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Year's rain nears 30 inches locally

A 1 inch-plus rain here Wednesday night pushed Snyder's annual total to near the 30 inch mark, but the forecast Thursday night and Friday was calling for clearing skies.

Some snow mixed with the rainfall before dawn Thursday, but an overnight low of 34 degrees keep most of the local moisture liquid.

The official rainfall total as of Thursday morning was 1.10 inches here. This brings the year-end figure to 29.58 inches.

A normal year's rainfall for Scurry County is from 19 to 22 inches.

The rains Wednesday were fairly general across the county. Other totals reported Thursday morning included 1.25 inches at Dunn due south of the city; .91 of an inch to the north at Fluvanna; and .75 of an inch to the southeast at Hermleigh.

Travel warnings out...

Snow falls in South Plains

By The Associated Press

An upper level storm system moved eastward into Texas early today, dumping between 3 inches and 7 inches of snow in the Panhandle and the South Plains and prompting travelers advisories for the area.

Snowfall ranged from 7 inches at the Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge south of Muleshoe to 3 inches in Lubbock, Levelland and Crosbyton. The National Weather Service said 5 to 5½ inches was reported at Plainview, Tulia and Friona. Four inches was reported at Silverton and Clovis, N.M.

The weather service said the heaviest snow appeared to be over but flurries were likely to continue throughout the day.

Hazardous driving conditions because of icy roads and snow-packed roads were reported across the Panhandle southward into the Trans-Pecos Mountains.

Forecasts called for cloudy skies over most of the state through tonight with some sun possible across most of the state Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the 20s and 30s over West Texas, the 30s and 40s over North Texas and in the 50s and 60s over South Texas.

Highs Friday will be in the 40s and 50s over most of the state with readings in South Texas expected to reach into the lower 60s.

It was cold and wet over the entire state early today. A cold front was located in South Texas and moving slowly southward out of the state.

The soggy weather was being triggered by moist air rising over the cooler surface air and an upper level low pressure system.

Fog was reported over the lower half of the coastal plains and in the Lower Rio Grande Valley early today.

Early morning temperatures were mainly in the 40s and 50s.

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Ask Us

Q. — Is there a city ordinance preventing individuals who walk their dogs on leashes from allowing the dog to relieve himself in other's yards?

A. — Nope.

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Meese sees North as prime mover

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Edwin Meese III says he now has more details on the diversion to Nicaraguan rebels of profits from Iran arms sales and Lt. Col. Oliver North still stands alone as the scheme's prime mover.

But Meese admits he still can't trace the money trail of the arms profits, and can't be sure the Contra rebels really received the money.

Members of the Senate Intelligence Committee continue to debate whether North, a mid-level aide on President Reagan's National Security Council, acted alone or was spurred by higher authority when he sought to bolster the Contra rebels with arms sale profits.

Former national security adviser Robert C. McFarlane was to make a return visit today to the Senate committee to respond to questions that have arisen since his original appearance Dec. 1.

And the House Intelligence Committee scheduled testimony from Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, White House Chief of State Donald T. Regan and New York businessman Roy Furmark, who says he tipped CIA Director William Casey in October to the possible diversion of funds.

Meese, speaking to reporters Wednesday after 4½ hours of closed door testimony before the Senate panel, said he didn't know when he publicly disclosed the diversion plan Nov. 25 whether the Contras actually had received money from the Iranian sales.

Senators familiar with the investigation said Meese still gave them no hard facts that would indicate money from Iran went to Central America. One source who asked not to be identified said Meese apparently revealed the diversion scheme in November based solely on conversations he and his aides had with North and Vice Adm. John M. Poindexter, then national security adviser.

Meese acknowledged to reporters he isn't sure the Contras benefited.

'Follies' to open tonight

The first of two performances of "Yuletide Follies" opens Thursday in Worsham Auditorium at Snyder High School. The show, featuring the return of several former SHS students, is scheduled at 8 p.m. both Thursday and Friday.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for $3 for adults and $2 for students.

In addition to the regular cast of some 60 students, four former students will be returning to perform.

These include Mike Everett, who now dances with the Lone Star Ballet company of Amarillo. Also returning to perform will be singers Jeanna Fox, Mark Lyon and Marci McCormick Dennis.

In addition, there will be a special guest appearance by Cindy Hataway, who will sing "Hard Candy Christmas."

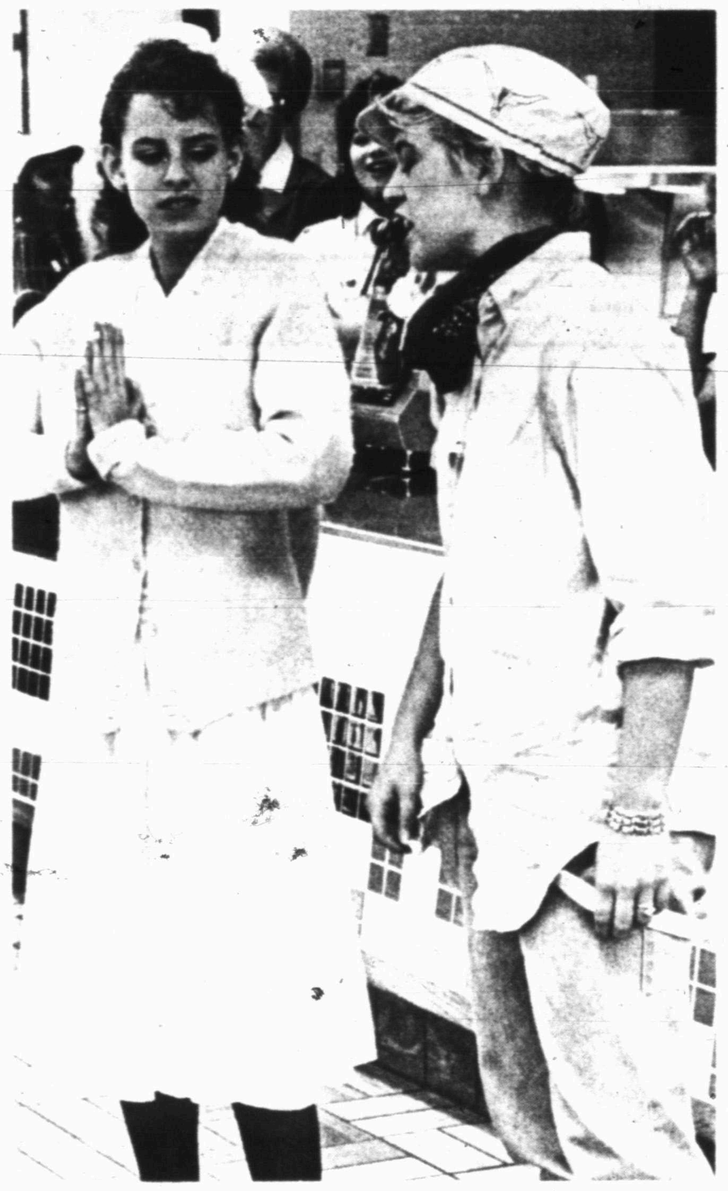
The show will follow past productions of the "Follies"--a mix of works written by other authors and original skits and musical numbers created by local students.

Performers will include members of The Swingers singing group and a three-piece backup band in addition to SHS drama students.

The production's first half will include material written by the drama students. This will reflect situations which currently face Snyder and Scurry County.

After intermission, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be

See **Follies**, Page 13



FOLLIES PLAYERS — Ashley Miller (left) and Melissa Hodge are shown performing a scene from the SHS production of "Yuletide Follies," which opens a two-night run Thursday at 8 p.m. in Worsham Auditorium. A preview of the show was given Wednesday to benefit United Way. Tickets for both the Thursday and Friday night show are priced at $5 for reserved seats, $3 for general admission and $2 for students. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man arrested here for sexual assault

Police on routine patrol Wednesday night arrested a 28-year-old Lubbock man wanted in that city on charges of aggravated robbery, sexual assault and kidnapping.

Officers stopped the suspect, identified as Fred Albert Meadow, in the 2300 Block of College Ave. at 1:06 a.m.

At that time, it was discovered he was driving a car reported stolen in Lubbock earlier Wednesday night.

According to Lubbock Police Department spokesman Bill Morgan, Meadow allegedy abducted a 35-year-old woman from the parking lot of the Southwestern Bell building in downtown Lubbock about 8:13 p.m.

Morgan said the suspect met the woman at her car as she was leaving work and stuck a small caliber pistol in her side as she was unlocking her car.

The suspect then drove the victim's car to a south part of the city where she was forced to perform oral sex. The suspect then reportedly left the victim, taking her car.

See **Suspect**, Page 13

Christmas break set after classes Friday

The Christmas break for county school students will begin after classes are dismissed Friday.

The bell will ring early for Snyder and Hermleigh students. Classes will dismiss in Snyder at 2:45 p.m. and at Hermleigh at 2:30 p.m. All three school districts will resume classes the first Monday in January, Jan. 5.

Snyder school teachers are scheduled for a "compensatory education day" on Friday, Jan. 2, but education workshops attended during the summer will be substituted for this in-service and no teachers will be required on campus that day.

Wednesday marked the last day of finals at Western Texas College and the dormitory closed for the holiday Thursday morning. The dorm will reopen Jan. 4, a Sunday.

Campus offices will be open Friday but will be closed beginning next week through Jan. 5.

The offices will reopen simultaneously with the beginning of the mid-winter session at WTC.

After Friday, both the Scurry County Museum and the Diamond M Museum will be closed for the holidays also. The county museum will reopen Jan. 5 and the Diamond M Jan. 2.



DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

'Open late' for Yule begins again tonight

Some 41 Snyder merchants will be open from 6 until 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and again Monday and Tuesday as the "Shop Snyder and Save" campaign continues into the Christmas holidays.

Businesses along the three major business districts of Snyder--the downtown square, College Ave. and 25th St.-East Highway--are participating.

All local banks are cooperating in the promotion also, but will not be open late.

Businesses to open late each weeknight through next Tuesday, listed alphabetically are:

Anthony's, Bar-H-Bar, Blanche's Bernina, Bob's True Value, Burgess-McWilliams Pharmacy, Cedar Closet, Clothesline, Express It, Four Seasons Hallmark, Golden Corral, Hoyt's Furniture, J.M.'s Fashions Unique, Jodi's, K-Bobs and Kmart.

In addition, Koda Kountry, Li'l Rascals, Margaret's, McDonald's, McLeod's Jewelry, McWhorter's, Memories Made, Merle Norman, Mildred's, M&M Electronics, Roe's Furniture, Shadras, Smith's Music Place and Snyder Athletic Center.

In addition, Snyder Book Store and Gift Shop, Sonic Drive-In, Snyder Drug, Snyder Travel, Spanish Inn, Special Moments, Suits Us, Sunnyside, The Shack, Thompson's Shoe Store, Toys Galore and Western Auto.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The person who hasn't reached their credit limit has probably misplaced their credit card."

WTC's Image class had a holiday dinner for family members Tuesday night at the Senior Citizens Center.

The class is for women who want to go back to school and improve their job skills. This year 21 women were in the program and three successfuly completed requirements for the GED.

Most attending the party put their wraps and purses in the conference room just off the Senior Center dining room. As the party broke up, someone realized that the door had been locked shut, and the key was inside a purse in the locked room.

Telephone calls were made to staffers of the center, and while the group awaited their arrival, everybody tried their collection of keys in a futile attempt to open the door.

One such person was Bill Overhulser, owner of Permian Communications, who must have had 50 keys on his ring. When the door was finally opened, Bill was red-faced.

Bill had the key to his van's ignition, but he didn't have a key to open the van door. To solve his problem, Bill hitched a ride home while his family again waited for someone to return with the key.

For years Dave and Neoma Harlin have traveled across the state to watch son, Trey, perform in various athletic events. First it was kid sports, then football and baseball for the Snyder Tigers. Later Trey was a four-year letterman in football for the McMurry Indians.

Now living in Dallas, Trey has taken up another sport. The Harlins visited Trey recently to watch him play rugby, a rough and tumble sport foreign to most West Texans.

Declared Dave, "I didn't even understand enough about the game to boo the refs."

In Brief

AT&T jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T said today it will set aside $3.2 billion in the last quarter of 1986 to pay the costs of reducing its size, and eliminating as many as 27,400 of its 321,000 workers.

About one-third of the money will be severance pay for workers losing their jobs, AT&T said. The job cuts involve about 8 percent of AT&T's work force. Other costs would cover streamlining operations or consolidating facilities, a reduction in the value of various assets and inventory, and changes in depreciation.

Protestors

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico (AP) — Demonstrators continued today to hold city hall in a peaceful protest over the mayoral election they claim their candidate won, authorities said.

About 250 supporters of the PARM, the Authentic Party of Mexican Revolution, were on the two levels of the city hall. They had stayed throughout the night, but there were no reports of violence.

Soviet riot

MOSCOW (AP) — The official news agency Tass today issued an unprecedented report about riots in the Kazakh capital of Alma Ata following the removal of the Central Asian republic's Communist Party chief.

Local

PCA to meet

The 52nd annual stockholder's meeting for Sweetwater Production Credit Association is scheduled Friday at the Scurry County Coliseum beginning at 10 a.m.

The meeting will include a business session, director's report, financial condition report and an election to fill position 6 on the board.

Two names have been submitted by the nominating committee, Buster Haggard of Stanton and Eddie Odom of Lenorah.

Light entries

Individuals have until 5 p.m. Thursday to enter the residential lighting contest sponsored by local Jaycees.

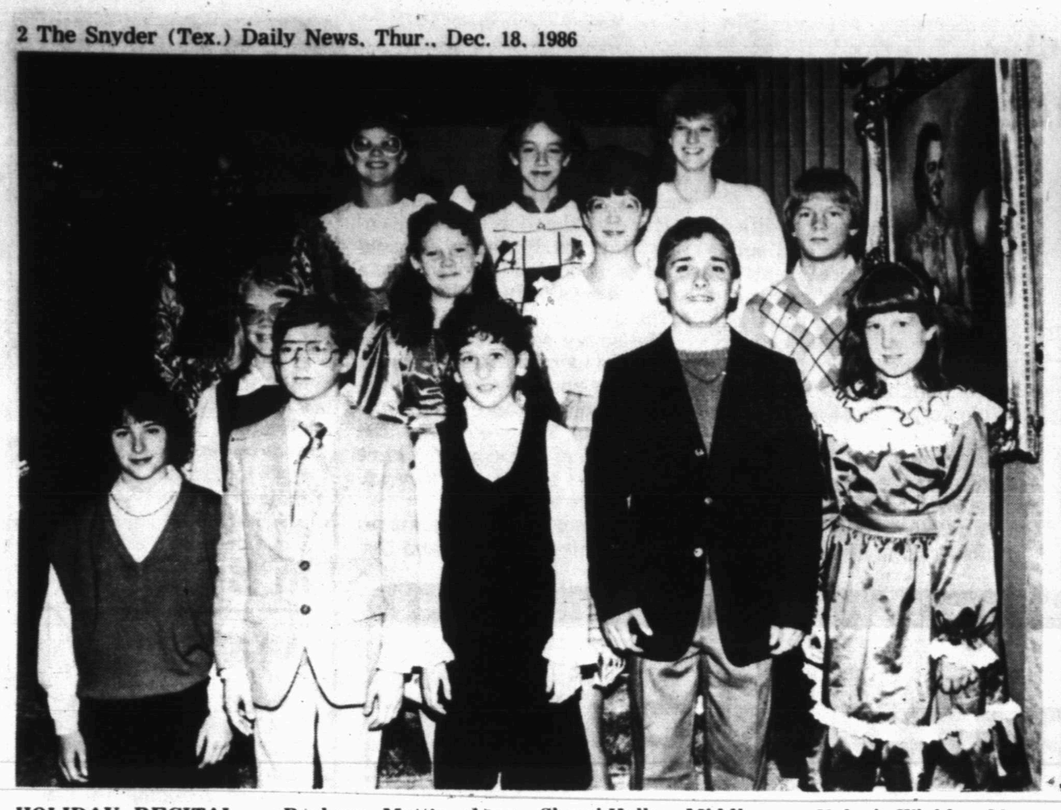
This may be done by calling the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Entries will be judged Friday night.

Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 53 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 34 degrees; 1.10 inches precipitation; total precipitation for 1986 to date, 29.58 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight partly cloudy with a low near 30. Wind light and variable. Friday partly cloudy and a little warmer with a high near 50. South wind 10 to 15 mph.



HOLIDAY RECITAL — Barbara Mott's piano students presented Christmas music in a recital held Sunday afternoon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured are (from left, back row) Vicki Green, Tracie McDowell, Holly Barkowsky, Sherri Holley. Middle row: Valarie Winkles, Mandy Wallace, Emily Irons, Brad Sullivan. Front row: Amy Steakley, Robert Patterson, Shannon Canada, Cade Walton, Misty Myers. (SDN Staff Photo)



MOTT STUDENTS — Other students participating in Sunday's recital are pictured from left, back row: Lacey Parker, Kim Burton, Lee Idom, Mandy Baker, Stacey Parker. Second row: Marcus Glasscock, Carrie Walker, Haley Grimmett, Kelly Farmer. Third row: Jessica Perkins, Josh Palmer, Kurt McMillan, Amy Patterson. In front are Bradi Johnson and Christy Garner. (SDN Staff Photo)



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Hurston and Mamie Lemons will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception for friends and relatives Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Fluvanna Community Center. (Private Photo)

Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey died Jan. 13, 1977, in Waverly, Minn. He was 66.

Daniel Boone and 27 others were captured by Indians in 1778 at Blue Lick, Ky.

Are you credit card addicted?

NEW YORK (AP) — American credit card spending has reached an all-time high, according to Family Circle magazine.

It says:

—In 1985, 102 million card holders charged $308 billion.

—Only a third of those spending pay their monthly balance in full.

—Many are so deeply in debt that they have to seek professional help.

Are you hooked? You might be heading for trouble, the magazine says, if:

—You charge ordinary expenses such as groceries.

—You often charge items on impulse.

—You have to borrow to pay your credit card bills.

—You feel guilty after you charge.

—You pay off one credit card with the credit line of another.

—More than 20 percent of your take home pay is used to pay off loans and debts.



INITIATES — New members initiated into the Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society Monday evening at the Martha Ann Woman's Club were (from left) Ruth Fleer, Barbara Perkins and Vanissa Chorn, all employed by Snyder Independent Schools. Jean Sealy, president, presided with Patsy Williams, ceremonials chairperson, presenting the new members to the chapter. The initiates were honored with a dinner followed by group carol singing led by Dorothy Kayser, music chairperson. Membership in the society for women educators is by invitation only. (SDN Staff Photo)

James Oglethorpe and about 130 English colonists arrived at Charleston, S.C., Jan. 13, 1733, en route to settling in what is now the state of Georgia.

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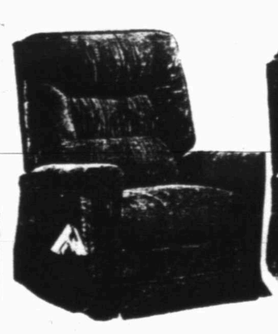
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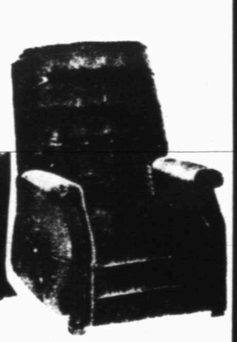
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10:55 a.m. Sermon by Pastor:
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Special Music by Jane Womack
Accompanied by Mrs. John Fagin
1:30 p.m. Solo Concert of Gospel and Christmas Music
By Jane Womack
Accompanied by Barbara Wilkerson

CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24

4:00-5:55 p.m. "Come and Go" Sacrament of Holy Communion, served by Pastor at the altar to individual families of any faith or size with a personal prayer. All are invited.
6:00 p.m. A SERVICE OF "CAROLS AND CANDLELIGHTING" for the whole community. Sermonette by Pastor "Two Christmases: Then and Now"
Special Music by Jane Womack
Accompanied by Barbara Wilkerson
Music Director, Sam Robertson
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SUNDAY - DECEMBER 28

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10:55 a.m. Sermon by pastor:
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James Jacoby

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

EAST
♠ Q 8 6 5 4
♥ A 7 2
♦ 9 4 2
♣ 8 6

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
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Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♥ 5

Matching pairs find key defense

By James Jacoby

A lesson we learn early in bridge play is not to lead away from A-Q combinations. Instead, we are taught to wait and take two tricks with that combination. Another good lesson to remember is that there are exceptions to almost every rule. The West defenders at both tables in this deal from a team-of-four match remembered the exception.

West led a heart. East took the ace and played back the seven. Declarer played the jack, losing to the queen. Meanwhile declarer had discarded from dummy a club and a spade. West was sure from the return of the heart seven that his partner had no more heart winners. West was looking at two aces, but where was the setting trick? Declarer probably had good spades to go with that suit in dummy and would soon force out the diamond ace. Finally, West concluded that South just might be short in clubs, and if so, a club lead would be best even if South had the king. Accordingly West played a low club. Declarer won dummy's jack and played a diamond to the jack in his hand. West grabbed the ace, played the ace of clubs, which now swallowed South's king, and cashed the club queen for down one. A nice defense, but duplicated at the other table, which was just another way of reminding both pairs of defenders that they were, after all, playing in a world championship.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Nine Tables
Dot Casey, Director
NORTH-SOUTH

1. Sue Mize and Dorothy Hudson.
2. Ann Davis and Joyce Feather.
3. Dot Casey and Barbara Yorgeson.
4. Triple Tie: Nona Morrison and Bonnie McClurg; Louise Thompson and Cloreece Zimmerman; Billie Brice and Joe Smith.

EAST-WEST

1. Rube McKinley and Tizzy Hall.
2. Sue Carter and Margaret Birdwell.
3. Tie: LaVerne Hood and Marjorie Brown; Suzy Reed and Rhylene Stoker.

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NAACP STYLE SHOW — A membership drive was highlighted with a style show Saturday evening at the Snyder Savings and Loan community room. Pictured are (back, from left) Shrunda Richardson, Shorla Richardson, Thomas Wesley, Curtis King, Tiffany Sneed. Middle row: Liz Ferguson, Mark James, Camille Thompson, Myste Malone, Sedalia Malone, Evelyn Malone. Front row: B.J. Cobb, Marsharika Wofford, Latisha Nelson, Trey Green, Amanda Green, Roderick Jones, LaShonda Collins, Rasheda Thomas. Models not pictured were Anita and Angela Biggers, Debra Shields, Shelia Richardson and Paula Cobb. Participating stores were Anthony's, Li'l Rascals, Shadras, Merle Norman and Sunnyside. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

SUNDAY
Seven Tables
Dot Casey, Director
NORTH-SOUTH

1. Polly Ballard and Bonnie Myers.
2. Bonnie McClurg and Sue Mize.
3. Coleen Palmer and Sassie Furlow.

EAST-WEST

1. Jeanette Clements and Virda Kimbro.
2. George Stewart and Shirley Stewart.
3. Patsy Williams and Rosie Floyd.



BRIDAL SHOWER — A shower honoring Kimberly Renee Withers, bride-elect of Daryl Joe Nachlinger, was given Monday evening at the Hermleigh Community Center. Pictured from left are Carolyn Withers, her mother; the honoree; Shad Nachlinger, mother of the prospective groom; Benn Nachlinger, grandmother of the prospective groom. The wedding is set for Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. in the Ira Baptist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

Six-second sale

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Sandy Houston talks fast. He can complete a sale in six seconds.

That's how long it takes Houston, the 1985 World Tobacco Auctioneering Champion, to sell a pile of tobacco.

Houston, the winner of R.J. Reynolds' annual competition, chants 500-words-a-minute to accomplish this feat. In the United States, tobacco farmers bring 200-pound bundles of tobacco to warehouses for auction. The large volume makes speed a prime consideration.

The Vietnam War was declared over April 23, 1975, as the South Vietnamese cabinet resigned to make way for the Communist takeover.

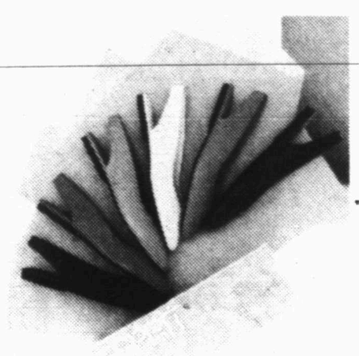
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Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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 or Carla at 573-5298.

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; Trinity United Methodist Church; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park Building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Stargazers Extension Homemakers Club; SNB community room; 9:30 a.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; 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Joyce at 573-7149.

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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.

Museum exhibit features women

NEW YORK (AP) — An exhibition on the contributions of women explorers in the development of science and the American Museum of Natural History is on view in the museum's Library Gallery through April.

The exhibit, "Ladies in the Field: The Museum's Unsung Explorers," includes photographs, diaries, published monographs and mementos of women, some the wives of curators, who have gone on expeditions, collecting and cataloging museum specimens and artifacts.

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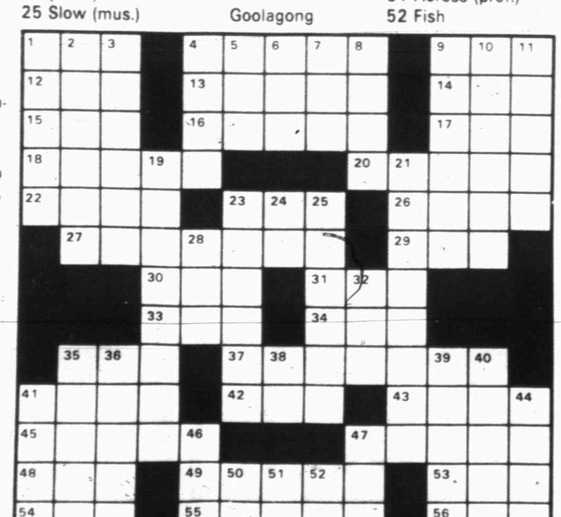
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"Want to hear a joke? It's kind of sick."

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"CLOTHES FIRST! THEN TOYS."

Dear Abby



It's the Absolute Truth: Everybody Lies a Little

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I read the letter about the little boy who lies. There is a good reason for it. I lied as a child because that's the way I was brought up. "Tell the man I'm not home." "Don't tell Daddy I bought a new dress." "Tell Auntie you love her." "Tell the lady in the box office you're 11 years old." "Tell the teacher you were sick."

Children learn early to lie. And who teaches them? We grown-ups, who are supposed to know better. Shame on us. Lying is a habit that is hard to break. Is there a cure?

42 AND STILL LYING

DEAR 42: Yes. First the liar must admit that he or she is lying. Obviously, there are different degrees of lying. The purist would protest, saying a statement is either true or it isn't. And if it's not true, it's a lie. But there are exaggerations (to make a better story) until there's more embroidery than fabric — and that's industrial-strength lying.

There are the big, bold lies ("I didn't do it!" "My children never gave me one minute's trouble"), and little white lies ("You look maaaaavelous!" "Oh, I didn't mind waiting").

I could go on and on, and I'd be lying if I said I never lie, because everyone, if he's truthful, lies a little.

George Bernard Shaw wrote in "Self-Sketches": "All autobiographies are lies. I do not mean unconscious, unintentional lies. No man is bad enough to tell the truth about himself during his lifetime ... And no man is good enough to tell the truth to posterity, a document which he suppresses until there is nobody left alive to contradict him."

Now, the cure for lying: One must think before he speaks, then ask himself: Is it true? And if it isn't, opt for silence rather than speak an untruth — which is another "sin" (omission).

So, you see, it's not easy to be totally truthful. But we can all try to improve our batting averages. It's never too late to turn over a new leaf. And that's no lie. Or is it?

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DEAR ABBY: I was married to a man who thought one child was enough. When I got pregnant the second time (by accident), my husband wanted me to have an abortion. I refused, so he insisted that after the baby was born the doctor should perform a tubal ligation to be sure there would be no more accidents. In fact, he said he wouldn't bring me home from the hospital until I had one. I was stupid enough to go along with it.

Well, we were divorced, and we both have remarried. I regret more than I can say that I listened to that selfish man. If I had had any brains I would have told him to get a vasectomy.

Now I can't have any more children. My "ex" and his new wife are expecting and he is on cloud nine.

REGRETTING

DEAR REGRETTING: Your point is well-taken. Women, file this away in your memory bank. If your mate wants a childless marriage, tell him to get vasectomized.

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DEAR LOREN: And may I add that a return address is always a good idea in case the letter or parcel is undeliverable.

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(To get Abby's booklet, "How to Be Popular: You're Never Too Young or Too Old," send a check or money order for $2.50 and a long, stamped (39 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Popularity, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Electoral code bill opposed

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A proposed electoral code being debated in Congress would allow the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party to continue to control the electoral process and the government, five opposition parties said Wednesday.

Even with modifications to the bill sent to Congress by President Miguel de la Madrid, the code "fundamentally conserves the same antidemocratic rules of the current electoral law, rules that have served to guarantee the control and domination of the government and the PRI over the electoral processes to the detriment of the opposition political organizations and the citizens," the parties, both conservative and liberal, said in a newspaper advertisement.

It said elections in Mexico have been discredited by "a known reality to all Mexicans, the great number of irregularities that characterize the electoral process in Mexico; electoral fraud; the illegal use of state resources by the PRI; the obstacles of all kinds that are placed in the way of opposition parties and citizens."

The proposed code, it said, "maintains the absolute control of the principal electoral body, the Federal Electoral Commission, in the hands of the government and its party."

John De Lorean is acquitted

DETROIT (AP) — John De Lorean says his second victory over federal prosecutors, acquittal of embezzling $8.5 million from his failed sports-car company, will make the 20 civil suits against him fall "like dominoes."

De Lorean, 61, wept and cried "Praise God!" as the jury foreman read the verdicts Wednesday on each of the 15 counts of racketeering and fraud. He then jumped up and embraced his attorneys, Howard Weitzman and Juanita Brooks.

Weitzman successfully defended De Lorean in 1984 in Los Angeles, when he was cleared of trying to distribute $24 million in cocaine in what prosecutors said was a desperate bid to save his failing company.

De Lorean on Wednesday blasted prosecutors, telling a news conference they had fabricated the case against him. "What kind of animal would do that?" he asked "I'm so incensed. It's not right. It's not right."

Attorneys say about 20 lawsuits arising from his company's collapse remain unsettled, and De Lorean said the litigation "will be like dominoes," as a result of his acquittal.

U.S. Attorney Roy C. Hayes said in a statement, "The government believes the facts were fairly presented to the jury and accepts the verdict of the jury."

Prosecutors said De Lorean in 1978 funneled $8.5 million invested in his Northern Ireland company through an escrow account set up by GPD Services Inc., a Geneva-based corporation allegedly controlled by De Lorean.

The money, swollen by interest to $9.3 million, was withdrawn from the account in 1979 and moved through several European banks, prosecutors said. Eventually, $8.9 million of the money wound up in De Lorean's own accounts and was used mainly to repay personal loans, prosecutors said.

Defense attorneys argued that the money was given to GPD as payment for design work on De Lorean's sports car performed by Group Lotus, the British race-car manufacturer. Defense attorneys said GPD was controlled by Colin Chapman, Lotus chairman, who died in 1982.

The defense said the $8.9 million received by De Lorean was a legitimate loan involving Chapman. Under the judge's instructions to the jury, a finding that the money was indeed a loan meant a verdict of innocent on all counts.

"It was not there," juror Richard Thams said of the prosecution's case. "We couldn't determine there was anything other than a loan."

Thams, a businessman from Grosse Pointe Shores, said he congratulated De Lorean after the verdict and got his autograph.

De Lorean, a former executive at General Motors Corp., founded De Lorean Motor Co. in 1975 to build a futuristic stainless-steel sports car with gull-wing doors and designed to last a lifetime.

It began making cars in 1981 in Northern Ireland, but the next year filed for protection from creditors under federal bankruptcy laws.

More than 4,000 pages of documents were filed as exhibits and 27 witnesses testified in the seven-week trial. De Lorean did not testify, and his attorneys rested their case after calling only one witness.

The jury deliberated 37 hours over six days before reaching its decision.

The racketeering charge carried a maximum 20 years in prison, $25,000 in fines and forfeiture of property. Potential penalties were less on the other charges.

After the verdict, De Lorean hinted at his plans: "I still know an awful lot about the automobile business. I would still like to devote some part of my life to trying to help America get competitive again."

The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect Jan. 16, 1920, and the prohibition of alcohol became law.

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The Japanese army invaded Burma during World War II in 1942.

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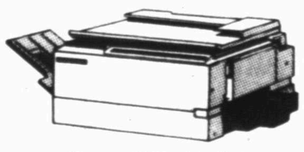


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Son is charged

HOUSTON (AP) — The son of a Houston computer company president has been charged with breach of computer security for allegedly attempting illegal access to long-distance company telephone lines, officials said.

Rodney Scott Canion, 18, a University of Texas freshman and son of Compaq Computer Corp. Chairman and President Joseph R. "Rod" Canion, was charged under a 2-year-old law that could bring up to a year in jail.

"I'd really like to tell my story, but I've been asked by my attorney not to say anything," the student told the Houston Chronicle in a story published Wednesday.

His attorney, Bill Willms of Austin, declined comment.

Assistant District Attorney Curt Beckom said the case could be upgraded from a misdemeanor to a felony charge of credit card abuse.



ARROW OF LIGHT--At a recent meeting of Cub Scout Pack 177, Patrick Earles received his Arrow of Light award, which is the highest award a Cub Scout can receive. Earles is pictured with his parents, Leon and Nina Earles. (Pack Photo)



WEBELOS HONORED--Three Webelos were honored during a recent Praise Banquet for Cub Scout Pack 177. They are from left, Theron Taylor, Patrick Earles and Kurtis McCathern. (Pack Photo)

Jury gives Wayne Newton $19 million

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — A federal jury that found NBC guilty of defaming Wayne Newton by linking him to mobsters awarded the entertainer a record $19.3 million in a decision a network lawyer said could "chill investigative reporting."

Jurors decided Wednesday after a week of deliberations and eight weeks of testimony that NBC knew three 1980 and 1981 reports were false, and that it and reporters Brian Ross and Ira Silverman and producer Paul Greenberg intended to injure Newton.

NBC News President Lawrence Grossman said in a statement issued in New York that the network would appeal.

"I just want to take this very rare and wonderful moment in my life from me and mine to wish you a very merry Christmas and happy holiday," Newton said. His attorney, Morton Galane, refused to let him talk further because the performer's statements could become an appeal issue.

"We are delighted with the verdict," added Galane, who had urged jurors to "send a message to the media" so "what happened to Wayne Newton won't happen again."

NBC reported that Newton turned to crime figure Guido Penosi for help in halting death threats against his family in 1980, and that mob figures had bragged they earned a share of Newton's ownership in the Aladdin Hotel in return for the favor.

"I know that Ira and I did the best we could on the story," Ross said. "We stand by it."

The jury awarded Newton $5 million in punitive damages, $5 million for loss of reputation, $7.9 million for loss of income, $1,146,750 for loss of future income and $225,000 for physical and mental suffering.

It was by far the largest award in a libel case involving news coverage, said Henry Kaufman, counsel for the Libel Resource Defense Council in New York.

"A verdict of this size, of this elephantine quantity, could only have an inhibiting effect on the press in this country," said NBC attorney Floyd Abrams. "If this verdict were to be upheld, it would chill investigative reporting throughout the country."

Virtually all multimillion-dollar awards have been reduced or thrown out on appeal. Kaufman said no award in excess of $1 million has been finally affirmed after all appeals have been exhausted.

"There have been only three libel awards that have been higher than $19.2 million," he said. The awards, one for $26 million against Penthouse magazine and two for $40 million against Hustler magazine did not involve news reporting and were reduced or overturned.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 19, 1986

A course you'll plot for yourself in the year ahead might not be an easy one, but you'll know its true worth. Don't let those who are unaware of its values dissuade you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) People may find you hard to please today because of your reluctance to lay all your cards on the table. Major changes are ahead for Sagittarius in the coming year. 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) Play it very close to the vest today if you have to work with limited resources. Don't go in the hole trying to keep up with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Partnership arrangements will fall flat today if your associate's aims are not in perfect harmony with yours. Both must be of one mind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order to make it easier on yourself today, you might delegate some responsibilities to a person who you cannot rely on. You're apt to do better if you do things yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you apply pressure tactics today to one who is indebted to you, this person might totally renege on the obligation instead of paying up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Family funds could become a sticky issue between you and your mate today unless everything is handled considerately on both sides. Each must bend a bit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you set a poor example, persons who are working with you today will emulate your behavior and nothing will get done. Be a good motivator.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It'll be necessary for you to champion your own cause today in order to be properly compensated for your services. Don't leave it to another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have to make it clear to your youngsters today that you have laid down certain rules for their own good, and that you intend to enforce them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Nothing will be gained today by trying to even up an old score with someone who has wronged you in the past. In fact, it could add new complications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Occasionally, you have a tendency to be overly generous with the wrong people. Today, you might ignore the deserving and cater to those you shouldn't.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's important that you clarify your goals today or else you may waste a lot of time on pursuits that will give you little gratification once they're achieved.

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Inmate is executed for '82 rape-slaying

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Richard Andrade refused to make a final statement and was put to death early today by Texas prison officials hours after his hand-printed appeal was rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Andrade, 25, was given lethal injection for the slaying of Cordelia Mae Guevara. He was pronounced dead at 12:32 a.m., nine minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his arms.

Warden Jack Pursley had asked him if he would like to make a final statement. Strapped to a gurney, he shook his head 'no' one time and stared at the ceiling. As the drugs began taking effect, he gasped, coughed and gurgled slightly. Then his eyes closed and there was no other movement.

"There was no difficulty whatsoever," Assistant Attorney General Monroe Clayton said. "He was very cooperative."

Andrade's calm demeanor contrasted with a brief outburst late Wednesday when he learned that five reporters, as allowed by prison rules, would witness his death.

"He cried and cried and cried, he sobbed," prison spokesman Charles Brown said. "He does not want any witnesses."

Ms. Guevara, 28, the manager of the Chiquita Fajita Lounge in Corpus Christi, was stabbed at least 14 times with a pocketknife, raped and left in a pool of blood on the floor of her club in the 1984 incident.

Andrade, whose record included burglary, assault, theft and parole violation, became the 10th Texas inmate to be executed this year and 20th since the state resumed executions in 1982. Both figures are the highest in the nation.

"That is what he rightfully deserves," Catalina Meza, Ms. Guevara's sister, said. "The kind of murder he committed is only done by a person who is very sick."

On Wednesday, the Supreme Court voted 7-2, rejecting Andrade's request that he be given more time for an appeal because his legal assistance was ineffective. Earlier appeals by his attorney were turned down last week, prompting Andrade to submit his own written pleas to the court.

Andrade did not make a final appeal for clemency from Texas Gov. Mark White. White has declined to grant clemency in all previous executions.

Andrade had spent less time on death row in Texas — 25 months — than any of the previous 19 inmates who were put to death since the state resumed executions in 1982.

"This was rather a short time," Clayton said. "But it was a short trial, a short record and an easy record for the appellate courts to review."

During his trial, Andrade testified he blacked out after injecting heroin and drinking alcohol and remembered little of the night when Ms. Guevara died.

Victim paid for dream with life

By Michael L. Graczyk
Associated Press Writer

Cordelia Mae Guevara's lifelong dream was to operate her own business. The price of that dream was her life.

On March 20, 1984, Ms. Guevara, 28, was found dead, lying in a pool of blood inside her Chiquita Fajita Lounge in Corpus Christi. She had been stabbed 14 times and raped.

Richard Andrade, 25, of Corpus Christi, who contends he was intoxicated from heroin and alcohol and remembers nothing of that night, was executed by lethal injection early today for the slaying.

"I hope they do execute Andrade," said Catalina Meza, Ms. Guevara's sister. "I know it never is going to bring my sister back. But if they let him out he might do it again."

Cordelia Guevara was the third of eight children in the Guevara family of Laredo.

"We are a close family, but we were raised to be independent," Mrs. Meza says. "She was a very private lady — very independent."

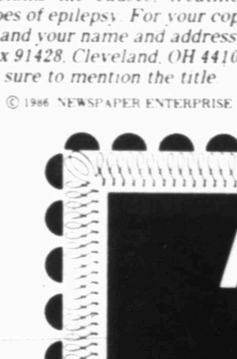
Ms. Guevara had lived in Corpus Christi about five years at the time of the slaying, her sister said. Earlier, she worked in San Antonio.

Her interest in the restaurant business started when she was 18 and began work as a waitress.

"She liked to be by herself, she had her goals," Mrs. Meza said. "She never was in any kind of trouble. She was just a business-oriented person. She was happy."

Witnesses at Andrade's trial testified Andrade was the last person inside the bar with Ms. Guevara before her body was found by two patrons the next day. Physical evidence found at the scene indicated she had tried to fight off her assailant with a pen.

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

'Problem' may be no problem at all

DEAR DR. GOTT — Our neighbor has a 3½-year-old baby boy. His testicles are not visible. I don't think his mother is aware that this is abnormal. When should the testicles appear?

DEAR READER — You may be misled by normal anatomy. All males have a protective response called the cremasteric reflex. During appropriate stimulation, such as stroking or exposure to cold, the small cremaster muscles pull the testicles up from the scrotum into the body. In addition to having tight scrotums, male children tend to have active cremaster muscles. Therefore, in youngsters, the testicles may seem to be permanently drawn up. In most cases, this is entirely normal.

The testicles usually drop into the scrotum at about the time of birth, give or take a few weeks. I am sure that your neighbor's pediatrician has checked the child for undescended testicles, since this condition frequently requires correction. There is a higher risk of testicular cancer in testicles that do not properly descend into the scrotum. The boy's mother and pediatrician are the best judges of the situation, since they're more familiar with the details of his health and development.

DEAR DR. GOTT — When I was 45 I had my breast tissue removed and implants put in to "prevent cancer." This was done on the advice of three doctors, because I had a history of fibrocystic breasts. Two years later I developed cancer anyway. What is your opinion on this first surgery? I'm a little bitter that I went to all that trouble and it didn't solve anything.

DEAR READER — "Prophylactic mastectomy," the procedure that you describe, is more frequently being recommended for women who are at high risk for breast cancer and who can't be adequately diagnosed by means of periodic examinations and mammograms. For example, the presence of fibrocystic disease makes precise diagnosis of breast lumps very difficult, particularly in women who have a strong family history of breast cancer. For these women, the removal of cystic breast tissue, followed by implant prostheses, reduces the already-high risk of cancer. As you discovered, the operation does not guarantee that there will be no trouble. However, it is an appropriate option for some women.

DEAR DR. GOTT — What's the difference between old-fashioned homemade buttermilk and the modern commercial cultured buttermilk we buy in supermarkets?

DEAR READER — That depends on your definition of how "old-fashioned" buttermilk was made. Today's buttermilk is safer; it is pasteurized and made from milk that is screened for contagious diseases such as turberculosis. Also, it is usually made with low-fat milk, to which vitamins have been added.

Dr. Gott's new Health Report, EPILEPSY: THE FALLING SICKNESS, explains the causes, treatment and types of epilepsy. For your copy, send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to mention the title.

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Bogus abortion clinics are latest anti-abortion tactic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ann Gillespie thought she was smart enough to spot a fake abortion clinic.

She was 31, and through her work in the Fort Worth, Texas, media, she knew that bogus abortion clinics existed. When she found she was pregnant in July 1985, she went to the telephone yellow pages to find help. Listed under abortion information was the "Problem Pregnancy Center," and Ms. Gillespie set up an appointment to seek an abortion.

But after she filled out a questionnaire asking intensely personal questions such as her religion and the father of the child, the "counselor" began rolling a graphic anti-abortion film.

"I realized I'd been had and this must be one of the pro-life clinics," she said. "I knew about these clinics. You can be informed and still end up in one of these clinics."

There is no exact count of the fake clinics, the latest tactic in the emotional battle over abortion, but activists estimate there are hundreds across the nation.

The clinics use neutral names, such as "Abortion Advice" or "Problem Pregnancy Center." Many are listed in the telephone yellow pages under the abortion heading. They offer free pregnancy testing and in some cases, abortion counseling.

Ms. Gillespie and three other women told the House Judiciary subcommitee on civil and constitutional rights Wednesday that they were pressured by anti-abortion "counselors" to not go through with the abortion.

All four women subsequently consulted licensed clinics and got the abortions they sought.

Two women also testified that they sought help from the anti-abortion clinics and thought they got sound advice. Jeannie Roff King of Gaithersburg, Md., canceled two abortion appointments after talking to anti-abortion counselors and watching their film.

"I have what I have today, Anthony my son, and I'm glad," she said.

Some states are beginning to press charges against the fake clinics.

"The issue is not abortion, the issue is not right-to-life, the issue is whether these clinics have a right to lie," said Texas Assistant Attorney General Stephen Gardner, who won a jury verdict this fall against a fake clinic for violating the state's deceptive trade practices law.

Gardner said he knew of similar cases in North Dakota and Massachusetts, and expected more litigation on the basis of false advertising and deception. He said he put the bogus abortion clinics in the same category as other consumer scams.

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Prison director McCotter resigns post under pressure

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Department of Corrections Director O.L. "Lane" McCotter will yield to Bill Clements' demands and quit the day the governor-elect takes office, the prison board chairman says.

In a letter of resignation submitted to board chairman Alfred Hughes Wednesday, the 46-year-old McCotter said he would leave his job Jan. 20, the day Clements is sworn in.

Clements, a Republican, has criticized an early release program designed to cope with the system's crowding problem and McCotter's hiring of ex-military personnel for key corrections department positions.

Before taking the TDC job in June 1985, McCotter commanded the Army prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the armed forces' only maximum-security prison.

"He just felt like for the director for the Texas Department of Corrections to be 100 percent effective, he had to have the support of the governor. He obviously didn't have that support," Hughes said.

Hughes said McCotter gave the clear impression that his decision was solely the result of Clements' criticism. The governor-elect also said repeatedly during his campaign that McCotter should resign and that he would seek an ouster if elected.

"We approve of his action. It gives the board an opportunity for a new beginning and to change direction," said Clements spokesman Reggie Bashur, who called some of McCotter's policies "extremely liberal and permissive."

McCotter met briefly with his staff in Huntsville Wednesday to tell of his plans to quit, and he plans no public comment, TDC spokesman David Nunnelee said.

"He thanked his staff for their support and friendship," Nunnelee said. "Basically, he just said that the day he felt he became a deficit to the agency, he would leave. And he felt that day had arrived. ... He didn't cry or anything. He made the best of it."

The prison board will immediately begin a search for a new director, but Hughes said that he did not believe a replacement could be selected by Jan. 20.

Bashur said although Clements acknowledges that the prison board and not the governor chooses the prison director, he "clearly would like some input" into the selection of a new TDC director.

Gov. Mark White, meanwhile, lauded McCotter's record and said the TDC is losing a "dynamic leader."

"Under his leadership, modern corrections practices have been brought to the Texas Department of Corrections. The Texas prison system is safe, secure, clean and constitutional as a result," White said. "I credit Lane McCotter for the significant improvement in prison security and the reduction in gang activities and inmate homicides."

Hughes said the change in leadership comes at a bad time as the state continues to try to meet a federal judge's order for major changes in prisons.

"It always hurts your operation to have a change in leadership," Hughes said, adding that McCotter has been an "outstanding director."

McCotter presided over the prison system during its most deadly period on record. In 1985, 27 inmates were killed in altercations with other inmates.

But through reclassification of inmates, hiring of more corrections officers and more intensive training of officers, the violence abated this year.

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ROBERT SCHOOLER

Local's brother is accepted by mission board

Robert Schooler of Bartlesville, Okla. has been accepted for training as a journeyman during the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. He is the brother of Mrs. Billy R. Benson of Snyder.

Those who receive medical clearance and successfully complete a five-week training session at the Cauthen Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Va., will be commissioned by the board Feb. 27, 1987. They are scheduled to go to 27 countries.

School financing suit set for Jan.

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorneys for 122 Texas school districts say they are ready to go to trial next month in a controversial test of the way the state finances public education.

State District Judge Harley Clark delayed action Wednesday on the state's request that a suit claiming education funds are not distributed fairly be thrown out of court without a trial.

Clark said he would rule the first week in January on the state motion, which says the protesting school districts can't sue the state because they have been accepting state money and are therefore part of the state system.

Clark set Jan. 20 as the starting date for the trial that involves 67 school districts claiming that under the 1984 school reform legislation, state school funds are not being distributed equitably.

The state, backed by 48 other school districts, claims state money is being spread evenly, but that some local districts are not collecting as much in school taxes as they could.

Eight districts in South Texas originally sued in March 1984, saying low-income school districts were not getting a fair deal compared to more prosperous districts. Other financially struggling districts joined in the suit.

Other districts, most of them with balanced budgets, joined the suit on the state's side.

"The present school finance system in Texas hurts the kids, the parents and it hurts the taxpayers," said Albert Kauffman, an attorney for the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund who filed the suit. "Poor districts have to pay more in taxes to get less."



CHRISTMAS STORIES--Students in Martha Floyd's first grade class at West Elementary recently wrote stories and drew pictures about Christmas. Students pictured with their books are from left, back row: Erin Maytubby, Jenise Judah, Cordelia Seaton; middle row: Halea Huestis, Carol Strayhorn, Crystal Lee, Vanessa Britton, Michelle Tolle, Samantha Keller (at desk), Rachel Turner and Lila King. (SDN Staff Photo)

West first graders write holiday stories

Students in Martha Floyd's first grade class at West Elementary recently drew pictures and wrote original stories about the "Signs of Christmas." Stories included giving gifts, the visit to the manger and going caroling.

Excerpts from each of the storybooks are as follows:

Christmas Holidays

—RAYMOND FLOYD: "We are going to grandma's and grandpa's. And at their house we will open presents. I like their house."

—AMANDA PEREZ: "I am going to Midland. I am staying there. I am going there to open presents."

—VANESSA BRITTON "I go to my grandma's and grandpa's house to open up presents. I play with my sister and cousins and take a nap."

—KRAIG BILLINGSLEY: "I am going to my grandma's house and then open presents. And we eat breakfast at my grandma's."

—CLAY BILLINGSLEY: "I am going to Ruidoso to ski. And my family will snow ski. I will go far away in my car."

—DAVID SMITH: "I am going to the farm with my family. And I will play with four cousins and they will play with me. We will eat together and open presents."

Christmas Caroling

—SAMANTHA KELLER: "The children are freezing. Could you give me some hot chocolate? And they did. O yes!"

—ERIN MAYTUBBY: ""The children are singing in the cold. They are having fun together. They are singing for the people today. Some children come to my house."

—DANIEL GUYNES: "The children are singing. They want hot chocolate and cookies. They are cold."

—JENISE JUDAH: "Some children came to my house on a cold and windy night. It is very cold. I asked them to come in the house to have some hot chocolate and cookies. I wish my family could go caroling. I bet it would be fun."

Shepherds on a Hillside

—JOSEPH STEAKLEY: "The shepherds were in the field. I love the story of baby Jesus. I heard the story at church. The shepherds were happy."

—LILA KING: "The shepherds were out in the field. The shepherds loved the sheep. There were many sheep in the fields. They played their harp to the sheep."

Manger Scene

—CAROL STRAYHORN: "Jesus is God's son. I love him very much. And if he were not here I wouldn't be alive!"

—WILLIAM WOOD: "The baby's mom took care of him. His name is Jesus. I feel happy about him."

—BRANDON HACKFELD: "The little Lord Jesus was a king. Can you tell? I can. I love Jesus. Yes. He was born in a manger."

—RACHEL TURNER: "They lived in Bethlehem when the baby Jesus was born in a manger. And I think Jesus is in heaven. I hope baby Jesus is big."

Wise Men

—SHANE WEST: "The wise men saw a bright star in the sky. It took them very long to get to Bethlehem."

—MICHELINE TOLLE: "The wise men saw a star clear and bright and they followed it. They saw a stable and baby Jesus got many presents."

—CRYSTAL LEE: "The three wise men saw a star that is very bright in the sky. They followed the star. It led them to baby Jesus. They gave him gifts. They rode on camels. They traveled days and night."

—HALEA HUESTIS: "The wise men saw a bright star in the sky. They got on the camels and they traveled a long, long time and then got to Bethlehem and gave gifts to baby Jesus."

Tax increase is not needed Clements says

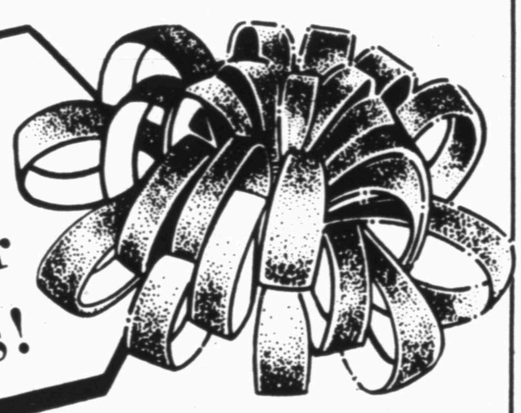
AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements says he remains confident the state can avoid a tax hike next year even though the fiscal picture is a bit dimmer than he had thought.

"There are some of these people with whom I've been conferring that feel that a tax hike, I think their word is, is inevitable. I don't agree with that. So, we'll see," Clements said of meetings he has had with legislative leaders.

The governor-elect said at a Wednesday news conference that revenues for the 1988-89 budget period will remain "flat."

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Achieving goals way of life for coach Chadwick

When Western Texas College's Dusters defeated Howard last week, it was Coach Kelly Chadwick's 200th career college coaching victory. But it was only one of a number of team-oriented goals in a hectic coaching profession - basketball at the junior college level.

"When I set out this year I had some goals of what I wanted this team to do. I wanted us to get in the top 20, to win the conference, to win 200 ballgames in my career, to win at least 28 games this season, and to get to the regional tournament and do as well as we can. Since then, I've changed those goals to winning the national tournament," said Chadwick, whose Dusters are currently 14-1 and ranked fourth in the nation.

It's a goal that - barring injury or other misfortune - could happen. It's also a rather lofty goal. But most of Chadwick's goals are.

"We set goals every game. If the girls don't reach those goals, they get punished (extra workouts). We check our goals. We grade every kid on every video," he pointed out. "I think our goals mean more because we don't just set them, we check them. We make sure we are reaching them. A lot of people are goal seekers. I'm a goal accomplisher. I like to accomplish my goals. I'm paranoid of setting a goal two low."

Chadwick got into coaching because "I got out of college and I was broke and took the first job that was offered to me," he said. He enjoyed coaching and pursued it for 12 years before he began racing funny cars full time.

"I started making more money racing than coaching," he explained. "And I had always enjoyed racing. I always enjoyed that thrill of speedboats and airplanes, things like that, since I was 17 years old."

Chadwick made good money and became a name attraction at the country's top drag strips. But the travel and common sense got the best of him.

"I woke up one morning and realized I was going to go race a car at 6.40 (seconds) and about 240 miles an hour on bad tracks. I think I was getting tired of putting that fire suit on," he said.

He left racing and went back to coaching again. Eventually, he began coaching at Amarillo College.

"Really, I think the junior college level is the toughest level. It can't be compared with any other level," said Chadwick. "You only have a player for two years. And you are not always getting blue-chip players. You have to take them and teach them and about the time they really know how to play, they're gone.

"I've never been able to figure out how we do this. It's not like a major college where you have an assistant recruiting full time. We have to recruit the kids, stay on the phone, conduct workouts, and coach 110 hours a week. And that's not a five day work week. That's seven days a week." he said.

"What's most rewarding is whenever I see one of my players go on to be successful. I've had coaches that worked with me and players I coached who are now very successful coaches. It's rewarding to see that."

'A lot of people are goal seekers. I'm a goal accomplisher.'

Having won 200 games while coaching in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference - respected as one of the toughest in the nation - is also rewarding.

"The competition in this league is so great. I feel like winning 200 games is a tremendous accomplishment. Odessa has been to the championship game for the last two years. Teams in this region always fare well at the national tournament," said the coach.

Chadwick has averaged over 22 victories a year while coaching for Amarillo College and Western Texas. He coached Amarillo to three Region V championships and as many national tournament appearances. He has been WJCAC Coach of the Year two times and is a member of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

He is also a member of the National Hot Rod Association Hall of Fame and was Pro Race Car Driver of the Year in 1970.

"Everybody can be a winner. What happens, I think, is that some people have been disappointed. Maybe they tried and failed and they lost confidence. They might not feel good about themselves. I keep preaching to be strong within yourself. We put our girls in pressure situations in practice where they have to do well. I think winning has a lot to do with how you approach something. This applies not only to basketball players. Everybody has desires. Everybody thinks of the American Dream. But somehow maybe they don't have enough money and they settle into mediocracy. Our girls realize mediocracy won't win ballgames."

In teaching his girls to be winners, Chadwick runs a tough workout. He's vocal, both in workouts and during the game.

"I think my players love and respect me, and they hate me. But when it's all said and done - no matter what they may have thought of me - I want them to be happy in March, and happy two years later and say 'what he did was good.' It's discipline," said the coach. "If you don't make it harder in practice than in a game then you are not doing a player right. I don't want my girls to go onto the floor and miss a couple of free throws they will remember the rest of their lives or go out and be surprised by something someone is doing and be embarrassed. Two of the best compliments I've had from other coaches are that Kelly's kids do everything right and they don't make mistakes. "Now, you know that's not true," he grinned, "but that's the way other coaches see it."

How many more victories will Chadwick record before he retires?

"I think if it gets to the time when you really and truely can't enjoy working with young people and give the 110 percent then it's time to do something else," he said. "I quit a very lucrative racing career because the travel was so tiring and I lost my enthusiasm for it. We all want to enjoy what we are doing. I feel like I coach fairly well so I enjoy that."



COACH KELLY CHADWICK

Players chosen for Pro Bowl; Cowboys nowhere to be found

by The Associated Press

Rosters for the NFL's all-star game, the Pro Bowl, reflect the changing order in the league.

The rosters for the NFC and AFC teams which will meet in Honolulu on Feb. 1 were released Wednesday with the New York Giants, who at 13-2 share the NFL's best record with the Chicago Bears, leading the way with eight players on the NFC team. The Bears and Los Angeles Rams each have seven.

But the proud Dallas Cowboys, suffering through their first non-winning season in 21 years, had no representatives - for the first time in their 27-year history. Even defensive tackle Randy White, who had been to the Pro Bowl nine straight years, was ignored in the voting by the players and coaches who pick the team.

"When you get down, you get kicked," said Gil Brandt, player personnel director of the Cowboys. "It will be a challenge for us to come back."

The AFC team has four separate clubs with five players each - the Miami Dolphins, Denver Broncos, New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks, although the Dolphins, just 8-7, are in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time since 1980.

The Giants' contingent of eight included three starters - linebackers Lawrence Taylor and Harry Carson and tight end Mark Bavaro, although punter Sean Landeta could also be considered in that category. It is Carson's eighth Pro Bowl selection and Taylor's sixth selection in his six years in the NFL.

New York running back Joe Morris, the league's second-leading rusher, will be a backup to the man who leads him, Eric Dickerson of the Rams and to Walter Payton of the Bears, who will be appearing in his ninth Pro Bowl. Mike Haynes of the Raiders, who will be starting at cornerback for the AFC is also in his ninth Pro Bowl.

The Miami contingent includes quarterback Dan Marino, making his third Pro Bowl start in four NFL seasons, and rookie John Offerdahl, who will start at inside linebacker.

Offerdahl is one of four rookies on the two squads. The others are running back Rueben Mayes of New Orleans, a reserve for the NFC and the two kick returners - Vai Sikahema of St. Louis for the NFC and Bobbie Joe Edmonds of Seattle for the AFC.

"I really didn't expect it," Offerdahl said. "I'm as surprised as anybody. I don't know how much I deserve it, but I'm proud."

Marino's backup at quarterback is John Elway of Denver. Tommy Kramer of Minnesota is the NFC's starting quarterback with Jay Schroeder of Washington the backup.

Pittsburgh linebacker Mike Merriweather, the only Steeler selected, was named to the AFC team for the third straight year. Merriweather's selection continues the Steelers' streak of having at least one linebacker chosen for the Pro Bowl every year since 1971.

Tigers play Pecos next

Snyder High School basketball teams play Pecos this Friday night.

SHS's boys take the host role. The girls are at Pecos.

Junior varsity teams tip off the action at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., varsity squads will take the floor.

Pecos' boys are 5-5 for the season and 0-1 in District 2-4A play while Snyder's boys are 7-5 and 1-0. Pecos' girls are 5-7 and 0-3; Snyder's are 6-5 and 2-1.

In other games Friday, Snyder freshman boys host Colorado City at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym; the sophomore boys play Hermleigh varsity in Hermleigh at 7:30 p.m., and the freshmen girls play in Hermleigh at 6 p.m.

College hoops

By The Associated Press

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Brooklyn Coll. 82, Loyola, Calif. 65
Georgetown 62, American 59

SOUTH
South Florida 62, Cincinnati 47
Wake Forest 70, Baptist, S.C. 65

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New Mexico St. 79, BYU-Hawaii 69
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Fullerton St. 80, Pepperdine 60
Nev.-Las Vegas 115, Nev.-Reno 83

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	16	7	.696	—
Philadelphia	13	10	.565	3
Washington	10	12	.455	5½
New York	5	19	.208	11½
New Jersey	4	19	.174	12
Central Division				
Atlanta	18	5	.783	—
Milwaukee	16	8	.667	2½
Detroit	12	8	.600	4½
Chicago	11	11	.500	6½
Indiana	11	12	.478	7
Cleveland	10	12	.455	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				
Dallas	15	8	.652	—
Utah	14	8	.636	½
Denver	11	13	.458	4½
Houston	9	12	.429	5
San Antonio	7	16	.304	8
Sacramento	6	17	.261	9
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	17	5	.773	—
Golden State	14	9	.609	3½
Portland	15	10	.600	3½
Seattle	11	10	.524	5½
Phoenix	12	12	.500	6
L.A. Clippers	4	18	.182	13

Wednesday's Games
Boston 113, Indiana 101
Cleveland 110, Philadelphia 107
Detroit 122, Utah 107
San Antonio 94, Phoenix 81

Thursday's Games
New Jersey at New York
Chicago at Indiana
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers
Portland at L.A. Lakers
Washington at Golden State
Houston at Seattle

Latest USFL effort ended

NEW YORK (AP) - The dormant United States Football League, with most of its best players dispersed to the NFL, vows to fight on after losing another court battle in its attempt to stay alive.

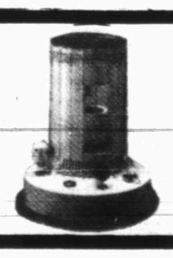
The latest defeat came Wednesday at the hands of U.S. District Judge Peter K. Leisure, who presided at the trial last summer that ended with the USFL awarded just $3 in damages in its antitrust suit against the National Football League.

Shortly after hearing the USFL's arguments to break up the NFL into two entirely autonomous conferences with separate administrations and drafts, Leisure threw out the requests entirely, reading from the bench a 21-page opinion excoriating the fledgling league for causing its own downfall.

But despite the prediction from some USFL officials that an unfavorable ruling from Leisure might mean the official end of the league that began play in the spring of 1983, Commissioner Harry Usher said the fight would continue in the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals.

"I think it's the end of the trial court portion of the case but not the end of the league," Usher said.

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SPORTS

Grant Teaff withdraws name from consideration at USC

WACO, Texas (AP) - Baylor head football coach Grant Teaff says he has withdrawn his name from consideration for the vacant head coaching job at the University of Southern California.

At a news conference Wednesday, Teaff said told Southern Cal Athletic Director Mike McGee he was not interested in pursuing the job. Teaff confirmed earlier this week that he had talked to McGee about the vacancy.

"I have been very intensely involved in a decision-making process that was probably the most in-depth and one of the hardest decisions that I've ever made, and I'm a man of decisions," said Teaff, the winningest coach in Baylor's history.

Baylor Athletic Director Bill Menefee said the Southern Cal opening was the "closest call" that the Southwest Conference school had in almost losing Teaff.

Baylor, ranked 14th nationally, will face Colorado in the Bluebonnet Bowl on Dec. 31. The Bears, who finished the regular season with an 8-3 record, are 89-76-5 in 15 years under Teaff.

Teaff said he had a loyalty to the players in the program.

"I wanted to make sure I had not outlived my usefulness at Baylor," he said. "I feel confident we can build this program into one of the strongest in the conference."

USC is looking for a successor to Ted Tollner, who was fired Dec. 8, nine days after the Trojans had dropped a 38-37 decision to Notre Dame in their final regular-season game.

According to published reports, McGee also has talked with Miami Coach Jimmy Johnson and Dave Levy, an assistant coach for the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

The school also reportedly was interested in Washington Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs and Arizona Coach Larry Smith. But both reportedly are out of the picture - Gibbs because of his salary, estimated at $750,0000 a year, and Smith has said he doesn't want to be interviewed for any coaching job.

McGee has refused to identify who he has talked with, but said Tuesday that he hopes to hire a new coach early in 1987.

Tollner will coach the Trojans against Auburn in the Florida Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla., on New Year's Day. Southern Cal was 7-4 during the regular season and 26-19-1 in four seasons under Tollner.

The colonial settlement of Newport, R.I., was founded in 1639.

Paterno receives first Bryant coaches award

HOUSTON (AP) - Penn State's Joe Paterno won this round, but Miami's Jimmy Johnson hopes he'll win the next meeting between the two coaches, whose teams rank Nos. 1 and 2 in the nation.

Paterno beat out Johnson and three other finalist Wednesday night for the Bear Bryant Award as the College Coach of the Year as selected by the Football Writers Association of America.

But Johnson has a chance to get even Jan. 2 when the two team meet in the Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz.

"This is not just another game," Johnson said. "I think it is as big a college football games that's every been played."

Paterno, who failed to appear at the $125 per plate dinner because of a prior commitment, beat out Johnson, Arizona State Coach John Cooper and North Carolina State's Dick Sheridan for the 30th annual award.

Former University of Texas Coach Darrell Royal, a two-time winner of the honor, accepted the award for Paterno.

"That's great," Paterno said from his State College, Pa., home. "Any time you get something like this it's exciting. I've been a very fortunate person.

"I've gotten more than my share and I think that has to be attributed to all the people around Penn State," Paterno said, noting he was fortunate to have been surrounded by quality players, coaches and administrators.

"I just think it's a Penn State award, I really do. I know that sounds a little trite, but I really believe that," he said. "It's great for a lot of people, not just me."

Johnson said his team would not under-estimate Penn State.

"So many people downplay Penn State, but they've got a veteran team with 19 senior starters," Johnson said. "Veteran teams don't make many mistakes and we have to keep our mistakes to a minimum if we expect to win."

Johnson also acknowledged that the Hurricanes could be quicker than Penn State, but also defended the Nittany Lions.

"Penn State just looks slower because they wear black high-tops," Johnson said.



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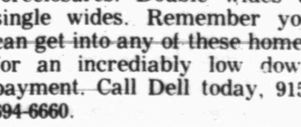
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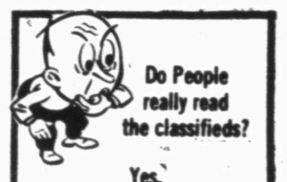
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Report sees spurt in net cash income

WASHINGTON (AP) — Net cash income for the farm sector in 1987 could grow to as much as $50 billion, the Agriculture Department says.

Growth of at least $1 billion from the 1986 level of $44 billion was envisioned Wednesday in the department's Agricultural Outlook publication.

The forecast, which comes out 11 times a year, said 1987 net cash income, measured in 1982 dollars, might reach its highest level since 1979.

It said direct cash payments could exceed the $12 billion to $13 billion estimated for the current year.

USDA's Economic Research Service, which produces the outlook, said it was likely there would be a slip in cash receipts of 1 percent to 3 percent, with crops falling about 6 percent and livestock gaining about 2 percent. But a possible drop of 3 percent was forecast for total farm production expenses, which decreased 5 percent this year.

The debt-asset ratio of the nation's farmers most likely climbed from 25 percent in 1985 to 26-27 percent for 1986, according to the report. It said the ratio should remain at that level for 1987. The figure for 1981 was 19 percent.

Returns on assets probably dropped to 3 percent in 1986 from 3.3 percent, it said. It said there most likely would be a rise to 3.7 percent in 1987, with improved income and lower asset values.

Meanwhile, it said growth of foreign demand for farm goods in the late 1980s could double from the 1 percent to 1.5 percent rate of increase in the early part of the decade.

Factors that could spur such a change include expanding income, declining inflation, lower interest rates and rapid world population growth.

In fact, total U.S. grain disappearance — the amount consumed domestically and exported — could recover to the levels of the early 1970s, according to the forecast.

Acreage reduction programs raise the cost of production relative to those of other countries and thus lower U.S. competitiveness, the report noted.

But it said that "increasing U.S. productivity and large existing stocks will require heavy reliance on acreage reduction programs throughout the period."

The European Community most likely will remain a tough competitor for grain export markets, the report said.

High internal prices continue to boost production within the EC, according to the report. It said poor weather could again make the Soviet Union a major grain importer.

But it added: "The trends suggest that the centrally planned countries as a group will not be a source of growth in world trade in the late 1980s."

It did say that grain trade prospects were favorable in East Asia, North Africa, the Middle East and Central America.

The report said cotton and rice should sustain the recovery this year under the marketing loan program. But increased soybean and protein meal production in South America and Europe, combined with only moderate gains in global livestock output, will limit those exports.

Emergency shelter demand said growing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of poor people increased this year in two out of three major U.S. cities surveyed, and most communities reported striking increases in families with children needing emergency food and shelter, the U.S. Conference of Mayors said today.

Its survey of 25 cities found the number of homeless people needing shelter increased in all but one, and that demand for emergency food assistance increased in all but three.

"By far the most significant change in the cities' homeless population has been in the number of families with children, with four out of five of the survey cities reporting that the number of families with children seeking emergency shelter has grown," the report said.

"In 72 percent of the cities, families comprise the largest group for whom emergency shelter and other needed services are particularly lacking," it said.

The need for emergency shelter was up an average 20 percent in the cities during 1986, compared to the previous year, and nearly three-quarters of the cities said they turn away people in need because there isn't enough room in their shelters. The conference said 24 percent of the demand for emergency shelter is unmet.

The survey findings were part of a report on increased poverty and hunger in urban America being released today at a news conference by Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn and Charleston, S.C., Mayor Joseph Riley, president of the conference.

Flynn, head of the conference's task force on hunger and the homeless, and Riley were expected to point to the findings as evidence that urban poverty is a national problem and one that demands an increased national response.

The conference said 16 of the surveyed cities reported the number of poor people in their cities increased over the previous year. Only two, Hartford, Conn., and Yonkers, N.Y., reported decreases.

It said that despite widespread improvements in unemployment and the general economy, "nearly nine out of 10 of the cities said the recovery has not helped the hungry, the homeless or other low-income people in their city."

The report blamed unemployment, inadequate benefit levels in public assistance programs, poverty in general, the lack of affordable housing, and problems with the food stamp program as the main causes of hunger in those cities.

It attributed much of the increase in homelessness to the decline in federal support for assisted housing for low and moderate income people. Unemployment and the lack of services needed by mentally ill people also were cited.

The report attempts to dispel the notion that the problems of the homeless are confined to single men. It said that, on average, 28 percent of the cities' homeless population is composed of families with children; 15 percent are single women.

Nearly one in five homeless people are employed, either in full-time or part-time jobs, and 29 percent of the homeless in those cities are chronically mentally ill, it said.

The conference did not attempt to measure the numbers of homeless people. Estimates of such people vary widely.

Only Kansas City among the 25 cities included in the survey reported no change in demand for emergency shelter. Los Angeles reported the highest rate of increase, 50 percent.

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Wednesday as compared with Tuesday's prices

	Wed.	Tue.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	44.10	44.75
Gasoline reg. NY hbr bg gl fob	44.35	44.00
Gasoline unleaded NY hbr bg gl fb	43.00	43.00
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Saudi Arabian light (netback bass)	12.41	12.10
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	15.65	15.90
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	15.85	16.10
Alaska No. Slope del. US Gulf Cost	14.90	15.20

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Communities strive to get transplant funds

ARP, Texas (AP) — Residents around this East Texas community are sponsoring events ranging from a gospel song fest to a fashion show where men will dress as women in efforts to raise money for a liver transplant for a 7-year-old boy.

Doctors have estimated that Dustin Nichols has about 18 months to two years to live.

Testimony could help Reagan out

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nancy Reagan says her husband would recover from the current "valley" in his presidency if former aides Vice Adm. John Poindexter and Lt. Col. Oliver North would publicly reveal their roles in the secret Iran-Contra arms deals.

The first lady, in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press, also said her husband is upset that he was kept in the dark about the Iran-Contra affair and is frustrated because North and Poindexter have balked at telling what really happened.

"It's very disturbing to him, obviously very disturbing to him and disappointing to him that he was not told things that he should have been told," Mrs. Reagan said. "Nobody's happy and jubilant about being deceived."

Poindexter left his job as Reagan's national security adviser, and North was fired as a National Security Council aide, on Nov. 25. That was the day Attorney General Edwin Meese III said North knew details of the diversion to Nicaraguan Contra rebels of profits from sales of arms to Iran, and that Poindexter was generally aware of the plan.

The two men have invoked their Fifth Amendment protections against self-incrimination rather than testify to congressional committees.

The first lady, in her most extensive remarks to date on the Iran-Contra affair, said she wants the two men to tell what they know "because they are obviously the only ones who know what went on. Nobody else knows."

Mrs. Reagan said she does not believe the controversy will scar Reagan's legacy.

"I think he's done so many wonderful things for this country over the past six years ... you know, there are peaks and valleys and this is a valley," she said.

"There's nothing more that he can do," she said of her husband. "Now it is up to North and Poindexter."

The first lady said she has tried to be supportive of her husband.

"You listen when he wants to talk, make suggestions when he wants suggestions," she said. But she said she had not advised her husband on "specifics about Iran."

Mrs. Reagan refused to say whether she believed the president should fire more of his advisers. Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill have urged that CIA Director William Casey and White House chief of staff Donald T. Regan be removed.

"That's up to him," she said of her husband.

And she denied that she had conspired with long-time Reagan friends and aides to drive Regan from office.

"I read in the paper that there is a California cabal. That is absolutely untrue," she said.

The first lady also denied reports that Reagan had told her to "Get off my goddamn back," as reported by The Washington Post earlier this month.

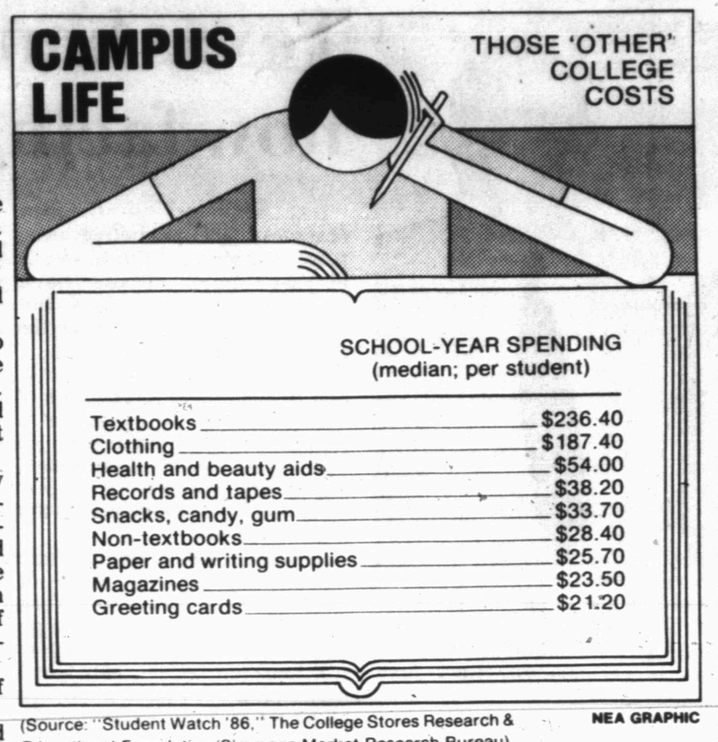
"Do you have a picture of him saying that to me?" Mrs. Reagan asked, a bit of pique in her voice. "No. ... It never happened."

"He never uses that word — to anybody," Mrs. Reagan said. "They just happened to pick a word that he never uses. He'll say 'damn,' but he'll never put the two together. He feels very strongly about that — he'll stop people, he'll say, 'Please don't say that.'"

Asked if she looked forward to a return to private life, she said, "I'm ready for a little private time together."

Mrs. Reagan said there is no cause for concern over her husband's prostate surgery scheduled for Jan. 5.

"If there were urgency we would do it tomorrow," she said. "It's very common," she said.



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What does it cost to go to college? Certainly more than the price of tuition plus room and board. For other bills reported by students, here are the median figures — occurring midway in the totals listed for each category.

Was immunity call premature?

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House spokesman Larry Speakes, trying to defend President Reagan's proposal that former aides Oliver North and John M. Poindexter be granted limited immunity in exchange for their testimony, talked himself into something of a logical box.

Speakes criticized Archibald Cox, the former Watergate special prosecutor, and others not directly involved in the Iran-Contra investigation for opposing grants of immunity. Speakes said they were judging the case prematurely without access to the evidence collected so far.

Then he had to admit Reagan was in the same boat with them.

"I don't think Archie Cox or myself or you or anyone else other than those involved in the investigation would know what evidence is now in hand and whether it's sufficient for prosecution," Speakes told reporters at a briefing Wednesday. "It would be premature to make a judgment until someone understood what was there."

Asked how Reagan could make such a judgment, Speakes said the president consulted Attorney General Edwin Meese III about the case. And Meese, the spokesman said, knew what an independent counsel would know because "there's no difference" between a Justice Department probe and one conducted by an independent counsel, or special prosecutor.

"An independent counsel and a Justice Department investigation are performing, in a sense, the same procedure, the same type of investigation that an independent counsel would be," he explained. "The independent counsel is set up merely to remove it from anyone in the administration having a hand in appointing those who do the investigation. So there's no difference."

Consulting with Meese might then give Reagan key information on which to base a decision — but the spokesman said Meese didn't tell the president anything.

When asked if Reagan knew what the evidence was before deciding to ask the Senate Intelligence Committee to grant immunity to his former aides, Speakes said:

AP analysis

"I think the president has deliberately from his end — and the attorney general deliberately from his end — not made the president or anyone else in the White House privy to information that's been gathered in the investigation."

Both men, he explained, were trying "to avoid the criticism that was extended in 1974," when President Nixon was forced to resign after interfering in the official probe of the Watergate break-in.

"So the president, in a sense, doesn't know any more than Archie Cox about whether the attorney general has a case or not?" Speakes was asked.

"That would be my understanding, yes," the spokesman said.

"But the president did have the opportunity that Archie Cox did not, and that is to consult with the attorney general on the matter."

He hastened to add, however, "...The attorney general I don't believe indicated anything."

It would seem to follow, then, that it would be premature to conclude, as Reagan did, that granting immunity "does not prevent those responsible for any wrongdoing from being brought to justice."

And that is precisely what the Senate Intelligence Committee concluded in refusing the president's request.

Editor's Note: Michael Putzel has covered the White House for the Associated Press since 1979.

New pill produces medical abortions

BOSTON (AP) — A new medicine that allows women to have abortions simply by taking a pill could have an enormous impact on society and raises troubling questions about potential abuses, medical experts say.

A study published today shows that the drug, developed and tested in France, can safely terminate 85 percent of early pregnancies. The researchers said it "offers a reasonable alternative" to the risks of surgical abortions.

The medicine is not available in the United States. However, experts predict it will be approved next spring in France and Sweden for terminating pregnancies.

"It's a potentially enormous impact on society to have a medically induced abortion that is safe and effective," said Dr. William F. Crowley of Massachusetts General Hospital. He described the medicine as one of the few drugs or discoveries that "can change the way society operates."

Dr. Allan Rosenfield of Columbia University called the drug "potentially a very exciting breakthrough."

"Throughout almost all countries, women have looked for some drug that will bring on a period when a period is late," he said. "This drug will do that. The woman doesn't need to know if she is pregnant."

Added Dr. Lynette Nieman of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: "This is the first medical abortive agent that has become available. There are a lot of complications with surgical abortions. This is an advance for people who want to have the option of an abortion."

The drug, Mifepristone or RU 486, blocks the body's use of progesterone, a hormone essential for maintaining the lining of the uterus. Deprived of progesterone, the uterus sheds its lining, including any fertilized egg attached to it.

A report on experimental use of the drug by 100 pregnant women was published in the New England Journal of Medicine by Dr. Beatrice Couzinet and colleagues from Hopital de Bicetre in Bicetre, France.

Nieman said that as an abortion medicine, the drug has potential for abuse if women don't use it under a doctor's supervision. She said no one knows what, if any, ill effects the pills would have on a fetus if it fails to produce an abortion and the woman goes through with her pregnancy.

In the French study, the pill didn't work for 15 of the women who took it. They had surgical abortions later.

Crowley said he was troubled by the possibility that women might use it repeatedly to induce abortions rather than practicing regular birth control. "If this became a primary method of contraception for large numbers of people, it's a distressing thing," he said.

Research shows that the pill works best if it's used during the first half of the first trimester.

Police arrest assault suspect

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The victim reported the crime at 9:10 p.m.

Meadow was being held without bond in the Scurry County Jail Thursday morning pending transfer to the custody of Lubbock County authorities.

He was charged in Scurry County with one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Follies begins 2-day run

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presented, a work based on a humorous article which first appeared in McCalls magazine.

Cast members for this portion of the show will include Charlie McCormick, Brandon Neely, Kirsten Miller, Monique Miller, Brad Vincent, Carl Menges, Doug Smith, Melissa Hodges, Susie Thrasher, Cory McDaniel and Joy McSpadden.

Following the short play, "A Texas Tribute" will be offered, a dance number featuring former grad Everett.

The grand finale will be a Texas Sesquicentennial salute entitled "We Wish You a Texas Christmas."

In charge of production is Jerry Worsham with Bill Lyon directing the show's musical numbers.

Obituaries

Pete May

SWEETWATER–Services for Thomas L. (Pete) May, 59, will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

May, who died Tuesday at his home, was the brother of three Scurry County residents.

Born in Sweetwater, May was owner of Pete May Roofing Co. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the VFW. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge and the Evening Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Clydelle Talley May of Sweetwater; two son, Larry May of Sweetwater and Dwayne May of Fort Benning, Ga.; a daughter, Cindy Kellogg of Lubbock; four brothers, Joe May of Hermleigh, Raymond May of Snyder, Bill May of Sweetwater and S. J. May of Blackwell; three sisters, Christine Rogers of Snyder, Annetta Mitchell of Bedford and Mildred Andrews of Bryan; and seven grandchildren.

Soviet scientists research proposal

MOSCOW (AP) — Orbiting mines, space "shrapnel," lasers and dummy missiles could foil any "Star Wars" threat, according to scientists outlining what they called a Soviet retaliatory "tool kit."

Their findings are summarized in a 147-page work, "Weaponry in Space: The Dilemma of Security," that is believed to be the first published account for public distribution of possible countermeasures to any U.S. deployments under the Strategic Defense Initiative.

The report, published in English and Russian, was distributed Wednesday at a news conference held by some of the scientists who edited the report.

Soviet officials have previously said their scientists could come up with suitable and less costly responses to Star Wars and have indicated that simply deploying more land-based missiles would be one possibility.

Yevgeny Velikhov, a physicist and one of the report's editors, said at the news conference that the U.S. administration is conducting a "disinformation campaign" to deceive public opinion about the viability of Star Wars.

The scientists said research leads them to conclude "it would be impossible to achieve impenetrability of an anti-ballistic missile 'shield.'"

New type horned dinosaur unveiled

NEW YORK (AP) — A new type of dinosaur may have been just a runt among its saurian brethren 75 million years ago, but it might have evolved into one of the biggest horned dinosaurs, a scientist says.

The bones of the Avaceratops lammersi, a plant-eating animal, were found five years ago in Montana, the first unknown horned dinosaur to be discovered in North America in 35 years. They were to go on display today at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

"It's a lot smaller than many people think of as dinosaur size," said Peter Dodson, research associate at the academy and associate anatomy professor at the University of Pennsylvania's veterinary medical school.

The specimen on display came from a juvenile, some 7½ feet long and about three feet high at the rear hips, said Dodson. In life, it may have weighed about 400 pounds.

As an adult, it might have grown to 12 feet long and a bit over 1,000 pounds, he said.

But the bony frill at the back of its head suggests it may be an ancestor of a triceratops, which stretched 25 feet long, weighed maybe five tons and lived an estimated 10 million years later, Dodson said.

Scientists have not pinpointed any ancestors of the triceratops, said Jack Horner, curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, Mont.

Close inspection of the new beast will be needed to see if it qualifies, he said in a telephone interview. The contrast between its small size and that of triceratops does not rule out the possibility, he said.

"An animal like that wouldn't need 10 million years to change its size," Horner said.

David Jablonski, associate professor of paleontology at the University of Chicago's department of geophysical sciences, said a connection to triceratops appears plausible. He also said the new dinosaur find is significant for the period it represents, some 10 million years before dinosaurs died out.

"One of the most interesting problems is what happened to the dinosaurs," he said in a telephone interview. "Obviously any discovery that gives us a more complete picture about what the dinosaur's world was like before the roof came crashing down on them is a valuable discovery."

The new beast is represented by about 150 bones, including much of the skull, most of the limbs, parts of 18 vertebrae and parts of the rib , said Dodson. The shape of the bones in the frill at the back of the head indicates the beast represents a new genus and species, he said.

A species is a subgroup of a genus.

The animal's bones were recovered from a Montana ranch, where they were discovered in 1981 by a commercial fossil collector, Eddy Cole of Wall, S.D., Dodson said. Dodson named the dinosaur for Cole's wife, Ava, and for the landowners, the Arthur Lammers family.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	56½	56	56
Amer Can	86⅜	86⅛	86¼
Ameritech	137	136	136⅜
AMI Inc	15⅛	15	15
Am Motors	3⅛	2⅞	2⅞
AmStand	43¼	43	43⅛
Amer T&T	27¼	26¾	27
Amoco	66	65½	65⅝
ArmcoInc	5⅛	5	5⅛
AtlRichfld	59	58⅝	58⅞
BancTexas	⅝	11-32	11-32
BellAtlan s	71⅜	71	71⅜
BellSouth	59¼	59	59
Beth Steel	5	4⅞	5
Borden s	48⅛	47⅝	47⅞
Caterpllr	40¼	39⅜	39⅞
Centel	57⅜	56⅞	57
ChesebgP	72⅛	71⅞	72⅛
Chevron	46¼	45¾	46⅛
Chrysler s	39½	39⅛	39⅜
CoastalCp	33¾	33⅜	33⅝
CocaCola s	38¾	38½	38⅝
Coleman	32	31½	32
Colg Palm	43½	43	43½
DeltaAirl	49¾	49	49⅛
DiamShm	13½	13⅜	13½
DowChem	60¾	60⅜	60½
DressrInd	19¼	19	19
duPont	87⅞	87¼	87½
EstKodak	69¾	69	69
Enserch	17	16¾	17
EntexInc	16¾	16⅝	16¾
Exxon	71⅛	70½	71
FederalCo s	41⅛	40¾	40¾
Firestone	28	27⅝	28
FtBcpTex	3⅞	3¾	3¾
FlowerInd	24¾	24⅝	24⅝
FordMot s	57½	57⅛	57¼
GAF Cp s	39⅛	38½	38¾
GTE Corp	59¼	58⅝	59
GnDynam	70	69½	69⅝
GenElec	87	86⅛	86⅛
GenMills s	44⅛	43⅜	44
Gen Motors	67⅞	66⅞	66⅞
GnMotr E	25⅞	25⅛	25½
Goodrich	45⅜	45	45
Goodyear	42⅛	41⅞	41⅞
GtAtlPac	23¼	22⅞	22⅞
Gulf StaUt	7½	7¼	7⅜
Haliburtn	25	24⅝	24⅝
HolidayCorp	70⅝	69⅝	69⅞
HoustInd	35½	35⅛	35⅛
HughesTl	8⅛	8	8
Interfst	4⅞	4¾	4⅞
IBM	127	126⅛	126¼
Int Paper	74⅜	73⅝	73⅝
JohnsJn	69¼	68⅝	69
K mart	47⅜	47⅛	47¼
Kroger s	30¼	30	30⅛
vjLTV Cp	1¾	1⅝	1⅝
Litton Ind	78⅛	77⅜	77⅜
LoneSta Ind	33	32½	33
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MCorp	11⅛	10¾	10¾
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Medtronic	82⅝	82⅛	82⅛
Mobil	39¾	39⅜	39⅝
Monsanto	76⅞	76⅜	76½
Motorola	38	37½	37⅝
Navistar	5¼	5	5⅛
Nynex s	68	67¼	67½
OwensIll s	51	50¾	50⅞
PacTel s	56⅛	55½	56
Penney JC	76⅛	75⅜	75⅜
Phelps Dod	21¾	21⅜	21⅜
PhilipPet	10⅞	10¾	10⅞
Polaroid	68¾	68	68
ProctGamb	79⅝	78½	79¼
PubS NwMx	34⅜	34⅛	34¼
RepBankCp	19½	19	19
Sabine	13⅛	12⅝	13⅛
SFeSouPac	30⅞	30½	30¾
SearsRoeb	41⅛	40¾	41
SherwinWm s	29⅛	28¾	28⅞
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Southern Co	25⅞	25¾	25¾
Southland	48½	48¼	48⅜
SwstBell	113⅞	112⅝	112⅝
StdOil	48	47½	47⅞
SunComp	56⅞	56½	56½
TNP Ent	22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
Tandy	41⅞	41½	41⅝
TempleInld	57½	56⅛	57
Tenneco	38⅝	38⅜	38⅜
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TexComBn	26½	25⅞	26⅛
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USWest s	55⅝	55⅜	55⅜
UniTel	26½	26⅛	26⅛
Unocal	26⅝	26⅛	26½
WalMart	47	46½	46⅝
WestghEl	59⅛	59⅜	59⅜
Xerox Cp	61⅝	61	61⅜
ZenithE	21¼	21	21

Freed mercenary telephones family

MARINETTE, Wis. (AP) — American mercenary Eugene Hasenfus, released from a 30-year prison sentence in Nicaragua, wept as he telephoned his children and said, "It feels wonderful to be free."

The ex-Marine who was imprisoned for shipping weapons to Nicaraguan rebels, was to return to the United States this afternoon.

On Wednesday night, he telephoned relatives, saying he hoped to return to his northern Wisconsin home by Friday, said his mother-in-law, Eileen Weber.

He talked to each of his three children, who have stayed with Mrs. Weber and her husband Michael at their home in nearby Peshtigo while Hasenfus' wife, Sally, visited in Managua, Nicaragua.

"Dad, what's the matter?" his 10-year-old son, Eugene, said he asked his father who was crying. He said he had never heard his father cry.

Today is son Adam's 7th birthday. Hasenfus said he wanted to be home for the occasion, but was unsure he would be in Marinette before Friday.

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President's prostate surgery is fairly common procedure

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prostate operation President Reagan will undergo next month is a relatively common and safe procedure that should not keep him off the job for more than a few days, experts say.

The operation, similar to one Reagan underwent 20 years ago, is not very risky and he should be able to leave Bethesda Naval Hospital four or five days after the Jan. 5 surgery, specialists said in interviews Wednesday.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes announced Wednesday that Reagan, 75, suffered from a "mild, recurring discomfort" and will undergo surgery for an enlarged prostate.

The prostate is a male sex gland surrounding the urethra at the base of the bladder. It often becomes enlarged as men grow older and sometimes can become cancerous.

Speakes said there is no evidence the president has cancer of the prostate. However, he said, tissues would be examined after the surgery to be sure.

The risk of prostate cancer increases with age and one-third of men over age 80 can expect to have cancer surgery on the gland, said Dr. Patrick C. Walsh, director of urology at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore.

Walsh said 75 percent of men over age 50 eventually have some symptoms of prostate problems. Between 20 and 25 percent of men in this age group have problems severe enough to require surgery, he said.

Reagan will enter the hospital Jan. 4 for his third followup examination to check for a possible recurrence of the colon cancer discovered in Reagan in July 1985. The surgery will be done the next day.

Reagan will have a prostate-scraping operation called transurethral resection, which is performed in 90 percent of these cases. The president had a similar operation in 1967 and it is not unusual for it to be repeated 20 years later in someone treated at a relatively young age, Walsh said.

"It's not uncommon for this procedure to be done, and the risks of death or severe complications are very small — under 1 percent," Walsh said.

The prostate is a half-ounce gland about the size of a walnut that surrounds the base of the bladder. It makes a secretion that conditions semen, adds to its volume and helps insure fertility.

As men age, fibrous tissue builds up in the prostate for unknown reasons. When the gland enlarges, it squeezes the urethra, the neck of the bladder, and interferes with urination and emptying the bladder.

Doctors insert a tube, between one-fourth and one-third of an inch in diameter, through the penis and the canal of the urethra into the prostate.

Surgeons pass light sources and magnifying lenses through the tube to observe the fibrous tissue that is swelling the gland. They use an electrified wire instrument to cut away the material in small pieces and remove it.

Texas banks in upheaval; now facing merger wave

DALLAS (AP) — Industry observers are predicting even more merger mania in the wake of two major Texas bank mergers in as many days, but they are divided on whether the deals will prove profitable.

On Tuesday, InterFirst Corp. and RepublicBank Corp., both of Dallas, announced plans for a $570 million all-stock merger to create First RepublicBank Corp., one of the nation's 15 biggest bank holding companies with $35 billion in assets.

And on Monday, Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. of Houston and Chemical New York Corp. said they planned to merge in a $1.19 billion deal, the largest U.S. bank merger ever. That deal would create an institution with about $74.9 billion in assets, making it one of the five largest U.S. banking companies.

In announcing the First RepublicBank deal, Gerald Fronterhouse, RepublicBank chairman who will be president and chief executive of the new company, boasted that "this is a company made by Texans for Texans."

But while there may be state pride in the marriage of two old crosstown rivals, some analysts are uncertain all the results will be good.

"This is not anything against Texans; they're wonderful people. But that attitude is a little frightening," said Michael Plodwick, an analyst with E.F. Hutton Co. He was concerned particularly about InterFirst's $1.1 billion in non-performing loans.

"We figured RepublicBank would make an in-state acquisition. We didn't think it would be InterFirst," he said.

Two key factors in helping spark a potential spate of Texas bank mergers are the state's battered economy and its new interstate banking legislation.

A law that went into effect Sept. 23 allows out-of-state banks to acquire Texas institutions, thus opening new avenues of help for the beleaguered banks.

Plodwick said that while the short-term economic outlook for Texas wasn't great, the results of Texas bank mergers would not be apparent for some time.

"We're not going to know for three or four years whether these were good deals or not," he said.

The next likely large takeover targets are MCorp of Dallas, First City and Allied Bancshares of Houston and Texas American of Fort Worth, according to Alex Sheshunoff, president of Sheshunoff & Co. in Austin, a bank consulting firm.

Sheshunoff predicted the future would see "a handful of out-of-state acquisitions being done, people getting a toehold and trying to expand" into Texas.

In any large mergers, including the most recent ones, "the big challenge is can they deliver good quality service," Sheshunoff said. "Generally speaking, a smaller competitor can provide service quality. The larger a bank gets, the more problems it has with efficiency."

But Ed McClelland, vice president and economist with RepublicBank, said the reduced number of banks planned in the merger with InterFirst "will lend to efficiencies we haven't had to date. Customers will benefit from this in terms of higher quality of service and lower costs."

In the RepublicBank-InterFirst merger, 3,000 jobs will be cut from the combined 17,400-member workforce over three years, and duplicated offices will be combined to save $600 million in overhead, Fronterhouse said. About 25 branches will be closed, he said.

McClelland said most of the jobs could be phased out through attrition, and added that a hiring freeze immediately was put into effect.

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