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Three more to seek office in March party primaries

With the deadline just a few days away, three more Scurry County residents have filed to have their names placed on the March 12 party primary ballots.

Local businessman Howard Limmer is seeking the Republican Party nomination for Scurry County Precinct 3 commissioner.

Limmer, 55, is currently unopposed on the GOP ticket but will face Democratic incumbent C.D. Gray Jr. in the November general election.

Local attorney Dena Reecer has joined the race for county attorney.

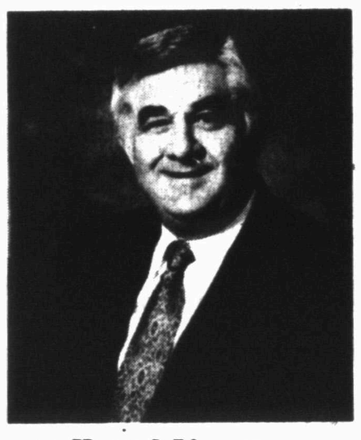
Filing on the Republican ticket, Reecer, 31, will oppose attorney Michael W. Hartman in that party's primary in March.

The sheriff's race got a fourth candidate Friday. Joe Simpson, current chief of police at Gorman, also filed with the Republican Party.

Simpson, whose permanent residence is Snyder, will oppose sheriff's deputy Kerry Fritz in the primary. Also filing for the post have been two Democrats, sheriff's deputies Joe Cheyne and Darren Jackson.

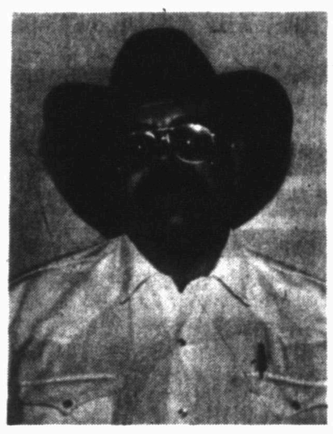
The four men are seeking to replace Keith Collier, who has announced he will not run for a ninth term.

Tuesday is the final day to file as a candidate for one of nine local offices up for election.



Howard Limmer

Dena Reecer



Joe Simpson

Howard Limmer candidate for Pct. 3 Comm.

"I have opened and maintained my own retail store for three years and I feel I have the business knowledge that I can apply to assist running the county in a business-like manner," said Limmer, owner of Limmer's Ladies Apparel.

"I was previously employed with a retail chain store for 31 years. As manager of the store here in Snyder, the sales were in excess of two million dollars with a staff of up to 20 to 25. The retail business has given me a working knowledge of setting up and maintaining budgets."

"I have lived in Snyder and Scurry County 27 years. I have become acquainted with many people and look forward to making more acquaintances as I start my campaign," he said. "I am willing to listen to the citizens. It is my desire to serve as commissioner of Precinct 3 by bringing a businessman's approach to county government.

Limmer said if he is elected, he will not close Limmer's Ladies Apparel but will name a manager to oversee operations of the store.

Limmer serves on the Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors, is member of Gold Coats, a member of Snyder Lions Club board of directors, a member of Scurry Lodge 706 AF & AM and Lubbock Scottish Rite.

Limmer is also a member of the First United Methodist Church.

His wife, Carolyn, is employed with the local school district as a home economics teacher at Snyder High School. They have two

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Lawrence IGA plans key changes in 1996

1995 was a year of change on the Snyder supermarket front. Next year promises more of the same.

Lawrence IGA, owner of two supermarkets on College Avenue in Snyder, announced this weekend that major customer-oriented changes are coming to both stores.

Rita and Jack Lawrence, owners of J&A Supermarkets, said the company is finalizing plans for remodeling of the store located at 30th and College.

Lawrence said plans call for a professional pharmacy to be opened by May 1. The store has always had a floral department, but plans call for an expanded department where floral orders can be sent and received to and from anywhere.

The remodeling at the 2912 College Ave. store, the former Value King location, will also pave the way for a new seafood case where fresh seafood will arrive each day in Snyder.

Also included in the plans is a Food Court for take-out orders, an expansion of the existing deli. The food court will offer hot pizza, Chinese food and casseroles by D'Ann. A special feature will be IGA's signature item, a large hot cinnamon roll.

Lawrence said new decor and many more physical improvements are in the final stages of design. C.R. Perez is manager of the store.

The original IGA in Snyder, located in Highland Shopping Center, is also tabbed for improvements and upgrades, Lawrence added.

The store, managed by Jamie Lopez, will soon feature 24-hour service and home delivery.

"Lawrence IGA is dedicated to providing Snyder and Scurry County with the most modern supermarkets, plus low, competitive prices," Lawrence said.

J&A Supermarkets purchased the Value King Store last September. The supermarket chain also purchased two stores in Big Spring and have continued to operate the one located in College Park Shopping Center. Lawrence also has two stores in Sweetwater.

Flu-bug bites hard as year ends

Year in review: looking back at '95

Expansion of the city landfill, plans for a new water treatment plant, Buffalo Days, Cogdell Hospital, Christmas happenings, the flu, the flu and more flu: those were among the dominant occurrences which made life both pleasurable and miserable for Scurry Countians in the final three months of 1995.

First, the miserable.

They called it a "bug" but whatever flu-type varmint hit Scurry County in late November and early December had an army behind it. By mid December, the flu had marched full strength into Snyder public schools, where as many as 560 of the 3,399 students enrolled were out sick at one time.

At Ira, 33 percent of the student body was out with the flu-like illness one day. The sickness caused the cancellation of a junior high play in Snyder and several Ira basketball games.

By year's end, Scurry Countians were recovering, but — between coughs — it was still the topic around town.

October began with the city council approving a proposal to expand the landfill into a regional facility. Less than two weeks later, Sweetwater contracted to have its trash dumped at the site, at a price tag of $108,000 annually for five years.

The second White Buffalo Days Festival was held, with Red Steagall as special guest. The day-long event featured a parade and cowboy poets and singers performing on the courthouse lawn. During the celebration, the Ritz Theatre officially opened on the square.

Late in October, Scurry County commissioners pondered hiring a consultant as a way to help plot Cogdell Hospital's future. Although the idea was not met with enthusiasm by hospital board members, commissioners later named a nine-person task force to consider a recommendation for the future of the hospital. Named to the special task force were two commissioners, two hospital board members, two physicians, two hospital employees and the hospital CEO. The group is announce its findings in February.

In November, the Development Corporation of Snyder board approved a resolution calling for the sale of $565,000 in tax-exempt bonds to bring utility lines and other infrastructure to SnTx Park I. Actual roadwork inside the park was begun by county crews a short time later and some $900,000 in

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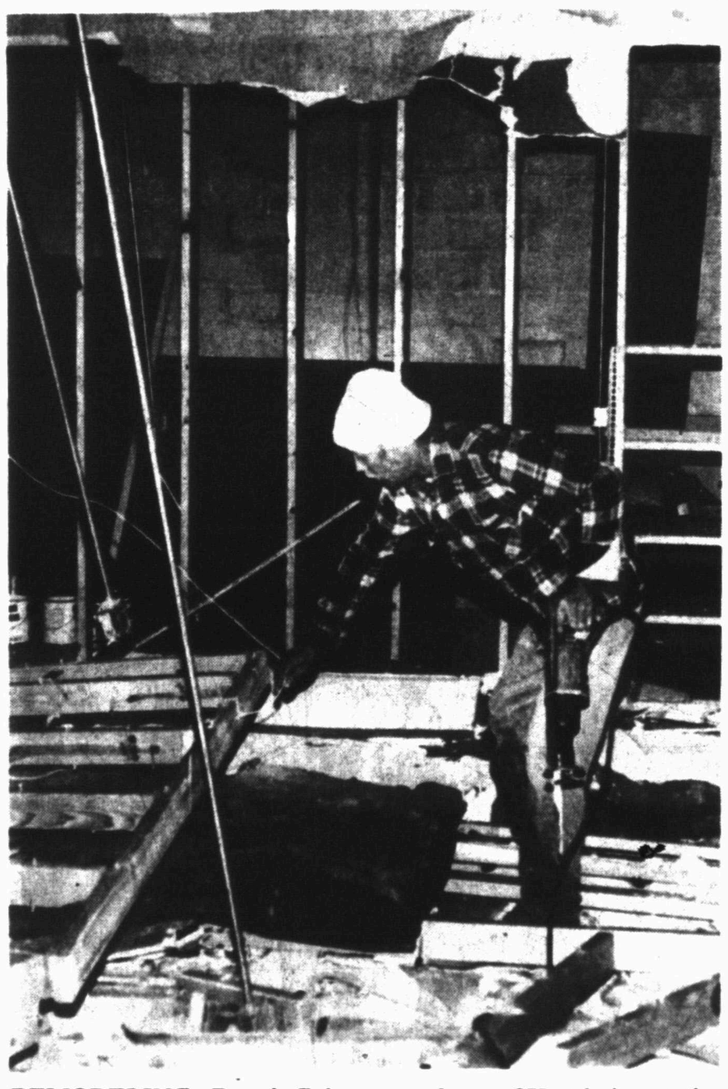

REMODELING - Dennis Grip, an employee of Harris Accoustics of Abilene, is helping gut the former Munden's Discount building in order to convert it to office space for the Texas Department of Human Services. Some 8,000 square feet will be used for TDH while the remaining area will be available to lease to others, said Burl Harris, owner. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ginning season about done

Two of Scurry County's three gins still have some cotton to gin while the Inadale Co-Op Gin is through for the season.

The gin in the southeastern part of the county finished with a total of 10,242 bales — down somewhat from the 10,893 ginned in 1994.

The Paymaster Gin on the Lamesa Highway more than doubled its production from last year as it has ginned 5,083 bales with about 150 more to gin. Last year, 2,200 bales were ginned.

The Farmer's Co-Op Gin on the Roby Highway has also increased the number of bales ginned this year. Presently, the facility has ginned some 11,959 bales of cotton, as compared to 7,064 in 1994.

It has been a disappointing year for most cotton producers in the county as each acre of cotton has yielded about one-third of a bale.

Early in the growing season, it was projected that an acre might yield at least one-half to three-fourths bale but a cool September put a damper on those projections.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's a matter of choice — seeing an opportunity as a problem or a problem as an opportunity."

It's said by people at the end of every year:

"I'm glad this one is over."

"Nothing good happened this year, it's got to get better."

Those type of remarks sent us looking through the files for the past 12 months. While things are never 100 percent positive, that's life.

In our estimation, 1995 was a pretty darn good year. And some things that occurred can make 1996 even better.

The top event, without doubt, was the announcement by Lorber Industries to locate a textile mill here. Work has already begun on an industrial park for Lorber and related industries.

While Snyder was passed over for prison expansion in November, the Price Daniel unit had 334 inmates and more employees added earlier in the year. Also, the Windham School established its regional office at the growing warehouse on U.S. 84.

Several fund-raisers have been successful. First, local citizens put in $75,000 to match a $100,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation for a Learning Resource Center now under construction at the Daniel unit.

The United Way had its most successful fund drive in recent years, and the Ritz Theatre Renovation is progressing, with productions already being held.

The community made giant strides in appearance, thanks to free inmate labor. While the work continues, Deep Creek and the walking paths are a vast improvment, not to mention all the volunteer work to upgrade Moffett Field and other baseball diamonds in Towle Park.

The improvements at Winston Field are impressive, the coliseum is operating in the black, and needed major repairs are just about complete at Codgell Hospital.

Golden Terrace is building 44 new units, Varsity Square Shopping Center got a needed facelift, and Snyder will likely see new retail firms locate here in 1996.

Pennzoil became the major owner as well as operator of SACROC and is currently engaged in a drilling program. Early results are positive, showing a reverse in the field's production decline.

The speed limit on 84 was increased to 70 mph, and in our opinion, makes moot the importance of the I-27 designation.

In the spring, student contact hours hit a new high at WTC. In Snyder schools, TAAS scores increased, and both athletic and literary groups excelled.

The White Buffalo Day event grew again, and the chamber-sponsored RV rally brought in hundreds of visitors for more than a week, and they'll be back.

The rest of the state joined local cotton producers to eradicate the boll weevil, and Snyder is being considered for a zone area location.

The city has one of the few certified landfills in the state, it made plans for a new water treatment plant, and Big Spring stopped taking water from Lake Thomas, thanks to Lake Ivie.

There was a lot more in '95 — school adoptions, a thanksgiving dinner for the needy, an oilfield truck explosion in which no one was hurt, the Snyder Neighbors Sharing Work Day, Teen Court, etc., etc.

We're confident 1996 is gonna' be even better!

ASK US

Q—When is registration for spring classes at Western Texas College?

A—Registration for the spring semester begins Jan. 15.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 55 degrees; low, 36; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 40; no precipitation; total for 1995, 19.22 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows, lower 20s-lower 30s. Sunday, mostly cloudy, cooler. Highs, upper 40s-mid 50s. Sunday night, cloudy, slight chance of rain or snow. Lows, mid to upper 20s.

Sunset: 5:50 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:42 a.m.

Of 363 days in 1995, the sun has shone 347 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The tongue of the wise makes knowledge acceptable, but the mouth of the fool spouts folly.

Proverbs 15:2

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Soldier's leave approved for wedding

LIBERTY (AP) — It was going to be a dream wedding, but the peacekeeping mission to Bosnia turned it into a nightmare until some lobbying by legislators made it come true.

Michael Riley Jr. and Misty Bartlett had planned to be married on New Year's Eve, following his family tradition by saying their vows on the day his parents celebrated 24 years of marriage and his grandparents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Riley, 20, an Army private stationed in Germany with the U.S. Army's 1st Armored Division had been scheduled to come home to Southeast Texas for his wedding until his leave was cancelled when the division became part of the NATO peacekeeping force being sent to Bosnia next month.

"Everyone was devastated when his leave was canceled, but we never gave up hope," said Riley's mother, Sharon, 42, an interior designer who helps cater weddings.

The ceremony was to be a highlight of the anniversary celebration for her and her husband, Michael Sr., and for her parents, Claude and Martha Robbins, who were coming from Fort Worth.

The weddding was in jeopardy until Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and U.S. Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin, helped pull some strings.

"My husband started telephoning all our congressional leaders. Jeff Winter with the Liberty-Dayton Chamber of Commerce got involved, too. Our friends made calls for us, and a lot of people prayed."

The bride is studying to be a teacher and was at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches when she learned that Riley's leave had been called off.

The bride's mother, Chris Bartlett, 42, rushed to be by her daughter's side.

"It was a mother's thing. I had to be with her," she said. "We had to be ready for anything."

But military officials relented and agreed to allow Riley and some other soldiers who had weddings scheduled to come home on leave.

His superiors had two stipulations: He had to be back on base by Jan. 1, which meant the wedding had to be moved up; and his hair had to be "buzzed."

"He had been working to grow his hair longer for the wedding pictures. I think this was the Army's way of showing who was still in control," his mother said.

Riley arrived home on Christmas Eve.

More strings had to be pulled since the courthouse was closed for the holidays and the couple needed a marriage license. An assistant county clerk opened the doors specially, waiving the three-day waiting period.

The rehearsal was held on Christmas and the wedding the next day.

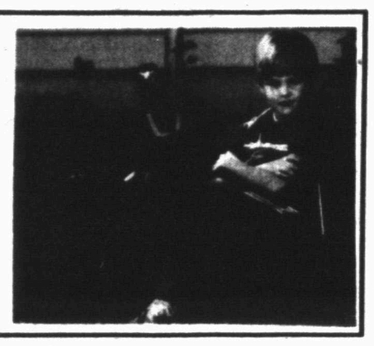
The families called more than 200 guests about the date change, and the church was full as the couple said their vows.

After a wedding night at a Houston hotel, the couple joined his family in Humble for the party celebrating their first day of marriage and the joint anniversaries.

The bride flew back to Germany with Riley, but will come back to school next month when her husband goes to Bosnia.

He Has Been Waiting A Long Time To Drive!

HAPPY 16th BIRTHDAY, WADE



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Jared McArthur

McArthur to march in Rose Parade

Jared McArthur of Leander, grandson of Pauline Withers of Snyder, will be marching in the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day with the Leander High School Band. The band has approximately 300 members.

Jared, a senior, is the son of Billy and Jeanette McArthur of Leander, and the late Dixie McArthur. He has a brother, Brian, of Round Rock.

One killed, 32 injured in fire

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A fire caused by Christmas lights spread smoke through the ventilation system of a 20-story building Friday, killing at least one person and injuring 32 others.

One woman burned to death in the fifth-floor apartment where the fire began, said Peter Micheli, assistant chief of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire. A man on the 15th floor died of a heart attack, but authorities don't know if it was directly related to the fire.

All of the injuries were caused by smoke inhalation.

"I was walking around the hallway and it was pitch black," said Edward Randle, who lives one floor above where the fire started. "I thought I was going to pass out because of the smoke."

Randle, who became disoriented from the fire, had to wait for a firefighter to guide him out of the building.

An American child from a one-parent home has about a 10 times greater likelihood of living in poverty than a child from a two-parent home.

Insurers report new phone scam

AUSTIN (AP) — State Farm Insurance Co. reported a telephone scam to the Texas Department of Insurance on Friday and is warning insurance policyholders not to give financial information over the phone.

Dean Brand, a spokesman for State Farm, said an Austin woman reported getting a telephone call from "her insurance company." The caller told the woman that her insurance payment was overdue but could be paid over the telephone.

After the woman refused to give the caller a credit card number or bank account number, she went to her insurance agent who said her policies were paid.

Brand said he reported the incident to the Insurance Department, but the few officials working there before the New Year's holiday could not confirm the report.

Jerry Johns, president of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said other insurance companies have reported similar calls recently.

"This is just one more form of an insurance fraud scam being inflicted on honest people in Texas," he said.

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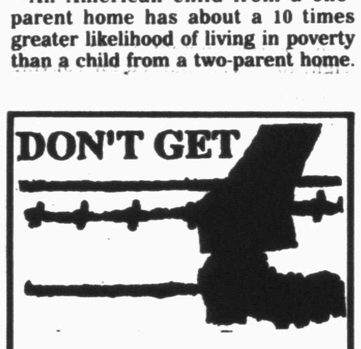

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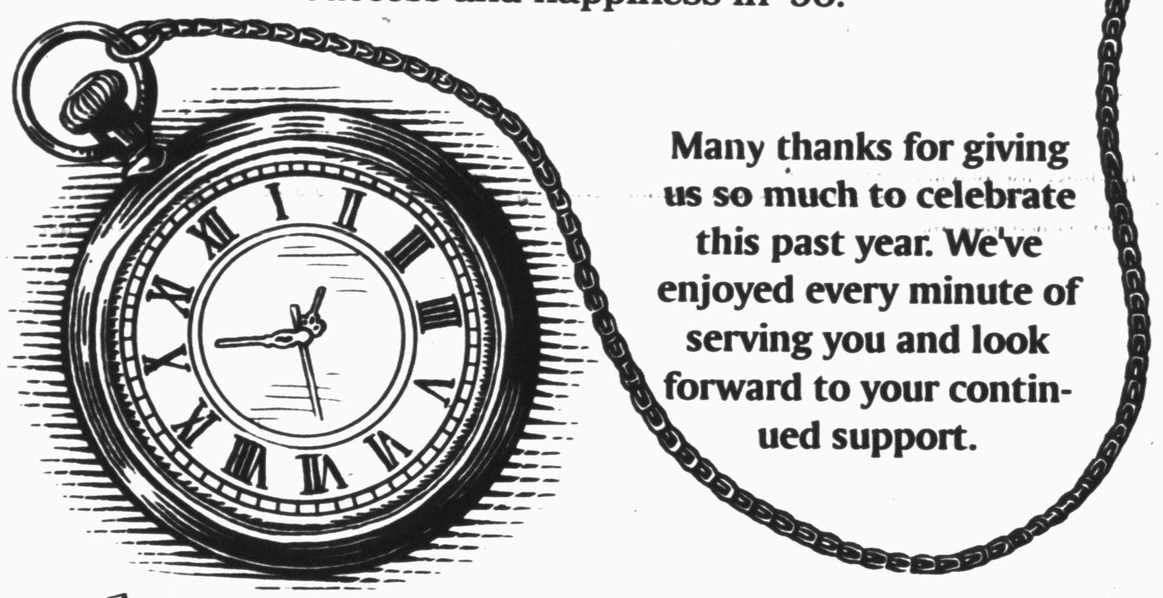
Time To Get A Move On!

The clock is ticking down on the old calendar. Now is the time to gear up for a fresh start and look ahead to success and happiness in '96.



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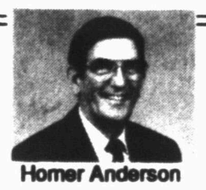

Homer Anderson

WHAT IS THE BODY OF CHRIST?

The Bible plainly says the church is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18). How is this? By the body is meant that group of people who belong to the Lord because they obeyed the Lord and were thereby saved and came to belong to Him in a very special way. We sometimes speak of a group of people as a body as when we say, "We are coming in a body." We mean we are going to attend as a group. Jesus has a group of people that belong to Him. They make up His body. They are those who have obeyed Him and have thereby been saved. These He adds to His body, His church (Acts 2:47).

What can we conclude? The New Testament church was the church that was promised, purchased and built by Christ. It began operation on Pentecost nearly two thousand years ago. Before the New Testament came to a close, inspired writers outlined its organization and described its work and its growth and its influence and predicted its future. It was real. It was of divine design and origin and it was composed of all who obeyed the simple gospel, who recognized Christ as their only head and the word of God as their only creed.

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WHITNEY STERLING

Ira couple's grandchild enters contest

SAN ANTONIO — Whitney Sterling, granddaughter of Gus and Jean Sterling of Ira, recently competed in the Southwest Dressage Championship.

Sterling is coached by Cathy Sleeper who said, in a San Antonio newspaper article, "She is the first kid I've worked with that I believe is Olympic level.

"She has the perfect build for riding," Sleeper continued. "She has long legs, long arms and is short in the trunk. She's also very focused and that's unusual for younger athletes."

Sterling rode Sleeper's horse, Anja, an 11-year-old Hanoverian (a European bred horse) to the Second and Third Level Championships as a junior rider at last year's San Antonio Dressage Show.

Sterling was introduced to Dressage at the age of six.

The same newspaper article also quoted Sterling who said, "We had a pony at our stable and our trainer (Sleeper) thought it would be neat for me to ride it doing dressage. I went to my first competition when I was six."

Sterling, an eighth grader who attends Bradley Middle School, is the daughter of Lynn Sterling of San Antonio and the late Robert Sterling.

Dressage is a centuries-old riding discipline in which a trained horse moves in response to signals from a rider.

Two suspended

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two Philadelphia Zoo security guards have been suspended following the Dec. 24 fire that killed 23 rare primates, the zoo said Friday.

Officials said the guards, whose names weren't released, smelled smoke more than 2½ hours before flames broke out, but did nothing. The guards later told investigators they thought the smoke was from a fire at a nearby railroad yard.

Fire investigators also faulted improperly installed wiring and smoke alarms that did not work.

Endangered gorillas, orangutans, gibbons and lemurs died of smoke inhalation in the fire. The zoo lost its entire collection of prized gorillas and orangutans.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Medical records: Who owns them?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you tell me if a person's medical record belongs to the doctor or the patient? I asked that my records be sent to my present doctor and was told there would be a copying charge before they could comply with my request. Is this common practice among doctors?

DEAR READER: You raise two profoundly pertinent ethical issues.

Traditionally, the medical record was the property of the physician, would be released only to another doctor, and was sacrosanct unless subpoenaed as evidence.

Today, the lines of confidentiality have become blurred. In most states, patients are allowed access to their medical records. However, many practitioners — including me — still prefer to transfer records to another health professional, because such records, which usually contain highly technical language, truly would make sense only to another doctor.

Nonetheless, most physicians have become extremely chary about noting any uncomplimentary features in a patient's record; the risk is too great that such comments might be taken out of context by a non-professional and provide the basis for a nuisance lawsuit.

For example, when I started my practice years ago, I examined a young man with what was obviously genital herpes. When questioned, he admitted to having had regular relations with a woman who was not his wife. I dutifully wrote down the facts: "patient probably got herpes from his girlfriend."

I wouldn't do that today. If such a record ever became public — or if the patient were to read a comment like this about himself — I could be in serious legal trouble.

Thus, to answer your first question, I have to admit that while the ownership of the patient's record clearly belongs to the doctor, there are many instances in which such a record could easily end up in the patient's hands or with an insurance company or on file in a Health Maintenance Organization. Confidentiality isn't as strict as it was a generation ago.

With respect to your second question, the referring doctor has a legal right to be reimbursed for copying charges. However, I object to this nickel-and-diming and I believe that it is not ethical. The doctor who wants to maintain good continuity of care is not going to quibble over a few dollars in copying charges. I mean, really. Just copy the records and send them. What's the problem?

There is one time-consuming but appropriate solution to both of the problems in your question: The referring physician can dictate a report from his office notes and records. This report can be given to the patient or sent to another doctor. Although it's easier just to photocopy records and be done with it (rather than taking the time to pore over them and summarize the data), a typed report that contains all the important (but filtered) information would probably be of more use to the patient and his or her new physician.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I weigh 190 pounds and am trying to lose weight. I walk an hour a day and do aerobics twice a week. Would I benefit more from walking on a treadmill? Should I lift weights?

DEAR READER: As a general rule, it's far easier to lose weight by reducing dietary calories than by attempting to "burn" fat away by exercising. The reason for this is pure physics: because a pound of fat contains about 3,500 calories, a person would have to exercise really strenuously to lose this amount. For example, experts have calculated that such an endeavor would require about two hours of vigorous tennis singles on a hot summer day.

For most of us, a modest dietary restriction would accomplish the same goal, in what is probably a more realistic manner. For instance, by cutting back by 500 calories a day, even a sedentary individual could lose a pound a week (500 X 7 = 3,500 calories). Of course, any exercise would simply provide added benefit, although walking doesn't burn many calories.

Nonetheless, I applaud your commitment to regular exercise. The type and extent of the activity is probably not as important as your desire to use your muscles regularly. The risk of daily exercise is, as you've probably discovered, boredom. For this reason, I advise you to alter your routine. Lift weights one or two days a week, use a treadmill two or three days, too. Intersperse this activity with brisk walking, swimming, cross-country skiing, biking, skating — whatever the season permits.

At the same time, avoid calorie-rich edibles that have little nutritional value: candy, sweets, refined sugar, junk food, and the like.

You'll not only lose weight, but you'll feel better, too. Fitness and good health go hand in hand.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Calorie-Wise Cooking" and "Winning the Battle of the Bulge." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read an article on the dangers of giving honey to an infant. The honey might settle in the lungs or bacteria might create problems. I don't remember the details, just that it was dangerous. Can you please tell me if this is true?

DEAR READER: Honey may contain types of bacteria that are harmful to infants but not to older children or adults. This is the reason many pediatricians recommend that honey not be fed to youngsters under the age of 1 or 2 years.

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One teen charged with shopkeeper's murder

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — One by one, grocers looking for a safer life deserted the run-down West Philadelphia neighborhood until only two remained.

Now there are none.

A 13-year-old boy is charged as an adult with murder in the slaying of the last grocer, Won Joo Choi, 47, whose fondness for playing with neighborhood children on the front stoop had earned him the nickname "Mr. Toys."

His death early Thursday came less than two months after another grocer was killed, also during a holdup in his store.

"Pretty soon we are not going to have the means to live around here, thanks to these young hoods," said Bernard Webb, a local landlord. "These boys think blasting away with a gun makes them a man."

The young suspect in Choi's slaying has not been identified by police. He is charged with murder, robbery, conspiracy, possession of an instrument of crime, firearms violations, and reckless endangerment.

Jack DeSorte had just left his vacuum-cleaner repair shop across the street from Choi's grocery early Thursday when he heard three gun blasts.

GOP presidential hopeful says he is 'enemy' of regime

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea denounced Republican presidential contender Phil Gramm as a "war maniac" Friday and the Texas senator said condemnation by a Communist regime was OK by him.

"The Communists of North Korea have tried to portray me as their enemy. They are right," Gramm said in a statement issued by his campaign.

The statement continued: "they should know that I am committed to the same strength and resolve that Ronald Reagan showed when he led America and her allies to victory over Soviet communism. Eventually, the regime in Pyongyang will fall victim to freedom too."

The name-calling was prompted by Gramm's earlier campaign remarks that he would support attacking North Korea if it could not be dissuaded from developing a nuclear program.

Earlier this month Gramm said he would prefer economic sanctions or political pressure, but the safety of the more than 37,000 U.S. troops in South Korea would require that the United States try to stop Communist aggression.

"North Korea is the only country in the world that is mean enough, in my opinion, to use nuclear weapons on its neighbors," he told a New Hampshire campaign audience on Dec. 16.

"He seems to think everything can be settled by strength. But strength does not work on us," the paper said.

It denounced Gramm for urging the use of a preemptive military strike to stop North Korea from developing nuclear weapons.

If elected president, Gramm said Friday "I will never allow North Korea to build nuclear weapons or share such technology with other rogue regimes."

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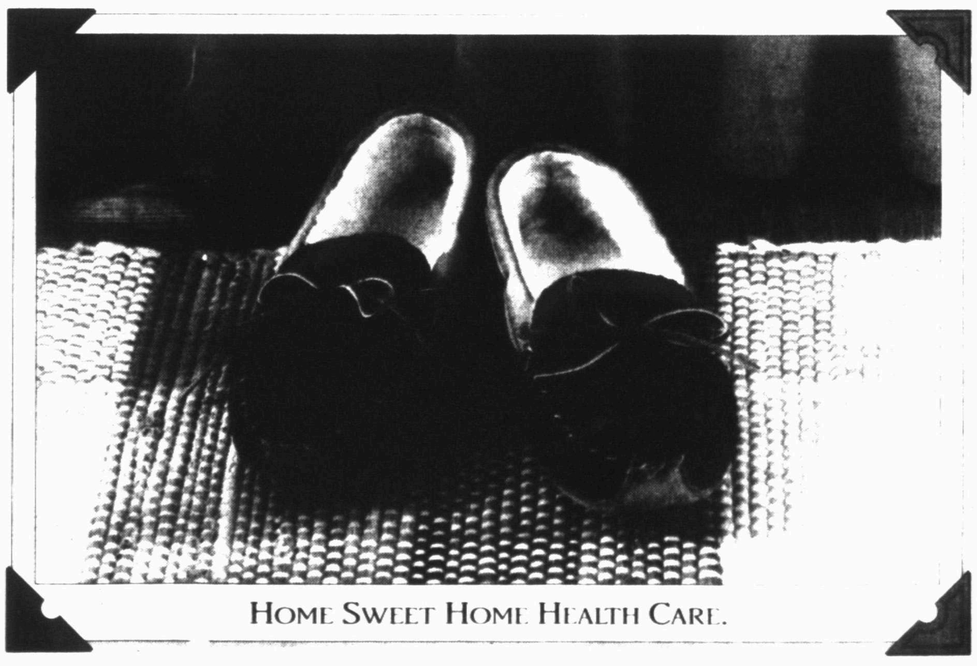

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National calamities draw most interest

WASHINGTON (AP) — A space shuttle explodes. An earthquake wreaks havoc in San Francisco. Such national calamities transfix most Americans, but only one in four pays very close attention to most news.

That's what a new report by the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press shows.

The center conducted 54 separate national surveys between 1989 and 1995 and questioned more than 75,000 people to compile an "interest index" of the 480 stories in its database. Almost half of the public paid little or no attention to any one of the news stories, the center said.

Foreign events that didn't involve the United States or its troops, reports of scandal and failed celebrity, and British royal marriages garnered the least attention, according to the center's survey released this week.

The stories were "very closely" followed by just one in four, or 25 percent, of survey respondents, while 32 percent said they followed them "fairly closely."

The most closely followed stories: the Challenger space shuttle disaster in 1986 (80 percent of those surveyed followed it closely); the San Francisco quake in 1989 (73 percent); the Rodney King beating verdicts and ensuing riots in 1992 (70 percent); and the 1987 saga of a Texas toddler who fell down a well (69 percent).

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Girl's Parents Must Be Told Of Brother's Sexual Abuse

DEAR ABBY: I need your opinion about something serious. One of my friends from school confided in me that her older brother has been sexually abusing her.

I asked her if her parents knew about it, and she said she didn't feel comfortable talking to them about this.

I suggested that writing them a letter might be easier. I even helped her write it, and she said she would give it to them tonight.

Abby, I've been thinking. Did I do the right thing, or should I have done something else?

CONCERNED IN EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR CONCERNED: You did the right thing. Now ask your friend if she followed through and delivered the letter. If she did not, you should tell your parents about the problem, so they can help her. It's imperative that her parents be informed about what has been going on.

Sadly, some parents who are told about incest go into denial. Should that occur, your girlfriend should confide her secret to a school nurse, a counselor or a trusted teacher.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I'm 77 years old — the oldest of seven children and the senior member of our family. I get around fairly well with the use of a walker.

Recently, my brother and his wife drove me to a nearby town to attend the wedding of one of their granddaughters. They have a big family with lots of children and grandchildren.

The reception was held in the basement room of the church. After struggling to get down the stairs with my walker, I made my way to a table at which they were all seated. When I started to sit down, my brother and his wife said, "Our family wants to sit together. Why don't you sit a couple of tables or so back?" I did as they asked; then one of their daughters came over and looked me up and down as if to say, "We'd like to sit there." It made me so uncomfortable that I immediately got up and said I'd go to a table on the far side of the room. Luckily, there was another lady, also alone, whom I knew; so I sat with her. Abby, several of their other children passed back and forth by me many times and didn't even acknowledge my presence. It was very hurtful.

Since the death of our parents, I have been the one who held the family together — organized the reunions, card and music parties, etc., and kept distant relatives informed of family news. I said nothing that night, but I made up my mind that I would never attend any of their "family" functions again. There have been two weddings since, and I made excuses for not attending either one.

Now I feel guilty for slighting the other grandnieces, and I don't want to start a family feud.

How should I handle this?

HURT IN BELOIT, WIS.

DEAR HURT: Instead of suffering in silence, tell your brother and sister-in-law how you feel. For them to have asked you not to sit at the family table was tactless and insensitive. And for their children to have ignored you was rude. Although parents are not personally responsible for the behavior of other members of the family, clearing the air would be a step in the right direction.

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DEAR ABBY: Early in my marriage, I read something in your column that has always stayed with me. A woman whose snoring husband had passed away wrote to you saying how much she missed her husband ... snoring and all.

Abby, after reading that letter, my husband's snoring never bothered me; in fact, I found it very comforting. Will you please run that column again? You may use my name.

MRS. WANDA LEA (WILBERT) O'KEEFE, NASHUA, N.H.

DEAR MRS. O'KEEFE: The letter you are referring to appeared in my book titled "The Best of Dear Abby." In it is a chapter titled "Roll Over, You're Snoring." Some choice letters from that chapter:

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DEAR ABBY: When our family decreased and a spare bedroom became available, I took it over because my husband's snoring disturbed me. It was like closing the door on an intimacy of 31 years. After five years of sleeping apart, this is my advice to young brides:

Do not — under any circumstances — take a room by yourself. Stuff your ears with cotton, put a pillow over your head, but do not leave his bed — and don't let him leave yours. Take it from a 58-year-old woman — something dies when a husband and his wife stop sleeping together. I can't explain it. It's not sex; it's more important. And once you've lost it, you'll never get it back. I know — I've tried.

FOOLISH IN MONTGOMERY, ALA.

DEAR FOOLISH: More than 300 patents for anti-snoring devices have been granted by the U.S. Patent Office. They include garrote-like neck bands to keep the neck in a stretched position, adhesive coverings to keep the mouth closed, and chin straps with pronged attachments to keep the tongue flat. There is a music-box gadget to be clamped to the pajama jacket: The moment the sleeper rolls over on his back — the favored snoring position — a low, soothing voice murmurs, "Roll over, darling."

A St. Louis woman said it works fine — for a while. Now she has returned to the more direct approach and yells, "Dammit, Harry, shut up!"

* * *

DEAR ABBY: The first night of my honeymoon, my darling fell asleep at midnight while I was awake until 7 o'clock the next morning listening to him snore. He started out by holding his breath for so long I didn't know whether to send for a doctor or a priest. Then he'd exhale ever so slowly, emitting a long whistle that sounded like a corps of pneumatic drills. I felt like kicking him through the wall every night.

After the honeymoon, we got twin beds, but that didn't solve anything — it just made it harder for me to kick him.

Finally, we resorted to separate bedrooms, but I could hear him snoring through the walls. Then a friend introduced me to the greatest invention since sliced bread: earplugs! They saved our marriage, and I'm not kidding.

HELEN B. IN ST. PAUL

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DEAR ABBY: About snoring: that was my complaint, but I got over it when I read this in your column:

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Financial Focus

Our society tends to focus on the negative. The evening news inundates us with crime and violence. Politicians spend more time slinging mud than offering solutions. The whole country was mesmerized by the O.J. Simpson trial.

All this negativism can overshadow any positive events. Take, for example, the stock market. Probably the most well-known fact about the U.S. stock market is that it crashed on Oct. 29, 1929.

However, while the stock market crash stands out in people's memories - as well as in the history books - the stock market, in fact, has continued to advance over the years. On average, common stocks have enjoyed annual gains of more than 10 percent. Other investments like bonds and savings accounts have rewarded investors with 6 percent or less, and government securities have barely kept pace with inflation.

Yet even with this historical record of success, many people still view the stock market as "gambling" or "too risky." All they can think about is the Crash of '29.

Can a stock market disaster happen again? Possibly. However, today's market is quite different. For example, one of the main reasons the bottom dropped out of the market in 1929 was that many investors bought stock on credit, or margin. Today, there are strict regulations on margin and credit purchases. Investors must deposit cash for at least half of the amount of a stock purchase. The stock is security of the borrowed amount. If the stock's market value drops, the investor must deposit additional cash or sell the securities to satisfy the debt.

In addition, most stock traded on the major exchanges today is held by large, long-term investors such as pension funds, insurance companies, mutual funds, endowments and the like. These investors are guided by sound economic values rather than temporary market whims. They're in it for the long term.

Those who have chosen to invest in the U.S. economy as owners of companies have profited generously. The stock market is the catalyst of American industry. It is the place where vital capital is raised to finance new busiess and expand existing industry, it reflects the growth of our economy, and it allows everyday people to share in the success of companies. For example, you don't have to create a company like Microsoft to benefit from it; through the stock market, you can invest along with people like Bill Gates. The stock market is the key ingredient in our U.S. capitalist society. Even more, it is the marketplace of global interaction.

If that one negative event of 1929 is keeping you from investing in the stock market, take a stroll around your home. Look at the hundreds of products you buy that profit manufacturers, distributors and advertisers. That profit is shared with the stock owners of those companies.

In fact, in the very same year that the stock market crashed, a product was invented that can be found in virtually every U.S. home today - the color television. It's hard to estimate the financial and cultural benefits that have come as a direct result of color TV. Manufacturing, sales, communications and advertising are only a few segments of our economy that have profited - not to mention shareholders of companies in these segments.

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'Most Wanted' helped find missing teen

HOUSTON (AP) — A rebroadcast of an "America's Most Wanted" program has reunited a Wisconsin woman with her 13-year-old daughter, who had been missing since mid-September.

FBI agents rescued Jessyca Mullenberg and arrested her suspected abductor, Steven Paul Oliver, 38, at a northeast Houston motel Thursday night.

He is being held on federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and a Wisconsin charge of interference with child custody.

The two had been living at the Days Inn on the Eastex Freeway in northeast Houston, where he had landed a contract job to paint the building.

The information that led the FBI to make the arrest came from a former employee at the motel who recognized the man and the girl when the case was profiled on the Thursday night episode of America's Most Wanted.

Jessyca was escorted by two FBI agents to a terminal at Houston Intercontinental Airport, where she waited for her mother, stepfather, and brother to arrive.

When Mrs. Bourget stepped out of the jetway, Jessyca, flanked by FBI agents and dressed in jeans, a windbreaker and an FBI baseball cap, ran into her mother's arms.

Monica Bourget broke into tears when she saw her daughter for the first time in three months and they embraced tightly.

"It's pure ecstasy," Monica Bourget said, breaking into tears. "We waited so long for the nightmare to be done. We've waited for the miracle to happen."

Jessyca was last reported seen on Sept. 16. She vanished after making arrangements to visit a library and work on a book project with Oliver, who lived near her father, Dale Mullenberg, in rural Eau Claire, Wis.

Family and friends had distributed more than 15,000 posters with Jessyca's photograph as part of a nationwide search.

Jessyca appeared to be in good condition when she and Oliver were found about 11 p.m. Thursday at the motel, Houston FBI agent Rolando Moss said.

The two apparently had been in Houston for a couple of months, staying at various motels. Moss said authorities are unsure whether she went with him voluntarily.

Mrs. Bourget said her daughter looked tired.

"She's weary. She's a 13-year-old baby. She's not meant for this kind of hell. But we have lots of loving, supporting family and friends and community and we're all going to help her through this."

Her stepfather, Jake Bourget, said the assistance of strangers helped pull the family through.

"Since Day 1, people have been calling us and writing cards and letters," Bourget said. "We just got a ton of Christmas cards from people we don't even know from all over the United States that heard about this."

The Bourgets said they planned to have a quiet celebration at home in Wisconsin.

Jessyca's mother told reporters she worried for two years that her former neighbor would abduct her adolescent daughter.

Mrs. Bourget told reporters that in 1991, Oliver moved next door in Eau Claire and befriended her daughter and other neighborhood kids.

Mrs. Bourget said when the family left for the Wausau, Wis.-area, Oliver followed and she warned him to stay away. She said he returned to Eau Claire, moving across the street from Jessyca's father, who saw her on weekends twice a month.

Mullenberg said Friday he was overjoyed at the news.

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In its first printing in 1946, "there was no mention of teen pregnancy or drug abuse," said Spock, 92. "That's a new and startling change."

The new version also will tackle AIDS, and urge parents to wean their children from junk-food staples like burgers, fries and chips.

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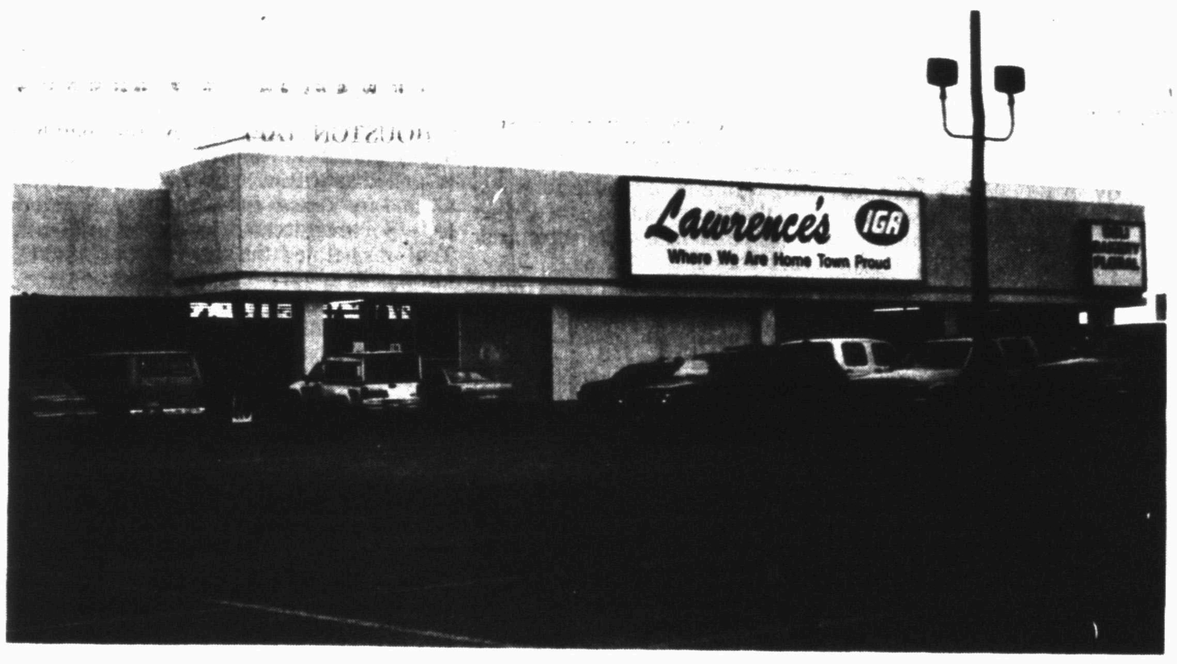

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SPORTS

Tigers move into tournament finals against Sweetwater

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

SWEETWATER—For the second time in as many tournaments, the Snyder Tigers have made it into the finals. Three weeks ago it was the Big Spring tournament, Saturday it was the Sweetwater tournament.

The Tigers advanced in the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic by knocking off Abilene Wylie, 64-57, Friday night. They will now play Sweetwater at 8 p.m. Saturday in what will be a pre-district battle for the two schools. The Mustangs defeated Odessa High, 75-62, to make their way into the finals.

Ironically, it was another district preview in the finals of the Big Spring tournament which saw Snyder defeat Lamesa, 72-52.

Rick Henderson had another huge night for Snyder, pouring in 26 points to lead all scorers. Henderson (6-5, Jr.) had 10 two-point baskets and two three-point baskets.

Dekendrick Woodard led Wylie with 16 points.

Snyder trailed at the end of the first quarter, 14-9, but came back in the second to take the lead at halftime, 29-22. The Tigers never lost the lead the remainder of the game, leading 41-33 after three periods and 64-57 at the end of the game.

Wylie did make it close down the stretch and got within one-point of Snyder, 54-53, with 2:44 to play. Snyder's defense kept Wylie scoreless the final 1:43 with the exception of buzzer beater by Woodard.

In other tournament games Friday, Permian rebounded to defeat Greenwood, 92-64, and Merkel was 13-points better than San Angelo Lake View, 83-70.

Saturday's schedule found Greenwood and Lake View playing at 1:30, Permian and Merkel in the consolation finals at 3, Wylie and Odessa for third place at 6:30 and the finals between Snyder and Sweetwater at 8.

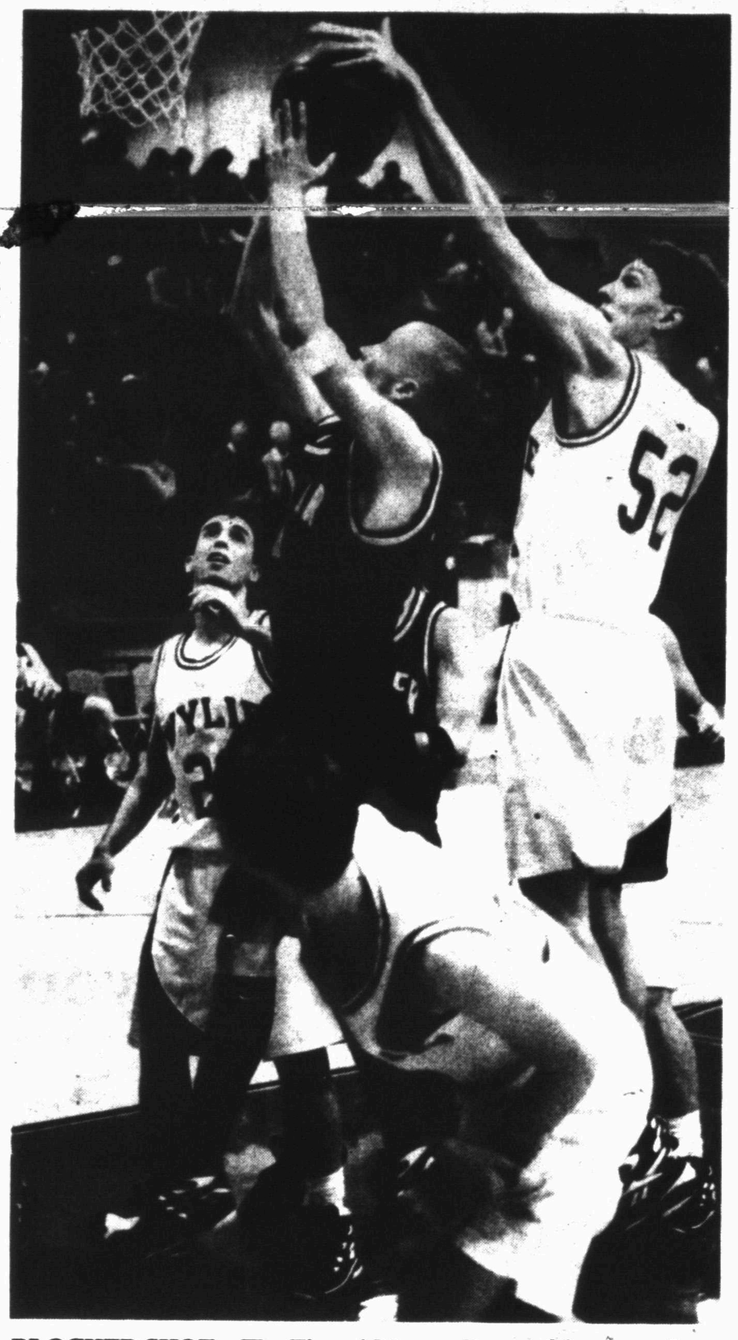
SNYDER 64, WYLIE 57

Snyder	9	20	12	23 — 64
Wylie	14	8	11	24 — 57

Snyder: Byram 2 0-0 4, Huestis 2 3-6 7, Patterson 3 1-1 7, Braziel 3 3-8 9, Henderson 10 0-0 26, Cumbie 1 0-2 2, McLeod 1 0-0 2, Hobbs 3 1-2 7, Totals 25 8-19 64.

Wylie: Pruitt 1 0-0 2, Barnett 2 0-0 7, Thessing 4 1-2 9, Stafford 3 2-2 8, Woodard 7 2-2 16, Hair 1 0-0 2, Tyler 2 4-4 11, Hall 1 0-0 2, Totals 21 9-10 57.

3-Point goals: Snyder 2 (Henderson 2), Wylie 2 (Barnett, Tyler).



BLOCKED SHOT—The Tigers' Marcus Byram (4) goes up for a lay-up, but Abilene Wylie's Brooks Tyler (52) has other ideas. The Tigers were able to hold off Wylie in the fourth quarter to take a 64-57 win and move into the finals of the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic. Snyder was to play Sweetwater at 8 Saturday night. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

1995 top ten sports stories

By The Associated Press

The top 10 Texas sports stories for 1995 as selected by state newspaper editors and broadcasters:

1. SWC FOOTBALL ENDS. After Texas Tech gets wiped out in the Cotton Bowl, the last football season a good one as Texas A&M begins the season among the Top 10, Texas gets there just after Halloween and the two meet to decide the final SWC champion before going to the Big 12 next season.

2. MICKEY MANTLE. Nation's eyes turn to Dallas to follow baseball legend's illness, transplant and ensuing controversy, dramatic news conference ("Don't be like me"), death and funeral.

3. ROCKETS REPEAT. The Valentine's Day trade for Clyde Drexler was supposed to hurt Houston but it propelled the Rockets to a second straight NBA title. Mario Elie kissed Phoenix goodbye, Hakeem showed David who the real MVP was then the young Orlando Magic got swept away and Clyde finally gets a championship ring. "Never underestimate the heart of a champion," cries coach Rudy Tomjanovich.

4. DALLAS GETS DEION. Deion Sanders has 12,999,999 reasons to be happy to be a Cowboy. If he sticks around for seven seasons, he'll have $35 million of Jerry Jones' money.

5. JONES VS. NFL. Pepsi. Nike. American Express. The lawsuit. The countersuit. Deion. Jerry Jones did all he could to get people talking about him ... and the Cowboys.

6. NASHVILLE OILERS. Tired of being told he can't have a new domed stadium in Houston, Bud Adams takes his NFL franchise to Nashville, where they will give him a new home. The paperwork will take months to complete, but the Oilers could be gone as soon as next season and likely by 1998.

7. COWBOYS LOSE to NINERS. Early turnovers dig a deep hole for Dallas and San Francisco never lets them out. It happened in January in the NFC Championship game and it happened again in November, bringing questions about whether Barry Switzer was in over his head.

8. CRENSHAW WINS MASTERS. Ben Crenshaw goes from Harvey Penick's funeral to the Masters, wins his second green jacket then breaks down as he gives tribute to his mentor.

9. ASTROS' THREATENED MOVE. Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane says red ink has spilled all over his financial books and admits he's been talking to a Virginia businessman about moving the team there. He backs off, saying he'll remain in Houston this year but things better get improve or he's outta there after next season.

10. COACHES CONVICTED. The scandal within the Baylor men's basketball program winds up in federal court. Several assistant coaches are punished and disgraced head coach Darrel Johnson walks out unscathed, except for losing his job.

UT's Rink has it going, on field and off

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Shane Rink saw it coming last year — his final game at Texas. So he took steps to make his senior year his best ever.

Now all he needs is a victory over No. 13 Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl to cap that best year.

"This is a big game in a lot of ways," Rink said. "I want to make it a good one."

It would be fitting for the defensive lineman to finish on a high note. But then, win or lose Sunday night, he'll do that.

After all, there was a time when it looked as if Rink would not be around for Texas' final season in the Southwestern Conference. That was before Rink spent a year turning his life, around on the field and off.

Academically, Rink has gone from being dismissed from school in 1993, to the athletic director's honor roll, maintaining better than a 3.0 grade point average. A kinesiology major, he's on pace to graduate this spring.

Rink also hit the weight room this summer and added 25 pounds through weight lifting and improved diet to help him anchor the right end of the Longhorn's defensive line.

"At the end of last year I knew my career was almost over," Rink said. "So I made a promise to myself to have a great senior season."

Rink, 6-foot-2, 271 pounds now, quit drinking totally and adopted a low-fat diet. He not only got bigger, he got stronger, increasing his bench press from 350 to 400 pounds.

This year Rink started 10 games for No. 9 Texas, recording 76 tackles, including 34 solo. He also had six tackles for loses, a sack, a quarterback pressure and batted down a pass. That's quite a change from his junior year when he had 25 tackles, 14 of them solos.

"Shane Rink is an inspirational player for us," defensive coordinator Gary Darnell said. "On the field and off, he's done a great job."

Hard work and maturation, such as Rink has demonstrated, is the reason the Texas defense shook off early season problems to move to No. 8 on the NCAA scoring defense list in the last six games of the season, allowing an average of just 13.5 points per game.

Texas (10-1-1) did not allow a single touchdown in the last game of the season against Texas A&M. After allowing 15 touchdowns in the first six games, Texas gave up just seven in the last six games.

"They are a team of guys that went about their business well," Darnell said. "I don't think there's a better description for our defensive team than guys that went about their business well."

NFL PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press
NFL Playoffs
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Miami at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 31
Atlanta at Green Bay, 12:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Buffalo, Indianapolis or San Diego at Pittsburgh, 12:30
Detroit, Green Bay or Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 7
Atlanta, Detroit or Philadelphia at Dallas, 12:30
Indianapolis, Miami or San Diego at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
Pairings TBD, 12:30 and 4 p.m.
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
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NewYork	19	9	.679	3½
Miami	14	13	.519	8
Washington	14	13	.519	8
Boston	12	15	.444	10
NewJersey	10	16	.385	11½
Philadelphia	5	21	.192	16½
Central Division				
Chicago	24	3	.889	—
Indiana	15	12	.556	9
Cleveland	14	12	.538	9½
Detroit	14	14	.500	10½
Charlotte	14	15	.483	11
Atlanta	13	14	.481	11
Milwaukee	10	16	.385	13½
Toronto	9	21	.300	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Houston	21	8	.724	—
SanAntonio	18	8	.692	1½
Utah	19	9	.679	1½
Denver	12	16	.429	8½
Dallas	8	18	.308	11½
Minnesota	7	19	.269	12½
Vancouver	4	25	.138	17
Pacific Division				
Seattle	19	8	.704	—
Sacramento	17	9	.654	1½
L.A.Lakers	16	14	.533	4½
Phoenix	13	13	.500	5½
Portland	12	16	.429	7½
GoldenState	11	17	.393	8½
L.A.Clippers	11	18	.379	9

Thursday's Games
Indiana 91, Miami 77
Cleveland 86, New York 76
Detroit 113, Toronto 91
Houston 97, New Jersey 82
Dallas 103, Vancouver 101, 2OT
Utah 99, Minnesota 83
San Antonio 107, L.A. Lakers 99

Friday's Games
Washington 127, New York 120, OT
Orlando 122, L.A. Clippers 98
Charlotte 102, Portland 99
Golden State 117, Atlanta 96
Chicago 120, Indiana 93
Phoenix 103, Denver 92
Seattle 124, Boston 85
Sacramento 117, Philadelphia 97

Saturday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 3 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
No games scheduled

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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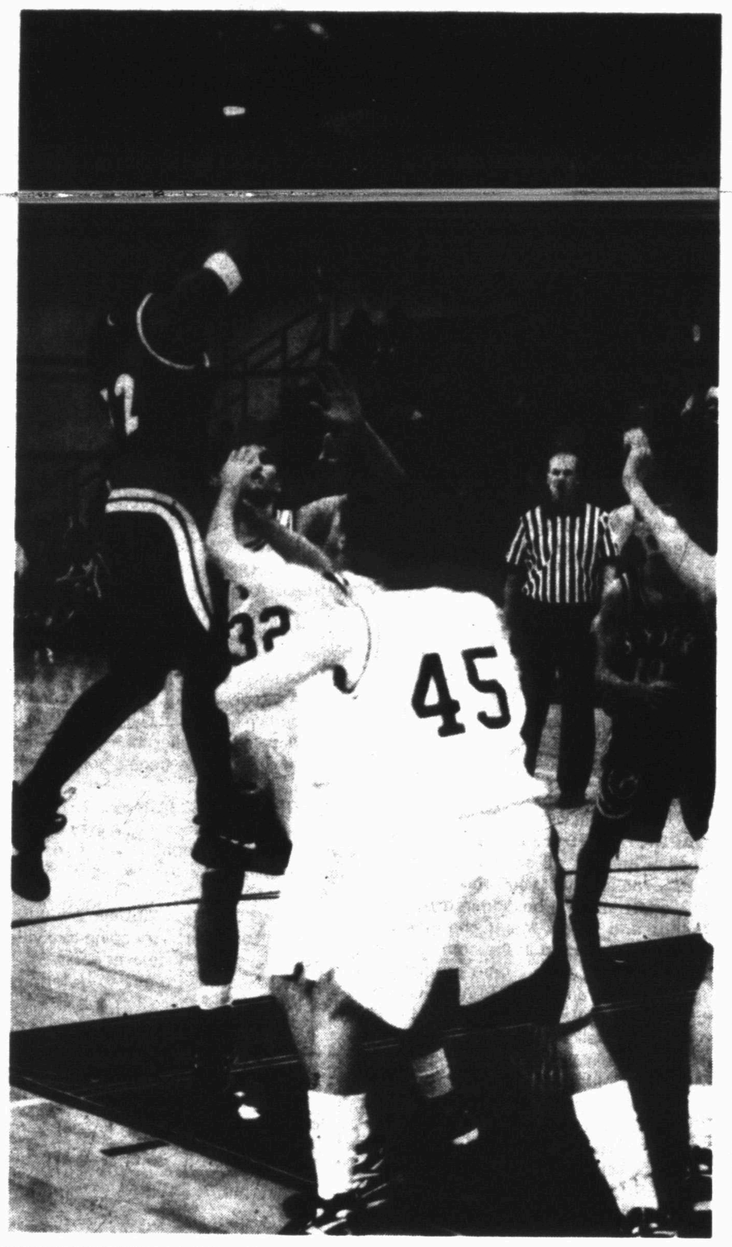

UNSELFISH PASS—Snyder's Wayne Braziel (32) goes up high for a pass to Robby Huestis (10) during action Friday night in the Sweetwater Trail of Lights Classic. Snyder defeated Abilene Wylie, 64-57, to advance to the tournament finals Saturday night. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Liberty Bowl continues huge bowl menu

By The Associated Press

East Carolina returned to the Liberty Bowl hoping for a lot better result than last year.

The Pirates were routed by Illinois 30-0 in this game a year ago, and it left a rather large impression. "Coming back here for a second time in a row was really a mission of ours this season," coach Steve Logan said. "The whole thing was about coming back here and performing like we knew we could."

East Carolina (8-3) gets its chance against Stanford (7-3-1) in one of three bowl games on today's schedule. In the other games, North Carolina (6-5) faces Arkansas (8-4) in the Carquest Bowl at Miami and Virginia (8-4) takes on Georgia (6-5) in the Peach Bowl at Atlanta.

In Friday's games, it was Southern 30, Florida A&M 25 in the Heritage Bowl; Iowa 38 No. 20 Washington 18 in the Sun Bowl; LSU 45, Michigan State 26 in the Independence Bowl; and No. 10 Kansas State 54, Colorado State 21 in the Holiday Bowl.

East Carolina's main weapon is junior quarterback Marcus Crandell, the Pirates' career passing leader with 5,691 yards. He completed 235 of 447 passes for 2,751 yards and finished 10th in the nation in total offense with 268.4 yards a game.

Stanford also boasts a high-powered offense, averaging 30.1 points and 396 yards a game. Mark Butterfield threw for 2,533 yards and 19 touchdowns with nine interceptions, including only one during his last three games.

Logan thinks the return to the St. Jude's Liberty Bowl will be incentive for the Pirates to rectify last year's embarrassment. "We're not talking about winning, we're talking about playing the game," he said.

Sun Bowl
Iowa 38, No. 20 Washington 18

At El Paso, a change of venue produced a change of result for Iowa against Washington.

Beaten by the Huskies in the 1982 and 1991 Rose Bowls, Iowa flourished in the Sun Bowl, getting a measure of revenge for past problems in Pasadena.

Sedrick Shaw's 58-yard TD run got Iowa started to a 21-0 first-half lead. The Hawkeyes running backs, rolled up 421 yards, 135 by Shaw and 122 by Tavian Banks.

Independence Bowl
LSU 45, Michigan State 26

At Shreveport, La., freshman Kevin Faulk rushed for an Independence Bowl record 234 yards and scored two touchdowns as LSU won its first bowl appearance since 1988.

Eddie Kennison of LSU set an Independence Bowl record with a 92-yard kickoff return, but the mark lasted just 13 seconds when Michigan State's Derrick Mason broke it with a 100-yard return as the two teams traded touchdowns twice in a 93-second span of the second quarter.

Holiday Bowl
Kansas St. 54, Colorado St. 21

At San Diego, Kansas State took control with two quick touchdowns after quarterback Matt Miller was knocked out with a neck injury.

Backup Brian Kavanagh relieved Miller and completed his first seven passes, finishing 18-of-24 for 242 yards and throwing for touchdowns to four different receivers. He tied Jim McMahon's Holiday Bowl record of four TD passes.

Mike Lawrence added a pair of five-yard TD runs for Kansas State.

Heritage Bowl
Southern 30, Florida A&M 25

At Atlanta, Eric Randall threw for two touchdowns, and the Jaguars hung on to beat A&M in the Heritage Bowl matchup between the top two teams in the Sheridan Poll for historically black universities.

Randall's first TD covered 68 yards to Melvin Williams in the first quarter and his second, a 6-yarder to Fred Bailey with 43 seconds left in the third, gave the Jaguars (11-1) a 30-11 lead. A&M then scored two TDs to narrow the final margin.

Oklahoma hires Blake as coach

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma has chosen John Blake, an assistant with the Dallas Cowboys, as its football coach, The Associated Press confirmed today.

A university source said that Blake's hiring will be announced Sunday. He will succeed Howard Schnellenberger, who resigned Dec. 18.

The Cowboys' Barry Switzer, a former coach at Oklahoma, had pushed for the hiring of Blake. Switzer was in Norman Friday, leaving the Cowboys' Valley Ranch facility. Blake, who played football at Oklahoma, also skipped Dallas' practice to meet with Sooners' officials.

Blake, 34, would follow a pattern of Oklahoma hiring from within its ranks. Oklahoma has deviated only three times from that since World War II — with Jim Tatum in 1946, Jim Mackenzie in 1966 and Schnellenberger last year.

After playing nose tackle at Oklahoma from 1980 to 1983, Blake began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at the school in 1986. He then spent 1987 coaching wide receivers and tight ends at Tulsa before returning to Oklahoma in 1989.

Blake joined the Cowboys in 1993 as a defensive line coach after attending their training camp as part of the Jerry Jones Minority Coaching Fellowship in 1991 and 1992.

"Having one of our own means everything," former Oklahoma quarterback Steve Collins said. "Schnellenberger was qualified for the job, but he didn't bleed crimson. It makes a difference in terms of the backing of past players."

School president David Boren had said earlier that the school has narrowed its search for a coach to two or three names and would soon make a decision.

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES

By The Associated Press
College Bowl Games
All Times EST

Thursday, Dec. 14
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Toledo 40, Nevada 37, OT

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 26, Gray 7

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Kansas 51, UCLA 30

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Texas Tech 55, Air Force 41

Thursday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas A&M 22, Michigan 20

Friday, Dec. 29
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Southern University 30, Florida A&M 25

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Iowa 38, Washington 18

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
LSU 45, Michigan State 26

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Kansas State 54, Colorado State 21

Saturday, Dec. 30
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)

Carquest Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Tuesday, Jan 2
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan 13
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan 20
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan 21
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASKETBALL

Tuesday: Andrews at Lady Tigers, Varsity 3:00, JV 1:30, 9th 12 Noon
Ira at Blackwell VG, VB
Trent at Hermleigh 6:30, VG, VB

Thursday: Tigers 9th A in Big Spring tournament
Hermleigh JH in Blackwell tournament

Friday: Lady Tigers at Levelland varsity 8:00, JV 6:30
Tigers at Seminole, varsity 7:30
Tigers 9th A in Big Spring tournament
Rule at Ira VG, VB
Highland at Hermleigh, 5:00, VG, VB, JV
Hermleigh JH in Blackwell tournament

Saturday: Greenwood at Tigers, varisty 2:30, JV 1:00, 9th B 1:00
Tigers 9th A in Big Spring tournament
Lamesa at Lady Tigers 9th, 11:00
Hermleigh JH in Blackwell tournament

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor Sports Editor

Who is the highest paid professional athlete? According to the Dec. 18 issue of Forbes, Michael Jordan tops the list. The basketball turned baseball and back to basketball player earned a total of $43.9 million. The biggest part of that, $40 million, is in endorsements alone.

Who says boxers aren't very smart? Three of the top six are boxers led by Mike Tyson at $40 million, Riddick Bowe at $22 million and George Foreman at $18 million.

Two-sport athlete Deion Sanders comes in third on the list at $22.5 million. Shaquille O'Neal rounds out the top five at $21.9 million. $17 million of the Shaqs' is in endorsements.

The three golfers on the list account for $2.4 million in salary, but $36.5 in endorsements. Jack Nicklaus reportedly made $600,000 in salary and $14.5 million in endorsements. Arnold Palmer made $100,000 in salary and $14 million pushing motor oil among other items and The Shark, Greg Norman, collected $1.7 million in salary and $8 million in endorsements.

Taylor Made

For a change, football teams from the Southwest Conference are winning in bowl games. Texas Tech won a track meet with Air Force and Texas A&M just got by Michigan. Now if only Texas will win the Sugar Bowl over Virginia Tech.

Taylor Made

While looking at the Texas Tech men's basketball media guide, two names jumped out of the all-time roster. Phil Ragland, the voice of the Snyder Tigers on KSNY, was a member of the 1944 Red Raider basketball team and former Snyder High School basketball coach, assistant principal and drivers ed teacher Ned Underwood played from 1954-57.

Ragland's team went 5-17 for the year, defeating TCU twice, Lubbock Army Air Force twice and South Plains Army Air Force once. Polk Robison was the Tech coach.

Robison also coached Underwood for four years. Tech had a better record, going 20-5 in '54, 18-7 in '55, 13-12 in '56 and 12-11 in '57.

A&M's McElroy elects to go pro

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Still celebrating a victory over Michigan in the Alamo Bowl, Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum was suddenly faced with a loss.

Texas A&M All-America back Leeland McElroy announced Friday that he would forego his senior year and enter the 1996 NFL draft.

Slocum said he respected McElroy's decision, but disagreed with it.

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Check your diet at door: big desserts are in for new year

DENVER (AP) — The same trendy crowd that searched out gourmet pickles and took trips to the Panama Canal in 1995 will make '96 the year of big desserts, flying squirrels and the India vacation.

And grunge will fade away in the new year. As will bright-red lipstick.

That's according to "The American Forecaster Almanac 1996," so hip that its 13th edition has its own site on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Author Kim Long bases his 244-page forecast on gleanings from hundreds of newspapers, magazines, trade journals, newsletters, surveys, databases and statistics.

In his 1995 almanac, Long accurately predicted the waning popularity of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, but missed the mark when he forecast that the Dow Jones would peak at 4100. It ends the year above 5100.

His newest findings point up one trend with staying power: "The baby boomers still are the biggest thing demographically," Long said.

As the one-third of the population born between 1946 and 1964 begins reaching its 50s, baby boomers will be making an even bigger splash as they get more leisure time and more money to spend.

They'll be leading the pack of consumers embracing so-called "vanity drugs" — concoctions to smooth wrinkles and grow hair. They'll also lose the pinstripes as they begin to dress down.

Among the younger crowd, laser removal of tattoos will become popular in '96. And twentysomethings will drop grunge in favor of dressing up.

For now, Americans of all ages may have had their fill of drive-through food. Long predicts a resurgence of full-service restaurants, where patrons will treat themselves to big desserts — literally.

"Larger portions," Long said. "That is part of a trend toward self-indulgence."

Long, who last year reported on the movement "among upscale diners to request a more exquisite pickle," stopped short of making too much of the dessert trend. It's been happening quietly for years, he said.

"Somewhere else in their diet they've been good boys or girls, so they pig out elsewhere in their diet," Long said. "Restaurants have noticed customers eating larger dessert portions and now they're making larger portions available."

But forget non-alcoholic beer. Erstwhile teetotalers are starting to backslide to the real thing, or switching to soft drinks. And while microbreweries will continue to boom, flavored coffees and carbonated water will fizzle, a result of market saturation.

Come vacation time, Long says more Americans will consider a trip to India in '96 as more U.S. hotel franchises build there.

The trendiest pet in 1996? The flying squirrel, which already is a popular choice in England, Long said. And look for dog owners to train their canine companions for dog agility contests.

"A lot of people always felt a little guilty about their dogs, who were bred to do something and got fat and lazy," he said. "Now people can brag about what their dog is capable of doing."

Long also foresees more in store after '96.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Dec. 31, 1995

In the year ahead, several friends could play constructive roles in your affairs. Two of them may be older and far more experienced than you are. Each will be helpful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you desire social involvements today, don't wait for friends to come looking for you. Conjure up something yourself and invite them to participate. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Devote your energies and efforts today to arrangements that can strengthen your financial position or enhance your career. These areas may be lucky.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will not have to take a back seat to others today. Anyone who attempts to usurp your position will quickly discover this for herself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If a project hasn't yielded the anticipated returns yet, this will be a good day to talk to the other principals in order to level out the playing field.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may play the role of a catalyst today and have the ability to pull the people and pieces together. Lay out the agenda and let your friends climb aboard.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Companions might spend time on insignificant endeavors today. However, their meandering won't deter you from trying to fulfill your practical aspirations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of acting like a couch potato today, do something physically and mentally invigorating. Activities of this kind will help you to feel your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An important situation might be subject to some sudden changes today. If you go with the flow instead of rebelling, you will come out ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Associates will exert considerable influence over your thinking today. Select companions who have the ability to inspire you in a worthwhile manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today if you desire to help others as well as yourself, conditions will begin to move in a favorable direction and enhance your probabilities for personal gain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take a firm position today in situations where you believe yourself to be in the right. In order to succeed, you must have the courage of your convictions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might find it necessary to gently prod a member of your family who has neglected his or her responsibilities lately.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 1, 1996

Pleasant developments might occur in the year ahead in regard to your social life. You could establish several ideal associations that will be envied by others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take special pride in all of your endeavors today. The quality of your work will reflect this effort and will be admired by both friends and family. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have a marvelous manner about you that friends will find appealing today. It will be a sincere blend of cooperation, consideration and compassion.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can retain what you learn today and later use this information to your advantage. This knowledge will come not from books but from observing others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something difficult to define might develop today and benefit your career financially. Try to remain observant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to express your hunches or insights in practical terms today. When your inner voice speaks, listen and put this information to use in your everyday affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Certain people may choose you as their confidant today. One of these news bites could have substantial ramifications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you align yourself with a person whose ideals parallel yours today, something mutually beneficial could result from this association.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Think creatively and dare to be different today, especially where your career is concerned. Imagination could help you to avoid impediments.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Someone you've been hoping would notice you has actually been secretly admiring you for some time. Today this might be brought out into the open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your perceptions pertaining to financial or commercial matters could be better than usual today. Use these assets to benefit yourself and others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Even though some of your ideas may conflict with associates today, your disarming attitude will ensure their eventual acceptance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are doing comparison shopping today, let quality take precedence over price. Study your purchases carefully to determine their true value.

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Lighthouse faces renovation

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — At the northern tip of Absecon Island, just beyond the neon lights of the city's casinos, a solitary structure stands as a quiet reminder of what life was like here a century ago.

The Absecon Lighthouse — not far from Clam Creek and Snug Harbor, where clamming and fishing were once essential industries — flashed its beacon to vessels along the Atlantic coast from 1857 until 1933, when the bright lights of the city's resorts outshone it, and it was decommissioned.

Time and neglect have not been kind.

From afar, the 167-foot structure appears to be in surprisingly good shape, having withstood salt air and ocean breezes. But a closer look reveals severe water and ice damage to the mortar and some of the bricks.

The ground floor and the 227 steps leading to the beacon are strewn with sandwich-sized slices of paint peelings and thousands of tiny paint chips.

"It's taking on a lot of water in the watchtower," said Russ Wilcox, vice president of the Inlet Public Private Association. "A lighthouse is like a double-walled cavity and water is staying inside the cavity walls."

A group of dedicated enthusiasts — led by the association — wants the beacon to shine again, and they plan to begin restoring the lighthouse and the adjacent lightkeeper's cottage when summer arrives.

The lighthouse is the oldest manmade tourist attraction on the Jersey Shore, and Wilcox said the association thinks it can attract at least 70,000 visitors a year when renovations are complete in two to three years.

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Date Book

Dec. 30, 1995

Today is the 364th day of 1995 and the ninth day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, the Union ironclad Monitor sank with 16 hands in a storm off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936), writer; Al Smith (1873-1944), U.S. politician; Jack Lord (1930-), actor, is 65; Sandy Koufax (1935-), baseball great, is 60; Paul Stookey (1937-), folk singer, is 58; Mike Nesmith (1942-), musician-heir, is 53; Tracey Ullman (1959-), entertainer, is 36; Ben Johnson (1961-), sprinter, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, the 24-second shot clock was used for the first time in pro basketball in a game between teams from Rochester and Boston.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "More men are killed by overwork than the importance of the world justifies." — Rudyard Kipling

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1972, the highest wave ever measured, 86 feet from peak to trough, was observed in the Atlantic Ocean about 300 miles south of Iceland.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Dec. 28) and full moon (Jan. 5).

Dec. 31, 1995

Today is the 365th day of 1995 and the 10th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1946, President Harry Truman officially pronounced World War II to be over.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Cornwallis (1738-1805), British general; George C. Marshall (1880-1959), general-statesman; Anthony Hopkins (1937-), actor, is 58; John Denver (1943-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Ben Kingsley (1943-), actor, is 52; Diane von Furstenberg (1946-), designer, is 49; Patti Smith (1946-), singer-poet, is 49; Donna Summer (1948-), singer, is 47; Paul Westerberg (1959-), singer, is 36; Val Kilmer (1959-), actor, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1972, baseball great Roberto Clemente died in a plane crash while flying relief supplies to the victims of an earthquake in Nicaragua.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I want to be remembered as a ballplayer who gave all he had to give." — Roberto Clemente

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1987, heavy rain led to extensive flooding on the east and southeast parts of Oahu Island in Hawaii.

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Plane forced to land

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A bomb threat reportedly forced a Delta Airlines jet to make an emergency landing Friday night, causing minor injuries to eight passengers.

Flight 1145 from Newark, N.J., to Atlanta landed at Piedmont Triad International Airport about 9 p.m. The landing was a precaution and there were no mechanical problems with the MD-80 jet, said Delta spokesman Clay McCollum.

Legally concealed guns to hit Texas streets

AUSTIN (AP) — The next time you deal with police or other law enforcement officers, you might be asked for your identification and concealed handgun permit.

Beginning Jan. 1, Texans who have applied for and received licenses can carry concealed handguns. Lawmakers approved a concealed carry law during their 1995 session.

It is illegal to carry a visible handgun or other weapon.

As of Friday, about 1,200 concealed carry permits, which cost $140 for each four-year license, had been issued in Texas. More than 36,324 Texans have applied for those licenses.

Sherri Deatherage Green, a spokeswoman for the Department of Public Safety, said DPS troopers will start asking motorists and other people they deal with if they are licensed carriers.

"They will ask you if you have a concealed handgun license, and if you are, they will ask if you have the gun with you and where it is," Mrs. Deatherage Green said. "They will have the discretion to disarm permit holders if they feel there is some threat to their safety or the safety of others. But that won't happen all the time."

Mrs. Deatherage Green said the department has been making preparations since the law hit the books on Sept. 1. But she said little will change from current caution and awareness with which troopers approach traffic violators or other people they encounter.

In other law enforcement agencies, the reaction to the guns legally hitting the streets apparently won't change much.

"The officers are going to continue doing their traffic stops as they are now," said Joe Gamino, a spokesman for the Houston Police Department. "There are a lot of people carrying weapons illegally now."

Gamino said all law enforcement officers are trained to approach any situation with the idea that weapons could be involved. And he said many of the places where police interact with people will be off limits to legally concealed guns.

But he added that officers always are aware of illegal weapons.

"They can take the weapon until they determine that the person is a licensed person and then return it if they have not violated another law," he said.

As for the general public, law enforcement officers say people should not have to act differently, or be overly concerned since few permits have been issued, and legally carried weapons will be concealed.

San Antonio Deputy Chief of Police Gilbert Sandoval said the people getting concealed handguns permits are responsible, law-abiding people for the most part.

Those carrying guns legally are advised to take some precautions. The first is to make sure the weapons is secured and the second is to make any law enforcment officer aware of both the permit and gun.

The DPS has issued a videotape informing permit holders and other people how to react during a traffic stop, one of the most common interactions between police and general public.

"To ensure everyone's safety during a traffic stop, remain calm and listen to what the peace officer is saying. Keep your hands in plain sight. If you have a gun, at the first opportunity, tell the officer where it is. Follow the officer's instructions and keep your hands away from the handgun.

Concealed gun law highlights

AUSTIN (AP) — Here's a look at highlights of Texas' concealed handgun law, which goes into effect Monday:

—The law was passed during the 1995 Legislative session.

—Adults 21 or older can apply for a license to carry a concealed handgun if they are a resident of Texas for at least six months, have not been convicted of any felonies, are not charged with any serious misdemeanors or felonies, have not been convicted of serious misdemeanors in the last five years, are not chemically dependent or of unsound mind and have not been found to be delinquent in child support payments.

—More than 36,000 Texans have submitted completed applications for permits.

—More than 1,200 permits, which become effective Jan. 1, have been issued.

—Numerous places, including schools, election polling places, courts and government offices are off limits to concealed handguns.

—Private businesses have the right to ban handguns, and any business that makes 51 percent or more of its money from alcohol sales is off limits,

—Law enforcement officials say everyone who deals with officers should keep their hands in plain sight, remain calm and listen to the officers' instructions.

—Anyone with a permit should inform officers that they are permit holders, even if the gun is not present.

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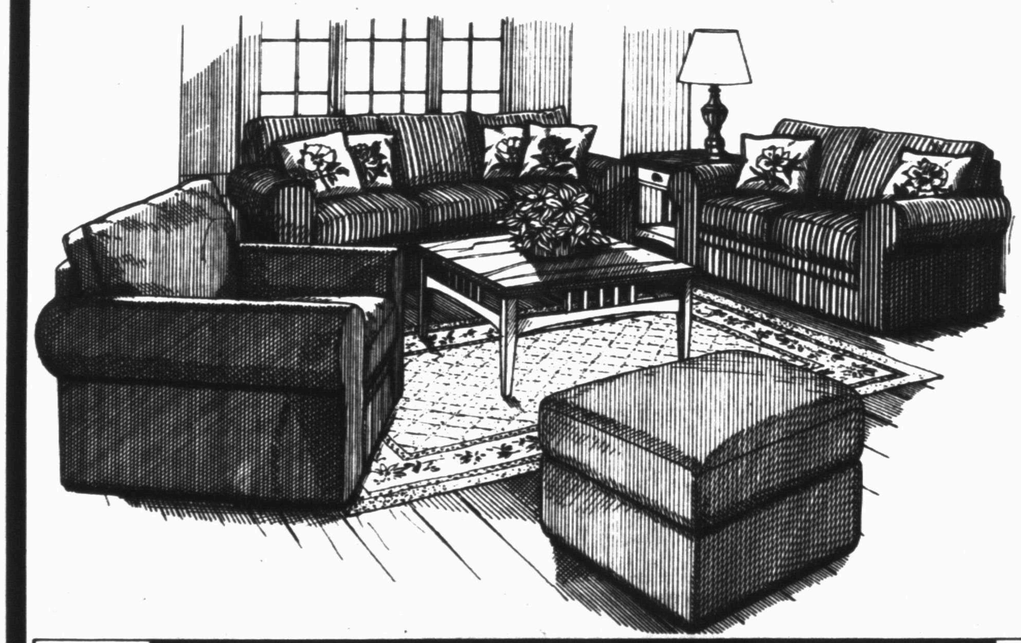

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2301 41st, CH/A, red. 25T
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Country, 3-3, aprx. 3A. 65T
2304 30th, 3-1. 30T
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1904 Ave. M, 2-1-1, ch/a. 25T
2809 Denison, 3-2, stg. 78T
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Widening of 30th Street

The Texas Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Snyder, is planning a public hearing on Tuesday, January 9, 1996, to discuss the proposed plan to widen 30th Street from College Avenue to El Paso Street in Snyder, Texas.

TxDOT wishes to solicit input from the citizens of Snyder on this proposed construction project, expecially those who live along 30th Street, on how to best make this project run smoothly, with the least inconvenience as possible to the people.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Snyder Junior High School auditorium. If you have any information or question concerning the meeting, please contact: Michael W. Taylor, P.E., Snyder Area Engineer, P.O. Box 396, Snyder, Texas 79550, 915-573-0143.

All interested citizens are invited to attend. The auditorium is handicap accessable.

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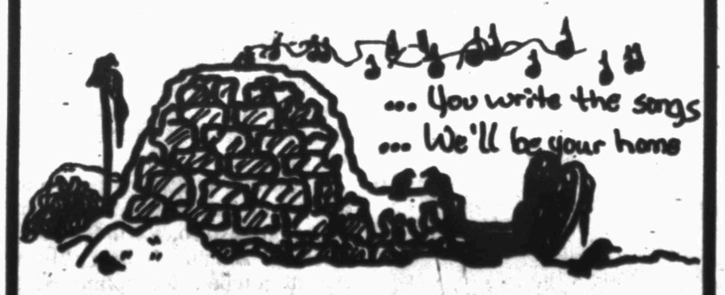

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No breakthrough in budget talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a pair of New Year's resolutions, President Clinton vowed Saturday to work with the Republican Congress to balance the federal budget and reopen the government without gutting Medicare and other programs he wants to protect.

"We are making real progress," Clinton said in his weekly radio address, delivered just minutes before the opening of his second face-to-face negotiation in two days with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

Dole agreed that progress was being made, though some of the toughest problems have yet to be discussed. "So far, so good," he said this morning in remarks prepared for the Republican radio address. "We've exchanged a lot of views on different issues raised yesterday and we've had no big problems so far. But lets face it, we haven't gotten to the big issues."

"We know that our work is not done," Clinton said, speaking of the tough and contentious issues that remain to be resolved. "We know we have much to do so the American dream will stay alive for every citizen and so that we may come together as a people, so that America can remain the strongest force for peace the world has ever seen."

"So on this New Year's let's resolve that we will balance the budget but that we'll do it in a way that will keep our country growing and will be true to our basic values," the president said.

"Let us resolve to reopen the government and do it now," Clinton said. "Let us resolve to act without rancor or partisan bitterness."

After more than three hours of budget talks on Friday, presidential aides and congressional leaders said the prospects for a settlement had improved.

Dole recorded the Republican response to Clinton's radio address, praising the 1995 record of Congress and calling for New Year resolutions to "finish the job of balancing the budget," save Medicare, reform welfare and cut taxes.

Dole told a brief session of the Senate this morning that he is working with Democratic leaders, seeking agreement on a fast-track procedure for Senate consideration of a budget agreement when one is reached.

"I hope we can resolve this before the day is finished," he said.

Israeli and Syrian peace talks now taking an informal turn

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Israeli-Syrian talks shift to a more informal mode, Israeli's negotiators say Syria wants peace with the Jewish state but has yet to define just what that means.

Instead of going home for a break, negotiators moved into hotels in Washington and planned to keep in touch over the long New Year's weekend. Missing, however, will be the joint dinners and other social touches that marked their three days of talks on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

"We are trying to find a common basis for our potential agreement," Uri Savir, director general of Israel's foreign ministry, told The Associated Press after the negotiations recessed Friday. "We will have to wait another few days before we can come with clear recommendations to our government as how to proceed from here."

And Israeli Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich said "we have yet to obtain a satisfactory answer to the question what kind of peace, what level or depth of peace" that Syria wants.

Syrian officials did not characterize the negotiations, but State Department spokesman John Dinger said, "Both sides considered the talks useful and conducive to further discussion."

The talks at the private Wye Plantation conference center, an hour's drive east of Washington, touched on all the tough issues — the likelihood of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, a strategic border enclave; Syria's offer of a peace treaty in exchange; and surveillance and other security arrangements between the two sides.

Discovery could lead to obesity drug

BOSTON (AP) — Scientists say they are a step closer to developing a drug for fat people after discovering the second half of the signaling system that tells the brain when the body has had enough to eat.

Scientists from Millennium Pharmaceuticals, in a report in Friday's issue of the journal Cell, said the finding of a receptor on the surface of brain cells could lead to medication to alter how the "I'm full" signals are received.

The Cambridge-based Millennium researchers, collaborating with Hoffmann La-Roche, have been competing with other pharmaceutical labs and academic centers in an attempt to find the receptor gene ever since the discovery last year of the first major obesity gene, called OB, and the leptin protein it produces. That gene was isolated by Rockefeller University scientists.

Dr. Robert I. Tepper, senior author of the Cell paper, said that a drug to treat obesity is probably years away but that the new finding "will jump-start research at Millennium and elsewhere."

The scientists say that while leptin is what sends the satiety message to the brain, it is not a lack of the hormone that causes obesity.

Scientists hope to bypass that resistance via drugs.

The receptor was found in two regions of the brain, Tepper said: the choroid plexus, which is known to transport substances from blood into the brain, and the hypothalamus, which regulates body temperature, weight and other functions.

"It's of course an important breakthrough and it's exciting when specific genes in a certain trait are identified," said Dr. Jeanne Lawrence, an associate professor of cell biology at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. "People who have problems with weight are often looked down upon by people who don't, but they're struggling under a different set of conditions that nature has handed out."

Americans spend $33 billion a year to lose weight, and they're getting heavier. The National Center for Health Statistics reported that the number of overweight American adults increased by 31 percent during the 1980s.

GI wounded in Croatia

ZUPANJA, Croatia (AP) — An American soldier was rushed to the U.S. mobile military hospital at Zupanja Saturday after driving over a land mine in a Humvee. He is the first American injured in the NATO-led peace mission in Bosnia.

The incident occurred early Saturday afternoon in Bijela, a northern Bosnian town near the Croatian border, said Maj. Simon Haselock, a spokesman for the mission.

The wounded man was not identified. But his condition was said to be stable.

In Washington, a senior White House official speaking on condition of anonymity said the Humvee was destroyed. He said one U.S. soldier was injured, but had no further information.

The soldier was flown by helicopter to Zupanja, the Croatian border town where U.S. Army engineers are building a pontoon bridge over the Sava River into Bosnia for the mass deployment of U.S. troops.

One GI who would not give his name said the victim was injured in the leg.

Though all warring factions are committed to removing mines or mapping their locations under terms of the Bosnian peace treaty, the process has just begun and tens of thousands of explosive devices lie uncharted.

The location of many will never be established because battlefields have shifted countless times during the nearly 4-year-old war.

Limmer, Reecer, Simpson file

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sons. Bryan is a trust officer at City National Bank in Colorado City. He is married to Cari Walker, who teaches with Colorado ISD. They have three children: Griffin, Bailey and Hannah.

Their other son, Jayson, is a senior at the Universty of North Texas in Denton.

Dena Reecer
candidate for co. attorney

"I see this as a way to return something to this county. I feel like I can serve the county well in this capacity with my years of experience as a prosecutor," said Reecer.

A native of Stephenville, she received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her law degree from Texas Tech University School of Law.

She was briefing attorney for Justices Charles R. Schulte and Ward Koehler with the 8th Court of Appeals in El Paso from 1988 to 1989 before becoming an associate attorney with Potash, Bernat, Sipes & Bernat, P.C. in El Paso. From late 1990 to 1993 she was assistant district attorney with the 110th District in Floydada and from 1993 to 1994 served as county attorney protem for Floyd County, where she acted as county attorney and advised the commissioner's court.

Reecer has conducted a private practice since moving to Snyder in July of 1994.

She and her husband, Cogdell Hospital CEO Jeff Reecer, are members of the Church of Christ. They have a 3½-year-old daughter, Chloe.

Joe Simpson
candidate for sheriff

Simpson was born and reared in Scurry County, graduated from Snyder High School and holds an associate degree in applied science from Western Texas College. He has his advanced certificate in law enforcement.

Simpson has 14 years of law enforcement experience as a deputy, police officer and police chief. He served in Garza and Baylor counties as a deputy and in Junction, Coleman and Gorman as a police officer. He currently serves as chief of police at Gorman, a job he has held for four years.

He is a member of the Gorman Lions Club, a former board member and current member with the Eastland County Law Enforcement Officer's Association, and is agency coordinator for Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch, which serves the Eastland County Sheriff's Office and Eastland, Ranger, Cisco, Rising Star and Gorman police departments.

Simpson is a Baptist. He and his wife, Beverly, have no children.

"I have strong family ties and many friends in Scurry County," said Simpson, 45. "As a believer in equal law enforcement for everyone, I would appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Scurry County as their sheriff."

Obituaries

Doyle Farmer

1941-1995

Doyle Ray Farmer, a long-time Scurry County resident, died at 8:20 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, in Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo., after suffering an apparent heart attack while on a trip with his family.

Funeral service for Mr. Farmer, 54, is set for 4 p.m. Sunday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Jim Moseley, pastor of Loraine First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Born Jan. 28, 1941 in Paris, Tex., Mr. Farmer worked internationally for Electric Submersible Pump in Snyder, and was home on leave from Russia. He served in the Army Reserve.

Survivors include his wife, Fran Farmer of Ira; a daughter, Tammy Stocker of Denver; a son, Paul Farmer of Snyder; his mother and father, Bruce and Evie Farmer of Snyder; three brothers, Bruce Thomas Farmer of Snyder, Herman Farmer of Long Beach, Calif., and Tim Farmer of Lake Whitney; a sister, Anita Farmer of Snyder; and two grandchildren, Hailey and Dustin Farmer, both of Ira.

Mary Dabbs

1915-1995

DALLAS — Funeral service is set for 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Grove Hill Funeral Home Chapel for Snyder native Mary Dabbs of Garland who died Friday, Dec. 29.

Mrs. Dabbs, 80, was the sister-in-law of Mrs. Esther Dabbs of Snyder.

Married to D.G. Dabbs on Dec. 22, 1933 in Snyder, Mrs. Dabbs worked for Mobil Oil Co. for 14 years and was a former resident of Red River and Santa Fe, N.M. She was a member of Broadway Church of Christ in Garland.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, D.G. Dabbs of Garland; two sons, Stanely Dabbs of Rowlett and Timothy Dabbs of Santa Fe, N.M.; four sisters, Beatrice Morgan, Betty Kuhn and Lete Hill, all of Dallas, and Jean Stone of Albuquerque, N.M., five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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What's Up?

Youth Center dance

A New Years Eve dance and party will be held Sunday from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Scurry Youth Center, 115 31st St. Admission is $2 per person. Music will be provided by M.I.P, Melinda Estrada. Refreshments and door prizes are included.

Civil defense sirens

The city's civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday, weather permitting.

Video series continues

The Key To The Kingdom video series is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The sixth tape, "Why Did John The Baptist Baptize?" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Student, ISD report cards

Snyder ISD will distribute individual report cards Jan. 4. Included will be the 1994-95 School Report Card from the Texas Education Agency for the campus the student attends.

The School Report Card is a report required by the Texas Legislature to be sent to the parent of every child enrolled in public schools. The report provides information concerning student performance, expenditures and student-teacher ratios.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

2-3-0
(two, three, zero)

Cash 5

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

1-3-8-18-32
(one, three, eight, eighteen, thirty-two)

1995: year in review

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bonds is expected to be approved in 1996 to further expand the overall project.

Two economic development projects didn't work out in the fourth quarter of 1995. Local citizens were hopeful that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board would choose Snyder for prison site expansion. That didn't happen, however, as Snyder was passed over.

Scurry County was also rejected as an expansion site for expansion by Plains Cooperative Oil Mill, a bid that was considered by most to be less of a possibility than the prison expansion.

In December, the city council passed an ordinance authorizing the city to issue $3.29 million in certificates of obligation for a proposed water treatment plant. Construction on the new plant, which will be capable of treating five million gallons of water per day, is to begin in March.

Snyder celebrated the holiday season in style, with its fifth and best — and perhaps coldest — lighted Christmas parade. The parade was dedicated in honor of the late Dr. Franklin Pruitt, longtime educator. The second annual Community Candlelight Service was another holiday activity, with the African Children's Choir providing an inspiring program.

Politics entered the scene in December as candidates slowly began filing for local offices. The race getting the most attention at year's end — the filing deadline isn't until Jan. 2 — was that of sheriff, where three deputies had declared as candidates.

The year ended with more optimistic economic news. United Supermarkets confirmed that it had purchased the former Kmart building and would erect a new grocery store, and the Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation confirmed that Snyder is among the communities being considered for a zone office, which could employ dozens of people.

Among other events and names in the news in the fourth quarter of 1995 were these:

—Snyder played host to hundreds of out-of-towners as the Holiday Rambler RV Rally was held here.

—SHS student David Kerr was named as a semifinalist for a Merit Scholarship.

—Trisha McGrew was chosen as Snyder High School homecoming queen.

—Home Extension Agent Kathryn Roberts named president of the Texas Association of Extension Home Economists.

—A Snyder High School girl was expelled for a year after bringing a gun to school in mid-October.

—The high school band won a first division in the Region 16 marching contest.

—In what promises to be an annual event, the Rotary Club joined with The Shack and Lawrence IGA to provide a Thanksgiving fete for Scurry County's less fortunate.

—Ray Robbins and Dr. Duane Hood were Founder's Day Award recipients at Western Texas College.

—Doug Scott was named Fireman of the Year.

—SHS drama instructor Jerry Worsham received a key award from the University Interscholastic League as the winningest drama instructor in the state.

—Jack Greene, C.R. Perez, Ann McCabe and Rod Waller were announced as new chamber board members.

—United Way announced that donations were at $58,434.29, or 80 percent of the organization's goal of $73,000.

3 arrested by officers

Snyder area law enforcement personnel made three arrests Friday and early Saturday morning.

A DPS trooper arrested a 50-year-old man at 4:55 p.m. Friday on U.S. Highway 84 for driving while intoxicated.

At 12:59 a.m. Saturday, police arrested a 19-year-old male for public intoxication and a 21-year-old man for public intoxication, criminal mischief, possession of marijuana and resisting arrest.

A woman contacted police at 3:39 p.m. Friday in the 2100 block of Avenue X in reference to the theft of a bicycle and other property from a residence. Reports for theft and criminal mischief were filed. The bicycle was later located in the 2700 block of 23rd Street and returned to the owner.

A sheriff's deputy investigated an assault complaint in the Greenhill Addition at 1:30 a.m. Saturday. A report for Class A assault was filed.

A woman contacted police at 10:10 p.m. Friday in reference to a possible disturbance in the 3000 block of Avenue N. An officer was dispatched and submitted a report for attempted suicide. A 17-year-old female was transported to Cogdell Hospital where she was treated and released.

Snyder veteran served 27 months in Europe

Rex Nall remembers World War II experiences

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

The past cannot be changed anymore than it can be forgotten, nor should it be, especially a world war.

Though World War II ended five decades ago, Rex Nall, who enlisted when he was 18, still carries the memories within him.

RELIVE MEMORIES — Rex and Elwanda Nall recently enjoyed a tour of European countries that Rex served in during World War II. One of 40 couples to participate, the Nalls said they met many new friends as well as enjoyed sightseeing during their 18-day sojourn which included a 3,800 miles bus trip through Italy, France, Germany and Austria. (SDN Staff Photo)

Last fall, he and wife Elwanda joined 39 other couples for a tour of the countries he once served in — Italy, France, Germany and Austria. The main difference was that the tour reversed the order, starting in Austria then proceeding to Germany, France and Italy.

One other significant difference was that this time Rex was not riding in a tank, trying to remain alive in the thick of battle.

Beginning in September, the Nalls spent 18 days in Europe, enjoying the scenic view, good food, entertainment and company while Rex relived his 27 months of military service. (See separate story on page 5B.)

Some 50 years ago he and other raw recruits, mainly newly drafted 18- and 19-year-olds, were dispatched to Europe. Landing at Oran, Africa, Rex spent the next 27 months winding his way through Italy, France and Germany.

A farm boy reared during the Depression, Rex had not had any contact with warfare except World War I movies. Like Sgt. York, he said he did not want to go. But when Congress passed legislation requiring 18-and-19-year-old men to be drafted, he enlisted.

En route to Fort Knox, Ky., Rex was stricken with a severe case of the flu which hospitalized him for a week; causing him to miss part of basic training. He did not escape it entirely, though.

As soon as he was released, he joined the rest of the new recruits for the remainder of the 13-week training period. Besides physical training, basic training consisted of driving tanks, close order drills and long marches.

While at Fort Knox, Rex said they spent weekends in Louisville, Ky., located about 10 miles away.

The people of that city opened their doors to Rex and the other soldiers, offering them meals and cots in gymnasiums to sleep in.

"In my heart I've always had a lot of love for the people of Louisville, Kentucky," Rex said.

After basic training ended, the young men were all given 11 days furlough plus the price of a train ticket to Fort Worth. Rex surprised his parents by turning up unannounced.

He stayed eight days, a very important eight days as it turned out, because that was the last time he saw his father. He died 14 months later while Rex was serving on the front lines.

Though Rex served in a tank division, that was not his first choice. Instead, he and several others had decided to sign up for the paratroopers. However, they ended up shipping out before those orders were finalized.

Rex said they later learned that those paratroopers were the ones who jumped on the D-Day Landing, June 6, 1944, in Normandy, suffering many casualties.

While overseas, Rex was to experience other close calls before peace was declared, convincing him that someone had watched out for him.

A few weeks after the furloughs ended, Rex said they shipped out as part of a large convoy that was crossing the Atlantic. Trying to dodge German submarines, the ship changed direction every 30 minutes or so.

During the three-week crossing, Rex said he saw ships dropping depth charges as they tried to destroy German subs.

YOUNG SOLDIER — As a young soldier, Rex Nall served 27 months in Europe during World War II. This photo was taken in Naples, Italy in 1944. Rex was then 20 years old. His left jaw is slightly swollen because he had just had wisdom teeth extracted. (Contributed Photo)

Not seeing land for 21 days was a new experience for Rex. When they sighted Oran, Africa, everyone started shouting, he said.

Existing on two meals a day during the voyage left the men so hungry that they actually broke into the bakery and passed loaves of bread around, Rex said, something that "really shook up the ship's captain."

Disembarking at Oran, Rex and the others hiked four miles to the Replacement Depot.

By then, the war had moved through Sicily into Italy, and the men were placed on a British ship where they ate five small meals a day. During those early weeks, Rex said there was a shortage of food which left him and the others famished much of the time.

They were unloaded at Naples and Rex said a general who came to talk to him and the other troops helped put the war into persepctive, assuring them that "things would not be as bad as they imagined" and "not everyone would be killed."

The recruits were later loaded onto trucks and driven toward "the flashes of light and the sound of the artillery guns." Arriving for breakfast, Rex ate three servings of bacon and pancakes, forever earning the nickname "chow-

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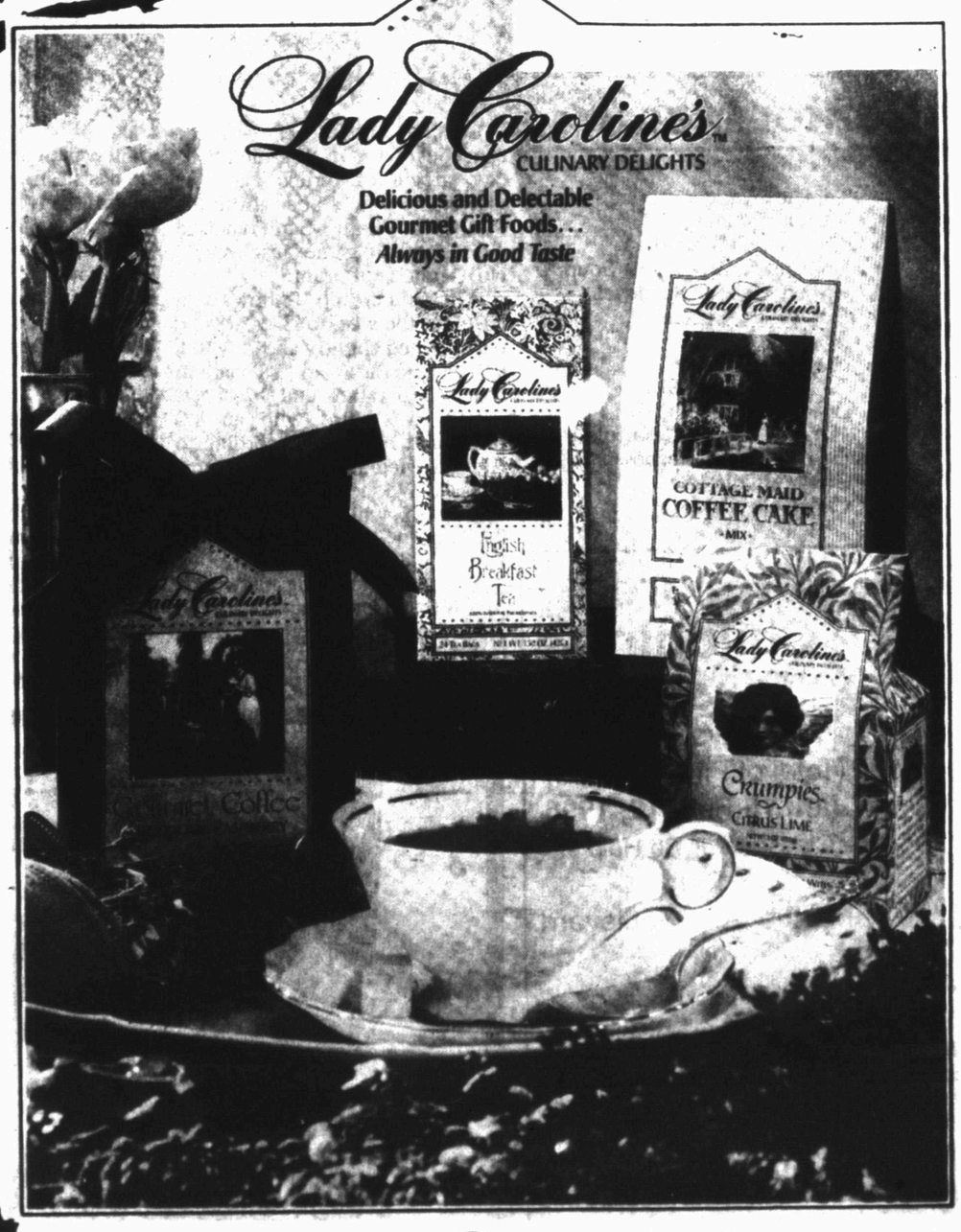

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2. "Five Days in Paris," by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
3. "The Lost World," by Michael Crichton (Knopf)
4. "Politically Correct Holiday Stories," by James Finn Garner (MacMillan)
5. "The Hundred Secret Senses," by Amy Tan (Putnam)
6. "Silent Night," by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
7. "Shock Wave," by Clive Cussler (Simon & Schuster)
8. "The Horse Whisperer," by Nicholas Evans (Delacorte)
9. "The Celestine Prophecy," by James Redfield (Warner)
10. "Morning, Noon & Night," by Sidney Sheldon (William Morrow)

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Miss America," by Howard Stern (HarperCollins)
2. "The Road Ahead," by Bill Gates with Nathan Myhrvold and Peter Rinearson (Viking)
3. "My American Journey," by Colin L. Powell with Joseph E. Persico (Random House)
4. "Charles Kuralt's America," by Charles Kuralt (Putnam)
5. "The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success," by Deepak Chopra (New World Library, Amber-Allen)
6. "David Brinkley," by David Brinkley (Knopf)
7. "Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus," by John Gray (HarperCollins)
8. "Lincoln," by David Herbert Donald (Simon & Schuster)
9. "The Martha Stewart Cookbook," by Martha Stewart (Clarkson Potter) (NF-H)
10. "Emotional Intelligence," by Daniel Goleman (Bantam) (Doubleday)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Waiting to Exhale," by Terry McMillan (Pocket Books)
2. "Kiss the Girls," by James Patterson (Warner)
3. "Tom Clancy's Op-Center: Mirror Image," by Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik (Berkley)
4. "The Lottery Winner," by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket Books)
5. "Hidden Jewel," by V.C. Andrews (Pocket Books)
6. "Eyes of a Child," by Richard North Patterson (Ballantine)
7. "Don't Stand Too Close to a Naked Man," by Tim Allen (Hyperion)
8. "Self-Defense," by Jonathan Kellerman (Bantam)
9. "Dark Rivers of the Heart," by Dean Koontz (Ballantine)
10. "Couplehood," by Paul Reiser (Bantam)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Calvin & Hobbes Tenth Anniversary Book," by Bill Watterson (Andrews & McMeel)
2. "Chicken Soup for the Soul," by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen, eds. (Health Communications)
3. "Snow Falling on Cedars," by David Guterson (Vintage)
4. "The Christmas Box," by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Shuster)
5. "A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul," by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen (Health Communications)
6. "The Far Side Gallery 5," by Gary Larson (Andrews & McMeel)
7. "The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1996," by Robert Famighetti (World Almanac)
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Pat Nixon portrayer has compassion for former first lady

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Allen, who plays Pat Nixon in the Oliver Stone movie "Nixon," says she came away from the project with a great deal of compassion for the former first lady.

"I would have loved to have sat down and had coffee with her, and I think she would have been a warm person, compassionate," Ms. Allen said in Wednesday's New York Times. "People tagged her with the words 'plastic Pat,' but that's unfair and not true."

Ms. Allen said her portrayal was based in part on interviews with former Nixon aides, books about the late Mrs. Nixon and a TV interview with her.

"She went through a tremendous amount. She was a very strong person but had a very difficult life," the actress said. "The most valuable information I got about her was that from the time she was a very young girl she was in a caretaking position, and that marked her entire life."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers will not meet again until Jan. 9; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for inofrmation call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club's prayer coffee; home of Doris Wilson, 202 36th Place; 9:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; landscape and design program, by Gertrude League; hostesses, Sandra Browning and Wyvonne Davis; 9:30 a.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Rudy's Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

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

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

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

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. John H. Surratt of Marfa announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tana, to Kevin Davis Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Holt of Snyder. The bride-elect is a graduate of Marfa High School and Sul Ross State University and the prospective groom is a Snyder High School graduate and is attending San Angelo State University. A March wedding ceremony is being planned by the couple. (Contributed Photo)

Hermleigh School Menu

MONDAY
New Year's Holiday

TUESDAY
Juice
Waffles/Syrup
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Toast, Jelly
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Biscuits, Sausage
Milk

TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Buttered Corn
Soft Bread Sticks
Pink Applesauce
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Barbecued Hamburger Patties
Baked Beans
Relish Cup
Hot Rolls
Scoop-o-Raisins
Milk

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers, Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Biscuits
Peanut Butter Bars
Milk

FRIDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Potatoes, Cheese Sauce
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding
Milk

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
New Year's Day Holiday

TUESDAY
Beef Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Mexican Salad
Ice Cream Cup

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Tenders
Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Asparagus
Tomato Wedges
Banana Pudding

THURSDAY
Homemade Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Dill Pickle Spears
Steamed Prunes
Oatmeal Cookies

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Hominy/Cheese Casserole
Herbed Green Beans
Creamy Coleslaw
Chocolate Cake

Football gives ABC edge in ratings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — ABC came out on top in a ho-hum holiday stretch of reruns and low viewership with a boost from the Minnesota Vikings-San Francisco 49ers football game, last week's No. 1-rated program.

ABC split the top 10 shows with NBC for the week of Dec. 18-24, but emerged slightly ahead with a 9.7 average rating and 18 share to NBC's 9.6 rating and 17 share.

CBS was third with an 8.0 rating and 17 share, according to Nielsen Media Research figures released Wednesday. Fox Broadcasting Co., which programs 15 of the 22 prime-time hours, followed with a 6.8 rating, 12 share.

The two emerging networks, The WB and UPN, earned 2.2 and 2.4 averages, respectively. Both had 4 shares.

A single ratings point equals 959,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's 95.9 million TV homes estimated by Nielsen. Share is a given show or network's percentage of sets tuned in during a given period.

Viewers were generally grinches when it came to giving the networks their time. NBC's season-leading average, for example, is a healthier 11.8, with a 19 share.

Among holiday specials, the week's highest-rated was CBS' "Kathie Lee Gifford: Home for the Holidays," at No. 24.

In the nightly newscast competition, perennial front-runner "ABC World News Tonight" earned a 9.6 rating and 18 share. "NBC Nightly News" posted an 8.7 rating and 17 share, followed by "CBS Evening News" with an 8.1 rating, 15 share.

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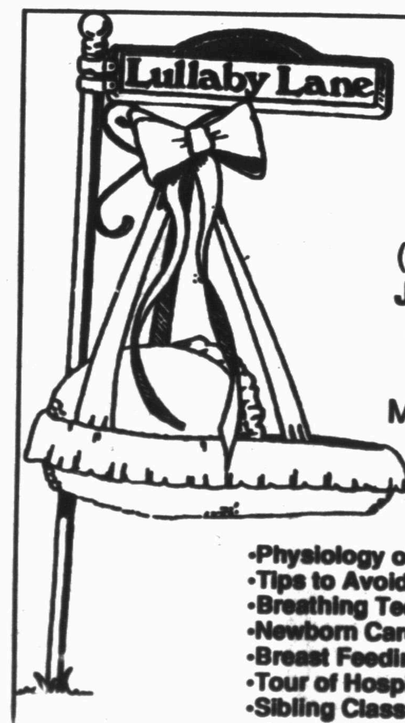

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN — H.W. Cargile, recently accepted a check from fund-raising functions of the American Cancer Society. Mr. Cargile has served the Scurry County Chapter of the American Cancer Society for more than 30 years. Presenting the check is Doris and Ford Spikes, chairmen of the Scoot-a-Boot project; Wanda Falls who headed the annual auction; and Olin Bunch, project treasurer. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ACS has active local volunteers

Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society, comprised of a board of 20 volunteers, is led by officers: Brenda Burney, chairperson; Mark Cypert, assistant chairman; Martha Schiebel, recording secretary; H.W. Cargile, treasurer; and Janet Wesson, outreach coordinator.

The board works to bring helpful information and educational literature to Scurry Countians and offers support in many ways to cancer patients and their families. Some of the services include travel for treatments and doctors appointments.

Breast Health Awareness, The Great American Smoke-out and the Fresh Start Program are several activities promoted by ACS.

In addition, a support group called Dialogue meets every fourth Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. They also promote comprehensive school health education along with other literature bearing warning signals to help with early detection.

The unit sponsors several events in conjunction with the commercial and home cancer drive.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-30-95
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♥8 4
♦5 4
♣A Q 10 3 2

WEST
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♥10 9 7 6 5 3
♦8 3 2
♣J 8 6

EAST
♠Q J 8 5 3 2
♥A
♦K 10 9
♣9 7 4

SOUTH
♠A 10
♥K Q J 2
♦A Q J 7 6
♣K 5

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣6

The most miraculous ever?

Let us end the year with perhaps the most miraculous slam ever made. The declarer was Frenchman Jose Le Dentu.

First, though, in the auction, which bids do you think are open to criticism?

South's strong two-bid was debatable. Starting with two no-trump is preferable. North wasn't strong enough for a three-club positive: He should have bid a negative two no-trump. Then, four diamonds was awful. North should have tried to put on the brakes with three no-trump. Finally, East's double was crazy.

West took East's double as Lightner, asking for the first suit bid by the dummy. So, he led the club six.

The contract "only" needed three favorable suit positions. At trick one, declarer put in dummy's club 10. Then he played a diamond to his queen. Next came the club king, overtaken by dummy's ace. Le Dentu cashed dummy's club queen, discarding his spade 10. A diamond to the jack was followed by the diamond ace, dropping East's king. Now the heart suit had to be played for one loser. Le Dentu led the heart *two* from hand and, yes, the ace did drop out of the sky!

So, given no heart opening lead, the contract needed the heart ace to be single and West to hold both three clubs including the jack and three low diamonds. Altogether, the contract has about a 0.03 percent chance to succeed.

True, Le Dentu was very lucky, but many players wouldn't have benefited from the fortunate lie of the cards.

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Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library has a young adult section, located in the reading room. Hardback fiction and non-fiction are located in this section on the bookshelves. The Texas Lone Star books are located in this area. At the end of this section is a young adult paperback rack, containing both classic titles and new books by authors such as R.L. Stine, Diane Hoh, Rancine Pascal, Ann M. Martin, L.J. Smith and Jay Bennett. Some of the hardback selections include "Tiger Eyes," by Judy Blume; "Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher," by Bruce Covelle; and "Voices After Midnight," by Richard Peck. The "Anne of Green Gables" series is also found in the young adult section. These books may be checked out for a two-week period on any current library card.

BOOK FEATURE

"Milk is Not for Everyone," by Steve Carper.

The 1990 census indicates that an estimated 50,000,000 Americans suffer from some form of lactose intolerance. Between 500,000 and 2,000,000 are unable to consume milk products in any form. Yet, once this condition is diagnosed, the sufferer can end the uncomfortable effects by learning how much lactose may be safely consumed. This book answers many questions, including ones concerning lactose pills, yogurt and lactose-reduced milk. It also discusses many new products that have come out during the last few years.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Mark Wilson's Greatest Instant Magic Tricks," by Mark Wilson.

"Affordable Heirlooms," by Edna Powers.

"Tales of the Impossible," by David Copperfield.

NEW FICTION

"Corruption of Blood," by Robert K. Tanenbaum.

"Murphy's Ambush," by Gary Paulsen.

"High Tide in Tucson," by Barbara Kingsolver.

Former Snyder resident elected chairman of PD award foundation

Lynn Fuller of Group Services, Inc., has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Fort Worth Police Award Foundation.

"Lynn is an active supporter of the Fort Worth Police Department, and a former officer. We are very fortunate to have such an outstanding individual as our new chairman," said Jim Green, former chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Fuller is the Assistant Director/Corporate Security for the Robert Bass Group and has been with Bass companies since 1984. Prior to that he was a Sergeant in the Intelligence Division of the Fort Worth Police Department assigned to a joint FBI/Fort Worth Police Department undercover operation.

A 1968 graduate of Snyder High School and 1972 graduate of Hardin Simmons University with a bachelor of science degree, Fuller also holds a master of public administration degree from Texas Christian University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Fuller of Dunn.

Also reared in Snyder, his wife Sheri is the daughter of Doug and Jean McGlaun of Benbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have two sons, Justin and Jared.

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The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

The poinsettia (Iuphorbia pulcherrima) plant is a native to Mexico and was brought to the United States many years ago by our Ambassador Poinsett, and thus bears his name.

This plant is suitable for cultivating for winter display in the deep south, but it requires quite a bit of care for the northern climates. In the south, it may be planted outdoors and it will grow into large shapely bushes and/or trees, which produce very handsome bracts of red, pink or creamy white. There are single and double-flowered poinsettia that you will find the bracts to be more numerous and remain attractive much longer.

We here in this area are more familiar with the single stem plant in a six-inch pot with a single head of bracts, which are in full bloom at Christmas time. Some plants are grown with more than one branch, but the flower head (bracts) is usually smaller than a single stem specimen.

After flowering, plants should be cut back and kept dry in a temperature of 50 to 55 degrees for several weeks. In May, they should be pruned to within six to eight inches of the soil and started into growth again by watering and keeping in a sunny, warm location. After new growth has started a minimum temperature of 65 to 70 degrees should be maintained. If you have additional poinsettia plants, cuttings can be taken from them and rooted. The soil should consist of fibrous loam, three parts, and one part of equal proportions of dried cow manure, leaf mold and sand.

These plants need to be ventilated more freely and the atmosphere should be kept drier than at any other time during the growing season. Weekly fertilizing with a diluted liquid fertilizer, with a reading of 20-20-20, is required for maximum growth and beauty.

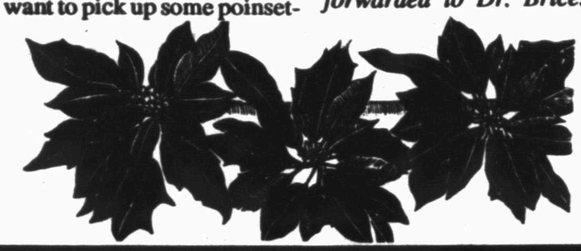
You must remember that the red (pink or white) bracts are not the flower. The tiny yellow cluster is the flower of this beautiful plant, the poinsettia.

Poinsettias recent drafts are easily damaged by spraying of insecticides. The need for short days and long nights is in much demand for the poinsettia to make this plant bloom. Light at night prevents flowering and the formation of the bracts.

The old myth that poinsettias are poisonous has been recently disproved. If you like plants and enjoy working with them, you may want to pick up some poinsettias after the holidays and tray to make them bloom for the next holiday season.

Let me leave you with this thought, "God does not deduct from man's alloted time those hours spent gardening. Good gardening until next time," from the Garden Editor, Dr. Ted Brice.

Dr. Brice will answer gardeners' questions by sending them in care of the Snyder Daily News, Lifestyles; P.O. Box 949; Snyder, Tex. 79550. These will be forwarded to Dr. Brice.



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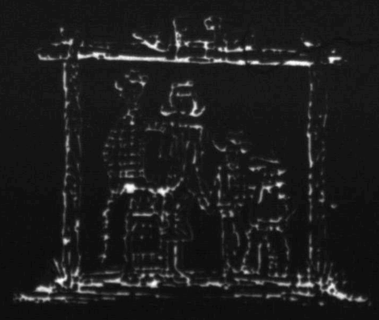

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by Shirley A. Gorman

hound."

Now in the line of war, Rex was assigned a tank and given the job of gun loader. He promised himself that he would "do everything I knew how to do to get out of this war alive."

He described the artillery as the "best friend to tankers and infantry." Located some five to 10 miles in back of the line, they were "wonderful," he added.

Traveling closer to the lines, Rex said they passed through a small town called San Pedro where they saw tanks with holes in them, testimony to the fierce battle fought there. By the next night they passed in front of "Millionaire Mountain," so nicknamed because of all the shells fired.

Next came Ripido River Crossing which was to be the site of Rex's first battle. However, the transmission went out on his tank and it took three days to repair. In the meantime, the other troops crossed without him. The allies suffered the loss of many tanks, he added.

Since he had not seen any action at the time, Rex said seeing so many dead soldiers — lying three feet apart from each other — was a "horrible sight." A 24-hour truce was called so the dead could be removed, he added.

Cassino was next. While the tank commanders were meeting in a building, Germans hit the building with a shell. Every tank was lost, but not that many men.

Cassino was Rex's first action. Located two miles from Ripido, they lost a platoon consisting of 15 tanks.

One company of infantry which accompanied Rex and the other tanks was none other than the 36th Division, which was a Snyder National Guard Company.

At that time, he said, the company was at half strength because of all the losses suffered during the Ripido River Crossing.

Loading the tank's guns as fast as he could, Rex said they knocked down the first buildings at Cassino. After shooting all of the ammunition, he said they reloaded and then returned to Cassino where they continued firing.

One habit Rex adopted during the war was to "say the Lord's Prayer when I knew I was going into battle. Believe me, it helped. I give it a lot of credit that I made it out alive."

The commander of the regiment wanted them to stay in Cassino. The platoon leader wanted them to leave the tanks and go inside a church. Since tankers feel "safer in those rolling caskets (tanks)," Rex said, "It was the scaredest (sic) night I spent in the war."

No one was left in Cassino but the soldiers. Even though the night was dark, the flares and guns being fired "pretty well kept things lit up," he recalled.

They spent some 28 days in Cassino, and true to what the German prisoners of war had said, the Allies could not take the city.

Rex, who was spending his first Christmas away from home, was surprised that a delicious turkey dinner was served on the line. The soldiers of the 36th moved out, leaving the tanks at Cassino. French Moroccans replaced the 36th.

Every day at Cassino was just about the same. The tanks fired and daily they saw shots coming from the monastery located nearby. Eventually, the Allies bombed the facility, giving Rex his first sight of bombers at work.

While at Cassino, Rex said he first encountered Big Bertha, one of the biggest ground mount guns. Shells fired from it blew holes 24 feet deep and 25 feet across in the ground. He said the tanks decided to move rather than risk being destroyed.

While at Cassino, Rex said the Allied forces and the Germans traded ownership of the jailhouse almost on a daily basis. The day Rex and the rest of his outfit left Cassino, they were replaced by British soldiers.

From Cassino, they traveled some 30 to 40 miles toward Naples. He said they had a three month break, adding, "It was great to be out of shell fire range."

By April, Rex's company was ready to shove off to meet the Anzio beachhead people, and then push to Rome. When they contacted the Anzio army, Rex and the other tanks in his outfit were attached to the Third Infantry Division until the end of the war.

Rex said they helped liberate that city on June 6, 1944, the same date as the D-Day invasion.

Spending a week in Rome was a thrill, Rex said. Hitler had pulled out to save the art treasurers and as the Allied forces traveled the city's streets they were greeted by many hugs and kisses.

With the spring push came a promotion for Rex to tank driver, a corporal rank. As a loader he had been a private first class (PFC).

When the tanks shoved off that spring, Rex said "We broke the line and went to carrying infantry on our tanks." He said they (the infantry) did not like that because tanks had the nickname "rolling coffins."

NOTRE DAME — Elwanda Nall is standing in front of the Notre Dame Cathedral. (Contributed Photo)

Loaded down with passengers, they would travel some 15 to 20 miles a day. The infantry walked some five miles a day also. As soon as the enemy fired the first shot, he said the infantry boys always jumped off the tanks.

He does not remember any infantry casualties from riding on their tanks, and eventually they realized it was better than walking.

Rex's sixth month in Italy was "the most horrifying in the war," due to casualties and cold rains as they traveled the mountains.

On June 30 after driving the Germans back 80 miles north of Rome, Rex said they drove their tanks to the west coast, loaded them on landing craft tanks (L.C.T.) and headed to Naples.

After training for five weeks, the tanks were back on the L.C.T.s. Rex said they knew they were preparing for the invasion of Southern France, although commanders had not yet been told this.

Everyone wanted to visit Naples but the only thing Rex and the others saw of that city was a view from their ship.

By Aug. 13, the ships headed north on the Mediterranean Sea. Rex caught a glimpse of Winston Churchill as he was riding in a speed boat, going up and down the line of ships giving his V for Victory sign and smoking his cigar.

One ship was carrying nine Piper Cubs, but Rex said the pilots, all warrant officers and considered the lowest brass in the Army, did not mix with the regular Army but chose to remain in the officers' quarters until it was their time to fly.

Because the ship's captain managed to get the ship stuck in a sand barge, Rex said they drove their tanks off in about four feet of water as they went ashore in between Marseilles and Tripoli.

The troops were poised ready to take back France and Germany.

The French people were jubilant at the site of the U.S. soldiers and provided everyone with lots of wine. But Rex chose to drink very little as he wanted "to be sober for the battle."

After a couple of days, Rex said they engaged the Germans in a grape patch, dotted with bazookas. He called it a miracle that the Germans did not "knock us off real easy."

In the outskirts of Brignolas, Rex's tank fell through a cellar. "One side stayed up while the other fell through," he said. Tragedy occurred when a tank driver was accidently shot by his own gunner. Rex was picked to replace him.

Pushing further into France, Rex said his tank was picked to approach a fort near Besancon and fire a few shots inside. They did so and then backed out of the gate and waited about 10 minutes. Then two German soldiers managed to get onto the fort's wall and "stuck two bazookas through our tank," Rex said. This provided him with one of his most harrowing experiences of the war.

The loader and the gunner were killed right away and the tank commander was wounded. Rex and the remaining crew member, an assistant driver, exited as quickly as possible. Rex dove for the wall while Jim headed for the infantry. Enemy fire killed Jim and though bullets "raised the dust around my feet," Rex said, he was not hit. A buddy, Brooks Toler, helped save Rex's life as he fired at the Germans, making them get off the wall.

That experience caused Rex to think "there must be a God looking over me."

Later, the Germans forced an old woman to climb on top of the wall waving a white flag, signaling they were ready to surrender.

The tank Rex lost at Besancon was loaded with lots of souvenirs, including a German Luger and binoculars. He did not collect any others as the war continued.

After his near-fatal experience, Rex was assigned to the second platoon, separating him from the man who saved his life.

Two months after landing in France, Rex said they liberated Nice, the future site of the signing of the Armistice.

During his 27 months in Europe, Rex said they could hear Bed Check Charlie every night. He would drop leaflets urging them to give up.

Rex had another close call in his tank when it struck a land mine while he was still driving it, blowing the track off.

Since snipers loved to hide in church steeples while they picked off troops, Rex said they learned to shoot down the steeples first. German snipers killed a lot of commanders, Rex said.

Following Nice's liberation, Rex received his sergeant's stripes and was named tank commander.

Learning a valuable lesson at Besancon, Rex, who was 20-years-old by then, ordered his tanks to keep their guns firing to avoid being knocked out by a bazooka or hand grenade.

Due to his youth, Rex said he was kidded because he "got to boss, but none of the crew would listen to me." He said he would sit on the floor and look each one the four crew men in the eye and ask them what they thought.

Rex remembers they crossed the Seine River several times, the river that runs through France. Since the bridges had been destroyed by the Germans, the tanks had to wait for pontoons before crossing.

The infantry, which crossed the river in boats, hated the tanks because they were so noisy, Rex explained.

Though tanks were essential to winning the war, Rex said they have never received proper credit for their contributions.

Another close call occurred when Rex moved his tank from under a tree, seconds before a shell destroyed the tree. Still today, he said he does not know what made him decide to move the tank.

In Northern France, Rex survived yet another close call. This time a mortar shell dud landed at his feet while he was standing in a doorway. He said he could not believe how lucky he was.

During two cold winters in France — 1944 and 1945 — Rex said snow buried the ground and temperatures plummeted to 10 degrees. They painted tanks white to blend in with the snow.

He was briefly reunited with his good friend Toler, who was killed the following day. Rex later delivered Toler's last mail to his father, Claud.

Rex's crew suffered frostbitten feet, but he did not because "my feet didn't sweat much."

One night, a fragment shell landed beside his tank and a small piece lodged in his neck. The wound was not serious, so he decided not to put in for a purple heart because he did not want to worry his mother needlessly.

Another part of the shell passed through his steel helmet but a brad on his helmet prevented it from lodging in his brain — another close call.

As they entered Germany, Rex said the soldiers were scared but knew they had to "conquer Germany" to win the war. Civilians in the first little city brought their guns into the street to be destroyed.

When they approached the Siegfried Line along Germany's border, Rex said he was more afraid of it than he was of Cassino because he thought, "we'll be here forever."

German pill boxes were located every half mile. But direct shots fired at the pill boxes caused the Germans to raise white flags. Some 100 soldiers and one woman surrendered.

As it turned out, Rex said the money Hitler spent on the Siegfried Line was for naught.

Following the Siegfried encounter, they returned to Lyons, France where they spent four days practicing on a floating tank.

Then it was back to the front where the cold weather offered a mixture of rain and snow. He said they ate very well in Germany because the German people kept a variety of food in their cellars including cured hams, pickles and potatoes.

The end of the war came quickly for Rex. By this time, the tank crews had taken to covering tanks with sandbags as extra protection against German fire power, 88 MMs.

When one hit his tank, Rex exited in a hurry and in the process got hit with a piece of fragment shell. It was his worst wound of the war.

Wounded on the 29th of April, Rex did not miss much action, as the Armistice was signed on May 8. He escaped surgery when the x-rays showed no metal in his body. He did spend 30 days in the hospital though.

Soldiers were being sent home then but since Rex did not have quite enough points he was not included. Actually, he said he would have had enough if he had accepted the purple heart for the minor neck wound he had received months earlier.

Instead, he was given 10 days in England. After a week in the British Isle, Rex was ready for home. By then, the point system had been lowered, so he was sent back to the

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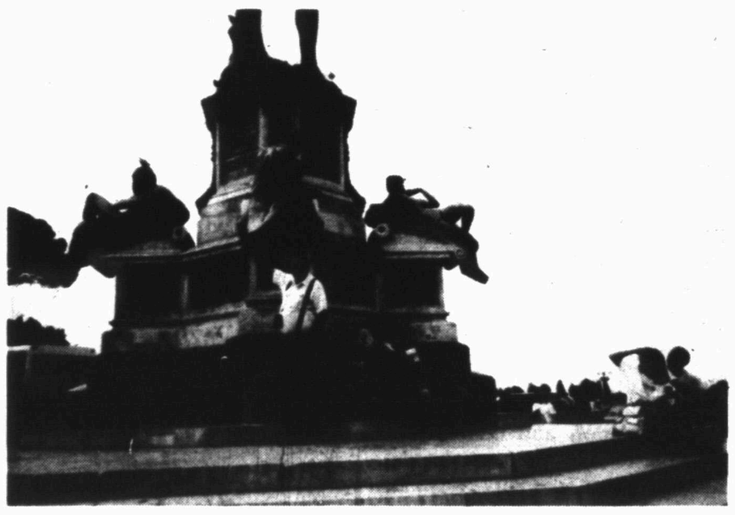
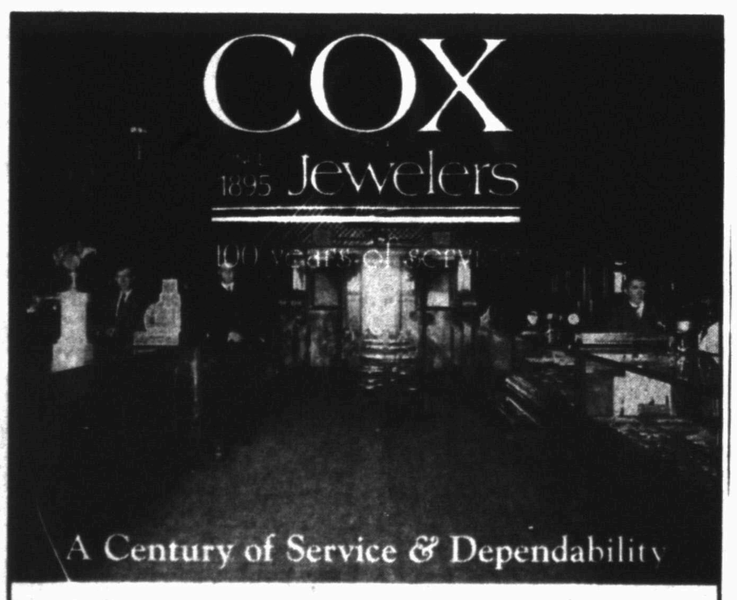
PROTECTED TANK — As World War II started winding down, Rex Nall said tank crews took to packing tanks with sandbags for extra protection against German fire power. (Contributed Photo)



STATUE — Rex Nall is shown standing beside this statue on a square in Florence, Italy. (Contributed Photo)

SHELLED TANK — On April 29, 1945, Germans put an 88 shell into this tank. Rex Nall points to the extra sandbags which were used for extra protection during the final weeks of the war. He credits them with saving his life and the lives of crew members. (Contributed Photo)



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Local visits European countries he served in

Rex and Elwanda Nall tour Austria, Germany, France and Italy

Europe had changed considerably, but the passage of more than five decades had not dimmed Rex Nall's recollection of the Great War he had fought in so long ago.

It was somethat eerie. Retracing the path in reverse order that Rex's tank had traversed during World War II, but the experience was definitely worth it.

He almost missed the entire tour though, as he "kept backing out every day." Elwanda insisted though, and he is glad he listened to her.

After his older brother suffered a stroke, Rex said he realized more than ever that if he was going to make this journey then he had to do it while he could.

True, it was an emotional experience, but briefly reliving the past helped him to put it into perspective. And it gave Elwanda a greater insight into what the war had been like for the then young soldier.

Also, Rex's story is a valuable piece of family history greatly appreciated by his two sons, Doug and Steve.

Encompassing 3,800 miles in all, the tour began in England where one of the sights was the White Cliffs of Dover, well remembered by World War II pilots, Rex explained, adding "They knew they were nearly home when they passed over them."

Brussels was next and the Nalls enjoyed "mussels in Brussels," a popular dish.

Of the 40 couples in the tour, the Nalls particularly enjoyed a couple from Australia who was celebrating an anniversary.

Of all of the participants, Rex said he and Elwanda stood out the most because of their Texas accents. In fact, Rex's nickname was "Tex."

In Cologne, Germany, they visited a cathedral which had been the only building left standing during the war.

As they cruised the Rhine River, Rex recalled how U.S. tanks had floated across it. Their cruise began in Boppard, Germany with St. Goar their next stop. They saw all of the castles which line the river.

Heidleberg and Munich were their next stopping places in Germany with Innsbruck, Austria to follow.

In Innsbruck, stops included Olympic Stadium and Mussolini's headquarters during World War II.

Rex and Elwanda described Austria as "gorgeous country." During a program in Innsbruck, the Nalls said each country in the audience was represented by its flag and its anthem.

In Venice, Italy, the Snyder couple visited St. Mark's Square and a lace factory. Boats were the city's only transportation.

In Rome, they visited the Coliseum, the Sistine Chapel, the Vatican and Tivolli Fountain, famous because of all the coins thrown into it.

As they ate dinner in a castle near Rome, once the home of Napoleon Bonaparte's sister, Rex's mind wandered back to the war and the part he played in liberating that city.

He found again the park where he had parked his tank and slept in a bedroll beside it. Recalling how the newly liberated Italians had kissed the soldiers out of gratitude, Rex said visiting Rome again was "a highlight of the tour."

The country has since been rebuilt, but he recalled that Hitler had pulled his troops out of Rome because he had not wanted the national treasures destroyed.

Rex also recalled a scene from the war, where a dead soldier's body was covered with roses as it lay in the middle of the street. His death must have been accidental, Rex said, because no fighting had taken place in Rome while he was there.

In Marseilles, France, Rex said they saw the famous line which took some four hours to travel.

Florence followed Rome, where sights included galleries and cathedrals as well as the famous Tuskone wines which boasted vineyards growing on the mountainsides.

Nice and Monaco were other points visited. Stops included the site of Princess Grace's fatal accident.

They visited Genoa, Christopher Columbus' birthplace, and the French Riveria located near Nice.

Elwanda noted that they usually saw "well dressed people while in Europe" because "an evening out was considered a major thing." The entertainment and meals there were always wonderful, they recalled.

In France, they also visited a perfumer — or factory where perfume is made.

Other stops were Chamberry, where Vincent van Gogh lived and Geneva, Switzerland, where snow-capped mountains enhanced the view and cable cars carried them across Lake Geneva.

In Paris, sights included the Eiffle Tower, cruising the Seine River and visiting a cabaret.

Having grown so close to their tour friends, Elwanda said it was hard for them to say good-bye. She said they now correspond with several from the tour.

The Nalls, natives of Graham, moved to Snyder in 1950. She retired in 1992 after teaching 40 years. Rex retired from Monsanto in 1981.

RHINE RIVER — Rex and Elwanda Nall pose for the camera during a recent cruise in Europe. The Rhine River in Germany can be seen in the background. (Contributed Photo)

Texans embrace new tradition

By SERENAH McKAY
The Victoria Advocate

VICTORIA — Christmas at Cassandra Clark's home was a simpler affair thts year than in past years, without lights, a tree or even gifts.

Instead, feeling the meaning of Christmas has gotten lost in commercialism, Clark started a new tradition she hopes will instill more solid values in her children.

As she explained beforehand to Stormy, 4, and Dra'Shaun, 3, "we'll have the party for Jesus on Christmas like we usually do, then we'll start celebrating Kwanzaa."

Kwanzaa is a holiday that takes place during the seven days from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Started in 1966 by Pan-African scholar Maulana Karenga, it's a time when people of African descent reaffirm their spiritual values, culture and community.

The name Kwanzaa comes from the Swahili phrase "Matunde ya kwanza," or first fruits of the harvest.

"On each night of Kwanzaa you celebrate a different value that you try to live out during the year, like giving to your community and making yourself better," Clark explains.

"It's something I want to teach my kids. We're not African, we're African-American, but I do want them to realize they have African ancestors."

Each night of the holiday, families light a candle representing one of seven principles or practices important in African life: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith.

On the last night, gifts are given — but only to the children. And the gifts generally aren't just toys, but items that are educational or enhance the child's development.

Clark says she tries to buy those kinds of gifts anyway, choosing books or puzzles over dolls, for instance.

Since this will be her first Kwanzaa observance, Clark, 27, has learned about the holiday by reading books from the library and literature people have given her, as well as trying to find other families who have celebrated it and can give her pointers.

Christmases past typically have been frenzied, she said, with all the decorating, cooking, shopping, "and going out at the last minute to get that one gift you forgot.

"You don't have time to sit down and reflect on what Christmas is about because you get caught up in all this commercial stuff."

Although she's talked to Stormy and Dra'Shaun about Kwanzaa, Clark says they don't really understand yet. "But we'll work through it. ...

"... We'll focus on our family and making ourselves better, being better people, so we can put things back into the community.

"The world is so chaotic right now — I want to start young with my kids and raise them to be good, productive citizens."

Involuntary charges are okayed by judge

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Two white police officers accused of killing a black motorist should be tried on charges of involuntary manslaughter and not murder, a judge ruled.

Officer John Vojtas and Lt. Milton Mulholland will stand trial along with a third white officer, Michael Albert, who was already charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Allegheny County Judge James McGregor said Thursday he dismissed the third-degree murder charges against Vojtas and Mulholland because the prosecution failed to prove they intended to kill Jonny Gammage, a cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Ray Seals.

Gammage died after a tussle with officers during an Oct. 12 traffic stop.

"I was confident that ... we'd pull through this OK," Vojtas said after the ruling. "But, I don't know, it's devastating for me."

Lawyer Robert Del Greco, who represents Gammage's family and Seals, said the involuntary manslaughter charge was significant.

"It is serious enough and constitutes a decision that these individuals should be and will be held accountable for the death," he said.

Involuntary manslaughter carries a sentence of up to five years. Third-degree murder is punishable by 20 to 40 years in prison.

Some in the community have said race was a factor in the arrest. Jesse Jackson has called the slaying a "lynching."

Mulholland testified that he stopped Gammage, 31, of Syracuse, N.Y., because he was driving Seals' Jaguar erratically. Gammage suffocated during a fight with Mulholland and four other officers who responded to a call for help. Two officers were not charged.

McGregor also dropped charges of official oppression against Vojtas and Mulholland because he said Mulholland acted legally when Gammage was pulled over.

2 tipsters in tourist's slaying to split reward

MIAMI (AP) — Two tipsters who helped solve the murder of a German tourist two years ago are splitting the $100,000 reward after several months of legal haggling.

One is a juvenile justice officer who tracked down some purse snatchers. The other is a secretary who, after she got her purse back, noticed a label inside that helped nail the purse snatchers as killers.

Barbara Meller Jensen, a 39-year-old mother of two from Berlin, was robbed of her purse and run over in April 1993 after getting lost on her way from the airport to her hotel.

It was one 10 killings of foreign visitors within a year in Florida. The slayings sparked international attention and threatened the state's tourism industry.

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United States. Within 10 days, his ship had pulled into Boston Harbor.

Hearing his mother's voice for the first time in 27 months and seeing his family again were big thrills for Rex. But after driving a tank for more than two years, he had to get used to driving a vehicle all over again.

His father's death the year before really hit Rex hard when he started to milk the cows and slop the pigs. He had thought that witnessing so much death during the war would have dulled his missing his dad, but that was not the case.

Rex became good friends with the family of his war buddy, Brooks Toler. They kept in touch until Toler's parents died. The parents had brought their son's remains home for burial some two years after he was killed in action. Rex said about 30 former soldiers attended.

Rex's war experience, recounted in story form in 1992, has increased his love of peace. He does not ever want his or his war buddies' sons or grandsons to have to fight in a war.

His story, entitled "My Experiences in World War II," was written with the encouragement of Dr. Ed Barkowsky and his own sons, Doug and Steve. A copy of the story and a tape have been placed in the library at Western Texas College.

The above article is based in part on that story as well as recent interviews.

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Letters

Thanks, Mike!

Dear Editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to tell Mike McWilliams with McWilliams Pharmacy how grateful the staff at Cogdell's emergency room is for his opening his pharmacy so the patients that came in the emergency room on Christmas Day could get their prescriptions filled.

Not only did Mike make arrangements to meet people at the pharmacy so they could pick up their medications, he also delivered medications to some of their homes. It is obvious that Mike and his family know the true meaning of Christmas!

May God bless them with a happy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,
Sheryl McClendon, RN
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A few words on New Year's resolutions

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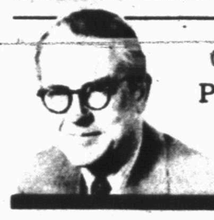


GEORGE PLAGENZ

Forget resolutions. Even if we didn't break them before Twelfth Night rolls around, our New Year's resolutions are seldom important enough to make any difference in our lives. There are exceptions.

Charles Steinmetz, the great electrical engineer, once said, "I owe all my success in life to having been always a quarter of an hour beforehand." We all know people who could profit from resolving to be on time in 1996.

As for ourselves, however, we find it easier to come up with excuses for our late arrivals (You should have seen the traffic!") than to resolve to be on time.

Forget resolutions.

Forget predictions. Jeane Dixon still makes them. So do economists and pundits whose scorecards don't read any better than the astrologers.'

A newspaper headline in November said, "Forecasters Promise a Merrier Christmas." Then it hedged. It added the word "But —." The only safe prediction, it seems, is that things in 1996 won't come out as predicted.

Forget predictions.

Forget the optimist. Every December he tells us things will be better in the coming year. The trouble with listening to the optimist who says things will be better in 1996 is that he told us the same thing about 1995, and for some of us things weren't better.

This year the optimist has a bigger following but is this simply because, after a year like the last one, we figure that things can only get better?

Forget the optimist.

But there is one thing we ought not to forget as we clear the decks for a brand-new year. We ought not to forget hope.

Hope does not present the same difficulties as resolutions, predictions and optimism. With hope there are no resolutions to get broken, no predictions to go wrong, no rose-colored glasses to lose their tint.

Best of all, hope changes things for the better. Not all the things we hope for do we get. But some we do. That is because, as hopeful people, we have our eyes open to all sorts of possibilities that carry the fulfillment of our hopes hidden within them.

But it is even more than that. There is an old saying, "Where there is life, there is hope." The converse of that is equally true: "Where there is hope, there is life."

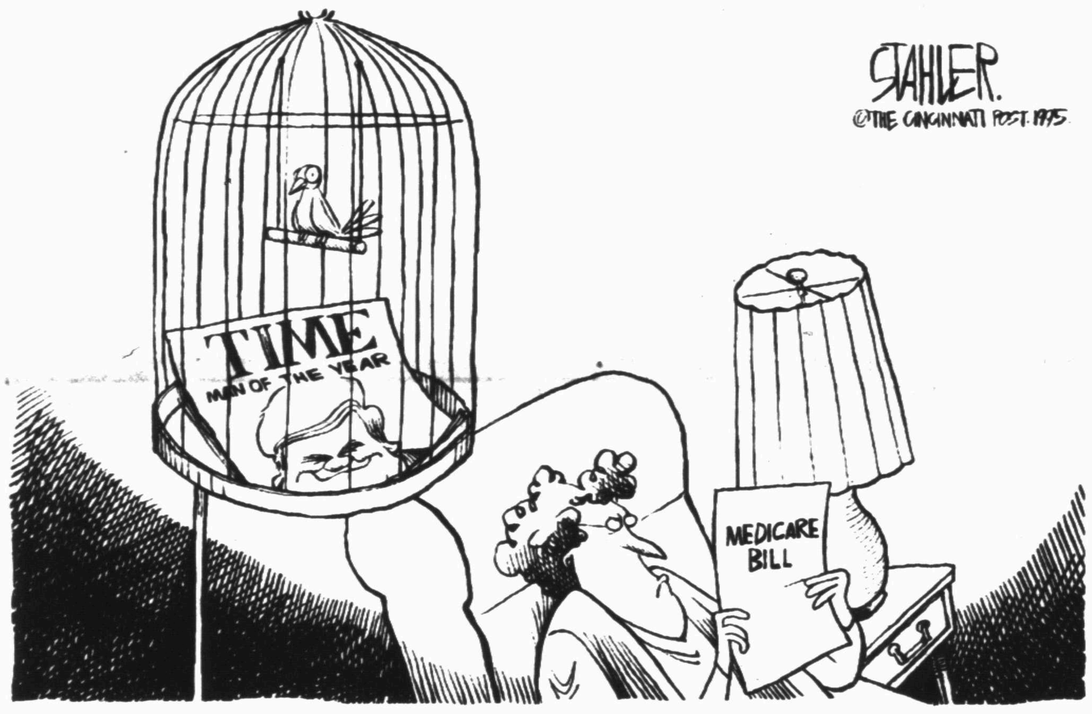
Alexis Carrel, the scientist-philosopher who wrote "Man, the Unknown," said, "Hope generates action, even within the cells of the body." Hope is therefore good for our health.

You can tell a truly hopeful person by the way he says, "I hope so." It has a rising inflection. Some people can say "I hope so" in the most despairing way.

Hopeful people act as if there is a good chance their hopes will be realized. Hope is being 100 years old and taking out a two-year subscription to a magazine.

When The New Yorker magazine celebrated an anniversary awhile back, it decided to find out how many readers had subscribed to the magazine since its inception. It found one man who not only had subscribed from the start but who had just taken out a new two-year subscription. It turned out he was 100 years old.

Since he hoped to be alive in two years, he said, he was taking advantage of the lower annual subscription rate for two-year subscribers.



No room to fit any more resolutions

By Bill McClellan

My wife would like me to set some New Year's resolutions. Things like lose weight, quit smoking, quit watching so much football on television, help her pick up around the house occasionally.

Humph.

What she doesn't realize is that I'm already bogged down with so many New Year's resolutions that one more just won't fit. I'm at my resolution's end. My mind is literally crammed with resolutions of one sort or another.

These are good, useful resolutions, too, built up over years and years of experience. All of them are important. Some are darn near life-saving.

For instance, when I was five, I resolved never, ever again to sit on an ant bed. And you know what? I never have.

That's an important resolution that has to be renewed every year. Oh sure, I could give that up and substitute dieting in its place. I know putting on weight is bad for me.

But listen. When it comes to a choice between eating a cherry pie or sitting on an ant bed, I'm going to ask for a fork everytime.

One resolution I set not that many years ago is this: If you are having trouble lighting a gas water heater, even outside in the freezing cold, make sure that you allow all the gas to dissipate each time before you try again. Otherwise, you may find yourself lying on your back with no eyebrows on your face and a flame-broiled haircut. And that's if you're lucky.

So I'm supposed to drop this resolution for something else? I ask you, is it more important to not light up a Camel, or not light up your face?

Sometimes you don't have to experience something yourself to set a resolution. My brother has provided me with several of them. Brothers can be helpful like that. He once lit a firecracker, slid it into one end of some bicycle handlebars and put his ear to the other end.

I don't recall exactly what it was that he was trying to accomplish at the time, but I did learn that it is not wise to put your ear to one end of a set of bicycle handlebars while a lit firecracker is in the other end.

What?

I said, IT IS NOT WISE TO PUT YOUR EAR TO ONE END OF A SET OF BICYCLE HANDLEBARS WHILE A LIT FIRECRACKER IS IN THE OTHER END.

Oh.

That, I know. And even though it was my brother's lesson, I resolved that I would never do what he did. And so far, I never have. Why? Because that is one of my resolutions.

I actually have managed to set one new resolution for 1996. It's one that will please my wife, I'm sure.

Hon, I resolve never again to say, "It won't be that cold. I'll plug in those heat tapes later." Oh, and let me apologize for the fact that you had no water the other morning when I was visiting friends in Lubbock.

So I do have a New Year's resolution. And it's an important one. But that brings up a crisis. What resolution should I give up to make room for my new one?

How about: Don't set fire to little toy army men and watch the flaming plastic sizzle down on to an old stuffed chair because it might catch the house on fire on Christmas Eve? After all, it's been almost 35 years since I played with little plastic army men.

No, no, wait. I just realized, I'm a granddad now. I have a grandson. Someday, little plastic men may somehow find their way back into my life. Better hold on to that one.

See what I mean? These resolutions take a lot of thought. And with the NFL wildcard games on television this weekend and bowl games Monday; well... resolutions may have a wait a week.

Hon, where's the remote? And would you get me a sandwich please? What? Sure, I can wait until you've picked up the house first.

Don't be afraid to seek the power within you

DEANIE FRANCIS' MILLS

"COWARD!" I cried, flinging down the Christmas card I'd received from my friend Rick. It was a lovely Christmas card. Rick lives outside Atlanta, Ga. and is a Civil War buff. The card was a reproduction of a lovely, bittersweet painting of Confederate soldiers trudging along in the snow, dragging a cannon along behind. Strapped atop the cannon and softly illuminated by the glow from a lantern held aloft by a bedraggled soldier was a Christmas tree.

"I don't care if he WOULD fling his body in front of a bullet to save the life of the President of the United States. HE'S STILL A COWARD!"

Rick and I met three years ago at a writer's conference in Beaumont where I was the keynote speaker and he'd been asked to make a presentation to the mystery/suspense authors there about the Secret Service. Rick was due to retire from the Secret Service, where he had served with distinction in the Presidential protection detail, covering all the presidents from Carter through Clinton, and serving other such dignitaries as Mikhail Gorbachev. He'd requested Houston for his last post. Ironically, President Bush was defeated that year in the election campaign and had moved to Houston, Rick was still protecting him and they both considered the irony amusing.

Rick's job had taken him all over the world. He'd worked with the secret police in Moscow, had traveled with Vice President Dan Quayle to the deserts of Somalia and had been privy to some of the most momentous moments of modern American history. He called himself "the Forrest Gump of the Secret Service."

Now here he was, still a young man in his forties, walking away from all that excitement. But he knew what he wanted to do. He wanted to write a novel. And not just one, but a whole series of them, thrillers, involving a character not unlike Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan — only this guy would be Secret Service.

Rick reminds me a great deal of my older brother, Brad, whom I adore, and we hit it off immediately. I took him under my wing and spent the next couple of years tutoring him in how to get started in this difficult business. I offered to read the manuscript and help him get it ready for publication — something I simply no longer do for beginning writers because my own time is at such a premium. But I knew Rick was special.

In return, Rick took me behind closed doors at the White House, (figuratively speaking), helping me flesh out scenes for my novel, "The Jigsaw Man." (Originally scheduled for publication this month, it's now been postponed for a whole year. Long story. Suffice it to say I am no longer with that publisher, a fact for which I thank my lucky stars — and my agent — daily.)

As I had suspected, retirement proved to be much more difficult for Rick than he had thought it would be. He's moved his family three times already — from Texas to Tennessee to Georgia — and his wife's note on the Christmas card says they'll be moving back to the Washington, D.C. area soon. This restlessness reflects the frustrations of a man who finds that the harsh realities of being "out of the loop" can hurt, and that there's not much you can do in civilian life that can top flying on Air Force One.

Though Rick spent four to six hours a day writing, he still had a hard time accepting it as a legitimate job. He toyed with being a private investigator, turned down jobs doing bodyguard stuff for Saudi Arabian royalty, and worked on his book. When he told me it was almost finished, I offered again to look at it, but he refused, saying, "If I'm going to be rejected, I don't want it to be by a good friend. I'd rather it be by some stranger on Publisher's Row in New York."

So I spoke to my agent, and excitedly reported back to Rick that Russ would "love to see the manuscript." Now, Rick knows enough by now to know what a Truly Big Deal this is. Russell Galen is top of the line. He's got a swanky set of offices on Park Avenue, where he routinely rejects hundreds of manuscripts which cross his desk every year. It took me 14 years to reach a point in my career where the guy would even talk to me, much less take me on as a client. And there was no way I'd refer any author to the man unless I thought he had something big to offer.

That's when my friend Rick started to hide from me.

At first, it was phone messages he didn't return, Then it was letters he didn't answer. Then it was a Christmas card with a note in it FROM HIS WIFE.

"COWARD!" I ranted to my husband.

"He doesn't have the guts to show the manuscript, does he?" asked Kent with a wry grin.

"WEENIE MAN!" I raved. "Big deal, he's a Vietnam vet. Big deal, the only reason he didn't get shot along with President Reagan was because he was following behind in the doorway of the hotel. "THE MAN'S GOT NO GUTS."

It's a funny thing about courage. We always think that only heroes have courage — the guys who stop bullets and fight wars and fly jets. But the truth of the matter is that it takes courage each and every day, just to live life to its fullest, just to take the kinds of risks that will enable you to make your dreams come true.

Just to have dreams in the first place.

This time one year ago, all I had was a hundred pages of a book my then-agent, Meg Ruley, would not even deign to show to my own publisher. A meticulously researched story about a band of militant militiamen who wanted to bomb a building in Midland, Texas to make a political statement about gun control, she had dismissed it by saying, "Nobody wants to read about these people."

I left her on the spot. Our "divorce" was amicable, and we parted friends, but the truth is that I was scared to death. I believed in the integrity of my work, but I had no place else to go. I'd been following Russell Galen's career in the trades for years; OF COURSE I wanted him as my agent, but I didn't have any reason to believe he'd be even remotely interested in a paperback thriller writer from Snyder, Texas.

Calling him up, cold, with no introduction or even any referrals, was like plunging off a cliff in the dark blindfolded. I was absolutely terrified. This was no bungee jump — there was no stretchy cable tied to my ankles.

I'll never forget it. After my (rehearsed) pitch, which included quoting him from articles he'd written, (that's what got me my chance), he asked me to send him "everything you've written" — overnight, to his home.

Within four days, he'd taken me on as a client, pronounced my story a "blockbuster," and promised to auction it to "sixteen of the top hardcover houses in New York."

But that was before a bomb, set by militant militia sympathizers, took down the federal building in Oklahoma City, killing almost 200 people, including babies. I was 400 pages into a 600-page manuscript, and when I emerged from weeks of grieving over the victims, I faced the stark fear that the bomb may have brought down more than a building — it might have exploded my career.

Looking back on 1995, I can honestly say that I was afraid just about every single day of that year. My first four books were out of print. I wasn't bringing in any income. What if none of the publishers wanted it? What would I do then?

The auction took two months over the summer to complete, and was so stressful that my hair started to fall out. Publishers had mixed emotions about the book. Some called it "amazing," some "astonishing." But the bombing had tainted everything.

Russ wound up making a deal with a reputable hardcover house for half the money we'd wanted, which was still almost twice what I'd ever been paid for any of my other books. (The two-book deal came in at just under six figures.) Most of the money will be used to pay off debts we incurred while I took my terrifying leap off the cliff.

Am I still scared? You bet. But see, that's the thing. If you're not afraid in life, then you're not growing. If you're not taking risks, you're not learning. If you're not scared, then you're not pushing yourself beyond what you think is your personal best.

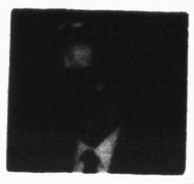
You can hide from your fears, like my friend Rick. You can even run from them, moving your family from state to state. It won't change anything. You'll still be afraid.

It's all right. It's a new year. Do what I did. Take a running leap toward that cliff. Run with the wind in your teeth and don't look back. Fling your body into the void.

And you know what? Somewhere about halfway down, you'll hear something strange. It will be the sound of your own exhilaration in the joy of seizing the moment, of conquering the demons, of realizing that somehow, somewhere within you, you have found the power to take flight.

Family Focus

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



Q. My husband is an attractive man, and he's the president of his own company at a young age. I know that women are out to get him, especially some divorced secretaries who constantly flirt with him. I'm raising our kids here at home, and I have to admit that I worry about holding onto Dwight. I believe he's been faithful to me, but I wonder if he will always turn down the opportunities around him. I mean, he comes home and tells me what these women say, and I can't believe it! How can I hang onto my husband?

A. Twenty years ago, your question would have seemed unnecessarily anxious and even a bit silly. But it makes plenty of sense today--the world has changed that much. There has always been hanky-panky going on, but never has it been so blatant.

More to the point of your concern, it is no longer taboo for an available woman to consciously lure a married man--even one with several children at home. He's fair game to anyone who can entice him away from his family. Men are just as audacious in their pursuit of women, whether those women are married or not. Thus, the concern expressed in your question has basis in reality.

Nevertheless, the solution is not to "hang onto" Dwight. You must not build a cage around him in an attempt to reduce your anxieties. That would only add unnecessary stresses to your relationship. Dwight must stay with you of his own free will--the same reason for which he married you in the first place. Love must be free, even in a world of sexual intrigue and disloyalty.

Perhaps it would be helpful for me to offer a couple of perspectives. First, Dwight is primarily responsible for the insecurity you feel, one way or the other. He could allay your fears if he wished. It's a fairly simple task for a man to let his wife know he is committed to her for life.

Instead, Dwight is regularly telling you about the sexy women who hang onto him and beg for his favors. That's the source of your butterflies. Indeed, most instances of "competition anxiety" among homemakers can be attributed to husbands like Dwight who subtly create insecurities in their wives.

Why would a man do such a thing? Well, the male ego enjoys being desired by women--lots of women. That's why a married man will flirt with female employees even when he has no intention of being unfaithful. Furthermore, he will tell his wife about these admirers in order to gain "power" in their relationship. Whether consciously or not, he is saying by these disclosures, You'd better treat me right, because there are plenty of other women out there just waiting to get their hands on me.

At some point in your conversation with Dwight, these dynamics should be discussed. I'm not suggesting that you hammer him with accusations or complaints, but an opportunity may come to verbalize your feelings and put the matter of competition in proper perspective.

Before that conversation ensues, however, I think you should look at a related issue. The way you stated your question implies that your own self-esteem is not too high. Why do I get the feeling that you see yourself as a lowly homemaker in a world of women lawyers and athletes and congresswomen? Is it possible that you feel fortunate to have "captured" your good-looking, successful man and wonder how long the illusion will last?

If these are secret weaknesses in your self-concept, they will be reflected in your relationship with your husband. He will sense your fearfulness--and your unhealthy dependence on him. You must believe that you bring as much to the family as your husband does, and not only are you fortunate to be married to Dwight, but he's a pretty lucky guy, too.

This column is brought to you courtesy of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Send your questions to Dr. Dobson c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (c) 1982 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Major Online service blocks access in response to request

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — CompuServe Inc. has agreed to a German request to suspend member access to 200 Internet newsgroups considered pornographic, a move criticized by some as censorship.

Germany's request marked the first time that a government has taken such drastic action to limit public access to the Internet, the global computer network with an estimated 40 million users.

CompuServe's decision Thursday alarmed experts in interactive computer technology, who said it may prompt other governments to take similar steps to block access to material they deem inappropriate.

"The part that is the greatest threat is that rules will be put up and barriers will be set before we even know what this business (the Internet) is all about and what great opportunities it offers," said Gary Arlen, president of Arlen Communications, a Bethesda, Md.-based research company that specializes in interactive services.

Once the arcane domain of scientists, the Internet is now seen as the next growth arena of high technology, with enormous potential for commercial exploitation. It is unregulated and up to now uncensored, but authorities around the world have been grappling with how to change that.

German authorities notified CompuServe this week that they were investigating 200 distributors of sexually explicit material in connection with a government probe of what's on the Internet. They told CompuServe to block member access to them.

Since CompuServe doesn't have the technical ability to block only German users from such material, it had to ban every CompuServe user from access.

Each of the newsgroups that was suspended was specifically identified to CompuServe by the German authorities as illegal under German criminal law.

CompuServe, a Columbus, Ohio-based unit of H&R Block Inc., said it will continue to cooperate with the investigation, but clarified that it has no creative or editorial control over material on the Internet.

The information can still be found by users with computer modems who have direct access to the Internet rather than through a commercial on-line service such as CompuServe.

Congress is considering legislation that would ban pornography on the Internet.

Armstrong attends meetings

DALLAS — Ernie B. Armstrong of Snyder recently attended the College for New Judges in Dallas. Armstrong took office as judge of the 132nd District Court in Snyder on July 1.

The 21st annual college was sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., a judicial education program provider in Austin, to train newly elected or appointed appellate, district and county court at law judges taking the bench.

The college, which was held at the Grand Kempinski Hotel in Dallas on Dec. 3-8, was attended by over 30 new judges. The week-long curriculum covered topics such as ethics, fairness, family violence, evidence, trial management, and the judge's relationship with the community and media.

"The college provides a unique opportunity to analyze the role and responsibilities of being a judge and develop the skills necessary to be effective in this position," said Mari Kay Bickett, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. "It provides valuable information and training in pursuit of becoming a fair and impartial administrator of justice."

Judge M. Kent Sims, dean of the 1995 College for New Judges and Judge of the 31st District Court in Wheeler, was joined by 20 of the state's most experienced judges and other professionals to educate the class members.

Zookeepers and animal lovers mourn loss of 'friends' in fire

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The sympathy card to the zookeepers read simply: "For the loss of your friends."

And that was how keepers Julie Unger and JoAnn Adams had come to think of West African lowland gorillas Samantha and Snickers and 21 other endangered primates that died in a smoky blaze at the Philadelphia Zoo over Christmas weekend.

"It's always been that if one animal dies, the others sort of help you get over the loss," Adams said. "But this time, they're all gone."

Many others around the country share the zookeepers' grief: Each day, flowers, hundreds of donations, cards and faxes pour in at the zoo.

Zoo President Alexander L. "Pete" Hoskins said the public and local businesses have already donated about $100,000 to rebuild the $6 million World of Primates exhibit.

Donations have come from as far as Texas. Others closer to the zoo have come in person to lay flowers and remember the lost animals.

"I just miss them so much," 11-year-old Sarah Ampolsk said after she laid a small bunch of red roses and a handwritten note for the zookeepers at the shuttered entrance to the zoo.

Her mother, Wendy Ampolsk, said she and her daughter, who wants to be a zoologist, made the half-hour drive from the suburbs to the zoo several times a week.

"We've seen them put to bed and we've seen them wake up," Mrs. Ampolsk said. "When my daughter heard about the fire, she was devastated."

The loss has been even more difficult for the zookeepers whose primary responsibility was caring for the six gorillas, three Bornean orangutans, four white-handed gibbons and 10 lemurs. All are endangered species.

"I think I saw every person who works here cry since this happened," said Unger, 31, the main gorilla keeper. "It gets to the point when you just don't think you can cry anymore."

Even as zookeepers struggled to overcome the initial loss, an examination found that 28-year-old Samantha had been pregnant. Two of Samantha's children, Tufani and Kola, died in the fire. Her daughter Jessica, born in 1980, is on loan to the San Diego Zoo.

Andy Baker, curator of primates and small animals, said that keepers expected the news of Samantha's pregnancy. After all, they knew she had mated with John, the troop's dominant male.

But they were unprepared to learn Wednesday that two zoo employees smelled smoke more than 2½ hours before flames broke out, and did nothing. The guards later told fire investigators they thought the smoke was from a fire at a railroad yard nearby.

Fire investigators also blamed improperly installed wiring and smoke alarms that did not work.

"In terms of the fire department's findings, that certainly complicates reactions from within the zoo," Baker said Thursday. "It's too early to say just what the impact from all of that will be."

The zoo does not expect to reopen a primate exhibit for at least a year. In the interim, it plans to set up a memorial for the animals.

Senior Center to be closed on Monday

The Senior Center will be closed on Monday in observance of the New Year's holiday. Games of 42 will start at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday as activities for 1996 begin. Hoss Clayton and his band will present a musical program starting at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Mary Torrence and Herman Richburg will entertain with music at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday. Canasta is scheduled at 1 p.m.

The Kitchen Band will provide entertainment for the residents of Snyder Oaks Care Center on Wednesday in a program starting at 10 a.m. and play at the Golden Corral on Jan. 19. The Sunshine Choir will meet for rehearsal at 10 a.m. Friday and go to Snyder Healthcare on Jan. 19.

Senior citizens are reminded that exercise is important to their good health the year around and the gymnasium adjacent to the center is open each morning so they can exercise by walking there. A daily exercise class meets in the center at 11 a.m. An aerobics class for women meets at 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday. The hours for the senior citizen water aerobics class at Western Texas College will be announced after spring classes begin.

The center will observe National Pie Day on Jan. 23 and senior citizens are invited to bring a pie for dessert on that day. This will be a good opportunity for sharing old and new recipes, Pamela Fenton, activities director, said, adding "We know everyone will enjoy this national holiday."

Orosco graduates Navy BT

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Seaman Recruit Gilbert L. Orosco, son of Jimmy T. and Mary M. Orosco of Snyder, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Orosco completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Orosco learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

Orosco and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Orosco joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Orosco and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Orosco are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

Orosco is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School.

ASCII is an acronym (pronounced "ask-ee") that stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange. It is a binary code that forms the basis for communications in most minicomputers and all personal computers.

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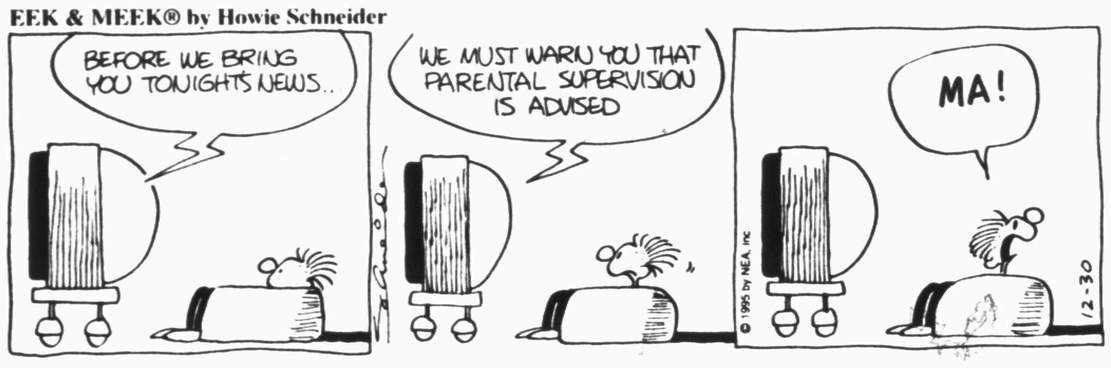

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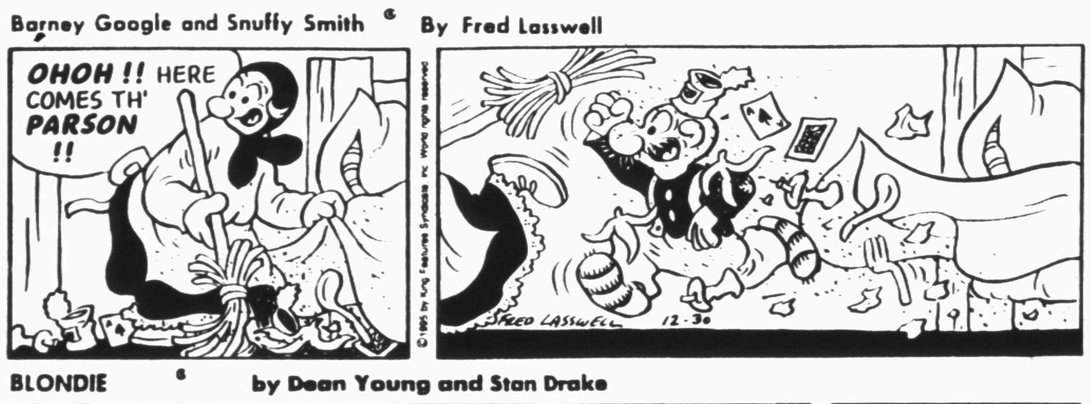

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 — and downs
4 Tropical fruit
8 Arizona mining town
11 Colorless
13 Heroic
14 Heart
15 A Scott
16 Wine cabinet
18 Author of 1984
20 Inhabitants of Copenhagen
21 Artlessness
23 Gambling establishment
25 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
29 Scottish cap
30 Creme — — creme
32 Fuss
33 Coarse wool
34 Type of pump
36 Middle East org.
37 Starting from (2 wds.)
39 Itty-bitty
41 Avidly
44 Here and —
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52 Mislay
53 Actress Merkel
54 Verdi opera
55 At a distance
56 Women's patriotic soc.
57 Carbine
58 Boxing-victory abbr.

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3 Killed
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7 Brilliant success
8 Farm measure
9 Namath and DiMaggio
10 Scrap
12 Paradises
17 Dill seed
19 Placed
22 Spiral decoration
23 City vehicles
24 Pulpit
26 Holes
27 Without purpose
28 Egg — yong
29 Chinese pagoda
31 Canadian's neighbor
35 Untanned hide
38 Length measures
40 Antelope
42 Surfaces
43 Understand?
44 Actress — Louise
45 Receive information
47 Upper floor
48 Author — Dinesen
49 Mackerel's relative
50 Failure
51 Chemical suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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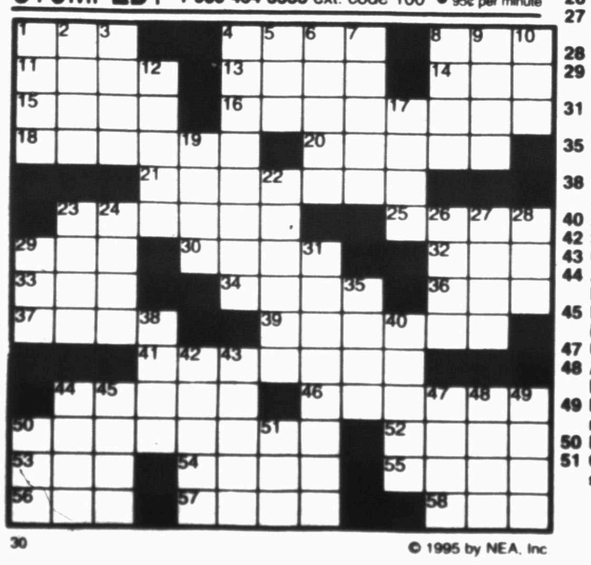

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"It's a costume party, right? Well, if you can be a 62-year-old Batman, I can be a fairy princess."

"IMAGINATION IS WHAT LETS YOU REMEMBER THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED, JOEY."

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Robert Dwain McGuire, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Nancy Sparks, 1995 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Donovan L. and Jacqueline S. Buckland, 1996 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Harold Yearwood, 1996 Dodge wagon from Snyder Chrysler.

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Marriage License

Brian Paul Clinkenbeard and Virgina Nichole Fenton, both of Snyder.

John Minor Lott and Kimberly Paige Wulfjen, both of Post.

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Scurry County vs. T.B. Green, et al, order of non-suit.

Deed Records

Paul D. Allen, Trustee of the C.C. Allen Estate, to Merce E. Hernandez, part of Lot 2 in Block 5 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Myron Fenton to David and Delores Aquayo, all of Lot 9 and one-half of Lot 8 in Block 51 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Buford B. and Dorothy Faye Newton to Douglas C. Sawyer, a 100 by 150 foot tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Edwards Property Company to South Plains Food Bank Inc., all of Lot 1 and the west one-half of Lot 2 in Block 45 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Arthur and Nanette Sanchez to Rodney G. and Linda K. Mayo, the west 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 28 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Joe Nichols Williams, independent executor of the estate of Robert D. Williams, to Claudia Williams, tract one being four acres in the north part of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being one acre in the east one-half of Section 120, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ronald V. Hublall to Keith Matthies, all of Lots 1-12 and Lots 15-27 of Royal Cedars, a subdivision of Lot 3 of the Windridge Addition.

'No handguns' handbill hot item as new concealed handgun law set to take effect

By Joe Fohn
San Antonio Express News

SAN ANTONIO — They could be called the signs of the times. And they're being printed by the hundreds as businesses prepare for the new state concealed-handgun law that takes effect Monday.

The signs warn customers not to bring their handguns — legal or not — onto the premises.

"It's getting to be a hot item," said Paul Rohlfs, owner of Budget Signs, who has printed as many as 500 signs in a day.

"I think on Jan. 2 we're going to be flooded with calls," he said.

City Council last Thursday voted to post similar signs more than 800 in all, worth an estimated $60,000 at entrances to city buildings from City Hall to the convention center, libraries and community service centers.

For most private businesses, it's the management's choice whether clients or customers leave firearms outside or bring them in.

For some, however, there's no choice. Nursing homes and hospitals, racetracks and amusement parks, and businesses that earn most of their revenue from sales of alcoholic beverages are forbidden from allowing weapons on-site, even with the new law.

Where such signs are required, the law is explicit on no-weapons signage down to the letter size, color and text to be displayed: "State law prohibits carrying a handgun on these premises," accompanied by a Spanish translation, printed in block letters of contrasting colors, at least one inch high, Rohlfs said.

For businesses that decide to forbid weapons, sign language is optional. However, Rohlfs said he's printing some signs that generally follow the state's model on letter size and color, but with an altered text without the state-law prohibition.

Jeanne Jordan, sales representative at Fastsigns, said demand is increasing for the signs.

While their designs and texts vary, one of the simplest is a red circle with a slash over a picture of a handgun, with the words: "NO handguns armas de fuego."

In addition to businesses, some churches also are thinking about the law and its implications.

The Rev. Mike DeGerolami, director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, said, "We're talking about not wanting to have any concealed weapons on any of our church properties."

While no firm policy had been developed, he said, "We're moving in that direction."

Rohlfs said that, personally, he takes no position on the law.

"It's an individual's decision what they want to do. There are reasons to go with either side," he said.

However, he said the law does present a complicated situation in which an employer "can be wrong either way," either by depriving an employee of legal firearms or by allowing concealed weapons on premises.

Rohlfs said that at Budget Signs, employees are "actually going to vote here at our office on what we want to do."

Jordan said many people are "real concerned" about the law. She said the signs will go up at her firm's locations.

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Sorrells graduates

LUBBOCK — December graduates of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center included more than 50 students with degrees from the school of nursing.

Those earning a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Snyder included Jodie Linnea Sorrells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dunk.

Last-minute radio ads launched

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Blasting Republican leaders who "would take New York and reduce its politics to the level of Bulgaria," presidential hopeful Pat Buchanan has mounted a last-minute radio ad campaign aimed at winning him a spot on the state's primary ballot.

The ad campaign was unveiled Thursday and will run into next week.

"The party bosses are trying to cancel New York's Republican presidential primary. They have endorsed Bob Dole and vowed to block all other candidates from the ballot," Buchanan tells listeners in his first New York ad.

Urging Republicans to join him in rejecting "that corruption," Buchanan asks them to sign his ballot petitions. "Let's show the bosses they can't deny democracy to New York," he says.

New York's 38-day petition process for the March 7 primary ballot ends Jan. 4.

Dole, with the support of most top New York Republicans including Sen. Alfonse D'Amato and Gov. George Pataki, is expected to easily qualify for the primary ballot.

Facing the nation's toughest ballot access requirements, most of Dole's rivals, with the exception of Buchanan and multimillionaire publisher Steve Forbes, have largely written off New York. The state will send 102 delegates to the Republican National Convention.

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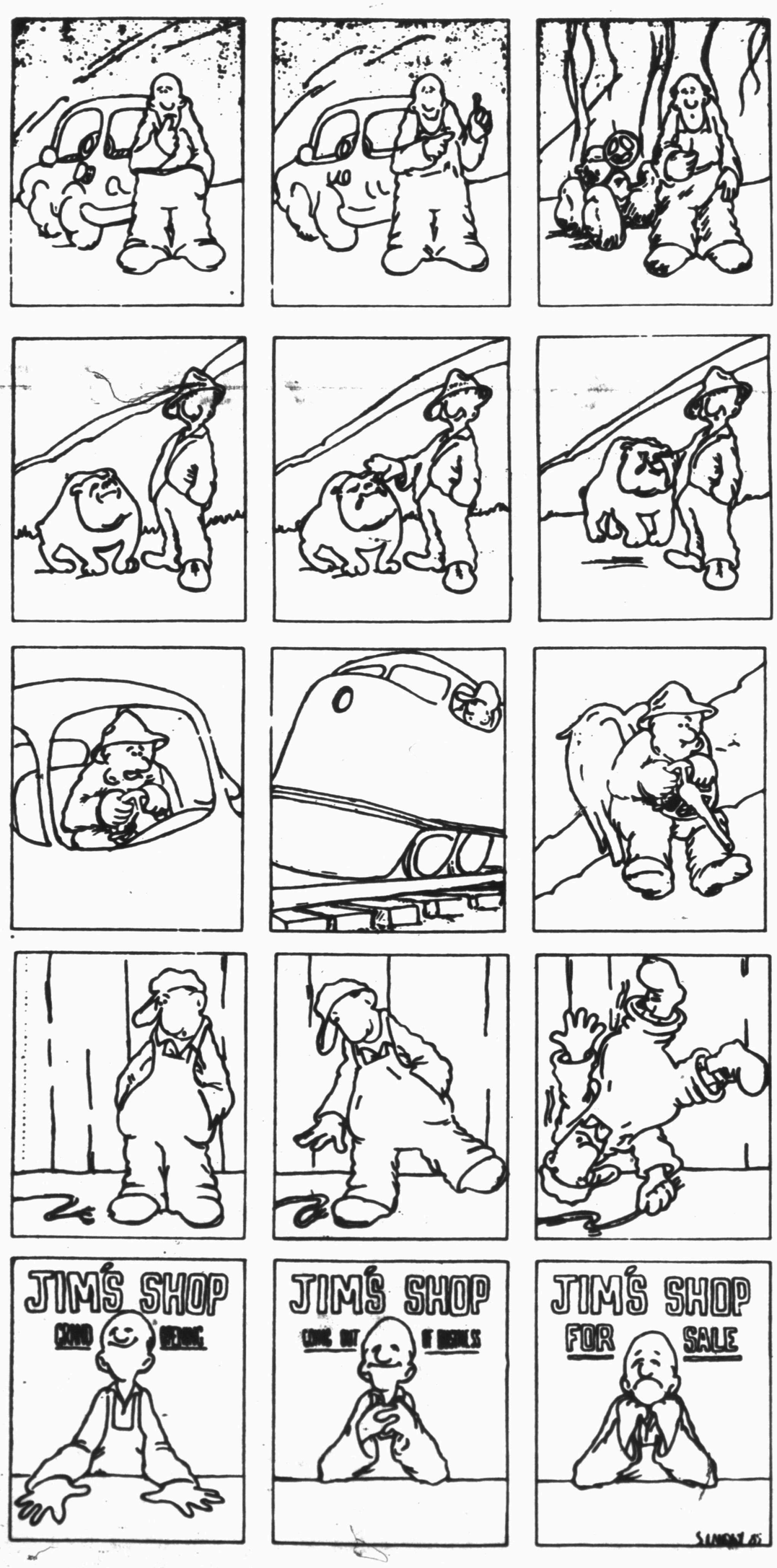

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5. NEVER try to save money by **not** advertising your business.

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Old Simpson's Diner travels home to Houston

By RALPH BIVINS
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Simpson's Diner, a mainstay of downtown eating from 1933 to 1976, is making a comeback.

Restaurateur Coy Ramsey has purchased the stainless-steel cafe, which looks like an old rail car, and is moving it back to Houston from Madisonville, where it sat for over a decade.

The 65-foot-long eatery will be deposited on a patch of ground on Westheimer near Fondren. Simpson's Diner will be back in business by Valentine's Day 1996.

Westheimer at Fondren is a few miles away from the original downtown location at 1413 Main and Bell. But old customers can soon reminisce at the diner in Houston as they dig into blue-plate specials, steam-table vegetables, meat loaf or all-day-long breakfast.

Ramsey, who also operates the Avalon Diner in Houston, is a diner buff. He has visited the companies that manufacture restaurants that look like rail cars but are really eateries. Ramsey has studied books, articles and old advertisements about these kinds of diners.

A few years ago he saw a photograph of the old Simpson's Diner and began looking hard to find it. At last he resorted to calling every "Simpson" in the Houston phone book. About a year ago, after striking out a lot, Ramsey finally found a Simpson who knew a member of the Simpson Diner family. He learned the diner was in Madisonville, 100 miles north of Houston.

When Ramsey found the Simpson's Diner, it was sitting vacant in front of the Western Motel in Madisonville. The motel owner was contemplating converting the diner into part of the motel. But Ramsey moved fast.

"I bought the thing on the spot. I wasn't about to let it sit there. It's the only diner within 1,000 miles," Ramsey said.

Ramsey paid $10,000 for the diner, but moving it is costing more than that.

The 75,000-pound diner was hauled from Madisonville at 35 miles an hour on back roads earlier this month.

It has come a long way since Emmett Simpson, a former railroad conductor, moved his eatery to downtown Houston from Kilgore in 1933. He upgraded twice, moving new diners on to his Main Street site in 1940 and 1947 to replace older ones. The diner owned by Ramsey is the 1947 model.

Simpson's Diner was a place for teens to take a date after a movie at one of Houston's downtown movie palaces. It also was a place for luminaries, lawyers and politicians to gather.

"It was a very, very, very popular drop-in place," said Louie Welch, former Houston mayor. "I had my headquarters, when I ran for mayor in 1952, across the street from there."

Welch said Simpson's was his "unofficial headquarters" where he could meet a supporter or a potential ally for a cup of coffee or a sandwich.

"I'd see (trial lawyer) Percy Foreman in there," said 57-year-old Ray Holt, who visited Simpson's almost every week. "You'd see all kinds of people in there."

But Simpson's finally lost its land lease to a higher bidder, and the cafe closed in December 1976. The diner's old site is now a parking lot.

The eatery was bought and transported to Midway, about 50 miles from Madisonville, and was home to the Orange Cup restaurant until 1981. It was sold again and served as the Madisonville Diner for a couple of years, before closing and sitting vacant until now.

The new Simpson's Diner will look a lot like the original diner, with Formica imprinted with 1950s graphics and little jukebox "wall boxes" at every booth.

"Our goal is to replicate the best things Simpson had going," Ramsey said.

Ramsey still has some unfinished business, though. In the 1950s, Simpson's opened its second location at Franklin at Bagby near the main Post Office. It was only open a few years before Simpson shut it down because the strain of operating two locations was too much.

Ramsey said he has heard that the Simpson's Diner No. 2 was hauled off to the Crosby area in northeast Harris County. He has flown a plane over the Crosby area twice, searching for a glimpse of the old diner so he could buy it. But he's had no luck. He fears it may have been demolished.

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Texas-themed monopoly game offered

By LYNN BULMAHN
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — Move over, Mr. Moneybags.

You may monopolize Atlantic City, but to really wheel and deal, it takes a true Texan.

And an entrepreneurial West Coaster has tried to cash in on that — coming out with a Lone Star version of Monopoly.

Called Texopoly, the game is in stores throughout the state, selling for about $24.95.

Geoffrey Airey, the game's inventor, said he designed the gameboard to "really capture the essence and charm of Texas."

To play the game, which Airey puts out through his Global Games company, players wind through a Monopoly-like trail that borders the playing board, buying various cities and fictional oil companies. Why, you can buy the entire City of Waco for a mere $1,300. Tyler, in the space next to it, goes for $100 more.

Waco sells for $1,200 less than Pine Curtain Oil, located down the board.

High rollers can buy Houston and Dallas for $3,200 and $3,500, respectively, but bargain hunters can settle for San Angelo. It goes for a mere $500.

The object of the game, of course, is to become the wealthiest Texan alive. And the slickest wheeler-dealer this side of J.R. Ewing.

But players face such obstacles as a Six Shootin' Armadillo, being caught at the tail end of a cattle drive or sittin' a spell in the pokey. Not to mention suffering through still yet another Texas cliche.

Each lasso-outlined square on the Texopoly board is decorated with elaborate drawings of the actual locale, all of which Airey says he's visited. Waco has a Texas Ranger and a vulture sitting on the Suspension Bridge.

Vulture? In Waco? Oh, well. The game's inventor says he threw in a few drawings just to make it as Texas-flavored as possible.

Some of the game squares are amusing — but probably not the way Airey intended. He says he's already corrected the spelling of Wichita Falls, which appears on the first edition boards as "Whichita Falls." And a football is being kicked out of the Astrodome, which won't have the Oilers next year.

The jail is the "pokey" and the parking space is labeled "tornadough," with a big funnel cloud spinning through it. Other spaces are marked with phrases straight out of a Hollywood western — "Mosey On By," or "Makin' Boot Tracks." The latter square instructs the player to roll again.

Airey claims he can't keep enough games in stock. "People of Texas are so 'into' their state, they really like it," he said.

Texopoly isn't the first regionalized spinoff of Monopoly. A rash of earlier board games touting Texas cities and colleges became the rage during the 1980s. However, most of the city board games relied on advertising.

Texopoly has no ads. Instead, the squares are lush with artwork.

"I traveled through the state and I designed the game about whatever I saw," Airey said.

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LaRouche files

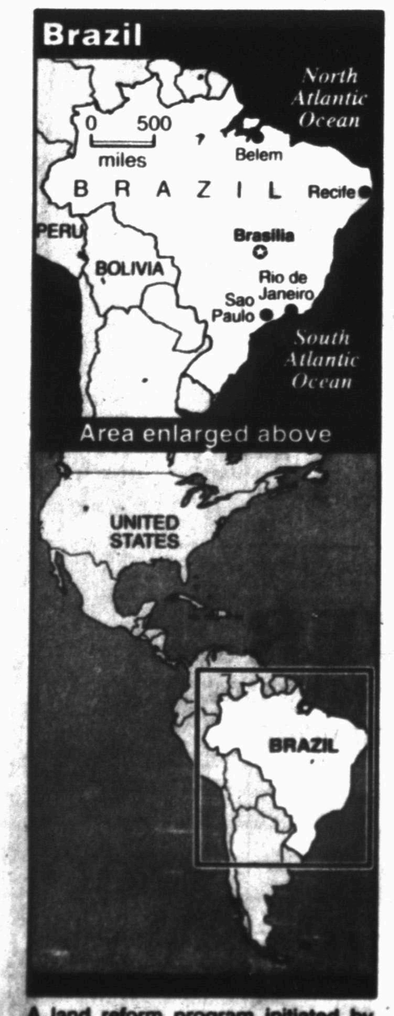
AUSTIN (AP) — Economist Lyndon LaRouche has filed to run in the Texas Democratic primary for president.

LaRouche, who previously has run for president, filed his candidacy Thursday for the March 12 primary election.

Also filing on Thursday were:

—Mercedes businessman Ruben Hinojosa, who is seeking the Democratic nomination to run for the 15th District U.S. House seat; and

—Ed Merritt, a Longview attorney, running for the Republican nomination for the 1st U.S. District House seat.



A land reform program initiated by Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso has led to deadly conflict between landowners and squatters in the South American nation.

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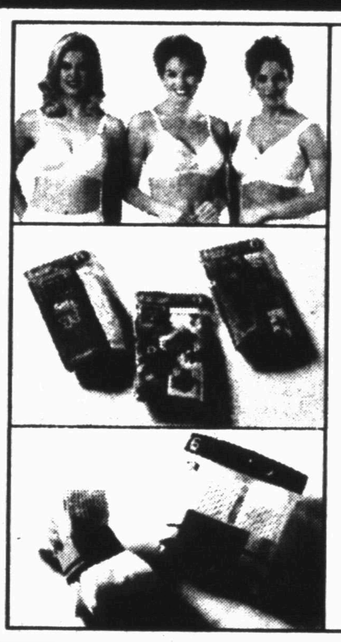

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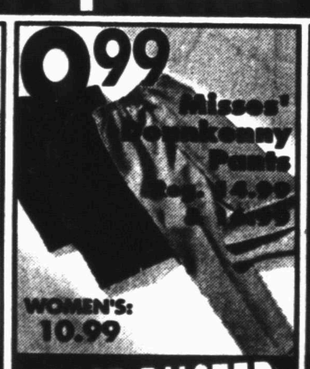
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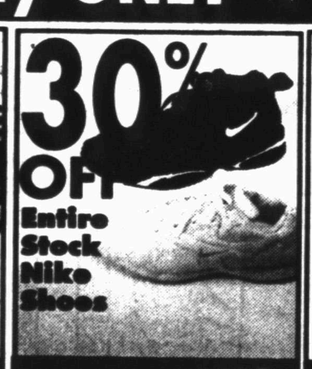
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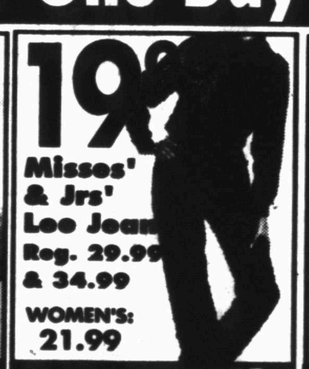
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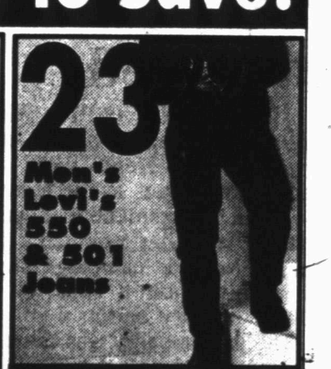
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