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TOUGH WORK — City workers Henry Elam, left, and Wayne Kimrey work in waist deep water repairing a water line break Friday. The city was plagued with a number of breaks due to the freezing and subsequent thawing of the water lines. Equipment operator Ron Wilson is also shown. (SDN Staff Photo)

County to appoint sheriff on Tuesday

The appointment of a sheriff and the resignation of county treasurer Charlie Bell will fill the slate of the Scurry County commissioners for their Tuesday morning meeting.

The court has three candidates to consider for sheriff – present sheriff Darren Jackson whose term expires Sunday at midnight, Cole Herring and Joe Salinas. Both Herring and Salinas were write-in candidates for the position in the November general election that saw stand-in candidate Keith Collier win by garnering 72 percent of the votes.

Collier ran with the understanding that he would not accept the position and shortly after the votes were certified, he officially notified the commissioners that he would not take office.

That left the position open for the appointment for a two-year term for a sheriff, and it is expected Jackson will be appointed to the post.

The first-term sheriff was a shoo-in for the position this year, but he voted opposite of his political affiliation and was deemed ineligible to appear on any ballot — Democrat or Republican.

Collier was appointed by the local Democratic Party to run for the post with the hopes that Tuesday's commissioner's meeting would see Jackson remaining as sheriff.

In another personnel matter, the court will consider the resignation of Charlie Bell as county treasurer.

Bell has been appointed county auditor by 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong to take the place of retiring Eddie McHaney.

Bell will take office at midnight Sunday, and he, plus all other newly-elected or appointed officials, will be sworn in Monday at 11 a.m by Judge Armstrong.

A discussion of a replacement for Bell is not on the Tuesday agenda.

In other agenda items for Tuesday, the court will consider the sale of the Inadale and Knapp Community Centers. The county is considering the sale of the two centers because of the amount of money involved in the yearly upkeep, and the declining usage.

"The Knapp Community Center has not been used in two years," said County Judge Ricky Fritz, adding that the Inadale facility was used only three times this year.

"If we can sell these buildings, the county can realize a savings of some $10,000 to $15,000 per year," said Fritz.

If necessary, the commissioners will also consider line item transfers and budget amendments.

The Tuesday morning meeting gets underway at 10 o'clock.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

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

Despite all the dire predictions a year ago, the past 12 months turned out okay for the most part.

Last year, there was lots of doom and gloom – fear over a Y2K crash, economic woes, global warming, and El Nina – just to name a few.

Snyder and Scurry County continues to hold its own. While there has been no economic boom – there also has not been an economic bust.

Things in 2000 were tough in agriculture. The prolonged drought took its toll on farmers and ranchers. At one point, it appeared that the moisture had been just right for planting, but then the rains did cease, and torrid heat set in.

By year-end, however, the rainfall total was running just above average. And there is optimism that 2001 will be better for crop and cattle producers. It's always better when there's ag money in circulation.

And, despite a downturn in demand for yarn, Lorber Industries of Texas has maintained its production. And at year-end, prices were improving, giving local DCOS officials renewed optimism that more is to come from Lorber.

And renovation of the old brick plant was completed in the past year, and production of brick and tile has started. The additional jobs came just as Walls Industries announced its closure plans. We stayed even on that one.

In the oil patch, oil prices remained at profitable levels and demand for natural gas drove prices up. Higher petroleum prices are always good for the West Texas economy, although we all individually have to dig a little deeper when at the pumps.

The demand for petroleum products has fueled more exploration and that has been good news for another major Scurry County employer.

Patterson Petroleum, headquartered in Snyder, continues to grow and put people on the payroll — both directly and indirectly. In addition to its own employees, Patterson engages a substantial number of contractors.

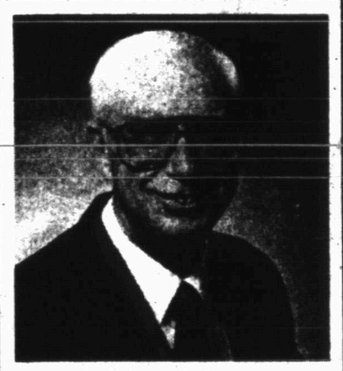
And YZ Industries, located on the old Lubbock highway, continues to quietly produce quality products for customers worldwide and impress its new owners. That new corporate relationship has the potential to add more manufacturing jobs and diversification to the local economy.

And 10 years later, the Price Daniel Unit and its $12 million payroll is one of the best things to happen here since the discovery of oil. It's a steady, stable industry.

Things may have been better, but certainly the economy could have been worse. A little optimism to start off 2001 is something positive on which to build.

Charlie Bell named new county auditor

District Judge Ernie Armstrong has appointed county treasurer Charlie Bell to the post of county auditor effective Monday.



Charlie Bell

Bell will be taking the place of Eddie McHaney who is retiring.

In making the appointment, Judge Armstrong said it is his hope that the state legislature would pass legislation to merge the two offices, or do away with the county treasurer's office.

"This would be a savings to the taxpayer," said Armstrong.

Bell will be leaving the treasurer's post after serving for seven years.

He was appointed to finish the term of Rita Staton who had resigned from the office.

Bell has been elected to the post twice after his initial appointment.

He is a native of Scurry County and graduate of SHS and Texas Tech.

After graduating from Tech, Bell worked for Hi-Pro Feeds in Friona, and then became a loan officer for Farm Credit Service. He served in that capacity for 13 years. He then served as a vice president for the Snyder branch of American State Bank for four years.

From there, he went to the county office.

"I'm appreciative and thankful for the time I have been able to serve the people of Scurry County," said Bell. "I hope I have been a good public servant."

As far as the transition from an elected office to an appointed office, Bell said he would continue to strive to serve the public to the best of his ability.

"I look forward to working in the auditor's office," said Bell.

Bell's salary will be $32,513 per year, and the deputy auditor's salary is $19,273, both set by Judge Armstrong.

Closings noted

No banking, no mail, - just football.

That's the order of business for New Year's Day Monday.

The city's financial institutions will be closed, and there will be no mail service. The courthouse and city hall will also be closed.

All state agencies will be closed, as will the Scurry County Library.

Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh ISD students will be off Monday and Tuesday, while teachers will have workdays on Tuesday and classes will resume Wednesday.

Western Texas College will open their offices on Wednesday as it prepares for the spring semester.

Says retiring auditor...

'Time to farm'

Eddie McHaney has concluded 10 years of work in the county auditor's office as he finished his final day of work Friday.

McHaney has been the county auditor since being appointed to the post by District Judge Gene Dulaney in 1990.

Following Dulaney's retirement, McHaney has been re-appointed to the position by 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

"I've had good relationships with both my district judges," said McHaney. "I sincerely appreciate their confidence in me by their appointments."

McHaney is a Hermleigh native and the son of a farmer, and farming is what he plans to do in his retirement.

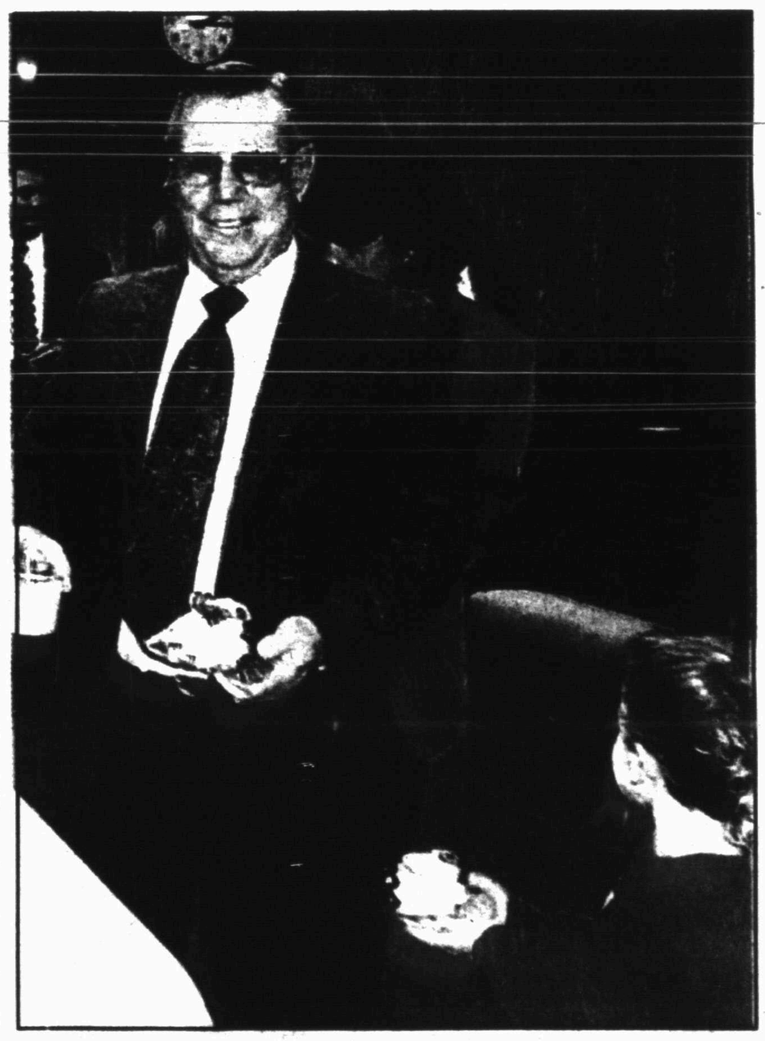
After graduating from Hardin-Simmons with a degree in accounting, McHaney traveled the world while working for AMOCO.

"I spent quite a bit of time overseas with AMOCO," said McHaney. "I lived in Egypt, Venezuela and Pakistan."

His job also called for him to live in New York City, Chicago and Tulsa.

But for now, he and his wife, Katie, will spend their time at their place near China Grove.

"It's time to slow down a little," said McHaney.



RETIREMENT RECEPTION — Scurry County Auditor Eddie McHaney was honored at a retirement reception this week in the county courtroom. Pictured with McHaney is his granddaughter, Katelee Brock. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ASK US

Q—I know WTC puts a lot of emphasis on work force education, do other colleges?

A—Not only colleges, but states. Minnesota's legislature has targeted work force education as its number one goal this legislative year.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 53 degrees; low, 22; 7 a.m. Saturday, 22; no precipitation; total for 2000, 21.43 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly sunny, high around 50, S wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, windy, high around 40, SW wind 5-15 mph.



Danny Clawson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
5:52 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:43 a.m.
Of 364 days in 2000, the sun has shone 353 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The deepest craving of human nature is the need to feel appreciated.
—William James

VFW presents community awards



Public service awards were presented to Darrell Craig, fire department; Darren Jackson, sheriff's department; Terry Snyder, DPS; Mike Ward, Snyder Police Department. John Fair, Post 8231 and District 7 commander, presented the awards.



Education awards were presented to Mike Holmes of Ira, teacher of the year; Danita Covey, West Elementary, teacher recognition; Krista Dorsett, Americanism essay winner; Tracy Dickerhoff of Ira, teacher recognition; Ira was also named School of the Year; Candace Sanchez of Ira, Voice of Democracy winner. John Fair, Post 8231 and District 7 commander, presented the awards. Not pictured are Bobbie Baker of Ira and Becky Hale, West Elementary, who both received teacher recognition; and Wesley Kellner of Ira who was the youth essay winner.



John Fair, Post 8231 and District 7 commander, presented the Life Saver award for the local post and the state of Texas to Roy and Christine Bennett, local EMTs who provided life-saving care to a man while they were at the Lubbock International Airport.



Community Service awards were presented to Bernice Sealey, Earline Brooks and June Rawlings. Not pictured are Valton and Geneva Buchanan, who were named outstanding volunteers.



Media Awards were presented to Joyce Buchanan, who accepted on behalf of KSNY; and Snyder Daily News, with Shirley A. Gorman accepting. John Fair, Post 8231 and District 7 commander, presented the awards. Cox Communications also received a media award.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Cities warn of danger of New Year's Eve gunfire

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Terry Smith lives with a bullet lodged in her left lung, the victim of a New Year's Eve tradition in some cities around the country of firing guns into the air at midnight.

This year, she is staying inside.

"I feel vulnerable, even if I'm two feet in front of my door," said Smith, a 27-year-old single mother of two, who was hit as she watched fireworks from a New Orleans church rooftop last year. "I don't want to be outside, I don't want my children outside or my family outside."

Around the country, the sometimes lethal practice has prompted tougher laws, public awareness campaigns, even the deployment of battlefield technology that can pinpoint the source of gunfire.

In Arizona last year, firing a gun into the air was raised from a misdemeanor to a felony, punishable by up to a year behind bars.

The law came in response to the death of a 14-year-old Shannon Smith in June 1999. But with the frequency of falling bullets highest around this time of year, Shannon's Law has become the centerpiece of a holiday public-safety campaign warning people not to fire guns into the air.

Phoenix City Councilman Phil Gordon said he expects that police will soon be aided by a random gunfire-detection system. The system, an offshoot of technology used in the Gulf War, uses sound sensors to pinpoint the source of gunfire and broadcasts the coordinates to police.

A similar system, called Shotspotter, has been used in Los Angeles and in Redwood City, Calif.

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials were not satisfied last New Year's, saying the device could not differentiate between gunshots and fireworks.

But officials in Redwood City, a community of about 80,000 just south of San Francisco, said the number of reported gunshots went from 400 two years ago to four last New Year's Eve, and the Shotspotter resulted in one arrest two years ago.

Even more effective have been police efforts to spread word about the device through fliers distributed in schools and businesses and through media events, police said.

"The word's prettty much out. It's kind of a reminder thing now," said Sgt. Steve Blanc.

In New Orleans last year, the sound of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of gunshots echoed around the city and five people were wounded. There were two arrests, both of which resulted in convictions. In Kansas City, Mo., a man was killed by a falling bullet from someone else's weapon, moments after he fired his own gun into the air. In Atlanta, a teenager was wounded.

Detroit relies largely on its "Bells Instead of Bullets" campaign, which began in 1996 after an elderly woman was killed by a stray bullet on New Year's Eve. The campaign includes posters put up in schools, billboards and televised public service announcements.

Chicago has had a similar campaign and so does New Orleans, where prevention efforts were intensified after a woman from Boston was killed in 1994 while waiting to see New Year's fireworks over the Mississippi River.

Louisiana also has a longstanding law against indiscriminate gunfire, with a minimum of two years in prison for a first-time offense and five to 10 years for those with a criminal record.

With tourists expected to pack New Orleans' French Quarter during New Year's Eve, Mayor Marc Morial urged revelers to be careful..

"I would take cover at midnight myself, and I know that's not possible for everyone to do in the French Quarter because of the density of people there," he said. "There are risks to being outside. I cannot guarantee anyone's safety."

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

25-20-44-48

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

4-7-10-20-25

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PRESENTS WORKSHOP — Dr. Shirley Crook, an independent curriculum consultant and former University of Texas professor, recently presented a TAAS/TEKS workshop for East Elementary fourth graders at the Region XIV satellite office. Central Elementary teachers also participated. This workshop was funded through the Academics 2000 grant program. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Appeals court overturns ban: Arizona fetal tissue research

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court panel has ruled unconstitutional an Arizona law prohibiting the use of fetal tissue in medical research.

The decision Friday from the three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals wipes out the nation's last ban on such practices.

The 1984 Arizona statute was too vague for doctors to know what type of medical experimentation or scientific investigation on aborted fetuses was illegal, the court said.

"Individuals must be given a reasonable opportunity to discern whether their conduct is proscribed so they can choose whether or not to comply with the law," Judge Mary M. Schroeder wrote for the court.

Similar laws have been overturned in Utah, Louisiana and Illinois. Congress lifted a ban on federally funded research using fetal tissue in 1993.

Arizona's law barred the use of aborted fetal tissue or embryo for medical experimentation or scientific or medical investigation unless to perform a "routine pathological examination" or to diagnose a maternal or fetal condition that prompted the abortion.

The law was challenged by the New York-based Center for Reproductive Law and Policy in 1996 on behalf of four Parkinson's disease patients. Two Arizona affiliates of Planned Parenthood later joined the lawsuit.

Medical studies suggest some fetal tissue transplants can treat the neurological disorder because the tissue produces dopamine, a substance in the brain that controls voluntary movement.

The appeals court ruling upholds a similar decision from U.S. District Court Judge William Browning in Arizona.

"We've got judges here making opinions about the statute, which is not vague in my opinion," Arizona Right to Life President John Jakubczyk said.

The state also maintained the statute was clear. It argued that a doctor could avoid violating the law, which carries an 18-month sentence, by not performing any tests or procedures on aborted fetuses.

"This argument ignores the exceptions built into the statute that creates the confusion," Schroeder wrote.

The Arizona attorney general's office was reviewing the decision, spokeswoman Pati Urias said. The state may ask the court to review its decision or consider new legislation to circumvent the panel's ruling, she said.

On the Net:
Ninth Circuit: http://www.ce9.uscourts.gov
Center for Reproductive Law and Policy: http://www.crlp.org
National Right to Life Committee: http://www.nrlc.org

Date Book

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000

Today is the 365th day of 2000 and the 10th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1852, President and Mrs. Rutherford Hayes celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at the White House.

On this day in 1951, "The Roy Rogers Show" was broadcast for the first time on NBC-TV.

On this day in 1972, President Richard Nixon halted the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, and announced that peace negotiations with North Vietnam would resume.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), writer; Al Smith (1873-1944), U.S. politician; Jack Lord (1930-1998), actor; Sandy Koufax (1935-), baseball great, is 65; Paul Stookey (1937-), folk singer, is 63; Mike Nesmith (1942-), musician, is 58; Tracey Ullman (1959-), entertainer, is 41; Ben Johnson (1961-), sprinter, is 39.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, the 24-minute shot clock was used for the first time in a professional basketball game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nobody shoots at Santa Claus." — Al Smith

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 25) and first quarter (Jan. 2).

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000

Today is the 366th day of 2000 and the 11th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, in New York City, Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians broadcast their first New Year's Eve concert.

On this day in 1946, President Harry Truman proclaimed that World War II was over.

On this day in 1991, Lee Iacocca resigned as chairman of Chrysler.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Cornwallis (1738-1805), British general; George C. Marshall (1880-1959), U.S. Army general-statesman; Anthony Hopkins (1937-), actor, is 63; John Denver (1943-1997), singer-songwriter; Ben Kingsley (1943-), actor, is 57; Diane von Furstenberg (1946-), designer, is 54; Patti Smith (1946-), singer-poet, is 54; Donna Summer (1948-), singer, is 52; Paul Westerberg (1959-), singer, is 41; Val Kilmer (1959-), actor, is 40.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the Green Bay packers won the NFL championship by defeating the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Morale is a state of mind. It is steadfastness and courage and hope." — George C. Marshall

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Dec. 25) and first quarter (Jan. 2).

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Cargill Foods will layoff employees

WACO (AP) — Stung by a national poultry recall, Waco's Cargill Foods plant will lay off 120 employees permanently and another 72 temporarily, a company spokesman said Friday.

Cargill this month announced it would recall 16.7 million pounds of ready-to-eat turkey and chicken products it had shipped nationwide from its Waco plant.

Federal officials have said they believe the contaminated poultry that killed four people and made 29 ill came from the Waco plant, which employs about 1,300.

"We tried to avoid (laying people off), but unfortunately, it's the way we had to go," Cargill spokesman Mark Klein said in Saturday's editions of the Waco Herald-Tribune. "With the combination of filling spots caused by turnover and the good economy in the Waco area, we're hoping the effects will be minimal."

Cargill has quit making products included in the recall while it continues to search for the source of the listeria bacteria that sickened consumers in several states, though apparently not in Texas.

That pursuit has involved "engineers from our Waco plant, from Springdale, Ark., and from our red-meat processing arm, as well as food scientists from all over, including Minneapolis," Klein said.

Airplane makes emergency landing

HOUSTON (AP) — A single-engine plane made an emergency landing Friday on a busy north Houston road, clipping a sport utility vehicle before coming to a stop, witnesses said. There were no serious injuries.

Witness Della Draper said the plane landed around noon on West Mount Houston Road, a leg of State Highway 249, just west of Interstate 45.

The pilot emerged from the aircraft and helped push it off the road, Draper said.

Three people in the SUV, along with the pilot, were medically evaluated at a nearby hospital as a precautionary measure.

Q & A

Ten reasons to remain sober

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

Ten Reasons to Celebrate the New Year Alcohol-Safe and Drug-Free

10. I'd like to remember where I was on New Year's Eve.
9. I want to see the New Year without having to close one eye.
8. I want to be able to remember whether I resolved to quit smoking or to lose weight.
7. I choose to entertain people who are fun and witty, and not drunk and obnoxious.
6. I want to make sure I ring in the New Year with friends and family, not with a cop and a breath-o-lizer.
5. I want to be able to kiss my spouse without falling into the decorations.
4. I want my smiling mug in a scrapbook, not in a mug shot.
3. I want to increase my chances of avoiding those people on the road who don't abstain.
2. I want my kids to know that good times come from the heart, not from the bottle.
1. I want to make sure my family knows I love them.

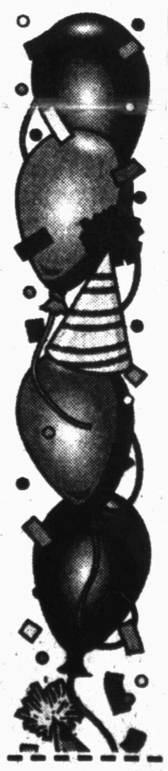
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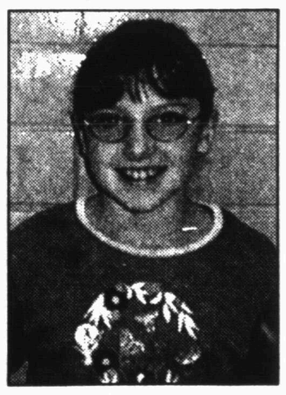
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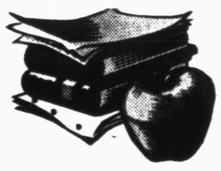
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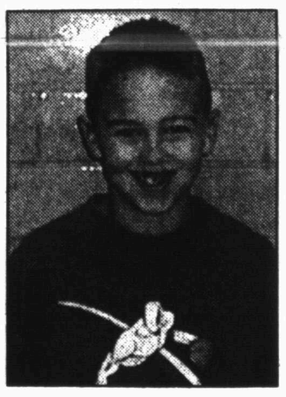


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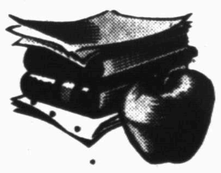




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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lawmakers head into new, somewhat uncertain session

AUSTIN (AP) — Start with a new governor and new presiding officer of the state Senate. Add a dash of lingering uncertainty from the tumultuous presidential election. Toss in plenty of strife from a tight budget and the once-a-decade job of redistricting.

It's a recipe for an intriguing 77th Texas Legislature, to say the least.

When lawmakers arrive Jan. 9, Gov. Rick Perry still will be charting his course as the state's new leader and his successor as presiding officer of the Senate will have been barely seated. But the tedious and politically charged task of redrawing the boundaries of congressional and legislative districts could take center stage.

"The cloud will be over the session from the very beginning. People will be jockeying for position," said Max Sherman, a former state senator and now a professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. "Everyone is kind of hypersensitive to the redistricting issue."

Democrats in the Texas House of Representatives may be inclined to work with the Republican-controlled Senate to develop a redistricting bill, or the Republican-dominated Redistricting Board takes over.

House Speaker Pete Laney is downplaying controversy over redistricting.

"It's probably more of a hype ... coming from the political parties," he said.

Some aspects of the Legislature will be business as usual.

In the Texas House, where Democrats have a 78-72 edge, Laney, a West Texan from Hale Center, is expected to be re-elected to the post he has held since 1993.

The usual competition for money is already under way, with lawmakers declaring it difficult to fulfill everyone's wish list.

Teachers, for instance, want a statewide health insurance plan. State workers want better pay and benefits.

The budget for the current biennium is about $98 billion. The budget surplus is projected to be $1 billion to $1.5 billion this cycle, but Medicaid and certain prison programs that need an immediate emergency infusion will slice into it.

"In the past election, some candidates campaigned with promises of new spending programs, from everything from highways to higher education. And hopefully we'll be able to do all those fine things they proposed and we'll be able to find those candidates when it comes time to find the revenue to pay for those projects," Laney said.

Some legislators suggest that a tax cut — like those approved in 1997 and 1999 under then Gov. George W. Bush — isn't likely because of the budget situation.

Hundreds of bills have been filed before the session's start, giving a preview of legislative battles during the biennial, 140-day meeting.

Perry has made it clear his top priorities will be education and transportation. He wants to educate more Texans beyond high school and unclog the state's highways.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, has reintroduced a bill that died last session that would strengthen the state's hate crimes law.

Named for James Byrd, the black man who was dragged to death behind a pickup truck by three white men in Jasper in 1998, the bill would assign a hate crimes prosecutor at the attorney general's office, provide civil remedies for victims and require training to help officers identify hate crimes evidence.

National attention on the Texas death penalty during the presidential race could lead to changes in the way capital punishment is administered.

Some legislators are looking to provide the option of life without parole in capital murder cases, to ensure lawyers for capital murder defendants are competent and to provide inmates more access to DNA testing in certain cases.

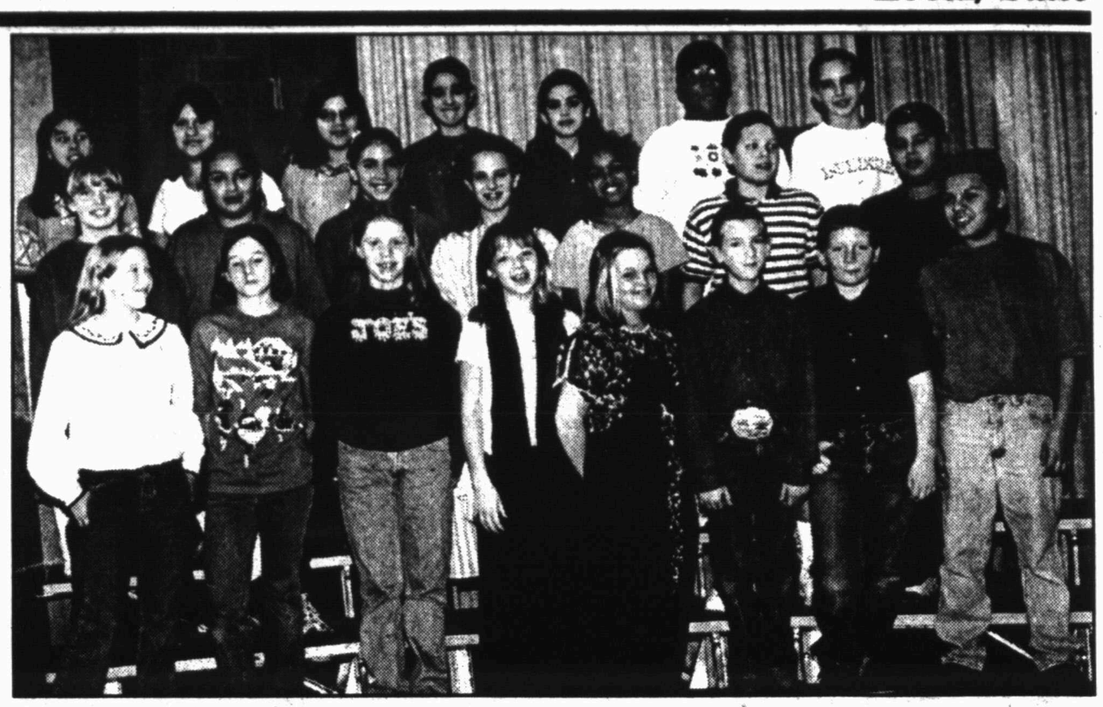
Texas Attorney General John Cornyn, a Republican, said he has been talking to lawmakers about death penalty issues likely to surface in the coming legislative session.

"I think there's emerging a consensus view that we need to do something about the availability of post-conviction DNA testing as well as the competency of counsel," Cornyn said. "Everybody wants to make sure that only the guilty are convicted."

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ALL AMERICAN CHRISTMAS — Three afternoon sixth grade music classes at West Elementary recently presented *An All American Christmas*. Students in the top photo are from left, first row: Krista Dorsett, Heather West, Sydney Wright, Claire Morris, Starla Early, Casey Long, Dalton Cole, Michael Valdez; second row, Courtney Tyrrell, Lupe Zuniga, Whitley Fulford, Sarah Covington, Sarah Traylor, Joey Rosas, Omar Madera; third row, Alice Estrada, Priscilla Guerrero, Felicia Guzman, Chelsea Hackfeld, Kaylee Lacik, Mica Triggs and Matthew Schoolcraft. Students in the middle photo first row from left are Matthew Pesina, Keith Manlief, Wesley Price, Bryce Westmoreland, Corbin Smith, Daniel Saenz, Clyde Sullivan, Juan Ramirez; row two, Brian Villarreal, Trevor Kubena, Jesse Martinez, Tyler Driggers, Jamie Arnold, Taylor Courtney, Kade Kruger, Cody Reed, Donald Jeffrey; third row, David Yanez, Nicholas Salazar, Andrew Dupree, Michael Mann, B.J. Alonzo, Jeremy Rodriguez, William Brasher. Students in the bottom photo are from left, first row, Austin Owens, Adrian Sosa, Terann Ragland, Hollie Berryhill, Melissa Newby, Katy Crenwelge, Amy Sauceda; second row, Casey Arnold, John Whitworth, Candace Rice, Brandee Perez, Kazual Moore, Roxanne Scott; third row, Amanda Rivera, Ashley Luecke, Nicole Presley, Tara Robertson, Victoria Hermosilla, LaShekka Richardson. Marcella Torres is not pictured. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

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Financial Focus

Hot TIPS on an Inflation Hedge

When you think about investment risk, what comes to mind? For many people, it's the chance of immediately losing money when their stock drops in value. Or course, that is one type of investment risk — but it's not the only type.

For example, if you own bonds, you incur interest-rate risk — the possibility that interest rates will move higher than the rate on your existing bond. No, matter what happens to market interest rates, you'll still receive the same interest payments as well as your original principal back when your bond matures. However, if rates increase, and you want to sell your bond before it matures, you will have to offer it at a discount, because no one will pay full price for a bond that carries an interest rate below the market rate.

There's another risk that's too often overlooked — inflation. For the past several years, we've enjoyed low inflation. But it hasn't disappeared altogether. And the mere possibility of its reemergence is enough to make some investors take action — particularly if they've invested in fixed-income vehicles, such as U.S. Treasury securities.

Even a relatively mild inflation rate, such as 3 percent, can, over time, seriously erode the purchasing power of your Treasury bonds. That can be a real concern — especially if you're counting on those bonds to help provide income during retirement.

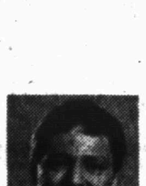
What can you do to build a "hedge" against inflation? You might consider investing in U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). These bonds offer the security of U.S. Treasuries —.considered the least risky investments available — along with a rate of return that can keep you ahead of inflation.

To understand how TIPS work, let's first consider how a "normal" bond operates. When you buy a bond, you receive interest payments based on the principal that you invested; that principal will be repaid to you upon the bond's maturity. The more inflation rises over the years, the less buying power your principal will have when it is returned to you.

When you buy a TIPS, you'll receive a guaranteed yield, just as you would with a normal bond. But on top of that yield, the principal value of your bond will actually increase in line with inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). So, for example, if your bond paid 4 percent interest, and the inflation rate was 3 percent, you would receive an effective annual return of 7 percent. The inflation factor is adjusted periodically throughout the life of your bond.

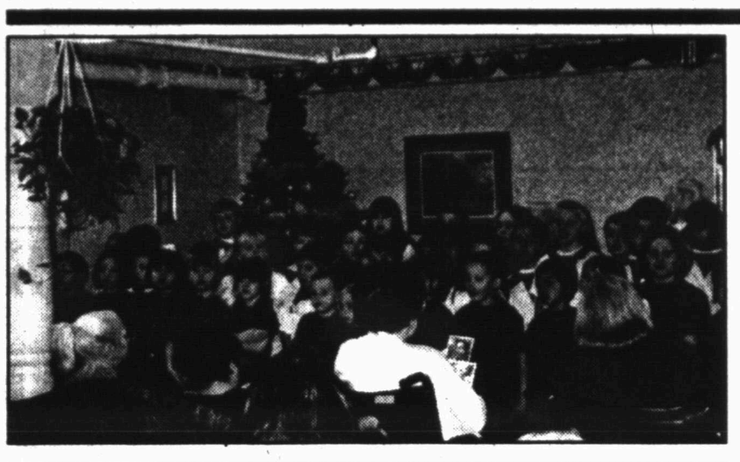
Be aware that you'll have to pay income taxes each year — both on the interest payment you receive and on the inflation adjustment, which you won't get until you sell the bond. Consequently, you may want to put your bond in a tax-deferred vehicle such as an IRA.

Before you purchase TIPS, see your tax adviser to make sure these investments are suitable for your individual situation. If they are, weigh the advantages carefully; guaranteed interest rates, government backing and the chance to beat inflation form a combination you won't find anywhere else.

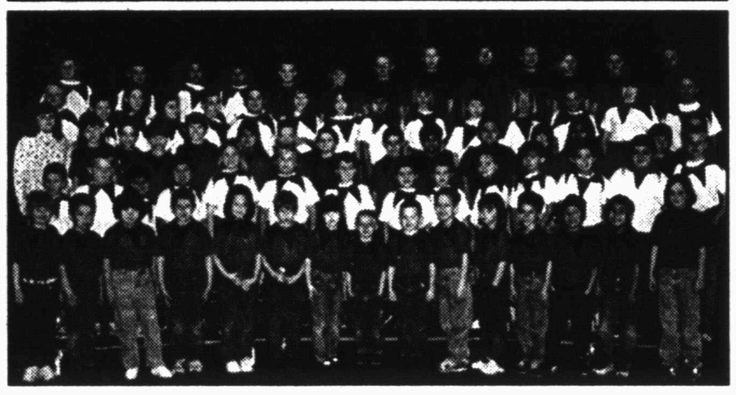
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IRA CHRISTMAS CAROLERS — Ira School's kindergarten through fifth grade students recently presented a Christmas program at the school. They also sang carols at other locations, including West Texas State Bank, Snyder Healthcare and Snyder Oaks. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)



Guyanese soldiers receiving U.S. care

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Four Guyanese soldiers badly burned in an explosion at an army munitions dump have been taken to the United States for medical treatment, the U.S. Army Southern Command said Friday.

Three were taken to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, the Southern Command said. The fourth man's condition worsened during the Wednesday flight and he was taken to a closer burn unit in Miami at the Jackson Memorial Hospital, the U.S. Army said.

The four suffered second- and third-degree burns on 50 percent of their bodies from the Dec. 18 accident at Camp Groomes, 50 miles south of the South American country's capital, Georgetown, the Southern Command said in a statement. Three soldiers were killed in the blast.

The three soldiers in San Antonio were in critical but stable condition. The fourth soldier was listed as very seriously ill and was expected to stay in Miami for up to two weeks.

Eight soldiers who were less severely injured have been receiving care in Guyana, the Guyana Defense Force has said.

The U.S. Army also is helping to investigate the blast, the worst in the former British colony's 35-year army history. Guyana's government has promised to pay for the soldiers' care in Texas.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Antibiotics can wreak bowel havoc

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes bowel inflammation as a consequence of antibiotic therapy? Does one recover?

DEAR READER: Once called "pseudomembranous colitis," bowel inflammation following antibiotic therapy is now known to be a form of colon infection caused by the antibiotic-resistant microbe C.difficile. This bacterium produces severe diarrhea, abdominal pain and fever, sometimes progressing to blood in the stool and dehydration.

Most patients return to normal within one or two weeks after the antibiotic is stopped. All that they require are a light diet and anti-diarrhea medicine, such as Pepto Bismol or Immodium. In severe cases, however, patients may need intravenous fluids and drug therapy, such as Flagyl or Vancomycin. Uneventful recovery is the rule.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Constipation and Diarrhea." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is cytomegalovirus infection?

DEAR READER: Cytomegalovirus infection is spread by person-to-person contact and typically causes a syndrome resembling mononucleosis: Fever, sore throat, swollen glands, extreme exhaustion and an enlarged spleen. Some patients hardly know they're sick and dismiss the symptoms as flu. Other patients, however, can become quite ill with hepatitis. Experts do not understand the reason why some patients develop liver inflammation while others do not. The disease is diagnosed by blood tests and tissue cultures.

In people with immune deficiencies, CMV may lead to pneumonia, heart inflammation, brain infection and kidney failure, resulting in death.

Expectant mothers often pass the virus to their unborn children; this causes a high risk of miscarriage and stillbirth.

Because this infection is a viral illness, antibiotics are useless in treating it. Fortunately, the vast majority of people with CMV infection recover uneventfully within a few weeks. Complications are treated when and if they arise, on an individual basis. However, CMV remains a real threat to pregnant women, patients with organ transplants (because of auto-immune medicine to prevent organ rejection), and persons with immune system disorders, such as AIDS.

DEAR DR. GOTT: About six months ago, I began wetting the bed. Need I tell you how ashamed I am and how my life has been disrupted? I'm a 60-year-old man in good health. I drink fluids in moderation and have recently abstained from drinking anything after 6 p.m., to no avail. What could be causing this?

DEAR READER: The sudden development of enuresis in a 60-year-old man should be investigated by a urologist. This symptom could have many causes, including urinary tract infection, prostate problems and abnormalities of the bladder sphincter, a muscular ring that controls urination.

Some men experience urinary incontinence as they age. This is due to a poorly understood breakdown of the bladder-to-brain nerve impulses, which signal the urge to urinate. Or prostate enlargement, a common condition in older men, will prevent complete emptying of the bladder; this, in turn, leads to more frequent nighttime urination and, in sound sleepers, enuresis.

As awful as the option may seem, I recommend that you use adult diapers at night until the urologist has been able to diagnose the cause of your problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of severe leg pain when walking, I had an angiogram. Following the test (which showed a 90 percent blockage), I have had no pain whatsoever. Could the condition have cleared? My doctor still insists on surgery.

DEAR READER: During an angiogram, a small plastic catheter is introduced into an artery. Then liquid ("dye") is injected and X-ray movies are taken. The dye fills the artery and shows areas of blockage. This test does not ordinarily produce any therapeutic benefits, although it's possible in your case that the catheter or dye could have dislodged a blood clot, thereby improving circulation to your leg.

In any event, your symptoms have improved. Therefore, I recommend that you postpone surgery. Most vascular specialists do not encourage arterial surgery unless the obstruction causes symptoms or is serious enough to be a potential hazard. If your doctor insists on surgery, ask for a second opinion.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of severe rheumatoid arthritis I was prescribed Aristocort, with good results. Recently, however, the manufacturer has discontinued making the drug. What would be a suitable substitute?

DEAR READER: Ask your doctor. Aristocort is a brand of steroid. I do not know why it was discontinued. You might find prednisone to be a satisfactory substitute. Your doctor can advise you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Everything I've read supports the notion that a glass of wine a day can have beneficial health consequences. Why do you insist in advising people to avoid alcohol?

DEAR READER: Because most of them don't limit their intake to a glass of wine a day. Alcoholism is a medical scourge in this country. And, while you are quite correct, I believe that I would be irresponsible to encourage anything more than very moderate drinking. And this is a position I have endorsed in print for more than 20 years.

DEAR DR. GOTT: When I was a little girl — perhaps before your time — girls were cautioned against using dyed toilet tissue for fear that it could cause urinary tract infections. Is this an old wives' tale? So many public restrooms have printed toilet paper that I am confused.

DEAR READER: You needn't be. Urinary tract infections are caused by bacteria, not by the printed dye on toilet tissue, which is harmless. You can use such a product without worrying about health consequences.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can caffeine cause sleepiness?

DEAR READER: Caffeine has traditionally been considered to be a stimulant, causing wakefulness and alertness that may progress, with heavy use, to jitteriness and insomnia. However, not all people respond to caffeine in this manner. In contrast, they experience profound sleepiness. This phenomenon was first reported in 1989 and no one knows the reason. Theories include: Caffeine may worsen depression, and the compound may actually interfere with the body's steroid level, leading to sedation. Perhaps this rare reaction to caffeine will eventually be classified as an idiosyncratic drug reaction.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it harmful to cut nasal hairs consistently?

DEAR READER: No. Nasal hairs are there to protect the nostrils from harm by foreign material, such as bugs and creepy-crawlies. Such hairs are yet another example of an evolutionary process that is not particularly useful. Perhaps, in the next million years, mutants without nose hairs (or, perhaps, hair at all) will be the norm.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does the brain experience the same shock or damage when a 50-year-old man has intercourse as when he masturbates?

DEAR READER: Sexual release does not, thank Heaven, cause brain shock or damage, regardless of a person's age or outlet. Orgasm does increase the blood pressure, but under ordinary circumstances, this is temporary and doesn't lead to health problems. Masturbation is usually less physically demanding than intercourse. But, as far as the brain is concerned, orgasm is orgasm.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I regularly notice blood in my semen. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Hematospermia is a painless condition that is caused by an irritation within the reproductive tract, most commonly infection in the prostate gland. Patients with this condition should be examined by urologists because, on occasion, malignant growths can produce bleeding into the semen. Also, infections causing hematospermia can be difficult to eradicate. Treatment depends on the cause.

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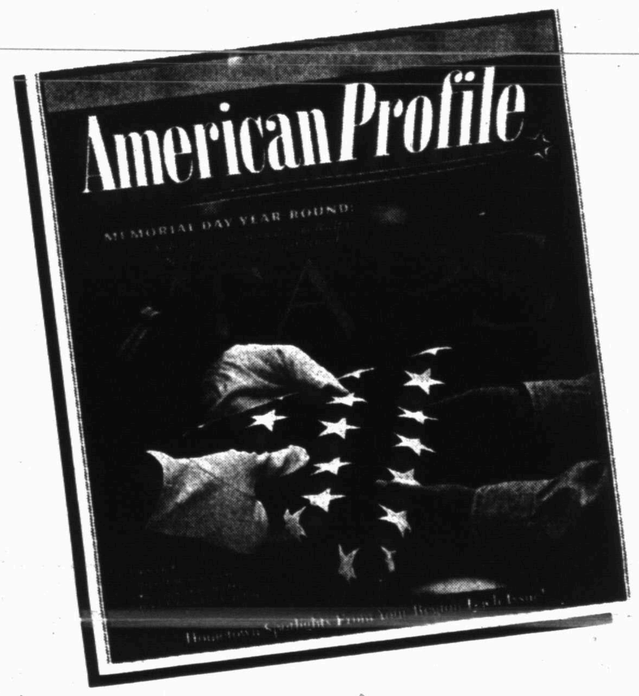
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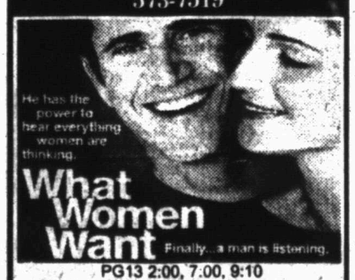


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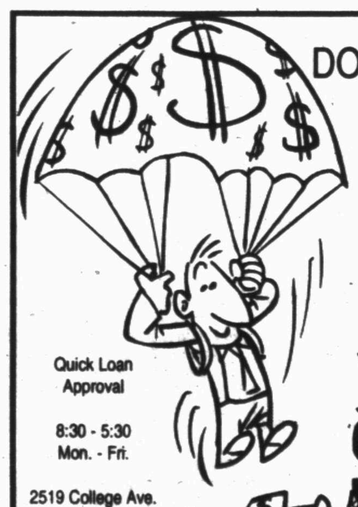
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers post 13th win, 48-32

ABILENE — With two more tournament games and 11 district contests still on their schedule, the Snyder Lady Tigers have already surpassed last year's win total.

Snyder chalked up its 13th victory of the season Friday with a 48-32 decision over Abilene High JV in the first round of the Abilene tournament.

The Lady Tigers were to have faced Midland Lee in Saturday morning in the semifinals, with the winner advancing to face either Abilene High or Ballinger in Saturday night's championship round.

Snyder is 13-2 on the season and ranked No. 7 in the state, after posting a 12-17 record a year ago.

On Friday, the Lady Tigers led by only eight points after the third quarter, before putting together a 16-8 run in the final frame to pull away.

Snyder senior Ashley Delce poured in 27 points and was the only player for either team to finish in double figures.



Ashley Delce

Following tournament action, the Lady Tigers travel to Plainview on Tuesday for a showdown with the No. 1 ranked Lady Bulldogs. Snyder and Plainview are tied for first place in the district standings at 3-0.

Snyder	**11**	**09**	**12**	**16**	**— 48**
Abilene JV	**08**	**06**	**10**	**08**	**— 32**

Snyder
Delce 13 1-5 27, Kallemeyn 0 8-10 8, Eicke 2 0-1 6, Geiger 1 2-2 4, Murray 1 0-0 2, Robinson 0 1-2 1. **Totals 17 12-20 48.**

Abilene JV
Boone 4 0-0 9, Keith 2 3-6 7, Richards 1 3-4 6, Kastner 3 0-1 6, Zonker 0 2-2 2, Kinsey 1 0-0 2. **Totals 11 8-13 32.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Eicke 2), Abilene JV 2 (Boone, Richards).

Ducks paddle past Longhorns

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Holiday Bowl's reputation is as wild as ever, thanks largely to Joey Harrington.

Harrington threw for two touchdowns, ran for one and caught a halfback pass for another as the No. 8 Oregon Ducks beat No. 12 Texas 35-30 on Friday night in another on-the-edge Holiday Bowl.

"Joey stepped it up big," said cornerback Rashad Bauman, who led an inspired Ducks defense. "He made some great throws, great catches, great runs. He did it all for us today. He had the hat trick after he ran in the touchdown."

Harrington became the third quarterback in the 23-year history of the Holiday Bowl to score via the pass, run and catch. Steve Young was the first in 1983, when his 14-yard catch with 23 seconds left gave Brigham Young a 21-17 win. Bucky Richardson also did it in Texas A&M's 65-14 win over BYU in 1990.

The Ducks (10-2) finished the first 10-win season in their 105-year history.

"This was such a milestone for the program," Bauman said. "They're a good team and a good program, but we were playing a team, not tradition."

Still, it wasn't settled until a desperation pass by Texas sophomore Chris Simms fell incomplete in the end zone as time ran out.

Texas (9-3), which hoped to vault into the Top 10 with a victory, saw its six-game winning streak end.

"It was a great game to watch," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "I'm sure one of these days I'll look back and enjoy it."

Harrington had three straight completions to set up the winning score, a 4-yard end-around by Jason Willis with 5:46 left.

Texas helped contribute to another wild finish, too, but in the wrong way. The Longhorns moved to the Ducks 22 with about three minutes to play, but their two heralded freshmen wide receivers, B.J. Johnson and Roy Williams, each dropped passes in the end zone. Johnson dropped another one at the 15 that he might have scored on.

Brown commended Simms for his composure at the end.

"He threw a pass for a touchdown that was dropped, then he threw another one for a touchdown that we dropped, and it didn't faze him," Brown said. "We really thought we had a chance to win at the end of the game."

The Longhorns got the ball back with 1:37 to play when De'Andre Lewis recovered a fumble on a botched handoff. But two plays later, Bauman capped a big game by the Ducks' defense with an interception at the 16.

It wasn't over yet, though. Oregon took a safety with 21 seconds left and the free kick went to the Texas 37. The Longhorns got to the Ducks 39 before Simms' final pass. Simms finished with four interceptions.

Harrington personally gave the Ducks a 14-0 first quarter lead.

He froze the 'Horns with play-action and threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to wide-open tight end Justin Peelle in the right corner of the end zone.

After Oregon's Jed Boice recovered a fumble by Johnson at the Texas 18, Harrington got to play receiver. He pitched the ball to wide receiver Keenan Howry, who lined up in the backfield, then slipped out to the left flat. Howry threw across the field to Harrington, who caught it at the 10 and stumbled the rest of the way into the end zone.

Harrington said that play worked just once in five weeks of practice.

"Keenan made a great throw," Harrington said. "I lost it in the lights for a second. I thought I was going to make a fool of myself on national television but I came up and made a catch."

Harrington completed 19 of 30 passes for 273 yards, with one interception. Simms was 17-of-33 for 245 yards and ran for one touchdown.

Texas' leading rusher, Hodges Mitchell, left with a sprained right knee early in the third quarter after being hit by Bauman and didn't return.

The Longhorns scored three times in the second quarter for a 21-14 lead. Mitchell and Simms scored on short runs and Greg Brown returned an interception 23 yards.

Oregon tied it on the first drive of the second half on a 55-yard pass from Harrington to running back Maurice Morris.

Harrington gave the Ducks a 28-21 lead on a 9-yard draw with 9:43 to play, capping a 90-yard drive set up when Keith Lewis intercepted Simms' pass.

Sooners prosper under Stoops' direction

MIAMI (AP) — Even Florida State coach Bobby Bowden is amazed at how quickly Bob Stoops turned Oklahoma back into a national title contender.

"Bob has done a lot better than I did," Bowden said Friday. "The first thing is you've got to get those kids thinking they can win despite the odds, and Bob must be perfect at it. He's got those kids believing they're going to win and they go out and win."

In Stoops' second season in Norman, Okla., the Sooners are 12-0, ranked No. 1 and set to play for their first national championship since 1985. On Wednesday night, it's Oklahoma vs. No. 3 Florida State (11-1) in the Orange Bowl at Pro Player Stadium.

A far cry from the post-Barry Switzer years from 1989-98, when Gary Gibbs, Howard Schnellenberger and John Blake combined for a 61-50-3 record and three minor bowls. Under Switzer, OU was 157-29-4 with three national titles and 12 Top 10 finishes in 16 seasons.

This season, Oklahoma was the only major school to finish the regular season with a perfect record.

While Stoops, along with a group of young assistants plucked from schools he used to work for, preached a winning attitude, his best move was convincing his veterans that Josh Heupel, a junior college quarterback from Aberdeen, S.D., was the guy to operate a new wide-open passing attack.

Heupel produced, throwing for 3,460 yards and 30 touchdowns and leading the Sooners to a 7-5 record in '99. When this season began, the Sooners were No. 19 in the AP preseason poll. They were a confident bunch, too.

Stoops saw how hard players worked over the summer and said "they've earned the right to be confident about beating anyone on the schedule."

Not even a three-game stretch in October against Texas, Kansas State and Nebraska bothered Oklahoma. After all, Stoops told them, the Sooners have won big games before and will win big games again.

In easy wins over Texas-El Paso, Arkansas State, Rice and Kansas, Oklahoma averaged 44 points per game and rose to No. 10 in the AP poll. Next up, No. 11 Texas, followed by No. 2 Kansas State and then a showdown against No. 1 Nebraska.

The Sooners magic of the 1970s and '80 returned. OU pounded the Longhorns 63-14 in Dallas; won at Kansas State 41-31; returned home to dominate the Cornhuskers 31-14, and took over the No. 1 ranking.

In those games, Heupel threw for 949 yards, four TDs and just one interception as he became a top Heisman Trophy contender. The left-hander passed for 3,392 yards and 20 TDs and ran for seven more scores. He was the Heisman runner-up to Florida State's Chris Weinke.

The Sooners' defense, led by All-American linebacker Rocky Calmus, held the Huskers scoreless after Nebraska took a 14-0 lead on its first two possessions. "That told me a lot about the character of our team," Stoops said.

Before the Nebraska game, Stoops showed his team films of the classic OU-NU games from the 1970s and '80s. "The kids didn't really know what it was all about," Stoops said. "We wanted them to know."

After routing Baylor the following week, the Sooners had a shaky finish — a comeback 35-31 win at Texas A&M followed by struggles against Texas Tech and Oklahoma State.

Then it was on to the Big 12 title game, with K-State waiting for revenge. Heupel overcame three interceptions with two TDs passing and one rushing in a 27-24 win to give the Sooners their first 12-0 regular season.

"There's a certain chemistry on this football team," Heupel said. "We just find a way to win, do enough to win, and that's something special."

Even though Oklahoma is No. 1, Florida State is favored by 12 points. That's OK with the Sooners.

"We've been underestimated the whole season," safety Roy Williams said. "We're used to it. We're not worried about it. It's motivation. Hands down, it is motivation. We're going to take that into every practice and prepare for it."

At Saturday's Alamo Bowl...

Northwestern doesn't mind role of underdog

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Northwestern coach Randy Walker and his Wildcats players expected to be in a bowl game this season, and they were probably alone in thinking that.

"Everyone picked us to finish 11th in the Big 10, so to be here is exciting," said Walker, whose No. 18 Wildcats play No. 9 Nebraska on Saturday night in the Alamo Bowl. "This wasn't an accident or fluke."

But it is very rare. Northwestern has made only three other bowl appearances. This is Nebraska's 39th bowl appearance, and 32nd in a row.

The Wildcats don't want to hear about history — their own or Nebraska's.

"We're just playing this year. The past doesn't matter," Northwestern receiver Teddy Johnson said. "We realize we've got to start somewhere. Maybe we're starting our 32."

Walker, in just his second season with the Wildcats, admits his team needed a little time to adjust and wasn't immediately focused when Northwestern started practicing in San Antonio. But he said that has worn off.

"I've addressed that with them. It's like Babes in Toyland or kids in a candy store — this is so atypical, so out of our routine that you just don't know what to expect," Walker said Friday. "I think we've started to get grounded pretty well."

The matchup itself is a little out of the ordinary: Northwestern, which until the mid-1990s was the perennial understudy in the Big Ten, facing Nebraska, which won three national titles in the '90s and hasn't had a losing season since 1961.

The No. 18 Wildcats haven't been to a bowl game since playing Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl following the 1996 season. Northwestern won the Big Ten title in 1995 and went to the Rose Bowl, but before that had not played in a bowl since the 1948 Rose.

"Northwestern is a team that's on the rise. If you look at them like that, then they will catch you off guard. They've been doing it to a lot of teams this year," defensive tackle Loran Kaiser said. "They come at you in a hurry."

The Wildcats averaged 38.56 points per game this season while tying for first in the conference.

Bowl Game Roundup

LSU rallies past Georgia Tech

ATLANTA (AP) — Rohan Davey, replacing Josh Booty at quarterback in the second half, threw three touchdown passes to lead LSU to an upset victory over Georgia Tech.

LSU (8-4) completed its turnaround season under first-year coach Nick Saban by rallying from a 14-3 halftime deficit. The Tigers, playing in their first bowl since 1997, went 3-8 a year ago under Gerry DiNardo, who was fired.

George Godsey and the Tech offense was lost without Ralph Friedgen, the mastermind of its point-scoring success over the last three seasons. He left to become the head coach at Maryland shortly after the final regular-season game.

With 31-year-old Bill O'Brien taking over as offensive coordinator, the Yellow Jackets (9-3) committed six turnovers — half of what they had the entire regular season.

Badgers wins Sun Bowl

EL PASO (AP) — Jamar Fletcher intercepted Scott McEwan's pass with a minute left to preserve Wisconsin's victory over UCLA.

Fletcher, the Jim Thorpe Award winner as the nation's top defensive back, stepped in front of Brian Poli-Dixon at midfield for his seventh interception of the season and his first big play in an afternoon filled with frustration.

UCLA quarterback Cory Paus reinjured his separated shoulder and the Bruins (6-6) blew a 13-point, third-quarter lead.

Wisconsin's Brooks Bollinger threw two TD passes and Michael Bennett ran for a score and set up another with a 54-yard kickoff return. The Badgers (9-4) also beat the Bruins in the 1994 and '99 Rose Bowls.

Colorado St. holds off Louisville

MEMPHIS (AP) — Cecil Sapp ran for a career-high 160 yards and a touchdown, and C.W. Hurst kicked three field goals as Colorado State beat Louisville.

With Sapp setting a Liberty Bowl record with 36 carries, Colorado State (10-2) controlled the clock for more than 35 minutes even though Louisville (9-3) outgained the Rams 397-315.

Dave Ragone pulled the Cardinals to 19-17 early in the fourth quarter with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Deion Branch, who tied a bowl record with 10 receptions. But that would be all the Cardinals would get, and their final drive ended with 3:10 left as John Howell sacked Ragone on fourth-and-7.

College Bowl Game Glance

All Times EST

Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: $750,000
Southern Mississippi 28, TCU 21

Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Payout: $800,000
UNLV 31, Arkansas 14

Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: $750,000
Georgia 37, Virginia 14

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Gray 40, Blue 37
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: $750,000
Boston College 31, Arizona State 17

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payout: $750,000
Marshall 25, Cincinnati 14
Galleryfurniture.com Bowl
At Houston
Payout: $750,000
East Carolina 40, Texas Tech 27

Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: $750,000
Boise State 38, Texas-El Paso 23
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: $750,000
West Virginia 49, Mississippi 38

Micronpc.com Bowl
At Miami
Payout: $750,000
North Carolina State 38, Minnesota 30
Insight.com Bowl
At Phoenix
Payout: $750,000
Iowa State 37, Pittsburgh 29

Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: $1.25 million
Colorado State 22, Louisville 17
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: $1 million
Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: $1.8 million
LSU 28, Georgia Tech 14
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: $1.9 million
Oregon 35, Texas 30

Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: $1.2 million
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Payout: $1.2 million
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 7 p.m. (FOXSN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: $1.1 million
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: $2 million
Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
Payout: $2.5 million
At Dallas
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 11 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: $1.4 million
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: $4 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: $13.5 million
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 4:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Payout: $13.5 million
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: $13.5 million
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: $11-13 million
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC)

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SPORTS

Thornhill will vault at Southwest Texas

Last year, Snyder pole vaulter Jared Thornhill earned a trip to the state track meet. Next year, Thornhill will try to duplicate his success when he vaults onto the collegiate scene.

Thornhill signed a track scholarship with Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, and the Snyder senior and Bobcat track coach Don Hood couldn't be happier.

"I was able to see Jared at a camp over the summer, and he has the drive that a lot of high school athletes don't have," said Hood. "There are always kids coming out of high school that don't respond well to college competition, because they don't have the drive to work. Jared has it."

Thornhill, who also visited some Big 12 schools, opted for Southwest Texas over Texas Tech because of Hood.

"I've been going to Abilene for the past couple of years to get help with my vaulting from Coach Hood's dad, and I met Coach Hood there," said Thornhill. "He's a great coach, and that's what I was mainly looking for in a college."

Out of six returning vaulters for the Bobcats, two are seniors and two more are juniors. If everything goes as planned, Hood expects Thornhill to compete in meets his freshman year.

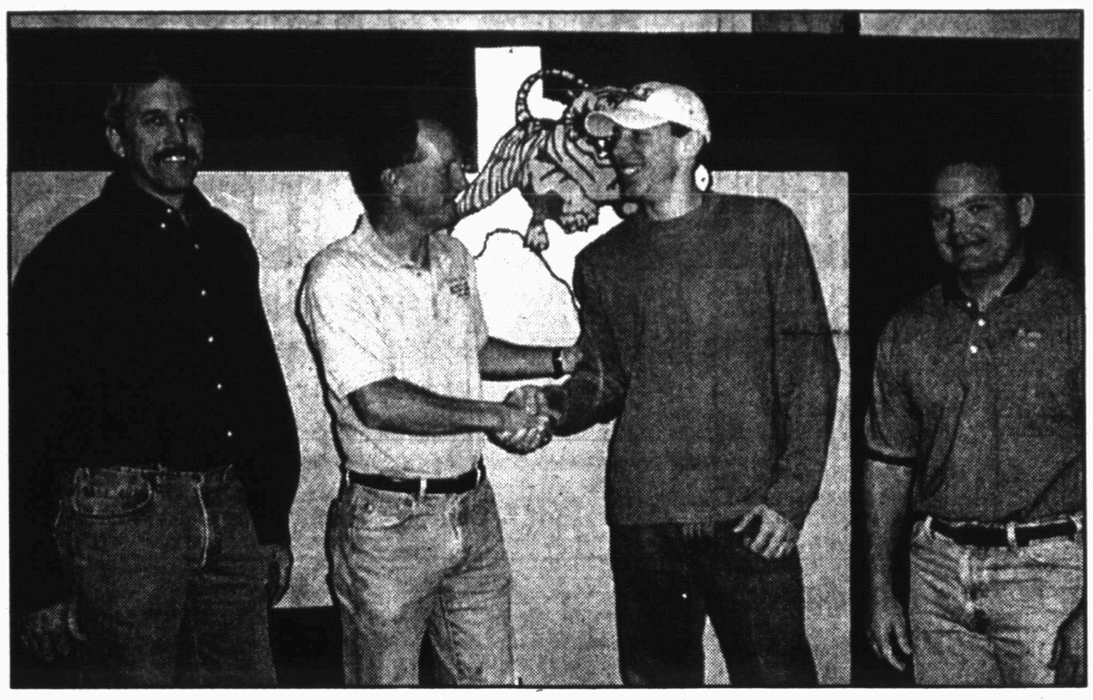
"Our goal is to build the best pole vaulting program in the nation. And to do that, you have to develop your underclassmen," Hood explained. "I think every freshman needs to feel the fire of collegiate competition, because it gives them a good picture of how hard they need to work.

"I expect Jared to compete for us next year. If we want to redshirt him for the indoor or outdoor season his sophomore year to give him an extra season of eligibilty, then we can. But I don't foresee any problems with Jared competing as a freshman."

Thornhill is looking forward to his final track season at Snyder, where he credits SHS coach Chad Rogers with the majority of his success.

"Coach Rogers has been a great influence on me," Thornhill said. "He is a great coach, and he has really taught me a lot about the sport and about athletics as a whole.

"He's a great motivator and a great teacher. He showed our whole track team how hard we have to work, and then he showed us how it can pay off by coaching us to the state meet. I don't think I would've received a college scholarship without him."



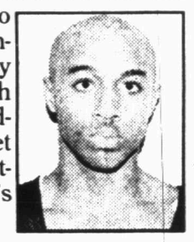
FUTURE BOBCAT — Snyder pole vaulter Jared Thornhill shakes hands with Southwest Texas State track coach Don Hood, while his father Chris (far left) and Snyder High School track coach Chad Rogers (far right) look on. Thornhill, who advanced to the state track meet last year, has signed to vault at Southwest Texas. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers roll in opening round, 85-59

BROWNWOOD — After a 10-day break between games, the Snyder Tigers picked up right where they left off.

Snyder buried the Coleman Bluecats with 45 first-half points, then cruised to an 85-59 victory Friday in the opening round of the Brownwood tournament.

The Tigers, now 9-6 on the year, were to have faced Canyon Saturday morning, with the winner advancing to meet Andrews in Saturday night's championship game.



Wofford

"We played pretty well, considering it was the first game back from the holidays," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "Coleman played zone in the first half, and we did a lot better job against it than we have at other times this year."

The Tigers built a 22-point halftime lead thanks to a 23-9 run in the second quarter.

Four Tigers finished in double figures led by Jamaal Wofford's 16 points. Heath Pinkerton and Jared Thornhill tallied 15 points apiece, and Shante Taylor added 12.

Following tournament action, the Tigers will put their 1-0 district mark on the line Tuesday at Plainview.

Snyder	**22**	**23**	**23**	**17**	**— 85**
Coleman	**14**	**09**	**18**	**18**	**— 59**

Snyder

Wofford 6 7-8 16, Pinkerton 6 1-1 15, Thornhill 5 5-8 15, Taylor 5 2-7 12, McLeod 4 0-0 9, Landes 2 4-4 9, Pruitt 1 1-3 3, McGuire 0 2-2 2, Thompson 0 2-4 2, Dorsett 1 0-0 2. **Totals 30 24-37 85.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 7 (Wofford 3, Pinkerton 2, McLeod, Landes).

Vols' defense could decide Cotton Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Tennessee defensive coordinator John Chavis prefers coaching young players.

Next season, he won't have too many, but this season he had plenty.

After returning just five starters from last year and losing three defensive players early to the NFL, Chavis wasn't sure what kind of defense he had.

The results included an Outland Trophy winner, the best rush defense in the Southeastern Conference and a school record for sacks. The Vols face Kansas State in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

"With the number of people we lost on defense, would we be able to stop anybody? It made it a fun year because those guys took that as a challenge. It was fun being out there growing with them," Chavis said Friday.

It was not very fun early in the season. The defense had trouble stopping opponents late in the game and the secondary was inexperienced.

The defense's vulnerability was exposed on Sept. 16 when the Vols couldn't stop Florida on its last drive. Down 20-23 in the final minutes, the Gators drove down the field and scored on Jabar Gaffney's controversial touchdown catch to win 27-23.

"The Florida game was a definite sign we didn't finish," defensive end Will Overstreet said. "It wasn't one man's fault. It was all of us combined. We finally said we have to keep working, try to get better as a group."

After the Florida loss, the defense allowed LSU and Georgia to rush for more than 140 yards each and the Vols were still struggling.

After a 2-3 start, Tennessee hunkered down. The Vols held the next three opponents to under 50 yards on the ground and five of the last six to under 100 yards as Tennessee finished the season with a six-game winning streak.

"We've come together as a team. It took a while to get adjusted to each other. Once you have that bonding, that is when you solidify your team," linebacker Eric Westmoreland said.

Kansas State's offense will provide another test for Tennessee. Senior quarterback Jonathan Beasley, who ran for a school-record 17 touchdowns this season, leads the second-best scoring offense at 39.5 points per game, just behind Nebraska.

"They have a very fast, physical defense that flies around and makes plays," Beasley said. "You can't run away from them."

The Vols ended the season holding opponents to just 74.3 yards rushing, the best in the SEC, and was second in the league in total defense with 294.5 yards per game.

The pass defense wasn't as strong and allowed 220.2 yards on average, 10th in the SEC, but the Vols broke up a school-record 64 passes.

Tennessee's 50 sacks was a school record and led the SEC.

Defensive tackle John Henderson led the SEC with 12 sacks and 71 tackles. He won the Outland Trophy as a junior and has decided to return for his senior season.

Two others with eligibility remaining have said they will also return for another season.

Strong safety Andre Lott, who moved from cornerback this year as the only returning starter in the secondary, and Overstreet will return.

Rams must get by Saints, again

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams surprised almost everyone with last season's drive from last in their division to Super Bowl champions. And this season, despite squeaking into the playoffs, they are almost everyone's favorite going into the NFC wild-card game.

The Rams not only had to beat the New Orleans Saints last week to make the playoffs, they needed the Chicago Bears to knock the Detroit Lions out of the picture. And both happened.

The Rams beat the Saints 26-21 and the Bears beat the Lions on a last-second, 54-yard field goal by Paul Edinger. It was almost as if it were meant to be, Rams tight end Roland Williams said.

"It's funny how fate did," Williams said. "We believed in ourselves throughout the season that we could go back and win a world championship.

"Through all the adversity that we've been through this year, a lot of people jumped off the bandwagon. But it's funny how things just turn out for us. We got in, in the funniest way possible that you can get in, and now we feel like we're back and it's time to prove that we're world champions."

Oddsmakers think the Rams will take the first step Saturday when they play the Saints for the third time this year.

The Saints, despite an astounding turnaround from last year's 3-13 record to a 10-6 mark and the NFC West title, are six-point underdogs against the Rams.

The Saints beat the Rams, also 10-6, in their first game this season.

"I was surprised last week when we were home and we were still a three-point underdog even though we beat them earlier," Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks said. "But that doesn't mean anything. That's based on other things than what we've done this year."

This season, the Rams have had their share of problems, going 4-6 after opening with six straight victories.

The St. Louis offense, which scored 526 points to lead the NFL, will be directed by quarterback Kurt Warner, although he's still sensitive to light after a concussion suffered in last week's game.

Running back Marshall Faulk, the league MVP, just capped another 2,000-yard season with 261 yards and three touchdowns against the Saints.

That's just part of the reason why the Rams are favored. Another is tradition.

Even when the Rams made it to the NFL championship last year, they had past performances to point to. Although they finished last in the NFC West the year before, they also had a history that included 20 winning seasons over 34 years.

This is New Orleans' sixth winning season in that period.

Local boxer headed to regional competition



Vasquez

Snyder boxer Johnny Vasquez Jr. has his sights set on a regional championship.

Vasquez, 17, begins competition Wednesday in the regional senior boxing championships in Midland, where he could earn a berth in the USA National Boxing Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The Snyder fighter carries a record of 92-21 into the tournament. Vasquez, who competes in the 119-pound open division, qualified for the Midland event with a victory over Hereford's Severo Padilla in the Senior Open Box-Off in Lubbock.

Ira cagers split games at Jayton tournament

JAYTON — The Ira Bulldogs, who have had their share of shooting woes this season, had no problem putting the ball in the hole on Friday.

Ira got consistent offensive production through all four quarters to hold off Throckmorton, 53-50, at the Jayton tournament.

While the Bulldogs enjoyed their narrow victory, the Ira girls fell to Th ockmorton, 56-37.

In the boys' match-up, Ira built an 11-9 lead in the opening quarter, before stretching the margin to four points by halftime.

Throckmorton trimmed the deficit to one in the third period, but could get no closer.

Eric Dickerhoff poured in 16 points to pace the Bulldogs. Nathan Smith added 15 points, and Bryce Wilkins netted 10.

Cade Tucker drained six points. Todd Wall, Jeff Fine and Seth Sterling chipped in two apiece.

In the girls' tilt, Ira's Morgan Clements registered a game-high 23 points.

Kristen Harless dropped in six points, while Mikanna Herring accounted for three. Tara Allen and Celeigh Sterling tallied two points each, and Michelle Nettles added one.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	19	11	6	0	44	119	85
Philadelphia	17	13	7	0	41	105	103
Pittsburgh	16	14	6	1	39	108	110
N.Y. Rangers	16	20	1	1	34	128	140
N.Y. Islanders	11	19	4	2	28	85	111

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	19	11	6	0	44	109	84
Toronto	18	12	4	3	43	119	96
Buffalo	19	12	3	1	42	99	89
Boston	13	16	4	4	34	94	119
Montreal	10	23	4	0	24	87	111

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	16	13	7	1	40	96	93
Atlanta	15	15	6	1	37	109	123
Carolina	13	16	4	2	32	81	100
Tampa Bay	12	17	4	2	30	95	120
Florida	7	18	7	5	26	81	109

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	24	5	4	0	52	121	66
Detroit	21	13	3	3	48	117	106
Nashville	14	17	7	1	36	87	102
Chicago	14	18	3	2	33	94	110
Columbus	12	21	4	2	30	84	120

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	8	5	0	55	116	87
Vancouver	18	11	4	4	44	122	104
Edmonton	17	15	6	1	41	108	105
Calgary	12	15	7	4	35	90	104
Minnesota	11	17	7	2	31	80	89

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	22	8	5	0	49	102	76
Dallas	20	11	4	1	45	100	80
Phoenix	16	8	10	1	43	90	75
Los Angeles	17	13	7	1	42	131	116
Anaheim	13	18	5	4	35	97	121

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Los Angeles 5, St. Louis 2
Tampa Bay 4, Philadelphia 3
Anaheim 2, Nashville 2, tie
Edmonton 2, San Jose 2, tie

Friday's Games

Buffalo 2, Ottawa 0
Florida 3, Boston 0
N.Y. Islanders 5, Atlanta 2
Columbus 3, Carolina 1
New Jersey 4, Washington 2
Phoenix 2, Minnesota 2, tie
Los Angeles 4, Dallas 1
Chicago 3, Detroit 2, OT
Colorado 3, Nashville 1
Calgary 5, Vancouver 0

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Columbus, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 8 p.m.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	20	8	.714	—
New York	18	12	.600	3
Miami	17	14	.548	4½
Orlando	13	16	.448	7½
Boston	12	17	.414	8½
New Jersey	9	20	.310	11½
Washington	5	25	.167	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	20	10	.667	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	3
Milwaukee	16	12	.571	3
Toronto	15	14	.517	4½
Detroit	13	16	.448	6½
Indiana	13	17	.433	7
Atlanta	10	20	.333	10
Chicago	4	25	.138	15½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	20	11	.645	—
Utah	20	11	.645	—
San Antonio	18	11	.621	1
Minnesota	17	13	.567	2½
Denver	15	15	.500	4½
Houston	13	15	.464	5½
Vancouver	8	21	.276	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	20	7	.741	—
L.A. Lakers	21	10	.677	1
Portland	21	10	.677	1
Phoenix	17	10	.630	3
Seattle	16	14	.533	5½
L.A. Clippers	10	20	.333	11½
Golden State	9	20	.310	12

Friday's Games

Cleveland 97, Atlanta 85
New York 95, Chicago 68
Miami 98, Washington 91
Portland 104, Vancouver 81
Golden State 100, Utah 89

Saturday's Games

Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Charlotte at Seattle, 3:30 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 9 p.m.

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Indianapolis at Miami, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 31
Denver at Baltimore, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
New Orleans, Philadelphia or Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Baltimore, Denver or Miami at Oakland, 4 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore, Denver or Indianapolis at Tennessee, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia, Tampa Bay or St. Louis at New York Giants, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC-NFC Championship Games (CBS, FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
6 p.m, at Tampa, Fla. (CBS)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
NFC vs. AFC, 5:30 p.m. at Honolulu (ABC)

Local Schedule

SATURDAY
Basketball
Snyder varsity boys at Brownwood tourney
Snyder varsity girls at Abilene tourney

TUESDAY
Basketball
Snyder girls at Plainview, varsity at 6 p.m., JV at 7:30
Snyder boys at Plainview, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30
Smyer at Ira girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Loraine at Hermleigh girls and boys, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

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D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital is the "mandated" provider for the indigents of Scurry County. All services offered by D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be furnished or D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital will make available elsewhere the services necessary for the proper care and or evaluation of all qualifying individuals.

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217 37th	3-1 with storage	$25T	**Cedar Creek**	4-2³/₄-2 Nice.....	Call
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A look back at 2000 in Snyder and Scurry County

January

Snyder residents were as apprehensive about Y2K as the rest of the nation, but when the clock struck midnight on Dec. 31,1999, nothing happened.

The water faucets spewed out water, electrical appliances worked, and citizens started their journey through the new year.

Politics was the next thing on people's mind besides Y2K, and several local races were developing.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey was being challenged by Cloyce Scarberry and Bill Baldwin, but Trevey eventually prevailed without an opponent in the November general election.

Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey decided to seek the JP post held by Charlie Reynolds, and Boyd eventually won in a runoff with Smith. Reynolds resigned the post to become a full-time missionary with his wife, Pat. Wanda Rushing was appointed JP to take Reynold's place, and then resigned when the commissioners court appointed Boyd to the post.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer had an opponent in Joe Bass, but Limmer won the Republican nod and defeated Donna Gray in November.

Things were not well between the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Board and the county commissioners as the new year began, as the commissioners were questioning the legality of how the hospital board approved bills to be paid.

Rep. David Counts had an opponent who eventually withdrew from the race.

Snyder welcomed the first baby of the year on Jan. 3, as Weston Rainer Overhulser-Smith was born.

The U.S. Air Force made its plans known to develop a flight-training area over eight counties, including Scurry. The plan was met with mixed emotions as rural residents feared the flights would interrupt their present way of life.

Arnold Lorber, president of Lorber Industries died.

YZ Industries was purchased by Milton Roy.

July

The annual July Fourth celebration was held, but attendance was not as high as organizers had hoped. Several ideas have been kicked around to improve attendance, and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce is urging more local participation to up attendance.

DPS trooper Kevin Edwards found 40 pounds of marijuana during a routine traffic stop on Highway 350, some eight miles south of Snyder. The pot was found inside an 18-wheel tractor-trailer.

The North College Baptist Church took top honors in the July Fourth parade, while the VFW received the most patriotic award.

The 65th annual Scurry County rodeo got underway with Brandy Shafer and Randi Herrington vying for queen.

Cassie Mhoon and Ciara Latta were candidates for Little Miss Scurry County Rodeo.

The Golden Corral restaurant closed its doors, but plans are underway to reopen it as a Chinese buffet restaurant.

The Snyder City Council continued to work on its budget and plans are underway to have a master plan for capital expenditures.

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital board approved a renewal of its management contract with Covenant Health Systems.

February

Destiney Proctor was crowned the top speller in the county, with John Whitworth coming in second place in the annual spelling bee.

The city finally decided to lease the city-owned property at 37th and College. The lot had been barricaded by the city to prevent restaurant parking, and was called "a white elephant next to a white buffalo" by city councilman I.E. Martin.

Multi-sport athlete Sonny Cumbie was selected as Mr. SHS during ceremonies at the high school, while Janette Allen was crowned Miss SHS.

The Air Force conducted flyovers of B-52 and B-1 bombers at Winston Field to allow citizens to hear what training flights over the county were supposed to sound like. Few minds were changed, however, and farmers and ranchers still opposed the flight training here.

Trey Gorman was named a National Merit Finalist scholar.

Tragedy struck the campus of Northeast Elementary as a fifth grader – Kelton Clayton – was killed in a one-vehicle rollover.

February saw plans put in motion for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce to host the first-ever, West Texas Western Swing Festival.

Snyder Brick and Tile received notice of the approval of its financing and plans were made to renovate the plant on Brick Plant Rd. the plant opened in August with over 60 employees.

The local Eckerd Drug Store was not among 289 stores that parent company J.C. Penney said were to close.

August

Snyder Daily News went online with its web page that includes front page news, obituaries, classifieds and "What's Up." Past editions of the paper are available in the archive section of the web site.

It was back-to-school time for all local schools and shoppers were able to enjoy a tax-free shopping period for the second straight year.

The Scurry County Fair was cancelled after few volunteers came forward to assist with putting the fair on.

Western Texas College received two contracts with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to serve as a regional academy, and to provide in-service for TDCJ employees.

Kitty Ann Gunn was named principal of the Price Daniel Windham School, while Sharrylon Vestal was named assistant regional administrator.

Snyder ISD started school this month with some 124 fewer students than at the close of school in the spring.

WTC adopted its tax rate at a figure lower than the present rate. The board adopted a rate of 30.67 cents, down from the present 31.43.

Cogdell Hospital's board, after naming George Parsley its new administrator, approved a budget of $14,760,560, up slightly from the 1999 budget of $14,313,201.

Ira ISD received notice from the Texas Education Agency that the school had maintained its exemplary rating from the state agency.

Local citizen Cloyce Talbott tosses out an idea to combine the city's two golf courses as a cost-saving measure.

March

Central Elementary celebrated its 50th year of service in Snyder. Several programs were held for the event.

Dr. Mark Weaver resigned from the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board and Presbyterian minister Nan Swanson was appointed to his place.

Dr. Weaver, and his wife, Dr. Kathleen Weaver, eventually resigned from the hospital staff. Dr. Kathleen closed her orthopedic practice in late summer, and Dr. Mark shut his practice down just Friday.

Western Texas College trustees voted to abolish the girls basketball program and the boys golf program in efforts to cut costs at the two-year community college.

Long-time Snyder High School band director Walter Reneau submitted his resignation to the school board.

David Redman, 33, was arrested by lawmen following an armed standoff. Prior to the standoff, he had shot another man and then fled to his brother's house. Redman also shot himself in the incident and had to be transported to University Medical Center for care. He was later released from the hospital and then sentenced to prison for the shooting.

The March primaries ended with runoffs necessary between Precinct One commissioner hopefuls Ralph Trevey and Cloyce Scarberry, and JP Precinct 1 candidates Deborah Boyd and Ben Smith. Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer outdistanced Joe Bass without a runoff.

Due to dry weather conditions, the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance had a Pray for Rain service.

Rick Howard, superintendent at Ira, was named a finalist for the top school job in Comanche. He was later named to the post and Jim Rumage replaced him at Ira.

The Pray for Rain service worked as over five inches of rain fell in Snyder on the night of the service. Deep Creek was flowing as up to 7.5 inches of rain fell on parts of its watershed.

The flowing creeks following the rain almost resulted in tragedy as David Sutton was swept down a creek on Pleasant Hill Road. Sutton managed to escape and his vehicle was later found some 100 yards from where he was able to get out of it.

It was discovered that Sheriff Darren Jackson had voted in the Republican primary and that caused his name to be removed from the Democratic ballot. That action has yet to see an end, but it may on Tuesday.

September

Western Texas College held a correctional officer's class for some 60 TDCJ employees as they began training for work in Texas prisons. The program began Aug. 17 and graduation was set for Sept. 15.

Three-year-old Jake Guerrero, son of Johnny and Lezli Guerrero, was bitten by a rattlesnake while in his front yard in Fluvanna. The child was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for initial treatment, and then transferred to Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center. The child recovered from the snake bite but more sightings of rattlesnakes were reported in populous area due to low moisture conditions.

A dedication ceremony for the welcome to Snyder sign on Highway 350 was held with representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation, the city and United Supermarket officials. United donated $5,000 for the sign and TXDOT spent some $50,000 landscaping the area.

Johnny Ervin Jr. died as a result of an accidental shooting at a residence on North Highway 208.

The Scurry County United Way launched its 2000-2001 campaign with a goal of $80,000. Kent Wright is serving as president of the United Way this year.

A personal injury lawsuit was filed in Scurry County stemming from an accident that occurred near Hermleigh in 1997. The suit claims that defective Firestone tires caused the accident.

April

A 42-year-old Snyder man was shot to death in the parking lot of the K-mart store in Sweetwater. George Larralde was taken to the Sweetwater hospital following the shooting, but died at the hospital. He suffered two gunshot wounds. A Roscoe resident, Torivio Zapata was charged with the shooting. Larralde had worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 20 years.

The city began negotiating with Cox Communications for a new franchise contract with the cable TV provider. An agreement was finally reached in the fall and improvements to the system, including fiber optic service, is to be implemented.

First quarter bank deposits were listed at the reporting banks as $224.6 million, up $5 million from the same time in 1999.

Ralph Trevey and Deborah Boyd posted runoff victories and neither candidate had an opponent in the general election.

Jack Whitworth was named to the board of Lorber Industries of Texas and appointed vice president of operations for the company.

A head-on collision took the life of a former Snyder resident Eddie Glenn Rollins. Rollins died in the accident that occurred in Mitchell County on Highway 350.

Twelve SISD staffers opted for early retirement in a package that averaged $21,500.

Mike Duke was named the new principal at the Ira schools. He had been serving at the principal at Seagraves.

R.C. Patton resigned from the board of Western Texas College. He had served on the board for 30 years and was one of the original board members.

Members of the Price Daniel Unit staff were sent to Lamesa following riots at the Smith Unit that saw one inmate killed.

The United Postal Service announced final plans for the new post office in the community. The process eventually saw the new facility being built just east of the present post office.

May

Cogdell Memorial Hospital received $140,000 in tobacco settlement money from the county despite the county only receiving some $104,000.

Outstanding male and female students were named at Western Texas College as Matt Pond and Lori Ann Favors took the honors.

Administrative changes were noted for the Snyder ISD as Dixie Haggard was named director of special programs, Pam Hart was named principal at Central, Jim Rosson was named principal at East, Thomas Fogleman was named an assistant principal at SHS, and Ed McAnally was named principal at West.

Seventy-two students graduated from Western Texas College.

In the May elections, I.E. Martin was reelected to his city post, while Dennis Taylor was elected to the Ira school board. James Hanks and Scott Richburg were in a runoff for the WTC board, that Richburg later won. Lee Presswood and Eddie Peterson were unopposed for their reelection bid to the WTC board.

Cathy Peoples was named to the Snyder ISD board to replace the late Bill Moss. People's term will expire in May 2001.

Joe Salinas, former DPS trooper, announces that he will run for sheriff in November.

Salinas, and Cole Herring, later became write-in candidates, as did Kirk Taylor, but all were defeated.

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce-sponsored West Texas Western Swing Music Festival got underway at the Scurry County Coliseum, with music made famous by Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys. Some of the original Playboys appeared at the festival.

Jim Clifton was named the dean of student services at WTC.

Gary Edwin Wheeler, 34, was convicted of indecency with a child under 17 and was sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Long-time Snyder High School drama teacher Jerry Worsham passed away in a Lubbock hospital.

Jenson Gainer was announced as salutatorian at Ira High School, while Katie Howard is the valedictorian.

Trey Gorman took top honors at SHS, while Trevor Kerr was second academically.

Randi Kay Herrington was valedictorian at Hermleigh, while Jared Higgins was valedictorian.

Covenant Family Healthcare announced that Dr. Clint Wolboldt and Dr. Kimberly Leighton would be moving their practice here from Sweetwater.

Donnie Reston was named SHS band director.

A Lubbock man was charged with attempted kidnapping following an abduction attempt from the United parking lot.

June

After months of speculation, Devon Energy sold its interest in the SACROC Unit to Kinder Morgan. The $55 million sale was beneficial to the community as most contract employees of Devon were added to Kinder Morgan's company payroll.

Chuck Fox of the Kinder Morgan office in Houston was in Snyder to make the announcement. Pete Hagist remained as superintendent following the sale.

The parent company of Bealls filed bankruptcy, but the local store remains open.

The widening of 37th Street started this month and work continues today. The project has seen some delays due to the weather.

Snyder and Scurry County received some welcome rainfall as over two inches fell in the city and a like amount fell in parts of the county.

Assistant Fire Chief Tommy Guynes submitted his resignation from the department after serving the community for over 37 years.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital scored high marks on its accreditation scores as it registered 98 out of 100 possible points.

A large crowd attended the Fluvanna Homecoming 2000 event held at Scurry County coliseum.

The local ministerial alliance started a soup kitchen with hopes of serving nourishing meals to school age kids.

The Willow Park Inn shut its doors, but only temporarily. It was later opened by the owner of several West Texas motels, including the Beacon Lodge in Snyder.

Jeff Reecer, administrator at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, submitted his resignation to be effective Aug. 1. Reecer had been administrator since March 1994. George Parsley was later named Reecer's successor.

The Fourth quarter Review will be published Monday January 1, 2001

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU

To all those who sent flowers, provided food, gave a memorial, came by to visit or called or said a prayer, the family of Elizabeth Beard wish to express their gratitude for all your support. A special thanks goes to all the staff of Cogdell Hospital who cared for Mother (Grandmother) during her time of need, especially the nurses on Long Term Care, Med-Surg and Dr. Bid Cooper. We appreciate all the help from First United Methodist Church, Dr. Craig Curry and Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Bill, Alice, Doug & family

2nd Front Page

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Northeast braces for snowstorm

By The Associated Press

A storm threatening to be the area's worst since 1996 piled snow up quickly across the Northeast on Saturday, halting travel by train and airplane and slowing motorists to a crawl.

As much as a foot of snow was forecast in some areas, and half of that had already fallen by late morning in parts of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and sections of New York City.

"It's going to be hard to keep pace with this," Bob Catene said as he shoveled the walk in front of the Italian food store he runs in Brooklyn. "I don't mind this once or twice a year, but I think after this one I'll be snowed out for the rest of the season."

As he fought to clear his walk, thunder crackled in the gray sky.

Some of the East Coast escaped the brunt of the storm because it developed farther north and east than forecast. By 10 a.m., the sky was clear in Washington and radar showed snow extending from southern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania to the southern tip of Maine. The heaviest snowfall was over New Jersey, southeastern New York and Connecticut.

New York's Kennedy Airport was open, with passengers warned to call their airlines to check for delays, but La Guardia was closed for snow removal.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Dec. 28 - Lyle Brace III, Ester Clayton, Rayla Herrera and Lillian Wade.

DISMISSALS: Kenneth Rinehart, Susan Robbins, Jeannie Smith, Albert Thompson, Meliton Zuniga, Richard Light, Aaron Tate and Latrese Wright.

CENSUS: 41 (Med./Surg.-20 and Long-term Care-21)

Deputies arrest man in Snyder

Arrests

Deputies arrested a 45-year-old male at 11:23 a.m. Friday in the 800 block of Oak Street for possession of a protected non-game species.

A 39-year-old male was arrested at 12:38 p.m. Saturday for an outstanding warrant for public intoxication. He was taken into custody in the 1300 block of 26th Street.

Following a report of shoplifters at Bealls, three persons were placed in custody. Arrested were two 17-year-old males, and a female juvenile. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 11:39 p.m. Friday, DPS troopers arrested a 32-year-old male for driving while intoxicated.

Theft

Barbara Eicke requested an officer at 8:15 a.m. Friday in reference to her vehicle being broken into. An offense report for burglary of a vehicle was submitted.

Bill Overhulser reported the theft of a utility trailer at 3:38 p.m. Friday.

Family violence

Officers filed a report of family violence at 2:45 p.m. Friday.

Obituaries

Durwood Hopper

1936-2000

COLORADO CITY — Raymond Durwood Hopper of Colorado City, former Snyder resident, died Friday, Dec. 29, at his residence.

Service for Mr. Hopper, 64, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel and burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery in Anson with Dr. Ted Spear officiating.



Durwood Hopper

Mr. Hopper, born to Lester and Lila Hopper in Jones County on Sept. 4, 1936, had been a resident of Colorado City for 14 years.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Teena and Darryl Calley of Snyder and Theleca Wilson of Ira; special friend, Emma Hopper of Colorado City; one brother, Lester Lee Hopper of Snyder; and six grandchildren, Caleb, Josh and Lindsey Wilson, all of Ira, and Amanda, Aryn and Austin Calley, all of Snyder.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Bruce Bruton.

Survivors include a son, Greg Bruton of Bangkok; a daughter, Lana Renee Harden of Bushland; a son, Gregory Allen Bruton; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Tindle Bruton; a grandson, Cody Bruton of Bangkok; four sisters, Mildred Fitch of Temple, Beatrice Fails of Kilgore, Edna Smith of Post and Nora Thompson of San Antonio; and four brothers, J.H. Bruton of Beaumont, Dalton Bruton of Kosse, Tex., Eugene Bruton of Tahoka and Darrell Bruton of Galena Park.

Family visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Allen Bruton

1923-2000

Weston Allen Bruton of Fluvanna died suddenly Sunday, Dec. 24, while visiting his son in Bangkok, Thailand.

Service for Mr. Bruton, 77, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Roland Bruns, pastor of Fluvanna United Methodist Church, will officiate. Cremation will follow.



Allen Bruton

Born Nov. 19, 1923 in Temple, he married Chigger Jordan on June 26, 1952 in Lovington, N.M. She died June 20, 2000.

Mr. Bruton, worked for Wm. Cameron Co. and Baroid in Hobbs, N.M. He worked in the oil industry in the Permian Basin area until his retirement in 1983. He moved to Waldron, Ark., and then later to Fluvanna in 1993. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

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Ruth Steinberg

1908-2000

PARAGOULD, Ark. — Mrs. Ruth Cozart Steinberg, longtime Snyder resident and civic worker, died Friday, Dec. 29, at her residence in Paragould, Ark.

Funeral service for Mrs. Steinberg is set for 1 p.m. Sunday in the Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel in Paragould with Jim Thresher officiating. Burial will follow in Linwood Cemetery under the direction of Mitchell Funeral Home.

Born April 22, 1908 in Pittsboro, Miss., she moved to Arkansas in 1918 and attended school in Greene County. Training at Dickson Memorial Hospital in Paragould, she became a registered nurse in 1929. She married Simon Steinberg on May 7, 1937. During World War II, she worked in defense jobs for Army and Navy projects in Handford, Wash., until the war ended.

She and her husband moved from Steele, Mo., to Snyder in 1950 where they bought land and developed several commercial buildings and homes including Highland Park Cleaners. Mrs. Steinberg helped organize the first R.N. club in Snyder and was a member of the Altrurian Daughters Study Club and the Twilight Garden Club. She was instrumental in organizing the Scurry County Senior Citizens and did volunteer work there until her retirement. She was a former member of the Crusaders Sunday School Class at First United Methodist Church.

After retiring, Mr. and Mrs. Steinberg traveled abroad attending Rotary and Shrine conventions. When her husband died in 1992, she moved to Andover Place in Little Rock and then back to Paragould in December, 1995.

Mrs. Steinberg was a member of the Paragould First United Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Survivors include a sister-in-law, Willie Cozart of Paragould; and four nieces, Donna Hyde, Rita White and Judy Cozart, all of Paragould, and Gail Austin of Olive Branch, Miss.

Clyde H. Grimes

1916-2000

WEATHERFORD — Clyde H. Grimes, 84, of Snyder died Friday, Dec. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Graveside service for Mr. Grimes is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Poe Prairie Cemetery near Milsap under the direction of White's Funeral Home in Weatherford.

Born on April 29, 1916 in Parker County, he married Marzelle Nevil on Jan. 25, 1936. She died Nov. 18, 2000. He attended Milsap schools and was a brick mason and moved to Fort Worth as a brakeman for Texas & Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1978. Mr. Grimes was a member of Birchman Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Will and Linnie Grimes; a sister, Marie Ashley; and a nephew, Howard Ashley.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, June and Bill Mitchell of Snyder; three granddaughters and spouses, Dessie and Jerry Pierce and Kara and James Ashley, all of Snyder, and Laura and David Asbell of North Richland Hills; a niece Norma Jean Barnes and her husband, W.J., of Parker County; and six great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Stacy Short

1983-2000

JAL, N.M. – Stacy Nicole Short, a former Snyder High School student, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, from injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident the same day in Nederland.

Funeral service for Miss Short, 17, is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Jal High School Auditorium. Dr. David McFadden will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Allen Speed.

Burial will follow in the Jal Cemetery under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 12, 1983 in Hobbs, N.M., Miss Short attended her junior year at SHS and attended Jal High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and was homecoming princess during her sophomore and senior years at Jal High School.

While living in Snyder, Miss Short was employed by Lawrence IGA. She moved from Jal to Groves two months ago. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her parents, Kim and Vicki Short of Groves; her grandparents, David and Lucy McFadden of Jal, Gerald R. Short of Snyder and Delores M. Short of Joplin, Mo.

Amber Short

1981-2000

JAL, N.M. – Amber Michele Short, 19, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, from injuries suffered in a two-vehicle accident the same day in Nederland.

Funeral service for Miss Short is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Jal High School Auditorium. Dr. David McFadden will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Alan Speed.

Burial will follow in the Jal Cemetery under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home.

Born Jan. 19, 1981 in Andrews, she was a 1999 graduate of Jal High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and salutatorian of her class.

Miss Short was a junior at New Mexico State University and was employed by Wee Care Nursery in Port Arthur. She had moved from Jal to Groves with her family two months ago. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her parents, Kim and Vicki Short of Groves; her grandparents, David and Lucy McFadden of Jal, Gerald R. Short of Snyder and Delores M. Short of Joplin, Mo.

Juanita Strother

1925-2000

SWEETWATER — Juanita B. Strother, 75, of Abilene died Friday, Dec. 29, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday in McCoy Chapel of Memories with Jimmy Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Garden of Memories.

Born on April 25, 1925 in Santa Anna, she married Cullen C. Strother on Dec. 24, 1941 in Coleman. He died Dec. 13, 1997. Mrs. Strother was a member of Ave. B Church of Christ and had lived in Sweetwater from 1944 until moving to Abilene over a year ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda Strother of Abilene; one son, Dennis Strother of Andrews, one sister, Ann Rozzell of Abilene, one brother, Charles Hayes of Yuma, Ariz.; one grandson, Gerod Strother of White Air Force Base, Mo.; and friends and relatives in Snyder.

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Turkey shoot

The Snyder FFA Booster Club members will have a Turkey Shoot Sunday from noon until dark at the Canyon Gun Club Range. R.S.V.P. by calling Skip Craig at 573-7750 or 725-7027; or Susan Blackard at 573-0989.

New Year's service

Apostolic Faith Church, 25th Street and Ave. Z, will have a New Year's Service starting at 8 p.m. Sunday. The service will include various speakers and music. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in 132nd District Court.

Scurry Lodge stated meeting

Scurry Lodge #706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Lodge Hall. All Master Masons are invited. The February meeting will feature a film about Masonic hospitals and the film is open to the public.

Retirement reception

A come-and-go retirement reception in honor of Bob Martin, Windham School District deputy superintendent for Region 5, will be held from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday at the region office located on the south side of the Price Daniel unit.

Senior citizen swimnastics

Snyder Senior Citizen Center swimnastics is held from 1-2 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 10-11 a.m. on Mondays. For additional information, call 573-4035.

Vocational nurse program testing

Testing for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is set for 9 a.m. on next Friday. Testing in the extended application process is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11, 9 a.m. Jan. 17 1:30 p.m. Jan. 31 and 9 a.m. Feb. 9. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Lions Club meeting

Snyder Lions Club will resume its regular noon Tuesday weekly meetings Jan. 9 at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

1981 class reunion

The SHS class of 1981 reunion committee is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion scheduled June 29-30. Submit names, addresses and e-mail addresses at shsclassof81@hotmail.com, or by calling Beth Bowen (573-2670), or Charlotte Clifton (573-2430).

Volunteer training

Gateway Family Services (formerly Noah Project-West) will offer a Volunteer Training class from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, at Gateway Family Services. RSVP at 573-1822.

Country and gospel music program

The next country and gospel music program at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13. For additional information, call 573-3996.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado SWCD will take orders for windbreak trees until Jan. 31. Evergreens are $2 and hardwoods are $1 for 12 to 18 inches tall. Come by 5309 Big Spring Hwy or call 573-6317.

New charges filed against two escaped Texas convicts

HOUSTON (AP) — Two of seven escaped convicts who already face capital murder charges in the slaying of an Irving police officer now face new charges of aggravated robbery filed Friday.

George Rivas, 30, and Donald Keith Newbury, 38, were identified in photo lineups by victims of a Dec. 15 robbery of a Radio Shack in Pearland.

The robbery occurred two days after Rivas, Newbury and five other inmates broke out of the state prison at Kenedy, about 60 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Nine days later, the gang robbed a sporting goods store in Irving and killed a 29-year-old police officer, authorities said.

Rivas, labeled the leader of the group by police, and Newbury walked into the electronics store, located on Pearland's busiest thoroughfare, about 10 p.m. Dec. 15, police said.

Displaying weapons, they ordered employees and customers to the rear of the store and tied their wrists and ankles with cord before looting the store and emptying the pockets of the victims, investigators said.

Among the items stolen from the store were police scanners. The pair fled in a 1997 Dodge stolen from one of the victims. The car was recovered three days later an a nearby apartment complex, police said.

Store employees recognized their robbers as the escaped convicts after seeing their photographs on television.

The Pearland robbery was similar to the Christmas Eve heist in Irving, where two dozen employees were taken to the back of an Oshman's sporting goods store and tied up just as the store was closing.

Officer Aubrey Hawkins,was was killed when he approached the robbers behind the store.

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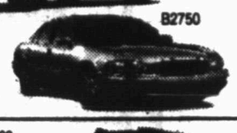
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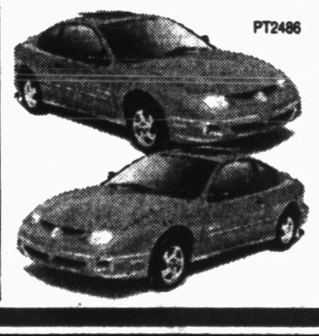
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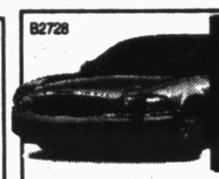


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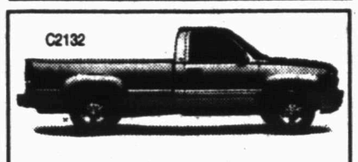
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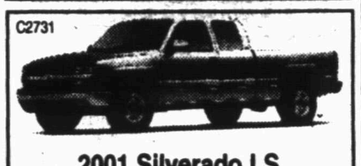
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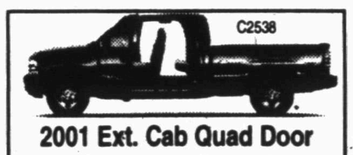
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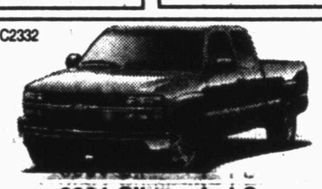
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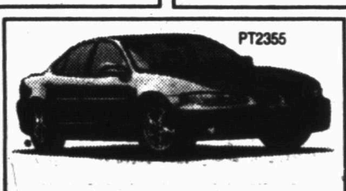
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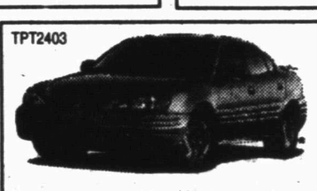
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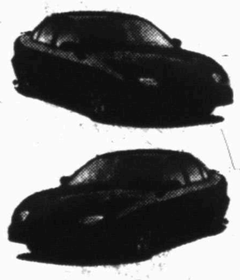
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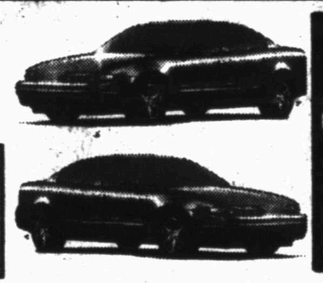
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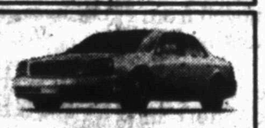
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Bush's presidential run kept spotlight on Texas

By MATT CURRY
Associated Press Writer

George W. Bush began the year at the statehouse and ended it by packing for the White House.

In between, the Texas governor's hard-fought presidential contest and the aftermath dominated the year in state news.

It wasn't until December and a lingering, post-election legal battle in Florida that Bush's travel plans were finally secured.

The Republican's eventual victory over Democratic Vice President Al Gore shook up state politics. Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who served alongside Bush for two years, prepared to move into the top post.

The narrowly Republican Texas Senate must replace Perry with a new leader who will preside during the redrawing of congressional and legislative voting districts, the hot political battle of 2001.

Under the glare of the presidential campaign spotlight, Texans found themselves defending many aspects of life in the Lone Star State: education, welfare, environmental quality. Among the most scrutinized was the regular pace of executions, as Texas handily retained the title as the nation's most active capital-punishment state.

Garry Dean Miller's Dec. 5 execution for the rape-slaying of a 7-year-old West Texas girl was the 38th this year, surpassing the record 37 set in 1997. By the end of 2000, 40 people had been put to death.

Gary Graham, 36, drew worldwide attention with his claims of innocence and an unfair trial before his June 22 execution for killing Bobby Lambert in a Houston holdup. But the state parole board and appeals courts rejected his contention that he was convicted on shaky evidence from a single eyewitness.

Several supporters, including the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, witnessed his execution.

Bush, meanwhile, noted that 33 state and federal judges had reviewed Graham's case. "After considering all of the facts I am convinced justice is being done," he said after the final appeals were exhausted.

Reverberations from the 1993 raid on the Branch Davidian compound continued well into 2000 as a $675 million wrongful-death lawsuit filed by surviving sect members and the victims' families went to trial.

The lawsuit arose from the standoff that started Feb. 28, 1993, when federal agents attempted to search the compound near Waco for illegal weapons and arrest sect leader David Koresh. Four agents and six Davidians were killed in a gun battle that initiated the sect's standoff with the government.

About 80 followers and Koresh perished in the April 19, 1993, blaze that destroyed the structure hours after FBI agents began a tear-gassing operation designed to end the ordeal.

An advisory jury in Waco in the wrongful-death case absolved the government of wrongdoing in both the initial raid and fire. A separate investigation by Special Counsel John Danforth did the same.

The healing process continued for family and friends of the 12 people who were killed in the November 1999 collapse of the Texas A&M University bonfire stack, which was being prepared for the school's annual pep rally before its football game against rival Texas.

Meanwhile, debate centered on the tradition's future.

A study commission ultimately blamed the accident on flawed construction techniques and lack of adequate supervision of students assembling the stack.

University president Ray Bowen announced in June that the bonfire would continue, but not until at least 2002 and with major changes, including greater school supervision and a professionally engineered design.

More than 25,000 people gathered for the anniversary, huddling on the campus polo fields for a memorial ceremony at 2:42 a.m. on a rainy Nov. 18 — the exact place and time of the tragedy.

On March 28, tornadoes tore through Tarrant County, killing five people and injuring dozens more. More than 1,500 homes were damaged and much of downtown Fort Worth was ripped apart.

The weather also made news during the summer, when the state roasted under a seemingly endless hot, dry spell.

Several cities posted record high temperatures — Austin hit 112 degrees in early September. For 84 days, no measurable rain fell at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the official site for weather records in North Texas. The streak beat the previous record of 58 days, set in 1934 and 1950.

The drought wrought $1.1 billion in damage on state agriculture, hitting West Texas cotton especially hard.

Texas courts meted out punishment in several high-profile cases.

U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado sentenced millionaire Allen Blackthorne to two life prison terms for his role in arranging the murder of ex-wife Sheila Bellush, whose throat was slit in 1997.

After the killing, two of Bellush's 2-year-old quadruplets by her second husband were found crawling in her blood in her Sarasota, Fla., home. Blackthorne was the last of four men to be convicted or plead guilty in Bellush's death.

A Del Rio jury sentenced former carnival worker Tommy Lynn Sells to death for the slaying of 13-year-old Kaylene Harris. The drifter has confessed to murders in seven states dating to the 1980s.

A Brownsville jury made South Texas history when it sided with the Ballis, a storied border family that complained for decades of land loss to Anglo settlers.

After three months of testimony, the all-Hispanic panel awarded the Balli heirs $1.1 million in lost Padre Island oil royalties, along with $1.5 million in attorney's fees.

The Balli heirs sold their stake in the tropical island to New York lawyer Gilbert Kerlin in 1938. In exchange, the Harvard lawyer agreed to share the island's oil riches with the family. They never heard from him again.

The jury decided not to make the 90-year-old Kerlin pay punitive damages.

A former Playboy Playmate of the Year's attempt to gain a slice of the oil fortune of her late husband inched along in a Houston court. Anna Nicole Smith, along with J. Howard Marshall III, are suing for part of the late J. Howard Marshall II's estate.

The elder Marshall met Smith while she was working in a topless bar in the early 1990s. They married in 1994, when she was 26 and he was 89; he died the following year.

Both Smith and Howard Marshall III claim the multimillionaire's other son, E. Pierce Marshall, is blocking their rightful inheritance claim.

Texas lost one of its more colorful political leaders in November when former U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez died at the age of 84.

The unpredictable San Antonio Democrat was sometimes criticized for his unwillingness to work within the system. In his hometown, the unabashed populist who pushed for affordable housing was celebrated as a hero and defender of the downtrodden.

And in October, former Texas Instruments engineer Jack Kilby was awarded a share of the Nobel Prize for co-inventing the integrated circuit — the minute brains powering everything from cell phones to the Space Shuttle.

Described by colleagues as a "humble giant," Kilby was his customary self after learning he would be honored.

"It is gratifying," Kilby said, "to see what people have done with that simple idea."

Texas leads with most police officers killed in 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 150 police officers died in the line of duty in 2000, an increase of 11 percent from the year before, police organizations said Thursday.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and the Concerns of Police Survivors said 151 police officers have been killed so far in 2000, up from 134 in 1999, the lowest level since 1965.

The annual average in the 1990s was 153, compared to 187 during the 1980s and 222 during the 1970s.

The most recent officer killed was Aubrey Hawkins, 29, of Irving, Texas, shot while investigating a Christmas Eve holdup at a sporting goods store. Seven convicts who escaped a Texas prison are wanted in the shooting.

Texas had the most police officers killed in 2000 with 14 dead, followed by California with 11 and Georgia and Tennessee with 10 each.

The number of officers shot to death rose from 45 last year to 51 so far this year.

Except for 1999, when there were more deaths from automobile accidents than shootings, firearms have been the leading cause of death for law enforcement officers every year since 1792, Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the memorial fund, said in an interview.

However, the widespread use of bulletproof vests has greatly reduced the number of shooting deaths during the last 25 years, he said.

This year 47 officers died in automobile accidents, a number that has remained relatively stable over the last four years.

"Officers are finding themselves in dangerous situations driving at high rates of speed and maybe don't have the level of training to navigate the roadway safely under those circumstances," Floyd said. "They're paying the price with their lives."

Noting that 20 officers died after being struck by cars while outside their cruisers, Floyd said drivers need to be more cautious when they see police stopped by the side of a road.

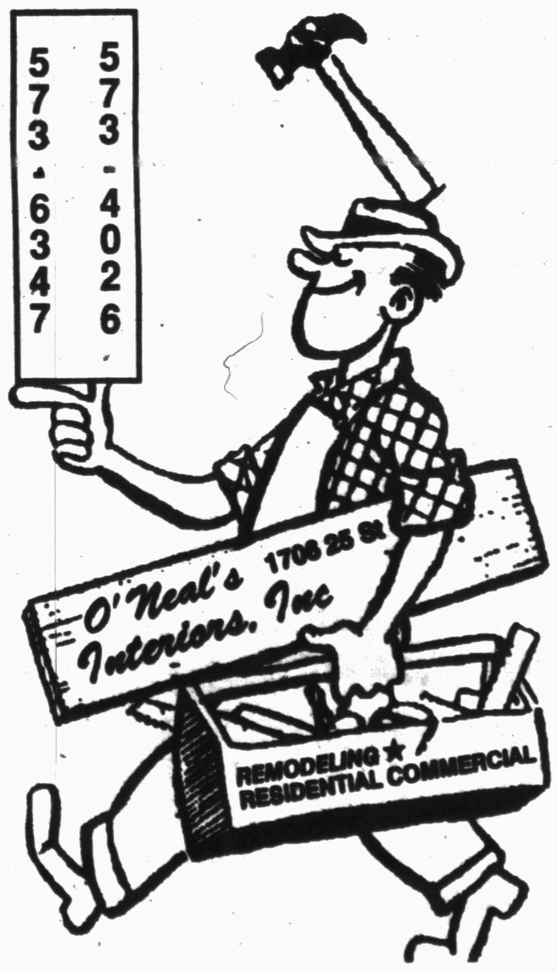
Accidental deaths have been on the rise, Floyd said. "When you're a law enforcement officer any situation can be potentially life threatening," he said.

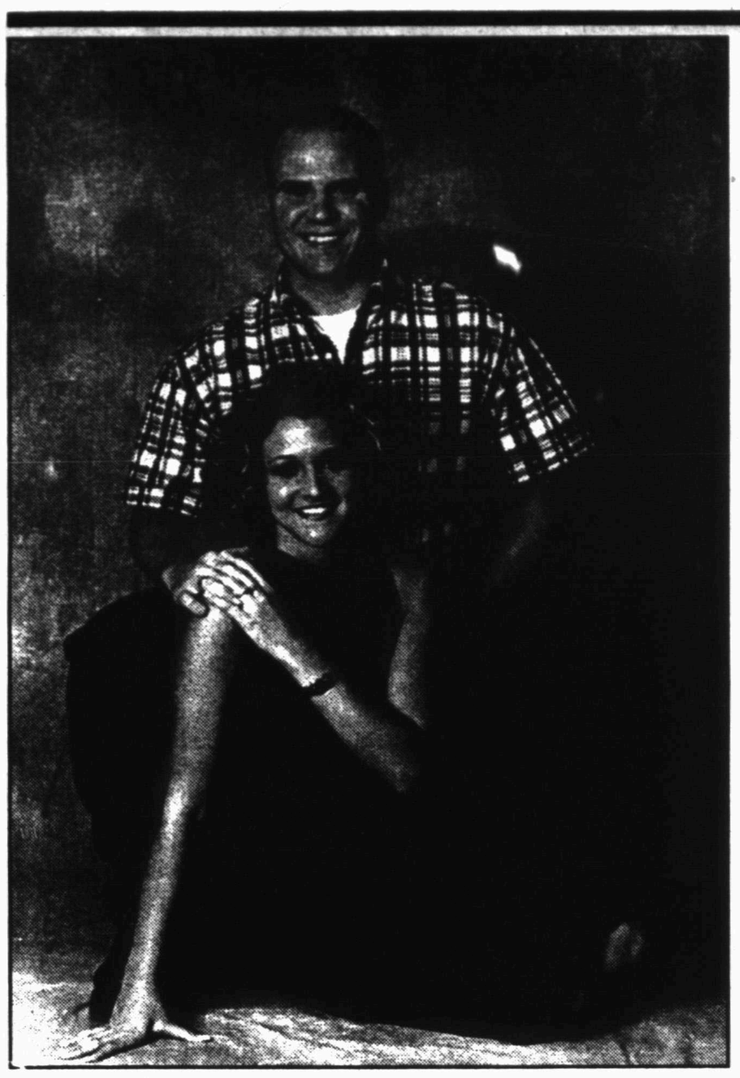
Lt. James R. Haddock, of Kissimmee, Fla., died after the horse he was riding fell and crushed him as he acted as an escort for a trail ride. Lt. John Galvin, of Wichita, Kan., died of burns after 1,500 pounds of old fireworks he was helping to dispose of exploded.

Also in 2000, eight officers died in motorcycle accidents, seven were killed in aircraft accidents, six died from job-related illness, three drowned, three died in falls, two were stabbed, one was beaten to death and one died after falling from a bicycle during a training exercise.

On the Net: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund: http://www.nleomf.com

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MAY VOWS SET — Dalvin and Belinda Alexander and Mitchell Lewallen of Granbury announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle Lewallen, to Steve Wiseman. He is the son of Jim and Charlotte Wiseman of Tahoka. The wedding is set for 6 p.m. on May 19 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Library Notes

By Janie Romine

Are you thinking of changes you plan to make in your life in the year 2001?

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No matter what you are planning for the year 2001, make reading a part of your life. As more and more evidence is presented on aging, the authorities repeat again and again that a person must continue to have an active brain even when the body cannot be as active as before. Read and keep exercising the mind!

This weekend the Scurry County Library is closed, and will also be closed on Monday, New Years Day. The library will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001. Happy New Year!

Fountain becomes a giant snow cone because of weather

WEST MIFFLIN, Pa. (AP) — Unseasonably chilly weather has turned an airport fountain here into a giant snow cone.

Managers at the Allegheny County Airport, near Pittsburgh, have left the fountain running since Dec. 7 to keep its pipes from freezing.

The plan was to let the ice melt, drain the fountain and add antifreeze to prepare it for winter, said Joanne Jenny, an airport spokeswoman.

But freezing or near-freezing temperatures every night as the water continued to spray have made the ice mountain grow.

The weather trend will continue for more than a week, said meteorologist Robert Stonefield, of the National Weather Service.

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Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa in 1874.

College degree is almost lost by firm

MANALAPAN, N.J. (AP) — A typo at TD Waterhouse almost cost a 6-month-old her college fund when the top securities firm accidentally charged more than a dozen trades to her name.

Trading on margin — paying a small percentage of transaction costs and borrowing the remainder from a brokerage firm — is not permitted for custodial accounts like Shayna Glanzer's. But that's exactly what happened to her account, charged for 15 margin trades in three days.

The baby's father, Jeff McKay, said a Waterhouse executive on Thursday blamed the mix-up on a lost wallet. Its owner, another customer, was issued a new account number almost identical to Shayna's.

The information, however, was entered manually — and erroneously. Transaction costs for the other customer's trades were billed to Shayna.

McKay discovered the keystroke slip on Tuesday, when his daughter received a letter telling her to pay $2,500 or forfeit her assets.

Spokeswoman Melissa Gitter said the error was resolved Wednesday afternoon, and the family, which has five accounts with TD Waterhouse, will receive trading credits from the company.

"They offered me five free trades for my trouble, but I'm a little disillusioned," McKay said.

In San Angelo...

Hart, Stultz pledge vows in historic Cactus Hotel

SAN ANGELO — Kelly Hart became the bride of Reid Stultz on Aug. 19 at the historic Cactus Hotel in San Angelo. The Rev. Mike O'Donnell of Garden City, Kan., officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Kenney Hart of Snyder and Sandra McClellan of Midland. The groom's parents are Marty Stultz of Eden and Rex Stultz of Eden.

Kelly's grandparents are Juanita Hart of Snyder, and the late W.C. Hart, Melvin Howard also of Snyder, and the late Pauline Howard White. Reid's grandmother is Thera Stultz of Ballinger.

White tulle and crystal lights with fresh ivy entwined the staircase of the lobby. Matching arrangements of hot pink Gerber daisies and key lime green gladiolas on white pillars adorned each side of the staircase.

The overhead rail of the staircase included an arch of grapevine ivy accented with fresh English ivy and hot pink Gerber daisies. At each hotel lobby entrance, grapevine wreaths entertwined with English ivy and hot pink Gerber daisies were placed on the doors.

The registration table was draped with a white lace cloth accented with white tulle and bows. The table held the bride's and groom's picture and registration book. Programs made by the bride were given to each guest entering the lobby.

Rows of chairs for guests were each adorned with white tulle bows. Seating guests were Ricky Hunter of Snyder, brother-in-law of the bride, and Perry Echols of Snyder.

Music selections by Terrie McWilliams of Snyder were played prior to the ceremony and seating of guests.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an elegant white satin gown designed by Jasmine. Her off the shoulder Schiffli lace bodice was embellished with white pearls and sequins.

The bride carried a bouquet of off-white and hot pink stemmed roses. Placed in her bouquet was an off-white lace handkerchief from Belgium, given to her by Beth Bowen of Snyder. The bride's single layer veil cascaded to the shoulder and was adorned with white pearls.

Her wedding gown represented something new, and her pearl bracelet was borrowed from her mother. The bride wore a blue garter; something old was a diamond ring given to her mother at age 16 by her mother, Pauline Howard. The bride carried in her shoes pennies representing the birth years of the bride and groom.

At the top of the staircase after guests were seated, Heather Ward of Lubbock, sang "I Will Be There," accompanied by pianist Terrie McWilliams,

Wendy Hunter of Snyder served her sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kayla Dickey of San Angelo, Paige Bell of Dallas, Brooke Gober of Spring, Heather Ward of Lubbock, and Becca Ferguson of San Angelo. The bridesmaids wore floor-length two-piece key lime chintz dresses. Each attendant carried three long-stemmed hot pink Gerber daisies accented with a white bow.



Mr. and Mrs. Reid Stultz
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Malory Hunter of Snyder, niece of the bride, and Megan McWilliams of Snyder served as flower girls. They wore white tea-length organza dresses accented with lace and white bows. Each girl wore halos of ivy and baby's breath in their hair and matching anklets.

Ring bearer was Jackson O'Harrow, nephew of the best man from El Dorado. He carried a sterling silver jewelry box engraved with hearts and wore a black tuxedo matching those of the groomsmen.

Best man was Ross Stultz of Menard, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Brad Roeder of Fredericksburg, Gabe Stansberry of Houston, Aaron O'Donnell of San Angelo, Trae' Ottmers of College Station and Zeno McMillan of Alpine. Each wore Armoni black tuxedos with grey trim with a white rose bud boutonniere.

A reception was held on the mezzanine of the hotel following the ceremony. Individual guest tables were covered with white linen cloths with a single vase centerpiece of pink Gerber daisies accented with rose petals.

The bride's three-tiered raspberry amaretta cake was decorated with fresh white and hot pink roses and loose rose petals. Susan Ball of San Angelo made the cake. The groom's red velvet cake was adorned with frosted grapes. An amaretta punch with floating fruit was served from a crystal punch bowl.

The bride's and groom's table was covered with a white linen cloth, draped in tulle and English ivy decorated with lights. Covered chocolates, key lime mints and assorted nuts were served from American Fostoria crystal. Hot pink napkins engraved with the bride's and groom's names were displayed at the bride's cake and white napkins with the couple's initials were displayed at the groom's cake.

Katherine Hall of Lubbock and Laura Thomas of Snyder served the bride's cake and punch. Serving the groom's cake was Myleah Flanagan of San Angelo and Kelli Ebenstein of Midland, cousins of the groom.

After the reception, the bride and groom were honored with a dance featuring Jody Nix, hosted by the bride's parents. Tables in the ballroom were covered with white linen cloths and large arrangements of hot pink Gerber daisies. A table of fresh garden vegetables, cheeses and dips were displayed on mirror trays.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Fort Concho Captain's quarters in San Angelo and was catered by Kenny Blanek of San Angelo. Tables were decorated with painted clay pots that contained pictures of the bride and groom. A bridesmaid brunch was hosted by the bride's mother the day of the wedding.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, graduating from Angelo State University in August, 2000 with an animal science degree. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Eden High School, a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M, and completed an animal science master's degree from Angelo State University last May.

The couple resides in Austin where Travis County Capitol 4-H employs the bride and the groom is employed by E-Merge Interactive Cattle Brokerage.

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Former resident writes book

A former Snyder resident, Jimmy Huffman, has written a book titled, "The Creation Puzzle Solved," a unique interpretation of the Book of Genesis.

The writing of this book was influenced by Bible study classes taught by the late Rev. Jack Dean, former pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Snyder, when Jimmy was a teenager.

Jimmy spent several years researching the material that is included in his book.

He presents facts to show how science reconciles with the Bible. A short book review is available on his web page, http://www.CreationWas.TheBeginning.com/

Huffman is a 1960 graduate of Snyder High School where he participated in football and drama and he received an engineering technology degree from Texas A&M in 1964.

He is married to the former Ramona May from Hermleigh and they now live in Carrollton and are members of Prestonwood Baptist Church of Plano.

They have two children and two grandchildren.

Jimmy is the son of the late Glenn and Emma Huffman, the brother of Patsy Massey, and the uncle of Lisa Roemisch, both of Snyder.



Jimmy and Ramona Huffman
...in Isreal

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠ Q 10 9 7 ♥ 8 2 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ A K J 8	12-30-00
West ♠ A 8 4 ♥ Q J 9 ♦ J 8 2 ♣ 9 7 6 5		East ♠ J 5 ♥ K 10 6 5 4 3 ♦ A 7 3 ♣ 10 4
	South ♠ K 6 3 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ Q 9 5 4 ♣ Q 3 2	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♦ 2

Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000

The women won the big cup

By Phillip Alder

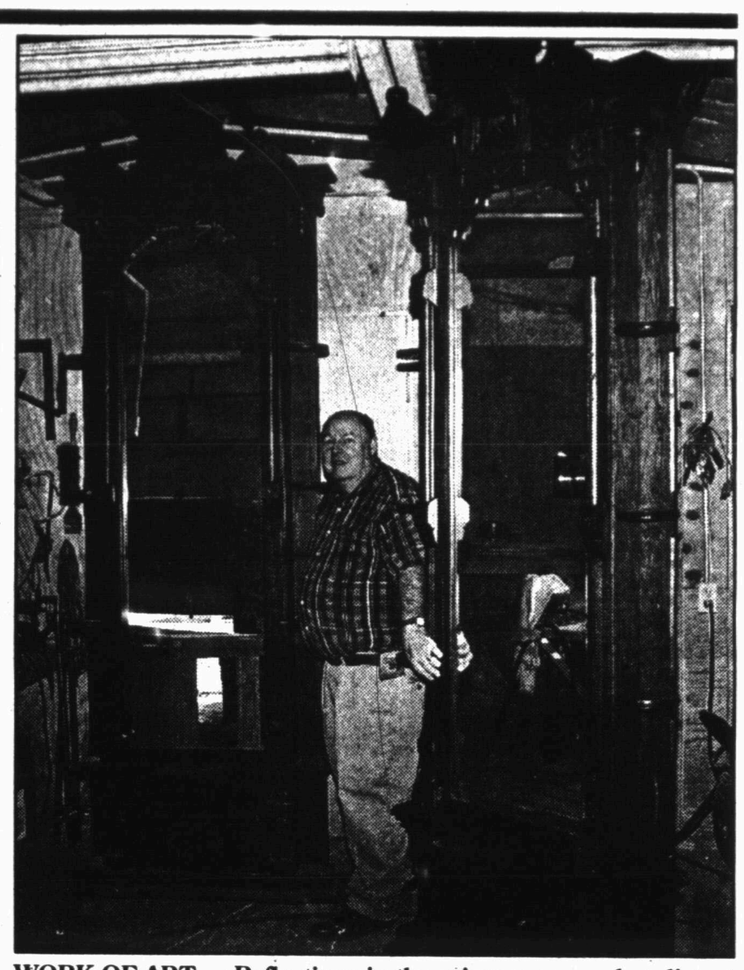
The best result for the United States at the World Team Olympiad was in the women's teams. The gold medals went to Mildred Breed, Petra Hamman, Joan Jackson, Robin Klar, Shawn Quinn and Peggy Sutherlin, who all live in Texas. Their nonplaying captain was Bob Hamman (Petra's husband), who has won more than a few world titles. In the final, the U.S. beat Canada 176-144.

Canada led by three points after the first third of the match. But the U.S. team won the next set 49-8 and never looked back. This deal added 12 points to the American surge.

At one table, Klar (East) overcalled one heart, and Jackson raised to two hearts. Against four spades, Jackson led the heart queen. The declarer, Francine Cimon, ducked, won the heart continuation with her ace, and thinking East was more likely to have the spade ace for her bid, crossed to dummy with a club before playing a trump to her king. After winning with the ace, West switched to the diamond two. East won with the ace and returned the suit to South's queen. Now, playing the a priori percentages, Cimon led a spade to dummy's nine for an unlucky one down.

At the other table, where Breed was the declarer, West led a strange diamond two: six, ace, five. East switched to a heart to South's ace. Now Breed had good reason to place West with the trump ace. (East hadn't bid, and two missing aces are more likely to be split than to be in one hand.) So, Breed played a spade to dummy's queen. When that won, she called for the spade 10, picking up East's jack and claiming soon thereafter.

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WORK OF ART — Reflections in the mirrors somewhat distort the overall beauty of the mirror cases Dewey Farley stands between. He made the ornate cherry wood mirror encasing at right. Mr. Farley enjoys woodworking in his shop since his retirement as industrial arts teacher at Snyder High School. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Dewey Farley created new casing for antique mirror

Dewey Farley, former Snyder teacher, recently completed a major woodworking project, a matching antique mirror case for Marshall and Sue Parham.

The Parham's had an ornately carved cherry wood encased six-foot mirror. They obtained another mirror the same size as the encased one and asked Dewey to duplicate the cherry wood, ornately decorated encasing.

With many intricate details and working when time allowed, the project took him 9-10 months to complete.

Farley taught school for 33 years. He taught industrial arts at Snyder High School.

Now retired, he accepted the job of creating an identical mirror case because he likes a challenge and enjoys being in his shop building, repairing and creating wood objects. He has repaired or refinished antiques for many teacher friends down through the years.

The decorative engravings on the antique mirror casing could only be copied for a pattern with rubbings by using typing paper and pencil. Farley said he used nearly every tool he had including a lathe, hand saw, hand sander, cutter bits and a drenal tool for the most intricate designs.

For the mirror encasing made of cherry wood, he had to carefully mix several colors of furniture stain to match the original one.

The Parhams have the two matching mirror cases at either side of their front entrance door. Farley said his next woodworking venture would be a rhinoceros desk that would probably take longer than making the identical antique mirror case.

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Classroom
~~**Breakfast Menu**~~
(East, Northeast and Stanfield)
Wednesday
Donut Holes
Juice
Thursday
Strawberry Toaster Pastry
Juice
Friday
Sausage in a Biscuit
Juice
Breakfast Other Schools
Wednesday
Donuts or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Thursday
Cinnamon Toast or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Friday
Biscuit w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
LUNCH
Wednesday
Beef Nacho Grande or
Beef Burrito
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Chocolate Pudding
Thursday
Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Fideo w/Chicken
Green Beand
Garlic Toast
Pineapple Tidbits
Friday
Chicken Nuggets or
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Golden Kernel Corn
Hot Roll

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

Wednesday
Cereal
Toast
Juice
Thursday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Friday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice
LUNCH
Wednesday
Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Plain Cake
Thursday
Vegetable Soup
Peanut Butter Sandwich
Cheese Wedge
Crackers
Peaches
Friday
Beef Nachos
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Crackers
Brownies

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
New Year's Holiday
Tuesday
Teacher In-Service
Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Thursday
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Friday
Juice
Donuts
LUNCH
Wednesday
Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Relish Cup
Apricot Cobbler
Thursday
Chicken Strips/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Spice Cake
Friday
Pizza
French Fries
Tossed Salad
Frozen Fruit Bars

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Roses are Red" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
2. "The Bear and the Dragon" by Tom Clancy (Putnam)
3. "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperCollins)
4. "The Mark" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins (Tyndale)
5. "Deck the Halls" by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
6. "Code to Zero" by Ken Follett (Dutton)
7. "The Last Precinct" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
8. "The Prometheus Deception" by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's Press)
9. "Journey" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
10. "Winter's Heart" by Robert Jordan (Tor)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The Beatles Anthology" by The Beatles (Chronicle Books)
2. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
3. "The O'Reilly Factor" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway)
4. "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)
5. "Guinness World Records 2001" (Guinness Publishing)
6. "Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad" by Stephen E. Ambrose (S&S)
7. "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
8. "Maestro: Alan Greenspan's Fed and the American Economic Boom" by Bob Woodward (Simon & Schuster)
9. "Flags of Our Fathers" by James Bradley with Ron Powers (Bantam)
10. "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Heart of the Sea" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
2. "False Memory" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
3. "Personal Injuries" by Scott Turow (Warner Vision)
4. "Timeline" by Michael Crichton (Ballantine)
5. "Tom Clancy's Power Plays Bio-Strike" by Created by Tom Clancy, Martin Greenberg; written by Jerome Preisler (Berkley)
6. "Irresistible Forces" by Danielle Steel (Dell)
7. "Left Behind" by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye (Tyndale)
8. "Abduction" by Robin Cook (Berkley)
9. "Secret Honor" by W.E.B. Griffin (Jove)
10. "The Rock Says..." by The Rock, Joe Layden (Regan Books)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz (Amber-Allen)
2. "The House of Sand and Fog" by Andre Dubus III (Vintage)
3. "Talking Dirty with the Queen of Clean" by Linda Cobb (Pocket)

Top five television shows and films

TELEVISION

1. "NFL Monday Night Football: St. Louis at Tampa Bay," ABC.
2. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Tuesday," ABC.
3. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire-Wednesday," ABC.
4. "Everybody Loves Raymond," CBS.
5. "Law and Order," NBC.

(From Nielsen Media Research)

FILMS

1. "Cast Away," Fox.
2. "What Women Want," Paramount.
3. "The Family Man," Universal.
4. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Universal.
5. "Miss Congeniality." Warner Bros.

Snyder resident is recognized at graduation

Tara DaNell Stafford of Snyder was among 341 degree candidates recognized by the University of Texas at Tyler in fall commencement ceremonies. Stafford was a candidate for a B.S. in nursing.

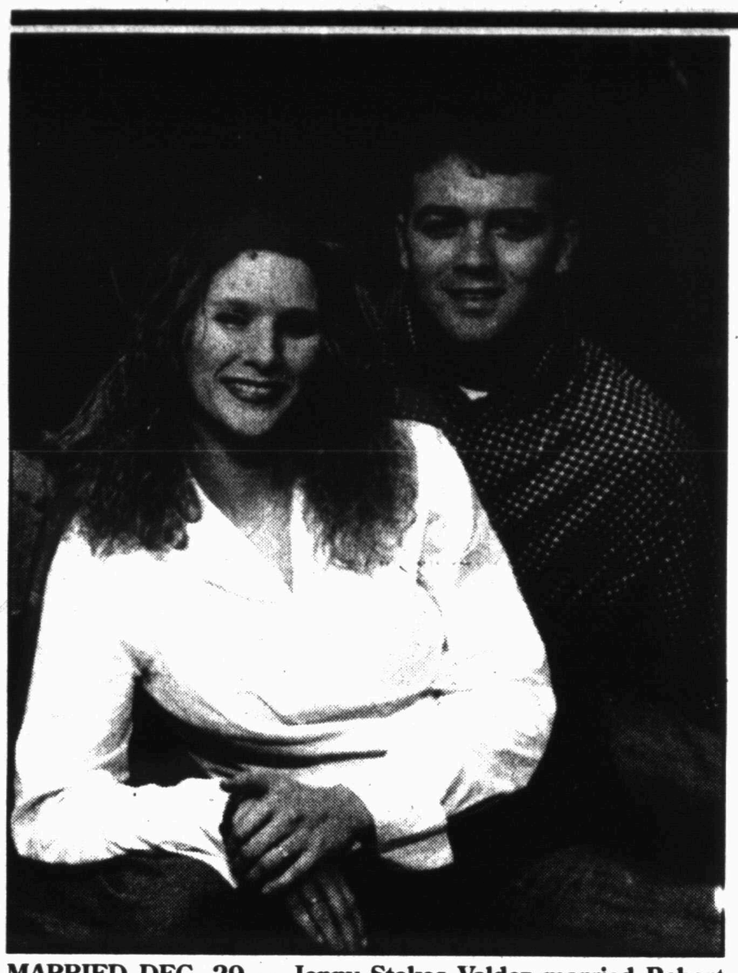
Commencement remarks were given by Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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MARRIED DEC. 29 — Jenny Stokes Valdez married Robert Wesley Moore on Friday, Dec. 29 in Abilene. Both are Abilene residents. The bride's parents are Reuben and Toni Valdez of Snyder and the bridegroom's parents are Robert and Jaletta Moore of Wheeling, W. Va. (Contributed Photo)



NOON KIWANIS DONATE — The Noon Kiwanis Club president C.R. Perez presented a $200 check to Lea Ann Bell of Gateway Family Services following her program at a meeting at Rudy's. Gateway Family Services is one of several entities supported by the local club. (Contributed Photo)

Wildlife officials are trying to free trapped 10-foot alligator

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Neighbors of a 10-foot alligator stuck for weeks in an underground pipe haven't done it any favors with their frequent teasing and snacks.

Wildlife officials, who learned of the trapped animal on Tuesday, warn that "Drano" will be killed, most likely, if he is freed.

"He has been harassed and fed and may have lost his fear of people," said Lt. Hampton Yates of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "Plus, he is over 4 feet long, and alligators that big we do not relocate."

Neighbors called a wildlife trapper when they first discovered the animal a month ago. But six attempts later the gator is still stuck.

Yates said wildlife officials would try to free the beast again on Friday, using a high-powered hose to flush it out.

Otherwise, they probably will drag it out with a hook, Yates said.

Many neighbors had hoped its life would be spared.

But Yates said saving Drano, whose growing white pigment could indicate illness, might hurt others.

"We don't know if it's healthy," he said. "If we take it to the Everglades, we could introduce a germ or disease into that population of gators."

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An adult albatross spends as long as 18 hours a day in flight, searching for food.



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Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Manic Depression (Bipolar) support group; Family Life Community Church, 904 26th Street; 7 p.m.

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information 573-9458, 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, for information call 573-8018, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

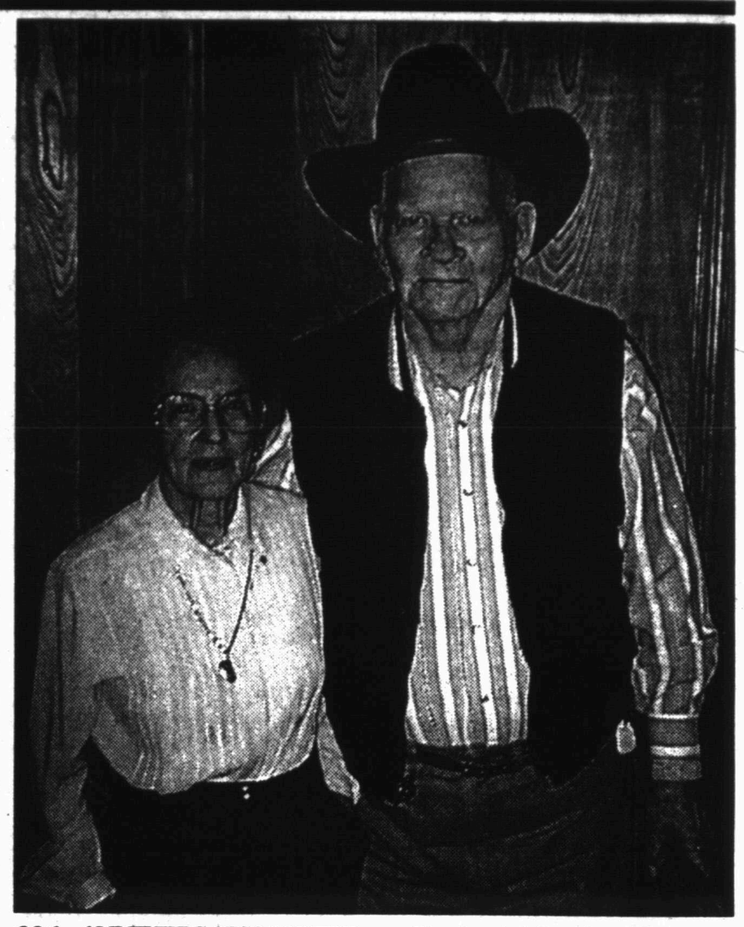
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Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

Rolling Plains Ratite Assn.; The Shack; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 10 a.m.



60th ANNIVERSARY NOTED — Buck and Louise Woolever celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at The Shack, hosted by their children and their spouses, Stan and Julia Woolever and Darlene and Bill Robbins. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave the couple 60 stems of flowers. Buck Woolever and Louise Wilson were married Dec. 20, 1940 on the Wilson farm west of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Dick Clark will ring in New Year again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ringing in the New Year with Dick Clark has become a tradition for generations of TV viewers, and America's oldest teenager, now 71, will be in Times Square again Sunday night.

Clark is making his 29th consecutive trip from California to the Big Apple as host of ABC's "Dick Clark's Rockin' Eve."

"Anybody over 18 ought to have better sense than to go to Times Square on New Year's Eve, but I'm still there," said the former "American Bandstand" host.

The New Year's special began in 1972 as an answer to CBS' annual Guy Lombardo Orchestra show from the Waldorf Astoria — "a bunch of staid people with funny hats, sort of dancing cheek to cheek," as Clark recalled it.

Police arrest man

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Police arrested a man who allegedly pretended to be a cousin of country music star Travis Tritt.

Police got a tip from a businessman that George J. Shulkoff, 38, was telling people he was Tritt's cousin, Nash Tritt. Travis Tritt's manager told police that Tritt didn't know anyone named Nash Tritt.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 31, 2000

It might be a good policy in the year ahead to establish a clear line of demarcation between your social friends and your business associates. It'll give you the best of two worlds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Unfortunately, what goes around usually comes around. Thus, if you participate in gossip about another, chances are you'll be the subject of talk yourself. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) I'm not saying to be stingy with others today, but do be careful about lending more money to a pal who has yet to repay a previous loan. History usually repeats itself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Owing to an inability to judge the strength of your opposition or obstacles today, if you take on a challenge, you're not likely to come out the winner. Don't kid yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Whatever you do, don't let what you think are intuitive perceptions take precedence over your logic and intellect today. It all may be wishful thinking and lead you away from reality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Instead of bucking the tide today when changes in the plans come into play unexpectedly, let the majority rule. If you flow with the events, life will be easier for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Usually you're pretty good at getting along with people from all walks of life, but today this could be your short suit. Be careful not to rock the boat in your relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Owing to a negative attitude or improper planning, your tasks might be doubly difficult for you to perform today. Think positively and/or first get organized with a blueprint.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Plan on disappointment today if your expectations are not founded upon realistic premises. Giving a little and hoping for a lot is a formula for shattered dreams.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should you and your mate or significant other reach an impasse today over an issue you both feel strongly about, avoid confrontation by letting it rest for a few days.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be certain you know what you're talking about before putting down the suggestions of others today. Your thoughts might appear equally impractical to them as theirs do to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It would be wise to strive to be prudent today in the management of your resources. It is not a good time for extravagance or reckless spending. You'll regret it tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Because you're a flexible individual, upon occasion you can juggle several projects simultaneously and still do a good job. However, today this would not be a good game plan.

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Monday, Jan. 1, 2001

What may have began as a hobby could begin to generate an additional source of revenue for you in the year ahead. It may be more lucrative than anybody could have realized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A critical matter could pop up today that may monopolize your time, but don't panic or behave negatively. Lady Luck will intervene and make everything right again. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) At first you may regret your bold and enterprising attempts to resolve a problem, but stay with your game plan. Before the day is out, it'll prove to be the correct one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A sincere desire to help out in a very uncomfortable situation everyone else is shying away from could produce a surprise twist. A huge reward will come out of it for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Generally speaking, you're quite competent today, but the question is, where are you placing your energies and time? Make certain they're on something worthwhile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't lose heart early in the day if things aren't going too smoothly. The pieces will begin to fit together as long as you remain positive, hopeful and tenacious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Continue to operate on lines that could fulfill your hopes and expectations, even if conditions today look as if they're going against you. You can turn the tide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you might get off on the wrong track today, once you realize it, you can make the necessary changes needed to nurture and secure a secret ambition.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What you can't do on your own today can be achieved with the assistance of others, but turn to those whom you've aided in the past. They'll turn out to be quite lucky for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) So long as accolades don't become all important to you today and you're willing to let others take bows for their part in a successful development you engineered, you'll come out on top.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not permit yourself to think for one minute today that something to which you aspire is beyond your reach. If you hold to your dream, it can be realized.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Regardless of early indicators, the trends are moving in your favor today, especially concerning your financial affairs. An opportunity will present itself to expand your base.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You don't have to settle today for something that doesn't serve your best interests merely to get along with another. Things can be renegotiated for a fairer distribution.

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'TWAS ONE CRAZY NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS — East fourth grade students in Judy Brown's, Lordinda Hardin's and Debra McNair's classes resently presented "'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas." Brown's students (top photo) bottom row, from left, Taylor Gibbs, Larissa Blackard, John Johnson, Zach Warren, Julian Dominguez; second row, Kendra Iglehart, Jessica Garza, Bailey Richardson, Robert Albarez, Laura Hernandez, Eric Medrano; third row, Taylor Davidson, Lareshia Carey, Jonathan Burns, Megan Villegas, Amanda Maynard, Mary Alaniz; top row, Heath Green, Anthony Shankles, Joseph Garza, Joe Lara. Hardin's students (middle photo) are Riley Rasche (on tractor), first row, from left, Jaclyn DeLeon, Kaycee Westlund, Dayton Grice, Tommy Vasquez, Caleb Harrison; second row, Jessica Hinson, Letecia Aguilar, Bianca Alvarado, Connie Martinez, Jaime Martinez; third row, Frankie Benitez, Paul Wilson, Keagan Herrley, Ashley Swigert, Daniel Chacon; fourth row, Roxann Renteria, Jessica Bilderback, A'Lex Koonce, Stephen Luna. McNair's students (bottom photo) front row, from left, Eric Lindsey, Lolita Ramos, Monica Rivera, Robert Villa, Amanda Kerr; second row, Abraham Arizmendi, Sebastian Jaquez, Jonathan Wallace, Brenna Fletcher, Yolanda Munoz; third row, Hector Soberon, Briana Bryant, Chantell McGaha, Ashley Hagins, Ben Gutierrez, Leslie Johnston; fourth row, Maria Ornelas, Charles Velasco, Brittany Mitchell, Clay Hirt, Riley Davis, Chris Witte. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

New flagships and possible tuition changes eyed in state

AUSTIN (AP) — For generations, Texans have had two "flagship" schools — the University of Texas and Texas A&M University.

But some educators and lawmakers are trying to end the days of two-school domination.

Chancellors of state universities, colleges and technical schools want more institutions to be designated "flagships," or top-tier research campuses, giving them additional programs and money from the $7.5 billion Permanent University Fund.

The $3 billion flagship proposal is among several higher education initiatives expected to emerge during the 140-day legislative session that begins Jan. 9.

Other proposals include eliminating sales tax on textbooks, providing more money for community colleges and technical schools, and implementing plans to recruit and retain more minority students.

Which proposals become laws will depend largely on funding.

"We can make all kinds of things but where are we getting the money? They easily ask and request but never offer where we're going to obtain that resource, the additional monies that we're going to be needing," said state Rep. Irma Rangel, chairwoman of the House Higher Education Committee.

Competition likely will be intense for a budget surplus that's expected to be smaller than the $1.5 billion excess the state had these past two years.

Lawmakers say they want to build on their recent record of making education a priority. In 2000-2001, the state directed 44.5 percent, or $43.7 million of its $98.2 billion budget, to education.

New Gov. Rick Perry says getting more young Texans into college will be among his top priorities this session.

Texas' higher education system will earn its "rightful place" among the nation's premier universities if legislators adopt the flagship plan, said Arthur Smith, chancellor at the University of Houston.

Supporters of the 30-year plan suggest naming UT-Dallas, UT-San Antonio and the University of Houston as flagships, meaning the second-tier research facilities would be reclassified as top tier. Proponents say having more top-level research universities will help boost enrollment and help the schools keep pace with a growing state economy with public universities nationwide.

UT System Chancellor Dan Burck says his 15-campus system will push for funding for new construction and the ability to set its own tuition. The Legislature currently sets tuition at state colleges and universities.

"Forty of the states around the country, their Legislatures allow the university boards to regulate or to set tuition," Burck said. "We're going to be talking to the Legislature about allowing that to be done in Texas, giving our board that flexibility, meaning that tuition would not necessarily be the same at every campus."

Faculty and staff salaries and health insurance benefits also will be a high priority for the UT System, said Burck, noting that improvements are needed to help reduce employee turnover.

Daron Roberts, student body president at the University of Texas at Austin, said many students believe that letting UT regents set tuition would result in increases.

"Students feel that by placing the sole authority of setting tuition in the board of regents that the students would be losing accountability to the state of Texas," Roberts said.

The proposal likely won't go anywhere, said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, currently vice chairman of the higher education committee.

Lawmakers will more than likely discuss allowing the public universities to continue raising tuition by $2 or $3 per credit hour annually, said Cuellar, who has been tapped by Perry to be secretary of state.

Four antiaircraft guns have new home

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Four of the USS Cabot's antiaircraft guns have a new home that one veteran says will keep the Cabot and the USS Lexington alive.

The Cabot is being dismantled in a Brownsville scrap yard. On Thursday, four of the Cabot's 40-millimeter guns were moved have a new home: the Lexington Museum on the Bay.

The Cabot, known as the Iron Woman, was commissioned in 1943, about five months after a ship that was to be named the Cabot took on the name of the USS Lexington, which had been sunk in the Coral Sea.

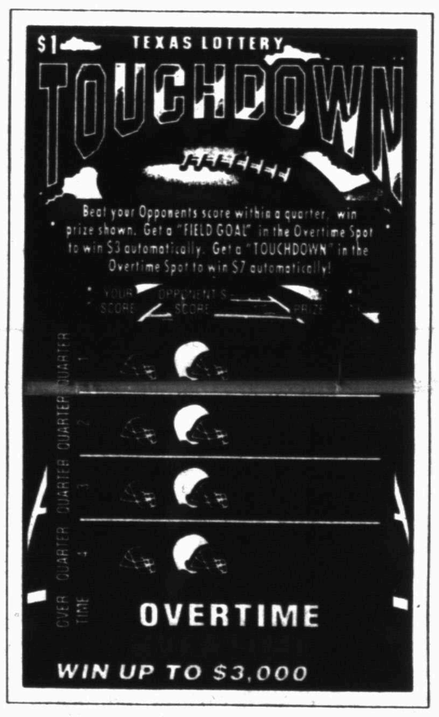
After crews finished loading the Cabot's 9-ton guns into the Lexington's forward starboard gun tubs, World War II veteran Merrill Taylor, who served aboard the Lexington, said he saw the addition of the guns as bittersweet.

Taylor lives in Corpus Christi and volunteers aboard the ship-turned-museum.

"We don't have a Cabot to count on anymore," said the 79-year-old Corpus Christi resident. "Its guns, though, bring history back to the Lexington. This addition keeps both ships alive. Otherwise, the Lexington is just a training ship with very little history and the Cabot is forgotten," he told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

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Letters to the editor

Memories enjoyed

Dear Editor:

I really enjoyed the "Christmas Memories," and "Other Memories" in Sunday's edition of the Snyder Daily News. I hope it is something you will continue to do each year.

It was interesting that several of the writers mentioned that they didn't have much for Christmas, but their parents always made sure they had something.

I couldn't help but contrast this sentiment with the "want lists" from children in the letters to Santa sections. Certainly many of the letters are very cute, and many express thankfulness for past gifts, but overall the emphasis seemed to be on getting things and not giving.

I wonder, if in addition to the "Santa Letters," you could ask for letters next year from children about "What My Family Does to Make Christmas Merrier for Others," or "The Real Meaning of Christmas Is..." Something that might inspire thoughts of giving. This might generate some memories that the youngsters could remember thirty or so years from now!

Sincerely yours,
Helen Feinsod

Refuge for the stranded

Dear Editor:

As were many others, my family was stranded in Snyder on Christmas night because of the deteriorating weather. Our thanks to the community of Snyder are many.

A kind and concerned waitress at a local convenience store/restaurant told us that First Baptist Church was taking in stranded travelers. The members of FBC took us in cheerfully, in spite of their own loss of sleep. They provided heat, blankets, pillows and encouragement.

The city brought in breakfast food that the church members prepared and served, and the fire department representatives were ready with travel information.

Our dilemma made me think of another Christmas night when the Christ Child was born in a Bethlehem stable. How I wish that Mary and Joseph had gone to Snyder instead.

Jeanie Lindsey
Fort Worth
j.lindsey@home.com

Proud of hometown

Dear Editor:

This is a copy of an e-mail I received from a college friend. Unfortunately, I was not able to help him personally, but I am glad and proud that the people of Snyder were there for him and his family.

Chris Mitchell

I cannot begin to say how grateful I am to the wonderful people in Snyder who let us sleep on the floor of the First Baptist Church activity center. Highway 84 to Lubbock was shut down due to ice, and the motels filled up. It looked like we were gonna' be sitting in a diner all night or sleeping in the car, but luckily, the church was opened up to us. They brought dozens of blankets and fed us breakfast. There were about one hundred other people that had to do like us. Thought you might be interested.

Scott Lindsey

Thanks to angels of Hermleigh

Dear Editor:

Thank you, angels of Hermleigh!

On Christmas Day we flew from our home near Chicago into Dallas and learned that our flight to Amarillo was cancelled due to weather conditions. We were trying to visit our family in Friona for the holidays. We decided to rent a car and drive to Friona.

Just north of Sweetwater, on Highway 84, the road became treacherously icy. We traveled on for a ways and stopped at an Allsup's in Hermleigh for gas and asked the clerk if there were motels around. This very kind woman, Anita, reported that all the motels around were full but that the community center just behind Allsup's was open to travelers.

We took advantage of the suggestion and what we found at the community center was "Head Angel' Gradine Roemisch, who engineered an outpouring of community support.

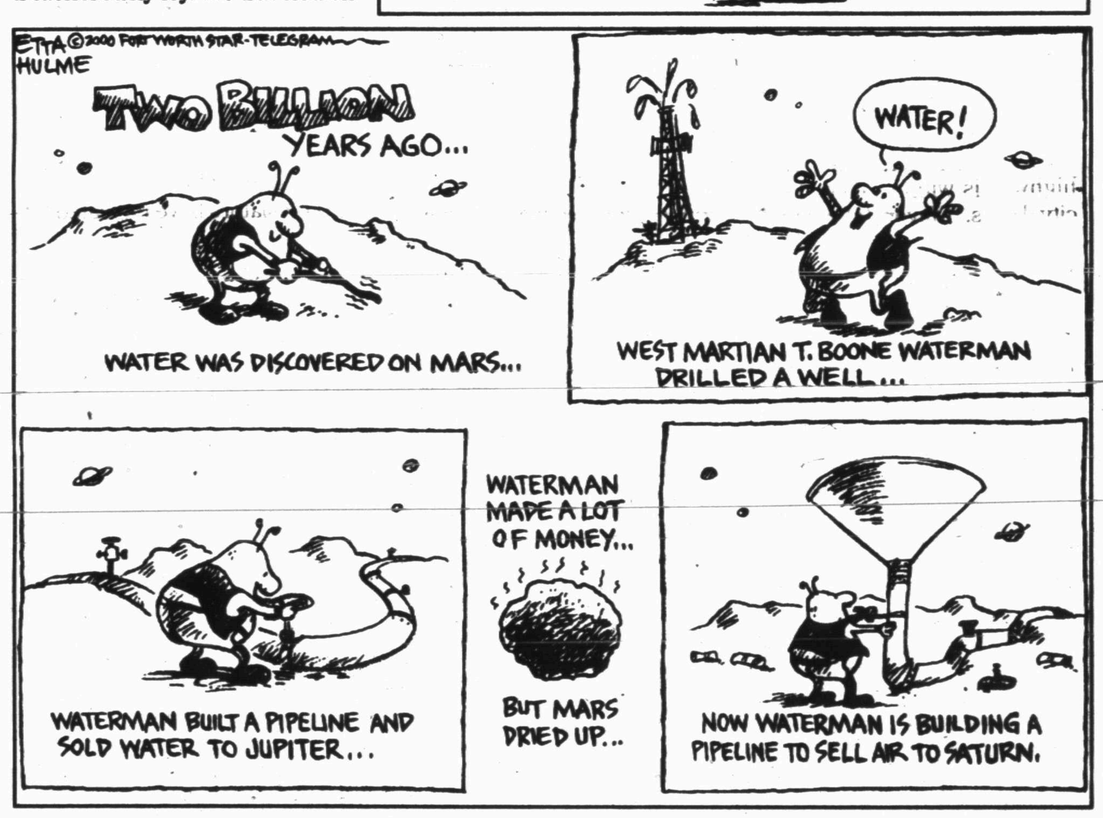
The center was clean and warm, the bathrooms worked and were well stocked the coffee pot was on. Already there had been many blankets and pillows brought in case travelers spent the night. By around midnight there were more than 40 people sleeping on the floor of this community center. We all had blankets and pillows and were safe from the dangerous weather outside. The roads were closed.

The next morning we were able to get breakfast food from Allsup's and cooked bacon, eggs and toast for these 40-plus people and the wonderful people of Hermleigh began coming by with food galore, more blankets and pillows and such giving and friendly spirits.

Our lunch was overflowing, we had more food than we could possibly eat. Shortly after lunchtime the roads opened, although still considered quite dangerous and the community center emptied pretty quickly, each traveler heading to their own destination. We hugged and kissed and wished each other well. We did not make it to Friona as we returned to Dallas and flew home, but will never forget the giving spirit of the "Angels of Hermleigh" especially Chief Angel Gradine Roemisch and her husband, Jackie.

Thank you one and all!
Betty Massie
Highland Park, Ill.
David Towle
Aaron Towle





EDITORIAL COMMENT

Houston Chronicle

Write a bigger check for higher education

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander is correct in pointing out the need for next year's Legislature to increase state spending on higher education.

In addition, Rylander is calling on legislators to provide greater funding for the University of Houston and Texas Tech University — money sufficient to enable them to develop into topflight research institutions, or so-called flagship campuses.

Many others — state officials, university presidents and various thoughtful citizens — have urged the same or similar measures in the past, unfortunately with little result.

Rylander's new report showing that Texas receives $5 in economic benefit for every dollar it spends on higher education, for a total annual benefit of almost $25 billion, should be an economic incentive for the Legislature to spend more on the state's colleges and universities.

The fact is that education is the best investment this state can make in its future.

Texas is woefully lacking in the number of state-supported universities good enough to be ranked nationally in the top tier of higher education institutions. Only the University of Texas and Texas A&M University are so ranked, based on the amount of their research and the variety of graduate and doctorate programs they offer.

But it doesn't have to be that way, and it shouldn't.

Additional money can be found to generally upgrade all of the state's colleges and universities and, specifically, to make UH and Texas Tech topflight research institutions.

Designating UH and Texas Tech as flagship institutions would require more spending. Some have suggested that a constitutional change is in order to let schools other than UT and A&M tap into the Permanent University Fund.

San Antonio Express-News

Seniors care in Texas

The poor way Texas cares for its very old and very young came into national focus during George W. Bush's run for the presidency.

Without a doubt, Texas has a dismal record and had it long before Bush was governor.

The Texas Legislature made some progress for children in 1999, joining the federal-state Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, which makes health care available to the hundreds of thousands of young Texans who don't have health insurance.

Next month, lawmakers should find ways to help Texans at life's other end the approximately 90,000 seniors in nursing homes and 130,000 who receive home health care.

Both services rely on Medicaid, a roughly 60-40 federal-state funding mechanism. The more Texas puts in, the more federal money it receives. But presently Texas ranks 45th in Medicaid funding for nursing home care and last in home health care.

The low funding translates to low salaries in this health-care sector, typically $6 an hour or less, in home care.

"We are asking those who bathe, dress, help feed and give other services to the elderly to work for less than most (minimum-wage) workers," an advocate said.

Nearly one in four of Texas' 1,100 nursing homes are in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and home-care agencies have serious staffing problems.

Most of their patients, mainly senior citizens but also the disabled, have Medicaid. Meanwhile, if home care becomes less available, more patients will need nursing home care.

Note to baby boomers, funders of most U.S. social programs: If care isn't available for your parents, the responsibility will be yours. Worse, you're next.

The Dallas Morning News

Bush will face worrisome Russia

Russian politics can be confusing even to the most experienced Russia watchers. Even with that proviso, Russia's recent foreign policy signals are as bewildering as a traffic light that switches from "stop" to "go" erratically.

For example:

Russia tries and convicts U.S. businessman Edmond Pope on arguably trumped-up theft charges before granting him a presidential pardon. Soon after the trial, the head of Russia's Federal Security Service says Russia needs to get tough on foreign spy activity.

In defiance of a promise and the wishes of the United States, Russia ends a freeze on arms sales to Iran.

Russian planes conduct fly-by exercises and taunt U.S. ships not far from Alaska.

Russia restores two unsettling symbols of its authoritarian past: the Soviet anthem and czarist-era flag. Meanwhile, President Vladimir Putin has been aggressively renewing ties with former Soviet allies including Cuba, to assert Russian commercial and foreign policy influence.

So this is a new Russia?

On some levels, such muscle flexing is somewhat predictable. Russia's economy is still reeling. National pride has been roiled by the embarrassing and tragic loss of the submarine Kursk. Chechnya is a military quagmire.

The result is Mr. Putin's pragmatic, independent and assertive demonstration of strength to Russia's beleaguered citizens and resistant Communist hard-liners.

Stanley Kober, a Cato Institute fellow and expert in Russian and European defense matters, worries that hawkish symbolism could drive Russian foreign policy to increasingly intractable positions that will make Russia less and less cooperative on matters of political importance to the United States.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Overhauling air traffic control:

As his presidency draws to a close, Bill Clinton has taken a parting shot at solving problems that bedevil the nation's airline industry. When he took office in 1993, the problem was the industry's financial health. Today, with air travel booming after years of economic growth, the problems are overcrowded skies and airports, and passenger-enraging flight delays.

Clinton is fond of taking some credit for the economic resurgence that brought airlines and other industries back to life. Air travel's problems with overcrowding and delays, inherited now as a national problem by President-elect George W. Bush, may be harder to solve.

Earlier this month, Clinton announced a multistep plan to overhaul the federal air traffic control system. He established a management structure that could help free the system. He established a management structure that could help free the system from the bureaucratic quicksand that has hindered previous modernization efforts. But the proposal's later parts, including a radical overhaul of how air traffic control is financed, will be difficult if not impossible to achieve.



North of Forty By Red Green

The fix is out

I remember when I was a kid we had an old pull-start lawnmower. You'd tie a knot in one end of a rope and hook that into the hub on top, and then give it a good yank. Sometimes, if your brother was standing too close, the knotted end of the rope would whip out and nail him. That was always good for a laugh.

Eventually the knot would break off, and you'd have to tie another and then another and, in time, the rope got too short to use. So you'd go to the hardware store and buy a new piece and start the process all over again. It was inconvenient and sometimes irritating, but, on the other hand, it was simple and you always knew how to fix the problem, and that made you feel strong and in control.

Now, of course, we all have electric-start riding mowers. That's progress. They're way easier to start and do a better, faster cutting job, but on the downside when something goes wrong, you have no idea how to fix it, and that makes you feel weak and out of control. Plus, when you nail your brother with one of those babies, it can be serious.

THE SLIDING SCALE

I sometimes find it amazing that we all have such differing opinions about each other. I think it's because we pay so much attention to ourselves. We look in the mirror a lot, and we often listen to what we have to say much more intently, because we consider our comments to be the highlight of the conversation. We are very familiar with ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually so we each become the measuring device by which we judge the world around us.

So when we say someone is smart or attractive, we really mean "by comparison." For example, I think Regis Philbin is a pretty smart guy, but would Albert Einstein feel the same way about him? Of course the corollary to this theory is that you're going to be judged the same way. You will only seem smart to people who are dumber than you, and you will only seem attractive to people who are uglier than you. You might want to keep that in mind when you're looking for friends or soulmates.

Now, occasionally you see an exception, like in my case where you find an ugly guy married to a beautiful woman. But that's not Science. That's Love. Or Martyrdom.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

With luck, we all get old. But you need to be doing things now, while you still have your faculties, that will make your old age as enjoyable as possible. I'm sure you'll be able to come up with ideas yourselves, but here are a few to get you started:

— Get your praying in now, while your knees are still good.

— Make an appointment to have a vasectomy on your 90th birthday.

— Buy trophies at garage sales and scatter them all over your house.

— Make up incredible stories about your life. Nobody's going to listen to you anyway; you might as well have the fun of lying.

— Find things that interest and excite you, and stare at them for hours. That way when you're on your deathbed and your whole life flashes before you, it'll be easier to pay attention.

— When you die, leave everything to your deceased parents for one last shot at screwing up the lawyers.

THE BIG CHILL

I was kind of a rebellious teenager, looking to lash out against authority. And I could always find someone willing to take me on. Nowadays I walk away from confrontational people and spend my time with friends. I recommend that instead of looking for people to hit, we all start looking for people to hug. But not in a subway full of strangers. I'll never make that mistake again.

Quote of the Day: "The best way to guarantee exciting dreams at night is to let your brain rest all day." — Red Green

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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Medicaid expected to be top legislative item

AUSTIN (AP) — With the spotlight of a harsh presidential election and a critical federal court opinion on the state's Medicaid program barely dimmed, some Texas lawmakers hope to seize the opportunity to provide better health benefits for the poor.

"One of the byproducts of the presidential race was a significant amount of negative publicity focused on Texas, especially concerning children's health and Medicaid," said Rep. Elliot Naishtat, chairman of the House Public Health Committee. "This has created a window of opportunity for the Legislature to address some of these issues."

The federal-state program came under intense scrutiny during Gov. George W. Bush's run for president.

It took another hit last summer when a federal judge issued a scathing ruling criticizing the state for not doing enough to help children access Medicaid programs. The state is appealing.

The Senate and House Committees on Human Services studied Medicaid during the interim and recommended sweeping changes.

Proposals include measures to improve communication between Medicaid recipients and the state; to make the Medicaid application process easier; to eliminate rules that require the state to count assets such as cars when reviewing applications; and to expand support for recipients leaving welfare for work.

Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, has filed a bill that would eliminate the assets test for children's applications.

The bill "is an effort to help the children of low-income working families qualify for Medicaid," Truan said. "I would like to think that we're also going to save in administrative costs to the state by eliminating the need to document and investigate" assets.

Applying for Medicaid requires large amounts of paperwork, including a 17-page application. The process also includes face-to-face interviews and proof of income and other documents.

The bureaucracy intimidates many needy families, said Stacy Barber, a social worker at the El Buen Samaritano clinic in Austin.

"They come to me really confused and frustrated," Barber said. "If there's any one thing I spend most of my time on it's that. They just want to give up and I try to help and encourage them."

One-fourth of Texas' approximately 20 million people — 1.4 million of them children — lack health insurance. There are 1.5 million children enrolled in Medicaid and about 600,000 who qualify but are not enrolled.

The Health and Human Services Commission is requesting $1.2 billion to fully fund the second phase of the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, increasing enrollment 86 percent to 869,000 children by 2003.

Under the first phase, Medicaid was expanded in 1999 to include some 57,000 children, the commission estimates.

Children were actually enrolled in the insurance program under phase two, which began in May. The state has said it hopes to sign up 428,000 children by Sept. 1, 2001.

The commission has asked the Legislature for $30.4 billion in state funding for the next biennium, a $1.2 billion increase over the previous two years. The agency also has requested an additional $6.1 billion for exceptional items, including $1.2 billion to increase reimbursement rates and $20 million for staff salary increases.

Rising prescription drug costs, high poverty and uninsured rates and an increasing number of people requiring acute care account for the anticipated costs, Commissioner Don Gilbert wrote in the budget request.

When lawmakers arrive in Austin for their 140-day session beginning Jan. 9, they will have to make an emergency appropriation of as much as $700 million to cover higher-than-expected costs for Medicaid and a ballooning prison population.

"We're looking at a budget surplus of about $1.4 billion but most of that's going to be used up right at the beginning because of shortfalls and other emergencies. And a lot of those, if not all of them, have to do with health," Naishtat said.

Legislative budget debates gearing up in state

AUSTIN (AP) — The big battle for bucks is on, and the 2001 Texas Legislature hasn't even convened.

Teachers want taxpayer-funded, statewide health insurance. State employees want raises. Dozens of state agencies want more dollars to expand their programs.

Hard-fought competition for state funding is nothing new. But when lawmakers convene in January for their biennial, 140-day session, they likely will face a smaller surplus than in recent years.

That should make formulating a state budget for 2002-03 even more painstaking. The budget for this biennium, which lasts until Sept. 1, 2001, is approximately $98 billion.

Medicaid and certain prison programs will need an emergency infusion from the surplus after legislators return to Austin on Jan. 9.

"The first thing we're going to do is we're going to spend some of the surplus on the Medicaid shortfalls and prison health-related issues, and that will be $700 (million) or $800 million and pretty soon there's not a surplus," said House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, anticipates a $1 billion to $1.5 billion surplus this budget cycle. He's quick to point out that all sorts of programs and proposals will be vying for those dollars.

"There seems to be adequate competition every time we go to Austin," Ratliff said.

Signaling that money could be tighter, Ratliff has expressed doubt about a tax cut this session. Under then Gov. George W. Bush, lawmakers approved a $1 billion tax cut in 1997 and a $1.85 billion cut in property, consumer and business taxes in 1999.

The Legislative Budget Board, of which Ratliff is a member, estimates 14 percent growth in the state's economy during the 2002-03 cycle. That should prevent a budget shortfall, Ratliff said.

In the upcoming legislative session, teachers will be pushing for state-funded group health insurance for public school educators across the state, similar to what state workers are offered. The Dallas lawmaker sponsoring the bill contends uniform coverage would save school districts statewide $1 billion and help recruit and retain good teachers.

State employees, meanwhile, want better pay and benefits, insisting they are necessary to compete with the private sector and to reduce state worker turnover.

Already, the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees have heard budget requests from state agencies. Requests for new expenditures have reached $8 billion to $10 billion, Laney said.

Legislators have indicated they want to continue the trend of placing a high priority on education spending. In 2000-01, lawmakers allocated 44.5 percent of the budget to education.

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander will issue a detailed revenue estimate in early January, letting legislators know how much money they have to allocate.

Then Senate and House budget leaders will file a "base bill" reflecting the cost of continuing to fund state government at its current program levels, allowing for such changes as new public school students or new nursing home residents who receive state assistance.

Throughout the legislative session, lawmakers will hear requests for changes to the base bills. A budget bill likely won't be finalized until near the end of the session, despite the fact that lawmakers also must tackle redistricting later this spring, Ratliff said.

"The budget process just about fills up the 140 days anyway," he said.

On the Web:
Legislative Budget Board: www.lbb.state.tx.us
Texas Senate: www.senate.state.tx.us
Texas House of Representatives: www.house.state.tx.us

Iowa does not have resources to take care of all its highways

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A lack of funds is pushing the state transportation department to ask cities and counties to take ownership of more than 800 miles of state roads.

"The bottom line is that we don't have enough money to support the state system," said Mark Wandro, director of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

State officials want to target their spending on the most heavily traveled state and interstate highways that are critical to Iowa's economy, Wandro said.

Most of the roads that will be offered to local governments are lightly traveled rural highways that serve small communities. The DOT wants also to hand over sections of older highways that won't be needed when four-lane expressways are built on new alignments.

The state can't force cities and counties to take ownership of unwanted roads, but the agency wants to offer incentives for the plan to seem desirable.

A state report issued last year supports the DOT's plan. It said nearly $13 billion is needed for state highway construction and repair projects through 2017, but about $11.5 billion is expected to be available.

Highway finance experts say Iowa has the nation's 10th-largest road system with 112,733 miles of roads, which includes more than 10,130 miles of state and interstate highways.

Iowa's primary highway system contains some roads that are more comparable to county roads in terms of their purpose, said David Forkenbrock, director of the University of Iowa's Public Policy Center. "It only makes sense to try to reallocate your resources by shifting these facilities to the counties."

Iowa counties currently own more than 89,209 miles of roads, and cities oversee 13,394 miles.

State Sen. Richard Drake, R-Muscatine, agrees with Wandro that some counties may be more thrifty in maintaining rural state highways.

"There are advantages to this plan, no question about it. But I suspect that in a lot of cases the state will have to fix up the road before the city or county will take it," Drake said.

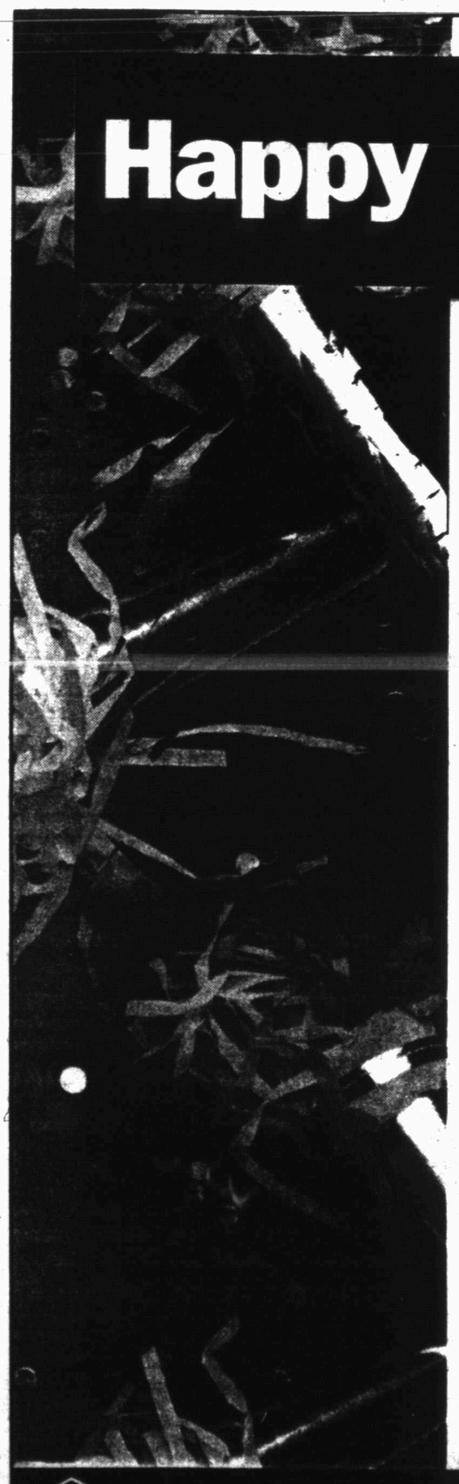
But some local officials in Iowa are skeptical about the DOT's offer.

The agency wants local governments in Linn and Benton counties to take over about 12 miles of Iowa Highway 920 north of Cedar Rapids.

More than one mile of the highway is within Center Point's city limits. Mayor John Stuelke said he would rather have the road remain under state ownership.

Maintenance would be costly, Stuelke said.

Washington County Engineer Bob Bauer said he has turned down similar proposals from state officials.



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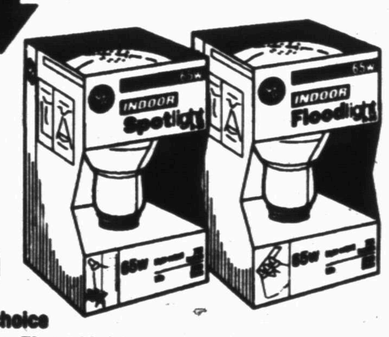
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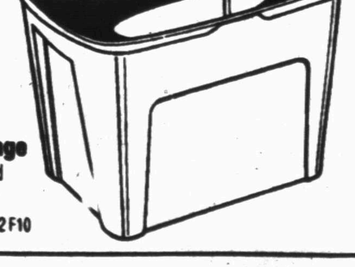
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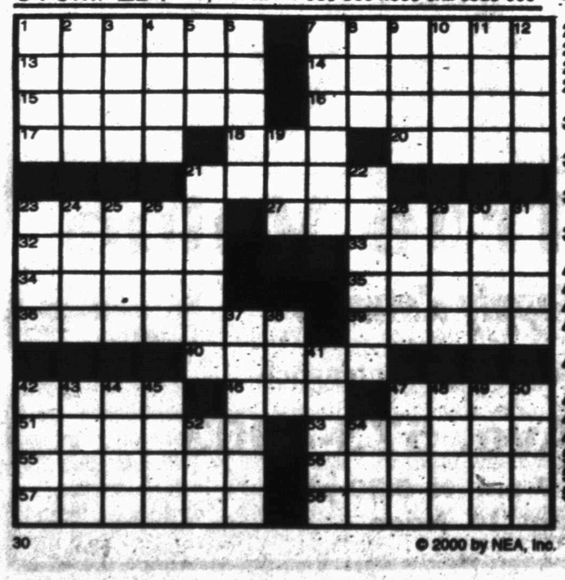
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Snyder Daily News Comics

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"HOW COME THE COOKIE JAR IS HALF AS BIG AS ME, BUT IT CAN HOLD TWICE AS MANY COOKIES?"

KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright



Senior Center Menu

Monday

Closed for New Year's Day

Tuesday

Steak fingers w/gravy, cottage fries, peas and carrots, tomato wedges, butterscotch pudding.

Wednesday

Baked ham, spinach, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, spice cake

Thursday

Oven fried chicken w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jellied citrus salad, apple orchard bars

Friday

Fried fish, boiled okra, macaroni and tomatoes, creamy slaw, pineapple flop cake.

Senior Center News

New activity: The Senior Center has scheduled a double elimination 88 Tournament at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the dining room. Seniors are asked to enter as a team. The bracket will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. and the first match played. Following rounds will scheduled at the convenience of members of the opposing teams. Everyone will meet in the dining room.

Volunteers at the Food Cupboard are in need of paper and plastic bags. These items may be brought to the center or the Food Cupboard.

Volunteers delivered 159 meals in the snow and ice.

Monday

The Scurry County Senior Center will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and daily exercise at 11. The volunteer band will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon in the conference room.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m. respectively.

Thursday

The fabric painting class meets from 9-11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the dining room at 10 a.m. The Domino Tournament begins at 10 a.m. Seniors may enter with a partner or single entries will be paired.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play 88 at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sale of Tribune cleared

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Federal regulators have cleared the way for AT&T Corp. to sell The Salt Lake Tribune to Denver-based MediaNews Group in a $200 million deal.

The Federal Trade Commission saw no antitrust conflict during its review of the sale and granted its go-ahead on Dec. 22, Howard Shapiro, an FTC spokesman, said Friday.

AT&T and MediaNews have repeatedly said they want to close the sale by the end of 2000, but Friday was the last business day of the year. By early Friday there was no indication of the deal being concluded. Phone messages left with AT&T and MediaNews executives were not immediately returned.

MediaNews, the nation's seventh-largest newspaper group, announced Dec. 1 it had agreed to buy Utah's largest newspaper for $200 million from AT&T, which acquired the Tribune when it bought Tele-Communications Inc. in 1999.

The Tribune's managers sued MediaNews and AT&T in federal court, asking for a preliminary injunction to stop the sale.

They argued that AT&T broke a buyback option agreement signed in 1997 and violated its duty to act in good faith.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



FAMILY MOVES OUT OF SIGHT, NOT OUT OF RELATIVES' MINDS

DEAR ABBY: My husband's sister is always asking us to send his parents money. She's married, their children are grown, her husband receives a pension, and they both work full time. My husband earns a good living and I am a stay-at-home mom. We have three sons, ages 11, 13 and 16. We live out-of-state and every year his parents visit us for a month. Their airline tickets and other expenses are entirely paid by us.

Our extra money goes toward the children's college education or my husband's 401(k) plan. He doesn't have a pension plan. We've been saving for years and still don't have half the tuition money we will need for our sons' college.

My husband's father also gets a pension. He and his wife both receive Social Security and own their own home. They seem to have enough money to travel other places several times a year.

We have raised our children without any support from his family. They helped his sister financially when her children were small. When the grandmother died recently, his sister got jewelry, crystal and silver. My husband got nothing.

We moved out-of-state five years ago to get away from them. His father still calls him and wants to know when we're visiting because "the chores are piling up." My husband loves his parents, but he feels used and hurt — and so do I.

I believe our first responsibility is to our children. We have told his family "no" for years, but they still want more and more from us. Any suggestions? — **FED UP IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FED UP: Yes. Just keep saying no.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 5 feet tall and weigh about 130 pounds. I'm almost 12 and don't like the way I look.

Do you know of a healthy, free diet that really works? I exercise daily and take dance classes, run, walk and ride my bike all the time. I try not to eat too much junk food, but I'm still so huge I can't stand it. Please help me. — **MARY IN HULL, MASS.**

DEAR MARY: At 11 years of age, you have not yet reached your full height, so before condemning yourself for the way you look, please take that into consideration, and be less hard on yourself. Weight isn't put on overnight, and it's not lost overnight, either.

Before embarking on any diet, you should be seen by your doctor to determine your general health and to discuss what is the proper diet and amount of exercise you should be getting. Please show this letter to your mother. It is important that she understands how much this issue means to you.

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DEAR ABBY: I was touched by the letter you printed about wedding bands of departed loved ones. We were a married couple for 47 years and never had our bands off our fingers.

When my husband was "promoted" to heaven, my daughter suggested that since I had placed his ring on his finger, I should remove it, so I did.

Life will never be the same for me, but I appreciate wearing his wedding band next to mine. No polishing or size change — just a guard inside to make it fit close to mine. — **A SAN DIEGO WIDOW**

DEAR SAN DIEGO WIDOW: Wearing an item of clothing that belonged to a departed loved one can be comforting to the wearer. It's logical that wearing a piece of jewelry would do the same. I'm sure your husband would be pleased.

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DEAR ABBY: Because of a serious illness that resulted from taking a certain medication, I recently received a settlement of more than a million dollars. I have invested most of the money, and have a cash flow sufficient to take care of emergencies and a few luxuries. I must make sure that these funds will cover medical expenses for the remainder of my life.

Ever since I received the settlement, my family (children, parents and siblings) think I'm very rich and that my money is their money, too. They constantly ask me to bail them out of one financial mess or another, or to buy them luxury items. I have helped them out of tight spots in the past, but they have always squandered their money and have never saved a dime for the future.

I go to bed each night sick to my stomach because of the guilt trips they put me through when I refuse their requests for money. They expect me to pay for everything.

Abby, am I being selfish? — **S.F. IN COLORADO**

DEAR S.F.: No, you are being prudent. Instead of giving them money, encourage your relatives to enroll in credit counseling or money-management courses offered at many colleges. Remember the adage: "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he'll eat for life." Continually bailing out family members is doing them no favor. Take care of your own needs and let them take care of theirs.

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DER ABBY: There is a girl at work I really like. She is not only physically attractive, but her interests are also similar to mine.

Recently we had lunch together. I gave her a rose and a card with a short message telling her how terrific she is. She read the card after we had our lunch, and the next day I asked her what she thought of it. She told me she "loved it," and complimented me on my spelling and grammar.

I really like her, but she recently ended a long-time relationship, and I don't want to put her on the spot. How can I find out if she likes me as more than a friend, without hurting our existing friendship? — **IN LOVE ON LONG ISLAND**

DEAR IN LOVE: She has already conveyed an important message. Since she commented only on your spelling and grammar — and not the message in the note you sent her — she's interested only in a platonic relationship.

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DEAR ABBY: I thought maybe your readers would be interested in something I thought of the other day. At one minute and one second after 1 o'clock in the morning on Jan. 1, 2001, the numbers will look like this: 01:01:01, 01/01/01. It won't happen again for 1,000 years! Pretty cool, huh? — **CHRISTY DAY, MOBILE, ALA.**

DEAR CHRISTY: Way cool, and a new beginning.

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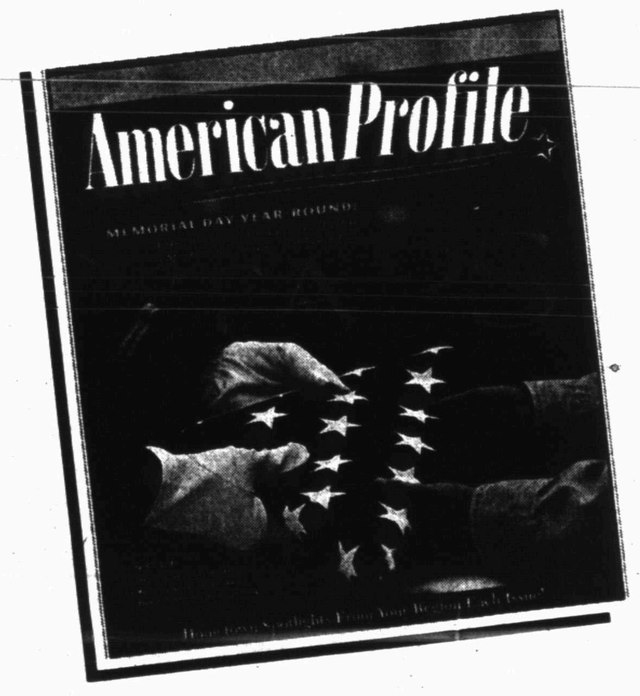
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Celebrating Hometown Life

Once-a-decade redistricting debate looms

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Mike Krusee of Williamson County has one big goal this legislative session: Ensuring his entire county is represented by one congressman and one state senator.

The county north of Austin was the state's fastest-growing in the 1990s and is home to Dell Computer Corp.

But Williamson County is represented by two U.S. House members, who also must address the interests of urban San Antonio, sheep and goat ranchers in San Angelo, and fishermen and refineries along the Gulf Coast. Two state senators share the county as well.

Community leaders believe that if the county had fewer state and federal elected representatives, they might fare better politically.

"We would at least be the most important to them," Krusee said.

He'll get his chance to make it happen in 2001. Lawmakers are taking up the arduous task of redrawing political boundaries to reflect population and political shifts. The new lines will determine legislative, congressional and board of education districts.

It's a job lawmakers tackle every decade, when new U.S. Census figures are released.

"You have to contend with 181 members of the Legislature that have their own agenda," said Republican Sen. Troy Frasier, co-chairman of the 11-member Senate Committee on Redistricting. "It's a careful balancing act."

The lawmakers will be fighting for their political futures while looking out for the interests of their constituents. Even a slight shift in a district could put a longtime Democratic lawmaker in a tight election in 2002 or force out a Republican when the election is finished.

"Everybody has to look after their own district," said Rep. Delwin Jones, a Lubbock Republican and chairman of the House Redistricting Committee. "You work for the people and each person is naturally going to protect the interest of his district."

This year, lawmakers also will outline the districts for at least two new U.S. representatives. With the state's population exceeding 20 million, second only to California, Texas stands to gain two or three members of Congress.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said the redistricting process is the most contentious, unpleasant and distracting part of the legislative session.

"Instead of considering things like water and education and taxes and environment, we will be worried about where the boundary lines are going to be," Wentworth said.

He said he will resurrect his proposal to turn over the process to a commission of citizens so politics doesn't play a role. If the Legislature approves the plan, voters also must approve it next November.

The new boundaries are expected to favor Republicans, who hold all statewide elected offices and a slim majority in the state Senate.

At least one expert said Wentworth's plan will never pass the Legislature.

Passage has as much chance as "Madonna entering a nunnery," said Jerry Polinard, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American.

"No legislator seriously wants to give up his right to draw their own lines," Polinard said.

Census figures are released in March, leaving lawmakers with two months to draw the lines before the 140-day legislative session ends in May.

The figures are expected to show a continuing trend of families moving from the cities to the suburbs — giving a boost to counties like Williamson; Collin, north of Dallas; and Montgomery, north of Houston.

House Speaker Pete Laney said inner-cities in Dallas and Harris counties could lose state representatives, while rural West Texas could lose as many as four.

"Our population increase in Texas has been a lot like where our water is," said Laney, a Democrat from Hale Center in West Texas. "Water in Texas is not located always where it's needed and that's how the population is in Texas. It's concentrated."

If lawmakers cannot devise a final redistricting plan, or if Gov. Rick Perry vetoes it, the Republican-dominated Legislative Redistricting Board could come up with its own.

No matter how the lines are drawn, at least one lawsuit is likely, say those familiar with the process. The past three redistricting plans have ended up in the courts.

On the Net:
Texas Legislative Council: http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/

Cheaper mortgage rates lift the sale of existing-homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cheaper mortgage rates encouraged Americans to snap up existing homes in November, pushing sales to the highest level in three months.

The National Association of Realtors reported Thursday that sales of previously occupied homes rose by 4.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.22 million. That was the highest level since a rate of 5.28 million in August.

"Mortgage interest rates have dropped three-quarters of a percentage point since peaking in May, which is keeping sales strong in the closing months of the year," said David Lereah, the association's chief economist.

Mortgage rates have fallen since hitting a five-year high of 8.64 percent in May. The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage in November was 7.75 percent, down from 7.80 percent in October. Last week, rates fell to a 19-month low of 7.17 percent.

The Federal Reserve's six short-term interest rate boosts between June 1999 and May of this year helped to push up mortgage rates earlier in the year. But as the economy has slowed, long-term mortgage rates have eased.

With the Fed declaring an end to its string of interest-rate increases and shifting its focus away from fighting inflation to guarding against a sluggish economy, the central bank is now positioned to cut short-term rates. Many analysts expect a rate cut in January.

The interest-rate-sensitive housing sector has been an engine of the economy. The real-estate group expects existing-home sales of 5.01 million for all of 2000, which would make it the second-strongest year on record. In 1999, existing-home sales hit an all-time high of 5.2 million.

November's increase came after sales fell by 3.1 percent in October.

Despite a decline in consumer confidence in the nation's economy and stock market volatility, sales were up in all regions of the country in November except for the South, where they fell.

In the Northeast, sales rose 10 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 660,000. In the Midwest, they increased by 8.4 percent to a rate of 1.16 million and in the West they went up by 6 percent to a rate of 1.41 million. But in the South, sales slipped 0.5 percent to a rate of 1.99 million.

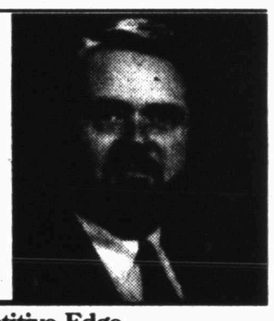
The boost in sales also lifted home prices.

The median existing-home sales price, meaning half sold for more and half for less, was $139,900 in November, up 5.0 percent from the median price for the same month a year ago.

The inventory of homes available for sale is extremely tight, analysts said. The number of homes available to sell plummeted 13.4 percent to 1.55 million.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Sharpening Your Competitive Edge

The game is changing and your competitors are getting better. This is true in business, and in life in general. Today it doesn't matter whether you work for yourself or someone else, your job security is only guaranteed if you keep your competitive edge.

During the nearly 11 years that I have been writing this column, I have presented and attended more than a thousand seminars, workshops and speeches aimed at improvement. The topics ranged from accounting to zip-code marketing. The goal was always to build skills, increase knowledge and be more productive.

Here are some of the gems I've learned and shared over the years. Some are more focused at business operations, some are more personal and some work well in both situations. I hope you get at least one good idea to use in your business or career.

Honing Your Edge

* **Do something or be something unique.** You don't have to be first to be successful, but you must be different.

McDonald's did not invent the hamburger. They were not the first to market hamburgers. Their hamburgers are not the biggest, nor — by most accounts — the best. What Ray Kroc created was a process of fast production, consistent quality and economies of scale.

Cyrus McCormick didn't build the first grain reaper, but he was the first to offer a money-back guarantee. He also was the first to offer an installment plan to pay for his harvester.

What can you do that will set your business apart? What skills and abilities can you acquire that will make you more valuable at work?

* **Don't play your competitor's game.** I can beat golf great Tiger Woods. I am certain I can beat him, but not at golf. Golf is his game; I don't play golf. I can beat him at my game.

In an era when most heavyweight champions were slow moving, heavy hitters, Muhammad Ali danced and weaved, and made himself almost impossible to hit. He was not the hardest hitter, just the hardest to hit. He scored points and kept out of range.

* **Compete with yourself first.** Too many people are focused on how they are doing compared to someone else. It's a bit of "If you're ok, I'm ok." Don't try to compete with others. Concentrate on improving areas of your own life. I have found that those who work hard to improve themselves rise to the top despite the competition.

* **If you don't love the fight, don't play the game.** One of basketball's greatest coaches, Adolph Rupp, said, "I wouldn't give one iota to make a trip from the cradle to the grave unless I could live in a competitive world."

Don't start your own business unless you love the thought of competing for customers, profits and survival. The love of the fight — the enjoyment of competition — is essential to your success. Competition improves businesses, organizations, and individuals.

* **Hit the competition head-on.** Let me illustrate this point with two little stories about some head-on hitters. John, the barber, had a beautiful, well-established business. His haircuts were excellent and he charged $10. One day a competitor moved in across the street and erected a huge sign that read "Haircuts $6." After looking at the sign for about three weeks, John erected an even larger sign that said, "We fix $6 haircuts."

Sally had just opened her dress shop when an older more established store moved into a larger and newly remodeled space just across the way. The new (old) competitor erected a big sign that said, "Mary's Ladies Fashions, Established 1955." Sally responded with the head-on approach. She put up an even larger sign that read, "Sally's Ladies Wear, No Old Merchandise."

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Public Records

Deed Records

Kathleen Mott Kaun to R. Virgil and Barbara Dorothy Mott, all of Lot 9 in Block A of the Highland Park Addition.

David L. and Sherry L. Thompson to English Land Development Inc., an 0.8-acre tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Richard Lee Holladay and Mackey Wayne Holladay, independent co-executors of the estate of Harold P. Holladay, an undivided one-half interest in the southwest one-quarter of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Hermleigh's Hermann Lodge to install officers

SAN ANTONIO — Grand Finance Committeeman Calvin Rueter of the Order of the Sons of Herman in Texas, assisted by Edwin Conrad of the laws committee, will install officers from nine Abilene area Hermann Sons lodges at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Brierstone Manor in Abilene.

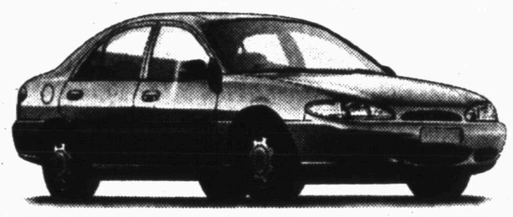
In addition, to the host lodge, Abilene Lodge No. 50, leadership teams will be installed from Lubbock Lodge No. 16, Odessa Lodge No. 28, San Angelo Lodge No. 177, Rowena Lodge No. 216, Old Glory Lodge No. 228, Haskell Lodge No. 24, Hermleigh Lodge No. 256 and Roscoe Lodge No. 257.

Two German immigrants from New York organized the first Hermann Sons Lodge (Harmonia) in San Antonio in 1861. The Grand Lodge was formed in 1890. The statewide fraternal benefit society has a current membership of almost 78,000, participating in 154 local lodges across Texas.

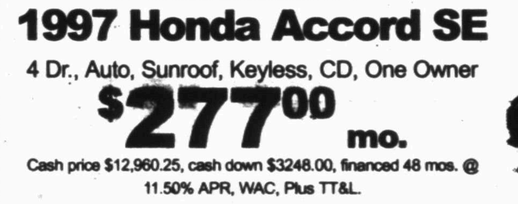
The not-for-profit fraternal life insurance company operates 34 tuition-free dance schools for its junior members age 3 through 17, two youth camps for its junior members age 9-13 and a retirement home. The youth camps and the retirement home are situated on a 330-acre tract near Comfort. Expanded camping programs for older teens, families and senior citizens are offered in the spring and fall at the order's Hilltop Camp, dedicated in July 1991.

Widely known for its volunteerism and for sponsoring Hermann's Happiness during Fiesta Week, Hermann Sons offers its members a variety of life insurance plans, annuity and IRA products plus other services.

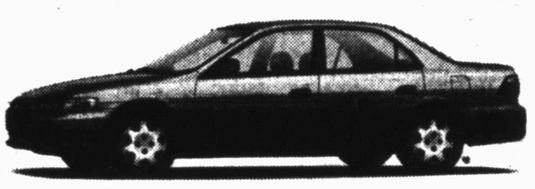
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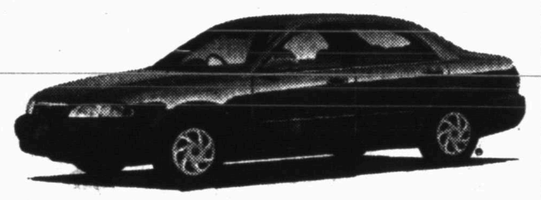
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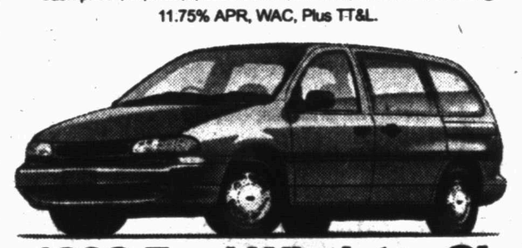
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