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Emergency staff kept busy today with disaster drill

A report of a "horrible odor" in north Snyder Tuesday morning was the preliminary cue for a morning-long disaster drill which simulated a massive gas leak north of the city of the deadly oil field gas hydrogen sulfide.

It was "only a drill," but the exercise--conducted in early morning temperatures which began below the 20 degree mark--involved a large segment of emergency-related personnel in the county.

This included members of the fire and police departments, sheriff's office, Snyder EMS Ambulance Service, Snyder Independent School District, the Red Cross, the Snyder Amateur Radio Club and some elected officials.

These individuals faced a long list of disasters before the morning exercise would come to an end, a public official's "nightmare" cooked up by fire chief Terry Don McDowell.

McDowell planned the exercise as part of his duties related to civil defense for Scurry County.

McDowell's scenario was like a string of dominoes falling, as one disaster helped spark a new incident.

From the initial discovery around 8 a.m. of two "victims" of the H2S gas leak north of the city, the drill progressed through fires, robberies, bomb threats, panic, fights and rioting.

Some elementary students at North Elementary were even brought into the act, as they simulated a large group of youngsters who had succumbed to the gas.

Between 8 a.m. and noon, emergency personnel also had to react to simulated calls indicating:

—A trailer house was on fire at Ave. E and South 37th St.

—Parents were panicing about the reports of "sick" children at the elementary, to include one

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ONLY A DRILL — As real as it looked, this was only an emergency exercise for civil defense personnel Tuesday morning at North Elementary School, where children simulated being overcome by the deadly oil field gas hydrogen sulfide. The four-hour drill ended around noon Tuesday and was conducted as part of the local emergency management plan. (SDN Staff Photo by Bob Campbell)

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Coach candidate list is narrowed, criteria specified

The list of some 52 applicants for the Snyder High School head coaching position has now been reduced to approximately 10 individuals, according to members of the school committee organized to select candidates for the post.

The second meeting of the committee was conducted Monday night with its six-members meeting in closed executive session to discuss applicants.

Tuesday morning, Superintendent Dalton Moseley said the list of applicants is now approximately 10 using criteria established during the two meetings.

Topping the stipulations for employment is experience as a head coach, Moseley said. The only exception to this will be some assistant varsity coach applicants from 5-A schools, and these are coaches from schools with winning records, he said.

In addition to a preference for applicants with head coaching experience, Mosely added they are looking for a coach with playoff experience.

Both Moseley and school board president Mike Jordan said they are very impressed with the candidates now under consideration.

In reference to the large number of applicants, Jordan noted, "We've got a good-sized school with good facilities, a good salary structure, a good competitive district and good athletes. Plus, I think they believe it's time Snyder had a winning season."

As for the "head coaching and playoff experience," Jordan noted, "We want a guy with a proven track record. Who has already been involved in building a winning program."

Both men noted the next step is to interview finalists. Moseley said he would like to schedule possibly three interviews prior to the holiday break.

The preliminary interviews will be here, he said, to allow the applicants to view the local facilities.

After this, the next step will be to interview finalists at their

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THANKS, SNB — Chamber of Commerce president Elizabeth Potts, second from left, was part of the contingent at Snyder National Bank Tuesday morning offering appreciation for the contributions the bank has made to the Snyder area. Also (from left) are SNB directors Ted Crenwelge, William Tolleson, vice president Bruce Kallemyn, Sue Mize, president Rex Robinson, Max von Roeder and Ralph Miller. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snowfall records bettered

By the Associated Press

A record snowfall across much of West Texas was followed by bitterly cold temperatures.

Early today, the temperature at Lubbock International Airport fell to 8 degrees, tying the record set in 1919. In Amarillo, the Dec. 15 record low of 4 degrees was threatened as the mercury plunged to 6 at 9:10 p.m.

Meanwhile, dense fog shrouded El Paso, dropping visibility to zero and contributing further to travel complications caused by Sunday night's record 17-inch snowfall.

The combination of clear skies, light wind and thick snow combined to cause the fog, which accompanied a temperature of zero degrees.

In Austin, blustery winds were clocked at 63 mph shortly after 10 p.m. Monday, knocking down trees, signs and power lines. Numerous power outages were reported, the National Weather Service said.

The howling Blue Norther from Canada knifed quickly into South Texas, where the wind chill made the temperature in San Antonio feel as thought it were 8 to 15 degrees overnight. North Texas had wind chill indices of zero to 10 degrees.

Symbolic takeoff planned at airport

A contingent of local citizens will be on board Wednesday for a ceremonial "first takeoff and landing" at the newly renovated Winston Field.

The event will be staged at 10 a.m. and the Snyder Chamber Gold Coats will be on hand also for a ribbon cutting ceremony at that time.

The aircraft used for the symbolic takeoff and landing will be the Beech King Air owned by the Roger Mize family. At the control will be pilot Roy Idom. His co-pilot will be Jimmy Thompson, Snyder's oldest active pilot.

Also on board will be Sam Joyce, representing the Winston family, for whom the airport is named.

Representing the Scurry County commissioners will be Tommy Pate, commissioner for Pct. 2 and the court's liaison to the airport board; and on behalf of the city, Mayor Troy Williamson.

The renovation work at the facility--totaling some $1.7 million and financed in large part through a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration--included reconstruction and extension of the main runway and reconstruction of the taxiway as well as a new runway lighting system.

Some work, to include reconstruction and paving of the parallel taxiway and T-hanger taxiways, remains and will be completed as weather permits.

WTC board opts for campus roof re-bids

Western Texas College trustees Monday night reviewed a proposed campus re-roofing project and decided to let bids in late January.

They rejected all bids in a recent meeting because the bids, ranging from $150,000 to $400,000 were too different, they said. WTC business manager Gay Hickman said after the Monday night meeting that the project is now expected to cost from $140,000 to $200,000.

Dallas roofing consultant Rodney Reubsahm delivered a slide program at the end of the 2 ½-hour meeting and said he expects three and probably four "good bids" for the contract.

Other business included the hiring of Dennis Carlton of Snyder as financial aid director to replace the retiring Jim Tully. Carlton is a WTC graduate and petroleum management and technology graduate of the University of Alabama who has worked for Chevron, SACROC, Terra Resources and Carlton Consulting.

In addition, the trustees authorized WTC president Dr. Harry Krenek to sign a contract

See COLLEGE, page 9

Days until Christmas

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We should be grateful for teenagers. They give us an opportunity to learn a second language."

James Merrell, minister at the Trinity United Methodist Church, is a regular at the weekly Lions Club meeting.

James is particularly good about inviting visitors to be his guest at the Lions luncheon. But his goodness doesn't extend to a needed warning about not accepting an invitation to speak.

Recently, a piano tuner dropped by his church just in time to accept an invitation for lunch. Everything was going exactly as planned until Lion Boss David Kattes asked the preacher to introduce his guest.

Already on his feet, Merrell's face was a dead giveaway. There was a long silence before the preacher turned to his guest and asked, "Let me have one of your business cards."

Mickey Nunley of Line and Line Oil Co. had an embarassing experience recently that revolved around lunch. Nunley had worked for weeks to gain an appointment with three important clients in Dallas.

The occasion was important and a successful luncheon engagement would mean plus business for his company. Everything went as planned, until it came time to pay.

Nunley had left his wallet in Snyder, and he had to borrow money from one of the people he was trying to impress.

With the prison fund-raising a success, a recent poll at the high school had interesting results. The high school newspaper, Tiger's Tale, asked students the question, "Did you want Snyder to get a prison?"

The response: 84 percent said yes while 16 percent responded in the negative.

As stated before, the funds came from a variety of sources. We think it's appropriate to point out that one nice donation came from students in the SHS drama department.

It really is a community project.

Tuesday

Dec. 15, 1987

Ask Us

Q. — How did Snyder juniors taking the exit-level test compare with statewide results?

A. — The passing percentage here was 90 percent for the language arts portion of the test and 80 percent for the math portion. Statewide, the passing percentage was 89 percent for language arts and 72 percent for math.

In Brief

Few waves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anthony M. Kennedy is taking a low-key approach in his quest for confirmation to the Supreme Court by stressing open-mindedness, impartiality and judicial precedent on issues ranging from abortion to capital punishment.

Kennedy, who is President Reagan's third choice for a Supreme Court seat that has been vacant for six months, returns today to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Local

Blood today

County residents have until 8 p.m. Tuesday to donate blood at the final blood drive of 1987.

The drive is being conducted at the National Guard Armory.

Several donor incentives are offered to include six food offers from Snyder restaurants, the promise of soft drinks to every fifth donor and two gift offers from drive sponsors United Blood Services of Lubbock.

Local drives are jointly sponsored by the local UBS advisory council and the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Chamber meet

The December meeting for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board is Tuesday beginning at 4 p.m. at the chamber office

Choir tonight

The will be a Christmas concert from the Snyder Junior High School Choir Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m.

The event will be in Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School.

Board session

Cogdell Hospital board of managers were to meet in executive session at 4 p.m. Tuesday. The special meeting was called to discuss a successor for administrator Cy Miller who has resigned effective Dec. 31.

School out

Ira Independent School District will dismiss classes at 2:30 p.m. Friday for the start of the Christmas vacation. Classes will resume at the regular hour on Jan. 4.

Hermleigh Independent School District will dismiss classes at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 22 and classes will begin again at 8 a.m. on Jan. 4.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 30 degrees; low, 11 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 12 degrees; no measurable precipitation; total precipitation for 1987 to date, 18.21 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear and cold with a low in the mid teens. Light and variable wind. Wednesday, sunny and warmer with a high in the upper 40s. South wind 5 to 10 mph.

MUSIC-MAKERS — David Cozart and Diane Rodriquez are bandsmen of the month for November at Snyder Junior High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texas relief agencies aiding victims affected by storm

By The Associated Press

A record-setting snow storm that blew across West Texas and the Panhandle led some to seek refuge from the inclement conditions at relief agencies and homeless shelters.

"We are offering assistance for the homeless or for people who don't have heat in their homes or food in their homes," said Salvation Army Lt. Tom O'Bryant in Amarillo.

About 20 people spent Sunday night in the Salvation Army's Red Lion Lodge when the storm that dumped 13 inches of snow on the city first hit, he said.

"We've had about 22 so far today and they're coming in steadily," O'Bryant said Monday.

Most people who sought refuge were homeless, he said, but one vacationing family found their way to the shelter when their trailer became buried in a snowdrift while they waited at a truck stop for Interstate 40 to reopen.

Although the storm left the Salvation Army working with a skeleton crew, helpers with four-wheel drive vehicles ventured out to purchase food for families trapped in their homes by the record-setting snowstorm, O'Bryant said.

Red Cross workers in Amarillo were on standby to set up emergency shelters if needed, Red Cross spokeswoman Sue Robinson said. Workers took blankets to police and fire stations as a precaution and transported one dialysis patient to an Amarillo hospital for treatment, she said.

Ms. Robinson said she feared the cold weather may prompt a spate of house fires. Low-income residents who have had electric or gas heating cut off often use unsafe methods of heating, she said.

"They use whatever they can get their hands on," Ms. Robinson said.

Bob Johnson, manager of the Door of Hope Mission in Odessa, said colder temperatures Sunday night increased the number of people who came to the facility for food and shelter.

"We had about 12 for dinner on Sunday and about 10 who stayed overnight," he said, noting that the mission still had plenty of beds available.

Red Cross workers in El Paso have found shelter for a few people whose homes lacked heat, but have not set up emergency shelters, said Sharon Dennis.

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Mesa seeks purchase

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Mesa Limited Partnership, an investment group headed by oilman T. Boone Pickens, has submitted a proposal to buy KN Energy Inc. of Lakewood, Colo. for about $160 million.

In a letter Monday to KNE's board of directors, Mesa said it wanted to buy KNE for its natural gas transmission and distribution network.

Mesa offered to buy all of KNE's 8.9 million outstanding shares for $18 a share.

In the letter, the Mesa partnership said it would keep KNE's employees and added that Mesa has no intention of liquidating or selling the company's operations.

Pickens, chairman of Mesa Petroleum Co., is known for bidding on companies, profiting from higher stock prices while they resist the bid, and then pulling out.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 16, 1987

The year ahead holds considerable promise for you both socially and materially. Maintain your lofty ideals even when things appear to be going against you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something material that you've been wanting may be acquired today. The manner in which it comes to you might be a trifle mysterious. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your influence over your peer group is much stronger at this time than you may realize. Today, you might see some signs that will substantiate this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) An important objective can be achieved today, provided you are not overly assertive or selfish. Be sure to share the benefits with people who help you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The remembrance of what a friend did for you should inspire you — perform a similarly compassionate gesture for one who needs your assistance today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you may achieve something in which you will take a great deal of personal pride, yet you might remain secretive regarding the results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be more creative than usual today. Any ideas you envision are apt to be bright ones that can be put to good use. Apply them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Two people with whom you'll be involved today may both treat you in an extremely generous manner unbeknownst to one another. Lucky you!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have a remarkable way of dealing with those you love today. They'll take to heart advice you give them that's for their own good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The results should be very gratifying today regarding a project that you feel is more of a hobby than work. However, it is tied into your vocation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have a mystique about you today that others will find charming. It will be especially noticeable at social gatherings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Material trends continue to look encouraging. There is a strong possibility that your financial base may be strengthened through peculiar circumstances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You can get your message across to associates today in a way that will be remembered — sprinkle your presentation with small touches of theatrics.

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Dear Abby

College Education Too Broad In the Minds of Upset Parents

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: You told "Upset Parent," who objected to the lack of moral supervision at college: "When a grown child goes off to college, parents cannot expect the authorities there to assume guardianship of their children's sexual behavior."

Abby, the college authorities have a responsibility to provide living quarters that are free of drugs, alcohol and a brothel atmosphere.

Every generation of college administrators has probably found enforcing dormitory rules a headache, but the current generation is the first to "turn the zoo over to the animals." Our young people are being exposed to sexual stimulation at an age when their hormones need no nudging. Why should we make it easy for them?

Look into the matter. You will be shocked by what is going on in 95 percent of our colleges. Men and women live on the same floor, share the same bathrooms and showers; they are openly sleeping together, and nobody blinks an eye!

ANOTHER UPSET PARENT

DEAR PARENT: After reading the mail this week, I feel more like Rip Van Winkle than Abigail Van Buren. I confess I was not aware that the situation is exactly as you described it in all but a very few colleges in our lovely liberal land. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I live in a university town and I frequently visit other universities as a speaker. I am usually housed in the women's dorm. There is no security. I have gone to the ladies' bathroom at midnight and found men and women showering there — together! Reputable hotels do not permit visitors who are not registered to remain overnight in rooms or hallways. A university dormitory should be run at least on the level of a reputable hotel — not a hot sheet place in the red-light district.

APPALLED, NORMAN, OKLA.

DEAR ABBY: I was barely 18 when I went away to a state university. I didn't drink, smoke or engage in sex with the men I dated. Living in a college dormitory was a new experience for me. There were no restrictions whatsoever. My roommate's boyfriend would spend the night in her bed, which was only inches from mine, so I had to find somewhere to sleep or just stay in the same room with them! I requested a change of roommates, but my new roommate was no better than the first. When I complained to the authorities again, I was told: "If you keep this up, you are going to get a reputation for being difficult!"

Years ago, college students were not allowed to have their own apartments on campus because the college authorities wanted to keep their moral standards high. Today, the students who want to keep high moral standards must move out of the college dorms and get their own apartments.

DISGUSTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR ABBY: We sent eight children to college over the last 24 years, and I have witnessed an unbelievable change in the so-called house rules. Underage drinking, partying, sex, pot and drugs have become so common and "acceptable" they are seldom cause for disciplinary action. Abby, please make some surprise inspections of some college dorms. You will be surprised.

FATHER OF EIGHT

DEAR ABBY: I agree with "Upset Parent" concerning the free and open sexuality in college dorms. I believe college authorities should take some steps to control immorality in the dorms.

First, they should eliminate coed dorms. I strongly object to your statement that "If young adults are inclined to fool around, they will find a way to do it on their lunch hour."

If young men were kept out of young ladies' quarters and vice versa, it would certainly help to correct this situation.

How did we ever get into this mess, and where will it end?

HARRISBURG PARENT

DEAR PARENT: We got into this mess when the rules were so consistently ignored they might as well not even have existed. And it will end when enough students and parents get that message to the college authorities.

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, clearly printed, plus check or money order for $2.89 ($3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (postage and handling included).

T-Bills up during latest auction

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest rates on short-term Treasury securities rose in the latest auction with six-month bills climbing to the highest level since mid-October.

The Treasury Department sold $6.4 billion in three-month bills Monday at an average discount rate of 6.0 percent, up from 5.81 percent last week. Another $6.4 billion was sold in six-month bills at an average discount rate of 6.45 percent, up from 6.42 percent last week.

The rates were the highest since three-month bills sold for 6.01 percent on Nov. 16 and six-month bills averaged 7.21 percent on Oct. 19.

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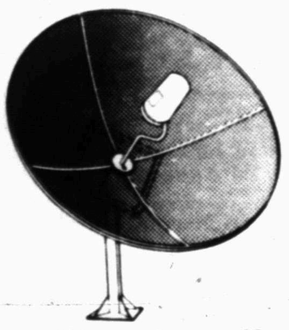

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♦ Q J 5
♣ A J 7 4

WEST
♠ 5
♥ Q 6 4 3 2
♦ 10 7 4 3 2
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ J 8 3 2
♥ K 10 8
♦ A 8
♣ 10 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 6 4
♥ 7
♦ K 9 6
♣ K Q 5

Vulnerable Neither
Dealer North

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead ♦ 3

Setting the stage

"Setting the stage" is a term familiar to playwrights. Bridge players also need to know it because successful declarer and defender play often requires stage-setting. In today's deal, declarer failed in his slam contract because he did not properly "set the stage."

Diamonds were led and continued, declarer unblocking his king and winning the second trick in dummy. He then played king and ace of spades. With the spades splitting badly, his only chance was to reduce his trump length to that of East and then wind up in the dummy to lead a suit that East would have to ruff and he would overruff. So he played to the heart ace and ruffed a heart, overtook his club king with dummy's ace to ruff another heart and then played queen and a club to the jack. If everyone followed, that would be fine, but West showed out. That meant South had to try to cash a third diamond in dummy. But East ruffed with the setting trick.

Declarer can prevail with a small dose of caution. After winning the second diamond, he should immediately play ace and ruff a heart. Then he should play ace of spades and a spade to the king in dummy. That will give him the bad news, but he will be in dummy to ruff another heart, reducing his trumps to the same length as East's. He can then play K-Q of clubs and a club to dummy's jack. Now the ace of clubs lives as declarer sheds his last diamond, and at the 12th trick he is in dummy. East must ruff, and South can overruff and make his slam.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

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

Dance lessons, country-western; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.; $2.50 per lesson; call 573-9314 or 573-3432 for more information.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC salad luncheon and game day; 11:30 a.m.; $4.50 per person; reservations by noon Monday, 573-3427.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

Sparkle City Squares; workshop; National Guard Armory; 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Sleepy Browning, caller.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 4 p.m. For more information, call Joann at 573-9839.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Snyder Coin Club; West Texas State Bank community room; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

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

Cornelius Dodson House; open to public 2:30-5 p.m.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

American Legion Post 181 Ladies Auxiliary; covered dish supper for member families; 7 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

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

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

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

PAINTINGS GIVEN — The Snyder Palette Club presented paintings to Snyder Nursing Home during its Christmas dinner meeting. Pictured from left are Helen Wadleigh, Lila Guinn and Sylvia Carpenter of the artists' club and Juanita Land, administrator at the nursing home. (SDN Staff Photo)

CWC MEETS — Snyder Christian Women's Club met Wednesday at the Snyder Country Club for a luncheon and special program. Pictured from left are Louise Russell of Abilene, speaker; Stanley Clark, local goldsmith who presented a special feature on jewelry creation and Jackie Hackfeld, soloist. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

1. Polly Ballard, Verdi Kimbro.
2. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
3. Ena Carroll, Sue Mize.

Writers meet

Scurry County Penwomen met recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bryant at Ira for a Christmas supper and poetry reading.

Members' husbands were invited guests with Bryant offering the blessing.

Poems read were "When Jesus Came," Garnet Quiett; "The Gift" and "Winter Morning," Janelle Burk; "Christmas Nostalgia" and "My Buffer" by Sherry Bryant who also read a selection entitled "Magnificat" from "Ideals."

Members will meet Jan. 18 at the home of Dorothy Cox with prose to be featured. Poems will also be read. Visitors are welcome.

VFW sets party

A Christmas party will be given for members of the VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

Ladies need to bring a woman's gift and men a man's gift not over $5 to exchange. A buffet will be served.

A children's party will be given Sunday at 3 p.m. with gifts given by Santa and refreshments served.

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Bars and caramels for holiday treats

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens Food Editor

How about a cookie with a crunchy oatmeal crust, a caramel middle and a chocolate topping? Sound good? You can have a batch of these Oatmeal Caramel Bars ready to taste in 15 minutes.

MICROWAVE OATMEAL CARAMEL BARS

1½ cups quick-cooking rolled oats
¾ cup all-purpose flour
⅜ cup packed brown sugar
¼ teaspoon baking soda
⅔ cup margarine or butter
25 vanilla caramels
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1 tablespoon milk
½ cup sliced almonds
⅓ cup miniature semisweet chocolate pieces

In a mixing bowl stir together oats, flour, brown sugar and soda; set aside. In a 1-cup glass measure cook the ⅔ cup margarine, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) 45 to 60 seconds or until melted. Stir into oat mixture.

For topper, sprinkle 1 cup of oat mixture evenly in ungreased 8- by 8- by 2-inch microwave-safe baking dish. Cook, uncovered, on high 3 to 3½ minutes or until bubbly and mixture starts to look dry, stirring after 2 minutes. Turn mixture out onto foil. Cool; crumble.

For crust, pat remaining oat mixture evenly onto bottom of same baking dish. Cook, uncovered, on 50 percent power (medium) 3 to 5 minutes or until surface appears puffy and begins to look dry, giving dish a half-turn after 2 minutes. Cool on wire rack 10 minutes.

In 1-quart microwave-safe casserole combine caramels, 2 tablespoons margarine and milk. Cook, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) 1 to 2 minutes or until caramels are softened and can be stirred smooth. Stir in almonds. Spread mixture over cooled crust. Sprinkle cooled topper over caramel mixture, pressing lightly. Sprinkle with chocolate pieces. Cook, uncovered, on high 30 to 50 seconds or until chocolate is just softened. Cool. Cut into squares. Makes 16.

SHORTCUT CAPPUCCINO CARAMELS

1 cup margarine or butter
One 16-ounce package (2¼ cups packed) brown sugar
One 14-ounce can (1¼ cups) sweetened condensed milk
1 cup light corn syrup
3 tablespoons instant coffee crystals
½ to 1 teaspoon finely shredded orange peel
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a heavy 3-quart saucepan melt margarine over low heat. Stir in brown sugar, sweetened condensed milk, corn syrup, coffee crystals and orange peel. Carefully clip candy thermometer to side of saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until thermometer registers 248 degrees F, firm-ball stage (about 15 to 20 minutes).

Remove saucepan from heat; remove candy thermometer from saucepan. Immediately stir in walnuts and vanilla. Quickly pour caramel mixture into a foil-lined and buttered 8- by 8- by 2-inch baking pan. When caramel is firm, use foil to lift out of pan. Use a buttered knife to cut candy into ¾-inch squares. Wrap each piece in clear plastic wrap. Makes about 100 ¾-inch squares, 3 pounds.

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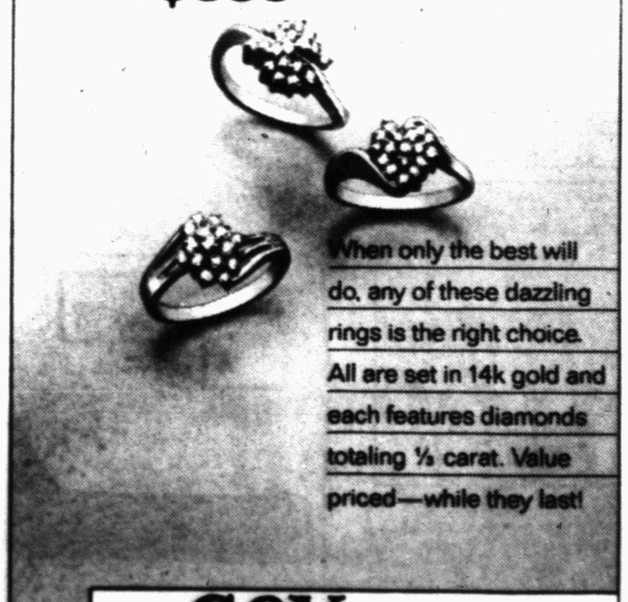
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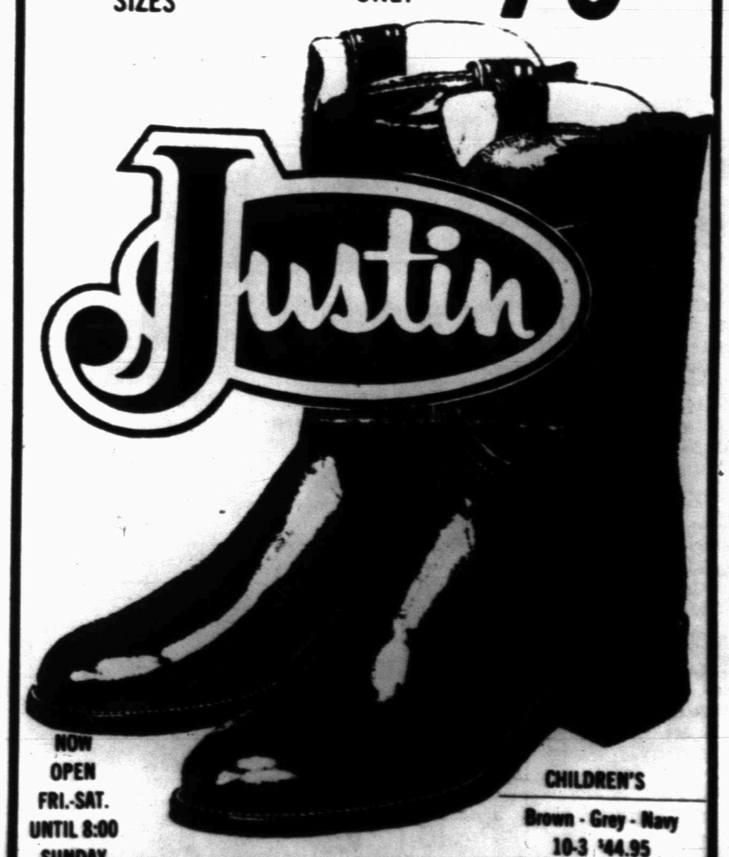

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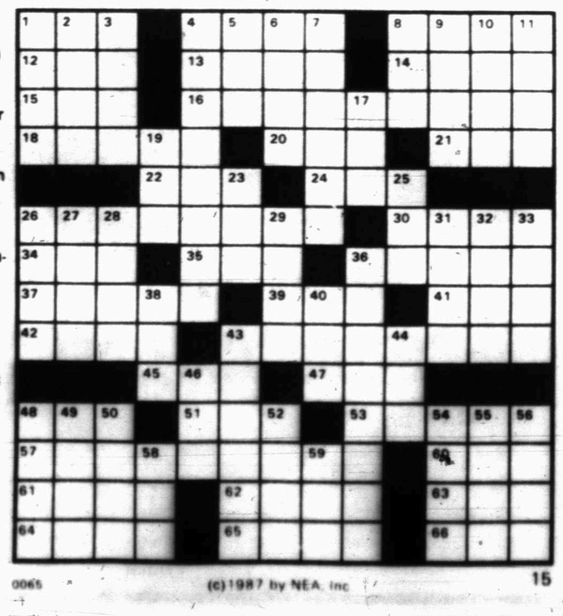

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Agent dealt with bowl-bound players

ATLANTA (AP) - Football players scheduled to play in four of the top bowl games either signed contracts or had improper dealings with Atlanta sports agent Jim Abernethy, a published report says.

Abernethy said seven football and basketball players signed contracts with him, including two who already have lost their eligibility because word of their contracts became public.

Abernethy told The Atlanta Constitution he signed Auburn senior defensive back Kevin Porter, Texas A&M senior offensive tackle Tony Bartley, A&M junior fullback Melvin Collins, Texas Christian University senior defensive back John Booty and TCU junior wide receiver Wayne Waddy.

In an interview published in today's editions of the newspaper, Abernethy said he bought information from a pro basketball scout and an employee of the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL.

He also said either he or an associate, Gary Wilson, has had improper dealings with Clemson senior defensive tackle Michael Dean Perry, younger brother of William Perry of the NFL's Chicago Bears, South Carolina senior wide receiver Sterling Sharpe and Auburn junior defensive tackle Tracy Rocker.

Those dealings could include cash payments, transportation and lavish entertainment.

"I don't have contracts on those guys," Abernathy said. "But based on (NCAA) rules, Perry shouldn't have been eligible this season."

Porter is to start for Auburn in the Sugar Bowl, Bartley for A&M in the Cotton Bowl, Perry for Clemson in the Citrus Bowl and Sharpe for South Carolina in the Gator Bowl.

Football players Riccardo Ingram of Georgia Tech and Tony Jeffery of Texas Christian both lost their eligibility last month for signing with Abernethy. It is a violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules to sign with a sports agent before a college athlete's eligibility has expired.

He also said he has signed two Memphis State basketball starters, junior center Marvin Alexander and sophomore forward Sylvester Gray. Both were suspended by the school Monday.

Abernethy said he signed most of the players to contracts during the summer. He said they called for signing bonuses and monthly payments ranging from $300 to $1,100.

In addition, there were performance bonsues, for such things as interceptions and scoring touchdowns.

"A selling point to these players was, 'Listen, not only do you get this, but also at Thanksgiving we're going to help take care of your family, so you can have a great Thanksgiving. It would be $750 for Thanksgiving and $1,000 for Christmas," Abernethy said, adding that often got athletes to sign.

Abernethy said he decided to discuss his activities because of a recent "religious experience," ongoing investigations and the "hypocrisy" of the NCAA and major college sports.

"It's just time to get the whole story out. What's going on in the sports world is unbelievable. The cash, the drugs, the lifestyle.

"I wanted to be a leader in the (sports agent) industry. Maybe this will have an impact. I know it's going to affect some players. But these guys all knew what they were doing, every one of them. I mean, they'd sit there and bid and dicker with me."

Abernethy said he stopped making the payments in November, partly because of the growing probes by the NCAA and a Chicago federal prosecutor into agents' dealings with college athletes.

The Constitution said most of the players named by Abernethy were instructed by their schools not to discuss the issue with a reporter.

Texas A&M Athletic Director Jackie Sherrill said he is investigating the allegations, but said Bartley and Collins denied signing a contract or accepting cash from Abernethy. He said Bartley and Collins would not be allowed to comment.

Auburn, TCU and Memphis State said their athletes were unavailable for comment. Windegger said he would question Booty and Waddy.

Rice ties records as 49ers rip Bears

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers tied two NFL records when he caught three touchdown passes in Monday's 41-0 rout of the Chicago Bears.

Rice caught a TD pass in his 11th consecutive regular-season game, tying the league record, when he grabbed a 1-yard pass from backup quarterback Steve Young in the first quarter.

He also caught a 16-yarder from Young 4:58 into the third period, making a diving catch in the end zone for his second touchdown of the night, and grabbed a 2-yarder from Young 15 seconds into the final period to tie Mark Clayton's NFL season record of 18 TD catches.

Clayton caught 18 touchdowns in 15 games with Miami in 1984.

Tigers open 2-4A; ladies on the road

Coach Larry Scott's Snyder Tigers open District 2-4A play here tonight against a team that has already beaten the home team once this season.

"We're going to have to play a whole lot better than we did," said Coach Scott of Snyder's 85-65 loss to Fort Stockton in the Levelland Tournament. "They are for real. They've got good size, good quickness and good shooters. They'll probably press full court for the whole 32 minutes."

In other 2-4A play tonight, Snyder girls travel to Fort Stockton. Both varsity games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. starts. Junior varsity contests begin at 6 p.m.

In non-league play this evening, Snyder freshmen girls entertain Trent at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Snyder sophomore boys host Hermleigh in the gym at 8 p.m.

Scott said the Tigers would like to prove they are better than the team that lost by 20 points to the Panthers, but noted that revenge is only secondary.

"First, we're going out to win the game because it's a district ballgame. That's the most important thing," he said. "You can say revenge or whatever, but the fact that it is a district game is important enough."

Snyder boys are 7-5 for the season. Snyder ladies are 7-3 overall and 2-0 in district competition.

Coaches get chance to alter tie-breaker

DALLAS (AP) - High school coaches across Texas will be surveyed next spring concerning their feelings on the controversial tie-breakers used when football playoff games end in ties.

The Texas High School Coaches Association voted Sunday at its winter meeting to conduct the survey. Changes will be proposed if most coaches are against the system, the association said.

Under the current system, playoff games that end with the score tied are decided by the number of penetrations inside the opponents' 20-yard line. If that category is tied, the number of first downs becomes the deciding factor, then total yardage. If a tie remains, a coin flip decides which team advances.

Some coaches have argued that the present system works in favor of a team that grinds out long drives, in which they get several first downs, and against teams that feature potent runners who frequently break for long runs that produce touchdown drives with fewer first downs.

If the survey shows coaches are displeased with the present system, new proposals will be presented to the University Interscholastic League in the spring. The UIL executive committee could accept the proposal, refuse it or put it to a vote in a referendum among the state's school superintendents.

Texas is the only state that does not decide ties on the field.

The most popular tie-breaking system used by other states is the so-called "Kansas Plan." Under those rules, the ball is placed at the 10-yard line and each team has four chances to score.

Other tie-breaking ideas are sudden death, putting the ball at the 25 or midfield and giving each team four plays. The team that gains the most yardage in four plays wins the game.

Pelluer could start against Los Angeles

IRVING, Texas (AP) - With the Dallas Cowboys assured seats by their television sets during the NFL playoffs for the second consecutive year, Steve Pelluer is expected to get another shot at proving he's the quarterback of the future.

Pelluer, nursing a sore knee, watched from the sidelines on Sunday as the Cowboys lost to Washington 24-20 despite Danny White's record-book passing performance.

The loss eliminated the Cowboys' playoff chances with two games still to play, at Los Angeles, Monday night Dec. 21, and at home against St. Louis Dec. 27.

If Pelluer is healthy, Dallas Coach Tom Landry said he will likely start against the Rams.

"Danny White has been playing well but we have to give Steve his chance to play the rest of the way," Landry said.

Dallas is 1-9 in games where Pelluer, a fourth-year player from Washington, is the starting quarterback.

"We need to let Steve show us what he can do," Landry said.

Pelluer was 1-7 as a starter last year after White suffered a broken wrist.

Pelluer was the starting quarterback in losses to Miami and Atlanta at Texas Stadium. Pelluer suffered a swollen knee against Atlanta and didn't practice last week.

Sunday's loss to Washington was the 14th for Dallas in the last 18 games. Dallas hasn't won a game in December since 1985.

White set a team record and tied another. His two touchdown passes broke Roger Staubach's career touchdown record of 153.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	6	0	.538	256	275
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	256	225
Miami	7	6	0	.538	329	290
New England	6	7	0	.462	283	276
N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	300	302
Central						
Cleveland	8	5	0	.615	347	209
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	256	256
Houston	7	6	0	.538	300	316
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	244	308
West						
Denver	8	4	1	.654	335	271
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	246	273
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	317	252
L.A. Raiders	5	8	0	.385	281	259
Kansas City	3	10	0	.231	215	348

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Washington	10	3	0	.769	331	238
St. Louis	6	7	0	.462	315	333
Dallas	5	8	0	.385	290	311
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	282	346
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	240	295
Central						
x-Chicago	10	3	0	.769	329	245
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	295	294
Green Bay	5	7	1	.423	221	247
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	266	305
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	225	354
West						
y-San Francisc	11	2	0	.846	376	246
y-New Orleans	10	3	0	.769	348	235
L.A. Rams	6	7	0	.462	296	284
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	185	371

x-clinched division title
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Sunday's Games

Buffalo 27, Indianapolis 3
Cleveland 38, Cincinnati 24
Washington 24, Dallas 20
New Orleans 24, Houston 10
Miami 28, Philadelphia 10
Green Bay 16, Minnesota 10
New England 42, New York Jets 20
Kansas City 16, Los Angeles Raiders 10
St. Louis 27, New York Giants 24
Pittsburgh 20, San Diego 16
Detroit 20, Tampa Bay 10
Los Angeles Rams 33, Atlanta 0
Seattle 28, Denver 21

Monday's Game

San Francisco 41, Chicago 0

Saturday, Dec. 19

Green Bay at New York Giants
Kansas City at Denver

Sunday, Dec. 20

Minnesota at Detroit
New England at Buffalo
New Orleans at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at New York Jets
Pittsburgh at Houston
Seattle at Chicago
Atlanta at San Francisco
St. Louis at Tampa Bay
Indianapolis at San Diego
Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders
Washington at Miami

Monday, Dec. 21

Dallas at Los Angeles Rams

Cage top 20

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, records through Dec. 13 and last week's ranking

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Kentucky (41)	4-0	1224	1
2 Arizona (19)	7-0	1168	4
3 Pittsburgh (3)	4-0	1118	2
4 North Carolina	5-1	980	5
5 Indiana	5-1	916	6
6 Wyoming	4-0	874	7
7 Iowa	6-1	802	3
8 Temple	4-0	775	11
9 Syracuse	6-2	737	8
10 Duke	4-0	685	10
11 Florida	5-1	650	12
12 Purdue	6-1	569	13
13 Michigan	7-1	508	15
14 Oklahoma	6-0	475	16
15 Nev. Las Vegas	5-0	341	17
16 Missouri	3-1	299	9
17 Kansas	6-2	250	18
18 Georgetown	4-1	233	14
19 Memphis St.	3-1	198	20
20 Iowa St.	7-1	57	

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	11	8	.579	
Philadelphia	8	8	.500	1½
New York	6	13	.316	5
Washington	6	13	.316	5
New Jersey	2	15	.118	8
Central Division				
Detroit	13	5	.722	—
Chicago	14	6	.700	—
Atlanta	13	6	.684	½
Indiana	11	8	.579	2½
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	2½
Cleveland	7	11	.389	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	12	5	.706	
Denver	12	7	.632	1
Houston	11	8	.579	2
Utah	11	9	.550	2½
San Antonio	9	8	.529	3
Sacramento	4	15	.211	9
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	13	6	.684	
Portland	12	8	.600	1½
Seattle	10	10	.500	3½
Phoenix	7	10	.412	5
L.A. Clippers	7	11	.389	5½
Golden State	3	15	.167	9½

Monday's Game

Utah 116, Seattle 95

Tuesday's Games

San Antonio at New Jersey
Milwaukee at New York
Boston at Washington
Indiana at Atlanta
Dallas at Cleveland
Chicago at Detroit
Phoenix at Los Angeles Lakers
Los Angeles Clippers at Sacramento
Seattle at Portland

SWC basketball...

SMU posts victory

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Eric Longino led a high-scoring guard court with 21 points as Southern Methodist University defeated winless South Florida, 87-66.

It was the only college basketball game Monday night involving a Southwest Conference team. In the only game involving a SWC team tonight, Alcorn State visits Arkansas.

Guards Kato Armstrong and Todd Alexander added 16 and 13 points for the Mustangs, 6-1. Forward Carlton McKinney scored 11. Glenn Puddy grabbed 10 rebounds.

Senior Darrell Coleman scored 21 points and had a career-high 18 rebounds for South Florida, 0-5. Hakim Shahid scored 20 points and freshman Tony Armstrong had 10.

South Florida built an 11-6 lead, and SMU didn't catch up until midway through the first half. The Mustangs led 42-33 at halftime and played mostly reserves in the second half.

Southern Methodist was outrebounded 39-33 but shot 57 percent from the field. Longino hit 10 of 14 shots and Armstrong made seven of nine.

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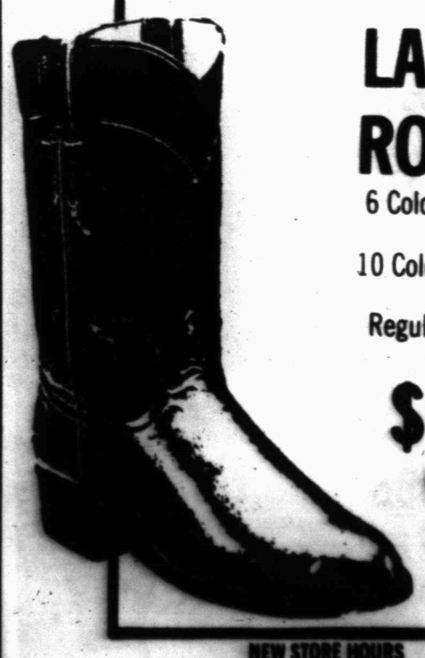
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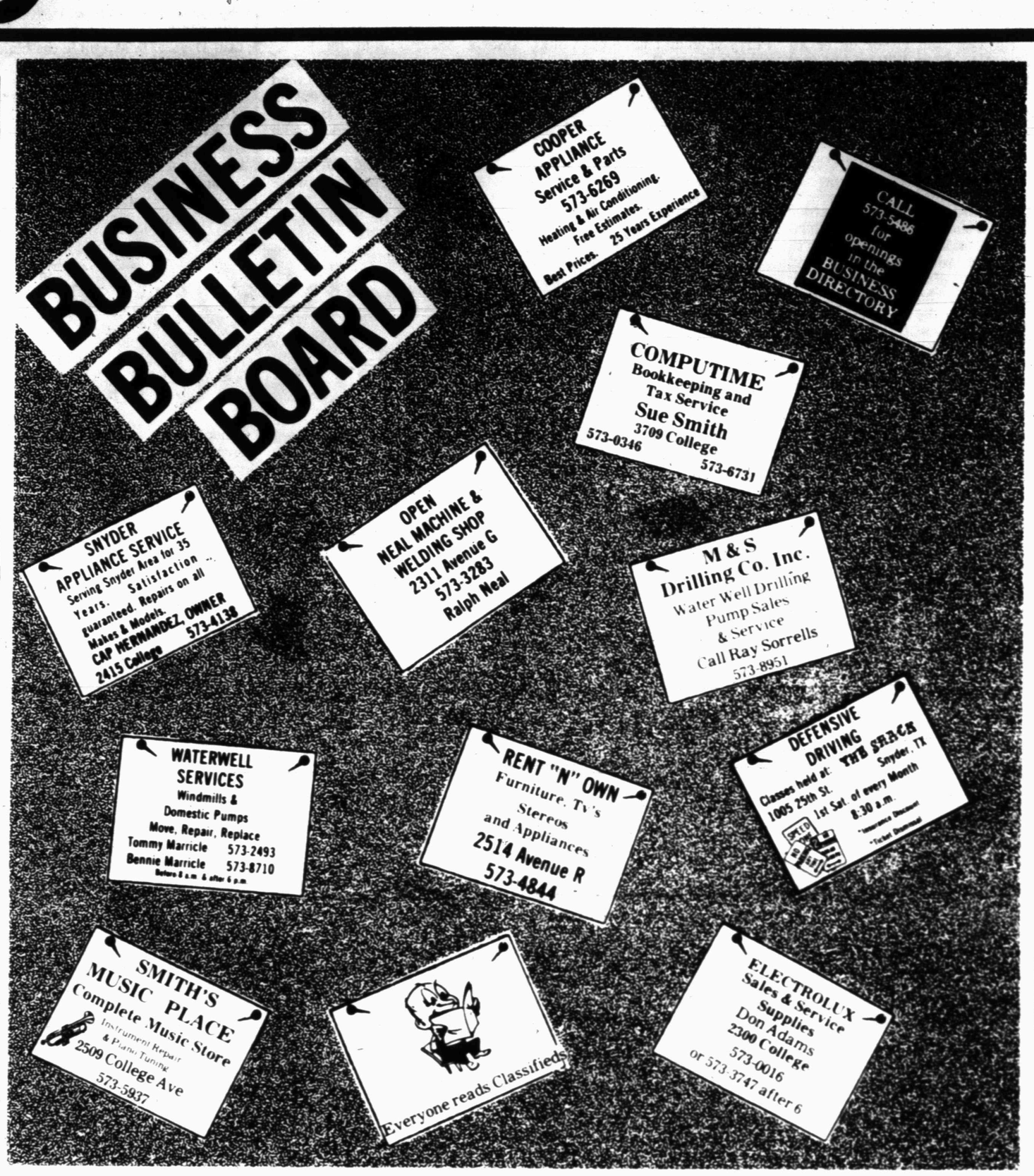

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High court divided on abortion case

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court awaiting its ninth member showed how closely divided it remains over some politically charged issues by voting 4-4 to strike down an Illinois abortion law.

The even vote, announced Monday in a decision unaccompanied by a written opinion, upheld a ruling that the Illinois law impermissibly interfered with the abortion rights of some teen-agers.

The law required some girls under 18 who seek abortions to wait 24 hours to have the operation after telling their parents or a judge about their decision.

About a dozen states have laws requiring some form of parental notification for minors seeking abortions but lower courts have ruled that most of those state laws are unenforceable.

The high court's even vote raises the possibility that it could reconsider the issue with nine members participating — underscoring the importance of President Reagan's attempt to fill the court's ninth seat.

Senate confirmation hearings are under way for Anthony M. Kennedy, the third person named by Reagan to fill the vacancy created when Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. retired last June.

Conservative and liberal interest groups agree that Kennedy, if confirmed, could cast the decisive vote in numerous future abortion-regulation cases.

The Illinois law, enacted by the state General Assembly over Gov. James R. Thompson's veto, required unmarried that girls under 18 and still financially dependent on their parents notify both parents 24 hours before having an abortion.

The law allowed a girl to avoid notifying her parents if she could prove to a state judge that she was mature enough and well-informed enough to make the decision on her own and that notifying her parents would not be in her best interest.

Doctors who failed to comply with the law's requirement faced criminal prosecution.

A federal appeals court ruled that the 24-hour waiting period is an impermissible infringement on the right to have an abortion, established by a landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision.

The appeals court also said the Illinois law provision for parental notification or judicial permission could not be enforced because it did not ensure confidentiality and anonymity for girls who appeal when a judge denies permission for an abortion.

A 1981 Supreme Court decision allows states to impose parental-notification requirements for "immature" girls still dependent on their parents. In that ruling, the justices said girls may avoid notifying their parents by obtaining a judge's permission instead.

The court did not specify which four members had voted to strike down the Illinois law, but Justices Harry A. Blackmun, William J. Brennan, Thurgood Marshall and John Paul Stevens have been hesitant to condone many state attempts to regulate abortions.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Byron R. White dissented from the 1973 decision that legalized abortion, and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has criticized that decision.

Justice Antonin Scalia had not participated in any previous abortion ruling.

In other decisions, the court:

—Made it easier, by a 6-2 vote in a case involving three Virginia miners, for coal mining companies to block the award of "black lung" disease disability benefits to miners.

—Ruled unanimously that labor disputes settled informally by the National Labor Relations Board's chief lawyer may not be appealed in federal court.

Nevada may be singled out for further study

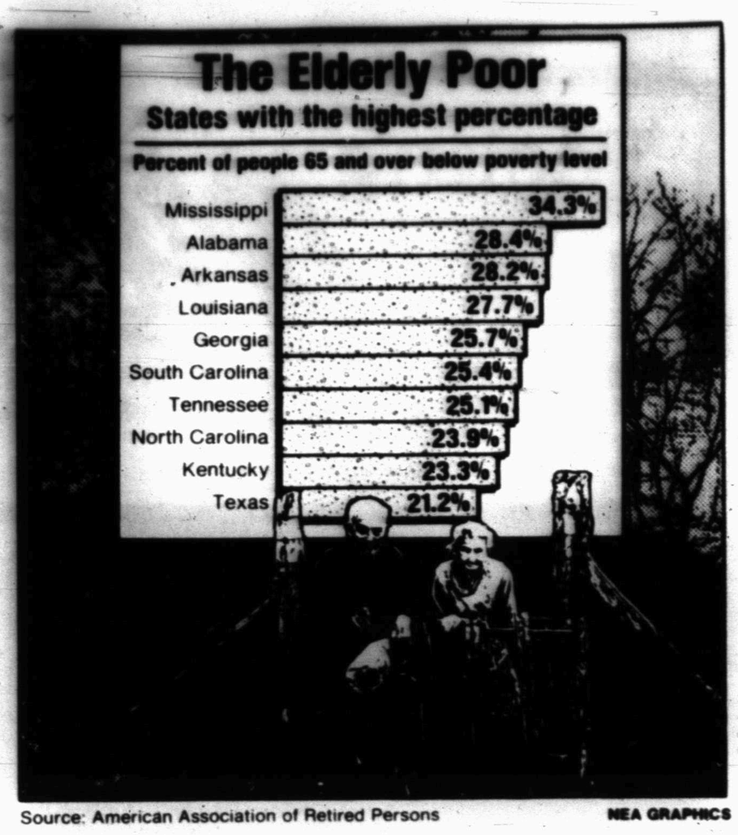
WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of a proposal to single out Yucca Mountain, Nev., for study as the site of the nation's first high-level radioactive waste dump say the plan could save the government $3.9 billion.

The proposal to narrow a list of three potential sites down to one was broached monday as congressional negotiators began work on a budget reconciliation act that would overhaul the Department of Energy's underground repository site selection program.

A provision pending before the conference committee already tilted in favor of the Nevada site over two others, in Washington state and western Texas, but did not identify it by name.

The proposal by House negotiators to single out the Nevada site by name resulted, as one of them put it, from an effort to "quit horsing around."

Last month, the Senate voted to scrap a 1982 compromise which called for building two permanent nuclear waste repositories, one in the West and one in the East. Instead, it would restructure the waste disposal system around a single repository to be completed shortly after the turn of the century.



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Plea on fraud charges to cost Chrysler millions

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chrysler Motors Corp.'s no contest plea to fraud and conspiracy charges in the disconnection of odometers on thousands of cars will cost the company at least $26 million, officials said.

Chief U.S. District Judge John F. Nangle accepted the plea Monday under which charges were dropped against two Chrysler executives.

While Chrysler admitted no criminal wrongdoing, Chairman Lee Iacocca has apologized for the odometer disconnections, which were made while company executives test-drove new cars before the vehicles were shipped to dealers.

"We're sorry for a stupid program," Leroy C. Richie, vice president and general counsel for Chrysler Motors, the automotive subsidiary of Chrysler Corp., said Monday.

Nangle accepted the plea after the automaker agreed to pay at least $500 each to the current owners of the cars. Officials said about 32,750 car owners have been identified, and would get checks in about three months.

Chrysler also will set up a $16.375 million fund to pay the owners in an effort to settle civil lawsuits filed around the country. The government contends that the final number of car owners affected will be much higher than 32,750, in which case Chrysler will have to add to the fund.

Chrysler previously announced that it would increase warranty coverage for the cars involved, at a cost of more than $9 million.

Missouri Attorney General William L. Webster called it a landmark civil settlement that had been agreed to by attorneys general from 43 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

"We think it is a fair result," Webster said.

Nangle scheduled sentencing on the criminal charges for Feb. 19. He said that Chrysler and federal prosecutors disagreed as to what the maximum fine should be, and that it could range from $1 million to $120 million.

As part of the plea bargain, charges against Allen F. Scudder and Frank J. O'Reilly, two company executives, were dismissed. Scudder formerly was a manager at Chrysler's plant in Fenton. O'Reilly is a top Chrysler executive in Canada.

"The judge will have to decide on the criminality of the case," Iacocca said Monday in Detroit. "We thought we did nothing wrong, and I think that will be resolved shortly.

"We've dealt with the attorneys general in the various states who have a stake in this, and we think we've worked out a reasonable settlement. We think that's the thing to do."

The indictment handed up June 24 by a federal grand jury here accused Chrysler of defrauding dealers and consumers by disconnecting odometers on new cars used by company department heads since 1949.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James K. Steitz said 44 of the cars had been involved in accidents and had been repaired without consumers being told. Chrysler has offered those owners 1988 replacement cars.

Nangle said he would preside over some 13 class-action suits that have been filed around the country against Chrysler over the odometer disconnections.

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HERMLEIGH- 96A, assume VA.
2708 48TH- new carpet, redone, 4-2-2, brick, $70's.
2210 44TH- close school, mid 50's.
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NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	33	32	32¾
Ameritech s	87¼	86	87¼
AMI Inc	13¾	13	13⅝
AmStand	34⅞	34½	34¾
Amer T&T	28⅝	28⅜	28½
Amoco	65¾	64½	65⅛
ArthcoInc	11⅜	11	11⅛
AtlRichfld	65⅞	65¼	65¾
BakerHugh n	13	12¾	12⅞
BancTexas n	1⅜	1¼	1⅜
BellAtlan	68	66¾	67¾
BellSouth s	38⅝	37⅝	38⅛
Beth Steel	17⅝	17⅛	17½
Borden	49¼	48¾	49
Caterpllr	61⅜	60½	61¼
Centel s	35	34½	34⅞
Chevron	39	38⅝	38⅞
Chrysler s	22⅜	22⅛	22⅝
Coastal s	26⅜	25¾	25⅞
CocaCola	40⅝	39⅝	40⅝
Colemán	31⅛	30½	30⅞
Colg Palm	37½	37⅛	37½
DeltaAirl	37⅝	37	37¼
DigitalEq	130	127½	129⅝
DowChem	88¼	87¼	88⅛
DressrInd	23⅝	23¼	23⅜
duPont	85⅞	83½	85⅞
EstKodak s	50	49	49⅝
Enserch	17½	17	17⅛
EntexInc	19⅛	18¾	19⅛
Exxon s	40¼	39½	39⅞
Firestone	30⅝	29⅝	30⅛
FtBcpTex	⅝	11-32	⅝
FstRepubbk	3⅞	3⅝	3¾
FlowerInd s	18¼	17⅝	18
FordMotr	76⅝	75¾	75⅞
GAF Cp	44⅞	44¼	44⅝
GTE Corp s	37½	36⅞	37¼
GnDynam	47⅝	47	47⅛
GenElct s	46	45¼	46
GenMills	47	45¾	47
Gen Motors	61⅞	60⅝	61⅝
GnMotr E	36	35⅛	35¼
Goodrich	36½	35¼	36¼
Goodyear	56⅛	55	55⅞
GtAtlPac	35⅛	34¼	35⅛
Gulf StaUt	5⅝	5⅛	5⅝
Haliburtn	24⅛	23¾	24
HolidayCp n	20⅛	20¼	20⅜
HollyFarm s	25⅜	24⅞	24⅞
HoustInd	30¼	29⅞	30
IBM	117	115¼	116⅝
IntlPaper s	44	43½	43⅞
JohnsJn	80	79¼	79⅞
K mart s	29⅛	28⅝	28¾
Kroger s	25¼	24⅝	25
vjLTV Cp	2½	2⅜	2⅜
Litton Ind	71⅛	70⅜	70⅞
LoneSta Ind	20¾	20⅜	20¾
Lowes	17½	17	17⅜
Lubys	24	23⅜	23⅞
MCorp	2⅜	2⅜	2⅜
Maxus n	7⅛	6⅝	6⅞
MayDSt	27⅞	27	27½
Medtronic	87½	85¾	87½
Mobil	37⅞	37¼	37⅜
Monsanto	78¾	77½	78¾
Motorola	49½	48¼	48⅞
Navistar	4⅝	4⅛	4⅝
Nynex	65⅛	64⅝	65⅛
PacTel s	28	27½	27¾
PenneyJC s	46⅝	45¼	46¼
Phelps Dod	46⅛	45⅝	45¾
PhilipPet	10½	10¼	10⅜
Polaroid s	22½	22	22⅜
Primerica s	22⅝	21⅞	22⅛
ProctGamb	86⅝	86	86¾
PubS NwMx	21⅛	20⅞	21⅛
Sabine	10⅝	10¼	10⅝
SFeSouPac	47⅛	46¼	47⅛
SearsRoeb	34⅞	34	34½
SherwinWm	26	25	25⅝
Singer Co	51⅞	51⅜	51⅜
Southern Co	22	21⅞	22
Southland	66⅞	66½	66⅞
SwstBell s	35	34½	34⅝
SunComp	50⅞	50⅜	50⅞
TNP Ent	17⅞	17⅝	17⅞
Tandy	34⅝	33½	34⅜
TempInld s	47⅝	46¼	47⅝
Tenneco	42⅛	41⅛	41⅞
vjTexaco	36	35⅛	35¼
TexAmBnch	3⅜	3⅛	3⅛
TexEastn	22⅝	22½	22⅝
TexasInst s	49⅛	48½	48⅝
Tex Util	26⅝	26	26½
Textron s	20½	20	20¼
Tyler	11	10⅝	11
USX Corp	31¼	31	31¼
UnCarbde	21⅝	21⅜	21½
UnPacCp	51⅝	51¼	51⅝
US West	50¼	49⅝	50
UniTel	25⅝	25	25¼
Unocal	26	25½	25⅝
WalMart s	25⅝	24⅝	25¼
WestghEl	49⅝	49	49⅝
Xerox Cp	57⅞	57	57⅝
ZenithE	14½	14¼	14¼

Reagan speaks for arms control

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan is assuring Congress and the NATO allies he will not enter another arms control agreement with Moscow before correcting the Soviets' advantage in ground forces and chemical weapons.

But in a speech Monday, the president did not say whether he would try to build up to Soviet levels or negotiate Soviet reductions.

A former U.S. negotiator, meanwhile, urged Reagan to seize the momentum of the treaty signed last week to ban intermediate-range nuclear missiles to work out a deal constraining the "Star Wars" program in exchange for deep cuts in long-range nuclear weapons.

"Some understanding must be reached on strategic defense," Gerard Smith said in a speech to the Arms Control Association, a private research group of which he is board chairman.

The new treaty signed last Tuesday by Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev requires the approval of two-thirds of the Senate. The last three U.S.-Soviet arms control accords were not ratified. Several Republican conservatives are lining up to vote against the so-called INF accord.

The president acknowledged that some people here and in Western Europe are anxious about the scrapping of U.S. medium-range missiles in Britain, Belgium, Italy and West Germany.

But Reagan predicted the Senate ratification hearings on the treaty would lay their concerns to rest.

In a speech at a 25th anniversary gathering of the private Center for Strategic and International Studies, Reagan said he would assign "high priority to redressing, again through negotiations and our own force modernization, the imbalance of chemical weapons, which again favors the Soviet Union."

Now, he said, the United States and its allies "will soon go forward to negotiate with the East on redressing the balance of conventional forces in Europe, while of course taking the steps we need to strenghten our own conventional forces."

Reagan's national security adviser, Lt. Gen. Colin L. Powell, also sought to reassure Europeans that the nuclear treaty would not prohibit modernization of conventional forces.

"There is nothing in the INF treaty that would restrict our ability to make this a modern force," Powell said on the U.S. Information Agency television program Worldnet.

The Warsaw Pact nations have numerical advantages in tanks, anti-tank weapons, surface-to-air missiles and bombers. Both the Warsaw Pact and NATO have about 2.4 million active troops and about 4.4 million reserves.

Smith, meanwhile, chided the administration for taking a "we-won" attitude on Star Wars after the summit, saying Reagan and Gorbachev had sidestepped the issue.

Reagan said last Friday the Soviets had dropped their demands to curb Star Wars, formally known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, and the program was no longer an impediment to an agreement to cut strategic arms in half.

Smith was chief U.S. negotiator of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which imposed restraints on U.S. and Soviet defenses as a way of discouraging nuclear aggression.

His position is that the ABM treaty prohibits many of the tests planned by the administration as a forerunner to deploying a defense in space against Soviet missiles.

Smith said it was unrealistic to expect a treaty by next spring to reduce long-range missiles, bombers and submarines. But he said chances would be improved if the United States made concessions on Star Wars.

FFA OFFICERS--Hermleigh Future Farmers of America officers are from left, standing: Ben Smith, president; Rodney Foster, vice president; Daniel Ramey, secretary; and Billy Joe Gannaway, treasurer; seated: Felix Martinez, representative; April Blair, sentinel; and Andrea Smith, sweetheart. (SDN Staff Photo)

Disaster drill conducted here

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"crazy man" who had threatened to shoot the principal if the school was not immediately evacuated.

—The emergency room at Cogdell Memorial was "full" and could handle no more patients.

—A truckload of cattle had overturned on U.S. Hwy. 84.

—A tank battery was on fire at Lake Thomas.

—Looters were being reported in the North Elementary area.

—A fight had broken out on the fourth floor of the courthouse involving 15-20 persons.

—A robbery had occurred at a local convenience store.

—A report had been received that a bomb had been planted at the local evacuation center and was scheduled to go off at 11:30 a.m.

College board oks TDC contract

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with the Texas Department of Corrections to offer training for TDC employees on campus and to provide academic and vocational training for TDC inmates at the penitentiary unit northeast of Snyder.

They approved low bids of $24,696 from York International Corp. of Dallas to over-haul the campus's auxiliary air-conditioning unit; $19,043 from Wilson Motors for a 15-passenger van to transport the women's basketball team; and $13,759 from Mal Donelson Chevrolet for an eight-passenger van.

Coach criteria cuts applicants

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home school. "We'll do some traveling, but this will probably be only three to five candidates," Moseley said.

The goal of the committee is to have a final recommendation for the school board by its Feb. 9 meeting.

At this stage, Moseley noted the question is "still open" whether to combine or leave separate the two positions of head coach and athletic director.

Even if the two posts are combined, the staffer hired will be required to teach at least one class, Moseley said.

Other members of the search committee include Dr. Tom Scannicchio, assistant superintendent for curriculum, Ray Courtney, SHS principal, and school board members Luann Burleson and Billy Bob McMullan.

HERMLEIGH HONOREES--Hermleigh's junior high football sweetheart and hero are from left, standing: Sherri Sandefur, sweetheart; and Billy Breitweiser, hero. Attendants seated in front are: Chip Collier, Rebecca Ramey and Jeremiah Wilkerson. Cayla Nichols is not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)

DWI charged

A 49-year-old woman was arrested for DWI at 1:22 p.m. Monday in the 1200 Block of 24th St.

Local realtors attend conference

A member of the Snyder Board of Realtors attended the Board Officers Leadership Conference of the Texas Association of Realtors (TAR) in Austin, Dec. 9-11. Attending from Snyder was Leonora Boydstun with Jack & Jack Realtors.

Real estate executives from 123 boards around the state participated in the annual orientation. The conference gives board officers the opportunity to plan for the new year and attend education sessions on board administration and management.

Break-in noted

A burglary was reported Monday at A-1 Air Conditioning at 712 College Ave. in which three cans of spray paint were stolen.

Police said entry was apparently gained through a west side door from which a padlock had been pried.

Petroleum prices

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

	Mon.	Fri.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	.5450	.5630
Gasoline reg. NY hbr bg gl fob	.4835	.4905
Gasoline unleaded NY hbr bg gl fb	.4575	.4755
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light	15.70	16.50
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	16.70	17.75
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	17.45	18.30
Alaska No. Slope del. US Gulf Cost	15.45	16.30

Obituaries

Seabourn Eicke

Services for Seabourn Eicke, 59, of Snyder are set for 2:30 p.m. Thursday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

A life-long resident of Scurry County, Eicke died Monday evening at his home. He was born Oct. 12, 1928 in Snyder.

He was a farmer and a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ. A pilot, he was also a member of the Scurry County Airport Board.

He married Lavelle Frances Justus in Zellnar Hall at Abilene Christian University on June 13, 1947. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1945 and attended ACU.

He is survived by his wife, Lavelle of the home; two daughters, Teka Eicke and Rita Goad, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sons, Arlie Eicke of Snyder and Johonnas Eicke; five grandchildren; and one sister, Burnelle Knight of Breckenridge.

Reynaldo Gomez

Services for Reynaldo Gomez, 59, of Snyder are pending at Lemons Funeral Home in Plainview.

He died at 7 a.m. Tuesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 23, 1936.

He is survived by two daughters and four sons all of Snyder. They are Olga Martinez, Nancy Castro, David, Mario, Oscar and Reynaldo Jr. Gomez.

In 1970, a new translation of the Bible, known as the New American Bible, was made public by Roman Catholic authorities in New York. It was designed to replace the Douay version of the Bible, standard in English-speaking Roman Catholic churches for 220 years.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Ross Bawcum, 2207 40th; Robbi Merritt, Rt. 1 Box 20A; Carrie Thomas, Rt. 3 Box 355; Grace Arellano, 911 28th.

DISMISSALS: Rita Kilmer, Beatrice Graham, Stanley Smith, Bobbie Cuppett, Sam Houston, Lucy Garza and baby boy.

Military buildup provides boost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators are debating a program of new aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, with backers citing reports that the Central American nation's Sandinista government is planning a massive military buildup.

The House version of a catch-all spending bill contains no money for the rebels fighting the Sandinista regime, while the Senate bill provides $9 million in "non-lethal" assistance plus an unspecified amount of money to pay for airdrops of the goods.

While current aid technically runs out on Wednesday, intelligence reports cited by lawmakers indicate that the rebels have enough stored supplies, along with money "in the pipeline," to last them at least into mid-January.

Prospects for some aid to be included in the final version of the bill improved this weekend when a defecting Nicaraguan military officer said the country plans a massive military buildup, including acquisition of advanced Soviet fighter planes, over the next few years.

Some of the details were confirmed by Nicaraguan Defense Minister Humberto Ortega.

Icy street conditions noted with six wrecks

Police investigated six accidents on icy Snyder streets Monday, none involving serious injuries.

A 1977 Chevrolet pickup driven by Larry E. Farmer of 1203 24th St. was in collision with a 1973 Ford pickup driven by Kerry Lee Smith of 411 ½ 36th Place at 1:01 p.m. in the 1100 Block of 25th St.

A 1986 Ford Ranger driven by Thomas Vestus Alvis of Rt. 3, Snyder, was in collision with a 1983 Mazda driven by Valerie Hughes Akins of 3008 37th St. at 2:11 p.m. in a College Ave. store parking lot.

A 1982 Buick LeSabre driven by Ora D. Heath of 2409 28th St. was in collision with a 1966 Chevrolet Nova driven by Stella Vasquez Tavarez of 2803 Ave. M at 2:53 p.m. in the 1600 Block of 26th St.

A 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Louis Diaz Jr. of College Ave. Apartments, No. 11, was in collision with a a 1985 Jeep driven by Gregory Ramirez Jr. of 800 27th St. at 4:57 p.m. in th 1200 Block of 37th St.

A 1978 Pontiac Bonneville driven by Sarah Jean Rodriquez of 416 32nd St. was in collision with a parked 1987 Chevrolet Suburban owned by Troy Hall of 3607 40th St. at 5:50 p.m. in the 2400 Block of College.

A 1979 Oldsmobile driven by Jayson Thomas Presley of Rt. 1, Box 96, was in collision with a utility company guy wire at 6:09 p.m. in the 3700 Block of the Lamesa Hwy.

Senate adds amendments to appropriations measure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate last week shoveled more than $600 billion into a single appropriations measure and created the most costly single piece of legislation in the history of the Republic.

It did so because there was no apparent way to pass the 13 individual appropriations bills needed to run the agencies of the government and still permit Congress to adjourn before the 1987 calendar runs its course.

The catch-all bill represented a tempting opportunity for many.

It was unlikely to be vetoed by President Reagan, even if he objected to individual sections, because it contains the money needed to keep most government programs operating.

Since the legislation was presumably veto-proof, senators stood in line to slip amendments under its umbrella.

But it all took time. Some began to wonder if Congress would be able to adjourn before New Year's Eve.

Chaplain Richard Halvorsen, who opens each Senate session with prayer, was asked if he could pray for an early adjournment.

Halvorsen said that while he could, the prayer might not be totally effective.

"I have concluded that not even God can prevent a senator from offering an amendment," Halvorsen said.

And the amendments flowed in.

"This horse can carry only so many riders," said Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo.

But apparently acting on the theory that one more among so many could not possibly hurt, Sen. John Melcher, D-Mont., rose to offer yet another proposal.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Diagnosing digestive pain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — Since 1985 I've had abdominal pain, chronic diarrhea, gas and other classic symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome. Medicines didn't help. Finally, during an upper-GI series, the radiologist discovered a tumor in the wall of my stomach. When surgery was performed, my stomach was found to be filled with polyps. I had Menetrier's disease and had to have a "new" stomach made out of my jejunum.

I'm fine now and am writing to encourage your readers who have IBS to insist that their doctors look further if their symptoms don't respond to medicine.

DEAR READER — Menetrier's disease is giant hypertrophic gastritis, a disease in which large lumpy folds of tissue cover the wall of the stomach. It causes nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite and abdominal pain. To my knowledge, the disorder is not associated with polyps (tumor-like growths); it can often be treated with drugs, such as Tagamet, to reduce gastric secretions. Surgery is rarely necessary.

Your point is well-taken: Patients with digestive symptoms should not be assumed to have irritable bowel syndrome until other conditions have been ruled out. I do not know why you had a three-year delay in diagnosis. Most competent doctors would automatically order endoscopy (a test to examine the stomach lining) or an upper-gastrointestinal X-ray in any patient who experienced continuing symptoms such as yours.

Because of your interest in this subject, I'm sending you a free copy of my Health Report on IRRITABLE BOWEL. Other readers who want some general information on IBS should send $1 and their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My husband has been a heavy drinker for 30 years. Aside from worrying about his physical health, I worry about his mental health. When he drinks, he repeats himself, asks the same question repeatedly, forgets things he tells people and things people tell him. Will these lapses of memory continue when he is sober?

DEAR READER — Alcohol poisons the brain. The mental changes in alcoholics are well-documented in medical studies and consist, in large part, of changes we ordinarily associate with senility. Thus, forgetfulness, emotional instability and "crazy thinking" (such as delusions and paranoia) are part of chronic alcoholism.

As a general rule, once an alcoholic has been detoxified (removed from alcohol under medical supervision) many of these mental changes disappear. However, years of heavy drinking will take its toll; the defects in cognitive brain function can persist. Nonetheless, the degree of disability will certainly be less if an alcoholic stops drinking.

Most doctors are familiar with the spectacular mental improvements in alcoholics who kick the habit and remain sober. Of course, non-drinkers may also show signs of senility as they age. Therefore, stopping drinking is not a cure-all; it just makes things better. Although your husband may show memory lapses when he is sober, he will experience less impairment if he gives up alcohol altogether.

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Program for kids planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The boy and the teddy bear were about the same size, except for their eyes. The boy's got much bigger when he realized the stuffed animal was for him.

As James sprang forward with outstretched arms, the man walking toward him with the bear had to quicken his pace lest the tube linking the child to an oxygen tank spoil the spontaneity of the exchange.

"Happy birthday," said Dr. Robert E. Windom, kissing the boy on the cheek before returning him to his stroller where the 2-year-old sat beaming at two women seated on either side.

James has AIDS, but he is luckier than most of the nearly 600 children nationwide under 5 who have been stricken with the killer disease.

He has two foster mothers who decided a hospital is no place for a child who doesn't have to be there. They gained custody of James about a year ago when he was near death.

"He was the sickest child I've ever seen survive," said Dr. Shelby Joseph, head of the pediatric AIDS unit at Children's Hospital National Medical Center. "For three days we thought he was going to die."

James has thrived during his time with his foster mothers. Joseph said the only explanation he can offer is the tender love and care they give the sick child.

James would have remained a "boarder baby" if he had not been given a home by his foster mothers. Like dozens of abandoned children with AIDS, he would have remained hospitalized, not because he was sick enough to stay, but because he had nowhere else to go.

Windom, the assistant secretary for health at the Department of Health and Human Services, met James — not his real name — on a recent visit to Children's Hospital.

Windom was meeting today with representatives from St. Joseph Children's Products and national AIDS organizations to announce a special program aimed at seeing that other children hospitalized with AIDS are not forgotten during the Christmas season.

An adult patient with AIDS who accompanied Windom on the recent visit to Children's Hospital asked one of James' foster mothers why she would take on the challenge of caring for a terminally ill child.

A jetliner and a light plane collided over San Diego, Calif., in 1978, killing 150 people.

ELMORE, THE TOO TALL ELF by Kevin Fagan

Tax preparer lands in jail; clients paying stiff penalties

DALLAS (AP) — Some of the clients of a former tax preparer, lured by his promise to triple their tax refunds, are now deeply in debt to the Internal Revenue Service.

The man's tax schemes were exposed as illusions and he was convicted of tax fraud.

At first, even the IRS thought Jonathan "Joe" Marshall ran a legitimate tax service. But after becoming suspicious by some receipts Marshall provided after an audit, the agency launched an undercover investigation that led to his felony tax fraud conviction Dec. 7 in U.S. District Court.

Marshall, 38, could receive up to 45 years in prison and a $375,000 fine when he is sentenced Jan. 21.

But Marshall's clients must now pay the IRS all the money he saved them illegally, plus penalties and interest, the government says.

A Garland auto repairman and his wife had to sell their house to settle a $10,000 debt with the IRS that was caused by Marshall's phony bookkeeping.

Oscar and Gloria Roberts of Dallas lost their retirement nest egg and said they will stuggle the rest of their lives to pay the $35,000 they owe the IRS.

"We all thought he was legit," said Roberts, who sold his Cadillac, canceled his cable TV subscription and missed some mortgage payments.

"I heard that Joe was a good tax man, that he'd get you your money back," said Rose Young, who is reimbursing the IRS $4,500. "He charged a lot of money, but he was supposed to be worth it."

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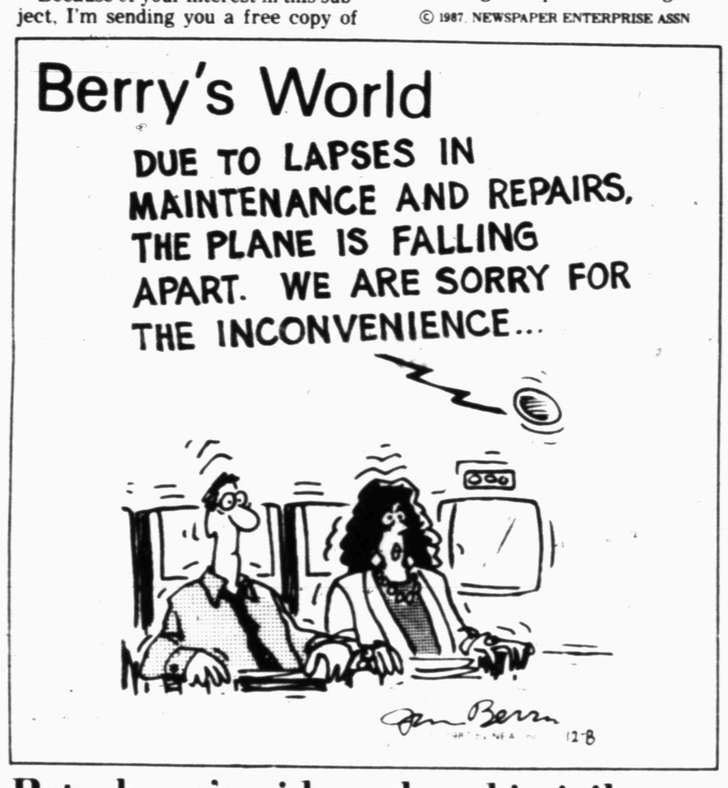

Patrolman's widow placed in jail

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has ordered the widow of a slain patrolman jailed after she refused to answer questions from a federal grand jury looking into her husband's slaying.

U.S. District Judge H.F. "Hippo" Garcia Monday ordered that Lea Smith be held until she decides to answer two questions or until her attorneys can win her release through appeals.

Mrs. Smith, 25, is the widow of Stephen R. Smith, who was fatally shot Aug. 18, 1986, by his best friend and fellow officer Farrell Tucker. Tucker, 37, who claimed self-defense in the slaying, was acquitted of murder charges earlier this year.

The slain patrolman, 31, allegedly planned to kill three top law enforcement officials last year and his estate is the target of a federal lawsuit, claiming he was involved in vigilante activities.

The hearing was closed and when Ms. Smith emerged from the session she was crying as she was being led away in handcuffs by federal marshals.

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