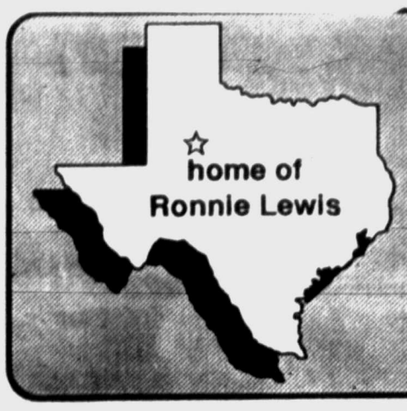
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Ask Us

Q—Is it true that Ira High School is starting up a baseball program this (school) year?

A—Yes. The Bulldogs will be playing Class A baseball in the spring. A schedule is still being compiled. The coach will be Lynn Collie.

In Brief

Joint meeting

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — U.N. officers and commanders of the four Cambodian armies Saturday held talks for the first time to coordinate implementation of the peace accord ending Cambodia's civil war.

At the meeting, the head of the U.N. military mission, Brig. Gen. Michel Loridon of France, asked the Cambodian commanders to ensure the safety of U.N. officials in the country, said guerrilla officials who attended the meeting.

Raise penalties

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In an effort to reduce human rights abuses, the government has raised prison terms for officers convicted of torturing suspected criminals.

The new law also voids any confession proven to have been produced under duress. Confessions must now be written out in the presence of a suspect's lawyer.

The law, passed recently by Congress and published in the federal gazette Friday, raises prison terms for torture to three to 12 years, from two to 10 years. It also makes those who order or condone torture liable as conspirators.

Local

Workshop

Corky Swanson of McMurry University in Abilene will conduct a financial aid workshop at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in the high school student center.

The workshop will include a step-by-step process of filling out necessary financial applications for those interested in expanding their education.

Pattersons

The wife and five-month-old daughter of Snyder High School Principal Gary Patterson are recovering at home, according to relatives.

Dana Patterson and daughter, Bobbie Dee, were released from Brackenridge Hospital in Austin last week where they were being treated for injuries the pair suffered in an automobile accident Dec. 20 in Lampasas.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 43 degrees, low, 37 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 38 degrees, no precipitation, total precipitation for 1991 to date, 28.27.

Snyder Area Forecast: Sunday partly cloudy. High in the lower 60s. South wind 5 to 10 mph. New Year's Day partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:49 p.m. Sunrise Sunday, 7:42 a.m. Sunset Sunday, 5:50 p.m. Sunrise Monday, 7:42 a.m. Of 361 days in 1991, the sun has shone 342 days in Snyder.

½ -cent sales tax...

Early balloting begins Monday

The ½ -cent sales tax issue will begin to be decided Monday as early balloting opens at City Hall.

As local voters go the polls, they will be deciding on whether they wish to allow the implementation of the tax, for which ⅜ -cent will be tagged for economic development and ⅛ -cent will be designated for ad valorem tax relief.

Voting will be conducted from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at City Hall weekdays through Jan 14. Those wishing to vote early because of a death in the family can do so Jan. 15-17. In addition those with a disability originating on or before Jan. 9 may also vote at this time.

The issue will be decided Jan. 18.

City voters rejected a similar sales tax in August of 1990. At that time, however, the entire ½ -cent tax was marked for economic development.

Snyder City Council voted in October to place the tax on the ballot again, noting it would generate an estimated $400,000, the majority of which — $300,000 — would be used for economic development.

The Development Corporation of Snyder, a five-member board appointed by the council, will be responsible for administering the funds generated by the tax for economic development. The council has approved the bylaws of the corporation although its members have not be named, pending the outcome of the Jan. 18 vote.

According to the bylaws, the purpose of the corporation is to "promote, assist and enhance economic development..." and monies from the tax are to be expended for "business retention and expansion; formation of new business and business attraction."

The corporation will be responsible for both annual and monthly reports to the council on things such as expenditures and current projects.



UPCOMING ELECTION — City secretary Jeanne Johnson looks over the list of eligible voters for the upcoming ½ -cent sales tax election. Early balloting begins Monday at City Hall. (SDN Staff Photo)

Transfers key topic for court

Commissioners will consider two line item budget transfers at Monday's 10 a.m. meeting, which marks the end of 1991 for the court.

To be considered are line item transfers of $1,290 from capital outlay to supplies for the county clerk's office, and $435 from bonds to salaries for the county treasurer.

The only other items on the agenda are approval of final bills for 1991, and approval of minutes from the Dec. 23 meeting.

With new year comes more new taxes, fees

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans may be tired of taxes, but starting Wednesday they will be paying a tax on tires.

In addition, the state's first corporate income tax takes effect on New Year's Day.

The first day of 1992 also will bring new restrictions on automatic dialing telephone calls, required sterilization of cats and dogs adopted from animal pounds, and a new program aimed at getting more young people into farming.

On the tire tax, consumers will pay an extra $2 for each new tire they buy as part of an effort to clean up hundreds of illegal tire dumps that dot the state's landscape.

The new tax is expected to raise nearly $57 million over the next two years, according to the state comptroller's office.

Part of the money will be used to shred old tires, which will be

(see TAXES, page 10A)

Yeltsin consolidates power, tensions grow over military

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet republics in the new commonwealth have pledged to cooperate on military matters, but ethnic violence flared Saturday in Azerbaijan following the withdrawal of former Soviet troops.

Eleven people were killed in the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh in Azerbaijan in clashes between Christian Armenians and Muslim Azerbaijanis, the Tass news agency said.

Former Soviet troops pulled out of the region this week under orders of Russian President Boris Yeltsin, whose government is the central pillar of the new Commonwealth of Independent States.

He has taken control of most of these troops and vowed not to use them in hot spots like Nagorno-Karabakh and Georgia, where rebels are trying to overthrow the government. Azerbaijan has joined the commonwealth, but Georgia has not.

The commanders of the rebel and government forces in Georgia announced late Saturday that they had agreed to a cease-fire and would resume talks aimed at settling the bloody power struggle that has claimed at least 50 lives.

Despite pledges by commonwealth members on military cooperation, inter-republic rivalries are clouding the future of one of the world's mightiest armed forces.

Defense ministers of the commonwealth's 11 republics on Friday signed four documents on a unified armed forces, a commonwealth defense council, a military oath and the status of servicemen, the Interfax news agency reported.

It appeared Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan would be allowed to form their own armies.

The agreements also covered the troubled Soviet space program, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told Tass on Saturday.

Few details were released, but the agreements will form the basis for a meeting Monday in Minsk, Belarus, of leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Yevgeny Shaposhnikov, interim military commander of the commonwealth, has been fighting for preservation of a unified armed forces.

But he told central television after Friday's meeting that commonwealth defense ministers have decided to take into account the intention of Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan to create their own armed forces.

U.S. officials have said there are 27,000 nuclear warheads in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

While the republics jockeyed to strengthen their military positions, other nations kept a close watch on the disposition of the vast Soviet nuclear arsenal, which now belongs to at least four republics.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Home is a place where a man is free to say anything he pleases, because nobody pays the slightest attention to him."

The Supreme Court confirmation hearings featuring Anita Hill's testimony concerning Judge Clarence Thomas will be on anybody's list of the year's Top Ten news stories.

We understand the graphic testimony by the OU law professor has resulted in a hot item available in retail stores — the Anita Hill doll. You pinch it and it talks — 10 years later.

Some may contend that such a joke would only be told by a male chauvinist pig, but it was really prompted by a wire story. The shocking information underscores just how liberated women are in the U.S. compared to some countries.

"Little girls in China no longer have their feet crushed by footbinding, and widows in India are no longer supposed to be roasted alive on the funeral pryes of their husbands.

"But a stark statistic testifies to women's continuing unequal status. At least 60 million females in Asia are missing and feared dead, victims of nothing more than their sex.

"Worldwide, research suggests, the number of missing females may top 100 million.

"If sex discrimination in the West means office harassment or fewer good job for women, in the Third World it often means death.

"Tens of millions missing include females of all ages who are aborted or killed at birth or who die because they are given less food than males, or because family members view a daughter with diarrhea as a nuisance, but a son with diarrhea as a medical crisis requiring a doctor."

Just imagine what a liberal senate committee could do with those kinds of facts.

Must close now; gotta take out the trash.

Still time to receive 1% discount on taxes

If you haven't yet paid your local taxes, there's still time to take advantage of a one percent discount, if you hurry.

Payments made or postmarked by Tuesday will still be eligible for a one percent discount on county, college and school taxes. Those who made payments in October enjoyed a three percent discount, and November payments received a discount of two percent.

All taxes are due by Jan. 31 before they become delinquent and penalty charges are assessed.

For the first time this year, local taxpayers could take advantage of discounts offered by the county's three school districts, Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira. Another first was the addition of the County Education District to tax bills. This year's CED 11 tax was 75.43 cents per $100 valuation.

Lower oil and real estate valuations caused an increase in all six of the county taxing entities' effective rates, increasing the final tax rates. City taxes were assessed at 39.23 cents; county 37.87, Snyder ISD, 43.40; Ira ISD, 45.00, Hermleigh ISD, 44.19; and Western Texas College, 20.45.

Year in review...

Positions filled, students honored

While the first three months of 1991 were dominated by the war on the international scene and resignations on a local level, the second quarter of the year saw several vacated positions filled, students recognized for achievement and a Scurry County woman receiving a prestigious honor.

The mystery of the whereabouts of an escaped Price Daniel inmate was unraveled and a family physician moved to Snyder to open his business.

It was also a tough time. Over 100 area residents learned that they would lose their jobs with the announced closing of the Wall's Industries Inc. plant.

Tom Roy, interim director at the time, was named executive director of the chamber of commerce on April 3. He resigned on May 10, however, citing dissension on the board as his reason. The board then announced that Snyder native Ricky Fritz would serve as interim director. He was later named director and continues to serve in that capacity.

Kelly Green came from Frank Phillips College to replace the Abilene Christian University-bound Tony Mauldin as men's basketball coach at Western Texas, Snyder native Lannie Lee was chosen to step in as police chief for the retiring Bill Stone, Wendell Sollis came from Denver City to take the principal's job at the junior high after Gary Patterson moved up, and Ron Henderson, most recently from Dayton, was named assistant principal at the high school to replace the retiring Ned Underwood.

The late Edith Whatley McKanna of Fluvanna, who organized the Progressive Oil Company, was inducted to the Petroleum Hall of Fame.

In April, Scurry County showed its generosity as over 300 volunteers participated in the fourth Snyder Neighbors Sharing Day. Fourteen homes were repaired.

Kenn Kern of Hurst and Janice Northerns of Snyder were honored as outstanding male and female students for 1990-91 at the college. Kern and Tracey Edmunds of Hawley were later announced as Mr. and Miss WTC during the annual Spring Formal.

Top Snyder High School students were Amy Armstrong, valedictorian, and Ken Gartman, salutatorian. Andrea Smith and April Blair filled those roles at Hermleigh. Ira's top students were Amy Shoults and David Holmes.

And there were elections. Geraldine Parker unseated two-term incumbent Mike Jordan on the school board, while J.D. Smith joined incumbent Mike Thornton as at-large members of Snyder City Council. Running unopposed were Place 3 SISD board incumbent Terry Martin, Place 2 City Councilman Jack Denman and Snyder Mayor Troy Williamson.

Juluis Roemisch and Jimmy Hudgins joined incumbent Tony Lambaren in winning seats on the Hermleigh ISD board. Also elected was Jimmy Frank Roemisch Jr., running uncontested for

(see REVIEW, page 10A)

Texas-Arlington invites former Soviet leader to join faculty

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has a new career awaiting him in Texas if he wants it, officials of the University of Texas at Arlington say.

UTA officials said they have been trying since Dec. 13 to reach Gorbachev by telephone, telegram and Express Mail to offer him a position as a professor and director of Slavic studies.

Although there has been no direct contact or response, the school has not abandoned hope.

"It was probably a crazy thing to do," said Charles McDowell, chairman of UTA's Soviet and East European Center. "The chances that he would teach here are one in a million. But, nevertheless, we got ours (invitation) out first and that may have some bearing."

Also vying for Gorbachev's teaching talents are such schools as Harvard, Stanford, Johns Hopkins, Boston and Minnesota.

Westminister College in Fulton, Mo., has invited Gorbachev to be the keynote speaker at a spring symposium about the end of the Cold War.

The seminar was planned to coincide with the 46th anniversary of Winston Churchill's 1946 speech at Westminister, in which he introduced the term "Iron Curtain," warning that one was descending on Eastern Europe.

Although college officials said they have not received a response from Gorbachev, U.S. News and World Report said in its "Washington Whispers" column that the former president is "expected to accept" the offer.

The magazine did not provide a source for its information in the Dec. 30 issue.

Gorbachev is the first and only Soviet president to voluntarily resign, rather than be ousted or die in office. He was promised a government apartment, a country house, a pension, two cars and 20 bodyguards.

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Official worries about water supply due to radiation leak

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — The leak of a small amount of radioactive coolant into the Savannah River has been termed harmless, but officials 90 miles downstream are concerned about plans to tap the river for drinking water.

Coolant contaminated with the radioactive gas tritium leaked from the Savannah River Site's K Reactor near Aiken sometime between Sunday and Wednesday. The government reactor is the country's only source of tritium, which is used in thermonuclear warheads.

Despite assurances from federal officials that the leak is far too small to threaten those living downstream, officials at Hilton Head Island said they are worried.

Hilton Head Island currently gets its water from an underground aquifer, which is becoming tainted by salt water. The resort island, which has 24,000 permanent residents and up to 60,000 in summer, needs a new water source.

A committee decided the Savannah River was the best alternative, and plans were made to begin using river water by 1996.

Bob Huber, head of the committee, wrote to urge the Department of Energy to shut down the reactor if it can't be run safely.

"I don't know what we can do," Huber said. "But we can't remain quiet."

Huber, commissioner for one of 10 utilities providing the island's water, said the leak is especially worrisome because the Energy Department has spent $1 billion on a water overhaul.

The K Reactor has been shut down since 1988. Earlier this month, Energy Secretary James Watkins authorized its restart.

"It's frightening," said state Rep. Holly Cork, a Republican who represents Hilton Head. "It reinforces my concern about the Savannah River Site and the possibility of the Savannah River being Hilton Head's new drinking-water source."



HOLIDAY PLAY — Students of Cyndee Gayle's fourth grade class at West Elementary recently presented a holiday inspired play. Cast members were Kimblery Adams, Jannette Allen, Amy Arrendale, Freddie Brown, Isa Burks, Amanda Chambers, Jodi Dennis, Deidra Goebel, Adam Gutierrez, Danny Early, Trey Gorman, Brady Hackfeld, Jared Hester, Justin Humphries, Lara Lewis, Jennifer Mayer, Kenall McCasland, Chase McJimsey, Clay Preston, Dana Pyburn, Justin Rossón, Justin Wilson, Virginia Yescas and John Hill. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. not finished with kidnappers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States still has unfinished business with the kidnappers of Western hostages in Lebanon.

The State Department said as much Friday when asked for its reaction to the return of remains believed to be those of William Buckley, the CIA's former station chief in Lebanon.

Buckley's body, dumped on a Beirut road, ended a cruel cycle of Iranian-backed kidnappings of Americans by Moslem radicals in Lebanon. The remains of Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins, detailed to the United Nations in Lebanon, were dumped on a Beirut road one week ago.

Both men died in captivity — Buckley in 1985 and Higgins in 1989. An honors ceremony is planned for the two at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, possibly on Monday.

But the administration is committed to helping its allies, who still have citizens or their remains captive in Lebanon.

"The release of the remains of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Buckley do represent an important step in this unfortunate saga," said State Department spokesman Joseph Snyder.

But "no, it doesn't close the chapter," he added.

"However, we continue to support the efforts of the U.N. secretary general to gain the release of the two remaining German hostages and to secure the remains ... of Alberto Molinari and Alec Collett," he added.

Collett, a British journalist, was kidnapped in March 1985. Molinari an Italian businessman, was captured in September 1985.

The kidnappers of the two Germans are demanding the release of two Shiite terrorists jailed in Germany, but the Berlin government on Friday again rejected the demand.

"We also support the release of all those held outside the legal system in the region and in accounting for all of the missing, including Ron Arad," Snyder said.

Officer Mann is bitten by mayor's dog

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Mayor Karen Vialle's terrier Midget didn't like the looks of the man who tried to put his arms around the mayor.

So dog bit Mann. Police Officer Mark Mann, that is.

Mann was doing nothing more than trying to receive a Christmas hug.

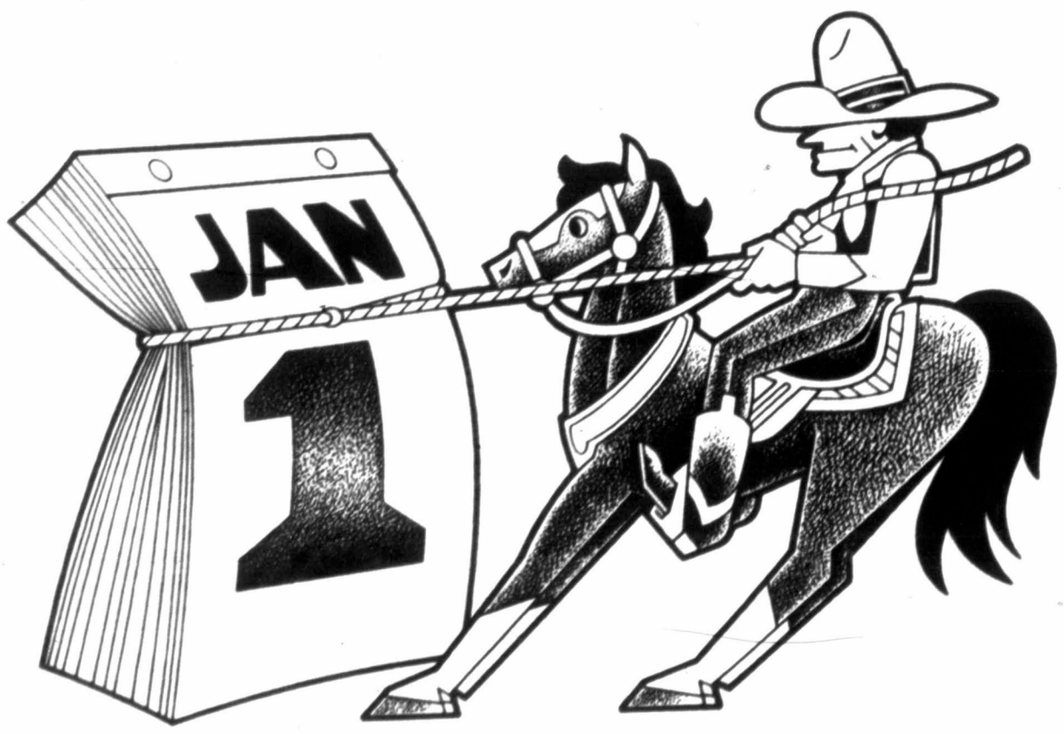
Vialle was walking her 2-year-old terrier mix and Mann was with officers responding to a suspected burglary Wednesday afternoon. Mann saw Vialle and her husband, Marvin, and the mayor tried to wish the patrolman a merry Christmas.

"The dog thought he was trying to hurt me," Vialle said Thursday. "It wasn't any biggie. ... I was mad at the dog and told him to knock it off."

Midget got his Mann on the right shin. Mann received a precautionary diptheria-tetanus shot at Tacoma General Hospital and returned to work Thursday.

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PROGRAM ABOUT CHRISTMAS — These third grade students of Mrs. Judy Moss presented a Christmas program Dec. 20 for classmates and parents at North Elementary. Students performing were Robert Essery, J.J. Fernandez, Vincent Flores, Trey Gibson, Jesse Guzman, R.J. Hernandez, Joey Martinez, Flo Munoz, T.C. Stipe, John Russell and Rudy Cabello. Others were Amy Chamber, Leslie English, Kimberly Jasso, Shahala Massingill, Patricia May, Amanda Nobles, Glenda Parra and Valerie Trusty. (SDN Staff Photo)

President urges military town to search out new industry

BEEVILLE, Texas (AP) — Just days after the final collapse of Soviet communism, President Bush found himself consoling Americans who made a living off the Cold War that died with the Soviet Union.

Bush urged the South Texas community, which faces the 1993 closure of Chase Field Naval Air Station, to turn to the federal government for financial help in attracting new businesses and retraining displaced workers.

"With the Cold War over, our military needs have changed," Bush told about 3,500 people at a community barbecue Friday night.

"We'll do everything that we possibly can to help Beeville make the tough transition into this post-Cold War world that we're living in," the president said.

The Navy installation accounts for 29 percent of the work force in this town of about 16,000. Chase Field is one of 34 military installations targeted for closing by a bipartisan committee whose recommendations were approved by the president.

Bush traveled to Beeville Friday for an annual holiday quail hunt at the ranch of longtime friend, Houston oilman Will Farish III. The first day of hunting, the president was in a group of four people that killed 19 quail.

Bush flew into Chase after inspecting flood damage in central Texas. The president later praised Beeville town leaders for fighting to save the airfield.

Many Beeville residents say they blame Washington politics, but not necessarily Bush, for closing this Navy airfield here instead of another one elsewhere.

"I think they blame Congress," said Lori Manuel, who runs an office supply store that gets 7 percent of its monthly business from Chase Field. "Really, us local people think that possibly something better than the U.S. government will come in and supply new jobs."

At the barbecue, hosted by Bee County Republican leaders Jay Kimbrough and Daniel Ouellette, Bush listened to country-and-western music and shook hands with local residents at the Bee County Rodeo Arena.

He also talked about the nation's struggling economy. Bush said that although 1992 was an election year, his State of the Union address next month will encourage Congress to put aside partisan issues and work "to get this sluggish economy on the move."

"I am absolutely confident that we will do exactly that," he said. "I am absolutely confident that this country is going to turn around, that this economy will be back on track, and I'm absolutely confident that you, the American people, want me to continue to lead — to have America be the leader around the world."

Bush told the barbecue crowd he doesn't mind what he called recent attacks on his presidency by the news media and said he enjoys his job.

"I cannot think of a more exciting period in this century to be president of the United States. I'm working hard, I'm doing my level best," he said. "There are some slings and arrows out there, but don't feel sorry for the Bushes, we love it. We feel privileged every single day to be in that White House."

After the barbecue, Bush and his hunting buddies stopped off for a beer at a local dance hall.

Surprised patrons gave the president bar napkins and ball caps to autograph when he and his entourage pulled into the Texas Grand C&W Club.

Bush bought a pitcher of beer, drank one glass and left. He said he'd told his wife, who didn't go on the Texas trip, that he'd be home early Friday night.

Limited amounts of Texas grapefruit back on shelves

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Grocers say the Ruby Red grapefruit, back now in limited numbers after a 1989 freeze hampered production, is a popular item even with its increased price.

The Dallas Farm Market recently sold out of 40,000 pounds in two days, even though Texas Ruby Reds are selling for 89 to 99 cents a pound, up from former low prices of 49 to 59 cents per pound before the Christmas 1989 freeze.

"The outside is not as pretty as they have always been, but they are cutting very nice," said Fort Worth produce manager Boyd Phipps.

Phipps said he bought enough grapefruit to keep the Roy Pope Grocery in Fort Worth stocked another three weeks.

Last year, Rio Grande Valley grapefruit growers had no harvest as farmers planted new trees and tried to repair damage from the 1989 freeze, said Jack Carithers, vice president of the Texas Citrus Exchange.

"This is a much better, redder piece of fruit than you can get from Florida, and it eats a lot sweeter," Carithers said.

Carithers said the exchange's 300 orchards expect to ship between 100,000 and 150,000 40-pound crates to markets this season, down from a 1983 peak of 18 million crates.

Carithers said Texas growers were producing between 8 million and 10 million crates per season before the freeze. He estimated growers would need until 1994 or 1995 to fully recover.

"Texas at one time was considered the Cadillac of grapefruit, the world over. It was exported to Europe in gift boxes, shipped by the boatloads," said Dallas produce broker Richard Worzer.

Carithers said a normal harvest season runs from October through early March, but this year's harvesting season started Dec. 1 and will end in another week.

Carithers said Texas grapefruit now is selling at about 10 cents per pound higher than Florida grapefruit, and the 1989 freeze hurt some absentee farmers.

Senior Center Menu

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Tossed Salad
Chocolate Pudding

TUESDAY
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Blackeye Peas
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FRIDAY
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Macaroni Salad
Oatmeal Cookies
Peach Halves

Vicknair gets arrives for duty

Air Force Airman 1st Class Leroy P. Vicknair Jr., a munitions systems specialist, has arrived for duty at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

He is the son of Grace L. Beauchamp and the stepson of Abel A. Beauchamp of Snyder.

His wife, Melissa, is the daughter of Greg and Bonnie Hodge of Rural Route 3, Snyder.

He is also a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School.

Jay Cumbie finishes school

Jay Cumbie successfully completed the 76th Career Development School of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. An associate of the company's West Texas agency, he attended the school at the firm's home office in Springfield, Mass.



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TOYS FOR TOTS WINNERS — Employees of Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank recently challenged each other in a basketball game to benefit the local Toys for Tots campaign. The SNB team came out ahead, 49-23. Playing for SNB were Scott Gassiot, Darryl Calley, Kathy Holdren, Jackie Hall, Rhonda Ward, Paula Cobb and Janelle Pollard. Not pictured are team members Leon Ward, Marcus McGlothin and Walter Banks. (SDN Staff Photo)

"Power in the Gospels"
By Homer Anderson



"The power to do what is in the epistles is found in the gospels," a minister stated. He was saying, "Let's keep Christ, the power source, in the center of our lives." Paul said, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Our faith is built by examining the life and teachings of Jesus. We come to know God today through knowledge of His Son. Hebrews 1:3 tells us, "And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power."

Jesus shows us God and the disciples show us ourselves. They are the reflecting pools of each of us and demonstrate our needs. As we see how Jesus treated His own disciples in their weaknesses, we can gain a clear insight as to how He will treat us in our weaknesses. When Peter became afraid and began to sink after walking on the water, Jesus' loving response was immediate, "And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him..." (Matthew 14:31).

By walking closely with Jesus, we can come to say with Paul, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). What burden are you bearing alone? Is it the loss of a loved one? Is it the illness of a family member? Is it the loss of your own health? What is your particular problem? For power to overcome, turn to Jesus and His word.

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YULETIME PROGRAM — Mrs. Judy Barkowsky's third grade class presented "Silent Night, the Birth of a Carol," at North Elementary. Performers pictured are Casey Chaney, Corey Clark, Justin Englert, Craig Forbes, Damon Coronado, Eric Chavez and Jerome Vanderpool. Also, Jennifer Bell, Stephanie Davis, Amanda Fisk, Jamie Jones, Ashley Overby, Robin Proctor, Juliet Rios, Martha Rivera, Dana Stribling, Riley Tatum and Annette Perez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Pollution keeps tourists, holiday bathers from shores

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Six-year-old Claudia Filguieras had a simple Christmas wish when she visited a department store Santa. "Can you make the beach clean, Santa, so Mommy will take me swimming tomorrow?" she asked.

The wish was tougher than most to grant. At a time when tourism is already slumping, the beaches of Rio de Janeiro, famed in many a song and tourist brochure, are anything but golden or pristine this holiday season.

Murky, smelly sea water and filthy sands are keeping tens of thousands of sun-seekers away from Rio's shores at the start of the southern hemisphere's summer and the fourist season.

Pollution has become the talk of the town. Newspapers and radio stations each have a different theory: an underground waste drain that broke, a garbage barge that tipped over, a chemical plant that dumped waste illegally.

Not even a week of blistering sun and torrid 100-degree temperatures could coax tourists or Rio residents, known as "Cariocas," into the water.

"I've never seen the water so filthy," said Sandra Mattos, 39, a resident of the upscale beachfront district of Copacabana. "I'm afraid of setting foot in that — I might get some skin condition."

Seeking to salvage the situation, technicians of the city's environmental commission have appeared on television to try to reassure the public that the water is safe for bathing, although they reportedly have also warned people not to eat seafood caught in the area.

They say the sea's dark color and acrid smell is caused naturally by a sudden rise in temperature and nutrients in the water that create large amounts of algae. The unpleasant smell will last about two weeks, they say.

Still, the empty beaches are a slap in the face for the local government, which promised last year to spend $2 billion beautifying Rio before the city hosts the U.N. World Environment Conference in June 1992.

The project was to include construction of underground drains and recycling plants, and the cleanup of the postcard-pretty Guanabara Bay, where 520 tons of industrial waste are dumped daily.

News reports say political infighting and corruption have crippled the projects, and tourism operators, businessmen and hotel owners are sorely disappointed.

Due to a 40 percent drop in visitors to Rio since 1987, mostly caused by rising crime and pollution, the city has lost more than $4 billion in revenues.

On Christmas Day, steel-gray waves broke on the chic beaches of Ipanema, Copacabana and Sao Conrado, where neighboring Guanabara Bay's waters pass. Brown blotches as large as football fields floated ominously off the Atlantic coast.

A reporter who stepped ankle-deep into the water off Ipanema couldn't see his toes.

Scores of reeking dead fish washed up on shore, alongside bottles, wrappers and even syringes. The sand, normally a light golden color, was brown where waves receded.

There were few tanned beauties in the shops or cafes along Copacabaa, Ipanema, Sao Conrado and Leblon beaches. No surfers, no volleyball players, no joggers, no soccer players.

To beat the heat, residents headed for small mountain resort towns outside of Rio, while tourists flocked to the lush Tijuca Forest atop Corcovado Mountain or strolled through Rio's Botanical Gardens.

"It's sort of a shame you can't go to the beach," said Simon Eagle, a British tourist.

Joan Collins did not mind playing role of Alexis

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Not even a nun's habit could help Joan Collins escape the reputation of evil Alexis.

Collins says she isn't what people think after years of playing the wealthy, scheming "Dynasty" character.

At first, being confused with Alexis "upset me," Collins told USA Today in an interview published Friday. "But then I thought, there's absolutely nothing I can do. I can't go around in a nun's habit."

She did that in one of the more freewheeling "Dynasty" episodes and it only increased her mystique.

Egyptian author sentenced to 8 years

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A security court has convicted a novelist of blasphemy and sentenced him to eight years in prison, the first time this century an Egyptian author has been jailed for his writing.

The court ordered similar terms Thursday for the publisher-distributor of Alaa Hamid's "The Distance in a Man's Mind" and the owner of the press where the book was printed.

Published in May 1990, "The Distance in a Man's Mind" comprises dream sequences in which the main character meets prophets of the Koran, Islam's holy book, in comic situations. Many of the prophets are revered by Christians, Jews and Muslims.


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MELISSA HODGES

Hodges will go to school in England

Melissa C. Hodges, a 1989 graduate of Snyder High School and a senior psychology major, with a minor in business, at Texas Tech University, will be a participant in the AIFS Texas Consortium for London for the spring semester. She will leave Jan. 2, 1992, to attend the University of London, where she will study international management, British life and modern British plays.

She has a grade point average of 3.7, is vice president of Psi Chi Honor Society; a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, President's Honor Roll, peer counselor for the university's counseling center and mans the university's hot line.

Melissa will reside with a British family, the McNultys of Lissenden Gardens, through April. She is the daughter of Camille and David Fisher and Jerry and Karen Hodges of Snyder; and granddaughter of Carroll Hodges of Hobbs and Beth Curry of Snyder.

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Senior Center activities listed

Senior citizens will get an early start on welcoming the new year with a New Year's Eve party Tuesday morning in the Senior Citizens Center. Games will begin at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a Sing Along with the Browning band. The center will be closed all day on Wednesday, New Year's Day.

Community residents 55 and older are invited to visit the center on Jan. 6 during an open house from 5-8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be tours of the facility and information on center activities.

Activities in the center on Monday will get underway at 9:30 a.m. when games of dominoes begin. Textile painters will be working at 9 a.m. Thursday. The Sunshine Choir will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m. Friday. The modified exercise class will be emphasizing exercise at 11 Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Senior citizens who have January birthdays will be honored at the McDonald's birthday party on Jan. 29. This monthly party has been held on the first Tuesday of each month will now be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

Financial Focus

1991 will undoubtly be remembered for three main events: the U.S. victory in the Persian Gulf, the upheaval in the Eastern Bloc and the recession, each of which had different inplications for American investors.

For example, after the U.S. military's resounding victory in early 1991, the nation's spirit soared. So did the stock market. As the year progressed, however, the recession and continued slow economic growth provided a dose of reality. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the year at 2633, rose to a new high of 3077 in October and is now trading at 2894 (as of 12/13/91).

In addition, short-term interest rates declined substantially in 1991. For example, a $10,000 CD purchased on Nov. 1, 1990, wuld have paid roughly 8.10 percent or $810 in interest income. By the time that CD matured, however, the rates on one-year CDs had fallen to around 5 percent. An individual who reinvested that $10,000 in a one-year CD on November 1, 1991, will earn approximately $500 in interest. That's a 38 percent cut in income in just one year.

Outlook for the New Year

Although there is some agreement among economists that the recession ended in the second quarter of 1991, consumers are increasingly skeptical. This is an important point because consumers, not economists, account for about two-thirds of the economy, so any recovery is largely dependent upon their confidence levels.

Unfortunately, recent measures of consumer confidence are near the lows of the 1982 recession. Questions about job security and financial concerns have prompted consumers to cut back on new purchases and to begin paying down debt. Declining sales of new and existing homes, slower auto sales and flat manufacturing levels indicate that the economy could be weaker than previously thought. 1992 forecasts call for after-inflation growth in the Gross Domestic Product, the total value of all goods and services produced domestically, of 1.2 percent. Although a positive number, this growth rates is well below the 5.5 percent experienced in the first year of recovery following all eight of the post World War II recessions.

As a result of this sluggish economic outlook, the Federal Reserve is expected to continue reducing short-term interest rates in the New Year in an effort to trigger an economic pick-up.

Fortunately, the current market does offer some attractive alternatives for combating low interest rates without sacrificing dependable income. Investors can choose from intermediate and long-term U.S. government securities, insured corporate bonds, AAA-rated asset-backed bonds and longer term CDs. If taxes are a concern, tax-free municipal bonds may be a solution.

Attractive rates on intermediate and long-term securities may not be available indefinitely, though. If short-term rates continue to decline, as expected, they could eventually exert a downward pull on long-term rates.

Another alternative to the interest-rate situation is equity investments. During periods of declining interest rates, investors have historically turned to the stock market in search of higher returns. In 1992, however, a cautionary stance is advised. Because of the lackluster economy and reduced growth estimates for the New Year, 1992 earnings and dividend increases will become more difficult.

Regardless of the stock market's short-term performance, though, investors tend to be more at risk from owning too little equity than too much. Over time, equities remain the most attraactive long-term investment.

The most successful approach to stock investing has historically been a long-term, buy-and-hold strategy. Investors are advised to build and maintain a diversified stock portfolio of 10 to 20 companies across a broad spectrum of industries. Mutual funds that invest in equities are also an attractive alternative and offer broad diversification.

Conclusion

No matter what happens in the New Year, good or bad, the most practical strategy is one that is designed to meet your individual goals and objectives. Generally that requires patience and a long-term perspective. Rome was not built in a day--neither are successful investment portfolios.

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SECOND GRADERS IN PROGRAM — Students of Mrs. Carolyn Martin's second grade class were in a program, "Silent Night, the Birth of a Carol," at North Elementary. Players shown are Matthew Blocker, Michael Fennell, Michael Gaither, Scott Gilliland, Diego Hernandez, Josh Newberry, Jose Ozuna, Chris Townsend, Amber Garcia, Jennifer Laurens, Robin Overby, Barbara Peacock and Lacie Green. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ex-fighter pilots look for holes in ozone layer over the Arctic

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Ex-fighter pilot Ron Williams takes off from an airport here with a ton of scientific instruments aboard his spy plane.

His mission: to discover whether there really is a hole in the ozone layer above the Arctic.

Williams is chief pilot in a five-month research project sponsored by NASA to determine whether the Arctic has the same kind of ozone hole detected over the Antarctic five years ago.

The ozone layer — located 10 to 15 miles above the Earth — is a shield against the sun's deadly ultraviolet radiation, which can cause skin cancer, cataracts and crop damage.

Williams and a handful of other ex-fighter pilots fly single-engine ER-2 jets — updated versions of the famous U-2 spy planes — to nearly 70,000 feet.

In doing so, they cross into a region where light abruptly changes into darkness as the Earth spins in and out of the shadow created by the sun.

"You actually go from day to night, without any twilight," Williams said. "It's called 'The Terminator.'"

Harvard Professor Jim Anderson, the project's lead scientist, says the flights are extremely dangerous, adding that the skill and courage of the pilots is crucial to the effort's success.

Williams, who flew Air Force Phantom jets in Vietnam, says the ER-2s are much harder to control than fighter planes.

"In a fighter, you can let it go in a dive or you can let it go in a climb and it's not going to hurt you," he said. "This airplane, you let it do that and it's all over."

"You can bail out, but in many of the circumstances it's so cold that your chances of survival are very small," said Anderson.

The mission, called Airborne Arctic Stratospheric Expedition II, began in October with flights out of Fairbanks, Alaska.

Rotary clubs seek young men for exchange program

The West Texas District of Rotary International seeks applicants for a study exchange program designed to promote international goodwill and understanding.

Area Rotary clubs will be sending a group of area business and professional men to visit South Korea in the spring of 1992 under the Group Study Exchange program of the Rotary Foundation.

The Group Study Exchange will send a team of Americans to South Korea for approximately five weeks. Through the reciprocal program, West Texas Rotarians hosted a team from South Korea for a month-long tour in October.

During the exchange, team members learn about the culture and the economy, education and language of the host country. The Rotary Foundation and participating Rotary clubs pay expenses for the team members.

Eldon Davidson, GSE chairman, particpated in a similar exchange with Switzerland in 1986.

The GSE program strives to improve international understanding by enabling people to learn from each other.

Nearly 15,000 persons from some 100 countries have participated in the program since its inception in 1965, at a cost of more than $24 million.

The Rotary Foundation pays for all trip expenses including international travel. While visiting in Korea, team members will stay in the homes of Korean Rotarians to learn about family customs and cultures.

The 1992 program is open to men between the ages of 25-35. Rotary members cannot apply for the exchange. Deadline for completed application forms is Jan. 31, 1992.

Applications may be made through local Rotary clubs throughout District 5730. For more information or to receive an application form, contact Davidson. GSE chairman, at the Texas State Technical College campus in Amarillo (806) 335-2316 extension 350 or write 6408 Cromwell, Amarillo, Tex. 79109.

Seadrift plant...

OSHA report critical of Union Carbide's record of safety

HOUSTON (AP) — A fatal explosion and fire at Union Carbide Corp.'s Seadrift plant came after the company ignored internal safety recommendations for 20 years, according to findings of a federal probe reported Friday in The Houston Post.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration revealed the problems in an internal report about the March 12 accident, The Post reported in a copyright story. The accident killed one worker and injured 32 others at the company's South Texas petrochemical facility.

The June 28 report, which has not been made public, said employees were exposed to hazards that "were likely to cause death or serious physical harm."

The results of the report prompted the government to seek $2.8 million in fines from Union Carbide for safety violations, including dozens of alleged "willful" violations.

But a company spokeswoman told The Associated Press on Friday that Union Carbide disputes the allegations.

"Union Carbide firmly believes that it has been in full compliance with OSHA regulations and is contesting all of the citations," said Ivana Tibbetts, spokeswoman at Union Carbide's headquarters in Danbury, Conn. "None of the citations that were issued by OSHA are related to the cause of the explosion."

OSHA's Dallas regional administrator Gilbert J. Saulter told The Post he could not discuss the findings because Union Carbide is appealing the fines.

The No. 1 Oxide Unit at the plant exploded at 1:18 a.m. March 12, sending debris flying and barely missing a nearby tank farm where ethylene oxide, a highly explosive chemical, was stored. Some water lines also were broken by the debris.

Union Carbide officials maintain the explosion was caused by a "decomposition of ethylene oxide," a chemical reaction similar to combustion, but it does not require oxygen.

OSHA said Union Carbide's own auditors had warned the Seadrift plant's management that the proximity of the tank farm posed a potential hazard in 1971, 1978, 1986 and 1989. But rather than moving the tanks, the report said Union Carbide officials reduced the amount of ethylene oxide stored in the tanks.

"The storage tanks that they felt (posed a hazard) there are not unsafe. Moreover, the location of the storage tanks played no part in the explosion," Ms. Tibbetts said. She said none of the violations cited in the report led to the March 12 explosion.

Prior to the explosion, the Seadrift plant was named the safest in Texas by the Texas Industry Chemical Council in 1989. It also was one of 35 chemical plants in the United States presented Star Awards by OSHA under the Voluntary Protection Program for its exemplary safety record.

In the report, OSHA commended the plant for an "excellent" written health and safety program, but said many basic safety concerns were not addressed in actual application.

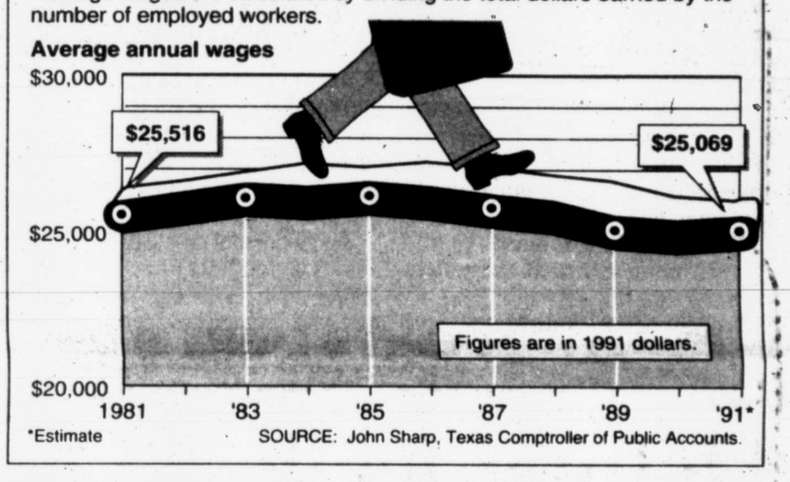
"Union Carbide is contesting all the citations that were issued on Sept. 12," Ms. Tibbetts said. "That's really the only report we've seen."

The June report also alleged Union Carbide officials may have intimidated employees into not signing statements about the accident that hurled shrapnel throughout the facility and destroyed a critical control building, The Post said.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Average wage less after a decade

The average annual wage in Texas, after correcting for inflation, was $25,069 in 1991, about $450 a year less than the average wage in 1981. Average wages are calculated by dividing the total dollars earned by the number of employed workers.



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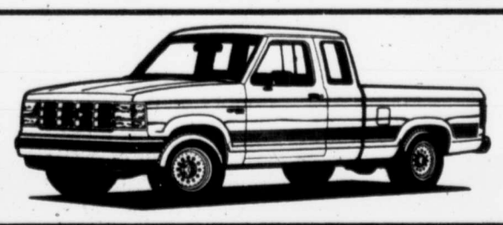


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Oilers mad at fans for lack of support

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers are preparing to face the New York Jets in Sunday's NFL playoff game in the Astrodome and a few Oiler players are also ready to take on the fans.

Houston television station KPRC will televise the game locally Sunday after buying up the final portion of tickets late Friday night to make the game a sellout. Channel 2 will give the unsold tickets to the Ronald McDonald House, a housing facility for children under treatment for cancer.

The Oilers received two extensions on Thursday's 3 p.m. deadline and some tickets still remained for the 3 p.m. Sunday kickoff.

Oilers defensive end Sean Jones saw the failure to sell out the game as a lack of fan support.

"Houston has got to be a biggest front-runner town in the United States," defensive end Sean Jones said. "I don't want to hear about how disappointed they are. I've been disappointed, too.

"They'll show up and have a good time and wave hankies on Monday Night Football, but when you've got a big playoff game and you really need them, they can't even sell the game out."

The Oilers have reached the playoffs five straight years, longer than any other team, but they've advanced to the second round only twice in that span after struggling to get into the playoffs.

The fans have been critical of this season's tailspin in which the Oilers failed to clinch the home field advantage because of its 24-20 loss to the New York Giants Dec. 21.

"We don't care what they think," wide receiver Ernest Givins said. "We'll carry the championship banner ourselves if we have to."

The game is a rematch of the Oct. 13 contest which the Oilers won 23-20.

Warren Moon completed 35 of 50 passes for 423 yards and Haywood Jeffires caught 13 passes for 186 yards.

Now AFC Central Division champion Houston (11-5) is trying to get back momentum after losing three of its final five regular season games.

Despite their rough ride through the season, the Jets (8-8) finally clinched their first playoff berth since 1986 on Sunday with a 23-20 overtime victory against Miami.

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NFL wildcard weekend...

Streaking 'Pokes face Bears

CHICAGO (AP) — Jimmy Johnson gives the Chicago Bears the edge in postseason experience but he thinks the opposition his Dallas Cowboys have faced could even things out.

On this NFL wild-card weekend, the Bears enter the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years, playing host to the Cowboys on Sunday. Both teams finished the season 11-5.

"I think playoff experience can be an advantage. Just the experience of playing in big ball games helps," said Johnson. "But the quality of opposition should help us."

Dallas won the last five games of the regular season, beating Washington, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Atlanta. The Redskins, Saints and Falcons are in the 1991 playoffs.

On the other hand, the Bears beat only three playoff-bound teams all year: Detroit, the New York Jets and New Orleans.

Johnson said his team is excited about the Bears game.

"We've got a very young team. Even the veterans we have haven't been in the playoffs for the last few years," he said.

Johnson will start Steve Beuerlein at quarterback.

"Steve is healthy and he's been playing well. Troy Aikman is not 100 percent." said Johnson.

Aikman injured a knee Nov. 24 at Washington. Beuerlein was at the helm down the stretch, completing 65 of 132 passes for 883 yards and five touchdowns since Aikman went down.

"Fortunately for me, Troy did not get injured early in the season, because I needed 12 or 13 weeks just to get used to the offensive system," said Beuerlein.

Chicago coach Mike Ditka, a former Dallas assistant under Tom Landry, said he thinks the Cowboys rate as one of the top playoff teams — wild card or not.

"We're at the bottom until we've proved ourselves," said Ditka. "We've got the biggest strike against us — our loss Monday night."

The Bears, needing a win to capture the NFC Central title, were trampled 52-14 by the 49ers, leaving the Lions as division champs and the Bears with the wild-card berth.

But Ditka doesn't think the Bears are thinking like whipped dogs.

"No, we're Bears, not dogs. But we play like dogs at times," he said. "But beware! We didn't get to 11-5 with mirrors. We're a good football team. We just weren't a good football team Monday."

Ditka had the good fortune of having Jim Harbaugh healthy all year. Harbaugh became the first Bear quarterback to start all 16 games since Vince Evans did it in 1981, before Ditka's reign.

Harbaugh respects Dallas' defense.

"They've been playing well the past few weeks. They've got a good pass rush," he said. "They have a bend-but-don't-break type of defense. They'll be tough."

Two Bear starters — wide receiver Anthony Morgan (knee) and linebacker John Roper (leg) — will miss the Dallas game. Guard Mark Bortz, out since Nov. 11 (abdomen), was expected to return to the lineup.

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
First Round
Saturday, Dec. 28

LA Raiders at Kansas City, 12:30 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Dallas at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, Jan. 4 or Sunday, Jan. 5

AFC home teams: Buffalo and Denver
NFC home teams: Washington and Detroit

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12

AFC Championship
NFC Championship

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Minneapolis

AFC champion vs. NFC champion

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu

AFC vs. NFC

Williamson dumped by Tampa Bay...

Knox joins list of unemployed coaches

by The Associated Press

The NFL's fast-moving revolving door finds a new coach at Cincinnati, a coach fired at Tampa Bay and a team without a coach in Seattle.

Just a normal day, only more so.

— David Shula joined his father in the NFL coaching ranks when he was named to replace Sam Wyche with the Cincinnati Bengals.

— Richard Williamson was fired as Tampa Bay coach.

— Chuck Knox just up and left Seattle after nine years as coach of the Seahawks.

And still waiting in the wings — reportedly — is former New York Giants coach Bill Parcells.

At 32, Shula becomes the youngest head coach in modern league history, just as his father Don Shula was when he stepped into his first head coaching job in 1963. In the early years of the NFL, George Halas of the Decatur Stales (now the Chicago Bears) and Curley Lambeau of the Green Bay Packers were younger when they were player-coaches.

Wyche was fired on Tuesday, just two days after his Bengals finished a 3-13 season, the worst in franchise history.

"I talked with my father several times in recent days, and he's very excited for me," said David Shula, Cincinnati's wide receivers coach last season. "He kidded me, he said, 'You know you're going to break my record, don't you?' And I really hadn't thought about it at the time. He said, 'You're going to be the youngest head coach ever hired in the National Football League.'

"But he said, 'I'm all for you. The next record I hope you break is 300 wins.' I said I want to get one win first, and then we'll think about 300."

Knox neither quit nor was fired, although the team said it would honor a buyout clause in his contract.

A statement issued from Seahawks headquarters said Knox's departure was agreed upon Friday in a meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., between the coach, club president Tom Flores and owner Ken Behring.

Knox, 59, commenting briefly to a local radio station, said, "We mutually agreed that separation was the thing to do at this point. We just agreed that it had been a fine relationship and we should end it this way."

Later Friday, Flores praised Knox's coaching ability and said he might name himself as the Seahawks' fourth coach.

"Obviously, if I wanted the job, that would be the end of it, right?" he said in a telephone conference call. "Right now I am thinking about it."

Knox, who ranks sixth on the all-time NFL list of coaching victories with a 171-114-1 record, said he had nothing arranged, but was "going to take a look at other coaching options to see what the options are and proceed from there."

He was 80-63 with the Seahawks, closing with a 7-9 season.

Knox was the ninth coach to resign, retire or be fired since the start of the 1991 season.

The 50-year-old Williamson replaced Ray Perkins in December 1990 and won only four of 19 games. The Bucs finished 3-13 for their ninth consecutive losing season.

Hugh Culverhouse, the Bucs' owner, reportedly has offered Parcells a five-year deal worth $6.5 million to leave the broadcast booth and return to the sidelines, where he led the Giants to two Super Bowl victories before resigning after the 1991 Super Bowl.

Culverhouse said he doesn't have a timetable for naming a successor, but reportedly has given Parcells a deadline of this weekend to accept or reject the Bucs offer.

Green Bay also expressed interest in Parcells. But Ron Wolf, the Packers' new general manager, said the team could not match the salary supposedly offered to Parcells by Tampa Bay and that Green Bay would not give its new coach the ultimate say in all decisions, something Culverhouse is reportedly offering Parcells.

"Bill would be an ideal guy," Wolf said, "but we can't satisfy what he wants."

San Diego Chargers general manager Bobby Beathard was reported as saying he doesn't expect Georgia Tech to try to outbid him for the services of Tech football coach Bobby Ross.

"I know they want him to stay, but from what I understand, he wants to coach in the NFL," Beathard was quoted as saying in Saturday's editions of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Ross is Beathard's top candidate to replace Dan Henning, who was fired.

On Friday, Beathard said he has spoken to Ross's agent, Atlanta attorney Jack Reale, and was waiting for a mutually convenient meeting time, probably before the new year.

"They've said they'll get back to me, and I'm sure they will," Beathard said. "From what I understand, there are some details that they'd like to take care of at the school before they meet with us. When those things are completed, we'll get together."

Ross, who just turned 55, has completed the first year of a four-year contract with Tech. He just completed his fifth season with Tech with an 18-17 victory over Stanford in the Aloha Bowl on Christmas Day.

Detmer leads BYU into Holiday Bowl

by The Associated Press

One game and one goal remain for Ty Detmer.

The Brigham Young quarterback, 1990 Heisman Trophy winner and holder of 59 NCAA records concludes his career Monday night against No. 7 Iowa (10-1) in the Holiday Bowl.

"You always want to go out a winner, and we were fortunate to do that in the regular season," Detmer said. "But we haven't won a Holiday Bowl — yet."

Detmer and his teammates lost to Penn State in the Holiday Bowl 50-39 in 1989. They returned to San Diego last December and lost 65-14 to Texas A&M.

This year, Detmer guided the Cougars to an 8-3-1 record and their third consecutive Western Athletic Conference championship. Detmer said he's better than ever.

"I'm more in control of what's going on out there. I'm more of a leader, a coach on the field," he said.

Detmer posted career totals of 15,031 yards passing and 121 touchdowns, both NCAA records. He trimmed his interception total from 28 last season to 12 this year.

The bowl schedule includes three games Sunday: No. 24 Georgia (8-3) plays Arkansas in the Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.; Air Force (9-3) takes on Mississippi State (7-4) in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn.; and No. 19 Virginia (8-2-1) faces No. 20 Oklahoma (8-3) in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

On Saturday night, No. 8 Alabama (10-1) plays No. 15 Colorado (8-2-1) in the Blockbuster Bowl at Miami.

Like BYU, Colorado will be led by a standout senior quarterback playing his final game. Darian Hagan has led the Buffaloes to 28 victories and one national championship.

"We'll be depending on Darian more than ever to come up with big plays," Colorado coach Bill McCartney said. "I think he's ready to do that. I've seen a little sparkle in his eye."

Alabama's starting quarterback will be redshirt freshman Jay Barker, who moved into the lineup for the final three games of the regular season.

Georgia and Arkansas are back on the bowl schedule one year after sub-.500 seasons. Last year ended a decade-long string of postseason appearances for Georgia.

Arkansas will join the Bulldogs in the SEC next season.

"Just being able to see them again next year adds some spice to the game," Georgia freshman quarterback Eric Zeier said.

In other bowl games, Tulsa plays San Diego State in the Freedom Bowl on Monday. On Tuesday, it's Illinois vs. UCLA in the John Hancock Bowl and Baylor vs. Indiana in the Copper Bowl.

The New Year's Day lineup has: East Carolina vs. North Carolina State in the Peach, Syracuse vs. Ohio State in the Hall of Fame, California vs. Clemson in the Citrus, Florida State vs. Texas A&M in the Cotton, Penn State vs. Tennessee in the Fiesta, Washington vs. Michigan in the Rose, Miami vs. Nebraska in the Orange and Notre Dame vs. Florida in the Sugar Bowl.

Wacker to be well-paid by Gophers

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota has shown just how desperate it is to field a winning football program by making new coach Jim Wacker one of the best-compensated employees in university history.

"We are investing in our athletic program," Nils Hasselmo, university president, said Friday after Wacker received a five-year, $1.25 million contract that also includes several incentive clauses.

Wacker is also guaranteed $125,000 a year for radio and television shows, personal appearances, endorsements, running a football camp and related activities.

College bowl lineup

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 14
California Bowl
At Fresno, Calif.

Bowling Green 28, Fresno State 21

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.

Gray 20, Blue 12

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu

Georgia Tech 18, Stanford 17

Saturday, Dec. 28
Blockbuster Bowl
At Miami

Alabama (10-1) vs. Colorado (8-2-1), 9 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Dec. 29
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.

Georgia (8-3) vs. Arkansas (6-5), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.

Air Force (9-3) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.

Virginia (8-2-1) vs. Oklahoma (8-3), 8 p.m. (TBS)

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego

Iowa (10-1) vs. Brigham Young (8-3-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.

Tulsa (9-2) vs. San Diego State (8-3-1), 9 p.m. (Raycom)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
John Hancock Bowl
At El Paso, Texas

Illinois (6-5) vs. UCLA (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.

Baylor (8-3) vs. Indiana (6-4-1), 8 p.m. (WTBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta

East Carolina (10-1) vs. North Carolina State (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.

Syracuse (9-2) vs. Ohio State (8-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.

California (9-2) vs. Clemson (9-1-1), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas

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

Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.

Penn State (10-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.

Washington (11-0) vs. Michigan (10-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami

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

Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans

Notre Dame (9-3) vs. Florida (10-1), 8:20 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 11
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu

4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18
Senior Bowl
Mobile, Ala.

2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.

East vs. West, 4 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
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Sunday Message:
"Old Acquaintance & New Relations"
"Celebrating 100 Years in Snyder"
Worship Sundays 11 a.m.
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Visitors Welcome

Bears' QB is hospitalized with flu

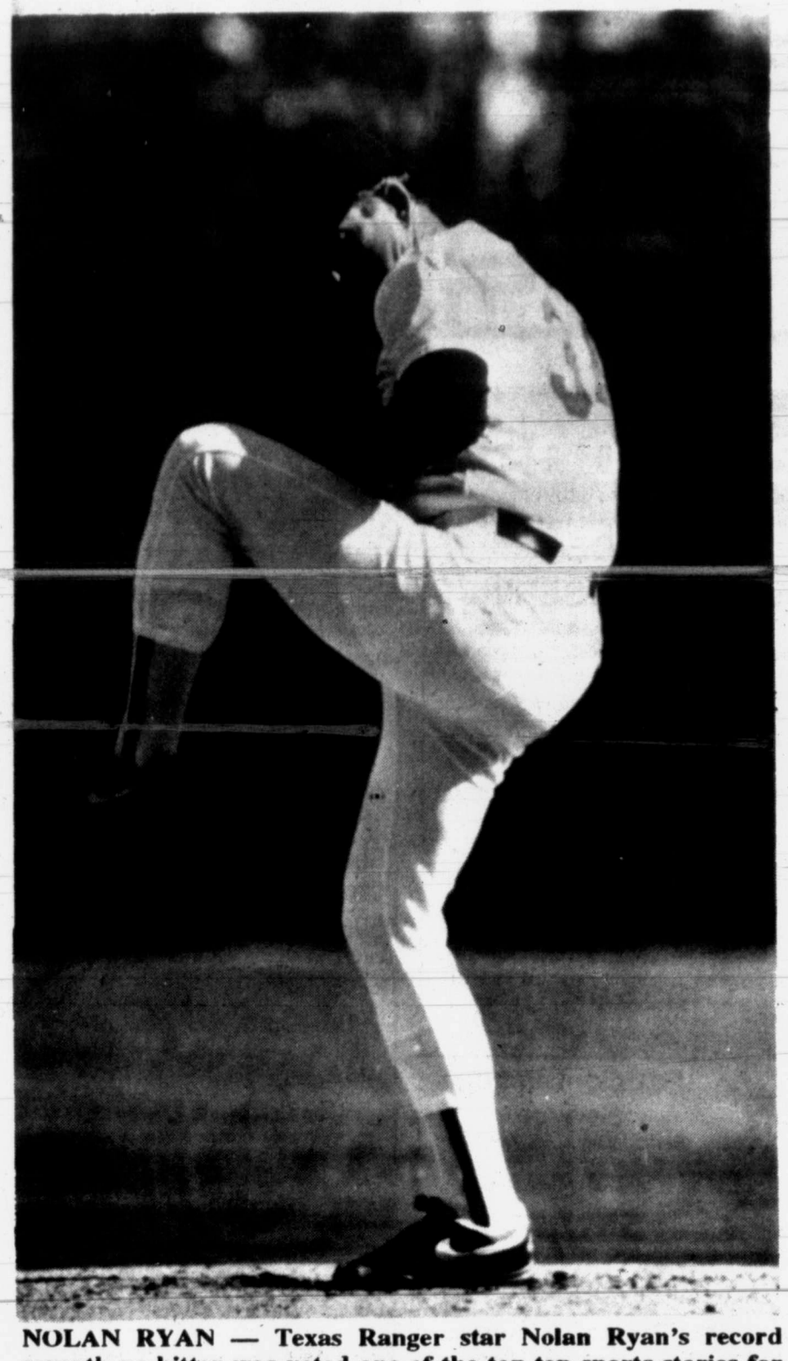
LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Quarterback Jim Harbaugh was in the hospital Friday with what the Chicago Bears said was a "touch of the flu," but he was still expected to start Sunday's playoff game with the Dallas Cowboys.

"He showed up at practice this morning with flu-like symptoms and the trainer sent him to the hospital as a precaution, just to see how he was doing," Bears spokesman Bryan Harlan said.

"He was suffering from dehydration, fever and a touch of the flu," Harlan said.

Harbaugh slept only about an hour Thursday night and was given fluids intravenously at Lake Forest Hospital.

He was expected to return home at night and report for practice on Saturday.



NOLAN RYAN — Texas Ranger star Nolan Ryan's record seventh no-hitter was voted one of the top ten sports stories for 1991. Other top stories included Magic Johnson's retirement from pro basketball after testing HIV-positive; the Minnesota-Atlanta World Series and the New York Giants' Super Bowl win. See related story on this page. (Texas Ranger Photo)

Trounce Wylie and Odessa High...

Tigers claim two at tourney

ABILENE — Snyder's Tigers flexed their basketball muscle Friday rolling to a pair of blow-out wins in the McMurry University Holiday Classic to move into Saturday's semifinal round against Sweetwater.

Snyder ripped Abilene Wylie in their opener at the tournament, 86-56, behind 46 points from the post position.

"It went pretty well," said Tiger coach Bud Birks. "They (Wylie) have a good team, but we gave them some problems with our size inside.

"They have some good perimeter shooters," the coach continued, "but we were a little too physical for them.

Four players scored in double figures for the Tigers against Wylie led by senior Hayward Clay with 17.

Barron Wesley added 15, Jeff Wortham put in 14, as did Jerry Don Tippens.

Mike Puckett scored a game-high 19 for Wylie.

According to Birks, the second game of the day, a matchup with Class 5A Odessa High, was closer than the 71-46 final score would indicate.

"It was close until halftime," he said. "The key was the way we came out and executed our offense in the second half.

"We got the shots we wanted and played good defense and made them have to play from behind."

The Tigers held a 35-28 lead at the end of the first half, before pulling away from the Bronchos in the third quarter with a 19-8 run.

Against Odessa, Wortham hit 16, sophomore Eric Braziel canned 13 and Clay was good for 10.

The Tigers, 10-5 with Friday's victories, were to have faced defending District 3-4A champion Sweetwater at 10:30 a.m. Saturday with the winner to advance to the tournament championship against the winner of the Wichita Falls Rider-Odessa Permian semifinal.

In other opening round action Friday, Abilene High's JV popped Brownfield, 92-72; Sweetwater advanced with a 55-46 win over Breckenridge; Permian tripped Big Spring, 62-52; and Odessa High knocked off Keller, 83-50.

Elimination play began Friday, as well, with Brownfield bumping off Breckenridge, 63-59; and Sweetwater trimming Abilene's JV, 66-47.

Snyder will travel to Merkel Jan. 3 as the season continues, then will host Seminole, Saturday, Jan. 4 at Scurry County Coliseum.

District 2-4A competition starts for SHS with a Jan. 17 trip to Lubbock Estacado.

First Round

Snyder	19	15	32	20	-86
Wylie	13	13	8	22	-56

Leading scorers: Snyder — Clay 17, Wesley 15, Wortham 14, Tippens 14; Wylie — Puckett 19.

Quarterfinals

Snyder	22	23	19	17	-71
Odessa	13	15	8	10	-46

Leading scorers: Snyder — Wortham 16, Braziel 13, Clay 10; Odessa — Christian 13.
Record: Snyder 10-5.

SHS basketball

McMurry Tournament
Boys
Friday, Dec. 27

Game 1 — Abilene High 92, Brownfield 72
Game 2 — Sweetwater 55, Breckenridge 46
Game 3 — Snyder 86, Abilene Wylie 56
Game 4 — Odessa High 83, Keller 50
Game 5 — Rider 80, Burleson 58
Game 6 — Permian 62, Big Spring 52
Game 7 — Sweetwater 66, Abilene High JV 47
Game 8 — Snyder 71, Odessa High 46
Game 9 — Brownfield 63, Breckenridge 59
Game 10 — Wylie 63, Keller 62

Saturday, Dec. 28

Game 11 — Sweetwater vs. Snyder at 10:30 a.m. at McMurry
Game 12 — Wichita Falls Rider vs. Odessa Permian at 10:30 a.m. at Abilene High School.
Game 13 — Wylie vs. Brownfield at 9 a.m. at McMurry.
Game 14 — Burleson vs. Big Spring at 9 a.m. at McMurry.
Game 15 — Burleson-Big Spring loser vs. Wylie Brownfield loser at 3 p.m. at McMurry.
Game 16 — Burleson-Big Spring winner vs. Wylie Brownfield winner at 5 p.m.
Game 17 — Abilene High JV vs. Odessa High at 1 p.m.
Game 18 — Third place — Sweetwater-Snyder loser vs. Rider-Permian loser at 7 p.m.
Game 19 — Championship — Snyder-Sweetwater winner vs. Rider-Permian winner at 9 p.m.

Johnson is year's top story

Lakers star quits basketball after testing HIV positive

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press top sports story of 1991 was Magic Johnson's announcement that he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Johnson's Nov. 7 announcement received 338 points and 29 first-place votes in balloting released Wednesday by the AP. Johnson, who had led the Los Angeles Lakers to five NBA titles, announced at a dramatic news conference that he was retiring from pro basketball because of the positive test.

Minnesota's tense seven-game victory over Atlanta in the World Series was second with 236 points and three first-place votes. The Twins beat the Braves 1-0 in 10 innings in Game 7, the fourth game of the Series decided on the final swing.

Mike Powell's long-jump record was third with 177 points and two first-place votes. He jumped 29 feet, 41/2 inches on Aug. 30 at Tokyo, breaking the previous record of 29-21/2 set by Bob Beamon at the 1968 Olympics.

The New York Giants' 20-19 victory over Buffalo on Jan. 27 in the closest Super Bowl ever was fourth with 120 points, followed by Nolan Ryan's record seventh no-hitter, a 3-0 victory over Toronto on May 1. Ryan, who struck out 16 and walked two in the game, received 112 points and one-first place vote.

The Chicago Bulls finished sixth for their first NBA championship, a five-game victory over the Los Angeles Lakers that ended with a 108-101 win on June 12.

Duke's upset 79-77 victory over defending champion UNLV in the NCAA basketball tournament semifinals on March 30 was seventh with 109 points.

Carl Lewis' world record of 9.86 seconds in the 100 meters on Aug. 25 at Tokyo was eighth with 94 points. Lewis was four-hundredths of a second faster than the previous record of 9.90 set by Leroy Burrell at the U.S. Championships two months earlier in New York.

The advance of 39-year-old Jimmy Connors to the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament was ninth with 78 points. Connors was eliminated in the semifinals on Sept. 7, losing to Jim Courier 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

The Sept. 9 indictment of former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson on rape charges was 10th with 65 points. Tyson's loss to James "Buster" Douglas was the AP's top sports story of 1990.

Voting was conducted among AP member newspapers and broadcasters. First-place votes were worth 10 points, second place was worth nine points, etc.

Indiana hands Raiders 86-69 loss

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Calbert Cheaney scored 11 of his 20 points to key a decisive second-half run as 10th-ranked Indiana defeated Texas Tech 86-69 Friday night in the first round of the Hoosier Classic.

Indiana (7-2) led 51-44 with just over 13 minutes to play before outscoring Texas Tech (5-3) 21-6 over the next eight minutes.

Cheaney and Damon Bailey hit back-to-back 3-pointers, giving the Hoosiers a 70-51 lead.

Texas Tech coach James Dickey called a timeout with 5:56 to play, but that didn't matter. Cheaney came back to hit another jumper and give the Hoosiers their biggest lead of the night, 72-51 with 5:30 to go.

Texas Tech stayed close in the first half on the strength of its 3-point shooting. The Red Raiders made 6 of 10 3-pointers, but only 7 of 20 inside the arc.

Damon Ashley, a 6-foot-7 swingman, had the hot hand, making 3 of 4 3-pointers to account for all 9 of his first-half points.

The Hoosiers pulled away in the final minute of the half with six unanswered points.

Indiana's backcourt made the difference. Chris Reynolds started things with an inside score off a feed from Jamal Meeks with 52 seconds left in the half.

Meeks added a pair of free throws, then harassed Bryant Moore into a turnover that Cheaney finished off with a fast-break layup just before the buzzer for a 40-32 lead.

Reynolds sparked another run for the Hoosiers in the opening three minutes of the second half. He converted two steals into layups and also assisted on Eric Anderson's basket for a 46-33 advantage with 17:34 left.

Texas Tech cut the deficit to seven points, but the Hoosiers then turned to Cheaney to take control.

Anderson finished with 14 points for Indiana, 11 coming in the first half, and Meeks added 10.

Stacy Bailey led Tech with 14 points, while reserve Lance Hughes scored 11.

Ankle sprain sidelines Richardson

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' Mike Richardson, a junior guard-forward who averages eight points a game as a reserve, will miss games Saturday and Sunday with a sprained right ankle.

Richardson, a member of the 1990 Western Texas College men's team, was injured Wednesday night during practice. He has suffered two other ankle sprains since transferring to Texas this year, one during preseason practice and the other against Pittsburgh on Nov. 29.

Texas plays Clemson on Saturday in the first round of the Sun Carnival Classic in El Paso. Texas-El Paso and Northern Iowa play in the other game.

The consolation and championship games are Sunday.

Hermleigh boosters set tournament

An Outsiders Basketball Tournament has been scheduled for Jan. 17 and 18 by The Hermleigh Booster Club.

Entry fee is $100 per team and is due by January 10. T-shirts will be awarded the top three teams.

All games in the double-elimination tournament will be played at Hermleigh High School.

To register, call Chip Roemisch at 573-4016 or 863-2451.

Mail entries should be sent to Roemisch at Rt. 1 Box 211 C, Hermleigh, 79526.

Entries will be limited to the first 12 teams.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	17	8	.680	—
Boston	18	9	.667	—
Miami	14	14	.500	4½
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	5
New Jersey	10	18	.357	8½
Washington	9	18	.333	9
Orlando	6	21	.222	12
Central Division				
Chicago	22	4	.846	—
Cleveland	18	9	.667	4½
Detroit	15	14	.517	8½
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	9½
Atlanta	12	15	.444	10½
Indiana	12	16	.429	11
Charlotte	8	22	.267	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	18	12	.600	—
Houston	16	11	.593	½
San Antonio	15	12	.556	1½
Dallas	12	16	.429	5
Denver	10	16	.385	6
Minnesota	4	21	.160	11½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	18	8	.692	—
LA Lakers	17	10	.630	1½
Phoenix	17	10	.630	1½
Portland	17	10	.630	1½
Seattle	15	13	.536	4
LA Clippers	15	14	.517	4½
Sacramento	7	19	.269	11

Saturday's Games

Indiana at New York, 1 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 2:30 p.m.
Charlotte vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Antonio at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Portland, 10 p.m.

NBA roundup...

Golden State thumps Wolves

by The Associated Press

Tim Hardaway was able to see the bright side of going 0-for-17 from the field because the Golden State Warriors still managed to beat the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"I'm gonna frame this one," he said of Friday night's box score showing his 0-for-17, which eclipsed the previous futility record of 15 shots without a field goal established eight times by seven players. "I've got to get an NBA record somehow."

Chris Mullin, whose 36 points included a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left in regulation and five points in overtime, said Hardaway still was a positive factor in the Warriors' 106-102 victory over the Timberwolves, the NBA's worst team at 4-21.

"He got 13 assists. He was doing other things," Mullin said. "We need him in there. He still did his job."

Hardaway is a 46 percent shooter averaging 23 points this season.

Elswhere in the NBA, it was New Jersey 136, Charlotte 120; Cleveland 103, San Antonio 97; Houston 107, Washington 100; Detroit 106, Orlando 94; and Boston 110, Seattle 87.

The previous record of 0-for-15 last occurred when Rodney McCray did it on Nov. 9, 1988. In the 1940s, Philadelphia's Howie Dallmar had two 0-for-15 games.

Pooh Richardson scored 22 points and Sam Mitchell had a career-high 17 rebounds for the Timberwolves, 1-12 since Thanksgiving.

Cavaliers 103, Spurs 97

Brad Daugherty outscored David Robinson 31-14 as Cleveland beat San Antonio and improved its record at home to 13-1 with its fifth straight victory.

Daugherty matched his season high in points, making nine of his 12 floor shots and 13 of 14 free throws. Robinson made only one field-goal attempt in the first half and hit three of nine shots in the game.

Rod Strickland led San Antonio with 16 points and 10 assists.

Rockets 107, Bullets 100

Hakeem Olajuwon had 26 points and 12 rebounds as Houston continued Washington's home woes.

The Rockets' first victory in four games at the Capital Centre since Jan. 2, 1988, gave the Bullets a league-worst 2-9 record at home. Washington is 7-9 away from home.

Vernon Maxwell had 24 points for the Rockets, including a 3-pointer that made it 101-97 with 1:51 left.

A.J. English scored 26 points, while Larry Stewart and Pervis Ellison each had 20 for Washington. Michael Adams finished with 16 points.

Celtics 110, SuperSonics 87

Larry Bird scored 15 of his 25 points in the third quarter and keyed a 14-4 run that carried Boston over Seattle in front of 37,175 fans at the Kingdome.

Bird connected on 10 of 15 shots, including 3-for-4 from 3-point range, and led all rebounders with 10. Kevin McHale scored 21 points for the Celtics.

Ricky Pierce led the Sonics with 26 points on 11-for-13 shooting.

Nets 136, Hornets 120

New Jersey won its third straight game for the first time all season as Drazen Petrovic scored 32 points and Derrick Coleman had 19 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists at Charlotte.

Petrovic and Sam Bowie scored 13 points each in the third quarter when the Nets extended a 66-55 halftime lead to 110-86. Bowie finished with 25 points as the Nets surpassed their previous season high of 122.

The Hornets were led by Kendall Gill with 25 points and rookie Larry Johnson with 23.

Pistons 106, Magic 94

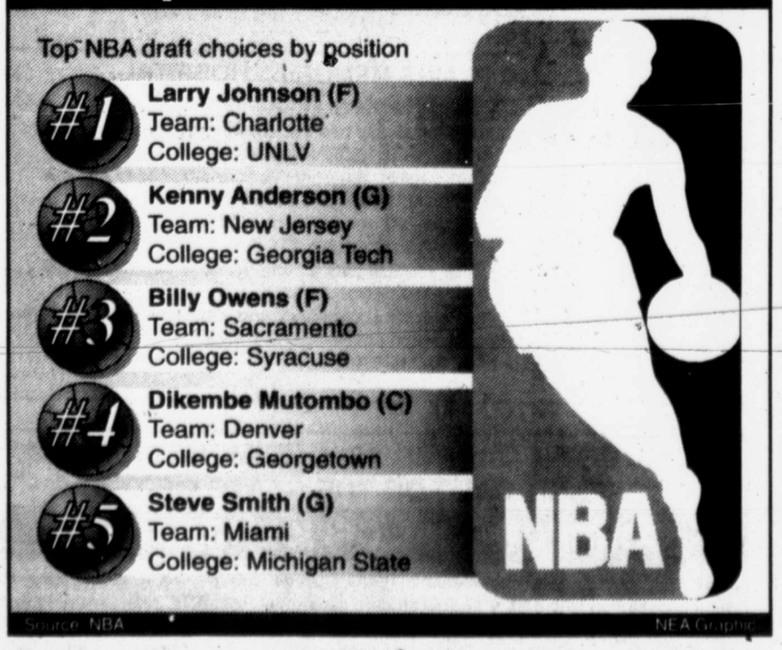
At Auburn Hills, Mich., Detroit handed Orlando its 13th consecutive loss behind Joe Dumars' 27 points and Dennis Rodman's 20 rebounds.

It was the second time in two nights the Pistons defeated the Magic. Dumars scored 31 points in a 112-100 victory in Orlando a day earlier.

Mark Aguirre added 25 points for Detroit, which won its fifth straight game and raised its record above .500 (15-14) for the first time since Nov. 18.

Nick Anderson and Scott Skiles led Orlando with 19 points apiece.

Solid picks?



On paper, at least, this year's first five NBA draft picks — which includad two forwards, two guards and a center — would make a pretty solid squad. Still, it didn't take long for the Sacramento Kings to move the unsigned Billy Owens, who was the No. 3 pick overall. On Nov. 1, the first day of the season, they traded him to Golden State for Mitch Richmond, Les Jepsen and a 1995 second-round draft pick.

SDN sports week

Monday, Dec. 30

Basketball
Snyder Lady Tigers host Odessa Permian. Freshmen at 3:30 p.m. JV at 5 p.m. Varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Basketball
Ira hosts Ira Tournament.
Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.

Friday, Jan. 3

Basketball
Ira hosts Ira Tournament.
Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.
Snyder Lady Tigers at Merkel. JV at 4 p.m. Varsity at 7 p.m.
Snyder Tigers varsity at Merkel. JV at 5:30 p.m. Varsity at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4

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Hermleigh at Ira Tournament.

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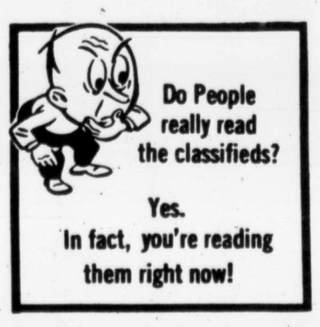
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2802 Ave U-3-3-1, upper 40's.
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- 48 Airlmpact Drivers (⅜, ½, ¾, 1")
- 9 Auto Body Repair Kits
- 12 Dual Action Sanders
- 12 Paint Guns
- 27 Flex Hose
- 99 Air Chisels
- 63 Air Drills
- 50 Cleaning Nozzles
- 51 U.S.A. Air Hose

- 22 ⅜ Butterflies
- 34 Jitter Bug Sanders
- 11 Straight Line Sanders
- 5 Air Bubbles
- 23 Air Ratchets, ¼,⅜,½
- 15 Sand Blasters

SHOP EQUIPMENT
- 13 Cable Pullers (2 & 4 Ton)
- 96 Florescent Trouble Lites
- 36 12 & 204 Ton Bottle Jacks
- 100's Hack Saw blades
- 88 Hack Saws
- 100's High Speed Drill Bits
- 47 Gear Pullers (3" to 8")
- 60 12-pc. Chisel/Punch Sets
- 72 Sledge Hammers (3 to 6 lbs.)
- 23 Rubber Mallets
- 96 Leather & Jersey Gloves
- 14 Torque Wrenches, ¾, ½
- 44 Calipers
- 68 Cotter Key Sets
- 100's Socket Sets (¼, ⅜, ½, ¾, 1")
- Hundreds ea. Wrench Sets (¼ to 1¼")
- 100's ea. Pliers (a variety)
- Hundreds ea. Nut Drivers (Set & Pc.)
- 100's Adjustable Wrenches
- 28 Tap & Die Sets (40 Pc.)
- 20 Tap & Die Sets (Large Sizes to ¾)
- 64 Tin Snips
- 94 Crowbars
- 88 Ratchet Tie Downs
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- 24 Splitting Mauls (6 lb.)
- 100's Paint Brushes (several sizes)
- 100's Knives (assorted)
- 50 Tarps (assorted sizes/weights)
- 54 Tarp Straps
- 25 ½ Pound Axes

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Buckley's remains arrive in Delaware

DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AP) — A plane carrying the remains of slain Beirut CIA station chief William Buckley arrived Saturday morning on a flight from Frankfurt, Germany, ending the eight-year ordeal of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

The C-141 cargo jet landed at 6:10 a.m. from Rhein-Main Air Base. It was scheduled to arrive at 8 a.m., but was cleared for an early departure, said Air Force Maj. Alan Baker. The base was closed to the media for Saturday's arrival.

Baker said the remains were removed from the plane by Air Force pallbearers, loaded into a hearse and taken to the base mortuary. He declined to comment further.

"The pressure's off," Buckley's sister Joyce Wing said from her home in Saugus, Mass., upon hearing that the plane had touched down.

She said the family's ordeal will be over "once he's buried."

Forensic experts intended to positively identify the remains at the mortuary. Lebanon's chief pathologist had tentatively identified them based on medical charts supplied by the United States.

In Washington on Friday, the CIA acknowledged that Buckley was one of its members. The clandestine intelligence agency said he had been a senior CIA official when he was kidnapped by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim radicals in March 1984. He is believed to have died the next year, after being tortured.

Buckley's body was found early Friday near the Beirut airport by Lebanese police, acting on an anonymous telephone tip. It was wrapped in cotton bandages and shrouded in a brown blanket tied with plastic rope.

Buckley, of Medford, Mass., was one of the first Americans abducted and one of eight Westerners known to have died in captivity since the hostage ordeal began in 1984.

The last living American held captive, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent of The Associated Press, was freed Dec. 4.

The remains of Marine Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, who was in Lebanon as a United Nations observer when he was abducted, arrived at the base on Christmas Eve.

Tentative plans were being made for one ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington to honor both Buckley and Higgins, said a government official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Islamic Jihad claimed to have killed the 57-year-old Buckley on Oct. 4, 1985, to avenge an Israeli air raid on the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Tunis.

But former American hostages later said Buckley died of torture at least four months before the purported execution.

U.S. plane manufacturer sends investigator to review crash

GOTTRORA, Sweden (AP) — A McDonnell-Douglas accident specialist is joining Swedish investigators trying to figure out why engines of an SAS jetliner failed, forcing the pilot to make a daring crash-landing in a snowy field.

Officials said it was a miracle that no one was killed in Friday's crash of the twin-engine MD-80 and most of the 129 aboard walked away from the wreckage. Forty-two were injured, several seriously.

Don Hanson, spokesman for Douglas Aircraft, the Long Beach, Calif.-based commercial aircraft division of McDonnell-Douglas Corp., said the company has sent one accident investigation specialist and would send more as warranted.

"It's too soon for us to have any idea of what may have happened there," Hanson said late Friday by telephone from California.

"We certainly recognize that the crew did a marvelous job of bringing that airplane down and we're very glad that there were so few injuries and no fatalities," he added.

The aircraft, bound for Copenhagen, Denmark and Warsaw, Poland, crashed three minutes after takeoff from Stockholm's Arlanda airport, 28 miles north of the city, after the pilot reported trouble with both engines.

Officials initially said ice likely played a role in the crash, but the pilot later said the plane's wings had been de-iced before takeoff.

The pilot, 14-year veteran Stefan Rasmussen, said that once he realized he had lost power, he had only seconds to scan the forest and farmland for a clear place to land.

He told reporters he tried to glide as far as possible to slow the plane down. One minute before impact, still traveling at 150 mph, he alerted the passengers and crew to brace themselves.

"I did what I learned and I used all my skill, and I think I had a little help because it was Christmas," said Rasmussen, who suffered neck and head injuries.

The aircraft skidded across a frozen meadow, split into three pieces and ground to a halt just short of a forest. The right wing landed in the woods, the body broke open and seats spilled out. But the plane did not catch fire.

"I am very happy that we managed to land without" deaths, said Rasmussen. "I have talked to my family, and I think I'll start a new life today."

Rasmussen reported trouble with both engines shortly after taking off into thick clouds. The national news agency TT said when he was unable to start them, he told the control tower: "I'm going to crash."

Although the cause of the crash has not been determined, the airline praised Rasmussen for his skill in picking a landing site. "The captain did a tremendous job ... because he apparently managed to fly it to a reasonably good emergency landing site and near roads," said John Tulin, chief of SAS flight operations in Stockholm.

SAS said it acquired the aircraft in April. The company has 58 MD-80 jetliners and has used them since 1985. Swedish aircraft expert Erik Uddenberg said it is one of the world's most-used aircraft, with about 2,000 in service.

On Aug. 16, 1987, a Northwest Airlines MD-80 crashed shortly after takeoff from Detroit, killing 156 people.

Mouth-to-snout resuscitation saves dog's life

MARISSA, Ill. (AP) — An emergency medical technician's mouth-to-snout resuscitation saved a poodle that nearly drowned Christmas in his family's swimming pool.

"I got on the floor and started administering CPR to get him breathing," said Mike DeLong, who heard the police report on his scanner and rushed to the home in this southern Illinois town.

The Middendorf family was opening Christmas gifts when Curtis Middendorf looked out the patio door and saw 13-year-old Pepe floating unconscious in several inches of water on the cover of their swimming pool.

Betty Middendorf called 911 while son Kevin Gladson-Middendorf began to give Pepe mouth-to-snout resuscitation.

"The lady was hysterical, screaming somebody had drowned," said 911 operator Tom Elliff. "We finally got out of her that a dog had drowned in the pool."

DeLong took over after arriving at the home, then rushed Pepe to a nearby ambulance garage, where he was given oxygen and warmed up with blow dryers before being taken to a veterinarian.

Pepe is now doing fine.

"That dog is like one of the family," Betty Middendorf said.

Review

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an unexpired term.

Gwen Cumbie and incumbent Sidney D. Wall were elected to three-year terms on the Ira ISD board.

On May 18, Armed Forces Day, thousands of Scurry County citizens turned out for a parade to welcome home servicemen and women from the Persian Gulf War. The parade, one of the largest ever in the county, also honored veterans of all other wars.

On June 13, Travis Dale Gray, who escaped from the Price Daniel Unit on June 20, 1990, was arrested in Florida. Gray, who had been serving a 45-year sentence for the murder of his first wife when he made his getaway, is to face trial on escape charges on Jan. 14.

Among the other highlights of the second quarter of 1992 were these:

—Snyder High School students advanced in UIL District 2-4A literary contests; however, none qualified for state.

—The high school drama department's one-act play, "She Stoops to Conquer," advanced from area competition. For the first time since 1974, however, SHS failed to advance to state.

—In an event which could impact Scurry County, groundbreaking ceremonies were held in April for Lake Alan Henry near Justiceburg.

—Kent Holmes received the Conservation Farmer Award and Buster Welch the Conservation Rancher Award during the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District's annual banquet. Also recognized were Jady Gilbert as the Conservation Contract Award winner; Clarence Spieker as rural recipient of the Conservation Teacher Award; and Kellye Starnes as urban recipient of the award.

—Snyder students advanced to regional competition in tennis, golf and track. Three tracksters — Katina Brandon, Vinnie Clay and Ed Rios — qualified for state. Brandon placed fifth in the competition at Austin.

—The high school's symphonic band captured sweepstakes in competition at Texas Tech University.

—Shirley Leftwich, Scurry County museum director, was elected president of the Permian Basin Museum Institute.

—Gary Nussey, M.D., opened his practice in Snyder on May 20, relocating from Monahans.

—Former Scurry County Sheriff and longtime local resident Earl Bernard Abercrombie died on May 25.

—SISD trustees appointed Terry Martin to the County Education District. Ray Peveler was chosen as the CED administrator the following month as Texas began to learn to cope with a state law designed to distribute funds equally among students.

—Margaret Presswood, junior high assistant principal, was named director of curriculum and testing for Snyder ISD. She would be replaced at the junior high in July by Thomas Fogleman, band and choir director at Breckenridge.

—The widening of 37th St. began in May.

—The county had witnessed only 2.6 inches of rainfall by May 6. Ironically, over 26 inches during the next seven months would be cited as one reason for a poor 1991 cotton crop.

Taxes

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stockpiled for recycling.

Recycled tires have been used in landscaping, making the backs of floor mats, and even for rubberized asphalt, officials said.

The new corporate income tax was labeled a revision of the franchise tax when the Legislature passed it earlier this year. State officials still refer to it as the "earned surplus tax."

The new law assesses businesses the higher tax between a levy on capital assets, or profits.

The tax is expected to generate an additional $790 million over the next two years, and was a major piece of the $2.6 billion tax and fee hike enacted by lawmakers.

Adopting a dog or cat from a pound or humane shelter will also carry a new responsibility. Once old enough, the animal must be sterilized, or it can be reclaimed. Cities under 25,000 people are exempt from the law, while many large cities in Texas already have similar laws.

Another law restricts when a company can solicit sales through automated dialing calls. Those hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 9 p.m. Sunday.

The law also prohibits the company from using a customer's credit card number unless the seller provides the consumer with a full refund for unused goods. Violation of this new law carries a maximum fine of $10,000.

A new $5 farm vehicle license fee will go into effect in order to raise funds for a program that will provide interest-free loans of up to $50,000 for persons between 18- and 39-years-old to establish their first farm or ranch.

The Young Farmer Endowment Program is aimed at getting younger people into farming in Texas, where the average farmer is 54.

Police arrest three juveniles

Snyder police made four arrests Friday and early Saturday.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the 2900 block of Ave. F at 10:13 a.m. Friday for driving while license suspended. The subject was taken to the county jail.

At 12:41 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested three juvenile males, ages 16, 15 and 16, at 32nd St. and Ave. K for public intoxication. They were transported to the police department and later released to relatives.

Officers also received a report of a traffic accident at 12:05 p.m. Friday in the 4500 block of Galveston. An unknown vehicle struck a city-owned dumpster and left the scene.

The United States launched Gemini 7 in 1965 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Commander James A. Lovell aboard.

Obituaries

Lela Williams

1896-1991

Services have been set for 10 am. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for former Dunn resident Lela Mae Williams, 95, who died at 6 p.m. Friday at Rosewood Hospital in Houston.

A resident of Houston, Mrs. Williams was born on Sept. 30, 1896, in Dunn.

Her husband, Clyde Arthur Williams, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Vernell Moreland of Pleasanton, Calif.; three sons, Elvin Williams and Vernon Williams, both of Houston, and Allen Williams of Omaha, Neb.; and a brother, Ollie Richardson of Dunn.

Loyd Jackson

1925-1991

MANHATTEN BEACH, Calif. — Services are pending at Greenhill Mortuary in Rolling Hills, Calif., for Scurry County native Loyd R. Jackson, 66, of Manhattan Beach.

Mr. Jackson died at 9 a.m. Friday.

He was born on Feb. 23, 1925, in Hermleigh.

Survivors include his wife, Florene, of the home; a son, Gary Jackson, and a daughter, Sherry Jackson Dunlap, both of Manhatten Beach; a brother, O.B. Jackson of Hermleigh; a nephew, Joe Jackson of Snyder, and two cousins, Bob and Don Sealy of Snyder.

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2807 Ave W-3-2, $49,500.
2207 43rd-3-1-1CP, $48T.
3405 44rd-3-2-2, $50's.
1911 30th-2-1, $19T.
3606 Irving-3-1½ -1, $32;500.
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE ON INTENT TO ORDER DEMOLITION

ATTENTION: Millie Ann Graven Estate; I have surveyed the structure located at 3111 Avenue I, (Lot 4, Block 5, Nunn Addition). I declare this building a dangerous structure as defined in Ordinance 324. A re-inspection will be made on/or about February 6, 1992. If this structure has not been removed by this date, the City of Snyder will remove the building and assess the property.

Billy Boone
Building Inspection Department
City of Snyder

The Rotan Independent School District will accept sealed bids until 12:00 p.m., February 7, 1992 at the Superintendent's office, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546 for band uniforms. Anticipated purchase: 75 uniforms.

To receive specifications and additional information, contact the Superintendent's office. Sealed bids will be opened at the Superintendent's office at 1:00 p.m., February 7, 1992. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL

A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Snyder Texas:

Notifiquese, por el presente, que los sitios de votacion sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 18 de Enero, 1992, para votar en una eleccion especial a decidir en la cuestion sobre un impuesto de ventas y empleo entre la ciudad para el ascenso y desarrollo de una nueva y extendida empresa comercial en el precio de tresochos (3/8) de un por ciento de accuerdo con Capitulo 184 de LasLeyes Sesionales de el estado de Tejas Y Articulo 5190.6, Seccion 4A, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes de el Estado de Tejas, de otra manera conocido como el Development Corporation Act of 1979 y la adoptacion de aymentar un impuesto de ventas y empleo entre la ciudad en el precio de un-ocho (1/8) de un por ciento, sera empleado para reducir el precio de impuestos de propiedad en accuerdo con Seccion 321 de el Codigo de propiedad de el Estado.)

DIRECCION PARA EL SITIO DE VOTACION: La Casa de ayuntamiento, 1925 por la calle 24, Snyder, Texas.

La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en la Casa de ayuntamiento entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 30 de Diciembre, 1991 y terminando el 14 de Enero, 1992.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Jeanne Johnson, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votadan en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 10 de Enero, 1992.

Emitada este dia 25 de Noviembre, 1991.

Troy Williamson
Firma del Alcalde

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of the City of Snyder, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on January 18, 1992, for voting in a special election to decide on the question of a sales and use tax within the City for the promotion and development of new and expanded business enterprises at the rate of three-eights (3/8) of one percent in accordance with Chapter 184 of the Session Laws of the State of Texas and Article 5190.6, Section 4A, Vernon's Annotated civil Statutes of the State of Texas, otherwise known as the Development Corporation Act of 1979; and the adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the City at the rate of one-eight (1/8) of one percent to be used to reduce the property tax rate in accordance with Section 321 of the State Property Tax Code.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES: City Hall, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas.

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on December 30, 1991 and ending on January 14, 1992. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Jeanne Johnson, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 10, 1992.

Issued this the 25th day of November, 1991.

Troy Williamson
Signature of Mayor

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Life expectancy —	**U.S., 75.3 years; Canada, 77.1 years.**
Infant mortality —	**U.S., 10.4 (per 100 live births); Canada, 7.9.**
Death from heart disease —	**U.S., 434 (per 10,000); Canada, 348.**
Per capita health care expenditure —	**U.S., $2,354; Canada, $1,683.**
Health expenditure as percent of GNP —	**U.S., 12.3 percent; Canada, 8.7 percent.**
Number of people per doctor —	**U.S., 488; Canada, 463.**
Short-term hospital beds —	**U.S., 4.05 (per 1,000); Canada, 4.39.**
Open heart surgery units —	**U.S., 790; Canada, 11.**
Average physician income —	**U.S., $146,200; Ontario, $115,000 (U.S.).**
Average annual malpractice premium —	**U.S., $57,000; Canada, $7,500.**

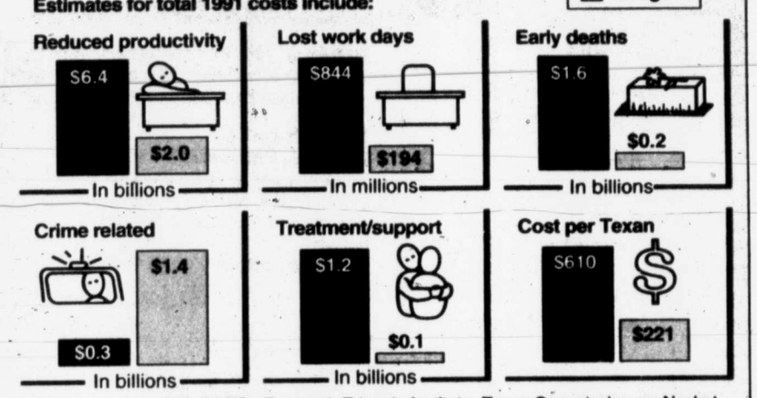
How does the United States stack up against Canada in health care? Each Canadian province operates a tax-supported universal coverage plan. It's estimated that such a system could save America more than $75 billion a year.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Substance abuse costs billions

The economic cost of the abuse of alcohol and drugs in 1991, including reduced productivity and lost employment, was estimated at $15 billion in the state, or $831 per Texan.

Estimates for total 1991 costs include:



SOURCES: Research Triangle Institute, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 28, 1991

Your probabilities for advancement look good in the year ahead. Once you get on the right track, your progress could be slow, but it should be consistent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions in general could be a bit testy for everyone today, including you. You should do reasonably well, even though things may not come out exactly as you planned. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Listen carefully to what others have to say today, even though you may not completely agree with them. A valuable piece of information might be interwoven in their rhetoric.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Joint ventures have their benefits as well as their disadvantages today. You'll have to be extremely skillful in making your selections.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Several people who usually treat you amicably might be difficult to get along with today. If this occurs, analyze events honestly to determine who's at fault — you or them?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to be productive today, you must be consistent in your work. If you do things haphazardly, you'll not have much to show for your efforts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your carefully-planned agenda might be disrupted by unexpected developments today. You can either react by getting upset or by treating it as a manageable experience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your sense of timing might not be up to par today. There is a possibility you may either wait too long to close a deal or impulsively attempt to finalize it too quickly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may encounter someone today who feels as strongly about particular views as you do. If you hear this individual out, you might be surprised as to how much you have in common.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are presently in a financial trend that could be subjected to some ups and downs. Make the most of the good times and operate as prudently as possible during the down turns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your time and talents will have their limitations today, so it's best not to attempt to do several things simultaneously. You'll perform well doing one, but two might be too many.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Being too honest with your opinions might not be a popular policy today. Use good judgment, so that you don't say something that could antagonize another.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't waste your time, talent, energy or money on situations that are not constructive today. You're likely to have a lot of interests, but most of them could be insignificant.

Dec. 29, 1991

Circumstances you'll have little control over may cause change in the year ahead, but you'll be the one who guides them to desirable fruitions. Things are looking up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your friends might be leaning on you a bit more than usual today, so be prepared to assume some of their burdens. Fortunately, however, they're not apt to lay anything on you you can't manage. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't be overly concerned today if you suddenly find yourself in some type of competitive development. Challenges arouse your will to win, and you'll instinctively know how to do so with grace.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Profit from your own past experiences today. Don't fall back on a bad habit that previously led you down a dead-end street.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be exceptionally keen in financial or commercial matters today. Some type of gain is indicated, provided you use your logic and insights wisely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A loyal and forceful friend of yours will have some good things to say on your behalf to others today. This pal's comments will have impact.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're up to managing situations today that you would usually shy away from. Get an early start because, if you apply yourself, this could be a very productive day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Members of both genders are likely to find you more appealing and popular today than a friend of yours who is always subconsciously competing against you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're better at doing things for others today than you are at doing things for yourself. Perhaps it's because these noble inclinations represent the real you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your powers of observation and concentration are extremely acute today. Things which will be apparent to you could be completely overlooked by those with whom you'll associate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your probabilities for adding something of value to your resources look good today. However, you're going to have to assert yourself in order to acquire it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be extra cognizant of your appearance and demeanor today; you'll not go unnoticed in a crowd. If you make a favorable impression, it'll be a lasting one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Play it smart today and function as the power behind the scenes. What you hope to achieve can be accomplished by letting others think it's their idea.

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Mug is from Michigan

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — John Corbett has a mug from Michigan for his coffee when disc jockey Chris takes to the airwaves on CBS-TV's "Northern Exposure."

Paula Ray, a secretary at the Muskegon Museum of Art, noticed Chris "was always drinking a cup of coffee."

Ray and fellow museum worker Melissa Freye sent a museum mug to Corbett in Roslyn, Wash., the town that doubles as tiny Cicely, Alaska, on the show.

"If anything, I thought we'd get a form letter," Ray said.

Dear Abby

Quick Relief for Dry Mouth Brings Smiles to Many Lips

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, I read in your column about people having a problem with dry mouth.

I failed to keep the article in which you kindly offered information about my problem. Please print it again, and this time, I will make a note of the solution. I've read of other remedies, but I believe your information was the best.

SPITTING COTTON

DEAR SPITTING COTTON: The column to which you referred was printed in October 1987, but here it is again:

DEAR ABBY: A while back you recommended a "saliva substitute" for people who suffer from dry mouth. Having suffered from that condition for two years, I went immediately to the pharmacy and asked for a saliva substitute. The pharmacist said she had never heard of such a product and told me to ask my dentist what the brand name was.

I called my dentist, and he had never heard of a saliva substitute either. Abby, can you tell me the name of this product and where it can be purchased?

NEEDS IT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR NEEDS: I had no idea that the problem of "dry mouth" was so widespread until I mentioned it in my column and was promptly deluged with letters from readers seeking relief from that condition.

There are at least four brands of saliva substitutes on the market today. Ask your pharmacist to check the Annual Pharmacists' Reference Red Book, Facts and Comparisons, or Physicians' Desk Reference for Non-Prescription Drugs under "Saliva Substitutes."

Readers, for your information, "xerostomia" (dry mouth) can be caused by disease, medication, radiation therapy or the normal aging process. This condition can cause acute discomfort, tooth decay, inability to eat, swallow or talk, as well as difficulty in wearing dentures.

If your pharmacist has never heard of it and doesn't know where to get saliva substitutes, find another pharmacist.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing to thank you for an article that you ran recently that has given me more relief and comfort than I can describe.

I am 83, male and reasonably healthy, but in recent years I've been terribly troubled with a dry mouth — especially at night. I complained to my doctor. He just shrugged his shoulders. Then I read your column in the San Francisco Chronicle, and my prayers were answered! In response to a letter asking why a person would use a mouth spray in public, you quoted a dentist who said that as a result of disease, medication, radiation therapy or simply aging, a number of people suffer from "xerostomia" (dry mouth).

I immediately phoned my druggist, and he had never heard of a saliva substitute, so I told him to call his supplier and order it.

He did, and the next day I picked it up and used it. Abby, I will be eternally grateful to you and that dentist. No more dry mouth! God bless you.

GRATEFUL IN PARADISE, CALIF.

DEAR GRATEFUL: I'll print your letter for the benefit of others who suffer from dry mouth and are not aware of saliva substitutes.

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DEAR ABBY: Several years ago, you printed several letters concerning older people who had heard music inside their heads. I would appreciate any information you can give me, because my 92-year-old mother is experiencing those symptoms and needs reassurance that she is not "going crazy."

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and for many years of unadulterated information and pleasure.

JUDITH PHILLIPS, R.N., CANYON, TEXAS

DEAR JUDITH: That problem continues to surface from time to time, and when I explain that it is not unusual, readers are greatly relieved to learn that they are not alone. Here they are again:

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing those letters from people who keep hearing music in their heads. I am one. I am now 76, and never told others because I was afraid of what they might think. I have been a nurse for more than 50 years and had never heard of this condition. I feared that maybe I was getting senile. I was truly relieved after reading in your column that many others had the same experience.

During my waking hours, I hear hymns and waltzes. All the waltzes I loved to dance to keep drifting through my mind. Now I can tell my doctor about it and not be afraid that he will look at me and think, "Poor soul. She is really failing!"

EMILIE IN BUCKS COUNTY

DEAR EMILIE: You would not believe the number of letters from readers who had also been hearing things and doubted their sanity. One man said he nearly went crazy because he heard bees buzzing continually in one ear — night and day. Another said he heard constant crackling sounds, like bacon frying. A woman heard the "chirping" of crickets. Still another said it sounded like a freight train was roaring through her head. All feared they were going mad.

The sounds are due to a condition called "tinnitus," but the musical hallucinations are yet another matter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It was interesting seeing all the letters sent to you by people with musical hallucinations.

The two cases I describe in my book, "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat," were rather rare and special examples of musical epilepsy associated with damage to the brain. But musical hallucinations are relatively common, especially in older people, and though they should be checked out, nearly always turn out to be benign — a nuisance, but not necessarily a sign of neurological disease. Readers should be assured about this.

OLIVER SACKS, M.D., PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY, ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, BRONX, N.Y.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm in my late 60s and profoundly deaf. I also have a severe case of tinnitus, which is a chronic ringing sensation in my ears. My case is unbelievable. The sounds might be compared to a bad LSD trip without psychedelic visions. They sometimes last as long as four days.

Like most people, you will probably think I'm a nut case. I hear music or singing, or both — the same compositions over and over. Would you be good enough to consult one of your authorities to verify the fact that I am not crazy? I believe that would be an otorhinolaryngologist. This small town does not have such a specialist. Hoping you can help me ... HEARING THINGS

DEAR HEARING: Write to: The American Tinnitus Association, P.O. Box 5, Portland, Ore. 97207. You will be referred to a specialist near you. Please enclose a long, self-addressed stamped envelope (75 cents) and $1 to cover the cost of their printed materials. It's a pittance to pay for peace of mind.

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California governor's popularity decreases

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson, mentioned by some as a possible 1996 presidential candidate, has fallen farther in the polls in his first year in office than any recent predecessor did during his entire administration.

But Wilson, who left the United States Senate to succeed fellow Republican George Deukmejian as governor of the nation's most populous state, says he had to risk losing support by raising taxes when economic hard times suddenly left California with a whopping budget deficit.

"It's been a year of a remarkable number of challenges, and I think by and large we have enjoyed a great deal of success meeting them," Wilson, 58, said in a recent interview.

"We have made a number of decisions which have obviously offended a number of interest groups, which is inevitable," he said.

Wilson's administration began with an omen of the hard times ahead.

Two weeks before he took the oath of office, a freeze wiped out 90 percent of California's winter citrus crop. In October, a firestorm in the Oakland hills killed 25 people, destroyed 3,000 homes and caused $1.5 billion in damage. And by year's end, an invasion of poinsettia whiteflies devastated tens of millions of dollars of winter produce in Southern California.

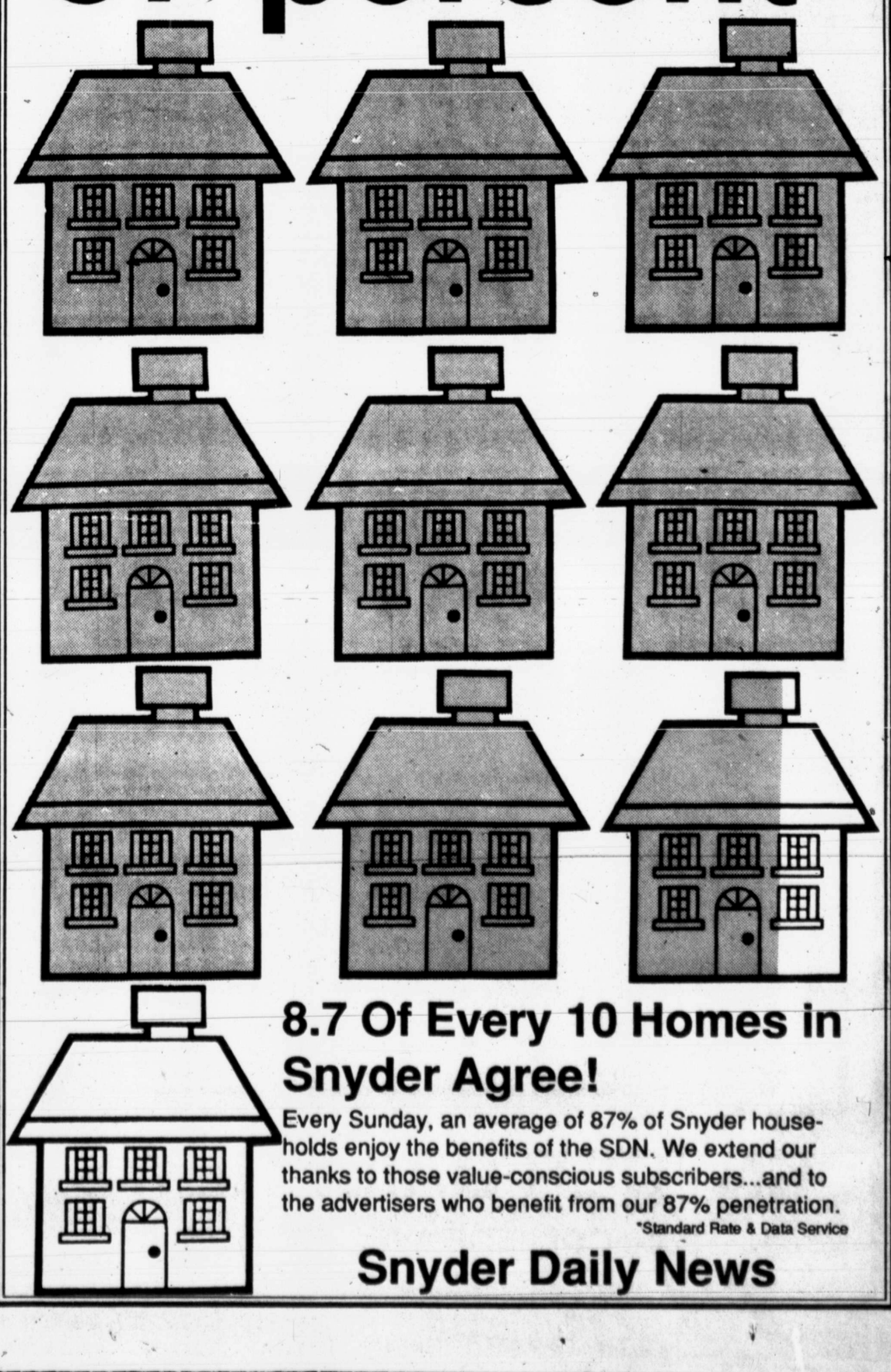
Yet problems caused by nature were mild compared with the fiscal catastrophe awaiting the freshman governor.

Wilson said he knew he faced a potential deficit when he took office, but never dreamed it would reach $14.3 billion — nearly a quarter of California's annual $55 billion budget.

Conservatives pressured him to close the deficit with spending cuts. But Wilson refused, saying he could shut state operations down entirely and still not close the gap.

After months of negotiations, he pushed through a plan that called for $7 billion in new taxes and another $7 billion in spending cuts and bookkeeping changes.

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Smoke-free life might be bluer one for some hospital patients

NEW YORK (AP) — Giving up cigarettes is tough for the weak of will, and virtually impossible for the emotional wreck.

But 5,000 U.S. hospitals, including 560 psychiatric institutions, are under orders from the nation's major health-care accrediting body to begin imposing smoking bans Jan. 1.

The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations has not ruled the ban must start Jan. 1 — institutions must only restrict smoking to designated areas, and have a plan in place to ban all smoking in two years.

If they don't, said commission spokesman Stephen Davidow, "It could adversely affect their accreditation" — which means their reimbursements from Medicare and other insurance could be affected, along with their state licensing, bond ratings and their ability to attract staff.

Still, some hospitals are balking. Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare has said it will not ban smoking at its 13 accredited state psychiatric hospitals. It's unfair to patients who are involuntarily hospitalized or face long stays, officials say.

And if this puts their accreditation at risk? "We will take a wait-and-see attitude," said spokeswoman Vicki Smink.

While no one disputes the physical health benefits of snuffing out cigarettes, doctors who run drug-treatment programs and psychiatric units worry about the impact going smoke-free will have on their patients' mental health.

"You certainly could say one has to be concerned about whether this is a good thing to do with psychiatric patients," said Dr. Alexander Glassman, a Columbia University psychiatrist whose research has shown the connection between smoking and depression.

Psychiatric patients smoke more and quit less. Studies have shown that people with a history of depression are more than 50 percent less likely to succeed in quitting and are far more likely to become depressed when they do quit.

Unlike irritability, depression is an exceedingly rare symptom of tobacco withdrawal; in the general population, only 10 percent to 15 percent of people experience depression when they quit smoking.

But Glassman found that among people with a history of depression, 80 percent became depressed when they tried to give up cigarettes. And unlike irritability, depression may linger long after withdrawal.

"Nobody stays a more irritable person because they quit smoking," Glassman said. "That isn't so clear with depression. Most people get through it. But some do not."

How many? Nobody knows.

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Get your money's worth from doctor

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Increasingly, doctors are demanding payment at the time of any office visit. My objection to this stems from one doctor who took blood and six weeks later hadn't reported the findings to me. Of course, I had already paid him at his request without knowing the results. Is it legal for a physician to state that payment must be made at the time of the visit?

DEAR READER: Most office-based doctors are feeling the crunch: Insurance companies and Medicare are slow to pay, and the cost of running an office seems to rise each year. As a result, many doctors are requesting payment at the time of service. This improves cash flow and saves billing costs. Such a position is entirely ethical and legal.

I think problems arise when doctors start demanding payment up front, without giving the added service patients have come to expect. Your doctor appears to want it both ways: paid in advance for being lazy. Bug him. Don't let him get away with this. You deserve to know the results of the blood tests you paid for. Don't buy any of that "I was too busy to report to you" excuse. Your doctor is being inconsiderate, even rude, and it's galling to realize he's been sitting on your money all these weeks. Call him.

When doctors expect payment at the time of the visit, patients have a right to expect extra courtesy. If they don't get it, I suggest screaming bloody murder.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Choosing a Physician." 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: I'm a 67-year-old female diagnosed with morphea. What is it? Is it life-threatening, and how can it be treated?

DEAR READER: Morphea is an unusual skin condition in which part of the skin itself and, sometimes, the underlying tissue are replaced with scar, leading to white or pinkish patches, bands or lines. The cause is unknown and there is no treatment.

Some experts believe that morphea is a form of (or related to) scleroderma, a disease marked by the appearance of scar-like tissue in areas of the skin, joints, intestinal tract, lungs, heart and kidneys. As a general rule, patients with morphea do not suffer the complications of scleroderma, such as heart disease and kidney failure, although blood tests may show anti-nuclear antibodies (a hallmark of scleroderma) in both conditions.

Morphea is not life threatening. However, your doctor should perform tests, such as blood tests to assess kidney function, to make sure you don't have a more serious form of scleroderma, for which cortisone is the treatment of choice.

The riveting confrontation between Professor Anita Hill and Judge Clarence Thomas raised disturbing questions about the relations between men and women in the workplace. Sexual harassment and the concept of a "hostile environment" were vividly thrust into public awareness. In the last decade, few topics have captured more media attention and provided more debate than the Hill/Thomas controversy.

I believe that most men were puzzled by the vehemence expressed by working women who charged that along with being relegated to second-class citizens, they were constantly subjected to institutionalized tormenting because of their sex. Before the Thomas hearings, men pretty much accepted and played along with the traditional concept of flirtatious innuendo in the business world. In fact, in some professions granting sexual favors has been one way of getting ahead. For example, it was said that Hollywood starlets furthered their careers by sleeping with directors and producers; in the music world, big breaks often came to artists who were socially flexible off the stage.

Whether you sided with Hill or Thomas, one fact is clear: The days of the cartoon caveman dragging his object of desire around by the hair is gone forever. Women demand equality. They want to be judged by their abilities, not their attractiveness to men. They insist that a professional business relation be uncontaminated by sexist remarks and attitudes that are demeaning and, in some cases, downright insulting. I am sure that every intelligent and reasonably sensitive man agrees with and accepts this female position, which is fair, just and completely appropriate.

Only time will tell, however, whether these new attitudes will filter down to hospitals, where — you may be surprised to learn — sexism still flourishes. The relations between male doctors and female nurses have always been, well ... gamy. To put it delicately, in most hospitals, there are a lot of sexual undertones that are ingrained, bear no connection to a marriage contract, seldom exceed propriety and will be as difficult to correct as cold bed pans. For one thing, it's going to be darned difficult to define the line between friendly, suggestive banter and the beginning of a serious flirtation (or, worse still, square one of a fantasized seduction).

For example, last week I was involved in several circumstances that I would have blithely disregarded in the pre-Hill/Thomas era. Now, I don't know whether to report them. I certainly don't want to end up on television as some kind of weird celebrity, taking polygraph tests and fielding insipidly probing questions from senile and self-righteous elected officials. Here's what happened.

A female nurse commented that my bow tie was ugly. Ordinarily, I wouldn't respond to this slur, but — in light of recent events — don't I have a right to be protected against negative criticism concerning my dress? Must I always look attractive to women?

While standing in the hall consulting with a colleague, I felt a hand on my shoulder. It belonged to a female housekeeping employee who wanted me to move so she could mop the floor. A few weeks ago, I would have ignored such a blatant gesture. But I now understand that this unsolicited familiarity could mean that the woman had more on her mind than soapy water. This realization sent chills up my spine.

A nurse's aide, walking behind me in the hall, exclaimed: "Nice buns!" In the past, I'd have attributed this comment to cruel sarcasm, a reality I've come to accept from female staff young enough to be my daughters. In the present litigious climate, however, I wheeled around ready to record her name for future legal action. I was disappointed to discover she was referring to half-a-dozen Danish pastries. But, you know, you can never be sure about these DOUBLE ENTENDRES.

A female X-ray technician asked me if I had got a haircut or new glasses. The last time this happened, we struck up a brief, cordial discussion. This time, no way. I reminded her that any comments made to me in the workplace should refer to my professional qualifications, not to my appearance.

This is just a smattering of the indignities I suffer every day. As you can see, I have trouble interpreting these situations. While the women may have been merely making affable gestures, you can never take that for granted. These could be harassing ploys, designed to make the environment hostile. I think I'd better keep my guard up, document incidents in a diary and hire a good lawyer.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 28, 1991

Today is the 362nd day of 1991 and the 7th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1846, Iowa was admitted to the Union as the 29th state.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924), U.S. president; Earl "Fatha" Hines (1905-1983), jazz pianist-bandleader-composer; Maggie Smith (1934-), actress, is 57; Hubie Green (1948-), golfer, is 45; Ray Bourque (1960-), hockey player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1958, Alan Ameche scored on a 1-yard run to give the Baltimore Colts a 23-17 victory over the New York Giants in overtime in the NFL championship game, often cited as the greatest game in NFL history.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it." — Woodrow Wilson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1897, Dayville, Ore., was an exception to the Pacific Northwest's winter rule by setting Oregon's December record high of 81 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after last quarter (Dec. 27).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
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Today is the 363rd day of 1991 and the 8th day of winter.

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

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Goodyear (1800-1860), inventor; Andrew Johnson (1808-1875), U.S. president; Pablo Casals (1876-1973), cellist-conductor; Tom Bradley (1917-), U.S. politician-policeman, is 74; Mary Tyler Moore (1937-), actress, is 54; Jon Voight (1938-), actor, is 53; Ted Danson (1947-), actor-producer, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1978, Clemson defeated Ohio State, 19-15, in the Gator Bowl. Buckeyes head coach Woody Hayes was fired after punching Clemson middle guard Charlie Bauman on the sidelines following his game-clinching interception.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "People don't know me for the dork I am. Everyone should get a hit TV series playing a womanizing adolescent male." — Ted Danson

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1954, the 24-hour snowfall record for Kansas was set at Fort Scott when 26 inches fell.

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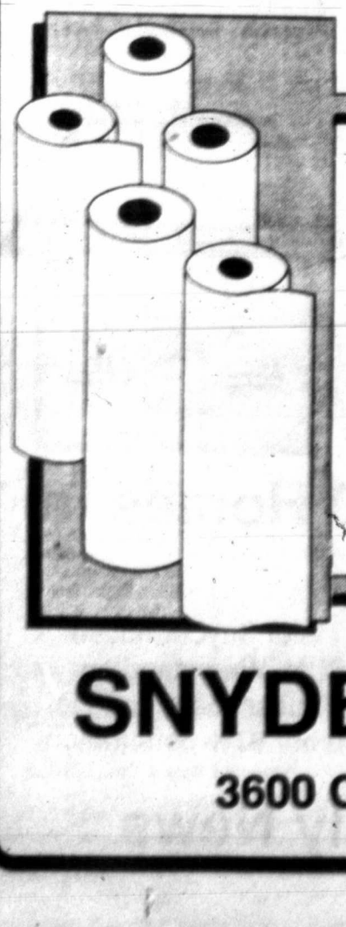
TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 27) and new moon (Jan. 4).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
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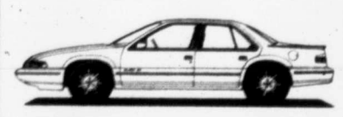
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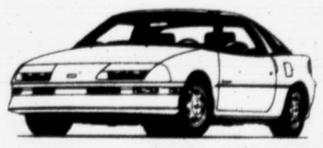
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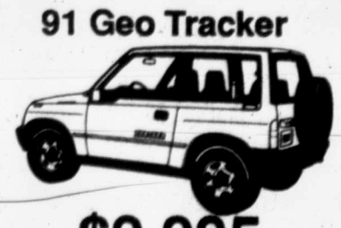
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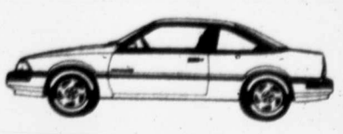
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

During the past 28 years Kathryn Hanks has been employed at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, she has seen the patient population fluctuate, the medical staff shrink and the paperwork grow from about 10 pages for each patient's file to around 50.

But, even though she plans to retire on Dec. 31, Kathryn loves her job and everything about it. So much so, in fact, that she will return to work in January since one person in her department will be out on maternity leave, and, eventually, she hopes to work at the hospital on a part-time basis.

Kathryn, a native of Sweetwater who moved to Snyder in 1963, wears many hats at Cogdell, including her main one as the medical records department manager. Others include co-ordinator of quality assurance and medical staff secretary.

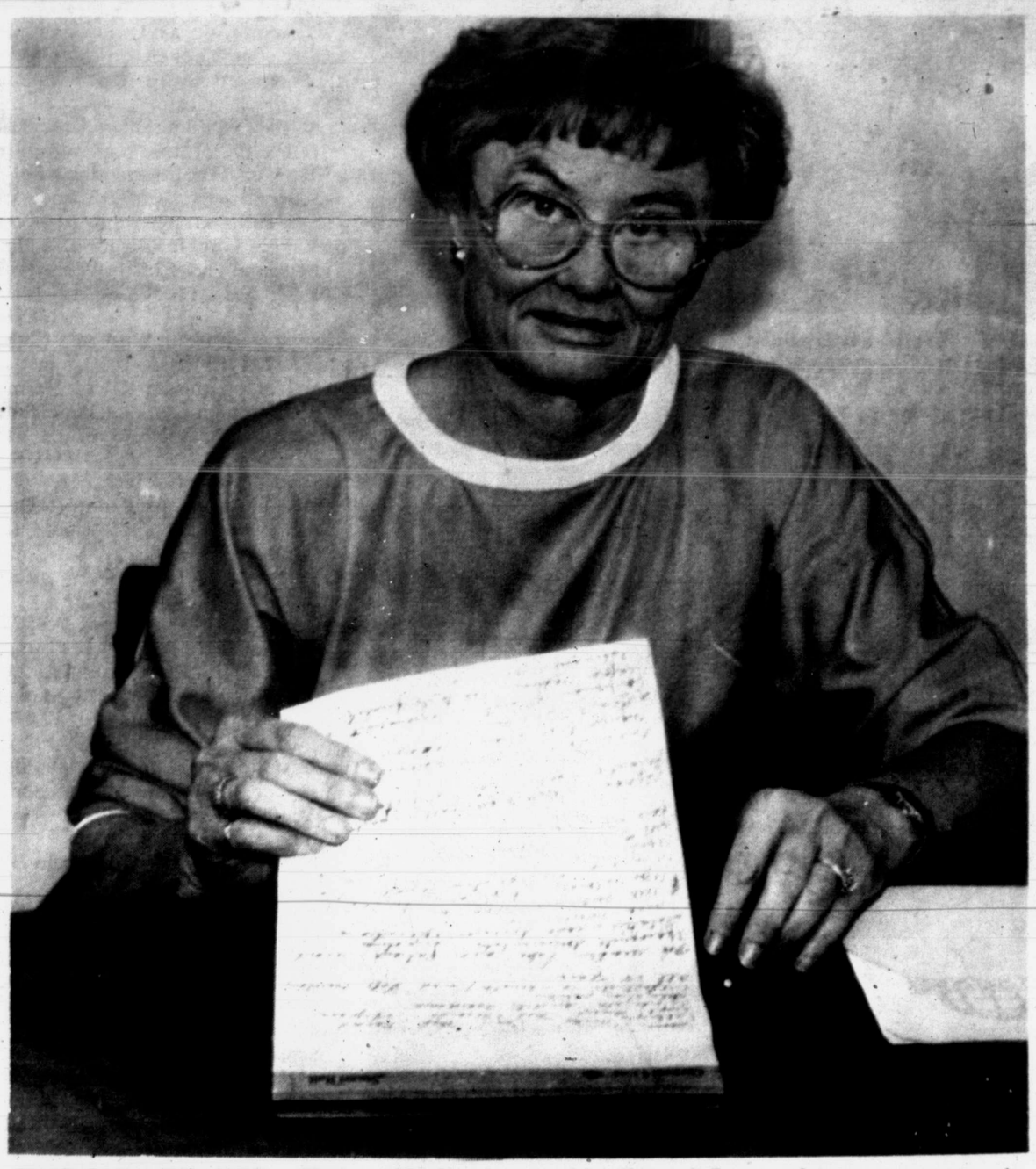
Medical records, which employs three full-time people besides herself and one part-time person, is responsible for keeping each patient's records up-to-date and all documentation current. Illnesses and operations are documented in detail and appropriate signatures are obtained.

A patient's records also includes a typed medical history, results of physicals, x-ray reports, operative reports and discharge summaries.

In addition, doctors often dictate reports which have to be typed and entered into the patient's file.

Since a patient's records are so essential, Kathryn said they must always be sure that all reports are included in the file.

A factor which increases the amount of paperwork for each patient is the current requirement by insurance companies that everything be coded for billing purposes. Each patient also requires a DRG (Diagnosis Related Group) which involves classifying a patient according to Medicare, Medicaid or Champus (service related).



TIME FOR A CHANGE — Kathryn Hanks who has headed the medical records department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital for almost three decades is ready for a change. Though she will officially retire at the end of this month, she will keep working through January because one person in her department will be out next month. Eventually, she and her husband, Maynor, plan to travel and enjoy in other interests such as rafting. (SDN Staff Photo)

Compiling records for patients is time consuming and the requirements are numerous for newcomers to learn, but the advent of the word processor has helped her department to simplify their work, Kathryn said. This is a far cry from 28 years ago, when a few typewriters was all her department had.

Paperwork has also increased over the years, in part due to accreditation requirements of JCAHO (Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) which periodically inspects the hospital. In-house evaluations are held regularly.

Kathryn also typed pathology reports in past years when Snyder had a pathologist on staff at the hospital.

As the coordinator of quality assurance, Kathryn is also required to evaluate all the patients' records.

Today, one of Kathryn's main responsibilities concerning Medicare and Medicaid patients is to be sure that all patients meet the current criteria for admission and treatment. She also has to do a length of care review for each patient.

Medicare rules and regulations have also changed since their inception in the 1960s. In the early days, Medicare encouraged extensive tests and treatment. During the past three decades, though Medicare regulations have been changed more than once and the current philosophy encourages shorter hospital stays and treatment away from the hospital whenever possible.

About four years ago, Kathryn was placed in charge of credentials, which means that when a member of the medical profession applies for privileges at Cogdell, she has to check their credentials. To do this she usually contacts the National Data Bank which keeps records on doctors such as malpractice suits and other pertinent data.

Medical personnel who seek privileges at Cogdell include pathologists, radiologists, emergency room doctors and specialists who conduct clinics.

In years past, Cogdell employed DE and ICE high school students and candy stripers. However, those programs are not currently used today.

The hospital also underwent remodeling and expansion during Kathryn's nearly three decades on the job, including adding additional rooms, and converting a storeroom into the pharmacy.

As head of medical records, Kathryn has had to train new personnel. Most have remained with her for 10 years or more.

Employees in her department have to learn many things, including medical law, record retention, consents, federal requirements and more.

Kathryn grew up in Sweetwater where her parents owned and operated a dairy farm and her father also worked for the railroad. While living in Sweetwater, Kathryn took secretarial training classes and a medical correspondence course and worked at Simmons Memorial Hospital. Once she started working in a hospital she said "never left it."

In February of 1963, after remarrying and moving to Snyder, she started to work at Cogdell.

She has two children and five

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grandchildren. A daughter, Laurie Graves, and her two children, live in Oklahoma City, Okla. A son, Ricky Graves, lives in Snyder. He has three children.

Kathryn is married to Maynor B. "Red" Hanks who was a self-employed electrician before he retired three years ago. One of the reasons she has chosen to retire now is that she and her husband are thinking of doing some traveling in their motorhome. Possibilities include Alaska and trips which require a 4-wheel vehicle. They also like to go rafting and have visited Big Bend National Park and Utah in order to pursue this interest.

They started rafting several years ago because they "thought it would be fun." She said guides always take them out on the water.

Kathryn has other interests which will keep her busy after she retires. She raises and trains horses for pleasure. Her son and daughter-in-law help her to break them.

She loves all types of outdoor activities including water and snow skiing and swimming. She also likes to sew.

"I'm looking forward to having some free time, but I will also miss my job too," Kathryn said. "I have always liked what I do."



PACKING GOODS FOR DONATION — From left, Brownie Tressie Martin and Junior Girl Scouts Margie Borrego, Marisa Huffman, Alicia Martin and Melissa Alvarado packed and delivered canned goods collected by Junior Troop 243 to Gentle Dove Ministries before Christmas. (SDN Staff Photo)



TRASH INTO TREASURE — Mrs. Sherry Patterson's third grade class has been recycling cans this year as a social studies project with plans to purchase a fish aquarium for their classroom with the proceeds. They used some of the cans to make ornaments which Eric Garcia, Cary Brown and Rina Geiger used to decorate their tree. (SDN Staff Photo)

Party held by extension club

A Christmas party was held by the Honey Do's Extension Homemakers in the home of Shirley Bullard on Dec. 16.

Each member brought a mug filled with holiday treats for their gift exchange.

A covered dish luncheon was served. Following the meal, members made a doll ornament.

Attending were Karen Walker, Mary Vaughan, Virginia Fogle, Patsy Burleson, new member Joyce McCoy, visitor Oretha Bullard, and the hostess.

Thatchers plan Miami vacation

LONDON (AP) — Margaret Thatcher headed for Miami with her husband Friday for a New Year's vacation.

The former prime minister and hubby Denis, who carried two bulging shopping bags from the duty free shop, smiled but made no comment as they left on an American Airlines flight.

The couple is joining their son, Mark, who lives in Dallas, and his wife and son in Florida.

Scurry County Library News and Views

The Scurry County Library offers a service to homebound readers. A homebound person may obtain a library card, which is then kept on file at the library. A designated person may then check books out for the homebound person, using the card on file.

BOOK FEATURE

"The American Reader"

This fascinating collection of speeches, documents, poems, songs, photographs and illustrations captures the many-faceted American spirit in words and images. Over 200 pieces were selected for their readability, as well as for their historical importance. Stirring, memorable and characteristic of their times, these works trace American history through the ideas of those who made it.

FICTION

"The Search for Temperance Moon," by Douglas C. Jones.

"Flowers in the Rain," by Rosamunde Pilcher.

"A Suitable Vengence," by Elizabeth George.

NON-FICTION

"Foot by Foot Through the U.S.A.," by Winfield H. Line.

"The New World Order," by Pat Robertson.

"John Wayne, My Father," by Aissa Wayne.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.

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

TUESDAY

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

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.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 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; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; home of Mary Jacobi, 4705 El Paso; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Almost 50 percent of wedding gowns are made at home

You want your own one-of-a-kind gown. Or perhaps the prices of ready-made dresses are daunting. Either way, if you sew you can achieve the bridal dress you want without compromises.

About 40 percent of all wedding fashions are sewn at home or by a dressmaker, the Sewing Fashion Council estimates.

The home sewer can bring her own design fantasies to reality, and she can control costs by selecting her own fabrics and findings. Pattern companies are helping with basic designs meant to be individually varied or embellished for finished gowns that are unique to the wearer.

Simplicity's "Design Your Own Bridal Gown" pattern (7429) is a floor-length dress that can be made with or without a train, has a fitted bodice with three neckline options, three sleeve styles and four waist treatments.

Instructions on how to apply trims such as lace, irridescent sequin braid, motifs and appliques are included, along with tips about fitting.

Three dresses by bridal designer Alicyn Wright are offered as patterns by McCall's.

One is a slender sheath (5758) with a triangular or heart-shaped back cut-out which can be draped with strands of pearls or other decorations. It has a back bow over a detachable train. Another gown (5746) has a funnel collar combined with a sweetheart neckline over a dropped-waist bodice with princess seaming. The pattern comes with a choice of long, short, or leg-o-mutton sleeves. There is an optional keyhole opening at the back of the bodice and a choice of two skirt lengths. A third design (5804) evokes an antebellum period with a princess-seamed bodice with a dropped waist with ruffles or lace lavished on the sleeves, full skirt, back peplum and bustle.

The patterns include tips about working with bridal lace, trims, appliques and beadwork.

Tips and a timetable for ordering materials and making dresses are included in "Wedding Belles," a booklet from the Sewing Fashion Council. For a copy, send $1 to Dorf & Stanton Communications, 111 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10003.

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Pair wed in Palestine

PALESTINE — Tracey rae Cook of Palestine became the bride of James Paul Cook of Grand Prairie in a double ring ceremony on Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. Glen Roenfeldt of San Angelo and Mark Cook of Palestine, father of the bride, officiated.

The bride's parents are Mark and Donna Cook of Palestine and the groom's parents are Jim and Sara Cook of Grand Prairie. The bride is the granddaughter of Erma Lenior of Snyder.

The couple exchanged vows before an altar decorated with a candelabrum adorned with Christmas greens and poinsettias.

Candlelighters were Todd Cook of Palestine, brother of the bride, and Donald Echols of Shreveport, La., cousin of the groom.

Organist Larry Marta of Tyler, pianist Laura Upshaw of Tyler and vocalist Mark Hebert of Homer, La., presented "Wind Beneath My Wings," "I Will Be Here," "Somewhere in the World," "Parent's Prayer," "The Father Says, 'I Do'," and "Household of Faith."

The bride was given in marriage by her father as she was attired in a bridal gown of ivory floral lace. The slim silhouette sheath gown was adorned with sequins and pearls from the bateau neckline to the hemline. The satin, long tapered sleeves were accented with lace and beading.

Her detachable satin chapel length train was topped with a small bustle of satin roses and accented with scattered lace appliques.

The bride's headpiece was of ivory illusion and featured satin roses on one side. She carried a bouquet of red and white roses with Christmas greens.

Laura Loeb of Dallas was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Tracy Pursley of Brazoria, Anne Marcom of Cedar Hill, Robbie Cowand of Houston, Lisa Cook of Garland and Sharon Cook of Columbus, Ohio, both aunts of the bride.

They wore floor length dresses of black velvet and forest green taffeta featuring a skirt with a gathered back overlay. They carried single, long-stemmed red roses.

Elizabeth Cook of Columbus, Ohio, cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Ring bearer was Chris Cook of Columbus, cousin of the bride.

Kirk Crow of Sugar Land was best man and groomsmen were Jeff Cook of Grand Prairie, brother of the groom, Silverio Garza of Grand Prairie, Todd Mauney of Lewisville, Richard Canter of Austin, and Roy Cruz of Lewisville.



MRS. JAMES PAUL COOK

Male attendants wore black tuxedos with forest green cummerbunds and ties.

Camarie Skarovsky of New Braunfels, cousin of the groom, registered guests.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church in Palestine. The bride's bouquet was intertwined in a silver candelabrum and centered the table. The wedding cake was iced in ivory, decorated with red and white roses and Christmas greens.

Following the couple's honeymoon to Florida, they are at home in Arlington. The bride is currently a senior at Texas Woman's University in Denton pursuing a BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The groom is graduate of Texas A&M University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and is currently working as Design Engineer at Control Products Corp. in Grand Prairie.

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Holiday

TUESDAY
Holiday

WEDNESDAY
Holiday

THURSDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Milk

LUNCH

THURSDAY
Grilled Pork Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Mixed Vegetables
Plum Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY
Chili
Cheese Sticks
Relish Cups
Crackers
Pink Applesauce
Milk



DELIVERING CARDS — Damon Early, Robert Early, Ricky Early, Jessica Brooks, Josh Alaniz, Virginia Tovar, Jessica Tovar, Justin Hertel and Chris Callahan delivered Christmas cards to residents at Snyder Nursing Center. Lida Lane is pictured standing at right with the children from Rainbow School Day Care. (SDN Staff Photo)

Couple married 50 years ago

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Goldesberry of Snyder were married on Dec. 28, 1940, in Strawn. Both were born in Strawn, Goldsberry on March 5, 1920, and Mrs. Goldsberry on Oct. 20, 1920.

Early in their marriage, they lived in Harrington, Kan., where Goldsberry served in the Army Air Corp. They also lived in Strawn, Royalty and Grandfalls.

While in Snyder, Goldsberry retired from Chevron and his wife retired from West Texas State Bank.

The couple has a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Goldesberry of Ira. They are members of Colonial Hill Baptist.

Early detection saves 100,000 lives

NEW YORK (AP) — Of the 1.1 million Americans diagnosed with cancer each year, early detection could save 100,000 lives, says a past president of the American Cancer Society.

According to Dr. Harold P. Freeman, it is the cost of basic cancer screening tests that prevents many Americans from taking advantage of this type of cancer control.

"Because our nation's health care system is more focused on treating illness than preventing it or detecting it at an early stage," Freeman explains, "too many Americans are without the necessary insurance coverage for these life-saving screenings."

A Gallup poll conducted for the society found that Americans named cancer as the single most important health problem facing them personally, with 59 percent believing they were somewhat likely or very likely to get cancer.

When used in a financial sense, the word liquidation means the process of converting stock or other assets into cash. When a company is liquidated, the cash obtained is first used to pay debts and obligations to holders of bonds and preferred stock. Whatever cash remains is distributed on a per-share basis to the holders of common stock.



MR. AND MRS. BILLY GOLDESBERRY

Balancing career and home for women and their families

NEW YORK (AP) — Psychologist Faye Crosby says there is no simple recipe for combining work and family — but generally women are happier and healthier with more than one role.

Crosby is chair of the psychology department at Smith College and author of "Juggling: The Unexpected Advantages of Balancing Career and Home for Women and Their Families" (The Free Press).

A growing body of research shows that people who have more roles in life tend to be happier, according to an article in a recent issue of Working Mother magazine. If there is disappointment in one area, they can turn to satisfactions in another.

Several studies also show that homemakers with young children tend to be more depressed than other groups of Americans. Psychologists speculate that this may arise from several reasons: these women are accorded very little status for their work, caring for children leaves very little time for their own needs, they tend to be isolated from other adults, and they have very little structure to their days. It takes a resourceful, committed woman to thrive under such conditions, the magazine says.

"What you see now are two extremes and nothing in between — either the exhausted woman with bags under her eyes, trying to balance too many bags in her arms, or the cold, hard career woman climbing to the top at the expense of her children," Crosby says.

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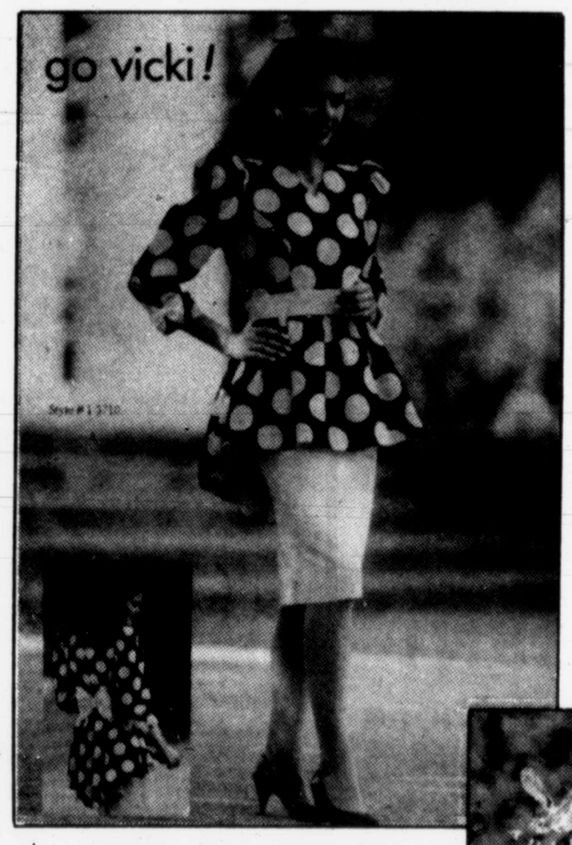
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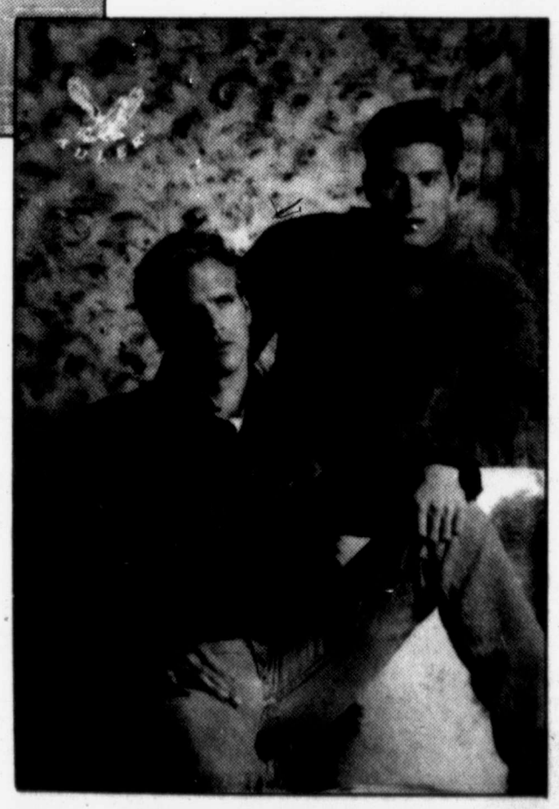
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DEAR POLLY — What is vanilla sugar? Can I make it? — FRAN

DEAR FRAN — Vanilla sugar is, quite simply, vanilla-flavored sugar. It's easy to make, but you'll need a whole vanilla bean.

Bury the vanilla bean in a container of sugar, cover it tightly and let it sit for two to three weeks. The sugar will take on a beautiful vanilla fragrance and flavor and can be used to sweeten and flavor whipped cream, custards, puddings, sauces and similar preparations. You may keep the vanilla bean in the sugar indefinitely, adding more sugar as you use it up. — POLLY

RECIPE OF THE WEEK — Creme fraiche is a delicious topping for fresh fruit. This tangy rich cream can also be whipped for an interesting alternative to regular whipped cream. Many recipes also call for creme fraiche. Although it is difficult to find this French specialty in American supermarkets, you can make your own version easily. Simply follow these easy directions:

Heat 1 cup whipping cream over low heat, stirring constantly, to a temperature of between 90 to 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Pour the warm cream into a small bowl. Thoroughly mix in 2 tablespoons buttermilk or creme fraiche. Cover and let stand at room temperature until thick (from 16 to 24 hours).

Store in the refrigerator for use within one week. Save enough creme fraiche to start your next batch if possible. The recipe can be increased, but batches of no more than three to four cups are the most successful.

Regular pasteurized heavy cream, rather than ultra-pasteurized, works best in this recipe.

You can make other dairy products, such as buttermilk or a substitute for sweetened condensed milk, as well as other pantry staples such as powdered sugar, colored sugar, berry syrup, curry powder and more with the recipes in my newsletter "Make It Yourself: Easy Recipes for Foods You Usually Buy." Send $1.25 for each copy plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to POLLY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — When a recipe calls for buttermilk, can yogurt be used instead? — TERRY

DEAR TERRY — Yogurt can be substituted quite successfully for buttermilk; however, it can change the texture of some baked goods. For example, buttermilk pancakes made with yogurt instead of buttermilk tend to be fluffier.

The differences are fairly minor, so feel free to experiment. Simply use an equal measure of yogurt for what the recipes calls for in buttermilk. No additional changes are necessary.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter "Cooking with Yogurt," which offers more tips for using yogurt in your cooking, as well as directions for making your own yogurt and yogurt cheese and a variety of main dishes, side dishes and desserts made with yogurt. Others who would like a copy of this issue should send $1.25 for each copy plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to POLLY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — When I first read your article requesting readers' ideas of luxury, I first thought of luxury as sunning oneself on the deck of a cruise ship or being chauffeur driven in a Rolls Royce. These things definitely meet the requirements of the definition of luxury in the dictionary — surroundings and food, dress, etc., that are choice and costly.

Later that night, I thought of luxury again. I was lying on the sofa, snuggled up with my 2-year-old and 4-year-old with our favorite afghan over us watching Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoons. Just lying there laughing with them and sharing what used to be my favorite cartoons as a child with them, I decided that this was true luxury. — KELLY

DEAR POLLY — My best cotton crocheted lace tablecloth has some rather large globs of candle wax on it. I'm afraid to scrape it off for fear of damaging the lace. Would it wash out? — JENNIFER

DEAR JENNIFER — Washing may not remove the wax, and in the process, the wax could transfer to other parts of the tablecloth. The best method is to iron it out onto paper towels.

Put a thick pad of paper towels under the affected spot of the tablecloth and another pad of paper towels over the wax spots. Press over the area with a hot iron, moving it constantly to prevent burning.

After a minute or two, the wax will start to melt and it will be absorbed by the paper towels. As this happens, move the toweling so that a fresh, unwaxy spot is over and under the wax stain and continue ironing until all the wax is gone from the fabric.

If any color stain remains, try using a commercial spot remover. The cloth can then be laundered or cleaned as usual.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter "Guide to Spots and Stains," which offers first aid for a variety of common stains including wine, coffee, grass, grease, blood and more. Others who would like a copy of this issue should send $1.25 for each copy plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to POLLY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY

Polly will send you a Polly Dollar ($1) if she uses your favorite Pointer, Peeve or Problem in her column. Write POLLY'S POINTERS in care of this newspaper.

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RECITAL DINNER — A Victorian duet recital dinner and play was held recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club by Mrs. Wayne Bethel's music students. Seated, from left, are Ira Gonzales, Johnnie Riggs of Colorado City, Cheryl Reed, Whitney Rogers, Ruth Ann Riddel of Rotan, Shelly Jones and Casey Blackard. On the top row are Allison Harvey of Jayton, Angela Riggs, Amber Kelley of Colorado City, Emily Zeck, Mandy Strain of Colorado City and Karomy Drum. (SDN Staff Photo)



MORE PARTICIPANTS — Other students of Mrs. Wayne Bethel participating in the Victorian recital dinner and play held at Martha Ann Woman's Club on Dec. 13 were, seated from left, Bailey Stoker, Jennifer Petty of Colorado City, Laura Hamby, Nicki Riggs, Carrie Perkins of Colorado City, Ellen Strayhorn and Stormy Clark. On the back row are Trey Gorman, Blanden Chisum, Starling Shields, Andrea Helm, Stephanie Hoyle of Colorado City, Jason Warren, Paul O'Conner, Brett Gibson and not pictured, Brandi Murphree of Rotan. (SDN Staff Photo)



ENTERTAINS STUDY CLUB — From left, Erica Cox, Renae Hall, Jennifer Roemisch, Dusty Ashby and Amanda Hicks are a few of the Young Musicians II Handbell Choir of Colonial Hill Baptist Church that entertained at the recent meeting of the Cosmoramá Study Club. The program, "Celebration of Gifts" was directed by Jerald Garner. (SDN Staff Photo)

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TERRIE BAZE

Baze entertains for long-term patients

Terrie Baze was featured entertainer at a Christmas party held in the hall of the fourth floor for long-term care patients at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Originally from Levelland, Baze moved to Snyder from Lubbock in June and is a registered nurse working with the Home Health Dept.

She is currently affiliated with Making Texas Music, an organization of musicians and song writers. She has been writing music since 1986, she said, and "sing every chance I get." She wrote a song in waltz time, "The Perfect Pair," which was awarded first place in the 1991 Making Texas Music songwriters' contest.

The group recently headlined in Kerrville at the Arts Festival and in Fort Worth at an International Managers Meeting.

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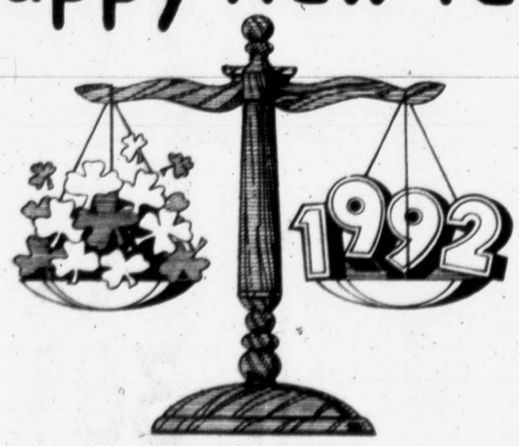
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Bobby Dale Thompson of Snyder and Kay Lynn Willingham of Colorado City.

Eric Lee Pace and Mary Louise Owens, both of Snyder.

David Glenn Weddle and Barbara Dean Ragsdale, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Ira Pump and Supply Inc. vs. John Burns, suit on sworn account.

Deane Perkins, individually, as next of friend of Stacy Perkins vs. Patterson Energy Inc. and Marion Lynn McLarty, individually, suit for damages.

Alfonso Albarran vs. Liberty Mutual Life Insurance Co., suit for injuries.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Martha Ann Carroll and David Lynn Carroll, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Sabrina Ann Tidwell and Bryan Bailey Tidwell, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Calvin Kyle Nazworth and Andrea Diane Nazworth, divorce granted.

Gene Dane Vickers and Kathy Lynn Vickers, individually, and jointly as next of friend of Jarrett Dane Vickers, a minor, vs. Jim Ray Etheredge and Etheredge Construction Inc., judgment for plaintiff.

Julian Garcia vs. Neil Rinehart, default judgment for plaintiff.

Resolution Trust Corporation as receiver of Empire Federal Savings Bank of America vs. Thomas L. Cole, default judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Sandra Boley, et al, dismissed.

Carmen M. Romero vs. Beverly California Corporation dba Snyder Nursing Center, dismissed.

Kip Wadleigh, individually, and dba Kip's Chevron vs. Line and Line Oil Co., Inc., dismissed.

Warranty Deeds

Thomas James Gladden to LaNell Jan Gladden, east 75 feet of Lot 3, Block 33 of original town of Hermleigh.

Joyce Russell, et al, to Johnnie J. Penn, et ux, 41.2037 acre tract in the northeast quarter of Section 92, Block 2 of H&TC survey.

James Welcott McFarland, et ux, to Mark Zeck, et ux, 15.569 acre tract in the northwest quarter of Section 67, Block 3 of H&GN survey.

Willie G. Potter, et ux, to John Anthony Liccardi, Jr., et ux, Lot 6, Block H of Towle Place Addition.

James Ronald Shields, et ux, to Willie G. Potter, et ux, Lot 26, Block 11 of Park Place Addition.

Jimmy R. Hudgins to JRAD, Inc., 3.168 acres of Section 149, Block 3 of H&TC survey and 2 acres being parts of Lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, Block 62; and Lots 1 and 4, Block 79 in original town of Hermleigh.

Orvella Jane Ramey to Raymond Neil Beeks, the southeast quarter of Section 24, Block 3 of H&TC survey.

Mary P. Womack to Thomas W. Womack, et ux, trustees, Section 102, Block 25 of H&TC survey; Tracts 21 and 22 of Section 40 of Kirkland and Fields survey; 15 acres of southeast part of Section 142, Block 3 of H&GN survey; and 140 acres of the west half of Section 113, Block 97 of H&TC survey.

Mittie Beatrice Sturdivant Dunnam to James D. Blankenship, et ux, Lots 7-12, Block 176; Lots 7-12, Block 177; all of Blocks 192, 193, 202 and 203 in the town of Fluvanna.

A coupon is a slip of paper attached to a bond that the bondholder clips at specified times and returns to the issuer for payment of the interest due.

For collapsing banks, S&Ls...

Regulators will shift strategy in 1992

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are quietly preparing a major and potentially controversial shift in their strategy for handling the hundreds of banks and savings institutions expected to collapse in 1992.

At least in some cases, the government likely will choose to pump money into troubled institutions before they fail in a bid to curb the mushrooming cost of the failures and cushion their impact on an already fragile economy.

The revival of the rescue strategy, used widely by the Depression-era Reconstruction Finance Corp., is generating charges that the deals will protect bank investors in addition to depositors.

But regulators say the tactic may be the only way to break a self-sustaining cycle in which bank failures lead to massive government sales of loans and repossessed commercial properties, further depressing real estate values, turning more loans sour and toppling more banks.

"If things get tough ... it's certainly a way to go. In fact, there may be no other way to go," said L. William Seidman, former chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The FDIC and the Office of Thrift Supervision have been working on strategies that, while somewhat different, share common goals.

Both emphasize minimizing the government's costs by moving into ailing institutions early, before the bank's value as a business has disappeared and before customers and employees have deserted in large numbers.

The objective is to stretch the $95 billion provided by Congress last month — a $25 billion taxpayer appropriation for S&Ls and a $70 billion federal line of credit for handling sick banks.

Even more importantly, the strategies emphasize keeping intact the loan and real estate portfolios of the failed institutions, avoiding forced sales that depress real estate markets and reduce the value of collateral held by remaining banks.

Timothy Ryan, director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, is fleshing out a program he calls "early resolution-assisted mergers."

Over the past four years, thrift regulators have seized roughly 900 S&Ls. With only about 60 near-certain failures remaining, Ryan's agency is turning to another group of nearly 400 S&Ls it categorizes as troubled by poor earnings and low capital, but not necessarily doomed.

The agency is particularly worried about the prospect of liquidating several large institutions in the group. As a cheaper and less disruptive alternative, it hopes to entice the institutions' shareholders into agreeing early to a government-assisted merger by promising not to wipe out their investment.

Meanwhile, the FDIC is working on what William Taylor, its new chairman, calls a hospital program for sick banks that still have value as businesses but for which the agency can't find immediate buyers.

"We might be better off cost-wise and public disruption-wise if we take the bank ... take out the bad assets and operate it a couple of quarters so people would understand it's not toxic anymore," he said.

In effect, the government would become both owner and operator of some of the 200 banks expected to fail next year.

Some members of Congress, including Senate Banking Committee Chairman Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., and Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., are contemplating going further and reviving the Reconstruction Finance Corp., which bought stock in hundreds of banks during the Depression.

Treasury Undersecretary Robert Glauber said such a drastic step is unnecessary. Regulators have sufficient leeway to use RFC-like methods in the relatively few cases where it was needed, he said.

"No decision has been made to pursue this," Glauber said. "In certain circumstances, this really could save money ... but it has some real pitfalls."

One of the biggest pitfalls is political. By partially protecting shareholders, the deals look a lot more like bailouts than current methods of handling failures.

"If you use the (insurance) fund to protect shareholders, you lose the last vestige of market discipline," said Seidman, who nevertheless said he thinks the idea should be explored.

Gorbachev says he won't oppose Yeltsin or quit politics

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail Gorbachev has left the public scene — for two weeks at least — vowing not to lead any opposition to longtime rival Boris Yeltsin but to remain in politics.

Smiling broadly and bantering with journalists at a caviar-laden reception, Gorbachev refused to make a bitter Nixonian exit and promised that the press would still have him to kick around.

"I am not leaving the political scene," the 60-year-old former president pledged.

"For the next two weeks, I'm gone. But I'm not physically exhausted — I simply need to recover," he said. "I think a gap should be defined between the end and the beginning of different stages of life."

It clearly will be difficult for citizen Gorbachev to shake off his old habits. He said he was counting on spending more time with his family, but when asked what his favorite leisure activity was, he replied, "Politics."

"I'd like to have some people who would be a direct link between myself and the Russian government, so that there would not be any misunderstandings," he said at the soiree at the swank Oktyabrskaya Hotel, formerly the hangout for the Communist Party elite.

But he flatly rejected being any kind of "opposition leader" to Yeltsin, the Russian president.

Gorbachev could not always count on the support of his own people, and that also was on his mind the day after his resignation as Soviet leader for nearly seven years.

Government wants Japanese car exports to U.S. cut back

TOKYO (AP) — The government is considering asking automakers to reduce exports to the United States to help ease the trade tensions expected to be the focus of President Bush's visit next month, trade officials said Friday.

However, the effectiveness of such a measure in shrinking Japan's trade surplus is in doubt, given that the number of cars exported to the United States has been declining in recent years while the trade imbalance has grown.

Japanese officials have pledged to make their best efforts to answer U.S. trade concerns, but also complain that Washington is seeking short-term solutions.

Bush, facing a recession in an election year, is expected to make tough trade demands on his Jan. 7-10 visit.

About 75 percent of last year's $41 billion trade surplus was connected with the automobile industry.

International Trade Minister Kozo Watanabe told a news conference Friday that the government was considering an export-reduction plan that could be ready before Bush arrives.

Toyota Motors Corp., Japan's largest automaker, and Nissan Motors Co., the nation's second-largest, said they have not received a formal request to reduce export levels next year.

Trade officials also are asking automakers to boost imports of car parts beyond the pledges already made to nearly double overseas purchases.

And American trade officials want to boost the U.S. share of the Japanese car market, now less than 0.4 percent. U.S. officials say informal barriers such as overly stringent inspections keep imports out.

Initially, Japan hoped the summit between Bush and Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa would produce a declaration focusing on global cooperation between the two economic superpowers.

A U.S. request for Japan to contribute to the $8 billion superconducting super collider project planned in Texas also is expected to be a major item on Bush's agenda.

The governing Liberal Democratic Party has decided to back the super collider, a scientific project designed to explore the fundamentals of matter, but there has been no decision on the method or scope of aid.

Man arrested for allegedly threatening skating star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who authorities say sent obscene, threatening letters to German skater Katarina Witt was arrested one day before the Olympic gold medalist was to perform at a show in Southern California.

Harry Veltman III, 47, was being held without bail after his arrest Thursday at his home in suburban Westminster.

At a court appearance, he ignored his public defender's advice to remain silent, saying he had no plans to harm Witt, but only wanted to persuade her "to love me and marry me."

Investigators said Veltman has sent nude photos of himself and 60 letters to Witt since July 1990.

Authorities said Veltman also was arrested in Denver last January for allegedly throwing letters onto the ice at a show where Witt was performing. He was not prosecuted.

He was taken into custody Thursday, said FBI agent James Donckels, because authorities feared he might try to harm Witt during tonight's show with Brian Boitano at the Forum in Inglewood.

Witt, who won Olympic gold medals for East Germany in 1984 and 1988, could not immediately be located for comment.

Veltman was arrested for investigation of sending obscene letters through the mail and using the mail to threaten someone. Both are federal crimes. A hearing was set for Jan. 6 to determine if he is mentally competent to stand trial.

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SDN Opinion Page

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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

Researching the past 12 months for an annual year-end story is tedious, informative and interesting. Deciding what to include and what to leave out is difficult. Invaribly, someone will ask "Why didn't you include the such-and-such?" Everyone has his own priorities, his own memories.

1991 had it moments. Certainly, any year in which nations went to war is a time to be remembered. Still, I can't help but feel that 1991 has been only a prelude for the next few years. A beginning, or an end.

1992 may be a crossroads for the people of Scurry County. What happens during the next 365 days may well dictate the future of the county for sometime to come.

Consider:

—On January 18, citizens of Snyder will make a major decision. They will decide whether to implement a special tax for economic development.

Some will argue that by raising taxes ½ -cent, Snyder will be discouraging economic development. Others will say the $300,000 a year to be gained by the tax will enable the community to attract new business.

No one likes higher taxes, but to sit back and hope that lower taxes will attract business is a passive answer to a problem that, quite frankly, requires action. With a declining oil base, Scurry County must continually encourage the growth of established businesses and pursue new industry.

It might interest some to know that Sweetwater, which has a smaller population base than Snyder, has received $1,420,655 in tax rebates during the current fiscal year. Snyder has received $870,209.

The difference? Sweetwater implemented the ½ -cent sales tax for economic development about a year ago. It is putting itself in a position to attract economic development. Its citizens have made a committment to the future.

Some will argue that having funds available for economic development does not insure that new business or industry will locate in Snyder. They are right. Having a worm on your line won't insure you'll catch a fish, either. But it's almost certain you won't catch anything with an empty hook.

The ½ -cent tax election is important. It's important to Snyder's future and to the future of Scurry County. Study the issue. Take a stand. Vote.

—The citizens of Hermleigh are also going to be facing a key issue in 1992. Do they want to pay the price to upgrade their school system?

Several years ago, an election was held in Hermleigh over consolidation. It failed, and proud Hermleigh residents kept their school system.

No one is screaming consolidation now, but the proposed $2 million in construction brings up the obvious. Are Hermleigh residents still willing to committ to the future?

It's not always an easy answer. Construction or not, there may come a time when class size mandates and so-called "parity" funding may make it all but impossible for smaller schools to survive.

Hermleigh residents are at a crossroads. How they react to the challenge in 1992 may well decide where they are in 1995.

—County commissioners face a some interesting decisions, including what to do about a coliseum that loses money, but attracts visitors to the community.

—And, there are key decisions that are basically out of our reach, including the bid for a second prison unit. In times of declining oil values, another 300 jobs would be a real boost.

So, as we go into 1992, Scurry County residents face challenges...challenges which require decisions and actions. Challenges which may well shape our lives for years to come.



Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

FIVE YEARS AGO

The traditional gift to the International Youth Exchange program, a pair of boots, took Annette Franck to Thompson's Shoe Store. Accompanying her were other participants in the program, Charlie McCormick, Michelle Osborn and Dee Butler.

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by heavy rainfall were being accepted by the Farmers Home Administration office in Rotan.

First United Methodist Church held a dedication of its Odom Chapel, the newest building to the 100-year old church. The chapel is named for Mrs. Dewey A. Odom. It was her wish that her property adjacent the church, formerly used as commercial business locations, be converted into a chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Covey celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a reception at the First Presbyterian Church. Their sons, Bob, Bill and Chris, hosted the event.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors were Leon Sterling, Walter Stirl of Loraine and W.L. Wilson Jr. of Big Spring, chairman

Navy Senior Chief Electronics Technician Robert F. Neblett, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Neblett of Hermleigh, was a member of a naval task group which visited Mombasa, Kenya, for the 13th anniversary of Kenyan Independence.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Emilio Vargas Mena, foreign exchange student from Costa Rico, was presented the traditional gift of western boots at Thompson's Shoe Store.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Contracts in six catagories of equipment and furnishings for the new Scurry County Coliseum totaling $122,450.26 were awarded by the county commissioners. The biggest item, totaling $55,003.80, was seats.

I.S. Cross & Sons of Snyder received the exclusive use of the prefix "West-Texas" in naming all Registered Holstein dairy animals bred in that herd.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

"Welcome to our annual January meeting of Christmas Anonymous, for people who spend too much and eat too much over the holidays and then feel guilty in January, when they climb on the scales and the bills come in. I'd like to introduce our newest member, Deanie. Say hi to Deanie."

"HI DEANIE."

"Deanie, why don't you share with us your history and tell us why you chose to join our group?"

"Well, it all started back when I got my first after-school job. I was supposed to be saving all my money for college, but every December I'd blow it all on presents for people."

"Trying to buy their love, I presume."

"Oh no. It wasn't like that. It's just that I can't seem to resist stuff. I mean, it's THERE, so I buy it."

"What kind of stuff?"

"Um, well there were those little chili pepper Christmas tree lights I bought my mother-in-law. And, oh yeah, those little candles shaped like elves, and there were those funky little ornaments I just had to have, and..."

"We get the picture. When did you first realize you had a problem?"

"When I figured out that I didn't actually have to PAY for all this stuff. I could just hand over this little plastic card and the salespeople would smile and smile."

"What about Santa Claus?"

"He didn't help much. I mean, I'd tell my husband that Santa was going to bring the kids this and that, right? Then, on Christmas morning, he'd get up and here would be this MOUND of gifts, practically to the ceiling! How do you think that would make ME look?"

"How much money would you say you actually spent on the holidays this year?"

"Oh, I'm not at liberty to say."

"Why not?"

"Because...er...um...well...my husband doesn't exactly have a final, detailed accounting as of yet."

"You mean he has no idea."

"You could say that."

"So you're telling me your credit card bills are delivered in huge boxes by the UPS man, right?"

"I'm not at liberty to say."

"Do you think your spending habits could be related to your eating habits?"

"What are you talking about?"

"Tell me the truth. Did you eat nothing but candy, cookies and cakes from Thanksgiving through New Years?

"Absolutely not. There was a ton of turkey and stuffing thrown in as well."

"How much weight did you gain?"

"I can't tell exactly. I mean, I won't know for sure until I buy a new scale. The old one broke. Darn thing didn't work anyway. The needle just kept going up all the time."

"Well, Deanie, all I can say is that you have sure earned membership in Christmas Anonymous. You know, of course, the first thing you will have to do is give up your Sears Wish Book."

"WHAT? YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT! NOBODY WARNED ME!"

"You have to quit, cold turkey. It's the only way."

"Can't I just tear out a few pages to look at from time to time?"

"The whole catalogue. Give it up. Wait? Where are you going?"

"Next year. I'll give it up next year. You'll see. I can quit any time I want. I only flip through those catalogues socially. It's not like I NEED them or anything. Next year. I promise."

Letters To The Editor

Editor:

Not all goods and services required by local governmental entities are available in Snyder and Scurry County, therefore local elected and appointed boards are sometimes forced to do business with out-of-town vendors.

In addition, the bidding process will result in business going to non-local taxpayers. There are other times when boards decide to use out-of-town firms in an effort to save money.

While this can be debated as being a wise short-term solution, the long-term impact on the local economy should and must be considered.

But when the low bidder is local, there should be no question. Snyder Insurance Agency has served Scurry County for more than 40 years, and again its proposal for the county's insurance was the low bid. The commissioners court unanimously opted to go with an insurance proposal by the Texas Association of Counties. This not only affected Snyder Insurance Agency as the servicing agent, but also Bell Insurance, Hugh Boren Insurance and Fowler and Associates who all shared in the premiums. All of these are county taxpayers.

TAC pays no taxes in Scurry County, and Scurry County tax dollars will again speed to Austin. I urge the commissioners court to reconsider this action. Additionally, all boards first should consider the adverse local impact before sending its resources out of town.

Sincerely,
Bruce Kallemeyn
2809 Westridge

To the Editor:

'Twas Christmas Eve and all down the street were people like us sitting down to eat. When all of a sudden came the call, "Hurry, come quick — someone crashed through your wall!" We jumped in our cars to hurry to see. Just how bad could it really be? Oh me, oh my, what will we do? I made one call and he came to our rescue.

Thank you Mr. Gale Titus for leaving your family on Christmas Eve to open your business and provide us the necessary supplies needed to patch the damage on my brother's store. Once again, the generosity and compassion of a small town prevail. Merry Christmas to all, and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Judy Mackey
313 32nd St.
Snyder, Texas

Write Your Congressmen

—U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (Houston-D); Senate Office Building; Washington, D.C., 20510; (202) 224-5922.

—U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm (College Station-R); Senate Office Building; Washington, D.C., 20510; (202) 224-2934.

—U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (Stamford-D); House Office Building; Washington, D.C., 20515; (202) 225-6605. He represents the 17th Congressional District.

SDN Week In Review

MONDAY
December 23

Salary for the consolidated road and bridge crew supervisor was determined as Scurry County commissioners convened.

Entries from Randall Price and Trey Roemisch captured top honors during the Hermleigh FFA Chapter Stock Show, held over the weekend.

TUESDAY
December 24

Twenty-four-year-old Ricardo Alaniz of Hermleigh was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery in connection with separate hold-ups of the Allsup's convenience store in Hermleigh.

An article listed the top 10 taxpayers for the county, school districts, community college and city. The county's leading taxpayer was again Chevron USA.

THURSDAY
December 26

Charges of burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle were filed against an 18-year-old Manuel Medrano Jr. in connection with the Christmas Day break-in of a Sweetwater business.

FRIDAY
December 27

Decreased gin production and increased rainfall across the area are providing a bleak outlook for cotton producers.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Jerry Morgan announced his intention to seek election to a full term on the commissioners court.



Our Language

By Jeffrey McQuain

SUPERLUNARY ("soo-per-LOON-ur-ee") describes a position above or beyond the moon. Think of the cow jumping over the moon as being SUPERLUNARY.

The rare TACTION refers to contact or the act of touching. Diplomatic spellers always know to start TACTION with TACT.

Q. What's the matter with PRESS CONFERENCE? My sources tell me that it's no longer used.

A. Your sources are exaggerating. PRESS CONFERENCE has been in use since 1937 for "a collective interview given to reporters by appointment," and the term is not yet obsolete. Other media, however, are now usually included in these interview sessions, and radio and television reporters prefer the encompassing term NEWS CONFERENCE.

AFFIANCE ("uh-FY-uns") promises in marriage or betroths. Think of marriage as an alliance, and replace each L in ALLIANCE with F for the verb AFFIANCE.

TRANSPICUOUS describes something easily seen through or understood. A conspicuous adjective that ends like TRANSPICUOUS is CONSPICUOUS.

Q. I am addicted to classical music and would like to know how we got the word SYMPHONY.

A. The noun SYMPHONY came into English in the 15th century from French. The word's root, however, goes back to the Greek SYMPHONIA, "harmony." Our term for an elaborate musical composition played by an orchestra is formed from SYM- ("together") and PHONE ("sound"); sound these roots together, and you'll have SYMPHONY.

CORDIALLY describes friendly or hearty actions. To wrap up the spelling of this adverb, always start CORDIALLY with CORD.

Q. Where is HAT TRICK from? I know that it's a term in hockey.

A. HAT TRICK is also a term in cricket — but in ice hockey and soccer, it specifically refers to a player's triumph of scoring three goals or points in a single game. The expression HAT TRICK is now more than a century old. It is thought to have started with the former custom of rewarding a successful cricket bowler with the gift of (what else?) a hat.

Top moneymaking films listed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger's ''Terminator 2: Judgment Day'' has raked in $204.2 million, to become the top-grossing film of 1991, which is expected to be the third most lucrative year in box-office history.

''Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves'' finished second with a North American theater gross of $165.5 million, according to preliminary figures released Thursday by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.

It was followed by ''The Silence of the Lambs,'' ''City Slickers'' and ''Sleeping With the Enemy.''

''Terminator 2'' and the No. 8 film, ''The Addams Family,'' are still playing in theaters, so their receipts will grow slightly before the year is out.

Overall figures have not been released, but the industry publication Daily Variety has predicted 1991 will finish behind 1989 and 1990 as the best box office years in history, although overall movie attendance declined about 4 percent this year.

It was also a tough financial year for some studios.

Carolco Pictures, which produced ''Terminator 2,'' is in financial distress, and Orion Pictures, the maker of ''The Silence of the Lambs,'' is in bankruptcy court.

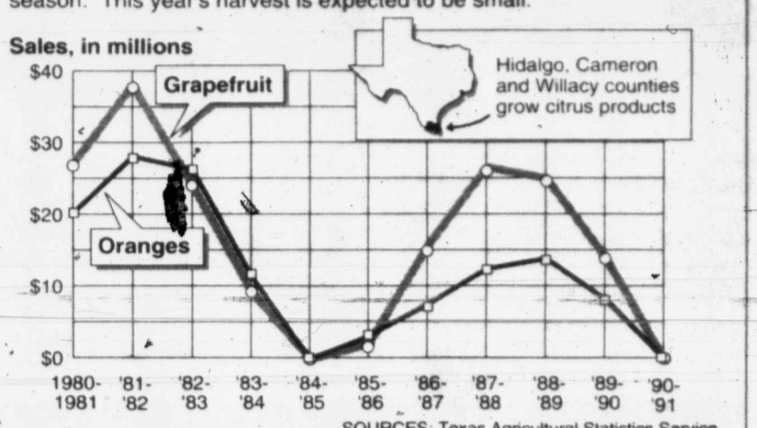
Here is a list of the top films that debuted in 1991, with distributor, release date, and total gross to date. The lineup could change slightly by year's end.

1. ''Terminator 2: Judgment Day,'' TriStar, July 3, $204.2 million.
2. ''Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves,'' Warner Bros., June 14, $165.5 million.
3. ''The Silence of the Lambs,'' Orion, Feb. 14, $130.7 million.
4. ''City Slickers,'' Columbia, June 7, $120.7 million.
5. ''Sleeping With the Enemy,'' 20th Century Fox, Feb. 8, $100.3 million.
6. ''The Naked Gun 21/2: The Smell of Fear,'' Paramount, June 28, $86.8 million.
7. ''Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze,'' New Line, March 22, $78.6 million.
8. ''The Addams Family,'' Paramount, Nov. 22, $78.4 million.
9. ''Backdraft,'' Universal, May 24, $77.7 million.
10. ''Hot Shots!'' 20th Century Fox, July 26, $68.3 million.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Freeze kills income from citrus sales

Severe freeze in December 1989 killed most of the citrus trees in the Rio Grande Valley, limiting that year's crop and destroying the 1990-91 season. This year's harvest is expected to be small.



SOURCES: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Philippines...

Subic Bay Naval Station will close by 1993, reports reveal

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The U.S. Navy will leave the Subic Bay naval station by the end of 1992, the Philippines said today, ending nearly a century of American military presence in this former colony.

Subic is the largest American military base in East Asia and together with the recently closed Clark Air Base constituted the United States' largest overseas military installation.

Subic's strategic value had been called into question this year by the decline of Soviet and Chinese military threats in the region and by the damage sustained by the base in the eruption of Mount Pinatubo.

The base, although once considered an integral element in Mideast military operations, played no substantial role in the Persian Gulf War.

President Corazon Aquino's chief aide, Franklin Drilon, made the closure announcement at a news conference after he and U.S. Ambassador Frank Wisner failed to iron out differences blocking a lease extension. A main point of contention was the Philippines' ban on nuclear weapons at the facility.

Drilon said the announcement would not preclude further talks after a new government takes office next June 30. But a U.S. official in Manila said the United States had no intention of doing so and that some equipment was already being removed from the base.

In announcing the withdrawal, Drilon said, ''The friendly and cordial relations between the United States and the Philippines will continue.''

There was no immediate comment from the Pentagon on the announcement. But U.S. officials said the two governments had agreed to discontinue talks on Thursday.

Despite the decline in Subic's strategic value, U.S. officials said the facility's location, excellent deep water harbor and storage capability had made it a valuable military asset. It contained the Navy's largest warehouse overseas.

America's military presence in the Philippines began in 1898 when the United States seized the islands from Spain. Until this year, there were six U.S. bases in the country.

Clark Air Base, the other major U.S. installation, was closed last month after it too was severely damaged by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo. It was handed back to the Philippines on Nov. 27. Four smaller bases were returned to the Philippines earlier this year in hopes of winning an extension for Subic and Clark.

U.S. officials would not say when major units would be removed. But U.S. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said withdrawal would likely be accelerated after the base's schools for dependents end their academic year June 12.

Subic, a 60,000-acre base 50 miles west of Manila, has about 5,800 troops and 4,500 dependents.

Closing of the base will cost thousands of Filipinos their jobs. Most of the 300,000 residents of Olongapo, adjacent to Subic, rely on the base for their livelihood.

Pornographic photos included with some holiday presents

BOSTON (AP) — Some children and parents opening toy packages this holiday season reported finding sexually explicit photographs inside.

''It kind of ruined the whole day,'' Deborah Bibeau of Cambridge said Thursday.

Bibeau was preparing to assemble an accessory for her 10-year-old daughter's Barbie doll Christmas present when a small photograph showing a man and woman engaged in oral sex fell from the box. Writing on the back of the photograph described a sex act between the Barbie character and a man, she said.

A similar discovery was also made on Wednesday in Attleboro, a town near Rhode Island.

Meg Camara said her daughter ripped open a package containing a Barbie companion doll and found photos showing two women having sex.

''She said, 'Why did Santa bring me naked ladies?' How do you explain that to a 6-year-old?'' Camara said.

Martin Meehan, assistant district attorney, said a 5-year-old girl in Lynnfield also pulled a pornographic photo from a Barbie Christmas gift.

In November, Middlesex District Attorney Thomas Reilly reported that pornographic materials had been found in dozens of toy packages in Boston-area stores, and investigators said it was possible the latest finds were connected to the earlier ones.

Kwanzaa celebrated

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Millions of black families turned their attention this week from Christmas to celebrate Kwanzaa — a much newer holiday that highlights African-American culture and its roots in Africa.

''This is my first Kwanzaa,'' said Debra Jackson of Roselle, who joined a celebration Thursday at St. Rocco's School in Newark. ''I'm learning about it just like the kids.''

Those who celebrate Kwanzaa, which in Swahili means ''first fruits of the harvest,'' say it's not meant to replace other holidays, and isn't a religious or political affair.

''This is a holiday designed to make people of African descent reclaim and understand their African culture,'' said Bill Davis, an administrator at Middlesex County College.

''Our ancestors didn't come here voluntarily, and a lot of their culture and values were wiped out or banned,'' Davis said.

The holiday was created 25 years ago by Maulana Karenga, a professor at California State University, Long Beach. He estimates about 5 million people in the United States and the Caribbean celebrate Kwanzaa.

On each of the celebration's seven days, families discuss a principle of African culture that's also a guideline for year-round living. The principle for Thursday, day one, was ''umoja,'' which is Swahili for unity.

Heroic acts...

15 receive honors

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Claude Saunders Jr. lost his right leg when he rescued a 4-year-old girl from the path of a falling tree, but he says he would risk his own life again if it meant saving a life.

''You'd do it for anybody,'' he said. ''I couldn't stand there and see a little kid die.''

Saunders, 27, of Lebanon, Ore., was one of 15 people cited Thursday for heroism by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

The commission has honored 7,604 people in the United States and Canada since 1904, when it was founded by Pittsburgh industrialist Andrew Carnegie. The heroes are recognized for trying to save lives while risking their own.

Each Carnegie hero, or a survivor, receives $2,500, a certificate and a medal. The commission cites heroes several times each year.

Others recognized were:

—Shawn M. Bates, 16, of Bessemer, Ala., who saved 11 people by making three trips into a burning boarding home on Sept. 19, 1990. He alerted the residents to the fire and carried out at least two.

—William C. Bryant, 48, of Clarksville, Tenn., who died trying to save his 11-year-old son from the family's burning home on June 10, 1990. The son escaped on his own.

—Ellis Burton, 48, of Greenwood, Miss., who died in an unsuccessful attempt to save a coworker buried in cottonseed meal on Dec. 12, 1990.

—Roy W. Davis, 43, of Palmerston, Ontario, who was severely injured trying to save a 5-year-old girl who had been thrown from a runaway automobile on Nov. 16, 1990. The girl died of head injuries. Also, Kenneth C. Berfelz, 24, of Listowel, Ontario, who helped rescue Davis from the car's path.

—Robert M. Funk, 25, of Springville, N.Y., who died trying to save two people from drowning in Lake Erie near Port Colborne, Ontario, on July 4, 1990. One woman was rescued by other swimmers. A man in the water and a firefighter trying to rescue him drowned.

—Harry E. Godt Jr., 34, of Middletown, Del., who died in an unsuccessful attempt to save his wife and two young children from a house fire on Feb. 24, 1989.

—Christopher Klemfuss, 30, of Schenectady, N.Y., who rescued an 80-year-old woman from her burning home on Nov. 15, 1990.

—Kenneth C. Livesy, 24, of Madison, Wis., and David V. Northcutt, 21, of Stoughton, Wis., who together rescued a motorist from his burning car on Oct. 28, 1990, in Madison, Wis.

—Sean K. Lund, 16, of Palmer, Alaska, who tried unsuccessfully to rescue a 29-year-old neighbor from a house filled with carbon monoxide fumes on Dec. 10, 1990.

—Robert F. Morel, 41, of Columbia, S.C., who rescued a wounded police officer from a gunman on Oct. 20, 1990, in Charlotte, N.C. Morel, who had been driving by, moved his car between the gunman and the officer, who had been shot twice and lay in the street. He then disarmed the gunman, who later died of the injuries he received in the shootout.

—Louis G. Nice Jr., 24, of Wheeling, W.Va., who rescued two young brothers from a burning apartment house next to his apartment building on Aug. 25, 1990.

—John C. Streeb, 38, of Hanover, Pa., who rescued a 2-year-old girl from a runaway car on Nov. 18, 1990.

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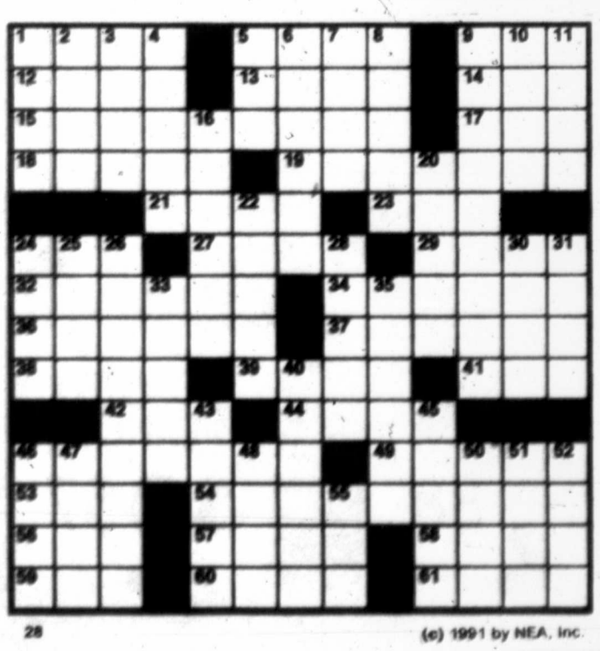
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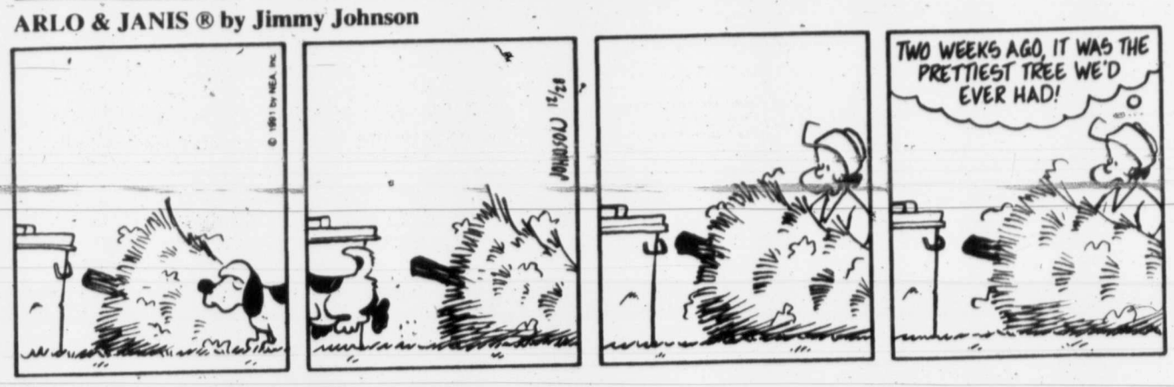


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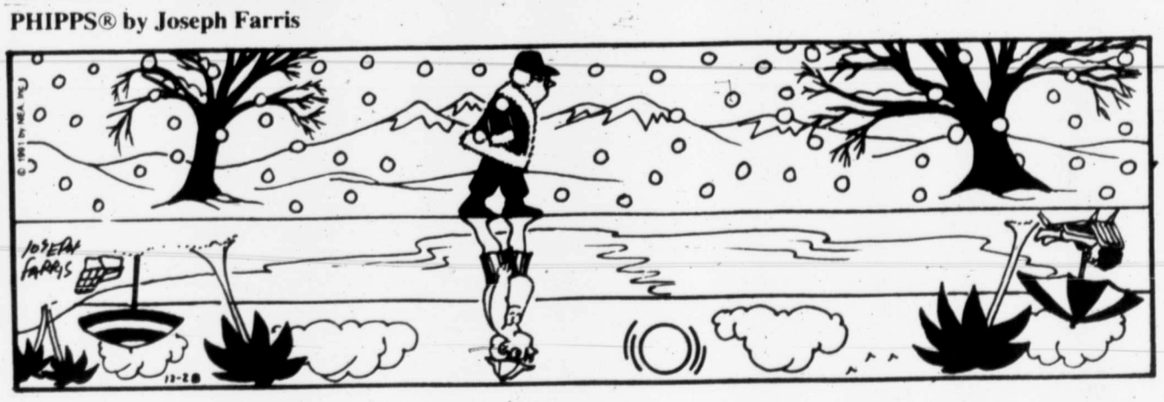
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Gulf War, Soviet breakup top stories in 1991

by The Associated Press

The enormous bang that began 1991 — the rout of Saddam Hussein's Iraq by a U.S.-led international force — was the year's top news story, according to an Associated Press poll of news editors and broadcast news directors.

And the whimper that ended 1991 — the swift collapse of the empire of cards that was the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics — was runner-up.

The Senate confirmation of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas was third, followed by the release of American hostages in Lebanon, the recession and the end of the Cold War, according to the 153 news executives who voted.

The rest, in order, were AIDS, the arrest of an unemployed Milwaukee factory worker in the mutilation deaths of 17 young men, the Middle East peace talks, and the video-taped beating of a motorist by Los Angeles police.

What was 1991's front page? Five domestic stories, five international stories; one lightning war, two peace initiatives; freedom for Soviet republics and for the prisoners of Islamic extremists; gore and dimly lit mayhem and sexual harassment; a relentless disease and a sputtering economy.

From the top:

1. The buildup that followed Saddam's invasion of Kuwait was the top story of 1990; the subsequent Mother of All Battles was the headline story of 1991.

On Jan. 17, a day after the United Nations deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait, the United States and its allies unleashed more than five weeks of thundering air strikes. On Feb. 24, the ground war began.

Fears that U.S. forces would be trapped in the desert sands, choked by poison gas, were never realized. Instead, America's superior troops and firepower unleashed a punishing offensive that ended Feb. 27 with Saddam's army in tatters. The toll: 148 American lives, upwards of 100,000 Iraqis.

There were yellow-ribbon-festooned victory parades for the returning heroes, but there was unease. Nearly a quarter of American combat deaths were caused by friendly fire. Saddam remained in power, Kurdish refugees in terror, and the full extent of Iraq's remaining nuclear capability in doubt.

2. On Jan. 1, 1991, the Soviet Union was a troubled colossus, beset by economic and ethnic problems but still a superpower. On Jan. 1, 1992, the Soviet Union will not exist.

In the blink of a historic eye, the 74-year Soviet experiment was swept away by the gang that couldn't putsch straight — a conspiracy of hardliners who took Mikhail Gorbachev prisoner Aug. 19 while he was on vacation in the Crimea.

They failed to take into consideration Boris Yeltsin, who rallied the Russian people. When the coup failed, and Gorbachev returned to Moscow on Aug. 21, everything had changed — Yeltsin, not Gorbachev, was the central power.

Gorbachev resigned as head of the Communist Party three days later and urged that it be disbanded, but nothing could stem the tide. First the Baltic states became independent, and then the remaining 12 republics. Eleven of them joined in a Commonwealth of Independent States; Russia and Yeltsin were in the lead — Gorbachev was discarded.

3. Clarence Thomas' nomination to replace Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court was seen as a political masterstroke — it would be hard for the Democratic Congress to reject a black nominee, no matter how conservative.

And Thomas was indeed on the brink of confirmation when Anita Hill, a University of Oklahoma law professor, came forward to accuse him of sexual harassment a decade ago, when she worked for Thomas.

The hearings into Hill's allegations turned the nation into a mega-discussion group, riveted by discussions of sex and power, right and wrong.

Whom to believe? Thomas, according to the polls. And the Senate sent him to the bench by a vote of 52 to 48.

4. For 2,455 days, Terry Anderson was held prisoner in Lebanon, never knowing when or whether his captors would release him. But then, the end of two conflicts — the Cold War and the Gulf War — turned the Middle East upside down, and everyone wanted to be on good terms with the United States.

Jesse Turner. The Anglican envoy, Terry Waite. Thomas Sutherland. Joseph Cicippio. Alann Steen. One by one, the kidnappers released their captives.

And finally, on Dec. 4, Anderson — chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press — enjoyed sunlight.

"It's been so long," he said.

5. There were no silver linings to the economic clouds that hovered over 1991 — they had long since been converted to currency to bail out savings and loans, or to finance leveraged buyouts in the go-go 1980s.

In November, unemployment stood at 6.8 percent, not counting the thousands who had dropped out of the job market from discouragement. IBM, General Motors and other industrial titans announced heretofore unimaginable layoffs. The deficit was pegged at nearly $400 billion. The Federal Reserve dropped its discount rate to levels not seen since 1964.

Economists debated whether the recession still raged, pundits debated whether it was actually a depression, politicians just debated — and Bush, accused of doing nothing, watched as his popularity plummeted.

6. On March 31, the Warsaw Pact — the former Soviet bloc — dissolved its military arm. On July 31, Bush and Gorbachev signed a pact reducing long-range nuclear weapons. On Sept. 27, Bush unilaterally eliminated other nuclear weapons; eight days later, Gorbachev announced his own cutbacks. By year's end, Russia wanted to join NATO.

If you are 45 years old or younger, 1991 held the first moments you've ever experienced without a Cold War.

7. The AIDS epidemic turned 10 this year; nearly 200,000 Americans suffered from the disease, and 8 million people were infected worldwide.

But two victims put the disease on the front page: basketball star Magic Johnson, who retired when he learned he was infected, and Kimberly Bergalis, who died at age 23 after contracting the disease from her dentist.

Her illness galvanized many to call for mandatory AIDS testing of health professionals; his illness convinced others than no one was safe.

8. It took a while to count up the carnage in Jeffrey Dahmer's Milwaukee apartment. There were 11 bodies, but they had been chopped up. There were four heads in the refrigerator and freezer plus seven acid-washed skulls.

In all, Dahmer admitted killing 17 males over 13 years. He told police he had sex with four corpses, and he saved the heart of one "to eat later."

9. After four major wars over 43 years, Israel and the Arabs bent to U.S. pressure. They sat down to settle matters. They didn't.

The first round of talks, in Madrid, was notable because of the inclusion of Palestinians. When the second round, in Washington, broke up, no one asserted anything had been accomplished. Talks were to resume there on Jan. 7.

10. George Holliday was nominated for no Emmy, but he is responsible for the most gripping piece of videotape of 1991.

It was Holliday, an amateur photographer, who videotaped a group of Los Angeles police officer assaulting Rodney King, 25. They said he had led them on a 100-mph chase, and had attacked them; he denied it, and the tape — shown again and again and again, nationwide — seemed to back him up.

Ultimately, four officers were indicted in the attack on King. And Daryl Gates, the Los Angeles chief of police, said he would step down in 1992.

Places in the News

NUCLEAR WASTE DUMPS

Four of the six current commercial nuclear waste dump sites are closed and a fifth is about to close. So the nuclear industry in the United States is becoming desperate to open new storage facilities.

The dumps are used to store low-level wastes not only from nuclear power plants and weapons facilities, but also from medical and business users.

The six licensed nuclear dumps are in West Valley, N.Y., Sheffield, Ill., Maxey Flats, Ky., Barnwell, S.C., Beatty, Nev., and Richland, Wash.

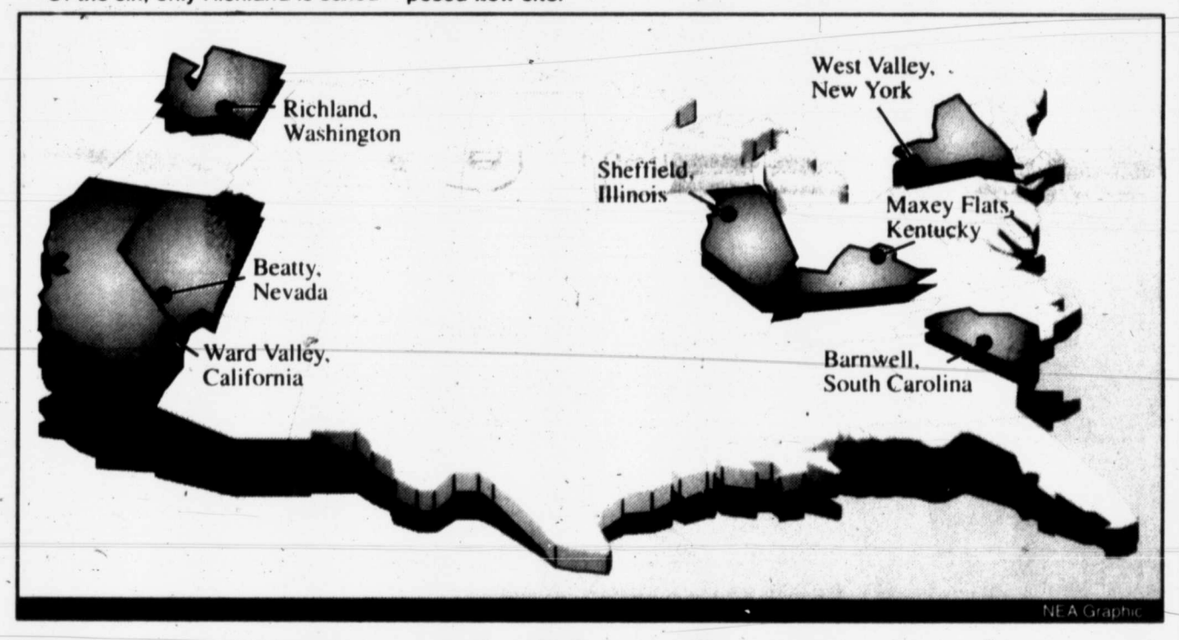
Of the six, only Richland is scheduled to remain open.

All but Barnwell are already closed because of environmental problems, and Barnwell will not be allowed to remain open much longer because it is leaking tritium.

No new nuclear waste sites have been opened in the last 20 years. But currently, under new and much more stringent federal rules and standards, new nuclear dumps are being planned in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Texas, Nebraska and California. But substantial public opposition has met almost every proposed new site.

One example is the planned storage facility at Ward Valley, Calif. State officials say the site is safe. But anti-nuclear activists insist it is over a major aquifer that flows into the nearby Colorado River and leaking waste could contaminate the drinking water of Southern California.

About the only proposed new site where the plan is not controversial is West Valley, N.Y. Even though one of the existing dump sites operated there from 1963 to 1975, and it is closed because of environmental problems, the city voted to accept a new dump so long as it operates under more stringent rules.



Sixth animal dies from same disease at zoo on Christmas

DALLAS (AP) — Officials at the Dallas Zoo are awaiting test results on a chimpanzee who died Christmas Day, but expect the chimp to be the sixth animal to have died since November from the same virus.

The animal, an 8-year-old male named David, showed symptoms of encephalomyocarditis, and zoo general curator Ron Kagan said he expects EMC to have caused the death.

Preliminary tests showed the chimp's lungs were filled with fluid and the animal had an enlarged heart.

The symptoms and the suddenness of the chimp's death were similar to five other animals that died at the zoo between Nov. 12 and Dec. 1, Kagan said.

Lab results on the other animals — an elephant, two howler monkeys, a red panda and a mona monkey — indicated the deaths were caused by EMC.

Kagan said tissues from the chimpanzee have been sent to labs, and blood samples have been taken from other zoo animals to see if they have been exposed.

The zoo's statement said EMC has been identified in the United States in recent years and has been shown to affect swine, rodents and some exotic animals.

Earlier, zoo officials said EMC is not a threat to humans.

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'Bugsy' gets nominated eight times

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Bugsy," Warren Beatty's biography of mobster Bugsy Siegel, scored eight nominations Friday for the 49th Golden Globe Awards.

The film topped "The Fisher King," and "The Silence of the Lambs," which each received five. "Beauty and the Beast," Disney's new feature of the classic fairy tale, collected four nominations, unusual for an animated movie.

Also receiving four nominations were Oliver Stone's treatment of the John F. Kennedy assassination, "JFK," and the female buddy movie, "Thelma & Louise."

Winners will be announced Jan. 18.

"The Prince of Tides" was nominated for best dramatic film and Barbra Streisand received a nomination for her direction, but the Hollywood Foreign Press Association overlooked her performance in the film.

The Golden Globe nominations are the first of the major Hollywood awards, so usually provide a glimpse at least of what the Oscars might have in store.

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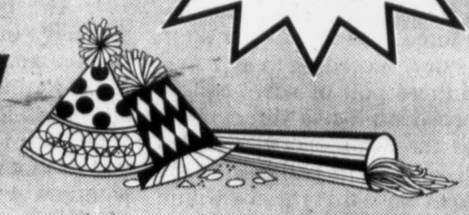
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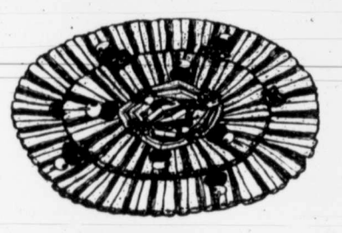
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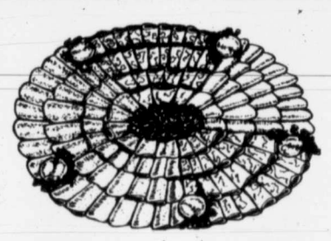
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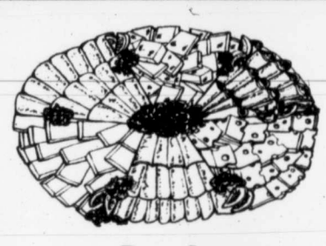
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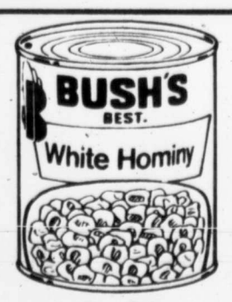
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