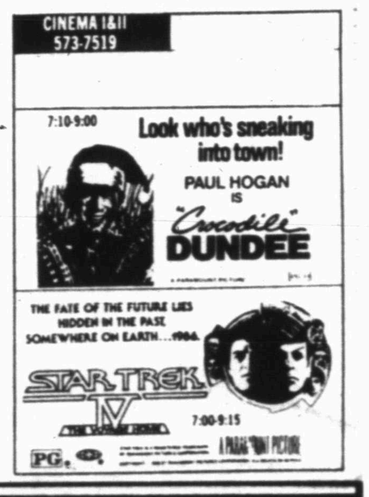
At the store, he is a man in perpetual motion, writing a ticket on a sale while answering questions on the telephone and bantering with customers.

His personal approach to the business has made him a star of sorts. Last March Dalton decided to start performing in his own television advertisements.

He said his basic message is, "We need your business."

Part of the payoff has been the word that has spread about his boots. When astronaut Buzz Aldrin came to Odessa, he excused himself for being late for a press conference because he spent an hour at Pee Wee Dalton's.

"I've got one guy that comes in from Los Angeles every six or seven months and buys 15 or 20 boots. He won't go anywhere else," Dalton said.



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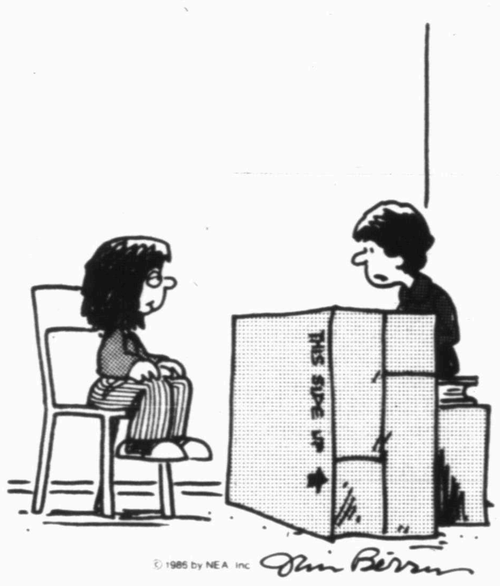

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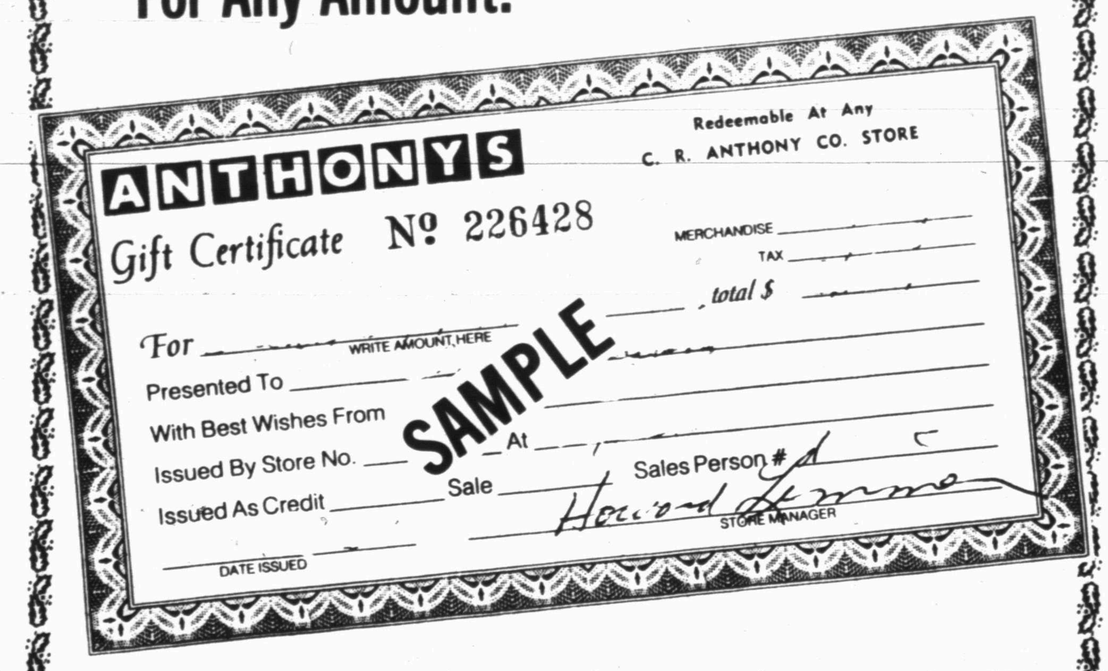

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