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Ask Us

Q—Men who are 18 must register with the Selective Service in case the draft is reinstituted. But if 18 is the earliest age you could be drafted, what is the oldest?

A—According to a spokesman with the regional director's office in Dallas, all men ages 18 through 25 must be registered. Under the present system, men who turn 26 are no longer eligible for induction, should a draft be held.

In Brief

Santa suit

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A man has filed a lawsuit to bar Santa Claus from Oklahoma's public schools on the ground that St. Nick's presence unconstitutionally promotes Christianity.

Oklahoma is promoting a religion "by endorsement of fictitious symbols of Santa Claus," Orvil Harris says in a handwritten lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court. "The system of education allows symbols such as Christmas trees, mistletoe, various religious figures and angels to be part of curricula to teach young children."

Mistaken ID

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police acting on a tip from a viewer of "America's Most Wanted" kicked in a woman's door and held her in handcuffs for an hour before determining they had the wrong person.

"I was scared. I was really shaking," said Birtukan Alemu, 26.

Officers expected to find a murder suspect when they went to Alemu's North Hollywood apartment Monday night.

Alemu was the "spit and image" of the woman sought, Detective Andrew Monsue said. Both women are from Ethiopia.

Local

Retirement

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

AARP

AARP local chapter 2063 will have a luncheon at noon Monday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Officers for 1993 will be installed.

Reservations should be made Sunday by calling Ruth West at 573-1470 or Velma Lunsford at 573-9080.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 44 degrees; low, 23 degrees; no precipitation. High Friday, 48 degrees, low, 32 degrees; no precipitation; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 48 degrees. Total precipitation for 1992 to date, 27.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Mostly cloudy with chance of isolated showers. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a high in the mid 50s.

Almanac: Sunrise Sunday, 7:41; sunset Sunday, 5:48: sunrise Monday, 7:42. Of 363 days in 1992, the sun has shone 339 days in Snyder.

HEADED FOR NATIONALS — Members of the Snyder High School varsity cheerleader squad, which will compete at Monday and Tuesday's National Cheerleader Association's National Championship are, front from from left; Desiree Loper, Sonya Pennington, Stephanie Davis, Tammy Logston, Neika Porter, Mecca McCowen and Mandie Fuqua; and back row; Amanda Barrera, Dieter Mullen and Wes Everett. Not pictured is Michelle Blythe. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder High cheerleaders enter national competition

Snyder High School's varsity cheerleading squad has been invited to compete in the 1992-93 National Cheerleader Association's National Championship to be held Monday and Tuesday at the Dallas Convention Center.

Over 550 squads from 47 states will compete in the event, which is the largest cheerleading competition in the United States.

Snyder will compete against 150 squads in the small varsity division, which is for groups with 10 members or less. Other divisions in the competition include large varsity (11 members or more), junior varsity, co-ed varsity (three or more males), junior high, senior all-star and junior all-star.

National champions in each division will receive a national championship trophy, jackets, a banner for their school and a $1,000 gift certificate from Cheerleader Supply/TeamMates of Dallas.

Each squad will perform a two-and-a-half minute routine judged in overall execution, projection, cheerleading fundamentals, dance, overall appeal and perfection of routine.

Preliminary competition will be held Monday from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., with final competition to take place on Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., when the champions will be announced.

According to SHS cheerleading coach Carla Lambert, there are also individual contests for best cheerleader and best mascot, in which a representative of each squad competes for the title. Neika Porter and SHS mascot Dieter Mullen will compete for the two titles.

SHS cheerleaders going to the competition include Porter, Mullen, Michelle Blythe, Desiree Loper, Mandie Fuqua, Mecca McCowen, Tammy Logston, Stephanie Davis, Sonya Pennington and Wes Everett. Junior varsity cheerleader Amanda Berrera has been chosen to go to Dallas with the varsity as an alternate.

Don Johnston new PCA loan manager

Production Credit Association's Snyder branch office has a new manager who is no stranger to the business of agricultural loans.

Don Johnston, 33, took over duties as vice president of Texas Production Credit Association and manager of the Snyder branch on Nov. 16, bringing 10 years of experience as an agricultural banker to the office.

DON JOHNSTON

Prior to working for PCA, Johnston served as an assistant vice president for The Bank of Southern Oklahoma in Tishamingo, Okla. and vice president at Winters State Bank for five years.

Johnston has also worked as assistant county supervisor for the Farmer's Home Administration office in Abilene, and farmed in the Winters area and in Jones County.

He received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural business from Abilene Christian University in December of 1983. He and his wife, Amy, have three children; Debra, 9; Don, 6; and James, 3.

"We are really glad to be in Snyder. It is a nice, progressive town, and we hope to make it our home," said Johnston. "I have wanted to work for PCA for a long time. It took me 10 years, but here I am."

Johnston replaces former manager Sid Hardegree, who accepted a position as vice president for Snyder National Bank in September.

Four killed in two-car collision

ALTO, Texas (AP) — Four people, including two children, died in a two-vehicle Christmas Eve collision on an East Texas highway, the Texas Department of Public Safety says.

The accident at 7:45 p.m. Thursday on U.S. Highway 69 near Alto also left a third child hospitalized with serious injuries.

The drivers of both vehicles, James Ray Sollers, 30, of Cotulla and Ola Faye Armstrong, 39, of Dallas, both died in the collision.

Ms. Armstrong's niece, 13-year-old Takesha Johnson, and her nephew, 9-year-old Marcus Johnson, were also killed.

Bush pardons set off wave of criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran-Contra prosecutors plan to question President Bush and other administration officials about why they failed to turn over relevant notes the then-vice president took six years ago, officials familiar with the investigation say.

Bush, who pardoned former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five other Iran-Contra figures on Christmas Eve, began keeping the notes in November 1986 as the Iran-Contra scandal was erupting, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The White House didn't tell Iran-Contra independent prosecutor Lawrence Walsh about the material until two weeks ago.

"There are a lot of questions and a lot of people to talk to," one official said Friday.

In another development, The Los Angeles Times reported today that three top Democrats, including Les Aspin, President-elect Clinton's choice for defense secretary, assured Bush weeks ago that they would support the Weinberger pardon.

Aspin and House Speaker Thomas Foley expressed their support after an intensive lobbying campaign on Weinberger's behalf, the newspaper said, adding that the campaign was led by Weinberger lawyer Robert S. Bennett and longtime friend William P. Clark, interior secretary in the Reagan administration.

The Times, quoting two people identified only as familiar with the lobbying campaign, said the effort succeeded in gaining bipartisan congressional support for the pardon without stressing that five other former government officials also should be given clemency.

The Times did not reach either Aspin or Foley for comment.

A third Democrat, Sen. Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, told the newspaper Friday that he called Bush without any prompting from Weinberger supporters because he thought the Iran-Contra affair "had gone on long enough."

Bush will release his Iran-Contra notes to the public if Walsh returns a copy of the president's earlier interview with investigators, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Friday.

"We plan to release them (the notes) with the testimony given to the independent counsel and Weinberger's notes. We've called for Weinberger to release his notes. I think he's agreed to do that," Fitzwater said in an interview.

"We have nothing to hide. We'll make all this material public," he said, adding that he had "no idea" what was in the notes.

In today's editions of The Washington Post, lawyer James Brosnahan, who was prosecuting Weinberger for Walsh, is quoted as saying a White House legal official notified Walsh's office on Dec. 11 of the notes, "and that they were embarrassed — that they should have been produced before."

Audit update tops county court agenda

Scurry County commissioners will hear an update on annual department audits and consider bids for a used truck for Precinct 4 as the court convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

The letter from the county auditor's office will be presented, updating the court on how many departments have been audited to date. The auditor's office is required to audit each department on an annual basis.

The court will open bids for a used tandem-axle truck, requested by Precinct 4 commissioner Jerry Gannaway at the court's Dec. 14 meeting.

The court will also consider line item transfers for Precincts 3 and 4, the county clerk's office, county judge, work center, library and the health unit.

Approval of bills and minutes from the Dec. 21 meeting are the only other items of business in the agenda.

Service Monday for Charles Henderson

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church for Charles H. Henderson, 55, a vice president and director of West Texas State Bank.

Mr. Henderson died at 7:09 a.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital of an apparent heart attack.

Officiating at the service will be Dr. Wylie "Buff" Hearne, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. Monday in Buckner Cemetery, south of Weatherford.

Born Sept. 9, 1937 in Weatherford, Mr. Henderson was a 1961 graduate of Texas Tech University. He worked for the Farmers Home Administration prior to joining West Texas State Bank in 1977 as a vice president for agricultural lending. He was named a director of the bank in 1979.

Active in civic affairs, Mr. Henderson served as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in 1980. He was a member of the Snyder Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge No. 987.

He also served as president of the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and was chairman of the Big Country RC&D.

He also served on the chamber's AJRA committee and was active in the Scurry County Junior Livestock Associaton. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, James Henderson, Tommy Henderson and Will Henderson, all of Snyder; his mother, Lucy Henderson of Snyder; and a sister, Kay Kerr of Dallas.

The family requests that donations be made to the Charles H. Henderson scholarship fund at Texas Tech University in care of West Texas State Bank.

West Texas State Bank will delay opening until 11:30 a.m. Monday in memory of Mr. Henderson.

CHARLES HENDERSON

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If most of us had it to do over again, we'd mess it up some other way."

Everybody, from time to time, has said something that would have been better left unsaid at family holiday gatherings. Here's a few samples:

--You're quite a bit shorter than your wife, aren't you.

--Your wife? I thought she was your mother.

--It's about time you two got married.

--You mean, you're not married?

--They won't stop you if you drive a few miles over the speed limit.

--You really shouldn't wear jeans.

--So, sue me.

--What happened to your hair?

--My dad can lick your dad.

--I believe I was here before you.

--This isn't going to hurt a bit.

--Your husband is so young-looking.

--My aunt had the same operation. I sure miss her.

--I know of couple of guys who dated her before you did.

--It was your mother's recipe, dear.

--Feel free to ask me anything.

--Did you buy it on sale.

--Is there something about me you don't like?

--Who do you think you are?

--That was before my time.

--I'll be happy to pay for it.

--Is that a real diamond?

--Be sure and send me a bill for my part.

--Officer, I know the mayor and the governor.

--I have nothing to lose.

--Just a bite won't hurt anything.

--Have you been sick?

--I'm telling you this for your own good...

--Go ahead, they'll never know the difference.

--You remind me so much of your mother.

Somali gunmen open fire on U.S. Marines

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somali gunmen fired on Marines on the road from Baidoa, where a food riot left one person dead, a child maimed and several other people injured.

The difficulty of the U.S.-led mission in Somalia becomes more apparent the further the troops penetrate the country. Today, an armored convoy of Italian troops went north to seize the town of Gailalassi.

Capt. Joe Davis, an air force officer briefing reporters in Mogadishu today, said a Somali man riding with at least seven others in a pickup truck opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle on a Marine convoy of 12 vehicles returning to Mogadishu from Baidoa on Christmas.

Marines in the lead vehicle returned fire at the approaching pickup, hit at least three of its occupants and saw it veer off the road as the convoy sped by, Davis said. No Marines were hurt.

Davis said the attack took place a half mile south of Afgoi, about 35 miles west of the capital. None of the Marines was hurt.

The attack was the second direct assault on American troops since they arrived in Somalia on Dec. 9. A squad of Marines on foot patrol in the capital was fired at two weeks ago along the line that divides rival clan factions in the war-torn city. They also returned fire and hit a Somali youth manning a machine gun mounted on the back of a vehicle.

Meanwhile, a Somali woman was killed and and a number of other people, including children, were badly hurt in the riot in Baidoa on Christmas, Cynthia Osterman of CARE International reported.

Osterman, a spokeswoman for the charity in Mogadishu, said CARE employees in the central Somalia town reported by radio that the disturbance erupted after Marines delivered a truckload of food to an aid center.

She said about 20 bags of grain were left on the truck when the Marines left and dozens of people in a large crowd waiting for the food began fighting for it with sticks and clubs.

The CARE workers saw one woman killed, a child badly maimed and several other people left unconscious and possibly dead, Osterman said. A similar riot was reported at a feeding center in Bardera, about 120 miles south of Baidoa, on Christmas.

The tumult, and three attacks on journalists in Bardera, underscored that even as troops reach new parts of Somalia's starving interior, lawlessness continues just beyond their reach.

American troops are in Somalia as part of a multinational force to ensure that food gets to the needy and is not lost to looters. An estimated 350,000 people already have died in the famine and 2 million more are threatened.

Baidoa, about 170 miles northwest of Mogadishu, was used by Marines and French Foreign Legionnaires as the jumping off point for their seizure on Christmas Eve of Bardera and the taking of Hoddur on Christmas.

An advance patrol of 45 Italian troops preceded the convoy heading toward Gailalassi, about 90 miles north of the capital. The patrol was expected to enter the town Saturday evening, with the rest of the Italian force following it Sunday morning.

Gailalassi is the seventh town targeted by the U.S.-led multinational force. The final target is Belet Huen, in western Somalia near the Ethiopian border, scheduled to be taken Monday by a Canadian force.

At Hoddur on Friday, the 350 French Legionnaires and 250 Marines secured the airfield, again without resistance, after skirting thousands of mines to reach the city.

Mines have proved one of the greatest hindrances to relief workers trying to truck food to outlying villages. Laid by warring clansmen, the mines usually are easy to spot. But many may have become hidden after months in blowing dirt and sand.

A mine claimed the life of the only American slain so far on the Somalia mission, a civilian Army employee killed Wednesday.

New Jersey plant fire kills three

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Three workers hurled chairs at the wire-reinforced windows in a doomed effort to escape a fire at a power plant.

Firefighters had to use sledgehammers to break the windows open later to bring the bodies out.

Fire investigators said a data recorder similar to an airplane "black box" may give clues to the cause of the Christmas Day blaze at the O'Brian Newark Cogeneration Plant Inc., in which fuel oil is burned to produce energy.

"We don't know whether something went out of control," Fire Department spokesman Larry Krieger said. "If there's a malfunction, it will show us."

The three workers — believed to be the only people in the plant at the time — had tried to escape through the windows in the kitchen, Krieger said. The two 4-by-6-foot windows had double quarter-inch panes embedded with wire, he said.

"They obviously tried breaking them with chairs, and you can see the pockmarks on the glass," Krieger said.

Unable to break windows, they went into the smoky hall, but the kitchen door locked behind them, and they apparently were overcome by smoke, he said. Firefighters had to break down metal doors to enter the locked plant.

Fire officials could not immediately determine whether the apparent lack of another escape route or way to open the windows violated the law, Krieger said. He said the plant had the proper operating permits.

Krieger said company officials told him the men were probably working in the area of the control room. "There are exits off of that area, where the control room is, but why they couldn't get out, I can't say," he said.

Arkansas man has praise for effort of postal service

By The Associated Press

An Arkansas man had nothing but praise for the oft-criticized U.S. Postal Service for services rendered in delivering presents to his family in Texas on Christmas Day.

"These postal people broke their backs," Jim Smith of Mayflower, Ark., said Friday.

Smith, who said he's disabled, said that "each of these Christmasses could be my last one. It's real important to me" to get presents to his family.

Smith wanted to be sure his presents got to his son and daughter, who live with their mother in Rockwall, Texas. When the packages hadn't arrived Christmas Eve, Smith called the north Dallas mail processing center.

"It's amazing how nice they were. Can you imagine looking through a 200,000-square foot warehouse?" Smith said.

Smith also talked to Southwest Airlines, where a supervisor got his crew to search for the package. Eventually, his quandary reached David R. McKee, the Rockwall postmaster.

"They called me from the office in Dallas and they told me the situation and I went to the office and went through the raw stuff that arrived this morning and happened to find it," McKee said Friday.

McKee said one of his employees was making deliveries, so he handed the worker the package and it arrived in time for Christmas.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 27, 1992

Generally speaking, you should be lucky in the year ahead. However, you are apt to be most fortunate in love, which could be the most important of all. Times ahead look promising for the unattached.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People who come to you for help today might receive more advice than substantial assistance. Parting with your resources could be a painful experience for you. 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) You have excellent leadership qualities which are likely to be obvious to everyone except yourself today. It's a shame to rain on your own parade.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Feeling sorry for yourself today is an unproductive use of emotion and energy. If you want to feel good about yourself, do things that are helpful to others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not discuss a matter that you are enthusiastic about with a negative friend today. His or her dark perspective could overshadow your optimism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be sure you know what you want today. Otherwise, you may strive very hard for something only to discover it provides you with insignificant gratification when attained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you lac total faith in your ideas or plans today, it will be very difficult for you to gain the endorsement of others. Believe in your cause or bow out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be realistic regarding what you expect from others today, or else you could be severely disappointed. Put yourself in others' shoes to get the proper perspective.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You will be supportive of people you love today, yet you might respond only in a lukewarm fashion. Go all out instead of straddling the fence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although you won't try to neglect responsibility today, your heart won't be completely in your work. A poor attitude could produce undesirable results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) At social gatherings you are the one who usually knows how to enjoy yourself and have a good time, but today you might be a shade too selective. Don't neglect others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try not to be overly protective of those in your charge today. Your intentions will be good, but they might find the restraints too restrictive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Usually you express yourself in w[illegible] that tend to encourage othe[illegible] but today your praise and en[illegible]asm might lack their customa[illegible] sincerity.

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American and North Kor[illegible] forces clashed for the first time in the Korean War on July 3, 1950.

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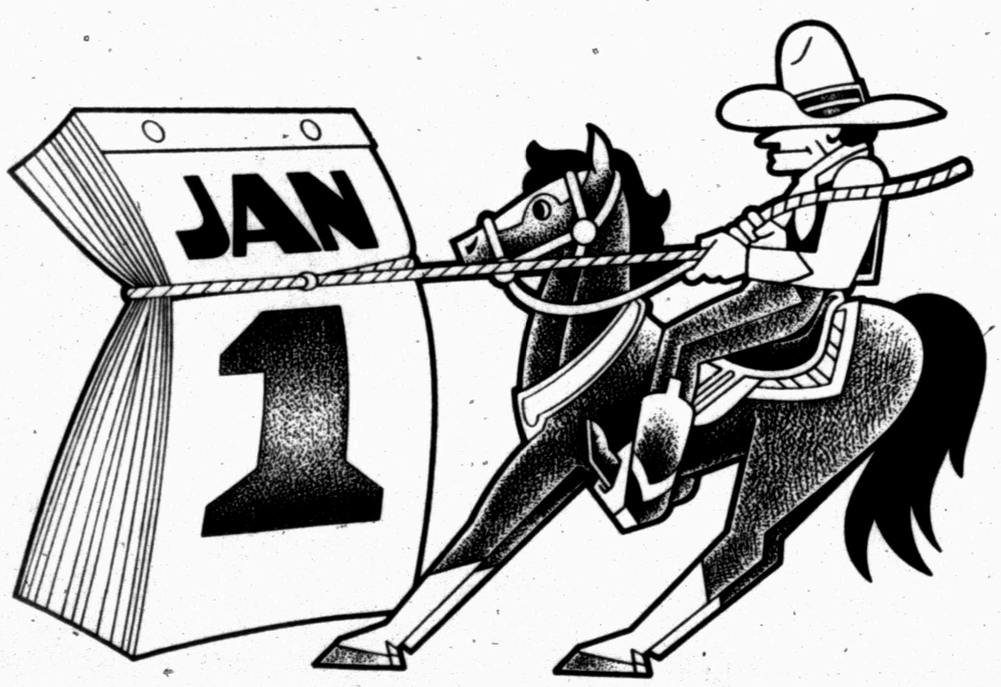

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GUIDING STAR — This home at 3805 40th Place was one of many decorated for the Christmas season. The decorations featured the wisemen being led by the Christmas star. (Photo by Howard Bigham.)

President-elect pledges to change "nutty" policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Clinton says "nutty" Republican policies have burdened the U.S. airline industry with crushing debt and business failures, and he's vowing to reverse course.

Since 1990, three major U.S. airlines — Eastern, Pan American and Midway — have ceased operations, and Continental, TWA and America West sought the protection of the federal bankruptcy court.

"Staggering losses, bankruptcies, layoffs, cutbacks, labor-management strife, low morale are all features of our aviation system today," Clinton said in a recent letter to a Washington aviation group.

"The Reagan and Bush administrations have so distorted the concept of regulation that we will never know how it would work," Clinton said.

The president-elect said the Bush administration has failed to enforce antitrust laws and thrown "open the doors to outrageous leveraged buyouts" that resulted in airline mergers and accumulation of heavy debt.

Clinton has not detailed the steps he would take to aid the airlines. But he did pledge, "I will end these nutty policies."

Once in the White House, Clinton will be faced with a long wish list from the industry, ranging from tax breaks to an overhaul of the Federal Aviation Administration to relief from the costs of mandatory drug testing and other regulations.

Clinton also will have to deal with the controversy of subsidized foreign airlines seeking to buy shares in financially struggling U.S. carriers.

Over the past decade, U.S. airlines have found themselves in head-to-head competition with foreign carriers, some of which are seeking alliances with weaker U.S. lines.

Clinton said he opposes giving foreign airlines air routes inside the United States, noting that they represent 50 percent of the world's aviation market.

During the campaign, Clinton specifically said he would not approve the now-withdrawn bid by British Airways to buy a $750 million share of USAir, a move that critics said would have given the British carrier access to U.S. markets while U.S. airlines are barred from similar access to British air routes.

Clinton said any modification of the ban on foreign carriers flying U.S. routes "would have to be part of a broader civil aviation package that serves the United States' transportation needs."

In his letter, Clinton said airports and airways are a critical component of the $20 billion annual investment he has proposed to improve America's infrastructure.

And he noted there has been widespread dissatisfaction with the status of the FAA, which runs the national air traffic control system and the inspection force that checks aircraft for proper maintenance and safety.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 27, 1992

Today is the 362nd day of 1992 and the seventh day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1979, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), astronomer; Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), chemist; Sydney Greenstreet (1879-1954), actor; Louis Bromfield (1896-1956), writer; Oscar Levant (1906-1972), concert pianist-comedic actor; William H. Masters (1915-), physician-educator, is 77; Tovah Feldshuh (1952-), actress, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1959, in a rematch of the famed 1958 NFL championship game, the Baltimore Colts, behind the passing of Johnny Unitas, defeated the New York Giants, 31-16, and claimed another NFL crown.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Science by itself has no moral dimension. But it does seek to establish truth. And upon this truth morality can be built." — William H. Masters

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, a new highest temperature for the South Pole (Antarctica) of 7.5 degrees was observed.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 23) and first quarter (Dec. 31).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Our minister says he always looks forward to the Christmas service. He sees parishioners he's not seen since last December.

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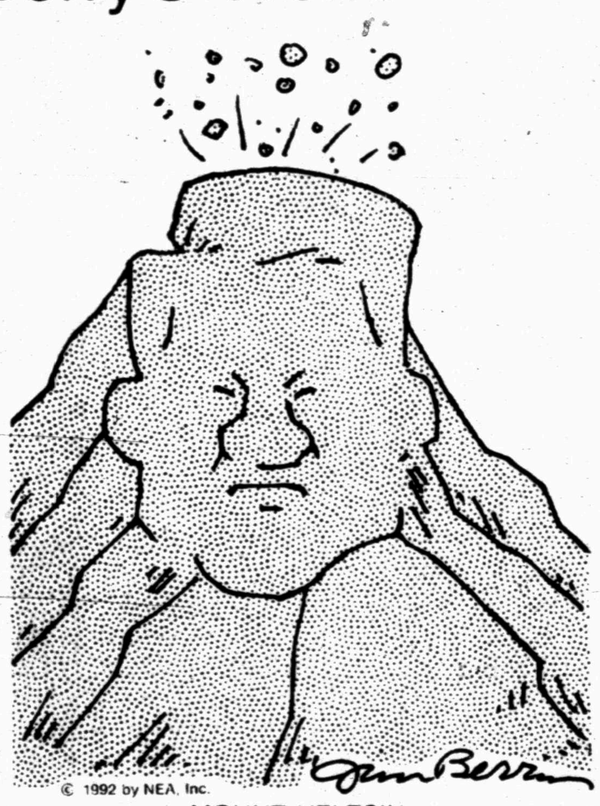

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Threat of violence hangs over students in inner-city schools

CHICAGO (AP) — As the first bell rings at 7:45 a.m., David Stenson heads down the hall, eyes darting.

The high school sophomore knows the peace can be broken at any moment by a cross word, a gunshot, the flash of a knife.

"I'm always on guard," he says. "Last year, I got jumped."

Gangs exert terror inside and out at David G. Farragut Community Academy, one of Chicago's most dangerous schools. It's one among many inner-city schools throughout the nation where youngsters have to learn amid danger.

"Kids are carrying weapons to school, not because they fear getting shot or knifed in school, but because they fear the gangs on the way to and from school," said Patrick Burns, assistant director of the American Alliance for Rights & Responsibilities, a nonprofit group that studies schools.

At Farragut, students walk in large groups, hoping to find safety in numbers.

"I have to walk by myself because I live far away or sometimes show up late because I didn't get up in time," Stenson says. On this particular day, he barely gets inside after four Hispanics throw bottles and rocks at him, yelling, "Nigger!"

The changing demographics of Farragut's West Side neighborhood are part of the problem — fights are often racial. The student body, 98 percent black a decade ago, is 70 percent Hispanic and 30 percent black now.

The Hispanic and black gangs often avoid each other on the streets, but they're thrust together in school. Classes are orderly, but stepping into the hall can spell trouble.

"It's little fights happening all over school every day," Stenson says as he heads to his midday class. "Gangs. Race. Those are the big problems. The only thing you worry about is getting away from it."

"You might get shot just for nothing," says freshman Juan Reyes. "Outside, inside doesn't matter. They start inside and finish outside."

Students talk about death as casually as they do about what's on the menu for lunch.

"I ain't scared," says freshman Morgen Sutton. "You got to go one day."

In Chicago, police post two officers in each high school. Metal detectors have been installed in 45 of the city's 67 high schools, but students find ways to sneak in weapons. Or they make do with scissors or sharp pencils.

As of mid-December, police had made 3,760 arrests in the schools this year, including 152 for murder, rape, robbery or theft. Eighty-six handguns had been seized, some from children as young as 10.

In just six weeks in November and December, there were six shootings at Chicago schools. They left four students dead. Many more students have been wounded at school, but police said they do not keep records.

Principal Steve Newton watches each day as Farragut's 2,500 students are frisked and wait in long lines to go through the metal detectors.

"We have a battle line that has so many fronts to it that we're almost overwhelmed," he says. "Not only are the gangs struggling for control of turf and territory, but they are also struggling for control of the school."

Newton and teachers at Farragut say the problem is society's, not just theirs.

"You've got 10-, 11-year-olds going around selling drugs, toting guns," says teacher Glendora Ingram-Carter. "The times are different and the economic factors are different. You've got to have the community keep the gangbangers from coming into the community and taking over."

Sultan visits palace

LONDON (AP) — The Sultan of Brunei, considered the world's richest man, rode to Buckingham Palace in a seven-carriage entourage to kick off his first state visit to Britain.

Sultan Sir Hassanal Bolkiah, 46, and the senior of his two wives, are staying at the palace during their four-day visit.

He exchanged gifts with Queen Elizabeth after arriving.

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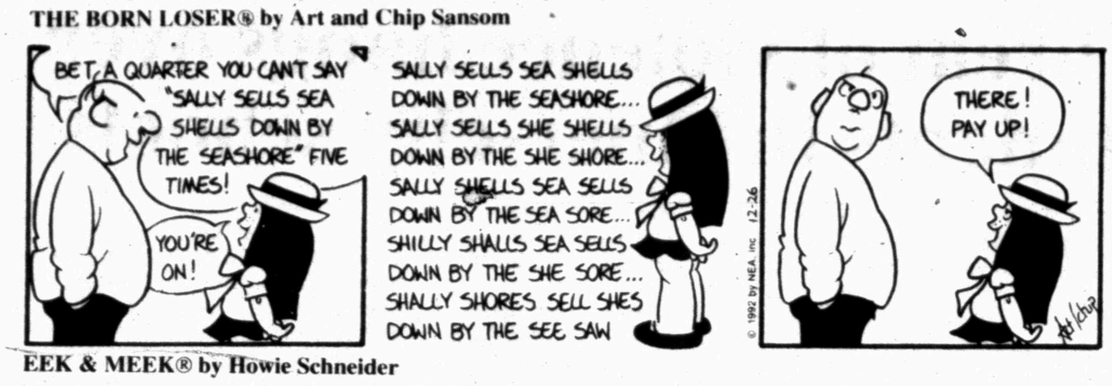

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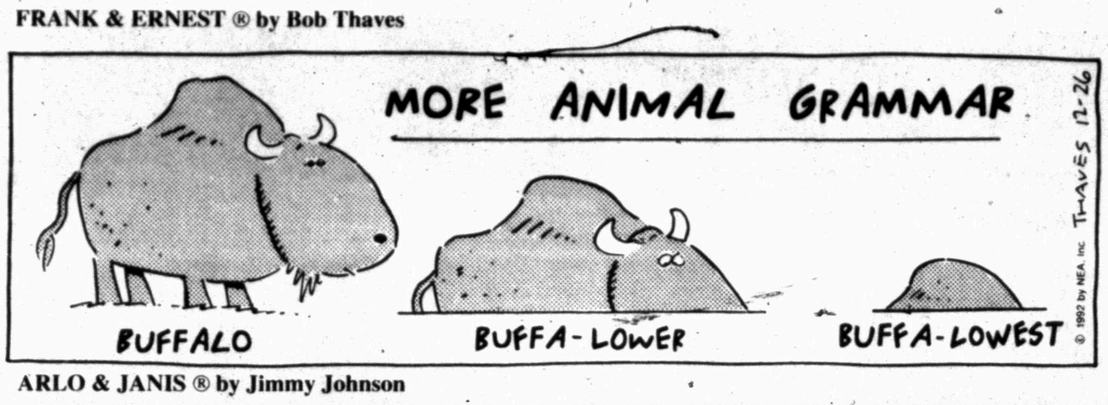

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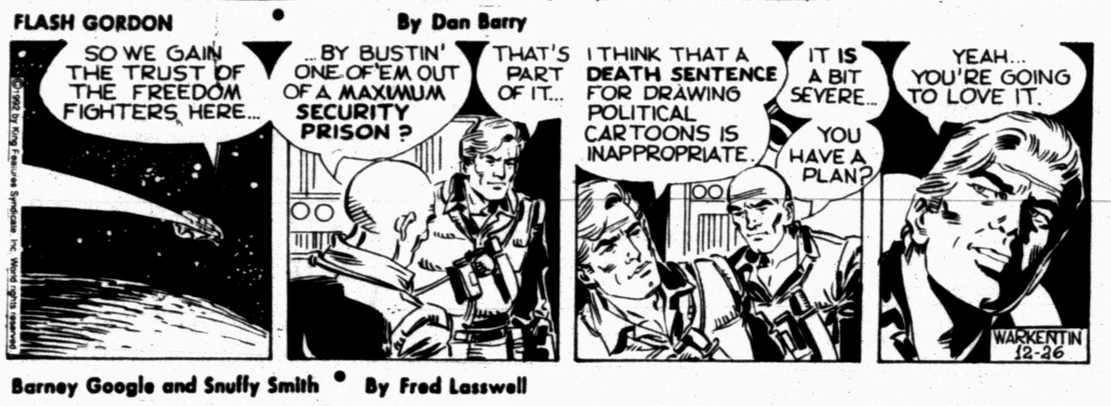

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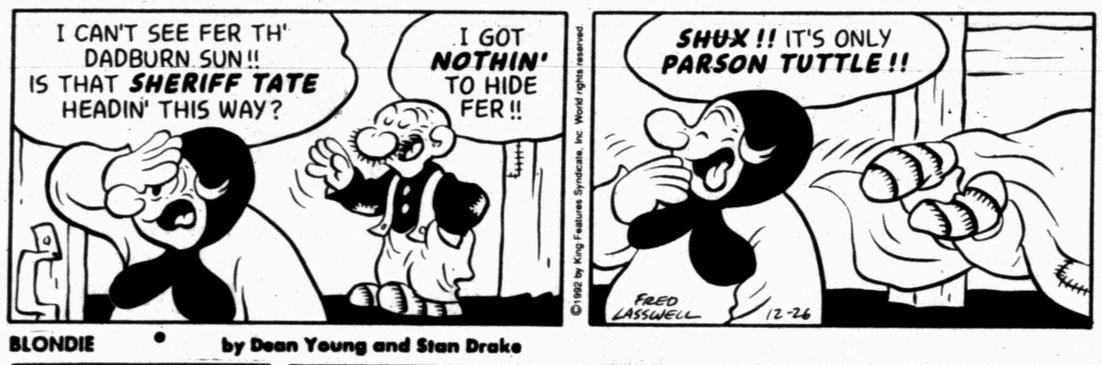

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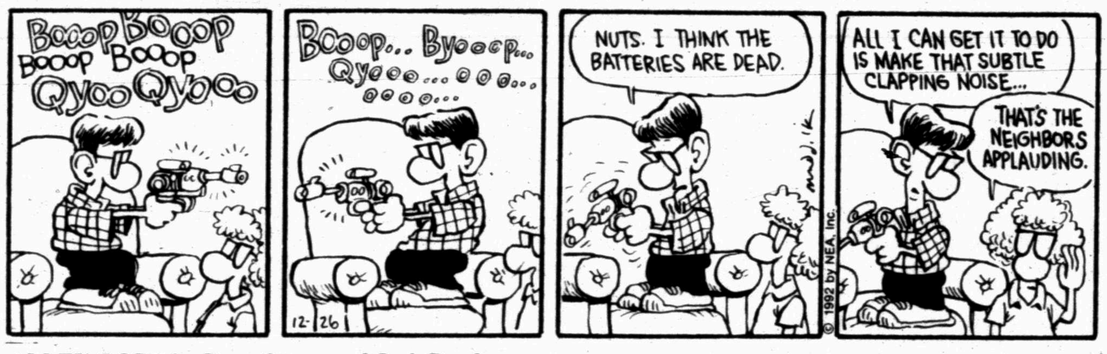

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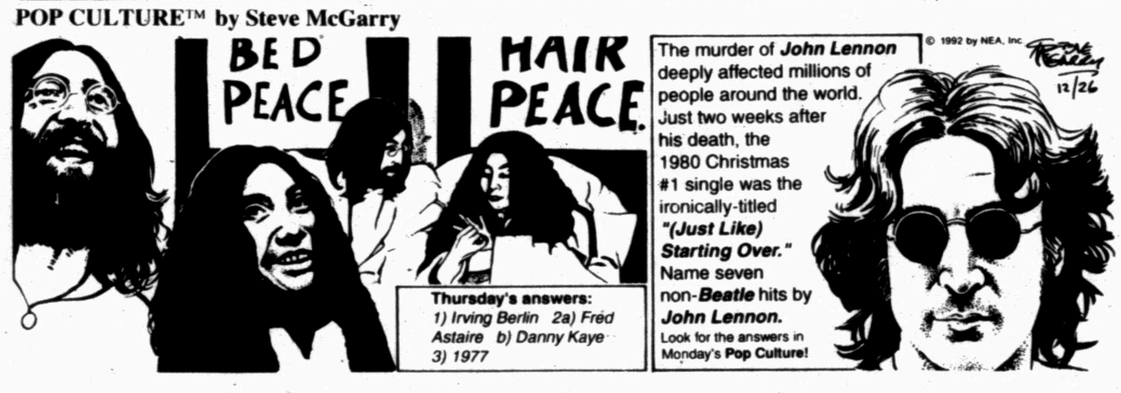

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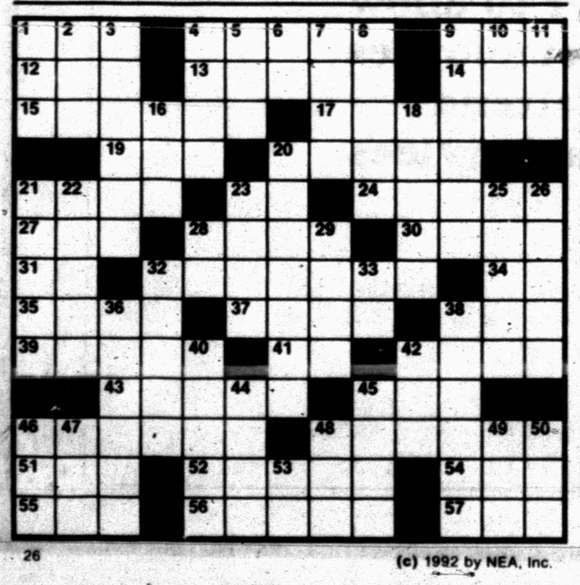

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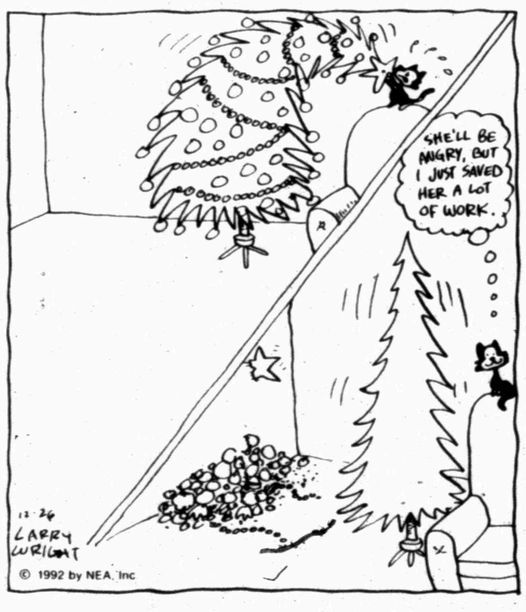

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Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

A year can sure make a mighty big difference in a body's life. I know, because I lost one once.

You may be wondering how a person can lose a year out of their life. Coma? Illness? Nervous breakdown? (I can't blame it on a nervous breakdown, on account of how I'm just as crazy either way.)

Like most compulsive overachievers, I measure my years in terms of progress. How far have I come in this or that endeavor; how many of my goals have I met; can I see a difference in my life that has improved my lot one way or the other?

The way I see it, there are two ways, well, three, that a woman can tackle her life. She can put off having children and/or getting married while she builds her career and establishes financial security. Which means she's walking around at her 20th high school reunion pushing a baby buggy. Or, she can combine career, marriage, and kids from the get-go, which means she has to cancel her reunion tickets because the sanitarium doesn't allow her weekend passes yet.

Or, she can do it the way I did, which is (after getting educated first, of course), she marries and starts her babies, then waits to plunge into her career until they are big enough to get themselves into trouble with little or no supervision.

There are a number of advantages to that third choice, but one of them is definitely NOT financial security.

Single-income families are doomed to struggle in this day and age, and many, many things that they want and need get put off until some later time when they can better afford it.

And when the woman of the house then starts to set and meet career goals, she's running behind, so to speak, and the older the kids get, the more she feels the pressure. (Let's face it; those days of dropping into the dime store and buying a dozen little treats for the kids for less than five bucks, then picking up tennis shoes at the discount store for five more are over. Plus, hand-me-downs simply do not exist for adolescents. God-forbid!) And you've got your basic big-ticket items: braces, some sort of driveable vehicle plus insurance, college...

So those career goals become not just a pacifier for the Type A's of the world; they become vitally important to the family's standard of living.

This time last year, to the day, I slipped into a bottomless depression that appeared to be basically endless. I found myself at one of those career crossroads when one expects oneself to be rewarded, patted on the back, and promoted; when one has toiled in the career-ladder basement long enough and is ready to start moving up.

Not only was I not rewarded or patted on the back, but I was more or less shoved sideways on that ladder, crowded over in a pile with all the other wannabes. I had expected a promotion of sorts which would make a substantial difference in our family financial stability, and instead, it soon became clear that not only was there to be no step up, but I was obviously going to languish on that same step for at least a year.

One year may not matter much to somebody pushing eighty or ninety, but when your kids shoot through four jeans sizes and three shoe sizes in one year, and grow four more crooked teeth, and get much closer to driver's ed and SAT tests; well, one year can be an eternity.

Everything had to be put on hold. I mean everything.

Times like that — when you realize that the bike you're riding is stationary and you ain't going nowhere — can do a head trip on you that makes you think some pretty dark and desperate thoughts. You honestly think you're going to be stuck there forever. When you throw your head back to peer up that ladder, all you see is someone else's butt in your face.

But I'm telling you; a year can make one helluva lot of difference.

There's an old cliche that success is ten percent talent and ninety percent persistence, and like most cliches, it's true. What you do is, you just hang onto that ladder until your arms ache, but you keep on hangin' on. What happens is, all those other folks crowded there with you begin to let go and drop off. It's not worth it to them. Before you know it, you've got a little elbow room, a little leverage. You get your second wind. And you start fighting.

Just one year ago, I'd never have dreamed things could be so much better for me and my family. When I think how perilously close I came to quitting...

So if things are just exactly the same for you this New Year's as they were last New Year's; and last New Year's, they were pretty lousy, and you don't think you can go on if this year is going to be just the same as the last couple were, well...don't despair.

Just hang on. You've still got some fight left in you, and one year can make a mighty big difference.

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HOLIDAY MAGIC

Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

5 YEARS AGO

Snyder ISD had to expand its single-member district representation from 4 to 5 trustees, elected to represent specific geographic locations, which resulted in the seven-member board having two elected "at large" members.

Steps were approved by Snyder City Council to pass the building vacated by King's Highway Industries back to the Scurry County Industrial Foundation. The change allowed the facility to become the property of the Texas Department of Corrections, now Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as part of the plan to construct a 1,000-bed state prison facility here.

10 YEARS AGO

The first attempt by the Snyder police to search for abandoned "junked" vehicles was completed. They red-tagged or contacted the owners of approximately 1,000 vehicles inside the city limits to enforce the ordinance prohibiting the keeping of wrecked or unlicensed junk cars inside the city limits.

Donald R. Gressett received the master of arts in religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the son of Leroy D. and Sue Gressett of Snyder.

Dee and Viola Pylant celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31. They were married in Lovington, N.M., and have lived in Fluvanna since that time.

15 YEARS AGO

Winners of Snyder Jaycee's decorating contest, announced by project chairman Robert Patterson, were Kelly Fancher, 3611 Ave. A, first; David Robertson, 3006 33rd., second; and Mary Eiland, 2807 34th, third.

James Williamson of Hermleigh was named to the all-tournament team in the McCaulley Basketball Tournament. He made 54 points in the tournament. Clayton Riley led the Cardinals in scoring in the final game with 24 points.

It was announced that Eckerd Drug was to open in January of 1978 in the Varsity Square Shopping Center. Jerry Vestal was named manager of the new store, coming from a new Eckerd Drug in Richardson.

20 YEARS AGO

Ted H. Winter, 22, son of William M. Winter of Rt. 1 Hermleigh, completed eight weeks of basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Pvt. Winter was a 1968 graduate of Hermleigh High School.

Army 2nd Lt. Marvin C. Genuchi, son of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin C. Genuchi of Snyder, completed a nine-week air defense artillery officers' basic course at the U.S. Army Air Defense School at Fort Bliss. He received the A.A. degree in 1971 at New Mexico Military Institute and attended Southwest Texas State University.

25 YEARS AGO

Peace Officers Auxiliary elected new officers. They were Charlene Gillam, president; Dorothy McKenzie, vice president; Diane Jernigan, secretary; Dorothy Clark, treasurer; LaVerne Tullis, outgoing historian; Barbara McNulty, outgoing president; Dorothy Woolsey, outgoing reporter; and Dixie Kimmel, outgoing chaplain and incoming reporter.

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A&M suspends four following investigation

DALLAS (AP) — Running back Greg Hill and three other Texas A&M players have been declared ineligible after the school launched its own investigation into allegations of improper payments from a prominent booster.

Hill, offensive lineman James Brooks, receiver Percy Singleton and offensive lineman Darius Smith were declared ineligible late Friday, according to a release from university president William Mobley.

Hill has been a leading factor in A&M winning consecutive Southwest Conference titles. He's the conference's first running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in his first two seasons. He ranked 13th nationally with 1,339 yards this season.

A&M officials said they "will consider requesting restoration of eligibility based on the circumstances of each individual case."

University spokesman Rene Henry declined late Friday to elaborate on the press release. He said Aggies coach R.C. Slocum would discuss the matter at a news conference Saturday in Dallas, where fourth-ranked Texas A&M is preparing for its Cotton Bowl match against Notre Dame.

Henry said Aggies coach R.C. Slocum would address whether the school will seek to reinstate the players before the Cotton Bowl.

The release said the school had found the players "ineligible in accordance with NCAA regulations, but will consider requesting restoration of eligibility based upon the circumstances of each individual case."

"After extensive research, we have concerns regarding the amount of work performed by these four athletes and as a result have taken this action," Mobley said.

The school's action was triggered by a story in The Dallas Morning News last week that a prominent Aggies benefactor, Dallas developer Warren A. Gilbert Jr., paid at least five Texas A&M players for work they did not do.

The report said Gilbert, 67, one of the largest operators of public housing in Dallas, wrote the payments off as maintenance fees at his low-income housing units.

The players were paid year-round in apparent violation of NCAA rules, yet in some cases did no work, current and former employees of Gilbert told the newspaper.

Federal agents served subpoenas on Gilbert's properties last week seeking records, the report said.

Gilbert, who said the players worked only during school breaks as allowed by the NCAA, and school officials denied any infractions.

Mobley said its subsequent probe found no proof of wrongdoing by Gilbert or the school.

"Based on many hours our investigative team spent looking into published allegations that were made about our football program, we found that 1) there was no institutional impropriety, 2) no year-around payments had been made and 3) reported salary figures were grossly exaggerated," Mobley said.

"Since we first were informed of possible problems, we have been in contact with the NCAA, keeping them informed and aware of our activities and findings."

Henry said the school's investigation is being conducted by Robert Smith, the vice president of finance and administration. He said Smith is responsible for NCAA rules compliance and reports directly to Mobley.

Gilbert, a second-generation Aggie and a football letterman during the 1946-47 season, has defended the payments as proper.

"I just know that they all worked," he said. "That's all I can tell you. We have everything protected and we can validate every time they came to work ... It's not paying them, in effect, to play football."

The newspaper report named Hill, Smith, Singleton, sophomore receiver Brian Mitchell and sophomore linebacker Jessie Cox. But it said dozens of other players worked at housing projects for Gilbert.

Henry said Brooks' name appeared while Smith investigated the charges.

If new allegations concerning the school's football program are proved to be true, A&M's athletic department could face major sanctions and possibly the NCAA's "death penalty" — which can be assessed on a university's second major violation within five years.

The Texas A&M football program was placed on two years probation on Sept. 9, 1988, with a one-year ban on bowl appearances and a reduction of five scholarships, 10 recruiting visits and a ban on recruiting by two assistant coaches.

NCAA rules require universities to suspend athletes when there is evidence of rules violations. The university then requests reinstatement from the NCAA staff.

An NCAA suspension could last from one game to the remainder of the player's eligibility. If a university wishes to appeal the NCAA's decision, the case is referred to the NCAA eligibility committee.

Regular-season finale...

Smith, Cowboys gear up for Chicago

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Although the Dallas Cowboys already have clinched the NFC Eastern Division title and a first-round bye in the playoffs, Emmitt Smith has work to do in the final game of the regular season.

Smith, bidding for his second consecutive NFL rushing title, on will start Sunday five yards behind Pittsburgh's Barry Foster. He's trying to become only the ninth running back — and the first since Eric Dickerson in 1983-84 — to win consecutive rushing titles.

Smith said his primary goal is for the Cowboys to reach the Super Bowl, but he wouldn't mind winning another rushing title. And no team with a rushing champion has ever appeared in the Super Bowl.

"I guess I'll have to tank it to make sure we get to the Super Bowl," Smith joked. "I can tell you I want to win the rushing title if I can.

"It would prove I'm no fluke, not just a one-year lucky deal."

Also, it would line Smith's pockets with more gold.

"It would put a lot of money in my pockets in incentives this year and next year," said Smith, whose contract expires at the end of the season. "I wouldn't mind that at all."

Foster and the Steelers play Cleveland in a noon game, so Smith will know what he has to do when the Cowboys take the field at 4 p.m. EDT against the Bears.

And here's fair warning to the Bears: Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson believes the Cowboys are on a good enough roll to win the Super Bowl.

"The only time we're going to get giddy is reaching the ultimate goal," Johnson said. "Our goal in training camp was to improve on a year ago. We talked about getting to the point where we could play for the conference championship."

Dallas will play the Minnesota Vikings on either Jan. 9 or Jan. 10 if the NFC Central champions win their first-round game. If the Vikings lose, Dallas will play the winner of the other wild-card matchup.

The Cowboys spent little time celebrating after they defeated Atlanta 41-17 Monday night to clinch the NFC East title.

Johnson said he now thinks the team is good enough to get to Pasadena for the Super Bowl.

"There's no question we are a Super Bowl threat," Johnson said. "If you can get to the playoffs in the NFL, you can go all the way. Any team can get hot at any time and can do it."

Johnson said the Cowboys will try to win their 13th game of the season — which would be a club record — but they're not going to overwork their starters to do it.

"I want all our players to be ready for the playoffs," Johnson said. "We'll gauge how the game is going to see how long our veterans play."

NFL leaders

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Moon, Hou.	333	218	2441	17	12
Marino, Mia.	515	309	3899	24	15
O'Donnell, Pit.	313	185	2283	13	9
Kelly, Buf.	453	264	3410	23	18
Krieg, K.C.	388	216	2939	13	11

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Foster, Pit.	364	1587	4.4	69	10
T. Thomas, Buf.	294	1390	4.7	44	9
White, Hou.	248	1160	4.7	44	7
Green, Cin.	256	1131	4.4	53	2
Warren, Sea.	218	951	4.4	52	2

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jeffires, Hou.	84	867	10.3	47	8
Duncan, Hou.	79	931	11.8	72	1
Harmon, S.D.	76	887	11.7	55	1
Williams, Sea.	69	501	7.3	27	2
Miller, S.D.	66	964	14.6	67	7

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Young, S.F.	384	256	3312	25	7
Aikman, Dal.	453	292	3367	23	14
Miller, Atl.	253	152	1739	15	6
Favre, G.B.	436	279	3040	18	10
Cunningham, Phi.	363	222	2650	18	11

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
E. Smith, Dal.	353	1582	4.5	68	17
B. Sanders, Det.	293	1248	4.3	55	9
Cobb, T.B.	299	1160	3.9	25	9
Hampton, NY-G	245	1106	4.5	63	14
Allen, Min.	246	1101	4.5	51	12

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sharpe, G.B.	102	1416	13.9	76	13
Rison, Atl.	86	1033	12.0	71	10
Rice, S.F.	79	1139	14.4	80	10
Irvin, Dal.	73	1350	18.5	87	7
Pritchard, Atl.	70	745	10.6	38	4

Veteran sports writer Powell dies

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — W.L. "Putt" Powell, who became dean of Texas sports writers during a 62-year career with the Amarillo Globe-News, is dead at 80.

Powell died Thursday at a hospice after a two-year bout with cancer.

Powell's career took him down a path filled with honors, the chance to cover every event from high school athletics to the World Series and an opportunity to write his "Putting Around" and "Short Putts" columns for Amarillo's afternoon and morning newspapers respectively.

He retired from the Amarillo Globe-News in 1977, but remained at the paper to write his columns on an individual basis.

Although he had been so ill on several occasions in the past year that he had not been expected to live through the night, Powell kept proving the doctors wrong and would soon reappear at work. The last of his daily sports columns with the newspaper appeared on Dec. 18.

Powell was awarded the Texas High School Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award in 1978, only the second sports writer to be so honored.

Asked in a 1984 interview how he would like to be remembered, Powell said he wished to be remembered for giving teams he covered full credit when they did well, but also for writing that they played poorly when they did.

"I'm not sure everything I wrote was correct, but I believed everything I wrote," he said.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
y-Buffalo	11	4	0	.733	378	256
y-Miami	10	5	0	.667	324	268
Indianapolis	8	7	0	.533	195	285
N.Y. Jets	4	11	0	.267	220	295
New England	2	13	0	.133	192	347
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	276	212
y-Houston	9	6	0	.600	325	255
Cleveland	7	8	0	.467	259	252
Cincinnati	5	10	0	.333	257	343
West						
y-San Diego	10	5	0	.667	304	227
Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	306	262
Denver	8	7	0	.533	242	287
LA Raiders	6	9	0	.400	228	261
Seattle	2	13	0	.133	126	281

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
x-Dallas	12	3	0	.800	382	229
y-Philadelphia	10	5	0	.667	334	235
Washington	9	6	0	.600	280	234
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	296	347
Phoenix	4	11	0	.267	240	325
Central						
x-Minnesota	10	5	0	.667	347	242
Green Bay	9	6	0	.600	269	269
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	281	334
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	267	308
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	260	362
West						
x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	407	230
y-New Orleans	11	4	0	.733	310	202
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400	300	376
LA Rams	5	10	0	.333	275	356

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

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New York Giants 35, Kansas City 21
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Buffalo 20, New Orleans 16
Houston 17, Cleveland 14
Green Bay 28, Los Angeles Rams 13
Minnesota 6, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 20, New England 10
Indianapolis 16, Phoenix 13
Philadelphia 17, Washington 13
Detroit 16, Chicago 3
San Diego 36, Los Angeles Raiders 14
Denver 10, Seattle 6
Miami 19, New York Jets 17

Monday's Game
Dallas 41, Atlanta 17

Saturday, Dec. 26
New Orleans at New York Jets, 12:30 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Washington, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Phoenix, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Houston, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 28
Detroit at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
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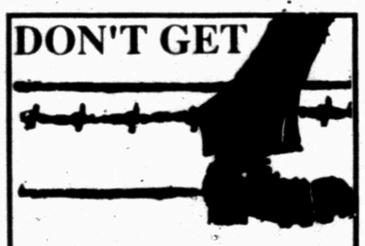
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SDN sports week

Monday, Dec. 28

Basketball

Snyder varsity boys at Canyon Tournament.
Snyder varsity girls at Slaton Tournament.
Snyder JV girls at Abilene Tournament.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

Basketball

Snyder varsity boys at Canyon Tournament.
Snyder varsity girls at Slaton Tournament.
Snyder JV girls at Abilene Tournament.
Hermleigh at Hawley Tournament.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

Basketball

Snyder varsity boys at Canyon Tournament.
Snyder varsity girls at Slaton Tournament.
Snyder freshmen boys at Andrews Tournament.
Hermleigh at Hawley Tournament.

Thursday, Dec. 31

Basketball

Hermleigh at Hawley Tournament.

Saturday, Jan. 2

Basketball

Snyder varsity and JV boys at Sweetwater. Games begin at 2 p.m.
Snyder varsity, JV and freshmen girls at Midland High. Games begin at noon.

NBA roundup...

Chicago rallies past Knicks

CHICAGO (AP) — Of all the things that can be accomplished in the span of two minutes, making up a 10-point deficit against the best defensive unit in the NBA didn't figure to be one of them.

At least that was Bulls coach Phil Jackson said to his team at halftime Friday night.

"I told the guys you don't make up a big lead like that in the first two minutes," Jackson said after Chicago's 89-77 win over New York. "But we did."

To be exact, it took all of two minutes and eight seconds. And the "we" was more like a "he" — the "he" being Michael Jordan. And Jackson probably knew better.

With Chicago trailing 49-39, Jordan scored the first eight points of the third period and 10 during a 12-0 run that carried the Bulls to their first lead since the opening quarter.

"Down the stretch, sometimes the other guys are tentative about shooting and they'll look to me," said Jordan, who finished with 42 points and eight rebounds. "I don't mind that. I accept that as a leader."

Patrick Ewing ended New York's drought after 4:01 with a short jumper, but things improved only slightly after that. The Knicks made just 6 of 21 shots in the period for 13 points, then managed only 15 in the last quarter. The 28 points were their lowest output for a half this season.

"We didn't play with the same intensity or attitude that we had in the first half. We attacked all the time," Knicks coach Pat Riley said. "In the second half, we just sat back and waited for them to come to us. We wound up fighting for our lives."

In the NBA's only other game Friday, San Antonio defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 103-94.

The Bulls' win was a payback for the Knicks' 112-75 loss at New York on Nov. 28, the worst regular-season defeat of Jordan's eight-year career.

If the two teams do meet again in the playoffs, the nationally televised match probably helped build ratings. Like their last meeting, it featured a little of both basketball and Wrestlemania — with one important difference. Friday night, the referees stepped in between the combatants early and often.

They set the tone by whistling New York's Charles Oakley for a loose-ball foul on the game's opening possession, and followed it up by assessing a double-technical against Oakley and Chicago's Bill Cartwright for a brief scrap after only six minutes.

Spurs 103, Clippers 94

Sean Elliott scored 28 of his 32 points in the first and fourth quarters as San Antonio stayed unbeaten under new coach John Lucas by winning at Los Angeles.

The Spurs never trailed en route to only their second victory against a team with a winning record this season.

Ken Norman had 22 points and 13 rebounds and Ron Harper scored 21 points for the Clippers who trailed by 25 points early in the second period, then closed within three points in the third quarter.

David Robinson, the Spurs' leading scorer, scored 12 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter as San Antonio regained control.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	16	8	.667	—
Orlando	12	9	.571	2½
New Jersey	13	12	.520	3½
Boston	12	13	.480	4½
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	8
Washington	7	18	.280	9½
Miami	6	17	.261	9½
Central Division				
Chicago	18	7	.720	—
Cleveland	15	11	.577	3½
Charlotte	14	11	.560	4
Detroit	12	11	.522	5
Indiana	13	12	.520	5
Atlanta	11	13	.458	6½
Milwaukee	10	14	.417	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	15	8	.652	—
Houston	13	9	.591	1½
San Antonio	12	11	.522	3
Denver	7	16	.304	8
Minnesota	5	16	.238	9
Dallas	2	19	.095	12
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	18	4	.818	—
Seattle	17	7	.708	2
Portland	15	8	.652	3½
LA Lakers	14	9	.609	4½
LA Clippers	14	11	.560	5½
Golden State	12	13	.480	7½
Sacramento	8	16	.333	11

Friday's Games

San Antonio 103, LA Clippers 94
Chicago 89, New York 77

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Cleveland, 1:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 3:30 p.m.
Detroit vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at LA Clippers, 9 p.m.
Boston at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Aloha Bowl...

Jayhawks down BYU, 23-20

HONOLULU (AP) — Even before he scored the game-tying touchdown early in the fourth quarter, Kansas quarterback Chip Hilleary knew the Jayhawks were going to beat Brigham Young and win the Aloha Bowl.

Hilleary's 1-yard run with 11:26 remaining and ensuing 2-point conversion run tied the game 20-20, then Dan Eichloff kicked a 48-yard field goal with 2:57 left, giving Kansas a 23-20 victory over the No. 25 Cougars Friday.

The field goal capped a 7-minute, 15-play drive that gave the Jayhawks (8-4) a win in their first bowl game in 11 years. Brigham Young finished 8-5.

'They kept missing field goals and giving us opportunities, and the momentum was staying with us,'' Hilleary said. ''Time was a big factor in the fourth quarter. When you've got the ball, you've got to do something with it.''

BYU kicker David Lauder missed three field goals, including two in the second half, and also misfired on an extra point. He hit the left upright on a 31-yard field goal try with 4:02 left in the third quarter, giving BYU nothing after an 4-minute, 67-yard drive.

''He's been good all year. He just missed them,'' BYU coach LaVell Edwards said. ''I was disappointed we didn't score more points. We had our chances and didn't do the job.''

BYU gained 187 yards in the third quarter, but could only score once. Hilleary and the other Jayhawk seniors sensed things were going their way, and didn't want to blow their best chance to prove the revival of the once-downtrodden program was complete.

The Cougars led 14-12 at halftime, and increased the margin to 20-12 when quarterback Tom Young found split end Otis Sterling with a 10-yard TD pass with 10:06 to play in the quarter. Sterling leaped higher than cornerback Dorian Brew to pull down the pass in the corner of the end zone.

Young, brother of San Francisco quarterback Steve Young, finished with 15 completions in 31 attempts for 262 yards. The sophomore was making his first collegiate start because of injuries to three BYU quarterbacks.

His only interception came with 2:11 left when safety Charley Bowen stepped in front of a pass that Young forced up because of pressure from defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield.

BYU's Hema Heimuli returned the opening kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown, the longest return ever in this bowl game. Heimuli started up the middle of the field, then cut to the sideline near midfield and scampered untouched to the end zone.

Kansas tied it less than a minute later when Matt Gay caught a lateral from Hilleary and hit Rodney Harris with a 74-yard scoring strike, the longest pass play in the history of the Aloha Bowl. Harris was standing alone at the BYU 40 and ran untouched for the TD. Harris finished with four catches for 142 yards and Hilleary completed 11 of 23 for 126 yards.

Bowl glance

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 27, Blue 17
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas 23, Brigham Young 20

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 31
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Wake Forest (7-4) vs. Oregon (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Arizona (6-4-1) vs. Baylor (6-5), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida (8-4) vs. North Carolina State (9-2-1), 6 p.m. (TBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Air Force (7-4) vs. Mississippi (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Boston College (8-2-1) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (12-0) vs. Notre Dame (9-1-1), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Ohio State (8-2-1) vs. Georgia (9-2), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Blockbuster Bowl
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Penn State (7-4) vs. Stanford (9-3), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Syracuse (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-1-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (8-0-3) vs. Washington (9-2), 4:45 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Florida State (10-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Alabama (12-0) vs. Miami (11-0), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
North Carolina (8-3) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 16
Senior Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
2 p.m. (ESPN)
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
3 p.m. (NBC)

Saturday, Jan. 23
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
4 p.m. (ESPN)

SHS JV set to resume basketball campaign

Snyder's junior varsity cagers will resume their 1992-93 cage season Saturday, Jan. 2, against Sweetwater on the Mustangs' home court.

The JV Tigers, 10-5, have been in tournament action the past three weeks, winning the championship of the Brownfield tourney, taking the consolation title at the Midland JV tournament and going 1-2 in the Coahoma event.

The Brownfield tourney saw Snyder's Reagan Key earn MVP honors and teammates Eddie Martinez and Ricky Post named to the all-tournament team.

The SHS JV started off by beating Slaton, 61-45, behind 18 points from Post and 17 from Key, then blasted Frenship, 72-53 in the tournament semifinals.

Key scored 23, Post had 18, Martinez canned 17 and David Krenek hit 14 in the win over FHS.

In the tournament final, Snyder knocked off Levelland, 69-50.

Key led the way with 24 points, followed by Post's 19, 12 by Krenek and Martinez with 11.

In Midland, the Tigers fell to host Midland High in the tourney opener, 73-52, in spite of a 17-point effort by Post and 11 each from Key and Krenek.

Post scored 18 in a second-round 56-45 win over San Angelo Central to give Snyder a berth in the consolation final, where they dropped Big Spring, 61-47.

The Coahoma tourney proved to be the toughest yet for SHS.

The Tigers lost to the Coahoma varsity, 60-49, in the opener, then beat Forsan, 57-47, before losing to the Robert Lee varsity, 59-49.

Key, who scored 52 points in the three games, was voted all-tournament in Coahoma.

BUCK FEVER — Matt Rodgers, 11 years old, shows off his 8-point buck taken on a recent hunt in Crockett County. (Contributed Photo)

Bowling News

ROLL N HOPE
12-21-92

Team	W	L
Carousel Arcade	35	25
Louise Coffee Shop	34	26
IGA	32½	27½
House of Treasures	31	29
E.D. Walton Const.	30½	29½
City National Bank	29	31
Cogdell	28	40
B&B Liquor	20	40

High Series: Carousel Arcade 2223; Vicky Renshaw 597. **High game:** IGA 760; Daphene Blerins 219. **High handicap series:** House of Treasures 2516; Cara Lindsey 681. **High handicap game:** Louise's Coffee Shop 810; Dana Stone 259.

Converted splits: Sammie Lyle 3-10, 3-10, 4-5; Dorris Martin 4-5; Brenda Meurer 4-5; Lujean eckert 2-7; Sherry Walker 9-10; Dorothy Motley 3-9-10; Cindy Aikin 2-7; Matilda Olvera 3-10; Vicky Renshaw 3-6-9.

200-500: Dana Stone 214, 568; Sammie Lyle 503.

Week high game: Cindy Aikin 183; **Week high series:** Dana Stone 568.

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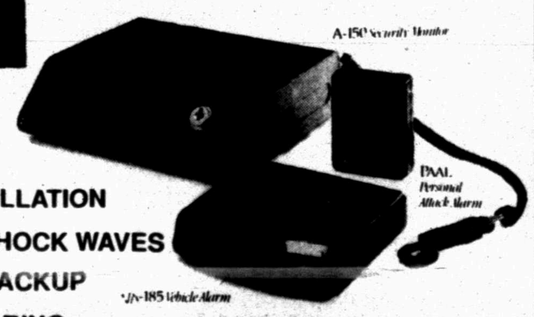

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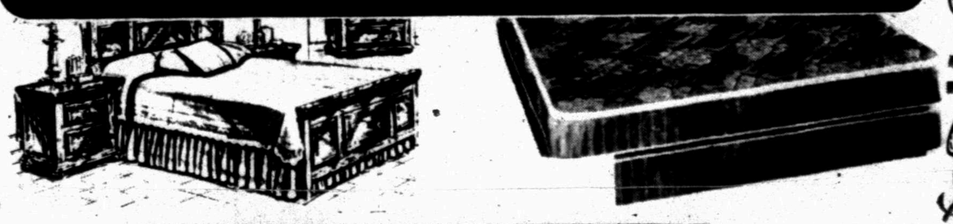

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Death penalty upheld

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the death sentence of a restaurant dishwasher who was convicted of stabbing the night manager 85 times during a robbery.

The court on Wednesday affirmed the conviction of Terry Washington in the Jan. 15, 1987, slaying of Beatrice Huling.

In his appeal, Washington had argued that among other errors, the evidence wasn't sufficient to show the slaying was committed during the course of a robbery.

According to court records, Washington and Ms. Huling routinely were the last employees to leave the restaurant, called Julie's Place in College Station.

About 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 15, a man in the parking lot of a video store next to the restaurant heard an object hit the ground. It was Ms. Huling's purse, which had been thrown over a fence between the businesses.

Police investigating found the woman's body in a pool of blood near the safe. Her hands had been tied with apron strings, the office safe was open and an empty cash drawer was on top of the safe. No money was in the cash register.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss the physical and mental manifestations that distinguish Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. Is there a similarity?

DEAR READER: The two diseases are actually quite dissimilar, even to the untrained observer.

Alzheimer's disease is marked by progressive and profound mental changes: affected judgment, memory and thinking, leading to substantial interference with a person's normal social and family activity. Physical changes are rare and follow the mental deterioration by years. There is no treatment.

In contrast, Parkinson's disease is primarily a disorder of movement; the intellect is spared. Therefore, while patients with this disorder often show very little facial expression, their intellectual processes are going full-blast. Many drugs, such as Sinemet, are available to treat this condition.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please discuss pinworms and advise how to determine if a person has them. I thought I saw some grayish material, about 4 1/2 inches long in my stool, for which my doctor gave me medication. The information with the tablets referred to various worms, other than tapeworms and as a result, I'm unsure if the problem has been solved or still exists.

DEAR READER: Pinworms, which are small parasites living in the intestine, can be diagnosed easily by the "Scotch tape test." An inch or two of transparent adhesive tape is held briefly to the anus, removed and examined under a microscope. Pinworm eggs — or the worms themselves — will be visible on the tape.

If you saw a 4 1/2-inch thing in your stool, you weren't looking at a pinworm, which is usually less than a half inch in length.

In my opinion, you need a stool analysis for ova and parasites, to identify any unwanted visitors you may unknowingly harbor in your digestive tract. Once the parasite is identified, appropriate medication is available for treatment. Ask your doctor about this.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter has suffered from headaches for 29 years. I'm from the old school and prefer home remedies such as two aspirin and one teaspoon of baking soda, but I would like your imput.

DEAR READER: For mild headaches, such as those caused by fatigue or eyestrain, home remedies are appropriate. The baking soda/aspirin combination is often effective; really, it's just buffered aspirin. Therefore, if your daughter objects to the baking soda, you can purchase buffered aspirin over the counter.

Severe, persisting or cyclic headaches may mean migraine, hypertension or similar medical problems that should be brought to a physician's attention and treated with other, more effective drugs, such as beta-blockers or strong analgesics.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read your column on athlete's foot. I, too, was a sufferer as a child and my mother treated the condition by having me stand in fresh cow manure. This may sound far-fetched, but it really works. Maybe your reader can find relief this way.

DEAR READER: Thank you for your suggestion, I think. I don't know how many of my urban and suburban readers will be inclined to try your remedy — perhaps more than I predict. From your brief description, however, I wonder if there might not be some distressing social consequences from standing barefoot in fresh (does it have to be fresh?) cow manure. But that could be a topic for another essay.

By the by, what on earth do you DO while standing in cow manure? Look around and wonder about who's watching you? Meditate about what you did wrong to deserve this? Learn the Gettysburg address? Make a mental list of all the demagogues and dictators actively supported by the U.S. government? Also, do you have to STAND in the stuff for it to be effective? Why can't you sit down and wiggle your toes in it? If so, what would be the most appropriate reading material to pass a few glorious minutes while you perch on a stool with your feet ankle-deep in a cow plop? All this for a 10-cent case of athlete's foot? What about jock itch? I could go on, but I won't.

I knew I would be in for some interesting mail when, several months ago, at the conclusion of answering a reader's question about using Bag Balm for chapped hands, I requested information about the use of veterinary products for humans. I was deluged. Therefore, I'll take some time now to share with you some of the responses I received.

Several readers mentioned how effective hoof hardener is for brittle nails. "Straight Arrow" was a popular brand. It costs $8 for a 2-pound can. This is a deal, folks.

Hoof Saver (probably related to the above compound) was touted as a great cure for rough heels. When massaged into toenails and the dry, cracked skin of the feet, the product produces astounding results.

Phillip's Corona Ointment, which supposedly has miraculous uses on the farm, cures diaper rash and, some readers claim, any kind of chronic skin irritation caused by urine or perspiration.

Clean kerosene works as an antiseptic for cuts and abrasions.

Ortho Soap, which is used to wash livestock, comes in gallon jugs. It's great for laundering sweaters and makes an efficient, inexpensive shampoo. (Don't ask me to verify this; I'm just passing on information.) According to one reader, Ortho Soap is often used in commercial dry-cleaning establishments to hand wash delicate fabrics.

My favorite response came from a horse-breeding family in Colorado. I guess some horses are worth more than humans, in dollar amounts. Therefore, horses have a whole line of cosmetics that are believed to be as effective as products for humans at a fraction of the cost. Shampoos and hair conditioners are, it seems, as appropriate for a woman's mane as for the pampered thoroughbred.

In fact, out West, some beauty parlors are using equine cosmetics. "Soft and Silky," "Mane Tamer" and "Silk Shine" are popular items and can be purchased by the case for far less than the familiar human equivalents. The horsebreeders concluded that these products "don't make a stallion a better sire, a mare a better brood matron, or a gelding any better a riding horse." But they look better. And who knows what marvelous repercussions could befall a woman with the horse sense to shop from veterinary salesmen rather than pay the department store mark-up?

Finally, Bag Balm really does cure chapped, raw, cracked skin. After all, generations of contented cows swear by it.

Although I bite my tongue while saying this, I still welcome reader suggestions about the use of veterinary products for human ailments. Send your letters care of this newspaper.

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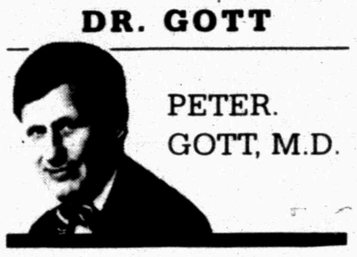

PETER. GOTT, M.D.

Planned wolf kill cancelled in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Anchorage (AP) — A state plan to shoot hundreds of wolves from helicopters was canceled after animal-rights activists urged tourists to boycott Alaska.

Officials acknowledged that the cancellation was prompted by concern for Alaska's public image and its billion-dollar tourist industry.

"We want the Alaskans and thousands of Americans who have called and written about this controversy to know that we are not indifferent to their concerns," Fish and Game Commissioner Carl Rosier said in a statement Tuesday.

Hunting groups attacked the decision not to cull the wolf population to boost the numbers of moose and caribou.

"People fail to realize that we have lost literally millions of dollars to the state economy because of a reduced number of out-of-state hunters," said Bud Burris, past president of the pro-hunting Alaska Outdoor Council.

The gray wolf is extinct or endangered in most of the Lower 48 states, but a there is a healthy population of more than 6,000 in Alaska.

Last month, the Board of Game approved a five-year plan for Fish and Game officials to kill about 300 wolves in two regions south and east of Fairbanks this year. In each of the subsequent four years, 100 were to be killed.

In a third area, north of Anchorage, permits were to be issued to hunters by lottery. About 50 wolves were to be killed in that area per year.

Conservationists argued that wolves should not be sacrificed for the enjoyment of hunters and that moose and caribou numbers could be raised without aerial shooting. Ads criticizing the proposal appeared in several large newspapers, and "howl-ins" took place in Europe and the United States.

"We're feeling really vindicated and heartened that wolves are not going to be slaughtered," said Wayne Pacelle, director of the New York-based Fund for Animals, which ran several newspaper ads to push the boycott.

But Gov. Walter J. Hickel said the state is still committed to the idea of predator control, and he wouldn't rule out wolf kills in the future.

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A quick profit may be many investors' dream, but real investing success comes with consistency and long-term results.

Specifically, two of the most important characteristics of successful investing are 1) the ability to provide a good return when times are good and stock prices are rising, and 2) the ability to hold things together reasonably well when times are difficult and share prices fall.

For example, let's assume that $100,000 is invested with two hypothetical money managers. At the end of the first year, Manager No. 1 has increased the value of the original investment 80 percent, making it worth $180,000. The next year, however, he suffers a 60 percent loss. The following years produce a 15 percent gain, a 10 percent gain, a 15 percent loss and finally a 20 percent gain.

Manager No. 2's investment grows to only $125,000 the first year, followed by a 10 percent loss the next year. A 20 percent gain, a 2 percent gain, and a 5 percent loss and finally a 15 percent gain end the six-year investing period.

Which money manager did the best? Manager No. 2. Her portfolio is worth $150,437, while Manager No. 1's is worth $100,980.

Each manager had four good years and two bad years, but Manager No. 2 did a better job of protecting profits in the bad years. Oddly enough, her percentages never topped Manager No.1's, even in the good years. Defensive investing such as Manager No. 2's strategy seldom merits press coverage, but the importance of avoiding a disastrous year cannot be overemphasized.

The point is that investors should buy and hold quality investments, even though times may appear unusually good, or bad. It is generally futile to guess what share prices will do in any one year. It is also a dangerous way to try to build wealth.

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Journey to Eternity (35)...

AFTER DEATH, THEN WHAT?
By Homer Anderson

As 1992 draws to a close, so we end with this installment our special series of articles on our "Journey to Eternity"." During 1993 we shall examine other Bible topics. When the final chapter of your life ends, then what?

It depends upon the decisions you make and the actions you take in this life. There are only two places to go after death. Many have persuaded themselves that they are not good enough for heaven, nor bad enough for hell. Therefore, they have invented for themselves a third place somewhere in between that does not exist!

Those who live only for "self" will be lost forever in a place so terrible that Jesus described it as everlasting torment **(Luke 16:19-31)**. Those who live for Jesus will be with Him in a place so glorious it defies description **(Matthew 16:25; Revelation 22:1-5)**. YOU cannot evade this decision **(Matthew 12:30; Hebrews 9:27)**. It is our prayer for you that you will decide wisely **(Matthew 7:21-27)**. NOW???

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Kids Climbing on Cycles Are Heading for a Crash

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest your recent letter about adults freely allowing children to sit upon or play around horses, and the dangers involved.

We belong to the Goldwing Road Riders Association and often take trips with as many as 20 motorcycles — sometimes more. You would be amazed at the number of times we have come out from restaurants, etc., to find children sitting or climbing on our bikes! These machines weigh close to 900 pounds and are valued from $15,000.

Also, interested adults show no hesitancy to sit on these bikes. The danger to the children is obvious should one of these bikes leaning on a kickstand be tipped over. Damage to the bike is certainly secondary to them, but of great concern to the owners.

Abby, you would be doing bike owners an enormous favor if you'd put the following message in your column:

"Please do not touch our bikes. We certainly wouldn't sit or climb on your automobile, nor would we allow our children to do so. Thank you."

BARBARA IN DALLAS

DEAR BARBARA: I presume you have insurance in the event that a child (or an adult) is injured on — or falling off — your vehicle. A motorcycle is legally termed "an attractive nuisance." Owning a motorcycle is an awesome reponsibility.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the woman who wanted to re-establish contact with an American airman stationed in England might be helped by the American Library in Norwich, England.

There were some 20 airfields in Norfolk County during World War II, with many friendships developing between airmen and local citizens, some continuing to the present. One result of these friendships was the establishment of the American Library, which contains many books, magazines and newspapers about the United States. In addition, the library serves as a clearinghouse for information about specific Air Force units and their contacts within different towns and villages. Newsletters of the units are posted there at the library. Visitors from the States are asked to sign in on a roster, with their wartime unit noted.

A visit to the library is recommended for airmen who are returning to England because the librarian may be unable to answer hundreds of letters. The address of the librarian is: Phyllis M. DuBois, Trust Librarian, Memorial Library, Central Library, Bethel Street, Norwich NR2 1NJ, U.K. Postage from the U.S. is 50 cents for the first half-ounce and 45 cents for each additional half-ounce, up to 24 ounces.

This year, there were several specific occasions related to the 50th anniversary of the establishment of airfields in England.

CHARLES L. SMITH, ASTP,
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DEAR ABBY: Ogden Nash's poem is short, but it's not *that* short. The complete poem is:

A panther is like a leopard
except it hasn't been peppered.
If you should behold a panther crouch
Prepare to say ouch.
Better yet,
If called by a panther,
Don't anther.

— Submitted by
STEPHANIE RUNDQUIST

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What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: Please comment on what seems to have become a national bad habit — people licking their fingers to turn pages, pick up papers, open plastic bags and countless other daily activities. I have seen people wet their fingers with saliva to pick up coins and before typing on a keyboard! (I've been grossed out more times than I can count.)

Abby, please check with your medical experts to find out just what these people are spreading with their saliva (colds, herpes, etc.). Am I being too sensitive, or are these people truly a health menace to themselves and others? If they are, please print your reply, as I would like to send copies to some of the offenders.

SICK OF LICKERS
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SICK: Moistening one's finger to turn a page, etc., is in much the same category with the mom who tastes the soup, then puts the spoon back into the soup. Assuming the soup taster (or the page turner) does not have highly contagious diseases, I wouldn't worry too much about it.

According to Gary Richwald, M.D., of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, most viruses are too fragile to be transmitted by people licking their fingers before turning a page or picking up a coin. Cold viruses are most easily transmitted, but even they would most likely not be transmitted in that way. A virus usually requires a warm, moist surface to survive; and sexually transmitted viruses require much closer personal contact than the behavior about which you are concerned.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. Three months ago, a friend came for a visit. He weighs more than 300 pounds. Always before, he has sat down on my couch very gently. This time, however, he came in and just fell down hard on the couch. He proceeded to laugh and make a joke of it when he discovered that he broke my couch! The couch was only a year and a half old, and there was no reason for him to plop himself down that hard.

I asked him to replace the couch. At first he agreed, then he changed his mind and said he had spoken to his lawyer and was told that he was not responsible for replacing it.

I then talked to a lawyer myself, and he told me that I had grounds to take the man to small claims court because guests are responsible for damage, as they are obligated to show reasonable care for other people's property.

Abby, what do you think I should do? Take him to small claims court or forget it?

TICKED OFF IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TICKED OFF: Ordinarily, I'd advise you to take your lawyer's advice, but if you value your friend's friendship, you would be wise to forget it. After taking a friend to small claims court, your friendship would be history.

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DEAR ABBY. I see you are into cockroaches again. Here's one:

My wife and I sit in the front pew at church. One Sunday I noticed a cockroach on the chancel dais approaching the altar. I got a tissue from my wife, left my seat, knelt devoutly at the rail with my head in one hand and surreptitiously seized the bug with the other. I crossed myself (not with the cockroach), arose, and left to flush the insect down the restroom toilet.

It was a win-win situation. The congregation thought I was very pious (nobody was discombobulated at Communion by a six-legged co-worshiper), and the cockroach thought he went to heaven.

MORGAN C. LARKIN
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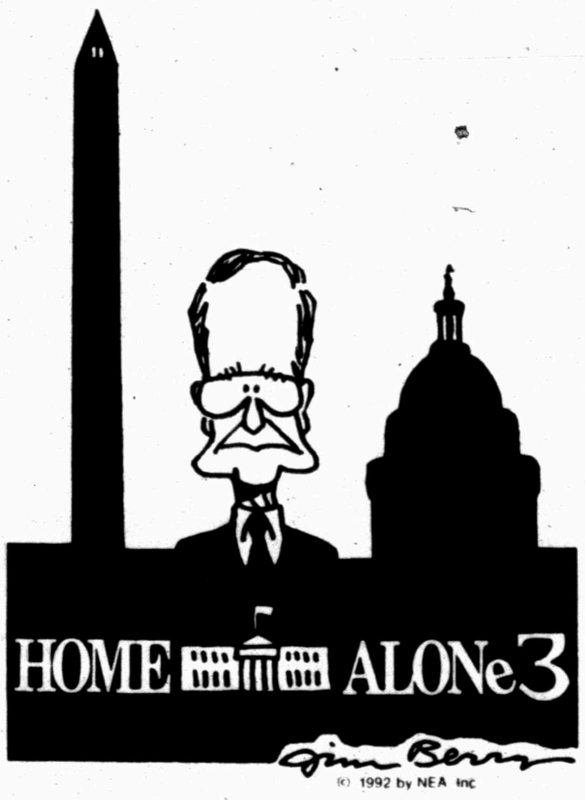

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Dan Holt, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charles R. Runkle, 1992 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mobil Exploration, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Lewis Auto Company, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Broncho Chevrolet, Buick, BMW in Odessa.

Frankie Grimmett, 1993 GMC Suburban from Howard Gray Motors.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1993 Ford Explorer from Williamsburg Motors in Baltimore, Md.

Keith and Temi Matthies, 1993 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Chevrolet.

Calvin L. Goebel, 1992 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of James Ronald Baker and Sandra Kay Baker, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Angela Elledge Pinkerton and Loyd Wayne Pinkerton, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds

William B. Bowlin, et ux, to L.J. Mueller, a tract of land out of the southwest quarter of Section 156, Block 3 of H&GN survey.

Bonita Joy Hoyle, et al, to Billy G. Rylander, Lot 7, Block 12 of Highlands Addition.

Susan Gay Key to Melvin Wayne Key, Lot 11, Block 3 of Cedar Creek Addition.

Dorothy M. Browning to Wanda L. Turner, et al, the west half of Lot 4, Block 39 of Blankenship Addition.

Jeral May to Rafael Guerra Jr., et ux, Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 2 of the J.B. Cloyes subdivision of Cody Addition.

AIDS orphans thousands

NEW YORK (AP) — Ada Setal doesn't need surveys or studies to tell her how devastating AIDS can be to a family. Her daughter-in-law and two granddaughters died of the disease, her son is dying of it and she's the only one to care for her 7-year-old grandson.

"The only way I face it is to take a day away from everything, read my Bible, cry and ask God for strength," she said Tuesday. "You have to learn to deal with it."

More and more families and social service agencies are going to have to learn to deal with it.

A study in today's Journal of the American Medical Association estimates that the number of healthy American youngsters left motherless by AIDS will more than double by 1996 and reach more than 80,000 by the turn of the century.

Most will be poor and black or Hispanic, living in communities least equipped to care for them, and they will face serious psychological, financial and legal problems, said the authors, led by David Michaels, associate professor at the City University of New York medical school.

"Unless increased attention and resources are devoted to this vulnerable population, a social catastrophe is unavoidable," they wrote.

Another study, issued by the United Hospital Fund, estimates that as many as 30,000 of those children, and an additional 25,000 young adults, ages 18 to 25, will live in New York.

ZZ Top sued

DALLAS (AP) — A defunct Dallas rock band has filed suit in federal court for $49 million saying ZZ Top stole its song "Thunderbird."

The Nightcaps members, who enjoyed regional fame in the 1950s and early 1960s, say the ode to cheap wine was their most successful song. The suit filed in U.S. District Court in Dallas on Monday said the Nightcaps wrote and were performing "Thunderbird" when ZZ Top members "were in elementary school."

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Hurricane knocked down social barriers

PERRINE, Fla. (AP) — "Dinner is ready!"

Al Zapata and his teen-age son Hernan, hammering away at their hurricane-shredded roof, looked at each other and then down below. Jean Schardt, a neighbor he barely knew, was beckoning.

"They were calling us. This is a moment I will never forget in my life," Zapata said.

Within minutes, the Zapatas were sitting down to a spaghetti dinner and encountering new friendships and new feelings about their home.

"It's completely different now," Zapata said during a recent evening gathering of four families at the Schardts' home.

In Perrine and other suburban communities like East Kendall, Naranja Lakes and Country Walk, Hurricane Andrew brought down more than roofs, trees and light poles. Social barriers also fell. Next-door strangers became friends.

"Even though the people didn't know each other, they were running out and hugging each other," said 11-year-old Alexis Graber. "That surprised me. It wasn't like what everybody was doing before. Now there's a feeling of neighborhood."

"It's not that these communities have had any identity," said Peter Muller, a University of Miami geography professor and expert on suburb .

He said the southern Dade County suburbs, s tuated as much as 10 miles inland, away from the cooling sea breezes, began booming decades ago as central air conditioning became more common. Most residents commute to work and spend little time in their communities.

"We had lived there for six years and never knew our neighbors," said Gary Pratt, a retired utility company employee who lives with his wife, Carolyn, in Leisure City.

But after the Aug. 24 storm, the neighbors got their electricity back first and brought over baked beans and fried chicken. "Then they found out my favorite is homemade peanut butter cookies and brought some," he said.

Four months after the hurricane, Pratt decided not to replace the blown-away wooden fence that separated his property from Liz and Jim Randall's.

On the block in Perrine, the Schardts' home became "sort of a general telephone station the first couple of days," Schardt said, because their phone was still working and neighbors streamed in to let relatives know they were safe.

With the electricity knocked out, children came outside to play together for the first time. Parents taught them the games of their childhoods — tag, hide-and-seek, charades. The adults spent hours talking together, no longer reluctant simply to go knock on their neighbors' door for a visit.

The Schardts held nightly block dinners cooked on their gas grill. Neighbors traded tools and took turns driving 20 to 30 miles away in search of open stores to buy supplies for all.

Jim Anson's backyard pool became the place to cool off.

Anson, 53, brought a 10-pound bag of shrimp home for a dinner and savored getting to know his neighbors. "I had kind of been in my own world. Everybody was going their own way," he said.

Zapata, a 43-year-old business consultant, said his family had felt like outsiders since they moved here from Uruguay more than a year ago.

"It's a big country. Everybody was like a number," he said. Their home was "like an island," with his wife, Teresa, and three children staying inside, protected by a security system and guard dogs.

But the friendships that have developed have changed his family's attitude. His 6-year-old, Federico, is suddenly inseparable from 6-year-old neighbor Zachary Graber.

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News Brief

Topless Christmas

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The waitresses were as fully dressed as the turkeys at T.D.'s Showclub when the ordinarily topless nightspot served a free Christmas dinner to the needy.

"They're only about giving and sharing," said Edwin Campbell, one of about 800 people who received a meal Friday. "What they do the rest of the year doesn't matter at all to me."

About 80 volunteers and club employees — waitresses, dancers, bartenders and managers — provided dinner, served up with holiday music, Santa Claus and donated gifts.

A dancer who goes by the name Jewels said the dinner was "giving back to society in a productive way."

"One guy said I looked just as pretty with my clothes on as off," she added.

It is the fifth year the club has offered a free Christmas dinner.

When the club held its first dinner, "the public's perception of a topless bar was bikers hang out there, you get your girls with the drug problems," said promotions manager Tony Dellheim. The dinner "opened the eyes of a couple of people in the community."

Dellheim estimated this year's dinner would cost $4,000, in addition to donated goods and volunteer help.

Bill Williams, 49, said he and his wife, Jessie, had their doubts at first about going to a topless club for Christmas dinner. But, he said, "It's all right. It just shows there's two sides to everything, right?"

But he added, referring to his wife, "I doubt if she lets me come back."

Mao's 99th birthday

BEIJING (AP) — The childhood village of Mao Tse-tung once attracted tens of millions of pilgrims a year, but only about 300 came today to a ceremony marking the 99th anniversary of his birth. No top leaders attended.

In speeches at the ceremony in Shaoshan, some 800 miles southwest of Beijing, officials began by urging loyalty to "the principles of Mao thought," but ended up preaching "change of thinking," faster reform and opening up to the outside world, the People's Daily newspaper reported.

Many of the tenets of Mao's brand of Communism have been abandoned since his death in 1976.

Despite the ambivalence, Shaoshan is going all-out to mark Mao's birth centenary. The village is planning to unveil a Mao statue, a Mao library, an exhibit of Mao "relics," and a memorial garden, the China Youth News said.

Hundreds of souvenir stalls have been set up near Mao's former homestead, the Youth News said, run by private businessmen who in Mao's day would have promptly been clapped in jail as capitalists.

POW trade offer claimed

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — East Germany claimed in 1967 to have five or six U.S. servicemen captured in Vietnam and offered to swap them for two Soviet spies held in the West, a newspaper reported.

The trade, which never took place, is detailed in State Department telegrams from Washington to East and West Germany and other locations, The Morning News Tribune reported Friday.

The Pentagon has said there is no firm evidence that North Vietnam ever sent any American prisoners of war to East bloc countries.

According to recently declassified State Department records, the newspaper said, the swap was to be brokered by Wolfgang Vogel, an East German lawyer who arranged the return of many prisoners from communist control during the Cold War.

Vogel's West German partner, a man identified only as Stange, proposed the swap to U.S. officials in 1967, according to the records. According to the offer, five or six American aviators were then in a hospital outside East Berlin.

In exchange for the POWs, the East Germans demanded the "Krogers," apparently Helen and Peter Kroger, Soviet spies then imprisoned in Britain.

But the United States was dubious American POWs were really in East Germany and sought more information. The East refused to provide details such as names or serial numbers, the records said.

Sportswriter dies

AMARILLO (AP) — W.L. "Putt" Powell, a sports writer and columnist at the Amarillo Globe-News, died Thursday of cancer. He was 80.

During his 62-year career at the newspaper, Powell covered everything from high school sports to the World Series.

He wrote his "Putting Around" and "Short Putts" columns for Amarillo's afternoon and morning editions respectively.

Survivors include his wife, Frances; three daughters; and two sons.

Assaults, vehicle theft among holiday calls for local police

Snyder police took three reports of assault, one for burglary of a vehicle and made an unrelated arrest over the two-day Christmas holiday.

Police also investigated damage reports to a residence and business, several disturbance calls and worked a minor accident.

At 12:43 a.m. Friday, police received a report of a fight in progress in the 600 block of 30th Street. Contact was made with a female subject, who said she had been assaulted. She requested that no charges be filed.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room contacted police at 11:58 p.m. Thursday in reference to a 22-year-old male reporting that he had been assaulted. No charges were filed in the case.

Police were called to the 100 block of Canyon at 2:42 a.m. Sunday, where a female subject reported that she had been assaulted by her husband. An offense report for family violence was submitted.

Jimmy Pechacek of 5400 College Ave. reported Thursday morning that two guns, a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun and a Winchester 30-30 rifle, had been stolen from his vehicle while it was parked at his residence.

At 4:11 p.m. Friday, police arrested a 37-year-old male from the 1800 block of 40th Street on charges of public intoxication.

Police received a call at 12:02 p.m. Friday reporting a broken window at The Oil Spout, at 1405 28th St. The business is owned by Bobby Kirkpatrick. Nothing was reported stolen from the location.

Dwayne Murdock of 3606 Irving Ave. contacted police at 7:11 p.m. Friday in reference to his glass front door being shot with what appeared to be a BB gun.

A minor accident was reported at 10:21 a.m. Thursday in the Lawrence IGA parking lot. The subjects involved requested no report be taken due to the vehicles sustaining only minor damage.

Police answered six disturbance calls over the holidays, including noise disturbances in the 1000 block of 28th Street and at the Kingswood Apartments, juveniles causing disturbances in the 2400 block of 40th Street, at Allsup's and Furr's supermarket.

NBC miffs Leno

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Leno is upset with NBC for not reassuring him he won't be fired from "The Tonight Show" and replaced with David Letterman.

"I don't think it will happen," Leno said in today's The New York Times. But he added, "I'm not sure, and that's the annoying part."

He said NBC President Robert C. Wright has given him no assurances.

Leno took over "The Tonight Show" in May from Johnny Carson, beating out Letterman, whose "Late Night" follows "Tonight" on NBC.

Letterman has given NBC until Jan. 15 to match a $16 million offer from CBS to star in a show opposite Leno's, and news reports have said that NBC is considering giving Leno's show to Letterman.

During Tuesday's show, Leno joked about the situation, pretending to answer a phone call from CBS intended for Letterman.

County officers work burglaries, truck roll-over

A quiet holiday was reported by both sheriff's deputies and county DPS officers following a busy day Wednesday, which included three break-ins at county residences and a roll-over of an eighteen wheeler.

Deputies received three calls Wednesday afternoon, two reporting burglaries of residences and the third a break-in at a vacant trailer house.

Susan Miller of Fluvanna notified the sheriff's office at 2:30 p.m. that someone had broken into her residence between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. and had stolen numerous household items, some guns and clothing.

At 3:45 p.m., deputies were contacted by Mrs. W.T. Steel of Dermott, who said that she had left her residence for about an hour and returned to find that someone had kicked in the back door and stolen several items.

J.M. Scrivner reported the break-in of a vacant trailer house north of Snyder. Nothing was reported stolen from the trailer.

DPS officers were called to the Mitchell/Scurry County line at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, where a 1985 Freightliner truck overturned after the driver, 24-year-old Reynaldo Ramos of San Diego, Calif., lost control of the vehicle, which was north-bound on Highway 208.

Ramos was taken by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries and released. A passenger in the truck, Maggie Alvarado, was not injured in the accident.

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Obituaries

JOHN W. FORBES

John W. Forbes

1912-1992

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church for John W. Forbes, 80, who died at 1:15 a.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Officiating will be the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. R. Virgil Mott. Burial will follow in the McCaulley Cemetery.

A resident of Snyder since 1978, Mr. Forbes was retired from Celotex Corporation and worked at the Longworth plant for 35 years. He was a member of the AFL-CIO and had been a member of the Woodsmen of the World. He was a Baptist.

Born in Ola, Tex. in Kaufman County, Mr. Forbes married Mary Sims on Sept. 12, 1934 in Palmer, Tex. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Eugene Forbes of Sweetwater, Bill Forbes of Snyder and Jim Forbes of Abilene; three daughters, Billie Talbot of Vernon, Barbara Jones of Snyder and Geneva Ward of Amarillo; three brothers, Pete Forbes of McCaulley, Ray Forbes of Mobeetie and Dick Forbes of Weatherford; two sisters, Mrs. Oran Potts of Huntsville, Ala., and Eva Jo Gunter of Abilene; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons wll serve as pallbearers: Joey Forbes, Stacy Forbes, Arlin Forbes, Clifton Forbes, Tracy Talbot, Billy Glen Talbot, Kenny Jones and John Michael Armstrong.

Honorary pallbearers will be G.W. Kitchens, Claude Kitchens, Clyde Kitchens, Myron Roe and Willie Shubert.

ESTELLE LEE

Estelle Lee

1916-1992

Services are set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Estelle Lee, 76, who died at 3:55 a.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Officiating will be the Rev. Jason Rodgers, pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, and the Rev. Buck Hatfield, former church pastor. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born in Ballinger, Mrs. Lee was a life-long resident of Snyder and was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

She married Robert Garner Lee on Feb. 3, 1934 in Snyder. He died in 1980.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Alva Nell Lee; a son, Roy Gerald Lee; a sister, Merle Roe; and four brothers.

Survivors include five daughters, Mary Runnels of Abernathy, Bobby Junek of Odessa, Barbara Ann Wilcox of Boyd, Betty Elam of Snyder and Nancy Townsend of Burkburnett; 20 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

Jennie Welch

1909-1992

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Jennie J. Welch, 83, who died at 9:02 p.m. Friday in Snyder Nursing Center.

Survivors are two neices, Etheline Schwartz of Hawley and Pauline Goss of Mountain Grove Mo., a nephew, Ray Smith of Stamford; and a great neice, Marilyn Lockhart of Snyder.

Francisco Torres

1913-1992

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Francisco Torres, 79, who died at 9:05 p.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He was a resident of Snyder Nursing Center.

Bobby Wright

1957-1992

COLFAX — Services were conducted Thursday afternoon in the Colfax United Methodist Church for Bobby Keith Wright, 35, who died Wednesday at his home in Canton after a brief illness. Burial followed in the Colfax Cemetery.

He was the brother of Diane Arnold of Snyder.

Born in Tyler, Mr. Wright formerly lived in Brownfield and was a graduate of Brownfield High School.

Mr. Wright worked in park maintenance for the MH&MR of East Texas. He was a Baptist and a constituent of the Colfax United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Bobby and Virgie Wright of Colfax; two brothers, Wayne Wright of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Gene Wright of Colfax; another sister, Rhonda Melton of Overton; four nieces; five nephews; and several aunts and uncles.

"Rusty" Breeden

1937-1992

ALBANY — Services are set for 4 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church for James Earl "Rusty" Breeden, 55, who died Wednesday at his home. Burial will follow in the Albany Cemetery. Officiating at the services will be the Rev. Tom Anthony and the Rev. Tim Anthony.

Born in Shackelford County, Mr. Breeden worked as a cowboy on area ranches. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lynn Breeden of Albany; four daughters, Jerri Lynn Glenn of Hurst, Nancy Jo Bills of Albany, Jana Kaye Price of Snyder and Betsy Suzanne Breeden of Snyder; two brothers, Glenn Breeden and Larry Breeden, both of Albany; his mother, Ellen Faye Goodwin of Snyder; and seven grandsons.

Beuras Atwood

1903-1992

GRAHAM — Funeral services were conducted Thursday in the Morrison Funeral Home Chapel for Mrs. Beuras Atwood, 89, who died Wednesday in a Graham nursing home.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Charles Rice, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Mike Efird, pastor of Salem United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Edgar Jones, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in Pioneer Cemetery.

Born in Denton County, Mrs. Atwood was the mother of Donald Atwood of Snyder.

She married John Euel Atwood on March 26, 1921 in the home of her parents in the Henry Chapel Community. He died in 1953.

Mrs. Atwood was a retired cook, having worked in the school cafeteria and at Camp Grady Spruce. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Logan of Graham; two other sons, Kennth Atwood and Bill Atwood, both of Graham; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Film offers coming

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Scurry County Folks By Shirley A. Gorman

The gem in the Jerry Boyd family is actually a "ruby," a 1,900-pound, 16½-hands tall draft horse aptly named Ruby. The Boyds, including wife Glenda, and sons Jared, 9, and Justin, 7, have owned Ruby for about a year and consider her to be "one of the family."

"Everyone thought I was crazy when I said I wanted to buy her, but now they would not part with her for anything," Boyd said.

Boyd had been looking for a draft horse when he saw an ad in an Abilene newspaper. They purchased Ruby there and were amazed at how calm she acted when they took her out into traffic.

The Boyds keep Ruby at his parents' place — Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boyd — on Gary Brewer Road, just west of town.

Ruby, a solid black 15-year-old Percheron, belongs to the second most popular breed of draft horses in the U.S. The Belgian is the most popular with Clydesdales and Shires ranked third and fourth.

Perhaps the best known draft horse breed in the U.S. is the Clydesdale because of the Budweiser Clydesdales which have been used in advertisements and promotions for years.

Though Rudy is a large animal and weighs quite a bit, she is "small" compared to some draft horses which can reach 18 hands in height and weigh 2,400 pounds, Boyd said.

Boyd became interested in draft horses about three years ago when he began a new project — building a spring wagon. His search for information and advice took him to Post where he discovered a wagon owner who also raised draft horses. Those gentle giants — all eager for attention — quickly made friends with the Snyder man. His interest in draft horses grew with each visit.

Though draft horses were originally bred for hard work, "We wanted Ruby for our pleasure," said Boyd. Family outings sometimes consist of the foursome riding in the wagon Boyd made while Ruby pulls it. They also entered her in the lighted Christmas parade. Sometimes they use her to pull a plow while they are working in the family garden.

Ruby walks with the steady, somewhat unhurried gait which characterizes her breed. Ruby can move very fast, but usually a person would have to walk briskly to keep up with her when she is pulling the wagon.

Boyd had never really been involved with livestock prior to purchasing Ruby, but his dad had had a small livestock operation a few years ago.

He said he chose a draft horse because he "liked the size" and really "didn't care about owning a riding horse."

The family loves to groom Ruby so they take turns. Since she has very large hooves, Boyd said, they have to replace her shoes about every eight weeks. Boyd's dad and local Mark Mueller usually take care of the horseshoeing. Horseshoes Ruby's size can't be bought in Snyder and have to be specially ordered.

Boyd said he is considering leaving off her horseshoes until next summer so that her hooves "can wear down." Improper care of hooves can lead to feet and leg trouble, something they want to avoid.

Ruby is easy to take care of. "We can spend as much time with her as we want or we can feed her and she'll be fine the rest of the day," Boyd said. Ruby eats about four gallons of grain a day. The Boyds feed her a mixture of oats, sweet horse feed, alfalfa and coastal Bermuda which they mix themselves.

Mrs. Boyd said she has come to love Ruby "because her breed is so loving, calm and strong and this is something we can do as a family."

She added, "Ruby has become our family activity. Draft horses are just so big and impressive that you just want one. We really missed Ruby when she was kept at the vet last summer. It was odd to drive by and not see her in her usual place."

Ruby stayed at the veterinarian clinic so she could be artificially inseminated. Boyd wants to breed her and since no other Percheron stallions are in this area they had to use this procedure.

Ruby didn't like being away from home though, and vented her displeasure by knocking down one

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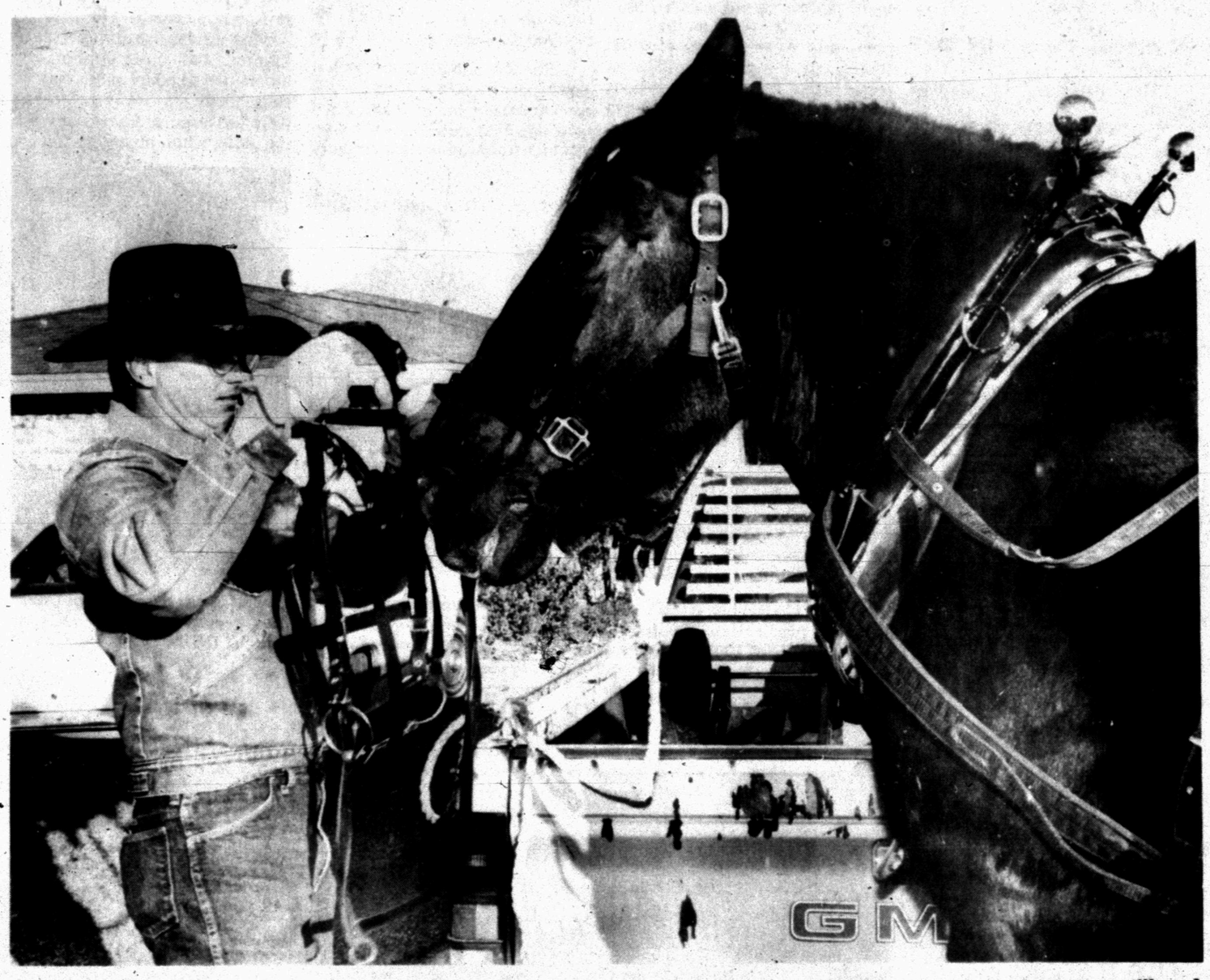
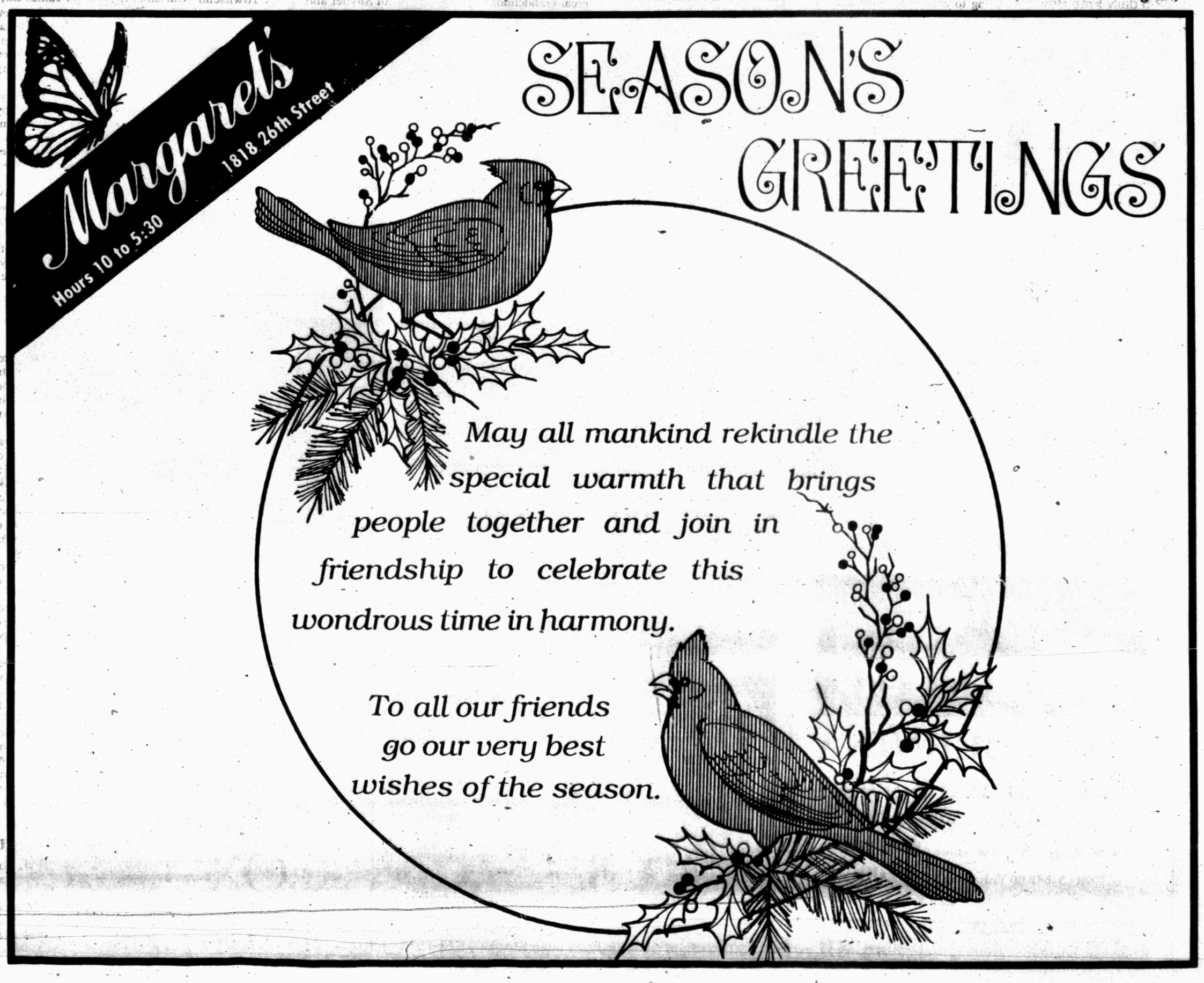


RIDE'S OVER — Jerry Boyd is shown removing the harness from Ruby, the family's draft horse who often pulls a spring wagon Boyd made himself. The Percheron weighs in at 1,900 pounds and is 16½ hands tall. She is 15 years old and has been a member of the Boyd family for about a year. Draft horses were originally bred to be used for physical labor such as farming and many are still used for that purpose today. They are especially popular among the Amish, who do not embrace modern ways. (SDN Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library will be accepting canned foods as payment for library fines through Jan. 15. If you have lost books, overdue fines, or damaged book fines, you may bring in a can for each dollar owed to clear up the fine. This food will go to help the needy in Scurry County.

BOOK FEATURE

"Mysteries of Mankind," by the National Geographic Society. Temples, mausoleums, mysterious patterns on the land — throughout the ages humans have left their mark on the earth's face. With evocative photographs and thoughtful texts, we are shown some of these fascinating traces. What inspired Bronze Age Britons to move enormous hewn stones onto Salisbury Plain? Why did southern Africans build massive stone enclosures at Great Zimbabwe? The questions are easy. But the answers are not so simple. With archaeologists and other scholars, you will analyze the whys and hows of these monuments.

NON-FICTION

"Southern Living 1992 Annual Recipes."

"Truck Driver's Guide to CDL."

"Christmas in the Heartland," by Marcia Adams.

FICTION

"Driving Force," by Dick Francis.

"The Lost Boy," by Thomas Wolfe.

"Lost and Found," by Marilyn Harris.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Ten tables were directed by Dot Casey.

Overall winners for the charity game were:

1. Sue Mize, Monte West.
2. Joyce Bass, Ann Davis.
3. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
4. Sue Carter, Margaret Birdwell.
5. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
6. Faye Dorn, Billie Long.

SUNDAY

Swiss Team, directed by Dot Casey.

1. Polly Ballard, Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.

The next game will be Jan. 3.

Tips From Expert Hair Design by Gina Pierce

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♠ 8
♥ 8 6
♦ A 10 5 4 3
♣ A 8 7 3 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 5 2
♥ 10 9 7 4 3
♦ 9 7 6 2
♣ - - -

EAST
♠ K Q J 10
♥ K J
♦ K Q J
♣ K Q J 9

SOUTH
♠ A 6 4 3
♥ A Q 5 2
♦ 8
♣ 10 6 5 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
	(1 ♣)		
1 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Dbl.!
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 10

The transience of silence

By Phillip Alder

Brother Anthony, a member of a silent order, features occasionally in David Bird's articles about the monks of St. Titus. He is an indulgent person, but his patience reached breaking point when today's deal was played. Brother Anthony was sitting East.

West, the Abbot, feeling safe because his partner could never utter a bid, opened with a psychic one club. However, his bid was out of turn. The tournament director told South that if he opened the bidding, East would be forced to pass throughout!

Deciding he had to open to exact the full penalty, South began with one club. North raised to five clubs.

Enough is enough, thought Brother Anthony, looking at his 22 points. "Double," he said, surprised to notice that his voice had broken since he took his vows.

For some moments, only the ticking of the grandfather clock could be heard.

The Abbot led the heart 10: six, king, ace. The declarer, Brother Xavier, then took the next eight tricks with the diamond ace, two diamond ruffs in hand, the heart queen, the spade ace and three spade ruffs in the dummy.

North was on lead, holding two diamonds and the A-8 of clubs. East had his four trumps. South retained two hearts and the 10-6 of clubs. On the lead of a diamond, Brother Anthony could only ruff high and play back the club king. But the lead of dummy's last diamond allowed declarer to score his club 10 with a *coup en passant*. Five clubs doubled and made.

"What do you mean by breaking your vow of silence, just to double a cold game?" demanded the Abbot.

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Scurry County Folks

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of the walls which enclosed her. Hormones administered at the time also increased her friskiness. Ruby's actions earned her the nickname "Big Mama."

Draft horses are growing in popularity in the U.S. and as a result different shows are held throughout the year. The family attends as many shows as they can. Show draft horses are groomed meticulously and wear harnesses which jingle and shine as the animals move. Tails are often braided or tied in buns. Boyd calls the shows "impressive."

Draft horses also have their tail docked at birth so they will remain short. Boyd isn't sure why, but it may be to keep the tail from getting caught in the harness.

They recently attended a favorite show in Fort Worth. The draft horses were so big that "we could barely squeeze by them," Boyd said. A miniature horse show followed the one they attended. The difference in size was amazing, Boyd said.

Boyd is a member of the Texas Draft Horse Association and the National Draft Horse Association. A similar organization does not yet exist in West Texas.

Boyd's interest in making a wagon sprang naturally from his growing interest in blacksmithing. He studied welding at Western Texas College for two years and gradually became interested in blacksmithing. He started making things with a forge a few years ago. He has learned by doing since then. His latest project is the spring wagon which Ruby pulls during family outings.

He keeps his anvil and forge outside because they produce a lot of smoke and cinder when used. He also wears goggles to protect his eyes.

Boyd researched spring wagons thoroughly before he attempted to make one. For his first wagon, Boyd chose a simple design. He enjoyed the experience and wants to build more some day. He built it in his spare time. Besides consulting with the man in Post, Boyd also contacted various Amish who are still using wagons in their daily lives. They even have their own factory where wagon parts are made.

Boyd ordered several parts from the factory. He also asked an Amish man to build the wagon wheels because "I didn't think I had enough experience then to do it myself," he said.

Boyd wondered how the Amish would react to his inquiries, but he needn't have worried. He found them to be polite, friendly and helpful.

One Amish man returned Boyd's letter to him with his reply written on the back. Boyd also learned that not all Amish follow the same rules. A few had telephones, others did not. One man had a phone installed outside his home and could only be called at a certain time because that was when he stood outside to listen for the phone to ring.

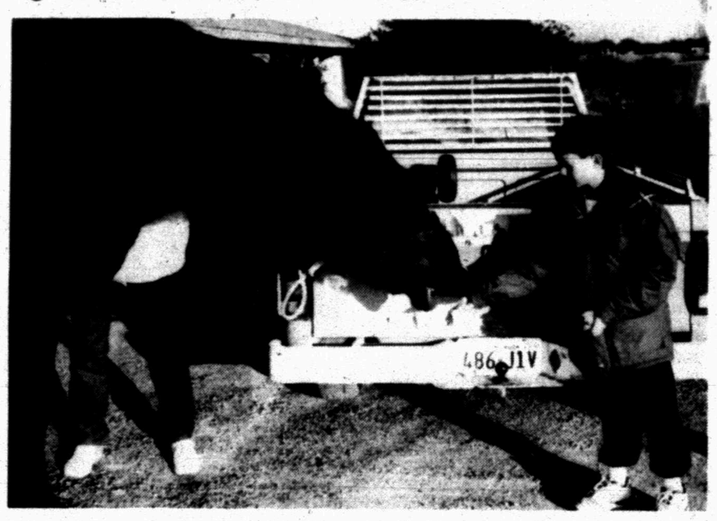
Boyd also described one conversation with an Amish man's wife saying, it "was like talking to my grandmother."

Most Amish use draft horses for farming and transportation, but others had to adapt to tractors because the fields they were working were too large and hours of working under a hot, blistering sun was killing their horses, Boyd said.

The Amish also don't like draft horses to be kept idle or just for show. But the trend growing in the U.S. is to do just that. Some Amish also show draft horses, but they also believe that the large horses should be allowed to do the work they were originally bred for whenever possible.

Boyd, who works for Amoco Pipeline, is a Snyder High School graduate. He moved here in 1967 when his dad was transferred to Snyder by El Paso Natural Gas Co.

Mrs. Boyd has lived here since 1967.



TAKING CARE OF RUBY — Jared Boyd, 9, (standing in pickup bed) and his brother, Justin, 7, (left photo) like to groom Ruby, a Percheron draft horse which has been a part of the family for about a year. In the photo at right, Jared is feeding Ruby bite size pieces of carrot and apple, her favorite treats. Taking care of Ruby has become a family activity, one which the Boyds enjoy very much. (SDN Staff Photos)

JOYRIDE — As often as possible, the Boyd family, Jerry and son Jared, 9, seated in front, and Glenda and son Justin, 7, like to hitch Ruby to the spring wagon Boyd made himself and go for family drives. Ruby has a steady, sure gait and can move pretty fast at times. A person on foot trying to keep up with her would have to walk briskly. Ruby is a draft horse, originally bred for hard work such as farming. (SDN Staff Photo)

LARGE HOOVES — Jerry Boyd's draft horse, Ruby, has large hooves. For size comparison, he has placed a regular size horseshoe inside one of Ruby's. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tour is success

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — London's tabloids are scrutinizing Prince Charles and Princess Diana's relationship every minute of their trip to Korea, but a Buckingham Palace spokesman today claimed the tour was a success.

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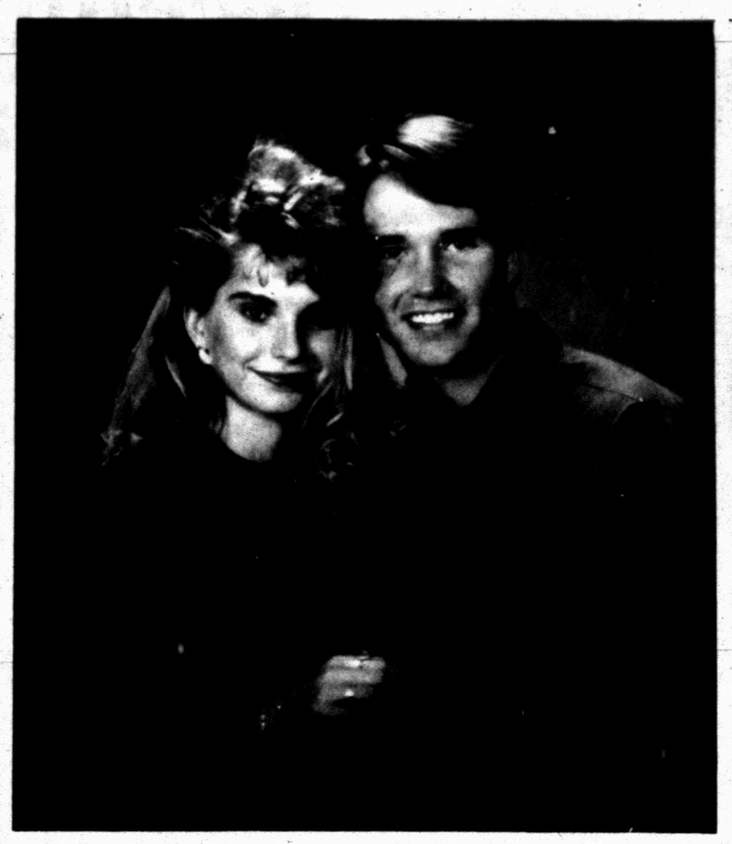
JANUARY WEDDING SET — Dr. and Mrs. Walter Ned Lewis of Jackson, Miss., announce the engagement of their daughter, Jolynn Lewis of Burbank, Calif., to David Trammell Etheredge, Snyder High School graduate. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Etheredge of Roscoe. The couple sets their wedding for Jan. 30, 1993, at 3 p.m. in the Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. (Contributed Photo)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of Theresa Martin and Terry Stephens are their parents, Jerry and Suzette Martin and Milton and Pat Stephens, all of Snyder. The couple plans a March 13, 1993, wedding in the East Side Church of Christ. (Contributed Photo)

MRS. MICHAEL SHANE BEARDEN

Williams, Bearden marry in church

Julie Denise Williams and Michael Shane Bearden were united in marriage at 3 p.m. on Nov. 25 in the chapel of First Baptist Church with the Rev. Danny Williams, father of the bride and pastor of Lighthouse Assembly of God, officiating.

Parents of the bridegroom are Charles Bearden of Abilene and Ms. LaNell Bearden of Snyder. Parents of the bride are Danny and Connie Williams of Snyder.

Double ring vows were repeated before an altar decorated with bouquets of grape, teal and raspberry silk flowers with berries and varied leaves, held by ceramic containers. Greenery filled the front of the church with an arch and gold candle holders.

The bride and groom chose two selections played by tape during the ceremony.

The bride's parents presented her in marriage. She was attired in a silk organza, southern bell gown covered with sequins and ruffles from the gown back to the floor, forming the train. Her veil was adorned with pearls and tea ropes.

The bride carried a bouquet of silk white and raspberry flowers and grape berries. She wore her great-grandmother's pearls, a borrowed diamond horseshoe necklace, and a blue garter.

Maid of honor was Michelle Williams, the bride's aunt. Bridesmaids were Robbie Sutton of Jourdanton, aunt of the bride, and Kathy Ritchey of Colorado City, cousin of the bride. Attendants wore taffeta dresses of teal, grape and raspberry with matching shoes. The carried matching bouquets.

Flower girl was Chelsea Hackfeld and ring bearer was Branden Bearden of Abilene, nephew of the groom.

Brother of the groom, Brent Bearden of Abilene, was best man. Other male attendants were Charles Bearden of Abilene, father of the groom, and Claude Bearden of Colorado City, grandfather of the groom. The wore black tuxedos.

Rebekah Williams, sister of the bride, registered guests.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the garden room, adjoining the chapel.

The bride's table held an elegant three tiered white Italian cream cake embellished with roses of grape, teal and raspberry. Complementary punch was served from silver punch bowl. The memory candle completed the table decor.

The groom's table featured a chocolate cake. The centerpiece was a boot holding greenery decorated with berries. Serving were Nancy Havens and Sherry Caston, both of Lubbock and aunts of the bride.

After the couple's honeymoon to Keystone, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Bearden are at home in Midland. The bride, a 1990 graduate of Ira High School, attended WTC for 2½ years. She is employed by Elms, Farris & Co. The groom is a 1990 graduate of Ira High School and is employed by Pummell Sales.

Memorable wedding

BARBARA MAYER
For AP Special Edition

Every wedding is memorable in its own way, but an English Tudor ceremony with the groom in Henry VIII-style leggings and greatcoat and the bride in Elizabethan dress is something people aren't likely to forget.

It has been five years since Beth Johnson and Brian Desmond of Suffield, Conn., were married Tudor-style in Hartford, Conn.

"But people still introduce me by saying 'this is Beth Johnson, she had a medieval wedding,'" Johnson says.

Johnson and Desmond wanted a costume or theme wedding partly by the wish for a once-in-a-lifetime party and partly by sentiment. They met at an event sponsored by the Society for Creative Anachronism, a group that reenacts life in the middle ages.

Planning a costume wedding can be a lot of work, and it took a year and a half for this couple.

The ceremony and party took place in a stone church and banquet hall, with entertainment by madrigal singers, a lute player, a mime troupe and jugglers. What Johnson calls "a two-remove feast" was catered by a fellow member of the society.

Is this couple unusual? Yes. Unique? Not really. Theme weddings are a growing phenomenon, say authorities.

"There are Renaissance, medieval, folk weddings with an ethnic theme, weddings on yachts, in mansions or castles, with a holiday theme such as Halloween or Christmas or organized as a luau or a masked ball," says Cele Lalli, editor of Modern Bride magazine. "They are part of the greater personalization and individualization of weddings today."

There are resources for planning and executing offbeat theme weddings, says Lalli. These include theatrical outfitters, widely experienced wedding consultants, and books and articles to help couples plan them.

Another reason for the new popularity of costume weddings is that they are a graceful way to play down inevitable constraints that come with today's blended families.

"The theme wedding's first message is: This is going to be different, but in a nice way," says Georgene Muller Lockwood, author of "Your Victorian Wedding" (Prentice Hall).

Lockwood observes that what has become the traditional wedding accentuates trouble areas such as who is in the wedding party, on the receiving line and at the head table. But a slightly offbeat wedding minimizes these problems.

Bridal magazines are full of ideas for theme weddings. Bride's, for example, recently went on location on the backlot at Universal Studios in Hollywood.

"We shot a western wedding, a Polynesian wedding, a Guys 'n Dolls wedding, and Romeo & Juliet, which we photographed in a setting used for movies about the French court," reports Rachel Leonard, the magazine's fashion editor.

While on location, Leonard learned of a couple who were planning a real wedding on the set used for the film, "Bride of Frankenstein."

There are also networks of retailers who specialize in authentic reproduction outfits and antiques dealers who sell or rent reconditioned vintage gowns.

You can buy a pattern to make your own dress, or hire a seamstress to do so. A number of small companies market patterns, including Amazon Drygoods in Davenport, Iowa, which has a mail order catalog of over 1,000 historic patterns.

The company represents many different pattern makers, so its catalog, though densely laid out with fuzzy pictures, can substitute for those offered by individual pattern makers.

The company also sells shoes, underwear, props such as parasols and spats, and some ready-made clothing.

The pattern catalog is $7; the shoe and boot catalog is $5; the general catalog is $3. Write: Amazon Drygoods, 2218 East 11th Street, Davenport, Iowa 52803-9978.

Idaho became the 43rd state of the union in 1890.

PARTY, INSTALLATION HELD — Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA, on Dec. 3, had its Christmas party and installation of a new member, Bonnie Carroll, at the Golden Corral. She was sponsored by Stella Bailey, left. The Browning Band provided entertainment. Baked goods were exchanged and secret pals were revealed. The next meeting will be Jan. 7, 1993, at the Golden Corral. (Contributed Photo).

Penwomen celebrate Christmas

The Scurry County Penwomen met on Dec. 12 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Warren for its Christmas party and covered dish supper.

Roy Burk presented the blessing and after the meal an exchange of gifts and regular business session was held.

Sherry Bryant recited her poems, "Christmas Nostalgia" and "Santa Night." Betty Kellum, read "A Christmas Greeting." Mary Westmoreland read her article, "Christmas Wouldn't Be the Same."

Garnet Quiett read her poem, "It's Christmas Again," and her song, "The Star That Shone in Bethlehem." Bertha Warren read two poems, "The Marker," and "I Hate to Hoe." Burk read two poems, "Snowy Day," and Christmas Memories."

Christine Killgo read two poems from a book by J.M. Kayser entitled, "Bedridden," and "Christmas Is a Time To Give Thanks."

Franklyn Bryant won the man's door prize and Quiett won the woman's door prize.

The next meeting for Penwomen will be Jan. 20, 1993, in the home of Dorothy Cox. Visitors and writers are invited to attend the meeting.

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Polly's Pointers By Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — My husband bought me a beautiful cyclamen plant and I would like to know how to care for it. If I keep the tuber root after the plant has died down, will it bloom again? — MRS. E.J.

DEAR MRS. E.J. — The primary requirement for a cyclamen is cool temperatures. In a warm room, the leaves will quickly droop and the plant will not flourish. The plant also needs fairly high humidity; mist the leaves frequently and keep the plant well-watered. Cyclamen also should be placed out of direct bright sunlight.

After the plant has finished flowering in the spring, slow down watering to give the leaves a chance to die down. Let the plant rest for about a month, then repot it in a larger pot with new, clean potting soil. Keep the pot in a cool place and water lightly to encourage the plant to begin to grow again. In fall, water freely to encourage flowering.

Remember, cyclamen during the flowering season should have cool temperatures — as low as 35 degrees is OK at night. Night temperatures should not exceed 50 degrees and daytime temperatures should not exceed 60 degrees.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter, "Hints for Healthy Houseplants," which offers basic care tips for cyclamen and 19 other popular houseplants. This issue also offers directions for making your own potting mixture and a gelatin-based plant food. Others who would like a copy of this issue should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope for each copy to POLLY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY

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December vows said by Petrash, Reynolds

DETROIT, Tex. — Wendy Gwen Petrash of Sherman and Vance Lee Reynolds of Hermleigh exchanged nuptial vows in a double ring ceremony at 2 p.m. on Dec. 5 in Detroit, Tex.

Officiating was the Rev. E.R. Reynolds of the Detroit and East Post Oak Baptist Church.

The bride's parents are Dr. and Mrs. David Petrash of Sherman and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Von Reynolds of Brookston.

The church was decorated with flowers and candles in colors of emerald green and peach.

Katrina Reynolds of Hermleigh, niece of the groom, sang "Everything I Do, I Do For You." Ms. Reynolds and Rexanne Partain of Abilene sang together, "Holy Ground." The taped song, "She's A Natural," was dedicated to the bride by the groom. Thomas Belew of Paris was organist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin. The bodice and cathedral length train were amassed with sequins and beads. Her over-the-face veil also displayed sequins and beads as well as the attached headpiece.

Maid of honor was Shelley Broiles of Sherman. Bridesmaid was Heather Petrash of Sherman, sister of the bride. They wore emerald green, taffeta dresses.

Cara Petrash of Crosby, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. Donald Petrash of Sherman, brother of the bride, was ring bearer.

Best man was Rex Reynolds of Hermleigh, brother of the groom. Groomsman was Gary Don Davis of Paris. Ricky Williams of Hermleigh and Mickey Petrash of Crosby, uncle of the bride, were ushers.

The groom was attired in a black fulldress tuxedo and white vest. Groomsmen and ushers wore black fulldress tuxedos and emerald green cummerbunds and ties.

Kathy Claunch of Sherman registered guests.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception honored the couple in the fellowship hall. A silver service and candlesticks accompanied a silver fountain holding peach punch. Mints and nuts also were served.

The three tiered white cake featured two sides of hearts ascending to one heart. It was delicately decorated including pearls.

Serving were Shannon Patrick of Paris and Katherine Schima of New Braunfels.

From the groom's table, a chocolate cake was served. Brass candlesticks and decorations adorned the emerald green table.

Cathy Reynolds of Hermleigh, sister-in-law of the groom, and Rexanne Partain of Abilene, niece of the groom, Sheryln Safar of Paris, sister of the groom, and Dorcus Lamire of Paris, niece of the groom, served at the table.

Their honeymoon trip was a seven-day cruise to Mexico. Their new home is in Hermleigh.

MRS. VANCE LEE REYNOLDS

The bride is a graduate of Sherman High School and Paris Junior College Nursing School.

The groom is a graduate of Chisum High School and is employed with Alan Culp Construction.

Minnelli backs out

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Liza Minnelli has backed out of a show organized to raise money to repeal Colorado's law against gay rights.

The singer was persuaded by friends to join a growing boycott of the state.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP Local Chapter 2063 luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; officers to be installed; reservations necessary by Dec. 27 by calling Ruth West, 573-1470 or Velma Lunsford, 573-9080.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Hobbs Co-Dependent 12-Step group; Hobbs school gym; call Sharon or Jimmy Prayton at 735-3640 (Rotan); 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.

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

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

Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

FRIDAY

New Year

SATURDAY

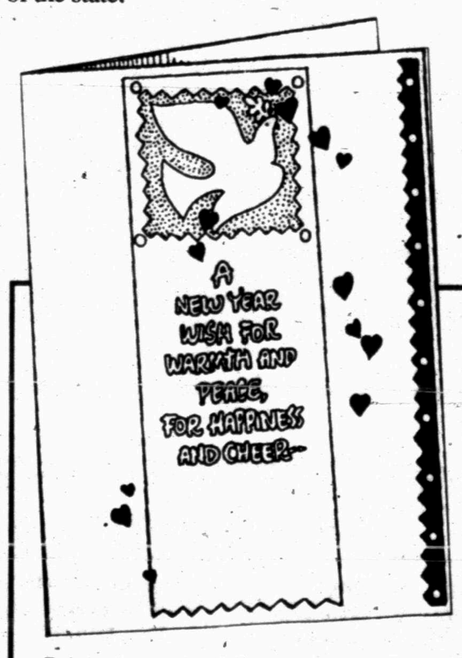
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 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.



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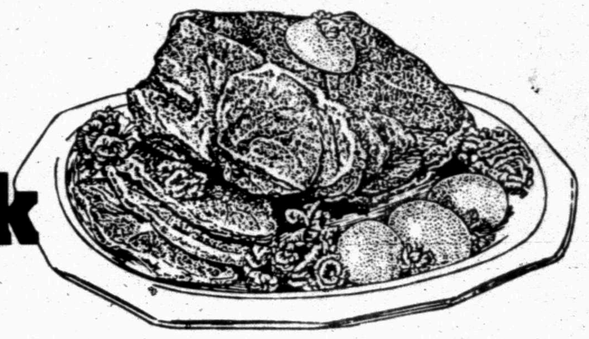

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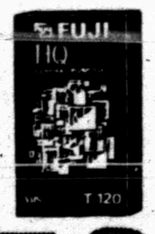

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