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Ask Us

Q. — What is the organization for men paying child support and its address?

A. — We contacted several sources, and the only organization suggested was a group called Fathers for Equal Rights which was active some years ago. Reportedly, there were chapters in San Angelo and Wichita Falls, but calls to those cities failed to produce telephone numbers for such a group.

Phase II for senior housing on tap

By DONNY BROWN
SDN Managing Editor

Plans are now underway to build Phase II of the Golden Terrace Village project, Snyder's first housing area designed primarily for senior citizens.

If ultimately approved, Phase II would add from 16 to 18 additional housing units available to individuals over 60 years of age.

The board of directors for Senior Citizens Inc., a non-profit volunteer group formed to oversee the housing area's operation, has chosen to submit a second grant application for funds to construct the housing units.

Like the first grant, this application would be through the Farmer's Home Administration. The project's expense would be paid back through rental receipts.

Phase I of Golden Terrace Village was financed through FmHA with a low interest note featuring a 50-year payback period.

As part of its decision to pursure Phase II monies, the board also elected to employ a Fort Worth architectural firm to draw up plans for the housing units.

They have employed Cameron, Alred and Associates of Fort Worth.

Once the project plans are approved by the local board, the

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Ministerial group offers assistance through food bank

Local individuals hit hard by the current economic slump now have an additional resource for food.

Earlier this month, participating churches in the Snyder Ministerial Alliance opened a food bank to assist financially strained families.

"The food bank was born out of the idea that when the economy dropped, people began flocking to the churches seeking help. When the economic crunch hit, church leaders reported receiving more and more requests for assistance," said Bob Harper, assistant pastor at First Baptist Church, who is overseeing the effort.

Currently, cooperating churches provide staple food items and papergoods to stock shelves in storage space at First Baptist. Because the alliance has included the project in its budget, most of the items will be purchased with those funds and will be supplemented through additional church gifts.

Individual churches also supply manpower on a rotating basis to staff the bank from 1 until 4 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Under guidelines established by the alliance, a family can

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DRESSING THE BIRD — Enrique Nesmith, food service manager at WTC, "dresses" a traditional Thanksgiving bird in preparation for a holiday meal. Thursday was to include general closings in Snyder, followed by a busy business day Friday with the annual Two-Day Sale. (SDN Staff Photo)

2nd straight month...

Applicants rising for surplus foods

Applications for governmental commodities--specifically for households where the primary wage earner is under the age of 65--increased here again in November.

And as Christmas approaches, the number is likely to continue to climb, project sponsors note.

Of the 58 new families requesting the free food items, the head of the household in 44 of these listed their age as under 60--those theoretically still in the work force.

The 58 new families requesting food equals 184 individuals added to the roll.

The area's faltering oil economy is blamed for a jump in commodity applications noted the past two months.

In October, 65 new families applied with 44 listed as under age 60. This brings the total number of "new" applicants to 123 families representing an estimated 400 individuals.

"I believe we will see that number continuing to increase until we get back on track with the economy. November and December are critical months for many people," said Gloria Shaw, director of the Senior Citizens Center where the products are distributed.

The foodstuffs are government surplus and are provided at no

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In Brief

Reagan calls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peggy Say, the sister of hostage Terry Anderson, said today that President Reagan telephoned her from Air Force One and promised her he "would not rest until Terry was home."

Mrs. Say said she received the call about 12:15 p.m. EST at her home in Batavia, N.Y.

Despite the poor telephone connection due to bad weather, Mrs. Say said she talked with the president for a couple of minutes about Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press.

Local

Playoff due

Snyder's Tiger Stadium will be the host field Friday for a Regional playoff game between Class 3A opponents Kermit and Iowa Park.

The game will begin at 8 p.m.

Kermit comes into the contest with an 8-4 record, while Iowa Park is 9-2-1.

The winner of the game will play in a quarter-final contest the winner of the Crane-Lampasas game to be played Saturday in Abilene.

Santa's due

The annual arrival of Santa Claus at the downtown square is scheduled Friday at 6:30 p.m.

He will greet local youngsters at the bandstand south of the courthouse. Snyder Chamber of Commerce officials report Santa will visit with local youngsters as long as there are children present.

The downtown Christmas decorations are also scheduled to be lit for the first time at dusk Friday.

Weather

West Texas: Mostly fair Friday through Sunday. Little temperature change southwest, otherwise a gradual cooling trend.

Panhandle and South Plains: Lows lower 30s cooling to upper 20s by Sunday. Highs lower 60s cooling to lower 50s Sunday.

Permian Basin and Concho Valley: Lows in the 30s. Highs mid 60s cooling to mid 50s by Sunday.

Big Bend and far West: Lows 20s in the mountains ranging to upper 30s Rio Grande of Big Bend. Highs 50s in the mountians ranging to around 70 along the Rio Grande.

Some will be closed

Governmental closings associated with the Thanksgiving holiday will extend through the weekend for most institutions here.

The exception will be all federal offices, which will reopen Friday. Local financial institutions will reopen as well.

Governmental employees returning to normal work schedules will include staffers with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service and the Texas National Guard.

Normal mail deliveries at the Snyder post office will resume also.

Employees for the city, county and state, however, will see their holiday extend into the weekend.

Offices closed Friday will include city hall and the county courthouse. Other county facilities not scheduled to reopen until Monday include the county

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "There must be people who enjoy listening to others, but they are hard to find."

Snyder merchants have geared up for a big two-day sale Friday and Saturday--an annual event that launches the Christmas shopping season here.

Last year at this time, oil patch citizens were enjoying high petroleum prices and the resulting full employment. After the first of the year, the bottom began to fall.

Still we have much to be grateful for on this Thanksgiving Day. Economic uncertainties have us looking over our shoulders, but we still have opportunities to make things happen.

Jobs are the key ingredients. In Scurry County we need to do whatever it takes to not only create new jobs--but to sustain and maintain those that we now have.

Loyalty to Snyder can do just that. In 1985 the effective buying income of Scurry County residents was $232 million. Retail sales for the same period were $99 million.

That means that out of every dollar available for spending, 43 cents stayed at home. That means 57 cents went elsewhere. The grass may appear greener up the road, but is it?

An item bought out of town might be a bargain in relation to this week's paycheck, but for the long haul, it's costly if you happen to be a taxpaying, home-owning, locally-employed citizen.

Shopping out of town may actually cost you money. It could result in the loss of your own job. As the population declines, the need for all jobs will decline in proportion.

Everybody gets hurt when money leaks out of town. It's unrealistic to think that 100 percent will remain here, but just think what a 10 percent increase would accomplish.

That would mean a $23 million jump in retail sales--and turned seven times that would mean an economic impact of $161 million.

The busiest time of the year is now, and several local businesses will sink or swim depending on your commitment to your town.

You don't have to drive more than 30 miles to see what happens to a town without a business district. Think about it.

In case you missed it, the following item appeared in the SDN Tuesday:

"Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Thursday meeting of Overeaters Anonymous has been cancelled."

We suspect the number of prospective members will rise sharply after today.

Two-Day sale due

Some 32 local merchants are preparing to offer savings on merchandise for holiday shoppers Friday and Saturday as the annual Two-Day Sale is held here.

Merchants participating in the event are Anthony's, Kmart, McCrory-TG&Y, Jodi's, Blanche's Bernina, Hastings, Lil' Rascals, Special Moments, The Clothesline, Roe's Furniture, Hoyt Furniture, Landes Home Furnishings, Dryden's Shoes, Thompson's Shoe Store, Snyder Electronics and Toys Galore.

Others taking part include Keepsakes, Suits Us, Mildred's, Koda Kountry, McWhorter's, Shadra's, Margaret's, Cedar Closet, Sunnyside, Bar-H-Bar, Haney's Jewelry, Stuf-n-Such, Sears, James Reis, Merle Norman and Pioneer Furniture.

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U.S. acknowledges Israeli role in sale of arms to Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Israeli officials are giving up their efforts to hide involvement by the Jewish state in the deal that sent American arms to Iran and money to Nicaraguan rebels.

Attorney General Edwin Meese disclosed at a White House news conference Tuesday that Israel brokered several arms shipments to Iran this year and last. But his revelations left many questions unanswered about actions by officials in Washington and Jerusalem.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, while acknowledging for the first time Tuesday that his aides helped broker the sale, denied involvement in the diversion of up to $30 million from the transaction to aid the Contra guerrillas battling Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Israeli officials were worried that backlash from the deal could damage their close relations with the U.S. government and especially Congress.

One administration official said Washington tried to hide Israeli involvement in the arms sale to avoid angering moderate Arab nations normally friendly to the United States and to prevent recriminations against Iranian "moderates" with whom Washington was doing business.

President Reagan did not want to irritate "those Arab nations that don't like the idea of sending arms to Iran in the first place and like it even less when Israel is involved," said the administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Reagan also sought to conceal Israel's role for another reason: He feared that publicity could endanger two American hostages whose release the administration sought to win through its contacts with Iran. Three American hostages were released in Beirut after the arms deal began.

The president broke his silence on the arms deal two weeks ago and defended his actions in a nationally televised speech and a news conference. He denied that Israel was involved but then issued a statement acknowledging that a third, unidentified nation had delivered the arms.

The administration went public with more details Tuesday after Justice Department investigators learned about the diversion of funds to the Contras.

Meese told a news conference that "the United States (was) providing the arms to Israel, and Israel, in turn, (was) transferring the arms, in effect selling the arms, to representatives of Iran."

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Stress can cause nerve problems

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — For the past 10 years, I've been unable to write as well as I used to. A diagnosis showed that I have tension that is interfering with my brain. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER — Nervous tension can disrupt the smoothness and coordination of many mechanical acts. For example, stage fright can cause a competent performer to forget his lines or to play an instrument badly. People who try too hard to accomplish something may become "locked up" and perform poorly.

This nervous tension is often self-induced; we bring it on ourselves. We worry about doing a good job and fail to let our bodies function independently, without the unnecessary flow of adrenaline caused by stress. Practice will help. Counseling may be necessary. Tranquilizers are never a suitable long-range solution.

Tension rarely affects writing, except for students who are taking final exams. If the quality of your writing is deteriorating, you should be examined by a neurologist to make sure that your difficulty is not caused by a physical nerve disorder. Should your problem be based on stress, psychological counseling may be your best hope for cure.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My husband's breath smells like camphor. He has a peptic ulcer, which bleeds from time to time, but he never has any pain. Do you have an explanation?

DEAR READER — If you husband's ulcer is actively bleeding, the blood in his stomach may cause his breath to take on a peculiar odor. The ulcer should be checked and, if necessary, treated. If the camphor smell continues, ask your husband's dentist for an opinion. In my experience, camphor breath is not usual in ulcer patients, so your husband may have to undergo a dental and mouth examination to find the cause of his problem.

DEAR DR. GOTT — What is the skin disease called pityriasis rosea? Is there a cure for it? I'm having it for the second time in a year.

DEAR READER — Pityriasis rosea is a common, harmless rash that appears on the skin. It consists of reddish irregular patches with scaling centers. No cause is known; there is no treatment except anti-itch medicine. Pityriasis usually disappears within eight weeks and does not return. Since you seem to have a second attack, see a dermatologist for confirmation of diagnosis.

If you're having an operation, you should know all you can about it. Dr. Gott's new Health Report, AN INFORMED APPROACH TO SURGERY, covers everything from second opinions to outpatient surgery. For your copy, send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to mention the title.

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HONORED WITH SHOWER — Becky Gray, bride-elect of Glen Coltharp, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the garden room of First Baptist Church. Pictured (from left) are Nora Gray, grandmother of the honoree; Koy Neal, her grandmother; Pam Reed, her sister; Barbara Gray, her mother; the honoree; Glenda Coltharp of Abilene, mother of the prospective groom; and Doris Elliott of Sweetwater, his grandmother. The wedding is set for Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. in the chapel of First Baptist Church. (SDN Staff Photo)

Horse steaks voted neigh

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Ron Corn sees it as his duty to educate people about horses.

He thinks Americans should eat them.

Corn has sold horseburgers in Manhattan, horse steaks to Navy commissaries and horse roasts in the West. But due to pressure from U.S. humane societies, his main market is abroad.

Corn, the owner of M&R Packing Co. and Marco International in Hartford and South Carolina, said: "Nationwide, I would guess 25 percent would eat it (horse meat) without advertising. An educated public would eat more."

Corn would love to educate the public on the benefits of eating horses, saying he's probably the most knowledgeable person in the United States on horsemeat.

"I am a horse lover," he said. "At one time I wanted to be a vet. I've owned horses. If you told me that I would get into this business I would have said you were crazy. We've grown up with an attitude that needs correcting."

Corn moved from slaughtering cows to horses when the beef market fell in the early 1970s. A European friend suggested he try butchering horses and selling the product abroad.

Corn initially was skeptical, believing the only market for horse meat was in dog food. But he did some sleuthing and discovered horses bound for packing were treated better than those destined for dog food plants.

"You aren't going to get any money from a malnourished horse," he said. "I had to convince myself I was getting involved in something I could hold my head up high about."

Dr. Phillip Ray, with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in South Laconia, N.H., says Corn's operation is one of two horse meat plants in the state. Officials at the other, Amfran Packing Co. Inc. in Plainfield, declined to be interviewed.

Ted Bigham
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AMITIE DANCE PLANNED — Amitie Study Club president Pete Haley (left) is shown going over final plans for the upcoming Country Christmas Dance with Gloria Romo (right), Amitie member. The dance will be held Dec. 6 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the National Guard Armory and will feature Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys. Tickets are now on sale for $12.50 per couple in advance or $15 at the door. Numbers to call for reservations are 573-2291, 573-3231, 573-2980. Tickets may also be purchased at La Casa de Blanco. (Club Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; Trinity United Methodist Church; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 a.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-1357.

Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 2:30 p.m. For more information, call Joyce at 573-7149.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 11-27-86
♠ Q 10 6
♥ K 10 9 5
♦ Q 5 3
♣ A J 6

WEST
♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q 8
♦ J 10 7
♣ K 8 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 9 7 4 3
♥ A 7 6 3
♦ K 9
♣ Q 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A K J
♥ J 4 2
♦ A 8 6 4 2
♣ 9 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
			1 ♦
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead: ♣ 4

Squeaking through

It was a happy Thanksgiving for declarer when he was able to make three no-trump on this deal. He wasn't comfortable rebidding one no-trump with a worthless doubleton club, but no bid was perfect, and he did have a somewhat balanced 13 high-card points. North bid game, liking his intermediate cards in the major suits. When clubs were led and East turned up with the Q-10-7, South was in big trouble right away. Still, he knew enough to duck the first two rounds of clubs. After winning dummy's club ace, he played to his diamond ace and led a diamond back. Since he could not make the contract if West held the king of diamonds, he played low and was rewarded when East had to play the king. Later he played West for the queen of hearts to make nine tricks and the game.

The hand was certainly lucky, but one kibitzer thought declarer might be thwarted if East played the diamond king the first time that suit was led. Not so. Declarer could still make the hand either by ducking the king of diamonds and proceeding as before or by switching to the heart suit, attacking by leading low from his hand to the K-10-9-5 twice. When the queen pops up doubleton on the second lead, declarer will have enough tricks to make the game.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Seven Tables
North and South

1. Ann Davis and Joyce Bass.
2. Martha Fagin and Sue Carter.
3. Sue Mize and Ena Carroll.

East and West

1. Virda Kimbro and Marjorie Brown.
2. Suzie Reed and Rhylene Stoker.
3. Helen Clark and Jeanette Clements.

SUNDAY
Club Championship

1. Virginia Bethel and Barbara Yorgeson.
2. Jeanette Clements and Virda Kimbro.
3. Jane Hinton and Martha Fagin.
4. Rhylene Stoker and Suzie Reed.

BRIDAL SHOWER GIVEN — A bridal shower honoring Karae Beason, bride-elect of Tommy Lee Wright was held Saturday in the home of Gail Dixon. Pictured with the honoree (center) are Gail Dixon (left) and Vondell King, hostesses for the event. Not pictured was Lea Phillips who also served as hostess. The couple will exchange vows Dec. 6 in Knox City. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local poet wins first place award

The Scurry County Poetry Society met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Killgo Nov. 17 for its monthly meeting led by Garnet Quiett. Sherry Bryant gave the invocation.

Janelle Burk was congratulated on winning first prize in a Poetry Society of Texas annual contest. Only first place winners receive a monetery prize and are published in the PST yearbook. Her poem is entitled, "Celebration." She attended the annual awards banquet in Dallas with her husband, Roy. Janelle also placed in seven other contests.

Other members placing in contests were Dorothy Cox with her poem, "Don't Mess with Texas;" Sherry Bryant with "Ebbtide" and Garnet Quiett with "Pantoum to Snow."

Nominating committee chairman Janelle Burk reported the nomination of officers for the 87-88 club year. They are Garnet Quiett, president; Janelle Burk, vice-president; Betty Swaim, secretary; Dorothy Cox, treasurer and Christine Killgo, chaplain. They were elected unanimously.

Sherry Bryant was appointed telephone chairman and Garnet Quiett will be in charge of publicity.

Dorothy Cox, chairman of the program committee, and Sherry Bryant outlined suggested programs for 1987 using members' suggestions.

Janelle Burk and Dorothy Cox presented the Nov. program on "Writing Inspirational Poetry." Janelle pointed out the key ingredients while Dorothy stressed the pitfalls to avoid.

Sherry Bryant presented a highlight on the first Thanksgiving meal saying that it did not include turkey or cranberries, since the settlers did not know about turkeys and thought the plentiful cranberries were not edible.

Members and the poems they shared were Janelle Burk with "Celebration," "Mother and Child" and "Almost;" Dorothy Cox with "A New Day" and "A Peaceful Winter Evening;" Sherry Bryant with "Ebbtide," "His Nearness" and "The Greatness of 'My;'" Garnet Quiett with "Monologue of Dreams" and "The Signature of God."

Betty Kellum, a guest for the meeting, shared "Discovering" and Raymond H. Harrison and Christine Killgo read "I Will Sing Hallelujah" and "I'm So Glad" all by Ina Fargason.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

The next society meeting will be in the home of Dorothy Cox at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 for a potluck supper and Christmas program. Visitors and interested poets are encouraged to attend.

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Lt. Col. North ran secret war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Col. Oliver North, fired for his role in diverting money from Iranian arms sales to Nicaraguan Contras, managed a secret network of former military and intelligence operatives who assisted the rebels during a two-year ban on U.S. aid, government officials say.

North, a key aide to President Reagan, emerged as the chief contact between the U.S. government and the Contras after Congress — angered by the CIA's mining of Nicaragua's harbors — barred U.S. military aid to the rebels in 1984.

But in explaining North's dismissal Tuesday, Attorney General Edwin Meese said Reagan was unaware that since January North had overseen the sale of U.S. weapons through Israeli intermediaries to Iran with $10 million to $30 million in profits going to the Contras' Swiss bank accounts.

"The president knew nothing about it until I reported it to him (Monday)," Meese said about the transactions. "The only person who precisely knew about this was Colonel North."

Congressional leaders immediately questioned how a Marine lieutenant colonel, who is one of several National Security Council deputy directors for political-military affairs, could have conducted such an operation on his own.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D-Texas, said it "defies credulity" that a field-grade officer "could be making foreign policy for the United States. ... If nobody knew of it, that in itself is a confession of a great void in the execution of our foreign policy."

Administration officials said that while North always operated under orders, he would sometimes use wide discretion in carrying out policy that was entrusted to him. Besides Nicaragua, they said he was a principal planner in the 1983 invasion of Grenada, the decision to send U.S. Marines into Beirut, Lebanon, and the 1985 capture of the hijackers of the Achille Lauro cruise ship.

One administration official described North as "a cabal of one" in directing White House policy against leftist-ruled Nicaragua during the two-year congressional aid ban. The official, like most others who detailed North's activities, spoke only on condition of anonymity.

North's role as a leading, behind-the-scenes figure with the Contras dates back to early 1984 when he drafted a three-page memo that proposed relying on private Americans and third countries, including Israel, to keep the Contras supplied during the cutoff, according to current and former White House officials.

The officials said the plan was approved orally by Reagan and that it fell to North to implement.

Although North met frequently with Contra leaders during the aid ban, officials said he often relied on assistants to handle matters he considered legally risky. Officials said three primary intermediaries were retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard Secord, retired Army Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub and conservative activist Robert W. Owen.

North also has been linked to the Contra air supply operation based at El Salvador's Ilopango military airport. That operation came to light Oct. 5 when an arms-laden, American-manned C-123K cargo plane was shot down over Nicaragua and one survivor, Eugene Hasenfus, claimed the operation was run by two Cuban-Americans who worked for the CIA.

Salvadoran telephone records for one of the safe houses used by the Cuban-Americans show repeated calls in September to North's private lines at the NSC. The administration, however, has denied any involvement in the supply operation.

One well-placed administration official said North organized the air operation, using Secord, a former top Pentagon official, to obtain the airplanes. The official said Secord also assisted North in the Iranian weapons deal, which surfaced this month with public disclosures in the Middle East.

The Washington Post reported in today's editions that Transportation Department records show that earlier this year Southern Air Transport, a former CIA company, carried four planeloads of unidentified cargo from Kelly Air Force Base in Texas to Tel Aviv.

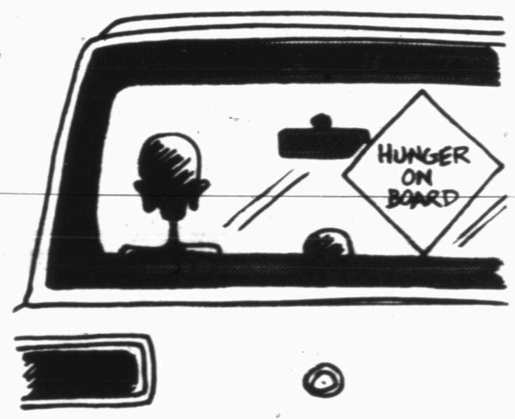
The Post quoted informed sources as saying those shipments, in February and May, occurred at the same time U.S. arms went from the United States to Iran by way of Israel.

The Associated Press first reported North's role in aiding the Contras last year. In a letter to Congress on Sept. 5, 1985, then-national security adviser Robert McFarlane declared that no one on the NSC staff violated "the letter or spirit of the law" prohibiting U.S. officials from "directly or indirectly" aiding the Contras militarily.

North did not return telephone calls placed to his office Tuesday.

Retired Gen. Singlaub has acknowledged meeting regularly with North and receiving advice on the Contra aid program. In interviews, Singlaub said he had an arrangement with North "like in the military" when a junior officer would tell a superior what he planned to do and North's silence would be regarded as approval.

Berry's World



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Dear Abby

Children With Special Needs Require Very Special Parents

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: A friend told me that a long time ago, you printed a poem that said God sends his "special" children to special parents because he knows they will be well taken care of. These "special" children were handicapped in some way. Please, please, print it again. A relative of mine recently had a handicapped child (born that way), and I want to give it to her. God bless you?

YOUR FRIEND
IN ADAMSVILLE, TENN.

DEAR FRIEND: You are referring to "Heaven's Very Special Child" by Edna Massimilla, and here it is:

A meeting was held quite far from earth
"It's time again for another birth,"
Said the angels to the Lord above,
"This special child will need much love."
His progress may seem very slow
Accomplishments he may not show
And he'll require extra care
From the folks he meets way down there.
He may not run or laugh or play
His thoughts may seem quite far away
In many ways he won't adapt
And he'll be known as handicapped.
So let's be careful where he's sent
We want his life to be content
Please, Lord, find the parents who
Will do a special job for you.
They will not realize right away
The leading role they're asked to play
But with this child sent from above
Come stronger faith and richer love.
And soon they'll know the privilege given
In caring for this gift from heaven
Their precious charge, so meek and mild,
Is heaven's very special child.

P.S. "Heaven's Very Special Child" was sent to me from a **Tucson reader, marked "author unknown." I ran it, asking for the author to please come forward to accept credit for it.**

Well, "authors" came out of the woodwork! Among those to claim authorship was this letter:

DEAR ABBY: Last May you printed the poem titled, "Heaven's Very Special Child," stating that it had been sent to you by a Tucson reader, and the author was unknown.

Abby, my wife is the author of that poem. She had it copyrighted in 1956. I feel that a correction is in order as several people are now claiming ownership.

We are the parents of five daughters — one is retarded.

THE REV. JOHN A. MASSIMILLA

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DEAR ABBY: Is beer considered an alcoholic beverage? A lot of high school guys drink beer and think there is nothing wrong with it. (Some girls, too.)

Well, this one kid, who is in the 9th grade, brought a six-pack over to my house, drank it all up and took the empty cans home with him so my folks wouldn't find them. He didn't act drunk or anything, but he talked pretty loud.

Please let me know in the paper. Other kids might want to know, too.

A GIRL IN PHOENIX

DEAR GIRL: There is as much alcohol in a can of beer as there is in a drink of whiskey served in a bar. (One and a half ounces!) Tell your friends this, and don't permit anyone to bring beer into your home. Also, never ride with anyone who has been drinking beer. It may not seem as intoxicating as whiskey, but it is.

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DEAR READERS: Make this Thanksgiving a happy one for everyone whose lives you touch. If you're drinking, don't drive. And if you're driving, don't drink.

Astro-Graph

Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Nov. 28, 1986

Interesting conditions are in store for you in the year ahead. Several projects that have been lying dormant will gain new life. This time they'll work out well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your staying power will give you an edge over your competitors today. You'll have lots of zip left when they run out of steam. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that will govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If life has been a trifle dull lately, spend some time today looking for a new and exciting interest. You're in a good cycle for launching bold projects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Where there is opportunity for personal gain, you're apt to be more daring than usual today. Be enterprising, but don't take foolish risks.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have to speak up today in order to protect your interests, don't hesitate to give your vocal cords a workout. Let no one use you as a doormat.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your abilities to do research are acute today. This is a good time to delve into assignments that require fact finding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pick up the phone today and make arrangements for a get-together with someone you've recently met and would like to know better. He or she feels the same about you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your ambitions are easily stimulated today, and this is a commendable asset. Once you zero in on a target, you'll get what you go after.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be lackadaisical today. Play to win in all of your endeavors, whether they be sports, romance or business.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have a marvelous knack for taking old or discarded items and transforming them into things that are functional. Use your skills around the home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A situation may develop today where you might have to stand up for someone you like, but who isn't as bold as yourself. You won't be intimidated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It might prove wise today to offer a bit more than the going rate if you want work you're having done for you performed faster and more efficiently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may have to be a shade assertive today in order to properly manage something that involves others. You can do it without being arrogant.

In 1922, Mahatma Gandhi was sentenced to six years in prison in India for civil disobedience.

Scurry 4-Hers compete Saturday

Members of the Scurry County 4-H clubs competed at the county foods show Saturday. The foods show is part of the 4-H foods and nutrition project. 4-H members learn to set project goals they wish to learn, ways to accomplish these goals, and also ways they can teach others how to improve their nutrition habits.

The following 4-H members entered the food show: Mande Henry, Deana Schwarz, Rebel Rainwater, Charlie Busby, John Busby, and Chad Rainwater.

The district 4-H foods show will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, at Texas Tech.

Adult leaders assisting with the foods show were Nell Henry, Mary Rainwater, Linda Schwarz, Terri Busby and Viola Stirl. Alice Ballenger, Fisher County Extension Agent, served as judge.

Americans rank taste, quality and nutrition as the primary reasons for buying seafood, according to the Better Homes and Gardens Consumer Panel. It says seafood is prepared in 61 percent of American homes at least three times each month.

THANKSGIVING

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RICHARD K. DERRICK

Derrick graduates

Airman Richard K. Derrick, son of Curtis G. Derrick of Snyder, has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

He is a 1983 graduate of Snyder High School.

Anderson given one scholarship

DENTON--Sixteen North Texas State University seniors have been awarded $250 each as winners of the annual E. D. "Dick" Criddle Scholarships.

Included in the sixteen is Margaret Anderson of Snyder, a biochemistry major.

Teka Eicke is secretary for Epsilon 68

Teka Eicke of Snyder is serving as secretary of Oklahoma Epsilon No. 68 chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor scholarship society at Oklahoma Christian College.

Alpha Chi, limited to no more than 10 percent of the junior and senior classes, has more than 200 chapters in 44 states. Membership in Alpha Chi is the highest academic honor on any member campus.

Wiggins earns AF recognition

Maj. Larry W. Wiggins, son of Leona L. Wiggins of Route 3, Snyder, has been decorated with the second award of the Air Force Commendation Medal at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

Wiggins is chief of Air Force sports and fitness with the Air Force Military Personnel Center.

You might be eligible for WIC

If you are pregnant, a nursing mother, or have a baby or child under five, you may be eligible for WIC, the health and nutrition program. Contact the Texas Department of Health, 503 E. Highway; 573-9705 to find out if you are eligible. WIC is an equal opportunity program.

In 1924, Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb kidnapped and killed young Bobby Franks in Chicago.

THANKSGIVING FEAST--The combined kindergarten classes of Stanfield upon completing their Thanksgiving unit participated in a volunteer program of sharing. The students contributed their monies to purchase a Thanksgiving meal for a Stanfield family. Children in Rita Wolf's, Betty Thompson's and Donna Bailey's classes learned about the different food groups while making selections during field trips to a local grocery store. Representatives from each class are from left: Jared Young, Calle Pierce, Britney Canada, Brandon Benson, Stoni Riggan, and Dusty Ashby. (SDN Staff Photo)

High-tech gadgets, gabby critters beckon shoppers

NEW YORK (AP) — Toy guns that shoot beams of infrared light and a second-generation menagerie of talking animals will help determine whether retailers chortle "ho ho ho" or sigh "ho-hum" over their sales this Christmas season.

High-tech toys are among the few standouts foreseen by industry analysts and retailers, who expect only mediocre sales increases overall this year in the $12 billion toy market.

Some computerized cuddles come as plush toys, which have evolved into a number of new "life" forms since the species first appeared in the form of Teddy Ruxpin last year.

Action toys, from 22-year-old GI Joe to ultra-modern Lazer Tag, also are considered some of the most popular picks.

"So far there doesn't appear to be a single blockbuster hit in the toy industry as in past years when we had products such as Cabbage Patch (Kids) or Trivial Pursuit, which were big successes," said Charles Riotto, marketing projects director for the Toy Manufacturers of America.

Sales also are hindered by low supplies. Some shipments have been delayed because of production problems stemming from new technology, analysts say.

This is apparently the case for the electronic light guns marketed by Worlds of Wonder as Lazer Tag and by LJN Toys Ltd. as Photon. The space-age version of tag, at $40 to $70 for the basic equipment, includes a pistol and sensor badge — a target worn by a player that beeps when hit by the gun's infrared light beam — and with Photon, a sensor helmet.

A few of this year's projected best sellers are already proven hits, including Worlds of Wonder's trend-setting Teddy Ruxpin, a talking, animated stuffed bear and Tonka's Pound Puppies line of stuffed dogs.

This year's shoppers will encounter the second generation of these critters, some of which build on the idea of Teddy Ruxpin, who talks and moves his eyes and mouth when a child inserts a cassette tape.

Some toy animals can echo a child's own words and other computer chip-controlled creatures make up random, sometimes interactive sentences.

Interactive versions include Hasbro's Yakkity Yaks, under the identities of Bingo Bear and Montgomery Monkey, Coleco Industries Inc.'s Talking Wrinkles, and Lewis Galoob Toys Inc.'s Baby Talk. A child operates the toy's mouth like a puppet or touches the figure in various places and it makes random remarks in response.

Interactive creatures such as the Yakkity Yaks will ask the child to do something on their own, such as give the toy a hug, and won't respond further until the child does so. Those figures do not need a cassette player, so can be made more soft and cuddly, say the manufacturers.

The interactive and chip-controlled toys range from $60 to $70, although some run a bit higher.

In a survey of buyers representing more than 5,400 toy retailing outlets nationwide, Playthings magazine came up with the following list of the season's best-selling toys:

—Hasbro's GI Joe line
—Tonka's Pound Puppies
—Mattel's Barbie and the Rockers
—Worlds of Wonder's Teddy Ruxpin
—Kenner's MASK
—Galoob's Baby Talk

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Controversial Texan worked for Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lt. Col. Oliver North, the man who engineered the financing of anti-government rebels in Nicaragua with proceeds from U.S. arms sales to Iran, has been a controversial figure in the Reagan administration.

North, 43, came to the National Security Council's staff in 1981 after working on policy at the Marine Corps headquarters for six years.

President Reagan announced Tuesday that North had been "relieved of his duties" in the wake of a criminal investigation into the sale of arms to Iran. The counter-revolutionaries in Nicaragua, or Contras, benefited from the transactions, the White House said.

Attorney General Edwin Meese III said North was the only person with complete knowledge of the arrangement, which was kept secret from Reagan and many other top officials.

Despite the relative obscurity of his NSC job, North, a conservative, attracted attention because of his prodigious work, articulate views and close relationship with former NSC Director Robert McFarlane.

McFarlane, who resigned from the NSC last December, described North — who disliked personal publicity — as "like a son of mine."

North's ties to the Contras came under scrutiny in mid-1985. At a time when Congress had voted to outlaw direct aid to the Contras, North worked to assure them that the U.S. government fully supported their cause.

But he also had a hand in U.S. policy toward the Middle East and Angola, where the United States backs guerrillas trying to overthrow the Marxist government.

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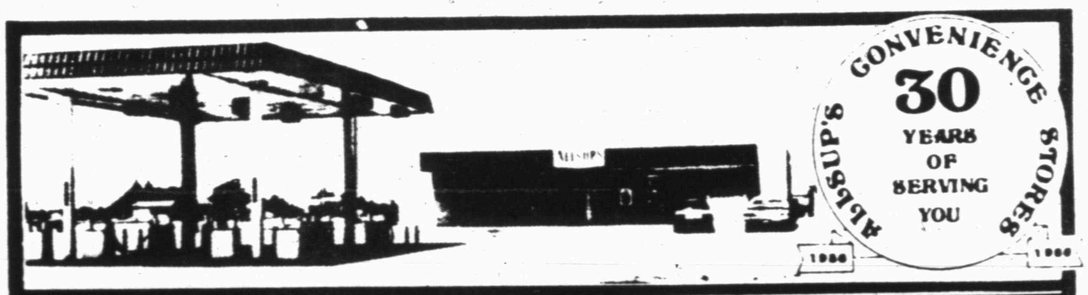

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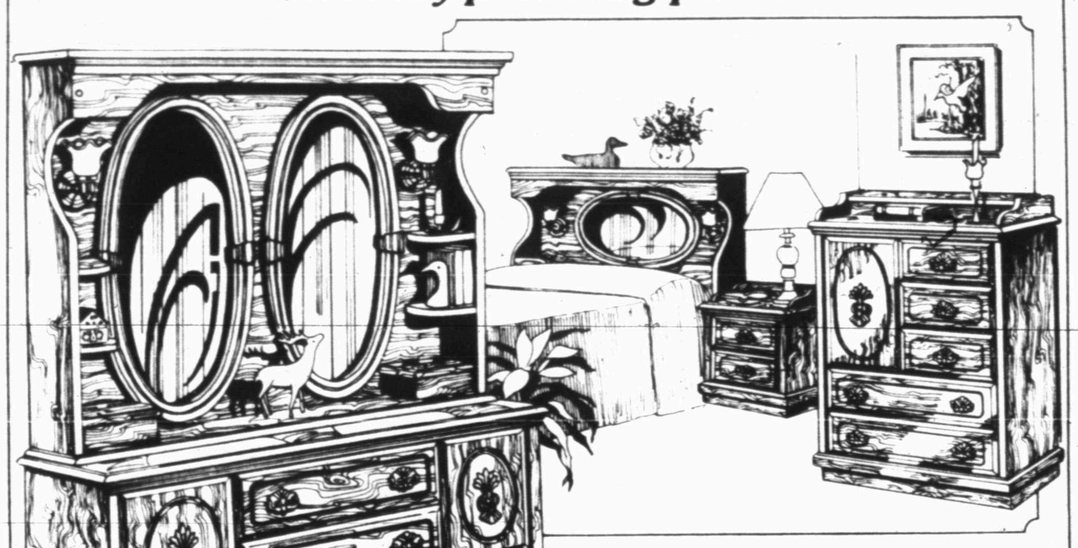

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Craftsman puts 12 years into rod crafting business

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - For 12 years Milton Billingsley has designed and crafted custom fishing rods to meet his customers' specifications.

In less than a week, Billingsley can transpire several strands of thread into colorful, elongated patterns. If properly cared for, a custom made rod could become a part of someone's family heirloom.

Billingsley uses threads to wrap the butt on a rod. His works include such designs as the U.S. flag, University of Texas color patterns, fish patterns, diamond and chevron patterns, and the St. John's cross, the most popular of his orders.

"I sell no factory rods," said Billingsley, a retired postal worker since 1980. "Everything is made to exact specifications in length and action according to what that fisherman might want to use it for."

Word of Billingsley's work passes quickly among his customers. He's crafted rods for several out-of-state customers, and hides no secret of his trade.

"The whole secret of rod making is where the guides on the 360-degree axis of a rod are placed," he said.

For example, if a rod is bent down, and the line touches it, it wouldn't be in equal stress distribution, he said.

An avid angler, Billingsley decided 12 years ago to make his own rod from a kit, and he's been hooked ever since.

After joining the National Association of Rod Crafters, an association of 600 members, his business started to boom, and he now designs 50 rods a year.

But that's not to say Billingsley is burdened by nine-to-five hours.

"If I want to go fishing for two weeks, I'm closed," he said.

Prices for a custom made rod range from $40 to $160. A customer, he said, must decide from the type of rod (trolling, casting or spinning), the physical makeup (fiberglas, graphite or boron) the specific type of guides (about eight to choose from) and an endless number of designs to choose from.

But selection of a specific rod isn't difficult. Billingsley has pictures of all of the designs he's made. He also offers suggestions and advice to make customers' decisions easier.

Billingsley said there's a big difference between custom made rods and those sold in discount stores.

"Say a guy is in a boat and wants to cast sixty feet. With a custom made rod, his cast carries straight. A store bought rod can be five or ten feet off in either direction," he said.

"A tournament fisherman with his custom made rod can cast 60 feet with little effort, while a beginner who uses a cheaper rod casts only 45 feet, and he'll cast twice as hard to do it."

Most of Billingsley's customers are tournament fishermen or people who are serious about their fishing.

SPORTS

Pardee talks with Houston but not offered the job yet

HOUSTON (AP) - Jack Pardee, head coach of the now-defunct Houston Gamblers of the United State Football League, says he was interviewed for the University of Houston head coaching job.

But he denied Tuesday he already had been offered the position. He is considered one of the two top choices to replace Bill Yeoman, along with Texas A&M Coach offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee, according to a report today in The Houston Post.

Pardee, 50, who also coached the National Football League Washington Redskins and the Chicago Bears, told the Houston Chronicle on Tuesday he had met with the university's search committee.

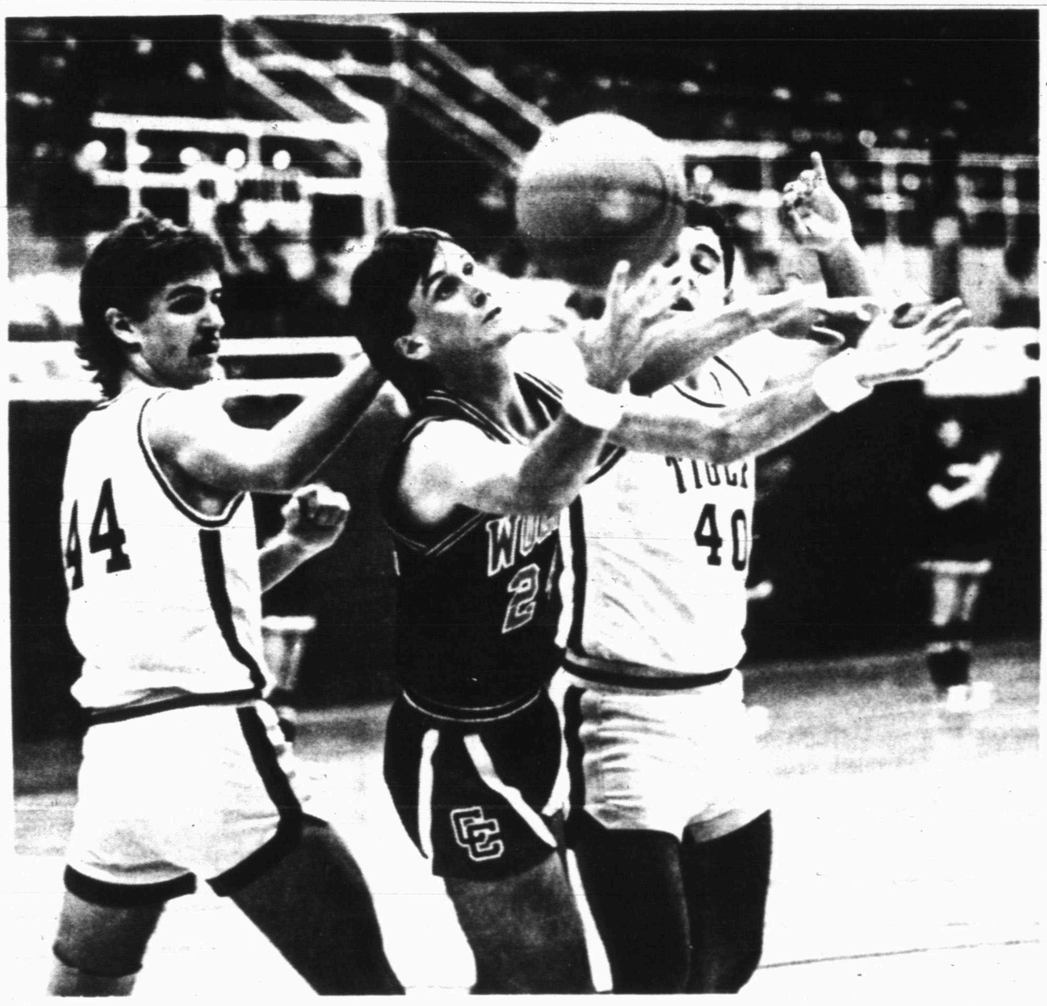
"I've talked with them and I'm certainly interested," Pardee told the Chronicle.

"They're making plans to move quickly and if the coach they choose is available, the quicker they act the better it would be," he added.

The UH search committee plans to meet with Amedee, UH offensive line coach Ted Unbehagen and Florida offensive coordinator Jim Dickey this weekend, according to The Post.

Philadelphia Eagles defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, interviewed last week, said if offered the UH position, he would be able to leave before the end of the NFL season.

Arkansas State Coach Larry Lacewell withdrew from consideration on Tuesday after he was interviewed on Sunday.



JUGGLE FOR IT -- Snyder players Daniel Chasteen (left) and Scott Lanier battle Colorado City's Marty Cleckler for the ball during Tuesday's varsity ballgame here which the Tigers won 62-22. Snyder takes a 1-2 record to Levelland Saturday to play the Loboes at 7:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Schoolboy grid slate

Here are the pairings for this week's Texas schoolboy football playoffs

Class 5A

Region I

San Angelo Central (11-1) vs. Wichita Falls (11-0-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo

Amarillo (8-3-1) vs. L.D. Bell (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region II

Plano (10-2) vs. Bryan (10-1), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Baylor Stadium, Waco

Highland Park (10-2) vs. Longview (9-2-1), 7a.30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Region III

Houston Madison (7-5) vs. Aldine MacArthur (11-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Katy Taylor (10-1-1) vs. LaMarque (11-1), 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome, Houston

Region IV

Austin Reagan (10-1) vs. San Antonio Clark (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos

Converse Judson (11-0) vs. San Antonio Holmes (11-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alamo Stadium

Class 4A

Region I

Sweetwater (10-) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (10-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

Hereford (10-1) vs. Cleburne (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene

Region II

McKinney (11-1) vs. Corsicana (11-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Allen (10-2) vs. Wilmer-Hutchins (7-4), 2 p.m. Saturday, Cotton Bowl

Region III

Tomball (8-2-1) vs. Jasper (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Huntsville

Brenham (9-0-3) vs. West Orange-Stark (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Huntsville

Region V

Schertz-Clemens (10-1) vs. Gregory-Portland (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Judson

New Braunfels (10-1) vs. Calallen (8-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Alamo Stadium, San Antonio

Class 3A

Region I

Kermit (8-4) vs. Iowa Park (9-2-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Crane (9-3) vs. Lampasas (9-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene

Region II

Springtown (11-0-1) vs. Daingerfield (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Johnson Stadium, Garland

Bonham (9-3) vs. Jefferson (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Williams Stadium, Garland

Region III

Groesbeck (9-2) vs. Cameron (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Baylor Stadium, Waco

Port Arthur Austin (11-1) vs. Needville (9-2-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Pasadena

Region IV

Giddings (10-2) vs. Hebbronville (9-2), 8 p.m. Friday, San Antonio

Cuero (12-0) vs. Sharyland (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Kingsville

Class 2A

Region I

Panhandle (8-3) vs. Reagan County (10-0-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Post

Quanah (10-2) vs. Goldthwaite (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Breckenridge

Region II

Electra (8-4) vs. Eastland (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Denton

Holiday (10-2) vs. Mart (10-3), 8 p.m. Saturday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite

Region III

Kerens (10-2) vs. Frankston (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Palestine

Leonard (9-3) vs. Winona (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant

Region IV

Shiner (12-0) vs. Mason (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Leander

Rogers (11-1) vs. San Antonio Cole (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Kyle

Class A

Region I

Wheeler (10-2) vs. Wilson (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Childress

Sunray (10-2) vs. Wink (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Levelland

Region II

Munday (9-1-1) vs. Throckmorton (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seymour

Valley (12-0) vs. Baird (10-0-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Vernon

Region III

Valley View (12-0) vs. Burkeville (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Arp

Tenaha (7-3-1) vs. Apple Springs (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Rusk

Region IV

Louise (6-5) vs. Center Point (9-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Luling

Bremond (12-0) vs. Nueces Canyon (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Llano

Six Man

Quarterfinals

Guthrie vs. Jayton, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Haskell

Christoval vs. Newcastle, 8 p.m. Friday Bangs

Three Way vs. Fort Hancock, 2:30 p.m. Friday Monahans

Rochester Vs. Lohn, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Albany

TAPS Division II

Finals

Arlington Texas Christian vs. Richardson Canyon Creek, 7 p.m. Saturday, Standridge Stadium, Carrollton

Suspension may extinguish unnecessary violence in NFL

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Commissioner Pete Rozelle's two-game suspension of Green Bay nose tackle Charles Martin for spiking Chicago quarterback Jim McMahon is the specific solution to a specific situation.

But even that quick reaction by Rozelle can't respond to the deeper problem beneath Martin's action last Sunday - the thin line between violence that National Football League coaches encourage and the actions in the heat of violence that go beyond any legality or ethic.

"I just reacted," Martin said Sunday after he picked up McMahon long after he had released a pass and deposited him on his sore right shoulder. Martin was penalized for roughing the passer and was ejected from the game.

McMahon has now been declared out for the remainder of the regular season and the playoffs. With McMahon goes the probability that the Bears will repeat as Super Bowl champions, although Coach Mike Ditka says the quarterback's chronic shoulder problem is more the cause than Martin's hit.

Martin is appealing the suspension and Rozelle will hold a hearing next week so the third-year nose tackle will be able to play this week.

"I just reacted" is exactly what Philadelphia defensive back Evan Cooper said three weeks ago after he grabbed Joe Morris of the New York Giants after the running back had almost stopped in the end zone after scoring and hurled him toward the stadium wall. Cooper was penalized 15 yards, but remained in the game and league action against him is pending.

In Sunday's game between the Giants and Denver Broncos, one of the hardest-hitting and most intensely played of the season, New York defensive back Perry Williams decked Denver's Sammy Winder as the running back stood in the grasp of another Giant. Denver Coach Dan Reeves argued vehemently that Williams brought his elbows up to Winder's face, but no flag was thrown and Winder returned to the game a few plays later.

In other words, it was just part of the game, just like the play - again involving the Giants - on which New Orleans' safety Antonio Gibson crashed into the knee of New York's Lionel Manuel after a pass had zipped by the wide receiver in the end zone. That was in the fourth game of the season and the Giants' best receiver is still out.

Martin's two-game suspension may help.

Jack Faulkner, administrator of football operations for the Los Angeles Rams, has been around pro football for 32 years and thinks it's part of the answer - for both players and coaches.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

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N Y Jets	10	2	0	833	308	248
New England	9	3	0	750	326	200
Miami	6	6	0	500	321	293
Buffalo	3	9	0	250	232	273
Indianapolis	0	12	0	000	144	322
Central						
Cincinnati	8	4	0	667	295	298
Cleveland	8	4	0	667	276	263
Pittsburgh	4	8	0	333	206	258
Houston	3	9	0	250	225	272
West						
Denver	9	3	0	750	287	191
L A Raiders	8	4	0	667	255	226
Kansas City	7	5	0	583	263	263
Seattle	6	6	0	500	223	239
San Diego	2	10	0	167	250	312

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	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
N Y Giants	10	2	0	833	244	174
Washington	10	2	0	833	283	210
Dallas	7	5	0	583	291	230
Philadelphia	3	9	0	250	176	233
St Louis	3	9	0	250	163	277
Central						
Chicago	10	2	0	833	251	140
Minnesota	6	6	0	500	278	214
Detroit	5	7	0	417	201	219
Green Bay	2	10	0	167	159	284
Tampa Bay	2	10	0	167	188	338
West						
L A Rams	8	4	0	667	218	193
San Francisco	7	4	1	625	280	178
New Orleans	6	6	0	500	210	193
Atlanta	5	6	1	458	208	218

Thursday, Nov. 27

Green Bay at Detroit

Seattle at Dallas

NFL quarterbacks

By The Associated Press

Through Games of Monday, Nov. 23

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Quarterbacks

	ATT	COM	YDS	TD	INT
O'Brien, Jets	334	219	2917	23	9
Eason, N E	324	204	2516	15	5
Marino, Mia	457	279	3533	31	16
Kosar, Clev	400	242	2938	12	7
Kelly, Buff	349	213	2639	16	14

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Quarterbacks

	ATT	COM	YDS	TD	INT
Kramer, Minn	334	192	2800	22	9
Kemp, S F	199	119	1554	11	8
Schroeder, Wash	379	192	3032	15	10
Hipple, Det	305	192	1919	9	11
Young, T B	254	142	1674	6	7

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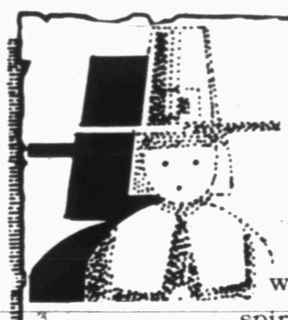

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SHS varsity volleyball...

Tigers wrap-up 1986 season

Coach Vicki Nelms said neither she nor her team was pleased with the past season's 17-14 volleyball record, but she can see better times ahead.

"Definitely we were disappointed in our season. We felt like we would be better but it just took us too long to jell as a group," she said this week. "We did have a lot of games where we played very well, though."

The Tigers graduate 10 seniors.

"It's always tough when you lose 10 players. This was a tremendous group to work with. They always tried and never gave up. They never believed they were out of it. We wish them a lot of luck," she said.

"I was real pleased with the amount of playing time the four kids we have coming back had. We think we have some kids with the ones coming back and from our junior varsity that can fill the positions. We're looking forward to next year," the coach added.

Returning will be Denise Overton, Paula Caldwell, Becky Becerra and Melody Pickering.

Senior all-district spiker Allison Adams proved to be a strength for the Tigers this season, according to team statistics released by Coach Nelms.

Adams was good on 99.4 percent of her serves, 92.2 percent of her hits, 96.3 percent of her sets and had 22 kills and 97 points.

As a team, Snyder served 89.6 percent, hit 82.5 percent, and set 81.9 percent. The Tigers came out with a grade of 66.2 percent on serve receives.

Other leaders in serving were Tammy Williamson, who made good on 92.5 of her 120 attempts, and second-team all-loop choice Donna Clay, good on 89.6 of 135 tries.

Top hitters, among those with 100 or more attempts, included Melody Pickering, 74.8 percent with a team-high 23 kills, and Clay, 81.7 and 17 kills, and Sharnette Thompson, 80.4 percent and 14 kills.

Snyder's primary setters for the season were Clay, 86.1 percent, and Shondra Robinson, 77.1 percent.

Pickering had 35 solo blocks while Clay managed 34. Clay led in assisted blocks with 45. Denise Overton had 31 and Pickering 28.

Adams' 97 points while serving led the team. Robinson had 70, Clay 62, Tammy Williamson 53 and Leslie Ward 52.

The Lady Tigers tied with Monahans for fourth place in District 2-4A with a 7-9 loop record.

LADY TIGER VOLLEYBALL
1986 TEAM STATISTICS

Serving

Clay, 121-135, 8 aces; Thompson, 62-86, 11 aces; Adams, 167-168, 22 aces; Overton, 13-14, 3 aces; Dunk, 7-9, 1 ace; Ward 84-97, 6 aces; Becerra 4-8, 2 aces; Robinson 121-133, 6 aces; Williamson 111-120, 14 aces; Fortune 10-10, 1 ace; Hinojos, 21-25, 4 aces; TEAM TOTALS 721-805, 78 aces.

Hitting

Clay 134-164, 17 kills; Thompson 131-163, 14 kills; Adams 166-180, 22 kills; Overton 75-98, 8 kills; Pickering 83-111, 23 kills; Dunk 79-97, 11 kills; Caldwell 44-51, 2 kills; Ward 1-2; Becerra 6-6, 1 kill; Robinson 6-6; Williamson 1-1; Williams 9-12, 1 kill; TEAM TOTALS 735-891, 99 kills.

Setting

Clay 366-425; Thompson 13-13; Adams 26-27; Overton 16-18; Pickering 9-9; Dunk 10-10; Caldwell 1-4; Ward 7-7; Becerra 1-2; Robinson 340-441; Fortune 14-16; Hinojos 9-20; TEAM TOTALS 812-992

Serve Receives

Clay 23-32; Thompson 116-165; Adams 136-171; Overton 12-22; Pickering 4-13; Dunk 17-35; Caldwell 6-9; Ward 100-166; Becerra 67-102; Robinson 1-1; Williamson 7-15; Williams 1-2; Hinojos 10-17; TEAM TOTALS 500-755

Blocks

Clay, 34 solo, 45 asst.; Thompson, 23 solo, 23 asst.; Adams, 11 solo, 18 asst.; Overton, 5 solo, 31 asst.; Pickering, 35 solo, 28 asst.; Dunk, 6 solo, 21 asst.; Caldwell, 6 solo, 9 asst.; Robinson, 5 asst.; Williams, 1 asst.; TEAM TOTALS 120 solo, 181 asst

Points While Serving

Clay 62, Thompson 37, Adams 97, Overton 6, Dunk 6, Ward 52, Becerra 2, Robinson 70, Williamson 53, Fortune 1, Hinojos 11; TEAM TOTALS 397

ALLISON ADAMS

Dusters hold classic here Friday, Saturday

Western Texas College's Dusters will host a women's Thanksgiving Basketball Classic beginning Friday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The two-day, four-team format begins at 6 p.m. Friday when Hill College squares off against Howard College of Big Spring. At 8 p.m., Western Texas challenges Fort Hood.

Saturday's slate pits Howard against Fort Hood at 6 p.m. and Western against Hill at 8 p.m.

Western Texas' Lady Dusters will be trying to rebound from their only loss of the season, a 67-54 defeat at the hands of Cisco. WTC is 10-1.

The Dusters will use the tournament as a final tuneup for conference play. The ladies entertain Frank Phillips College on Dec. 8 in the WJCAC opener.

Westerners compete in Odessa tourney

ODESSA -- Western Texas' Westerners, 3-4, will play here Friday in the talent-filled Odessa Classic.

The tournament field includes four teams from the highly-regarded Western Junior College Athletic Conference, including Western Texas, Midland, Odessa and South Plains.

Action begins Thursday when Midland's Chaparrals take on Angelo State junior varsity at 6 p.m. Texas State Technical Institute of Waco plays Odessa at 8 p.m.

Losers of Thursday's two ballgames will open Friday's slate at 4 p.m. Then, at 6 p.m., South Plains players the winner of Thursday's Midland-Angelo State JV ballgame.

Western Texas gets into the act at 8 p.m. by playing Thursday's Odessa-TSTI victor.

Western Texas opens conference play on Dec. 1, when the Westerners play South Plains in Levelland.

Aggies want players to settle with angry phone companies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Texas A&M's athletic department is pushing to see that five football players settle with local long distance phone companies to keep criminal charges from being charged against the players, a university police official said.

Three long distance companies doing business in College Station filed complaints Monday with university and Bryan police against 11 A&M students accused of illegally using telephone access codes to make thousands of dollars of long distance calls.

Five students - one A&M track athlete and four non-athletes - have been arrested. One non-athlete has not been located, police said.

Bob Wiatt, A&M security and traffic director, said arrest warrants for the football players cannot be issued before next week because his office cannot complete necessary paperwork until then.

A&M plays its final regular season game at Texas on Thursday night, and a victory for the Aggies would clinch the Southwest Conference championship and a berth in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Wiatt refused to name the football players. But Marvin Thomas, credit manager for Star-Tel, one of the companies that filed a complaint, said two of the players are starters.

The other companies filing complaints were University Communications and MCI.

A&M President Frank Vandiver released a statement Tuesday, saying it's unfortunate and perhaps unfair the companies are pressing criminal charges against the players.

"We certainly do not condone actions such as those alleged against a few of our students, but we regard it as an individual problem rather than one that directy involves the institution," he said.

Ed Stephenson, president of Star-Tel that filed the complaints, declined comment, as did A&M athletic officials.

Wiatt said the athletic department called him to express unhappiness with the complaint, "but they know my policy," he said. "Once we accept anything as a criminal matter, we don't sweep it under the rug."

Helmets were not mandatory in the National Football League until the 1943 season.

Sports in summary

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - Oakland A's outfielder Jose Canseco, who hit 33 homers and drove in 117 runs, was named Rookie of the Year in the American League, beating Wally Joyner of the California Angels in a close vote.

Canseco received 16 of 28 first-place votes and 110 points to 12 first-place votes and 98 points for Joyner. Two writers from each of the league's 14 cities participated in the selection for the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Though he hit just .240, the 22-year-old Canseco tied for fourth in the league in home runs and was second in RBI to Cleveland's Joe Carter, who had 121.

TENNIS

ATLANTA (AP) - In a match dominated by big serves, Boris Becker's return of serve finally overcame John McEnroe as the two-time Wimbledon champion pulled out a 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 victory in the first round of the $500,000 AT&T Tennis Challenge.

In other action, Ivan Lendl defeated Miloslav Mecir at the net to defeat his fellow Czechoslovakian 6-4, 6-3.

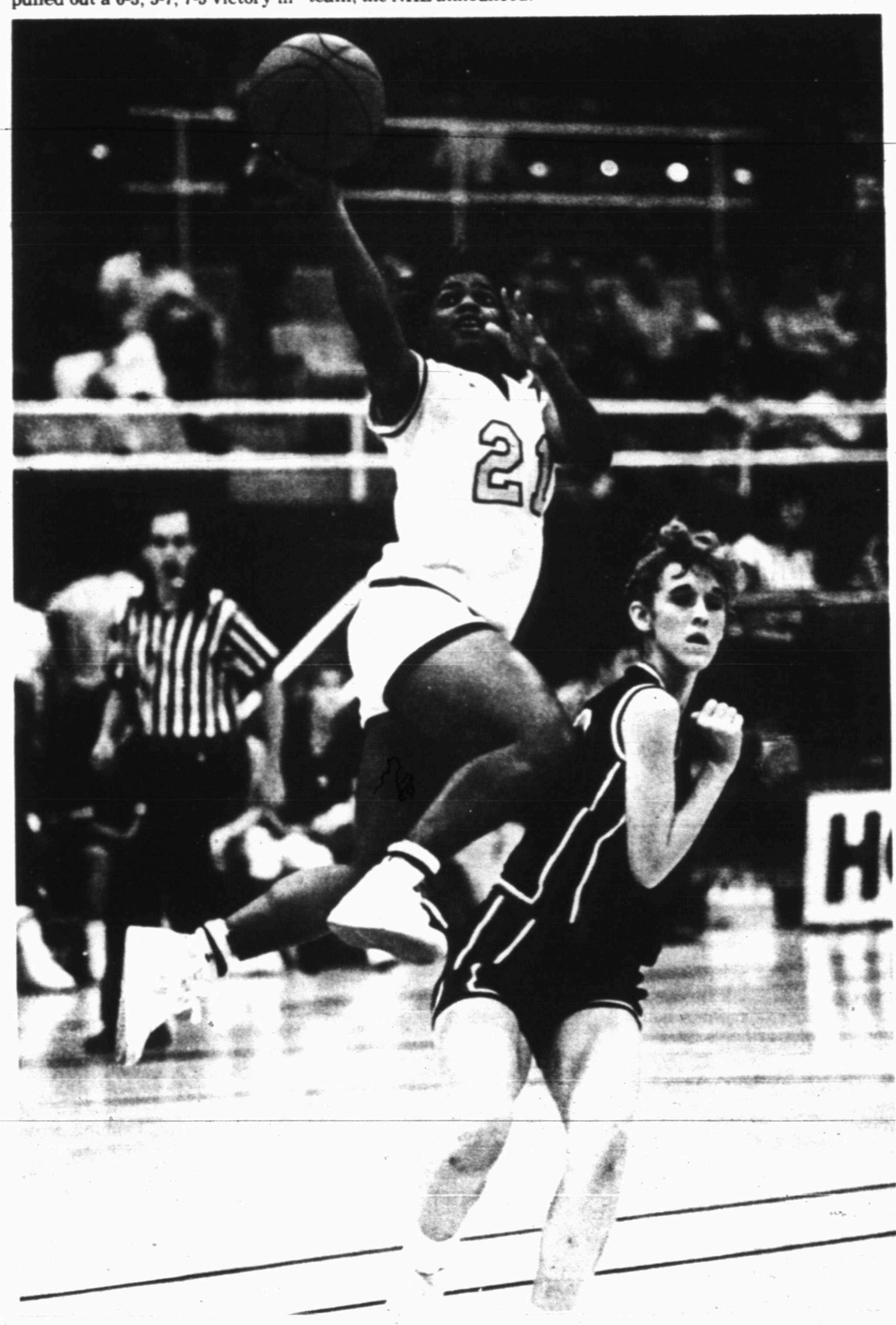
HORSE RACING

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Louisville Downs President William H. King and several others have purchased the harness track for about $5.1 million from a Detroit family.

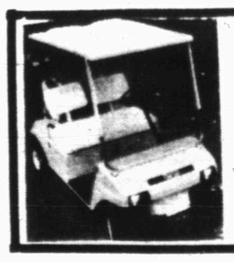
Businessman Raymund F. Kolowich and his family had controlling interest in the 21-year-old track. King, his daughter, son-in-law and a Louisville attorney will be the new owners.

HOCKEY

MONTREAL (AP) - Left wing Michel Goulet of the Quebec Nordiques is the top vote-getter in early fan balloting for the National Hockey League All-Star team, the NHL announced.



UP, UP AND AWAY -- Snyder's 5-3 point guard Stephanie McKnight goes airborne to score two points for the Lady Tigers in their game with Colorado City here Tuesday. The Tigers won easily, 71-21, and will play in Brownfield next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)



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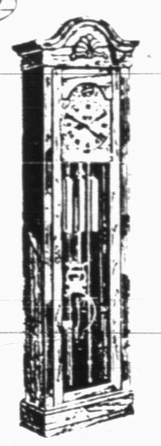

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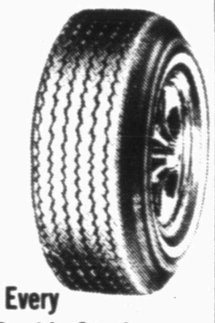

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10% Discount on Minor Tune Up (parts & labor)
or Brake Job (parts & labor)
from November 26 to December 5
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I HAVE a good secured note for approximately $23,900 on a 9 year payout, 10% interest. Will discount $3,000. Real Estate is security. Call 573-9773 after 1:30 p.m. Reason for selling is age and health.

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210 WOMAN'S COLUMN

ANTIQUE OR NEW - Bring in or Call us for the Repair and Refinishing of your Clocks, Lamps & Furniture, Also Old Phonograph Record Players.
HOUSE OF ANTIEKS
4008 College
573-4422

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DECORATED CAKES: Birthday, Anniversary, Shower, Wedding Cakes. For all your cake needs, call Reta's Cake Shop, 573-1546 or 573-6917.

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IF YOUR Child needs the benefits of a large Day Care Center, yet the personal loving touch of a Private Sitter, I could be your choice. 12 years experience. References available. 573-6959.

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WILL CLEAN Houses. Reasonable rates. Call after 6:00, 573-8094.

220 FARMER'S COLUMN

BRIGHT, FRESH Baled Hay, 5x5, Round Bales. Haygrazer and Sudan. Call 863-2276.

On The Farm Tire Service
Goodyear Tires available at
McWhorter's
1701 25th Street
Snyder, Texas 79549
Auto - Truck - Farm
573-4031

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FOR SALE: 2 Bramah Bulls 1-3 & 1-4 Year Old. Call 573-4331 between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

FOR SALE Hegari Bundles, heavy grain 30¢ a bundle. Call 573-2107.

HI-PROTEIN Dog Food, $9.80 plus tax, 50 pound bag. Regular 50 pound Bag Dog Food, $8.75 plus tax. Fertilome Weed & Feed, $7.95 plus tax. Ezell Key Feed and Seed, 1615 26th St.

HAY FOR SALE $3.00 bale, in the barn. 728-5550.

NEW CROP Local Pecans, $1.50 lb. Will deliver 10 pounds or more, $1.65. Taking orders for Cracked Pecans, $2.25. 573-7385, 573-0911.

WE BUY PECANS. Phone 573-3432, Ronnie Lightfoot, 21st & Ave T, Snyder, TX.

FOR SALE: 2 Brahman Bulls 1-3 & 1-4 Year Old. Call 573-4331 between 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

221 FARM EQUIPMENT

16' HALE STOCK Trailer, covered. 573-5580.

240 SPORTING GOODS

PRESENTATION RUGER O/U 20 Guage Skeet, $600. 573-9608 after 4:30.

250 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

AIRSTREAM TRAILER, 31', 1976 Model. Excellent condition. 573-3124.

260 MERCHANDISE

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Burgess McWilliams Pharmacy
3706 College 573-7582

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FIREWOOD: $90 a cord. Call 573-1274 after 5 p.m.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Oak, Mesquite and Firewood Racks. 2511 29th. 573-1514.

FOR SALE: TRS 80 Model 4 64K Computer. Like new. $550. Software & Manuals. 573-6731.

FOR SALE: Mesquite Firewood. Green or Seasoned. $85 cord, delivered. 573-7908.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: 18" or 24" Split Wood. Special this Week. $90 cord, delivered & stacked. 573-9935.

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12 oz. Coke - Dr. Pepper - Sprite, $7.99 case. 12 oz. Cotton Gloves, 99¢ a pair, $11.50 dozen. Stocking Stuffer Toy's, ½ Price. Much More.
ADAMS WHOLESALE
308 East Hwy.
8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Monday-Saturday

MESQUITE FIREWOOD for sale. $75 cord. Call after 6 p.m., 573-3628.

MESQUITE FIREWOOD for sale. Will deliver. Call 573-9647 or 573-6792.

NOTHING DOWN, $70 Monthly, Ten Year Payout. Electric and Gas Trailer Lots. Hook-ups In. 573-5627.

RENT TO OWN: Satellites, $150 down. T.V.'s as low as $12 weekly. VCR's, $12 weekly. Microwave Ovens, $10 weekly. Stereos, $10 weekly. Used T.V.'s, we carry papers. Strickland's T.V., 2413 College Ave., 573-6942.

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2505 Ave U 573-0585
Come on in & ask for more details about our Lucky Winner Contest. We'll be open Thanksgiving Day, 2-6 p.m.

let your words do the talking
573-5486

280 BUY, SELL OR TRADE

WANT TO BUY: Portable Air Compressor, 2-8 Horse with Air Tank. 573-7529 after 5:00.

290 DOGS, PETS, ETC.

ALL BREEDS GROOMING: Scurry County Veterinary Clinic. 573-1717.

JUST IN Time For Christmas. 3 Pekingese Puppies. Call after 4:00, 573-3697.

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6 WEEK OLD Doberman Puppies for sale. $30 or best offer. 573-9802.

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310 GARAGE SALES

ESTATE SALE
Sat. Nov. 29th, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Turn East by Chevron Station off Hwy. 84. Watch for signs.
Hermleigh, TX
Antiques, furniture, glassware, stoves, dishes, piano and much more.

CARPORT SALE
2915 Ave B
Starts Thursday eve. 12:30 to Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Christmas gifts and lots more.

320 FOR RENT-LEASE

FIRST MONTH FREE!! Key Mobile Home Park. Water furnished. 573-2149.

FOR RENT: 108'x75' Mobile Home Lot. Fenced. Good location. Close to town. In West School District. Available December 1st. See at 2209 26th. Call 573-4448.

MOBILE HOME LOTS. Call 573-9001.

OFFICE SPACE for rent. 1904 37th. 573-4909 or 573-5285.

STORAGE SPACES for rent. Murry Storage. 573-7996 or 573-8085.

Come on out to ROYAL MOBILE HOME PARK and see what we have to offer you in our Family Community. We'll move your Trailer into our Park FREE and the first 6 months rent will be ½ price. Also, a Convenience Store with Gas and a Laundromat. 84 Bypass. 573-1711.

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325 APARTMENTS FOR RENT

NEW OWNER & UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
The Most for Your Money in Town!
Large 2 Bdrm Apts., furn. & unfurn. Over 1,000 sq. ft. of liveable floor space. Garages for your car this winter. Furnished w/utilities & SCAT paid, $250/mo. Pay by the month or ½ month. Unfurn. w/bills paid, $225. Unfurn. w/water paid, $150/mo.
CALL 573-4468 or 573-7388

ALL BILLS PAID. Extra large 4 room furnished Apartment. 1 bedroom. 500 28th. 573-8023, 573-8341.

2 BEDROOM, Upstairs Apartment. West Snyder. $275. All bills paid. Call 573-0614.

2 BEDROOM FURNISHED Apartment. $150 month. Bills partially paid. $50 deposit. Call 573-2871.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent. 2906 Avenue V. $275, bills paid. 573-9068.

1 BEDROOM FURNISHED Apartment. Bills paid. 2908 Avenue V. 573-9068.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Fully carpeted. No deposit. $150 per month. 573-6998.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT. Stove & Refrigerator. 2905 Ave Y. No pets. $35 a week. Call 573-6248 or 573-2316.

EXCLUSIVE, 1 Bedroom, Carpeted, Furnished, 1½ Bath, Bachelor Apartment. Bills Paid. 573-9888.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, furnished Apartment. Deposit required. Call 573-4268 after 6:00.

FOR RENT: Furnished two bedroom Coleman St. apartment. Rent $185.00. No pets. Call 573-0094.

FOR RENT: 3 Room Duplex Apartment, furnished. Lots of closet space. See at 3108 Ave V. Call 573-3974.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom, furnished Apartment. All bills paid. $250/month plus $50 security deposit. 2006 26th St. Call 573-4167.

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1 Bedroom from $181
2 Bedroom from $220
Major appliances, laundry facilities, central air & heat, total electric, designer decorated, water/sewer, garbage furnished, conveniently located.
Equal Housing Opportunity
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WESTERN CREST APARTMENTS
Under New Ownership
3901 Avenue O
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RATES REDUCED
Large 2 Bdrm Apts. Families Welcomed. All Kitchen Appliances. Cable & Circulating Hot Water Furnished. Washer & Dryer Connections Furnished. Swimming Pool, Sun Deck & Club House to Tenants. Playground Equipment for Little Ones.

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for Full Time Clerks in the Snyder Area
Must have Home Telephone, Reliable Transportation, Be Willing To Work Evenings and Week-ends, Must Be 21 Years Old, Polygraph. No previous Sales Experience Necessary but must have Good Work History. Good Benefit Package and the Opportunity for Advancement. Applications available at any Skinny's Location.

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Applications for immediate full time employment are being accepted by Builders Transport, Inc. The opening exist in our Rotan, TX Terminal, a Flat Bed Operation. Our Company requires a driver to be a minimum of 23 years of age, have 1 year of recent on the road experience, 6 year verifiable employment record, live within 100 miles of Rotan, TX and possess a safe driving record.

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TOWN HOUSE APARTMENTS

SUNSHINE VILLAGE
1 & 2 Bdrm Apts. 1 bdrm, $160 per mo. 2 bdrm, $225 per mo. All bills paid including cable for T.V. No pets, no more than 2 children in 2 bdrm. Laundry facilities. 306 28th St. Phone 573-1526 or 573-4468.

RENT REDUCED:
1 Bedroom, Furnished or Unfurnished. Water & Cable Paid. 573-0809.

GREAT PLACE TO BUY... SELL TRADE OR RENT 573-5486

330 HOUSES FOR RENT

BIG!!! 2½ Bedroom Unfurnished House. Kitchen Stove provided. Storage & Garage. 1411 College. 573-8023, 573-8341.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE with Carport, fenced backyard. Unfurnished. 3102 Ave C. $275 month. 573-9068.

1-3 BEDROOM, 1-2 Bedroom. Unfurnished Houses. Call 573-7132 or 573-9076.

2 BEDROOM UNFURNISHED House. West of Snyder. Clean, freshly painted. 573-7306.

2 BEDROOM HOUSES. 1801 39th & ½ block from High School. Call 573-4720.

1 BEDROOM UNFURNISHED House. Completely redone. $100 month. $50 deposit. Call 573-0073.

EXTRA NICE 2 Bedroom. Carpeted, fenced, fireplace, W/D connections. 573-5870.

EXTRA NICE 2 bedroom brick House on corner lot with a 3 Bay Carport & Utility Bldg., 10'x16'. Good quiet neighborhood. We'll furnished Electric Stove, Washer, Dryer, 1 Bedroom Suite and Dining Table. Central heat & A.C. No pets. $350 month. 3801 Noble Drive. Info at 3809 38th St. 573-9066.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom House. $225/month. 2 Bedroom Mobile Home, water furnished, $225/-month. 573-7129.

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FOR RENT: 1, 2 & 3 bedroom unfurnished Houses. Fenced Yards. $165-$275 per month. 573-8963.

UNFURNISHED 2 bedroom House w/2 living areas. Fenced backyard. Refrigerated Air & Central Heat. Washer/Dryer Connections. No pets. Deposit required. References must be furnished. 573-9047.

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335 MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2307 AVENUE I: extra large late model, 2 bedroom, 2 bath Mobile Home. Appliances and cable included. $250 per month. 573-9001.

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath Mobile Home with Washer, Dryer & Kitchen Appliances. Utilities furnished. $100 deposit. $275 month. Call 573-4474.

2 BEDROOM UNFURNISHED Mobile Home. Private Lot. Washer/Dryer furnished. $200 month. $50 deposit. 573-0073.

FURNISHED 2 Bedroom Mobile Home. Water furnished. No pets. Deposit required. 573-6644.

MOBILE HOME LOT for rent. 2411 O'Neil. All hookups. Cal after 4:00, 863-2409.

DUPREE RENTALS
1212 25th 573-9001
1909 Ave N, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, furnished, $160/mo.
1703 17th, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, washer, furnished, $160/mo.
1610 Ave R, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, furnished, $160/mo.
2106 Ave N, 3 bdrm, 1 bath, unfurnished, $180/mo.

340 MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

DEALER GOING Out Of Business. Selling New Homes for Lenders. Call 915-695-1706.

DAVID PERRY Mobile Homes: going out of business sale. All homes will be sold at or below invoice cost. Located on Access Road I20 at Tye Texas. 915-695-1706.

LITTLE OR NO CREDIT. I can put you in a New, Used or Repossessed Mobile Home. Ronnie, 806-763-5319 (collect).

SEE THE New Single Section Double Wide! On Display for your inspection. Access road I20, Tye, Texas. 915-695-1706.

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Do you want an agent who will work for you? Call SUE BIRDSALL and ask about our listings.

PRICE REDUCED: Round Top Acres. 10+ Acres. Will sell or trade. Call after 6:00 p.m., 817-629-2425.

WILLING TO NEGOTIATE. Brick, 3-2-2, fireplace. Bassridge. 573-0632.

BUYING? OR SELLING?
BEAVERS REAL ESTATE
100 E. Hwy.
Phillips 66 Center
PHONE 573-9472
*HOUSES FOR RENT
*PRICED LOW - Nice 3 Bdrm Home East School District
*FOR SALE 2 Bdrm, Garage, Fenced, NICE North Ave C
*BEAUTIFUL 2 Bdrm, Everything New and Immaculate
*THE PRICE IS RIGHT on this Family Home 3 Bdrm
*ARE YOU LOOKING FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY? See our Boothland Lots
*WE HAVE Rental Property for Sale
*FARMERS, RANCHERS, We have just the places for you! Come and see for yourself.
BEAVERS REAL ESTATE
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Jean Jones 573-2824
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FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, frame house. ½ Acre Ground, 2 Water Wells. 3 miles out. Call after 6:00 p.m., 573-3353.

BY OWNER: Excellent Location On Towle Park Road. Quality Built, Unique Features, Spacious Floor Plan. Priced To Sell Or Will Consider Trade. 573-9780.

HORSESHOE BAY-CONDO, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, priced to sell. Nicely furnished. Adjacent to Pro Shop and Golf Course. Phone 573-8473.

Elizabeth Potts Realtors
573-8505
College Ave. & 30th

BARGAIN BUY- 3766 Sunset, 3-2-2cp, den, 50's.
POOL AND HOT TUB- 2705 48th, 3-2-2, fpl, $114,900.00.
GREAT FAMILY ROOM- South of Park, 3-2-2, many extras.
EXCLUSIVE- 2901 Westridge, Lg. 3-2-2, $139,500.00.
EXCLUSIVE- 3781 Highland Drive, 3-2-2cp, 30's.
SOUTH OF SNYDER- 80 acres, some minerals.
EAST- 3-2 on 5 acres, barns, $75,000.00.
LOVELY YARD- 3615 41st, 3-2-2, fpl, 60's.
EL PASO ST- 3-2-2, lg. lot, Mid 60's.
NICE AND NEAT- 3507 40th, 3-1½-1, fenced, 50's.
EDGE OF CITY- lovely, 3-2-2, 80's.
PRICE IN 30'S- 3722 Austin, 3733 Sunset, 207 36th Pl., 809 E. 25th, 3901 Muriel Dr., 3729 Ave U, 3009 41st.
EQUITY AND ASSUME- 3 bd. 303 33rd, 2809 Ave D, 4104 Eastridge.
HANDYMAN'S DREAM- 3702 Highland, 3-1-1cp, $23,500.00.
EAST- 3-1, 204 35th, 415 30th, 20's.
COUNTRY HOMES- w/-acreage, Several now listed.
PRESTIGIOUS HOMES IN CEDAR CREEK ADD.
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AVAILABLE.
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Margaret Birdwell 573-6674
Loyd Hatcher 573-5891
Temi Matthies 573-3465
Elizabeth Potts 573-4245

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4102 College
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573-1755

CLOSE TO SCHOOLS.. 3109 39th, panel, carpet, mid 20's.
3605 40TH.. 3-2-2, brick, reduced to $53,000.00.
COUNTRY WEST.. 1 acre, 4-2-2, reduced to mid 50's.
MAKE OFFER.. 3215 40th, high 20's, reduced to sell now.
OWNER FINANCED STANFIELD AREA.. 3902 Muriel, 20T.
3113 AVE T.. equity drastically reduced, 3-2-2, brick.
3507 40TH.. reduced to high 40's.
CUSTOM HOME.. Towle Park Road, all the extras, new carpet, outstanding location, reduced price.
3725 ROSE CIRCLE.. 2-1-1, heat and air, 20's, immediate.
NORTHWEST.. 3-2-4, brick, total electric, 18 acres, 70's.
OWNER FINANCED.. 1909 Scott, 419 20th, easy terms.
BACK ON MARKET.. 3-2-2, outside west, 2200', 60's.
3782 DALTON.. central heat and air, good carpet, mid 30's.
EAST HIGHWAY STATION.. 15T.
COLONIAL HILLS.. large lot, 2803 35th, all extras.
3726 AUSTIN.. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large den, low 50's.
2807 AVE U.. brick, high 30's.
NORTH.. 80 acres, large home, pool, all extras.
OLD WEST.. 2806 Ave V, brick, 3-2-1, extra nice, 40's.
3615 41ST.. 3-2-2, brick, good area, sell now, 60's.
BASSRIDGE.. 4500 Garwood, 3-2-2, corner lot, $110,000.00.
Margaret Sherrod 573-3606
Joyce Barnes 573-6970

City REALTORS
4610 College Ave.
573-7100 **573-7177**

BEST LOCATION- 3-2-1cp w/-frplc, tastefully decorated.
REDUCED- w/new carpet, 3-1¾-½-2 game rooms, office, F.P. & storage.
2300 32ND- large two story Historic home, lots of space.
MOVE IN- one of these lovely new homes, 3-2-2.
NEW 3-2-2- large family area, owner consider trade.
3-2-2 POOL- sprinkler sys., land scaped & dec. by professionals.
SALE OR TRADE- 3-1-1, well insulated, storm wins.
NICE FIRST Home, 2-1, hard wood floors, some carpet.
NEW FENCE- 3-1-1cp. 111 N. Ash.
IN CUL-DE-SAC- 3-2-2, F.P., 3916 Eashridge.
LARGE ROOMS- 2-2-2, brick. A Beauty.
3-1-1- good location, 2213 40th.
LOTS OF LOTS IN TOWN- Land from 1 Acre to 300 Acres.
OFFICES & COMMERCIAL Buildings.
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EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS!!
NEW LISTING in Country. 6 plus Acres. Over 2,000 sq. ft.
LOVELY 3 bedr. 2 bath brick in Parkplace Addn. Low $70's.
LOOKS brand new. Close to Jr. Hi. 3 bedr. 2 bath. $70's.
WALK to High school, 4 bedr. large family room, $50's.
IMMACULATE condition, 3 bedr. 2 bath. Large den with rock fireplace. 3403 Irving.
CHARMING older home in Old West, completely remodeled. $62,000.
KERRVILLE Street, 4 year old house in like new condition, new sprinkler system. $67,000.
FARMS with or without houses on small and large acreage.
FHA AND VA homes available in all parts of town.
ESTABLISHED business or vacant commercial buildings. Call for details.
CLOSE to Park, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, brick. $78,000.
PRICE reduced! 3405 43rd St. 3 bedr. with living and Den.
DRIVE By, 4103 Kerrville, 3 bedr, 2 bath, double garage.
Lenora Boydstun 573-6876
Joan Tate 573-8253
Faye Blackledge 573-1223
Dolores Jones 573-3452
Howard Jones 573-3452

FOR SALE BY OWNER OWNER FINANCED
1, 2 & 3 bedroom Houses from $250-$340 down payment. With monthly payments of $250-$340 with Tax & Insurance paid. 573-8963.

190 ACRE FARM at reduced price. In Hermleigh Area. 235-5013.

3 BEDROOM HOUSE. Good location. 573-6816.

FDIC OWNED REAL ESTATE
FOR SALE BY SEALED BID ON 12-18-86
College Heights Shopping Center
Snyder, Texas
Minimum bid: $170,000.00
FOR BID PACKAGES AND FURTHER INFORMATION CALL OR WRITE
Margaret Chilton, FDIC, P.O. Drawer 5310, Lubbock, Texas 79417, 806-794-2008 ext. 368

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573-0614 573-2540

HOUSE & 5 ACRES
Extra nice, 4-2-2 brick with large den and fireplace. Several barns. East, owner eager to move. $81,500.
STANFIELD AREA
Three bedroom, 2 bath, brick, central heat and air, large backyard. Owner transfered. $64,000. Make an offer.
SOUTH OF PARK
3-2½-2 corner lot, all the extras. $110,000.
SOUTH WEST
3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick, fireplace, central heat and air. 1800 plus Sq. Ft. reduced to $62,000.
WALK TO ALL SCHOOLS
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, brick, too many extras to name. Owner needs to sell. 90's.
HIGH SCHOOL AREA
Nice three bedroom, 1 bath, clean as can be. $43,000 make an offer!
STARTER HOME
Close to high school on 40th St. 3-1-1, upper 30's.
GOLF FRONT LOTS
Only a few left facing the W.T. College golf course.
HUNTERS RETREAT
160 acres with deer, quail, dove. Plus extra nice 1 bedroom, furnished cabin with red wood deck. Large tank. Water well, fenced and on pavement. Fisher Co.
Linda Martin 573-1231
Mike Graves 573-2939
Lois Graves 573-2540

4 CHOICE LOTS: on Park Avenue and Austin. Call Beavers Real Estate, 573-9472.

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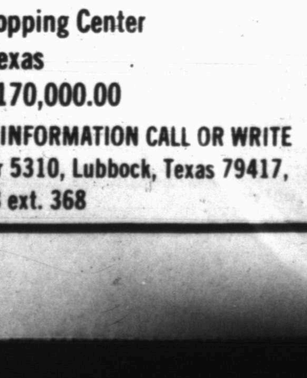


Speciality feline items set

DALLAS (AP) — Now even teetotaling tabbies can take a swig of Christmas cheer.

Catnip Liqueur, a non-alcoholic brew from the finest Texas vines, is a new after-dinner drink designed for felines by Dallasite Jenny Distler.

(Humans can nip at the slightly sweet, tea-flavored libation, too, Ms. Distler said, but the ingredient in catnip that stimulates cats makes people sleepy.)

Recommended mixers are milk or cream. And Ms. Distler suggests that the concoction be served in a shot glass.

The 16-ounce decanter of liqueur retails for $11.95 and will be available in local stores early next week. It is the newest product of Dallas-based CatHouse Fashions, which also manufactures and markets cat jewelry, clothing, perfume and furniture.

It was a void in the cat couture market that spurred Ms. Distler to start marketing feline fashions and accessories, she said.

"I had tried to find something fashionable for my cat," she said. "But there was nothing out there."

CatHouse Fashions won't put your puss in boots, but it will outfit him (or her) in a motorcycle jacket, velvet-lined fur cape or oversized turtleneck sweater. And that's just for winter. Ms. Distler, 34, plans to design a line of clothing and accessories for spring, summer and fall as well, using different colors and fabrics. Prices for the winter line range from about $9.95 for a bow tie to $40 for the skunk or rabbit cape to $45 for the biker jacket.

Although she admitted it was unusual, Ms. Distler said she has had reports of cats who actually like to wear clothes. Comfort is a primary consideration in her designs, Ms. Distler said.

Like most of CatHouse Fashions' clothing and accessories, the company's jewelry is available in large sizes for the truly fat cats. "There are a lot of cats in large sizes (that) never had anything," said Ms. Distler. "Never even a rhinestone collar," she added, earnestly.

Gold beads are the jewelry of choice for calicos, while silver looks best on a siamese, she said.

The jewelry costs between $8 and $15, except for genuine silver and turquoise pieces, which can run a doting pet owner between $40 and $60.

Marketing experts might quibble with the name of CatHouse Fashions' new perfume, but Ms. Distler said "Rappelle" is much more pleasant than it sounds. It has a cedar base, and is repellent only to fleas, not people. "It makes your cat smell just like a cedar closet," she said.

For a cat who's like a member of the family, Ms. Distler has designed a highchair that boosts the beast to table level and costs about $85. All of CatHouse Fashions' products are manufactured in the Dallas area, Ms. Distler said.

CatHouse Fashions will stage fashion shows with live models this weekend (Nov. 29 and 30) in the Dallas Convention Center, as part of the Dallas Cat Show.

Ms. Distler, a former computer programmer, started marketing cat products in September, after a necklace she designed for her own cat proved popular with friends and friends' felines. She is designing full time now.

Cat apparel allows pet owners to indulge their fashion fantasies, Ms. Distler said. "People frequently will put much wilder fashions on their cats than they will wear themselves," she said.

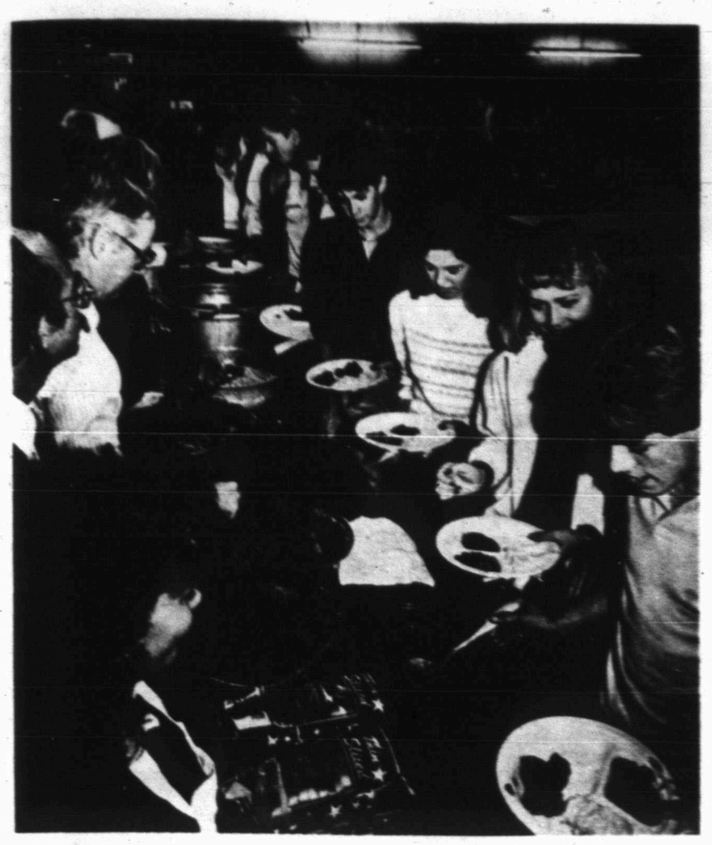
Incentives helped Texas car sales

AUSTIN (AP) — Business for Texas auto dealers boomed in September due to the low-interest and no-interest incentive programs offered by U.S. automakers, the Texas Automobile Dealers Association reported.

Because of the incentives, the state recorded a 21 percent increase in new vehicle registrations over the previous month, the association said Tuesday.

"The most recent registration numbers confirm our reports that the new car and truck showrooms were packed with buyers in September," said association president Gene Fondren.

New car registrations in September totaled 67,625, up from 55,864 during August, the group reported.



SENIORS VISIT WTC — Snyder High School seniors visited Western Texas College Tuesday morning and were treated to a barbeque luncheon in the college auto shop. Students pictured include (from right front) Sean Randolph, Shondra Robinson, Dawn Patrick, Darrell Williams, Rafe Hargrove, Greg Glass and Laura Fisk. College faculty members serving the visitors (at left) included Dr. Ed Barkowsky and Jim Palmer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Punch card voting problems cited

AUSTIN (AP) — Punch-card voting systems can be confounded by sophisticated computer experts or laymen armed with chewing gum, says a specialist who tests ballot systems used in Pennsylvania.

Michael Shamos of Pittsburgh told the House Committee on Elections Tuesday that the punch-card systems commonly used in Texas are frought with potential problems.

"It's axiomatic in the computer industry that all large computer programs include errors," he testified.

Shamos, an attorney and computer expert, is a voting systems examiner for the Pennsylvania Bureau of Elections, which tests systems used in that state.

Virtually all the systems have problems, he said.

"These problems, to me, are of nightmarish proportions," he told the state lawmakers.

The tests in Pennsylvania are relatively simple, sometimes using as few as 12 ballots, according to Shamos.

"We send in some ballots and see what comes out. You'd be amazed at the number of times these systems don't count a dozen ballots correctly," he said.

"The fact that a system works on small tests does not give me great confidence that there's not something funny going on on Election Day," he added.

Election Day "funny" business can range from sophisticated computer tampering to something as simple as a wad of gum strategically placed to plug up a hole on a punch card, according to Shamos.

In addition to fraud, punch-card systems are far from error-free, he said.

He said the best thing about punch cards is that they can be quickly counted. But he said the systems' susceptibility to fraud and error "present great dangers to the electorate." Shamos said many elections across the nation depend on a system developed by one company.

"Once you have central control you do have the possibility of central tampering," he said.

Shamos said punch cards make it difficult for voters to know when they've erred. And when they do realize they've made a mistake, he said they face the embarrassment of telling election officials "I'm stupid."

The committee is looking at the effect of computers on voting. Chairman Clint Hackney, D-Houston, said he is afraid computers have become an Election Day fixture without sufficient scrutiny from lawmakers and officials.

"There have been accusations of some problems in Texas," Hackney said.

Injury noted with accident

A Snyder woman was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital for treatment of possible neck and back injuries following a three vehicle collision at the intersection of 37th St. and Ave. V just after 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Listed as injured in the mishap was Wilma Dillard of 3502 Jacksboro Ave. She was a passenger in a 1983 Lincoln driven by her husband, Donald Dillard.

The Dillard vehicle was eastbound on 37th St. and stopped at the traffic light at 37th and V when it was struck from the rear by a 1981 Chevrolet driven by Teresa Gay Bawcum of 3104 40th St.

The Dillard car then struck a 1980 Buick driven by Thomas Thad LaRoux — also stopped at the light.

No other injuries were reported from the mishap.

Food bank established

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receive one sack of items per month. "Actually two bags are considered one sack," Harper explained. "We give the family one bag of staple food items like canned products and flour. Then, we also provide a bag of personal hygiene items like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and other items."

Harper also noted that files will be recorded for each family served. "Most of the people who have benefitted so far have been referred by the churches," he said.

Some 12 local congregations participate in the Ministerial Alliance.

Housing plan due application

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formal loan application will be submitted to FmHA district officials in Abilene. Ultimate approval will be required from the regional FmHA office in Temple.

Senior Citizens Inc. completed Phase I of Golden Terrace Village in July of 1985. That project was two years from conception to actual completion.

Part of this process, however, involved the location of a suitable site. The 4.3 acres eventually purchased is of a sufficient size to handle the 16 to 18 units involved in Phase II.

Since the land is already purchased, the overall cost of the project as well as the time required to complete it should be significantly reduced, project sponsors note.

The actual construction of the 24 units involved in Phase I took some nine months.

For Phase II, current plans are to offer mainly one-bedroom, duplex-style buildings.

Phase I included 24 housing units in duplex and quadraplex designs entailing one and two-bedroom structures.

Applicants rise for commodities

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cost to the county.

Assistant director Jean Smith noted that commodities must be ordered from the Austin office three months in advance. Because she requested a larger order for the year's final quarter, local officials only exhausted the supply of honey during the November distribution.

"We will carryover flour, cornmeal, powdered milk, butter and cheese into December," Shaw added.

Over 12 tons of additional food items are expected for December. The next distribution date is set for Dec. 16-17.

The Comstock Lode of silver and gold was discovered in Nevada in 1859.

Serbia's King Alexander and Queen Braga were assassinated in Belgrade in 1903.

3rd-graders have some advice for holiday turkeys

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — They read like words of wisdom for the weight-conscious going into the holiday season:

"Do not get fat."

"Go on a diet."

"Don't eat sweets like apple pie."

But these wise words are advice for Baby Turkey, as given by third-graders from Sam Houston Elementary School.

Baby Turkey is experiencing the most horrifying time for a young turkey: the days before Thanksgiving when farmers are out looking for that perfect bird for their Thanksgiving dinner.

Farmer Jones can be seen in Jacquelyn Ashbrook's third-grade classroom. With rifle in hand, Farmer Jones is pictured combing the woods for his dinner, and behind him Baby Turkey is hiding in a bush.

"What advice would you give to Baby Turkey?" Mrs. Ashlock asked her class.

Each essay begins, "Baby Turkey, watch out because Thanksgiving is coming...."

Some of the students, such as 8-year-old Dustin, stated the simple plea, "Please do not get fat," in the prose published in book form and given to their parents at the school's open house this month.

Other students explained why Baby Turkey should be his thinnest until after Thanksgiving on Thursday.

"Oh, don't get fat or Farmer Jones will get you and that is that," said Olivia Molina, 8.

"Be on a diet because he (Farmer Jones) doesn't eat turkeys that are skinny," according to Chris Johnson, 9.

And because it wasn't just Farmer Jones Baby Turkey had to fear but "pilgrams and Indians," too, disguises, places to hide and trips were also suggested.

"Go to the moon and no farmers are going to get you there," said Olivia Jane Castro, 8. "You better go to the weight watcher's room. Go to California."

"You could go to the garage. And you can hide in the hay stacks. Or hide in the truck. But you can't eat very much," said Bud, 9.

"Find a disguise or turn invisible so he will not see you. You've got to watch out, Baby Turkey," said 9-year-old Tonya Newsome. "If Farmer Jones finds you, you will get killed. You will not live to see the sunshine anymore."

Some closings into weekend

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library and health unit.

State agencies to remain closed Friday include the driver's license office, the Texas Employment Commission and the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

Both the Scurry County Museum and the Diamond M Museum of Fine Art will be closed Friday and the weekend also.

Goodfellows

Scurry County families may apply for Goodfellow food donations by filling out this form. The deadline to apply is Dec. 5. Applications should be mailed to: Goodfellows; P.O. Box 676; Snyder, Tx. 79549.

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Obituaries

David Wishert

GUSTINE, Texas–Services for David Wishert, 65, of Gustine, former Snyder resident, will be at 10 a.m. Friday. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery in Gustine.

He died Tuesday evening in Hamilton Hospital. He was born Jan. 6, 1921 in Mitchell County, Tex.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby; two sons, Arthur and Allen Lloyd, both of Odessa; two daughters, Gloria Nell Beets and Patsy Ruth Jones, both of Odessa; one step-daughter, Betty Davis of Springtown; one brother, A. P. Wishert of Snyder; and a number of grandchildren.

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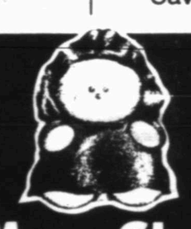

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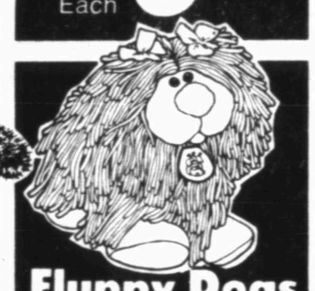

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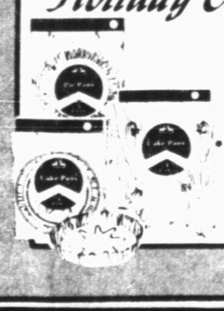

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Sapphire owner not going to buy Rolls

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — Roy Whetstine, who pulled what experts call the world's largest uncut sapphire out of a grab box, isn't running out to buy a Rolls-Royce with the profits of his $10 purchase.

Whetstine is putting the 1,905-carat gem, bought from a rock dealer who thought it was one of his less attractive junk stones from Idaho, in a trust fund for his two sons.

"We're normal people and we work for a living," said Whetstine, a wholesale gem dealer. "It's phenomenal that a dadgum little pebble in God's universe found its way to us."

Since Whetstine went public with his find earlier this month, he and agent Jim Griffin, a Longview jeweler, have fielded preliminary inquiries from representatives of two Middle Easterners and an investors' group from Chicago.

Whetstine has a simple explanation for how he obtained the stone — "a miracle."

"I really, truly believe God was behind it all," he said.

The sapphire, officially named "The Life and Pride America's Star," was a fairly well guarded secret for nine months until Whetstine had experts verify that he had indeed picked up one of history's most extraordinary gems.

The name summarizes how Whetstine, 47, regards the stone.

"The life is the security it will represent for my boys and the fact that I don't have to worry about their lives being taken care of," said Whetstine, who has undergone 10 heart bypasses. "Pride (as) in pride of ownership and pride that it was found in this country."

The stone, which has been appraised at $2.28 million, is on the market for $1.5 million.

"That's not to say that if we get a couple of fellows trying to get it, the price couldn't go higher," Whetstine said.

Just how big is the stone?

"The average size of rough (stone) that is found is 12 to 15 carats and under," Whetstine said. "This stone weighs 1,905 carats."

According to Whetstine, the only two sapphires comparable to his sons' are the Star of India and the Star of Queensland, both on display at the Smithsonian Institution. He said the stone could bring $10 million to $15 million after it is cut.

The story began when his two sons, Johnathan, 11, and Stephen, 4, each gave him $5 for a rock from a gem show last February in Tucson, Ariz. He almost didn't go, but changed his mind at the last minute so he could visit his sick father.

Whetstine said he isn't sure exactly why he went to a hotel hosting the rock dealers instead of gem sellers, why he went through the back door and why he wound up in the room being used by a dealer from Idaho.

The light-bluish sapphire — which was in a box marked "Your Choice $15" — seemed to be waiting for him, he said.

"I went by the first two rooms on either side of me and went into a third room, straight to the window and saw the stone and saw the end of the stone glowing," he said.

After taking a couple of minutes to compose himself, Whetstine asked the dealer if he really wanted $15 for the stone. The dealer, who suggested there were better rocks to be found, wasn't in a mood to argue.

He took $10 for the stone.

Whetstine said he's since talked to the dealer, whose identity he protects at the man's request.

"He said, 'Roy, I'm tickled to death for you. I hope you get $15 million for it,'" Whetstine said.

Secrecy was needed until Whetstine and Griffin had the stone verified and appraised and arranged for insurance. Appraisal and documentation cost several thousand dollars, Whetstine said.

English supporters turn to Democrats

AUSTIN (AP) — The American Ethnic Coalition, which convinced the State Republican Executive Committee to adopt a resolution calling for adoption of English as the official language, now has set its sights on state Democrats.

"I have confidence that even though it may take awhile, the Democrats are going to come into line with the Republicans because it's so logical," said Bill Toney of Nacogdoches, chairman of the Democratic caucus of the American Ethnic Coalition.

Texas Democratic Chairman Bob Slagle Thursday called the resolution "tomfoolery," and gave it little chance of winning approval from the State Democratic Executive Committee.

He said supporters of the resolution seem like "a bunch of people who are probably paranoid and who believe there's a bunch of people in dark, dank cellars plotting to make them speak Spanish."

The American Ethnic Coalition, largely a Texas organization, was formed on the Fourth of July. Its chairman, Lou Zaeske of Bryan, said the organization's purpose is "to prevent the division of America along ethnic lines."

A constitutional amendment making English the nation's official language would go a long way toward preventing that division, Zaeske said.

"Every other ethnic minority took pride in embracing English as the the language of their new country. But now we are being increasingly populated by immigrants, many of them illegal, who feel entitled to be educated and live their whole lives in the language of their native countries," said Zaeske, an engineer.

The coalition includes "several thousand" members, all of whom can trace their families to ethnic groups, Zaeske said. Zaeske said he is half-Czech, and "I speak English with almost no accent at all."

Toney, a retired professor who most recently taught criminal justice at Grambling State University in Louisiana, said his attempts to push language resolutions at precinct and county Democratic conventions in Texas were rebuffed.

"I believe that I was sandbagged by school teachers and professors. Bilingual teachers are fearful they might have to find a job and go to work somewhere," Toney said.

Toney was a delegate at this year's state Democratic convention, but made no progress there with the resolution.

"It is better for any nation to have a single language. Throughout history, the great nations have had a single official language. The Romans had Latin. The ancient Greeks had Greek. The English, during the days of the British Empire, had English. And throughout the history of the United States we have had English," Toney said.

Asked about his ethnic background, he said, "The Toney side of my family is English. I also have some Scotch ancestry. I might have some Irish ancestry, I'm not sure. I do have some French ancestry."

He said he is fluent in Spanish.

Toney discounted complaints from Hispanics who have vociferously opposed the resolution approved last Saturday by the State Republican Executive Committee.

"As long as they stay down in the border areas and speak Spanish and limit their associations, they are always going to be in an area with low income, high unemployment, high illiteracy and a high percentage of bilingual education," he said.

Zaeske said opposition to the resolution has also come from politicians who want to create a "cultural apartheid" by allowing immigrants to remained "trapped in their own heritage."

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Two of the original dozen known copies of this first Christmas card are part of the 40,000-card Hallmark Historical Collection, according to its curator, Sharron Uhler.

"The Christmas card-sending custom has weathered war, economic turmoil and vast social changes spanning well over a century," she says.

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Highway signs sale reminder of past glory

PAMPA, Texas (AP) — It was a long, narrow, sometimes lonely straight stretch of road that sliced through the Panhandle; its boredom broken by spectacular views of small canyons and welcome stops at small towns.

And always, there were those white, shield-shaped signs that reminded drivers where they were: Route 66.

Today, cars and trucks zip along that same route, now Interstate 40, past McLean, Alanreed, Groom and the towns to the west. Parts of old Route 66 have become access roads or small town "drags," other parts have decayed.

And the signs, which epitomized the mobility of mid-century America, have all been taken down and locked into storage.

The 277 signs went on the auction block Saturday at the Austin City Coliseum as part of the state's auction of surplus stock.

The signs have been in storage since the last Route 66 signs in Texas were taken down near NcLean last year.

The signs are only 2- or 3-foot pieces of aluminum or steel. But to residents and merchants in the small towns that thrived from Route 66 business, they represented more than just the name of a highway. To many, the highway was how they made their living.

In Alanreed, Joe Cooke sells "bone animals" from a small box next to the cash register of his restaurant-gift shop on the Alanreed exit of I-40. The animals are little figurines of armadillos, elephants, birds and lions. His counter top is cluttered with other gifts — weenie dog pens with long sequined bellies, turquoise earrings, even some Santa Claus dolls.

Other shelves are lined with wooden toothpick holders, Indian dolls, plastic coin purses — the same curios that are sold at similar shops in other states, only these are stamped TEXAS. There's a small rack of clothes on one side of the store and a place to pick up microwaved snacks on the other. A small restaurant is in the middle.

"Over there is the Alanreed post office," Cooke says, pointing to a letter scale, a cabinet of postal boxes and a canceling machine located near the clothes rack.

"This is it now," Cooke adds. "Just the store, the motel, and the Alanreed Garage down the street."

Cooke, 61, remembers busier times for Alanreed, which has never been an incorporated town.

"There was a bank here at one time, and a hotel. A bar, which was probably the only one in this part of the country," he recalls.

"There were some people who died at the hotel because they drank anti-freeze," he says. "You can't drink that methyl alcohol."

Cooke has lived in the Alanreed area nearly all his life.

"I was here when they put Route 66 up through here in the mid-1930s," he says. "They laid the last link of concrete at Jericho Gap between here and Groom."

At the time, the "new" highway posed as much of a threat to the Alanreed economy as I-40 does. Before U.S. 66 was laid between Chicago and Los Angeles, Alanreed thrived from the Rock Island Railroad.

"We shipped 103 carloads of watermelons out of here on the railroad," he says. "The Rock Island Line used to come through here, but the trucking took it away."

Business was in decline well before the interstate by-passed the town. Better access to Pampa and Amarillo drew people out of town shortly after World War II. The last senior class was graduated from Alanreed High School in 1955, although an elementary school still has an enrollment of 37. A run-down shack with a "Live Rattlesnakes" sign in front boasts of a tourism industry that is no more.

"There's no future, except us," Cooke says as local customers Sid and Orville Keese nod their agreement. "And we're getting pretty old."

In Groom, Betty West and her daughter, Alice Welles, operate the Rock House folk art gallery from an old house just off Groom's main I-40 exit. There, they conduct art classes and sell handcrafts. Drop-in business is slow now, so Mrs. Welles must rely on mail-order sales and sales to downstate consignment shops for much of her business. Near the front entrance is a map where visitors poke pins to designate their hometowns.

Mrs. Welles opened the gallery in 1980, when Groom was hit with the loss of its hospital, its railroad service and its Route 66 traffic.

Before that, Mrs. West and her husband, Jack, operated the Groom Truck Terminal on the west side of town, on Route 66. They tried to keep the truck stop open for another two years after the highway lost its traffic, but they had to close in 1982.

"With Jack, it was like getting rid of a child," Mrs. West says, adding that her husband decided then to retire rather than move his business to the interstate exit.

"We kept real busy," she said. "We were open 24 hours, seven days a week, so our business was a home away from home for truckers. We not only made customers, we made a lot of friends.

High-tech has infiltrated new dolls

High-tech has infiltrated infant infatuations. Dolls are now not only hugged and squeezed, but programmed.

The new ones being promoted for the holiday season talk and walk with microcomputer-based "artificial intelligence." Interactive is the operative word.

Take "Baby Talk" from Lewis Galoob Toys, for example. The 18-inch doll is voice-activated, with varied vocal responses in addition to animated facial expressions. She asks to be picked up, lets you know when she wants to eat, then says "more, Mommy" if she doesn't get enough. She says, "I'm sleepy" and automatically shuts herself off if left alone for a short time.

A companion is "Smarty Bear," who answers with "Positively," "You're the greatest," "For sure," and "Hey, turn me over" when held upside down, among its 16 programmed responses. He giggles, too, when "activated" in a ticklish spot, like real people.

Not all is high-tech, however. Old-fashioned batteries, of course, are necessary — four C batteries and four AA batteries.

The high-tech doll market this year also offers "Teddy Ruxpin" and "AG Bear" from World of Wonder. They mouth in sync with audio cassettes.

Dolls of a different sort:

"Hal's Pals" are specially designed for disabled children. Mattel, Inc., has formed a not-for-profit corporation called For Challenged Kids by Mattel, Inc. to produce and market "Hal's Pals," five 19-inch, soft-sculptured dolls, each with a different disability.

"Hal," for instance, is a ski instructor with one leg. One of his pals is a dancer who wears a hearing aid; another wears leg braces and walks with canes.

All anticipated profits from sales of the dolls will be distributed to organizations for children with disabilities, says Arthur S. Spear, chairman-office of the chief executive, Mattel, Inc.

The "Veggies" are soft-sculpture dolls in the shape of fruits and vegetables. Graphics designer Kim Foster says she created the prototypes out of actual produce.

They include Cornelia Husk, resembling an ear of corn, ballerina Zuccarina (zucchini), Sheriff Damon Onion, and Tony Scallione (scallion).

"Fluppy Dogs" and "Fluppy Puppies" are shaggy dog dolls created by Kenner-Parker Toys in conjunction with Walt Disney Productions.

Kenner is also introducing "Shimmers" fantasy dolls. And their "Care Bears" are back.

"JEM" is a new rock 'n' roll fashion doll, from Hasbro. She and her musical group, "The Holograms," have their own songs on an audio tape cassette that comes with the dolls.

Smokey the Bear, the watchbear of forest fires, is now 42 years old. He's available as a soft, child-safe teddy bear, a stuffed replica in three sizes.

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Raising contributions top priority in museum project

CARTHAGE, Texas (AP) — When the Panola County Heritage Society bought the old First National Building in 1981, its members had preservation and conservation in mind.

Today, preservation and conservation are still important, but raising money to fund the work is first and foremost.

"We decided to buy the building and make it into a museum," said Dr. Helen Williamson, president of the society. "We knew we couldn't do much without cash flow but we did want to save it."

Mrs. Williamson said funds for the purchase came from the generosity of county residents.

The group managed to raise $40,000. "We hired Museum of Arts of Dallas," Mrs. Williamson said, but the report was troubling: Start up costs were estimated at $150,000. "That's where we hit our snag."

Mrs. Williamson said the society soon began planning ways the building could make money. "In 1982, we decided we could open it up as a tea room.

The "Texas Tea Room" (as it is named today) was modeled after the 1886 Room in Austin. It features historic artifacts from Panola County, arranged freely around the former bank's first floor.

Marshall Architect George Rodgers helped design the tea room. Slone Construction Co. did the inside renovation.

In 1983, the society set out a three-year plan for the building, deciding the tea room would be the first phase. "We needed some money coming in," Mrs. Williamson said.

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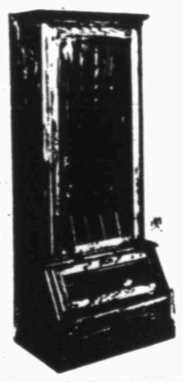

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Hard facts of sharecropper's life recorded

ARCOLA, Texas (AP) — The winter of 1925 was a bitter one for Robert Ranson Rogers.

He was a sharecropper and at 40 years of age, he had made and lost his nest egg several times over.

On Christmas Day 1925, Rogers recorded the facts of his sharecropper's life in his diary:

"Has a wife, two small children, living in Brummer in a rent house. No steady job. Behind with the rent. Behind with insurances. No wood, no groceries. Watch in soke for $5. Car in bad shape, no license. Horse on hand no feed. Hog on hand no feed. Only $1.45 in cash. Good-bye."

Although Rogers' tenacity brought him back from the dire straits of that Christmas, the words, read 61 years later, make his daughters want to weep.

"Oh, what a shame. Lord have mercy," said Emma Rogers, nodding her head slowly from side to side as she read the battered brown diary. "That is so sad."

Now 54, Emma was 11 months old when her father died in 1933 and she knew him only through family stories and memories passed down from her mother, Virginia, who died in 1970.

But last summer, the old brown diary fell out of a storehouse wall workers were tearing down near Arcola in southeast Fort Bend County. One of the workers passed the book on to Houston resident Anthony Faultry, a Hughes Tool Co. employee and a history buff who was born in Arcola.

Faultry, 51, was fascinated with Rogers' beautiful handwriting and the way the sharecropper painstakingly recorded every penny spent over a seven-year period.

In the fall of 1920, for example, Rogers purchased three winter undershirts, winter boots, winter dress shoes and one hand saddle for a total price of $25.

In March 1924, Rogers bought a Ford touring car for $165.

Two months later, he returned the car owing $115.

"He wrote down everything, even his underwear," said Faultry. Found along with the diary was a scrapbook containing old clippings and hundreds of yellowed "Mutt & Jeff" comic strips cut from the Houston Chronicle.

Faultry's first thought was to turn the treasure over to an area museum, but he decided to check if Rogers had any relatives in the Houston area.

He left his telephone number with a few acquaintances in Arcola. They eventually tracked down Emma Rogers and her sisters, Robbie Harris, 64, and Ruby Rogers, 58, all from Houston.

When Faultry met two of the sisters recently at Mrs. Harris' southeast Houston home, it turned into a reunion.

Miss Rogers and Mrs. Harris grew up in the same Arcola neighborhood where Faultry was born. They remembered Faultry and his mother, who was nicknamed "Honey."

"I never would have believed this," said Miss Rogers, balancing the heavy book on her lap while she quizzed Faultry on his contacts in Arcola. With the diary before them, the sisters used their father's carefully recorded facts and figures to recall his hard-working, relatively short life.

Robert Ranson Rogers had four daughters from his marriage to Virginia Martin, and one son — now dead — from a previous marriage.

His fourth daughter, Verna Thurman, 62, lives in Chicago. Mrs. Harris said she remembered her father holding Verna in his arms as he spoke in front of a church congregation.

"He was a very educated person," said Mrs. Harris, "and he was a very religious man. He really loved his kids. He would take care of us just like my mother would. He would comb my hair."

Mrs. Harris said her mother spoke of meeting Rogers at a Saturday night supper at a community roadhouse.

"They stayed in a little community called Duke — those were plantations," said Mrs. Harris. "Where they were born, there's nothing there anymore. They all vanished."

Brummer, where the family survived Christmas 1925, is thought to have been a plantation community near Fresno in east Fort Bend County, although there is no record of it today.

Mrs. Harris was barely 11 years old when her father died of what she now believes was pneumonia. She pointed out the diary entry recording the birth of Robert Lee Rogers in 1922. Her father named her Robert because he was sure the baby would be a boy, Mrs. Harris said.

She changed her name to Robbie before high school.

"I didn't want the children ribbing me," Mrs. Harris recalled.

During some years, Rogers made a small profit from his cotton farming, but other years he ended up owing money to the land's owner.

The diary listed total debts at $382.50 in 1922. It was a hard year.

Rogers wrote a letter to Sears Roebuck & Co. in Dallas on July 27, "regards to sick wife and no money. Will have to return phonograph. Waiting for instructions."

The company extended his payment time, and there is no record the sharecropper had to return the phonograph, which cost about $13.50.

In October 1924, Rogers moved his family to the Brummer site owing $209.70 with total cash on hand $20. His cotton crops for 1922-1924 made him nearly $275, most of it eaten up by expenses.

On page 407 of the diary, Rogers recorded he made $4,318.57 over a 10-year period.

Mrs. Harris remembers moving at least three times as a child when her father found another farm to sharecrop.

The sisters say they don't remember ever going hungry.

"They used to ask me, 'Do I remember the Depression in the '30s?' and I said 'No, I don't remember the Depression because we always had lots of food,'" Mrs. Harris says. "When he died, we had hogs and chickens and stuff."

Of her parents, she says, "We were so devoted to them. They just brought us up with what was right."

She admitted to being one of the young artists who drew stick figures of people going to church in the blank spaces of her father's diary.

"I don't remember it, but I'm sure I did, because our dad let us do anything," Mrs. Harris said, smiling fondly at the childish scrawls in the diary.

In a "Memorandum of what must be done in 1922 in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ," Rogers recorded dreams and goals within the 16-inch by 10-inch cardboard covers of his diary that he never got a chance to fulfill.

He promised to move into a larger house, install a telephone, advertise for a steady position, have all his teeth fixed and buy a Ford car.

His final dream was "to purchase a small country home and five acres."

He never had the chance to buy his country home, but long after his death, his wife did buy a small house in Arcola. The sisters still own the land, although the house burned after their mother died.

The diary surfaced in an old storehouse tucked in the back of the property.

"After he died, I guess Mama just packed the diary down in a trunk," Miss Rogers said. She grimaced at the carcass of a dead spider smashed between two pages. "Mama might have thrown the book down on it," she laughed. "She was so scared of all kinds of bugs."

Faultry has turned the diary over to Rogers' daughters.

"I would like to preserve it as best we could," said Mrs. Harris. "I would like to just keep it in the family."

Medics are caring for injured in desolate West Texas lands

TERLINGUA, Texas (AP) — In the rugged, mountainous desert country of West Texas, John Alexander found a need and filled it.

He came to this mercury mining ghost town in the remote Big Bend area, just a stone's throw across the Rio Grande into Mexico, and saw there was no medical help for a hundred miles around. So he became a paramedic and started Terlingua Medics Inc., the non-profit corporation he heads. "I also wash bottles and bedpans," he said.

Now he needs two things: money to expand the service and time to kick back and enjoy at least a day of rest every week.

"This is a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week operation," said Alexander, 34. "We need to take time off. But we can't just close up shop on Fridays. We're needed here."

He has teamed up with Ann Carr, a 32-year-old licensed vocational practical nurse from West Virginia who was on her way to Silver City, N.M., in 1981 with a friend when she stopped in Texas.

"It was real cold and we saw the Chihuahuan Desert on a map and took a left turn," she said. "I never wanted to leave."

She first found a job at the hospital in Alpine and later worked in a Terlingua restaurant. Then she and Alexander met and have been together since.

The Big Bend area, home of the national park by the same name, is made up of three counties — Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis. That's 12,284 square miles of canyons, cactus and arid flatlands festooned by ribbons of green hugging the course of the Rio Grande. Brewster alone, with 6,169 square miles, is the largest county in Texas.

"It's the size of Connecticut and Rhode Islands with some miles left over," said County Judge Tom Connor, who holds the highest administrative office in Brewster County.

Flanked by Study Butte and Lajitas, Terlingua is just outside the western reaches of Big Bend National Park and close to the river, which marks the boundary between Texas and Mexico. The three small settlements are within a 15-mile stretch of each other on Texas Ranch Road 170.

An estimated 300 people live in the three-village area, their homes clustered behind a few restaurants and stores or among the dusty back hills. Presidio is 50 miles to the west, while Alpine and the nearest hospital is about 80 miles north.

It's only in recent years that the area has started to become attractive to retirees, and developers are begining to cash in on it. Before Alexander established the Terlingua Medics in 1980, the sick and injured didn't get any medical help until they reached Alpine.

"It's essential," Connor said of the help Alexander and Ms. Carr provide. "It's a remote desert country. They do a tremendous job."

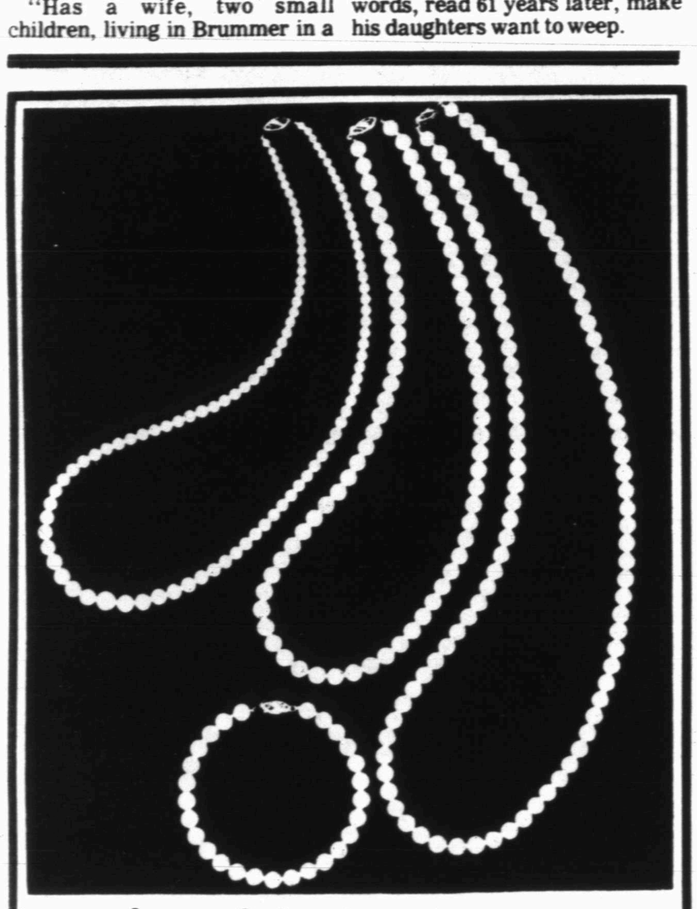
William Pate, one of seven doctors in Alpine, remembers when injured or sick tourists from the park, as well as area residents, would be brought to Alpine on a hearse that pulled double duty as an ambulance.

"The only ambulance service was run by the local funeral home," said Pate, 43. "Most people would come in in the back of a pickup truck or in an old hearse painted white with a red cross on top. That was as recent as the early 70s and nearly all of the 60s."

The hospital just recently acquired an ambulance but it is only used for transporting seriously ill patients from Alpine to bigger hospitals in Midland and Odessa, about three hours away.

"We get all kinds of injuries — auto accidents, horse injuries, gunshot wounds, you name it," said Pate, who called the Terlingua Medics' services "critical."

Brewster County gives Terlingua Medics $10,200 a year, and they get $50,000 annually from the Big Bend park, Alexander said.



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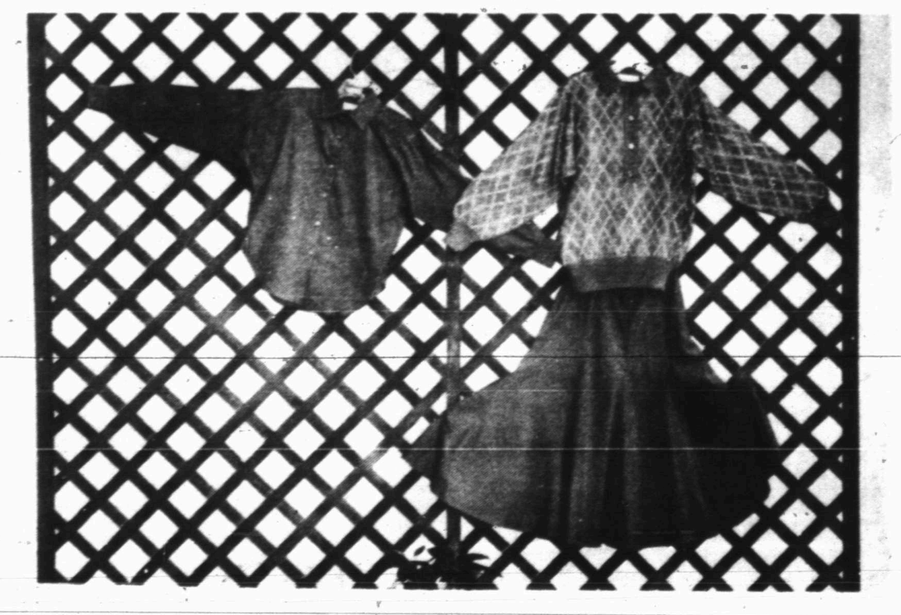

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Henderson residents to save man's shop

HENDERSON, Texas (AP) — The late Jesse Rogers did more to help keep homes and businesses clean than probably anyone else in Rusk County.

And he built a name and a reputation for himself in the process — one that some Henderson residents want to preserve for future generations.

Rogers, who was blind, made household brooms, warehouse brooms and mops for many years in a modest shop here. He sold his wares across the area, and many of his products are still in use, his widow, Elberta, says.

Rogers has been dead for more than a year, and a long-time friend, Oliver Jones, wants to preserve his shop as a museum.

"I want to move the building or part of the building to the library and set it aside as a museum in his memory," Jones says.

Jones has appeared before the Rusk County Commissioners Court and the Henderson City Council to request funds to help move the shop to the grounds of the Rusk County Memorial Library grounds, which already are home for a variety of other historic items, from a log cabin to a three-hole outhouse.

Jones estimated it would cost from $2,000 to $3,000 to move the building.

He said some of Rogers' equipment is antique and it would be educational for people to see the processes involved in making brooms and mops.

Rogers' shop and equipment are an important part of Rusk County history, Jones said, particularly for the black community where Rogers was well-known.

"I think he should be recognized for what he accomplished. Not too many blind people have accomplished what he did," Jones said. "His memory should linger on instead of letting it die in one spot."

For 47 years Rogers worked diligently in the shop behind his house at 407 Biggers St. in Henderson, his hands moving across the green straw with a familiarity born from years of experience.

Blinded in an accident as a young boy living in Laneville, Rogers attended a school for the blind in Austin and learned how to make the brooms and mops and also how to cane chairs, Jones said.

If he had received immediate medical attention after he got a stick in his eye while playing, Rogers could probably saved his sight, Jones said.

"At that time, people didn't go to doctors, especially black people. They didn't have the money. They just used home remedies and stuff," Jones said.

Rogers plied his trade for many years in Henderson, selling his products to schools, businesses and individuals in the Rusk County area.

He also supplied brooms and mops for the Henderson Lions Club's annual Broom and Mop Sale, Jones said.

"I don't have any idea (how many brooms Rogers made), but he made a many of them," Mrs. Rogers said. She still has one of his brooms that she uses around the house.

Rogers' shop has been silent for months.

After Rogers' death, Mrs. Rogers said a young man who had been a student of her husband's finished up the materials Rogers left behind. She sold the warehouse brooms, but has a stack of the household brooms and mops in a back corner of her residence.

Mrs. Rogers says she wants something to be done to keep the structure from deteriorating and falling apart.

She says she believes it should be preserved "because my husband tried hard — and he made a living out of it for he and his family."

White-haired cyclists have purpose

STEPHENVILLE, Texas (AP) — Generally speaking, when one thinks of a motorcyle rider, the notorious Hell's Angels may suddenly pop into view, or perhaps the image of Peter Fonda as he appeared in "Easy Rider."

That's why it may be shock to some people who pull up beside a Honda 1200 and get a glimpse of the glistening white heads of Don and Bobbye Bullington, who are far removed from the typical "bike rider" scene.

The Bullingtons may be dressed in typical motorcycle attire, including denim vests, boots and blue jeans, their lives differ considerably from the biker images that most often come to mind.

Residents of Stephenville since last August, the Bullingtons say they find great pleasure and excitement in climbing onto the seat of their oversized Honda and taking off on one of their many trips. But they say they find even greater pleasure in their membership in the Christian Motorcycle Association.

"We have a lot of fun in CMA," said Bullington, 64, who is a retired owner of a computer sales company. "We also find great fellowship and many rewards in our association with other CMA members," he said.

He said the association based in Hatfield, Ark., has an international membership of at least 23,000. The Bullingtons joined in 1981 and started the first chapter of CMA in Granbury.

Bullington explained that the purpose of CMA is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with motorcyclists throughout the United States and other countries, and often holds rallies for that purpose.

"We aren't always well received by some of the motorcyclists but we go anyway because we feel we have a mission there," said Mrs. Bullington.

The Bullingtons say they became interested in riding motorcycles together in 1972.

"At that time, we were both involved in flying. We traveled everywhere by plane," said Bullington, a Navy pilot during World War II and later a commercial crop dusting pilot. "However, in 1972, aviation fuel became very expensive. Some of the members in our flying club began to turn to motorcycle riding as a means of traveling because it was cheaper."

The motorcycle hobby was actually his wife's idea, he said, and the first trip, an excursion with three other couples to Colorado, was quite an adventure.

"We didn't even get thirty miles before we thought we were going to die. We were already so sore from being out of shape and all, and the bad part was that we had four thousand miles to go!" Mrs. Bullington said.

But the Bullingtons did not give up easily. They succeeded in conditioning themselves to their new mode of transportation and have been riding together ever since, most often camping out as they go.

Bullington was no motorcycle novice when the couple made it a joint hobby. He bought his first bike at the age of 15.

"I was working at a service station in Hoquiam, Wash., back in 1936," Bullington said, "when a man came in selling some stock and he also wanted to sell his motorcycle. Well, I bought the stock and the motorcycle for $100. The funny thing is that I'd never even been on a motorcycle before and I worried myself sick the rest of the day about how I was going to get the thing home."

He gained enough expertise to become the Oregon State Champion for track racing for two consecutive years in 1947-48. "But by 1950, I had matured a lot and gave up riding for the next 30 years."

The longest trip the Bullingtons have taken on the motorcycle was 6,220 miles within a three-and-one-half-week period, but one of their best stories comes from a trip much closer to home.

"We were in a big hurry to go camping at a new place we'd heard of near Marble Falls, Texas," Bullington recalled. "We were slightly breaking the speed limit to get there when all of the sudden I saw a highway patrolman sitting down at the bottom of a hill. I knew I was caught so I went ahead and pulled over and as the officer came up to us, we both took off our helmets. He took one look at our crops of snow-white hair and said, 'Oh, no. I feel like I'm arresting my grandparents!'"

Market in New Orleans said only one to sell live poultry

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tailfeathers spread wide and breast and back fluffed into an immense feather ball, the big white tom turkey struts through his harem in a tiny fenced yard in the middle of New Orleans.

A hundred or more chirping white turkey hens are crowded with him behind Universal Meat Market, a 40-year-old store in a neighborhood of weather-beaten businesses and homes.

"We're the only ones in the city that sell live poultry," says Anna Ricks, a 68-year-old widow who started Universal with her husband. "When I started, there were several. I mean, there were about 60 or 70 of them."

More turkeys and about 50 chickens, also white, stare from cages lined and stacked on the sidewalk in front of the store. Another 150 or so chickens are caged near the back door.

The turkeys blink and make noises that people unused to turkey on the claw would never associate with the Thanksgiving bird.

Turkeys gobble, right? Wrong. At least, not most of the time. Most of the time, they chirp and squeak, with an occasional almost bark-like cluck. A few do gobble back when Norman Hernandez, a 27-year-old who works around the place, gobbles at them.

The chickens' soft, meditative clucks are reassurance that, back when you were two or three years old, your parents weren't wrong about all the barnyard noises.

Thanksgiving is several days away, but most of the turkeys are already sold to people who will have them killed a day or two before the holiday.

"They'll all be gone by Thanksgiving. They'll be gone before then," Mrs. Ricks said.

Not only are her birds free from any preservatives, she says, but she buys only from farms where no chemicals of any sort are put in their feed.

"Once you eat one of these live birds, you won't never go back to a dressed one," says Mrs. Ricks, a stong, stumpy, white woman.

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Range veteran says he likes being cowboy

POST, Texas (AP)--Tagging along with his father to a neighboring ranch for round-up, 6-year-old Timp Browning got a quarter, sometimes 50 cents, for a day in the saddle.

By the time he was 12, he was drawing the man-sized dollar a day.

He's been in the saddle ever since and plans to stay there until he can't climb aboard a horse.

At 62, he has 15,000 acres of Rocker A range to ride just south of Post and spends six days in the saddle checking steers in three pastures and heifers in another three, keeping leased range going for Earl Chapman.

"Sometimes, I ride on Sunday, too," Browning said, eyes twinkling as they skipped across the corral to open space as far as he could see. "I really enjoy being a cowboy, ain't worth a hoot for nothin' else."

He quotes his mother as saying he was riding solo by the time he was 18 months old, holding to the saddle horn on a horse "too worn out for grownups to ride" as he trailed behind his parents on ranch chores.

Whatever his father did on the combination farm and ranch — planting and harvesting, working cattle, riding the range or mending fence — his mother helped. And Timp and his brother tagged along, learning by imitating.

Browning's early riding came within sight of Flattop Mountain, a few miles northeast of Fluvanna where his grandfather had settled before the town had a name.

Roping was a natural sequence to staying aboard a horse. The quickest way to get a whipping was to rope his brother while both were horseback: "They were afraid we would jerk one another out of the saddle."

When the neighbors worked cattle, the father went to help "to make that extra dollar" back when money was scarce. Even the boys' wages went into the family pot to buy things the farm and ranch didn't produce.

At first, Browning worked herding and gathering or holding the herd, whatever he could do in the saddle. As soon as he could dally the rope around the saddlehorn he could drag calves he roped to the branding fire.

Ground work came a little harder.

"When they were working cattle, they'd put a few of the babies off to the side for us to learn on. By the time I was 12, I could flank a pretty big calf," he said.

When he was a little older, Browning moved to South Dakota, where he became acquainted with a pretty bank clerk.

"I didn't know if she could ride or not. We come back here on our honeymoon and when we went back, she climbed on a horse and rode with me," he said.

They would move cattle from summer pasture to winter in the fall and from winter pasture to summer in the spring. The drive took two days, but they didn't have to ride night herd since there were small pastures to hold the cattle at night.

Their day began with breakfast at 5 a.m., their only meal until the day ended about 4 p.m.

"You get used to it," he said of the long day without food. There were creeks for drinking water. "Back home, I'd tend the horses while Granny — I started calling her that after the grandkids came — cooked."

After the children were born — a girl in South Dakota and a boy after they moved to the Nebraska range — history repeated itself with his children tagging along on the range.

The Brownings returned to Caprock country when Nebraska's cold winters didn't provide enough time for riding.

Browning and his wife rode the range together for 31 years, the last time three weeks before she died.

Today, Browning rides as they always did together, always a little lonely without her riding beside him to share the day.

"It helps to talk," he said, eyes misting as he gazed across the horizon.

Then, he brightens and talks about the mule he likes to ride. It reminds him of the little mule, Easter, that he rode sometimes as a boy.

"A mule can pace," he grinned, noting that he will be glad when the one he rides, now and then, around the Garza Country pastures, gets back from Colorado where it is taking hunters into the mountains after deer and elk.

Until then, when he climbs into the saddle, it will be a horse from the Chapman string, a bit testy each morning, not a bit like the first one he rode following his parents into a world where riding was the way to get the job done.

Roast pig for some dinners

By The Associated Press

In the tiny settlements of London, Paris, and Poland on Christmas Island in the central Pacific, the few who can afford the luxury will feast this Christmas on roast pig.

Most will celebrate with fresh fish, local vegetables like breadfruit and a powerful alcoholic drink made from coconut milk.

For the 1,700 people of Christmas Island, Dec. 25 is a day of religious significance and the anniversary of European discovery.

On that day in 1777, as the British warship Resolution rode at anchor in the turquoise blue lagoon, explorer James Cook named the world's largest coral atoll.

"As we kept our Christmas here," he recorded in the ship's log, "we called it Christmas Island."

"This day," he went on, "the people (his crew) were served fresh pork, fish and double allowances of liquor which enabled them to spend the evening with mirth and jollity."

Today, Christmas — now spelled Kiritimati — Island is part of the remote and poverty-stricken Republic of Kiribati, formally the British Gilbert Group.

In 1983, the U.S. Senate formally ended a long running dispute with Britain over ownership of the atoll and recognized the sovereignty granted by London to Kiribati (pronounced Kiribass) upon its independence in 1979.

Nearly 2,000 miles — more than two weeks by copra boat — from the national capital of Tarawa, Christmas Island is often described as nothing more than a flat, dry sand heap.

The only accommodation on the island is the 24-room Captain Cook Hotel, and those who need urgent hospitalization must wait for a United States Coast Guard ship to arrive from Hawaii.

In the 209 years since Cook's visit, the atoll, just 145 miles north of the Equator, has been ravaged by waves of Europeans. First there were the whalers. Then phosphate miners.

With World War II came American and New Zealand troops and with the nuclear age, scientists and technicians, and a series of British and American experiments during the 1950s and 1960s.

Locally produced materials are nonexistent and imported goods are prohibitively expensive.

The average per capita income of the Micronesians who have migrated to Christmas Island during the past two centuries is less than $250 a year. There is a small fishing industry but the Kiribati government is the only large, full-time employer and life generally is described as "precarious."

Despite the hardships, Christmas Day will be marked again this year by all but a few followers of the Bahai faith.

"Thanks to the British and American missionaries most of the people are a deeply Christian lot," the Australian diplomat said. "They do like to celebrate Christmas the way we do in the West."

Although the general stores don't stock expensive, artificial Christmas trees, he said the people will decorate their homes with tinsel, lights and pieces of silver paper.

"They will go to church, they will sing hymns in the street, and they will probably pool their resources to buy a fat, roasting pig," he said.

There is another Christmas Island, off northwest Australia, but that's another story.

S. Illinois dig offers glimpse of Indian life

DE SOTO, Ill. (AP) — If a picturesque rock overhang along the Little Muddy River near De Soto could talk ... ah, the camping tales it could tell.

Stories of vagrants using creek rocks as beds during the Depression. Or Mississippian tribesmen sculpting hand prints on the sandstone cliffs. Or Indians hunting deer along the creek 10,000 years ago.

Rocks can't talk, at least not in a recognizable language, but a handful of Carbondale archaeologists have learned how to make them tell tales stretching back to prehistoric days.

"Every few feet we find another story to tell," says archaeologist Chuck Moffat, pointing to the excavated cliff.

By skimming layer after earthen layer from the cliff, archaeologists are learning secrets about life in Southern Illinois, long before there was an Illinois or the prairie-like terrain of today.

To the trained eye, multicolored sandstone sediment layers can be read as easily as any road map. All it takes is learning the color codes.

"The darker the soil gets, the more treasures we know we're going to find," Moffat says.

Digging crews for American Resources Group Ltd. of Carbondale have uncovered a wealth of buried treasure since starting work at the site last year. Tucked away in the dark soil they've found pottery remnants, deer bones, arrowheads, crude rock tools and spear tips dating as far back as early Archaic Indians who roamed the region 8,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Most of the treasures unearthed by the crews were left behind by Woodland Indians, who apparently found the rock overhang a perfect deer hunting spot between 500 B.C. and A.D. 1000, said Moffat, supervisor of the excavation site.

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Surgeons use music to east the tension

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Morris Kugler likes to finish surgery to the sound of a British rock group, while some of his colleagues prefer cutting to classics or a country 'n' western beat.

But regardless of their musical taste, they agree that rhythm cuts the tension in the surgical suite.

"After long cases, we need a pickup," said Kugler, a vascular and general surgeon from Belleville who sometimes listens to the rock group Wham as he completes an operation.

"It is a pickup. It makes me feel better," he said recently.

"It takes the edge off things," added Dr. Robert Lander, an orthopedic surgeon at Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. "It's light noise in the background. It's more pleasing than the anesthesiology machine."

At Memorial Hospital in Belleville, music first moved into the operating rooms to soothe patients who were awake under a local anesthetic during surgery, charge nurse Jan Oeltjen said.

"The patients were the prime concern," she said. "It gives them something to distract their thoughts. They like it."

But surgeons like Kugler also feel the need to reduce distractions and like the effect music provides.

"It makes the operating room a very tranquil place," he said. "It just calms the situation ... It keeps the whole crew at ease."

At Memorial, the most popular choices are classical music and soft ballads by such artists as Johnny Mathis and Neil Diamond.

But at Oliver C. Anderson Hospital in Maryville, surgeons listen to an eclectic mix including — but not limited to — classical, country and rock, said Judy Fritsch, the hospital's operating room supervisor.

One surgeon, she said, plays tapes of the church choir in which he sings.

Operating rooms at Jewish Hospital began playing music about nine years ago and initially offered earphones to patients under local anesthesia, Lander said. But surgeons and nurses decided they wanted music, too, so tape players were brought in.

Dr. William Shieber, the head of vascular surgery at Jewish Hospital, says he prefers classical music as he works.

"I don't know how much I actually hear it when I'm working and concentrating," Shieber said. "But at least it's not offensive like rock music. That really grates on me."

But when it comes to selection, the surgeons sometimes get a second opinion — the patient's.

Wesleyan Universities film archives popular collection

MIDDLETOWN, Conn. (AP) — Not for a moment did Jeanine Basinger believe that the new Wesleyan University Cinema Archives would open and nobody would come. But the professor of film studies didn't expect that she and her colleagues would be "pulling their hair out" with the number of requests they would be juggling.

"When you have names like Frank Capra, Elia Kazan and the Omnibus collection, you have a lot of interest in your material, and we are busy," Basinger said.

Seated behind her desk in the archives' newly renovated Victorian home, Basinger discussed Wesleyan's trove of scripts, posters, still photos, letters and television treasures.

"Maybe medievalists would be insulted, but I don't think that the average person wants to come and go through your material," Basinger said. "But if you have anything pertaining to film and television, the world wants to see it."

Film and television are recognized as the most powerful art form of our time, because they influence the way the average person thinks, feels and sees, she says.

"The 20th century, which is the century of the art form of film and television, is different," Basinger said. "We are what we see and when we seek to understand ourselves we turn to the media."

For the best of these media, take a look at what Wesleyan has. Start with Elia Kazan, a major figure in theater history, in film history, a major writer with a political aspect to his career that is of interest to a great many scholars.

Kazan, whose film accomplishments include Academy Awards for best direction with "Gentlemen's Agreement" (1947) and "On the Waterfront" (1954), has given Wesleyan what Basinger calls "an embarrassment of riches."

"It is possibly the most exciting collection of any individual's work I've ever seen," Basinger says. "He saved everything in a well organized and an impeccably maintained condition.

"If you have the working notes of Tennessee Williams and Elia Kazan when they first did 'A Streetcar Named Desire' with all their letters back and forth, it's an amazing collection."

Kazan is writing his autobiography and the collection ("People are itchy to get their hands on it," Basinger says) is off-limits for now. But Basinger says the archives have plenty more to draw "everyone from the general film fan to the serious scholar."

For example, Wesleyan has the only existing footage of the Omnibus cultural and arts television program, produced by Robert Saudek from 1952-61, including footage of the work of the great choreographer, Agnes de Mille.

"Because we have the kinescopes (film recordings of a television picture) of the Omnibus shows, we get a tremendous amount of inquiry from TV stations all around the world," Basinger said.

Need for new kind of greeting card seen

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Susan Ockuly Raitz was so hurt when she didn't receive a Mother's Day card from her stepchildren that she has created a line of cards specifically for families such as hers.

"What I've been doing is writing all my life, and artwork," Mrs. Raitz says. "I'm more interested in being able to express what has gone on in my life. I'm sure my life is no different than any other gals or guys."

Messages on the cards come from her experiences as a divorced mother of two daughters and now a stepmother to the four children of her new husband, Glenn. "Kids who grow up in a family that has not been separated ... are extremely fortunate," she says. "Children are out there ... where there is sadness inflicted. When hurt predominates in a family situation, and when a couple combines families, you are obviously combining hurts of one sort or another."

Mrs. Raitz, a former commercial artist and art teacher, writes messages for the cards because, "You cannot hire somebody to write what they haven't experienced. They are not going to come up with the same words."

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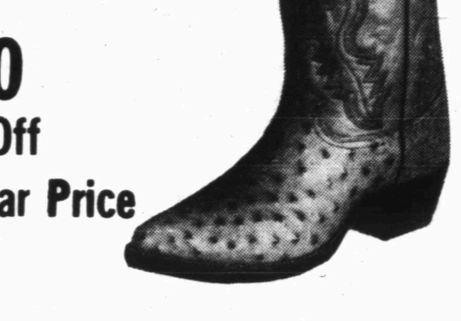

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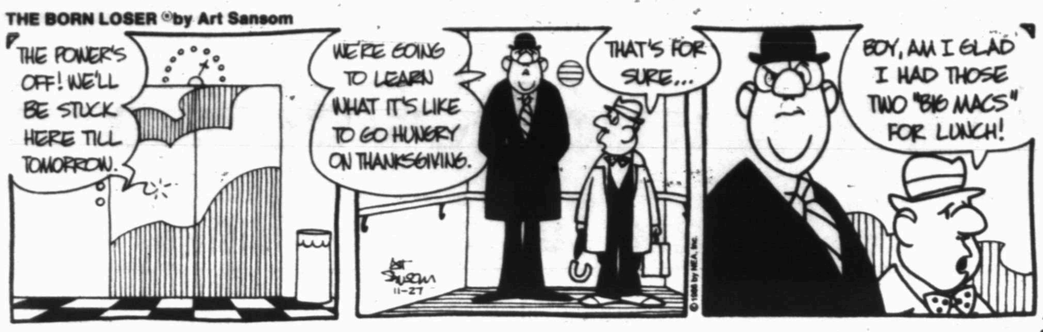

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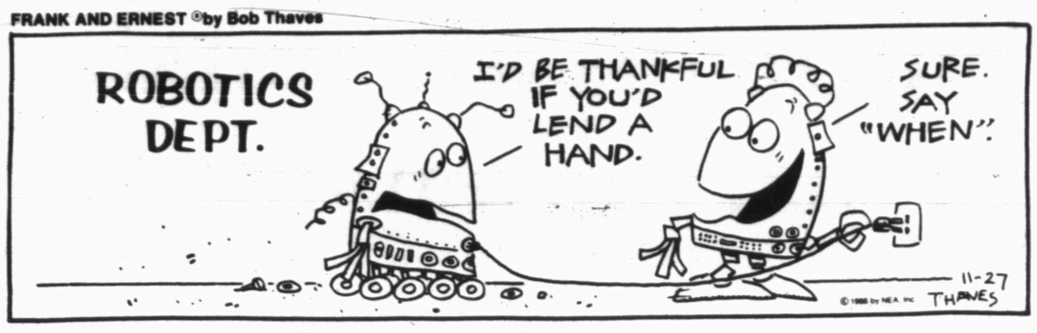

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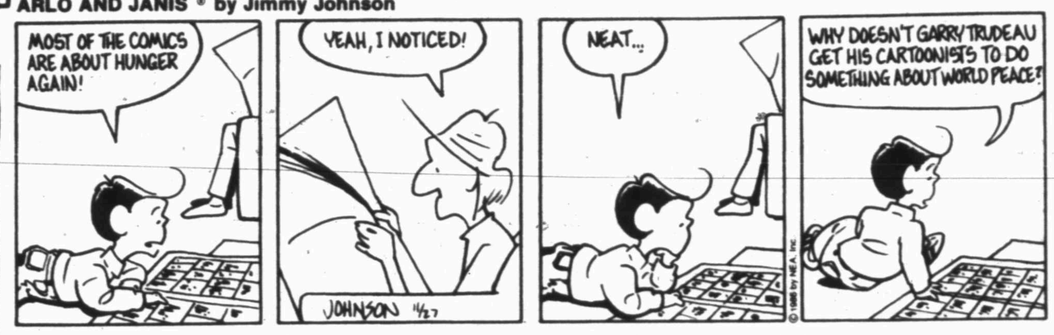

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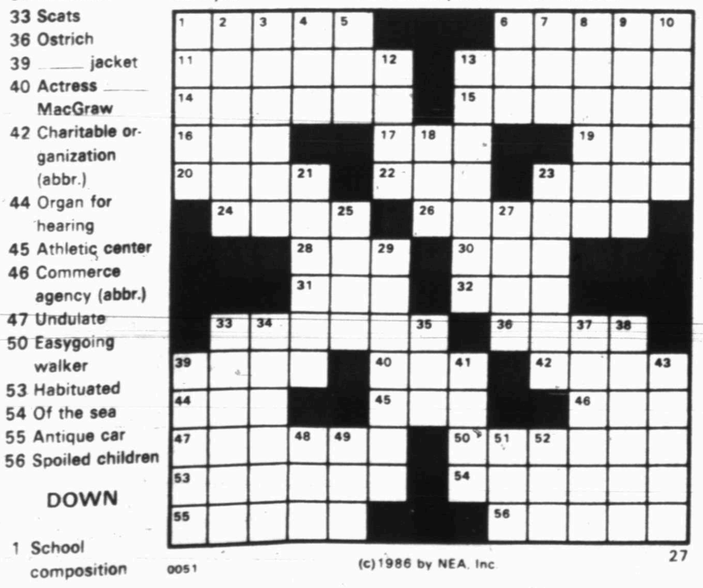

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Parking law dooms dreams of car museum

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — Dee Pereira didn't plan for it all to end this way, for the automotive jewels-in-the-rough that he mined from barnyards and backlots to be sold off to strangers, for his cherished vision of a museum to be backhanded by the long arm of the law.

The vintage Packards parked row-on-row beneath the ash trees in Pereira's pasture, with flattened tires turning a mossy green and mice tunneling through upholstery, are departing one by one. The restorations that Pereira thought he could accomplish and the museum he hoped to build won't happen now.

Instead, his beloved Packards — the ones that run and the ones that don't — are being carted away by car fanciers who know a distress sale when they see one.

The law, it seems, holds that a man shouldn't park more than four inoperable vehicles in public view, even if they're Packards. But Packards, Pereira would argue with the zeal of the true believer, should be a special case. Ask the man who owned 72 of them.

"Packard was the best car this country ever built," he says. "It was the safest car on the road and the most aerodynamic car for its time. All kinds of things that are standard on other cars now started with Packard.

"Like old cars. I was never going to make a lot of money off the Packards. I was just going to build a little museum and restore the cars and let people come and see them for whatever they were willing to donate."

The Packard hit the automotive scene in 1899 and went through its heyday as one of the nation's classic luxury cars in the pre-World War II years. After an ill-fated postwar merger with Studebaker, it wobbled off the American stage in the late 1950s.

Pereira didn't get his first Packard until several years later. His Packard fascination began when he was still in high school, working part time at a garage in Drain. He and his wife, Suzanne, got their first one, a big 1955 four-door, when they moved to Mesa, Ariz., in 1961 after he'd completed an Army hitch.

They drove it to Oregon and settled in Roseburg in 1969. In 1972, Pereira opened a general welding and repair shop.

"I started making a little money then," he says. "Not a lot, but whenever I got a few dollars ahead, I'd buy a Packard. Some of them I'd kept track of since before I was in the service. I knew right where they were sitting.

"I decided to start with 1940. I was going to own one of every model from 1940 to 1956. The earlier ones were too rich for my blood."

A few of Pereira's first acquisitions came cheaply. Some of them were derelicts that had been serving as chicken roosts behind barns or rusting quietly away in canyons.

As Pereira's collection grew, he stored most of the vehicles at his shop in a commercial section of Roseburg, and a few of them at his home within the city. Some he put in running order. On one '49 model, he completed a major restoration.

Pupils publish oral history magazine in Jackson, Miss.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Students in rural Claiborne County are turning back the pages of area history — not in books, but by talking to and writing about those who lived it.

For an oral history project, Port Gibson High School students interview elderly residents who helped weave the fabric of life in the county along the Mississippi River, tape-recording their tales of days gone by and transcribing them for publication.

Their recollections and lessons on life are published verbatim in a magazine called I Ain't Lying.

"It gives students a better sense of history because they're learning about the ordinary people who helped make it," said Patricia Crosby, the 43-year-old housewife and amateur photographer who oversees publication of the magazine.

The title, chosen by students who published the first issue in 1980, is appropriate for this predominantly black county of 12,000, Mrs. Crosby said. She says folks often begin favorite tales with the disclaimer, "I ain't lying, now!"

Personalities featured in the magazine's three volumes range from quilters and cotton pickers to an 88-year-old midwife who delivered 1,500 babies. The interviews are printed verbatim to preserve the dialect of the subjects, and include the interviewer's questions in parenthesis.

Students shoot and develop the photographs and draw the illustrations that accompany the stories. They also lay out the magazine and write introductions to each story, Mrs. Crosby said.

One of those introductions sums up what the program hopes to accomplish. After interviewing a 75-year-old former postmaster, former Port Gibson student Andrew de la Garza wrote:

"History teachers would like you to believe that you learn your history in a classroom, reading history books and doing worksheets. Not so. In one afternoon, I learned something worth two months of history homework assignments. There weren't any books or dates to memorize. The past was coming to life."

Port firehouse in Florida is called 'very busy place'

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla. (AP) — The firehouse here is different. There's no pool table, checker playing or dart board, nor does it have a gourmet kitchen or a Dalmatian mascot wandering about.

The 38 firefighters stationed at this busy port are also different.

They stand watch over millions of gallons of stored petroleum; are specialists in fighting gasoline, fuel and chemical fires; are responsible for over 1,500 commercial vessels that dock here annually; protect passengers aboard 17 visiting cruise ships — and carry guns.

"We are responsible for everyone and everything that passes through this port," said Mike Garelli, training officer for the Port Everglades Fire Department, "whether it's someone riding a bicycle or a tanker loaded with fuel."

This 2,000-acre port, surrounded by densely populated Fort Lauderdale, Dania and Hollywood, has an extremely high fire potential, perhaps the highest in the state.

Thirteen major oil companies store their products here, said Chief Huey Manges, a 25-year veteran with the department. All the propane, lumber, steel and cement used in south Florida also passes through this port of entry, he added.

"The port supplies all the petroleum products south to Key West, north to Fort Drum and west to Naples," the chief said. Aviation fuel for Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach international airports, plus Homestead Air Force Base, comes from Port Everglades.

Ten million barrels of fuel can be stored at one time at the port, Manges said, "and we turn that over seven-eight times a year. Eleven hundred tank trucks carrying 8,600 gallons each move from here every day."

Man wants furniture that belonged to adventurer

TANGIER, Morocco (AP) — Robert Shea wants to acquire some antique furniture that once belonged to an English adventurer in time for next July's commemoration of the oldest U.S. bilateral treaty with a foreign country.

The furniture was in a building given by Sultan Moulay Suliman to the United States in 1821 for its diplomatic legation in Morocco, the first nation to officially recognize the newly independent United States.

Shea, a 65-year-old retired U.S. Air Force officer and diplomat, is the curator of what is now the American Legation Museum, the only building in the U.S. National Historic Landmark register not on North American soil and the oldest U.S.-owned piece of real estate abroad.

The three-story structure built around a courtyard is located in the heart of the "mellah," Tangier's old Jewish quarter, on a narrow street called America, where kids play marbles and Tangerines pass on their way to and from the market.

"I don't think the furniture is in very good shape because it's moldering in this man's garage," Shea said as he looked out from the roof, through a forest of television antennas and washing on lines, to the Strait of Gibraltar. "But it would be nice to have it for July 18."

In the valuable collection of period paintings, lithographs and documents on display at the legation is a copy of the July 18, 1787, treaty between Morocco and the United States guaranteeing friendship between the two nations.

There is also a copy of a Dec. 1, 1789, letter from George Washington to Sultan Moulay ben Abdullah in which the first U.S. president asks the sultan's help in keeping at bay Barbary pirates who were attacking American ships off the North African coast.

"This young nation just recovering from the waste and desolation of a long war," Washington wrote, "has not yet had time to acquire riches by agriculture and commerce. But our soil is bountiful and our people industrious, and we flatter ourselves that we shall gradually become useful to our friends."

Last year the United States granted Morocco $150 million in economic and military aid.

King Hassan II, considered by many to be an invaluable friend of the United States in the Arab world, descends from the sultans who signed the treaty and gave the legation building.

The furniture Shea wants was acquired by American heiress Barbara Hutton, famous for her lavish parties in Tangier in the 1950s and '60s. She bought the house of 19th-century British journalist and adventurer Walter Harris, who had lived in the legation building before the sultan gave it away.

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Artist's work decorates yard

DALLAS (AP) — Willard Watson has always wanted to be different.

Whether it be his clothes, his yard or his name, Watson has transformed the ordinary into the unique and captured the attention of the art world in the process.

"I was always a loner and considered the black sheep of the family," said Watson, who calls himself The Texas Kid. "They called me crazy because I had different ideas."

The Kid's home in Dallas is testimony to his belief in being different.

Sculptures of a caveman, orangutan, whale and lighthouse all have a home in the Watsons' yard. But the orangutan doesn't sit in a tree — it rides a mechanical bull and wears a Mexican sombrero.

Tires, metal and wood all are part of Watson's decorative yard, which attracts carloads of curious onlookers.

Neighbors, who at first complained to city officials, have become more supportive as his eclectic work receives more recognition, Watson says.

Inside the home, photographs and drawings adorn the walls and sculptures sit on nearly every available spot. Wood snakes, some with rhinestone eyes, crawl across the dining room table, where seashells turned into brightly colored porcupines and frogs made out of driftwood also rest.

"I rely on nature for art," Watson says. "Nature created it and I finished. I see what's in it."

Soon, a series of the folk artist's drawings titled "Life Cycle" will be placed in the Dallas Museum of Art's permanent collection. The drawings depict different stages in Watson's life.

"My best moment as an artist has been getting my work in the Dallas art museum. Very few living people get a piece in the Dallas museum," he said.

The Kid, 64, is the son of a Louisiana sharecropper whose family moved to Dallas in 1928.

Although his given name is Willard Watson, he adopted "The Texas Kid," getting the idea from Oklahoma relatives who used to call him "that kid from Texas," he said.

Although he loved art in school, he didn't get involved in decorating his home until he became ill and could not work much, he said.

His wife, Elnora, said Watson started making colorful additions to the family yard in 1974.

"I love it. I didn't like him tearing my yard up at first, though," she said.

The Kid's mother taught him to sew and he has often made his own clothes or "recycled" ready-made clothes. He adorns his hats with different pins, decorates his many pairs of boots and makes coats out of Naugahyde.

A favorite piece of clothing is an old tuxedo jacket he turned into a "Western tuxedo," complete with a longhorn pin, he says.

Most of Watson's business is attracted by word-of-mouth, and he works in his home.

The Kid has been criticized at times for being different, but he says his aversion to the ordinary finally has brought him success and respect as an artist.

"What really inspires me ... I've really been the black sheep of the family, but now they act like they care. They call me. Nothing could make me feel better than my people being close to me," he said.

Variety spices girl's large collection of novelty erasers

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — What does a miniature Statue of Liberty have to do with a tiny replica of a transformer, or a penlight battery have in common with a small Popsicle?

Well, they might have a double life. In addition to what they look like, they could function as erasers. And they might all be counted among the 1,016 novelty erasers in Holli Koharcheck's collection.

The Lititz girl has been collecting erasers since she was 9. "One day I went to the dentist," she said, "and he had a treasure chest. I picked an eraser (a spaceship). I thought it was neat, and it would be fun to collect them."

Now 12 years old, the Warwick Middle School student said she had kept her first erasers in fishing boxes but "they began to get smashed in the boxes," so she opted for knickknack display shelves. Displayed in the miniature cubicles are tiny Cabbage Patch dolls, a covered wagon, gum packs and milk and juice cartons.

Complementing the display shelves in her bedroom are a number of latch-hook wall hangings executed by Holli's mother, Paulette, from her own collection, "Everything and anything that has to do with Scotties, including the real thing."

According to Mrs. Koharchek, "Holli has been collecting for so long, it's really hard to find new ones. We check the gift shops every few months, because we know she doesn't have the new arrivals. Now we're going to antique places. We found a Laurel and Hardy, and they wanted $10 for the pair. The price is really getting up (on the older ones)."

Some of Holli's collection pieces are actually pencil sharpeners with erasers attached, such as a plastic wedge of "cake" topped by a strawberry eraser. Others, such as the foot-long matchstick or the chocolate Popsicle, are really pencils — the match head and the Popsicle stick are the erasers.

"We try to stay away from the flat ones," said Mrs. Koharcheck, noting that the three dimensional figures are more interesting because they can be better displayed. "And the flat ones, the children use in school. You wouldn't want to use these. They're too nice."

While Holli started her collection locally, she has gone far afield to add to the exhibit. She has a pair of Liberty Bells from Philadelphia, and a British flag that was brought to her from England.

"People go somewhere and they know she collects, so they try to get something from that area," said her mother.

Holli hopes to expand the collection with more erasers from outside the United States.

HIGH-TECH HOROSCOPES--Abbot Sripariyatkul punches information into his computer in a Bangkok, Thailand, Buddhist temple to print out a horoscope. The monk, surrounded by religious images, works with two computers to predict the future. (AP Photo)

Monk tells fortunes with aid of computer

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — In the heart of a Buddhist temple first built in 1830, the abbot, Sripariyatkul, predicts fates and fortunes with two desk-top computers.

For 13 years, Sripariyatkul linked lives to the stars by poring over traditional birth charts, calendars and astrology texts. Today, the forecasts spew forth on digital printouts with a few pecks of his middle finger.

Sripariyatkul says his computer horoscopes have drawn many believers, among them members of the royal family, senior government officials, military officers and businessmen. Chamlong Srimuang, the new Bangkok governor, consulted Sripariyatkul's computer on the eve of the election and received a forecast of victory.

"One of the monk's duties is to help those who are suffering, and the fact is that astrology can help ease tension and suffering," Sripariyatkul said.

The computer is more accurate than old-fashioned methods of astrology because "it has no emotions, and it is up to the data you put into it," said the heavyset 42-year-old monk.

Sripariyatkul says the computer has freed him from the tiring, laborious process of looking up texts — which can lead to mistakes — and also gives more precise times for future events.

Sripariyatkul became a monk at 13 and has lived at Sribunruang temple for the past 19 years. The temple was erected in 1830, on ground which warriors had used as a resting place during a war against the Laotians. The complex was rebuilt in 1965.

Monks have the highest social status in predominately Buddhist Thailand. The Thais, who have a deep sense of the supernatural, often seek them out for predictions and advice.

Sripariyatkul started computer fortune telling at the temple in 1982, using programs developed by Maj. Gen. Prayoon Pol-Aree, an adviser in the army and former astrology teacher. Prayoon, who regularly does horoscopes for senior military officers, said he'd first studied computers in 1964, while training at Fort Sill army base in Lawton, Oklahoma, in the central United States.

"The predictions have to do with statistics, not religion," Sripariyatkul says, "but if the chart says you will face a major tragedy, monks can hold a ceremony for you so you will be better prepared.

But prayers to the Buddha can only alleviate, and not erase, imminent misfortunes," he said.

The monk, dressed in saffron robes, does his charts sitting on thin red padding on the floor of his simple temple office. To his left is a Thai-language IBM-compatible 16-byte computer and to his right an English-language Apple-compatible 8-byte unit, both with printers and monitors.

The computers sit next to piles of astrology books, an urn of ceremonial holy water, and figurines of Chinese wise men. One wall is lined with large yellow candles, and statues and plaques of the Buddha, goddesses, kings, and senior monks. A Chinese calligraphy painting wishes good luck.

Sripariyatkul slips in three diskettes, feeds in the birthplace and time, and the computer churns out a personality profile, a list of lucky and unlucky years, and predictions on family, work, love and health.

Sripariyatkul claims the predictions on health are "100 percent accurate" while those on money matters are only "60 to 70 percent accurate."

Woman jockey is modest about wins

OPA-LOCKA, Fla. (AP) — Florida's winningest woman jockey has put her thoroughbred racing career "in the barn" for a while as she awaits a visit from the stork this summer.

"I'll be back," guarantees Mary Russ, described by experts as one of the best women riders in the country.

Tall for a jockey at 5 foot 4, she exercises diligently to keep her weight around 110 pounds. For most of her five-year professional career, she's ridden 700-800 mounts a year, mostly at South Florida's three tracks: Calder, Hialeah and Gulfstream. However, she's also left her mark at major tracks around the country, such as Aqueduct, Belmont and Saratoga.

"I have no idea how many races I've won, but I imagine it's over 500," she says matter-of-factly.

She's reticent about her achievements, but records show that last year she was the first woman ever to ride in a stakes race at Keeneland and Omaha. She won both aboard Harry N. Bill.

In 1982, with one year's experience, she won the Grade I Widener Handicap at Hialeah aboard Lord Barnley. Prior to that, she was the leading rider at Calder's Tropical meet. Russ has also been in the winner's circle for the Gulfstream Handicap.

"If she isn't already, she's pretty close to being one of the leading women jockeys in the country," said Frank Alexander, a Miami Lakes trainer.

Unlike most jockeys who begin their careers at an early age, Russ didn't get her first ride until she was 26.

"I never had a pet as a kid, not even a dog," she recalls of her childhood in Tampa. At 15, she became "horse crazy" when she took care of a girlfriend's horse and learned to ride.

At 19, she went to work for Hobeau Farm in Ocala doing stable work and "breaking babies," the term used for the initial training of a thoroughbred. After two years there, she switched to the Red Oak Farms, also in Ocala.

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Honesty helps children prepare for surgery

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (AP) — When today's parents had to have their tonsils removed a little more than 20 years ago, the hospital seemed like a cold and scary place to them.

But when their children report for surgery nowadays, they will have a clear understanding about what awaits them, and the hospital won't be such an unfamiliar, frightening place, says the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

Orienting children to surgery has, in recent years, become a high priority for health care professionals as more and more hospitals emphasize preoperative meetings and tours designed to ease the anxieties of both parents and their little ones, reports the AANA, which has headquarters in Park Ridge.

"The first thing we do when we prepare a child for surgery is to try to get a feeling about what he's been told at home concerning his visit to the hospital," says Christine Zambricki, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist and director of nurse anesthesiology at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit.

"If the parents' advice has been good, we try to reinforce it during pre-operative interviews. If not, we try to clear up any misunderstandings."

According to Zambricki, a common mistake made by parents is telling a child that he will be "put to sleep" during the procedure.

"Children often equate 'sleep' with death," she says. "They may have heard this term applied before — to elderly relatives who have passed on, or pets who have had to be given lethal injections," she says.

In addition, parents who use the idea of surgery or the hospital as a threat do their children a great disservice, Zambricki points out. "And, unfortunately, this happens more than you would think," she adds.

Zambricki, a member of the AANA, urges parents to be open about the surgery, the possibility of pain and the anesthesia process.

"It is better to reinforce the role of the medical personnel, especially the surgeon and the anesthetist, by referring to the surgeon as 'someone who will fix what is bothering you' and the anesthetist as 'someone who will make sure it doesn't hurt while the doctor fixes what's wrong.'"

What should parents bring to the hospital for the child on the day of surgery?

"A lot depends on whether it is, ambulatory (one day) surgery or an extended stay procedure. Regardless, it is usually a good idea to bring something from home to make the child feel comfortable — a favorite toy or stuffed animal," Zambricki advises.

"The most important thing a parent should bring, however, is as much information about the child's and family's health as possible," Zambricki says.

Following is a checklist of the type of information the nurse anesthetist and other hospital staff may need to know:

—What were the circumstances of the child's delivery?

—Has the child ever had surgery before?

—Does the child have any allergies?

—What drugs has the child taken?

—What current medications is the child taking?

—Has the child ever had a blood transfusion?

—Does the child have any loose teeth?

—Does the child play a lot? A little?

—Does the child tire easily?

—Does the child catch colds easily?

Many hospitals have instituted a comprehensive presurgery program for young people. At Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, it's called "The Child Life Program."

According to Myrtha Perez, director of the program, it is based on the idea of "environmental preparation."

"Children experience things sensorially, so we stress exploration and learning through the senses," Perez says. "They are encouraged to touch, see, hear, smell and even 'taste' what the hospital is all about."

Children are allowed to walk around the operating rooms and recovery rooms before their surgery. "We let them touch the blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes and other equipment while we explained how these interesting things are used," she says.

One of the most crucial presurgery orientation methods is to help make the child feel comfortable about the anesthesia mask. "Because most children are afraid of such equipment, we 'flavor' the masks with fun tastes like chocolate, strawberry or bubblegum. This makes the idea of having to wear an anesthesia mask much more palatable," Perez says.

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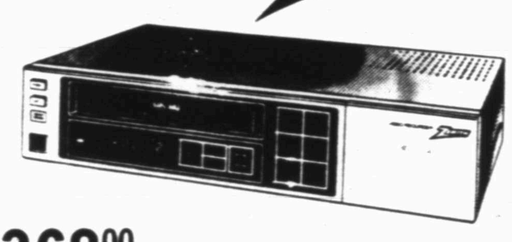

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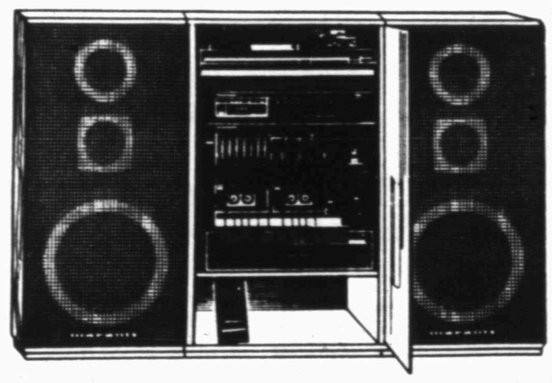

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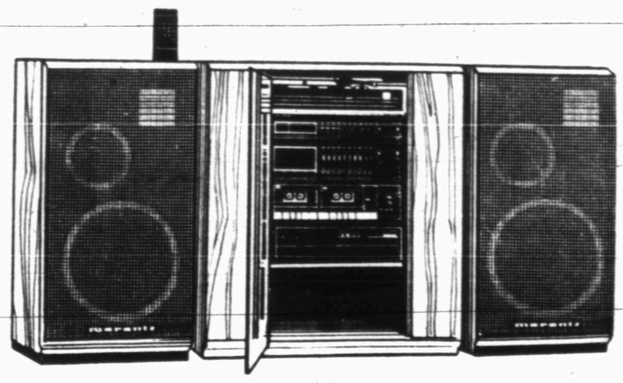

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Huge sculptures play with our perceptions

NEW YORK (AP) — Richard Serra worked in steel mills during college to pay his tuition. But the job turned out to have an artistic bonus — he learned techniques that would one day help him create huge outdoor sculptures.

In later years the avantgarde artist returned to mills to supervise steelworkers as they cut, rolled, formed and reamed steel into the shapes he had envisioned.

"It may be sort of a romantic notion, but I've been involved with it (steelworking) all my life," Serra said. "I've really never left the mills."

Serra, 46, has built his structures in West Berlin, Paris, Barcelona, Dublin, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Manhattan. The sculptures are marked by massive steel plates, rust and, in at least one case, bitter controversy.

"Tilted Arc," a 120-foot-long sweep of steel that bisects the plaza of a federal office building here, has been called the "Berlin Wall of Foley Square" by government workers who pass it daily.

The federal government, after hearings last summer, is making plans to remove it despite Serra's objections that the move would break a contract and destroy the work.

His works, which have ranged in price from $12,000 to $300,000, can touch off sparks everywhere. A four-sided column in Bochum, West Germany, became the focal point of a political battle for steelworkers' votes in 1979.

But he has been praised by fellow artists and critics. In France last year, he was made a Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters and one of his pieces was installed in a Paris square.

In his sculpture, Serra has tried to explore the relationship between himself and his surroundings, which he first noted while he was growing up, walking on San Francisco's beaches.

Serra was struck by something obvious — that his view of his surroundings changed depending on where he was and how he was moving.

"I realized that if the beach is on the right hand side when you're walking one way, you turn around and it's on the opposite side," he said. "Even if you follow your footfalls (back) over the same place and space, it's a totally different experience."

He has since planted his structures in public places in order to jolt others into noticing their surroundings too—like it or not, is the case of "Tilted Arc."

Anne Boleyn was crowned queen of England in 1533.

New technology used in breeding

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — High technology is changing the horse-breeding business in more ways than one.

For instance, "Date Up," a 13-year-old world-class jumper that competed in the Tucson Winter Classic Horse Show, will produce three foals this year — while romping on the nationwide horse show circuit, her owner says.

It usually takes a mare 11 months to give birth to a single filly or colt.

So how can Date Up, a chestnut Irish thoroughbred from Colorado, produce three foals in one year and still continue to win ribbons competing against some of the best jumping horses in America?

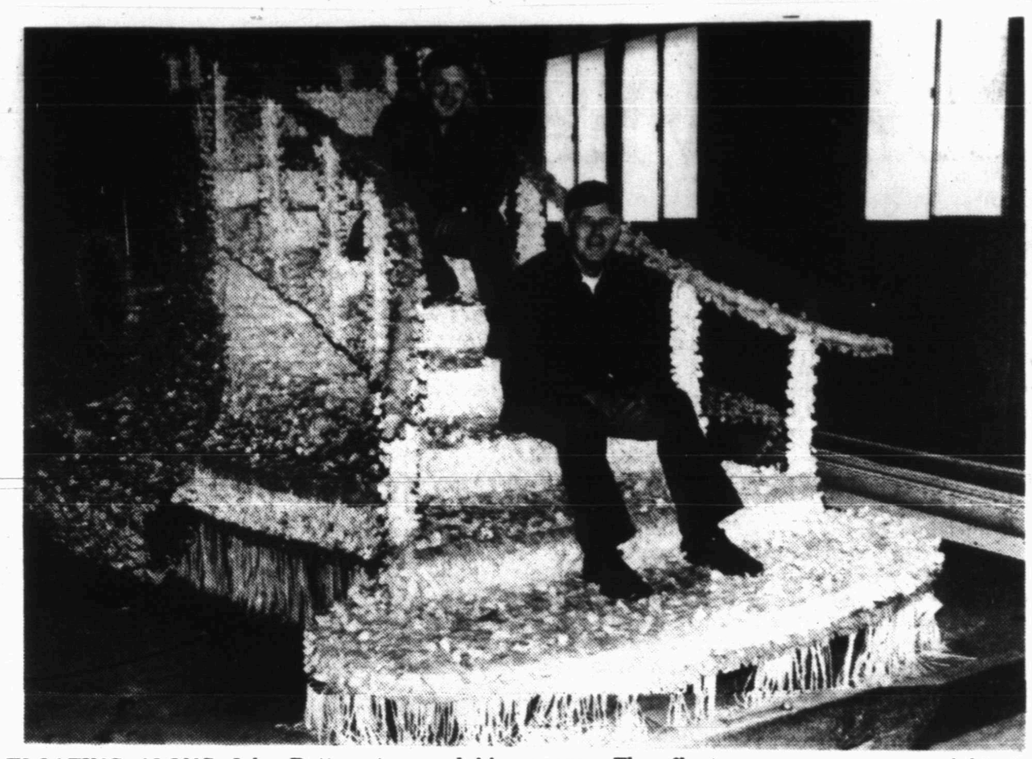
The answer is "high-tech breeding," says Gordon P. Smith, vice president of Smith Farm Management Corp. in Littleton, Colo. Smith, who trains and rides Date Up and several other horses on the show circuit, refers to transferring an embryo from one mare to another.

"For the past three years, we have been inseminating worldclass donor mares with transported and frozen semen to produce carefully bred foals," he explained.

Why is the new technique better than the time-honored stud service method, where the mare is brought to a stallion who has good bloodlines?

The program makes it possible to breed a donor mare an average of five times a year instead of just once, Smith said.

For example, he said, Date Up will not carry any of her foals to full term and probably will be able to produce at least 25 foals over the next five years.



FLOATING ALONG--John Patten, top, and his twin brother, Joseph, sit on one of the dozens of parade floats they have built during the past 38 years. The floats are a common sight to paradegoers in western Ohio and eastern Indiana. (AP Photo)

Ohio brothers parade their expertise in making floats

TROY, Ohio (AP) — Make something better, and the world may beat a path to your door, but for John and Joseph Patten, it's more like a parade.

The 56-year-old twin brothers build parade floats in their spare time. Since 1948 their handiwork has entertained thousands of parade watchers in western Ohio and eastern Indiana. They've had requests for their floats from as far away as Georgia.

"Some people call us up and tell us to bring everything we've got — they'll get the sponsors," Joseph said.

"It's a real thrill to hear the people applaud for a float you've built. When people clap, that means more than really a trophy," he said, although the two have numerous scrapbooks and trophies that testify to their success.

The brothers have had up to five units in one parade. Lately they usually have no less than two, John said.

A tour through the two barns and a garage behind their houses south of Troy is like a walk through Fantasyland.

An 18-foot butterfly gracefully waits out the winter in the basement. Not far away are pieces of a small merry-goround.

There are floats with sweeping staircases fit for a princess. They have been graced by, among others, three Miss USAs and a Miss America.

Nearby are parts of Christmas trees, a framework of a huge strawberry and a Bicentennial eagle with wings spread under the rafters. In the garage is a three-quarter scale model of a San Francisco cable car with an authentic cable car bell.

Many pieces are covered with brightly colored, expensive vinyl that imitates flower petals.

"We've never stuffed a Kleenex in chicken wire," John said proudly.

They do most of the work at nights and on weekends. John is a bank executive in Troy and Joseph makes models for a firm that manufactures measuring devices that use lasers.

Somehow, the Tipp City natives said, they were destined to make floats. They first rode on one with their mother when they were less than a year old. It was a flatbed truck at the Miami County Fairgrounds outfitted with the "Modern Farm Kitchen."

Their first float was a 1948 model of a one-room school to promote a bond levy in Tipp City. Two years later, while students at Ohio State University, they built a float for a farm and home parade.

The hobby really began rolling in 1959 when Joseph's float for the Tipp City Mum Festival took the $50 first prize.

"He gave me $35 of the $50 because I helped him," John said.

For a number of years, Joseph built and John helped. Then in 1963, John decided he would build a float for his bank in the Mum Festival parade. He did it in a week and won second place.

"I knew I couldn't beat him," John said of his brother, "but I knew I could beat anyone else."

It normally takes about three months of part-time work to design and build a float, they said.

Smaller floats, like the merry-go-round, often have a wood frame and are propelled by a golf cart.

Larger ones have wood bolted to a steel frame welded to a Volkswagen chassis and engine

Exercise device aids paralyzed patients

NEW YORK (AP) — A robotic rehabilitation system, one of the most advanced technological medical devices designed to aid people with neuromuscular disorders, is in operation at the Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in Brooklyn.

The mechanism provides a safe and practical exercise program for the rehabilitation of paralyzed patients, especially those with injuries to the spinal cord, according to Dr. Asa P. Ruskin, director of Kingsbrook's department of rehabilitation medicine.

Ruskin, a specialist in physical medicine, says that the equipment, which incorporates functional electrical stimulation with advanced computer technology, offers safety, reliability and ease of operation.

"Immobilization due to paralysis is one of the major challenges facing rehabilitation medicine today," Ruskin said. "It leads to costs which excessively burden the paralyzed person, his family, insurance carriers and the government."

With the use of the REGYS II Clinic Rehabilitation System, Ruskin said, the patient receives the medical benefits of both functional electrical stimulation and prolonged exercise. The method is designed to relax muscle spasms, prevent or retard tissue atrophy, increase local blood circulation and maintain or increase range of motion, he said.

One of the first patients at Kingsbrook to benefit from this new system, Ruskin reports, is a 31-year-old man who was severely injured in an automobile accident in Connecticut. In the accident, he sustained multiple fractures of his spine, trunk and one arm.

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Volunteers taught to cope

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) — When Mary Ellen Edmunds teaches her classes to be prepared for exotic insects' bites, to wash their clothes with a toilet plunger and to learn to take a bath with only three cups of water, she's not kidding.

She's preparing them for their work of teaching people in Third World countries basic health practices.

The 45-year-old teacher instructs her students based on her years of service in Nigeria, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Colombia and other developing countries.

"There's so much suffering in the world that it's overwhelming," says Edmunds, a registered nurse who has taught at Brigham Young University. "But I'm one of those people who feel that we can make a difference in improving the lives of others. If we distributed the earth's resources better, and shared more, there would be enough for all."

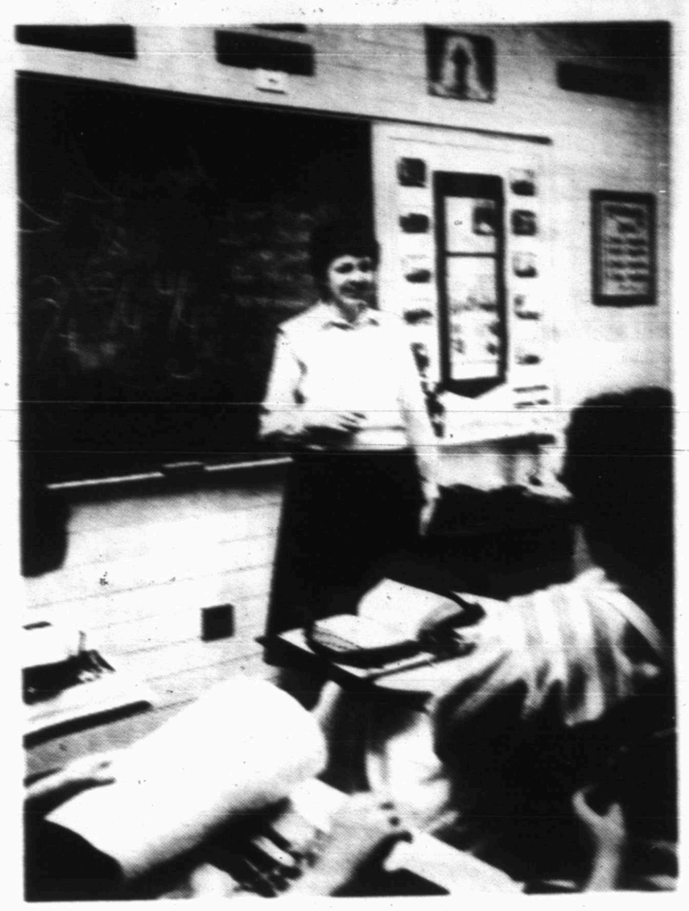
Edmunds worked for years as a field worker volunteer in a health program sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She now directs the training for the 500 volunteers involved in the program. She also serves as a consultant to the Thrasher Research Fund, a privately funded organization involved in family-centered health promotion.

Her goal has been to help people in developing nations deal with the problems of disease, malnutrition and poor sanitation. She has also taught skills that help those people to be more self-reliant, such as literacy, home gardening, vocational development and resource management.

"The people are taught to help themselves, to use the resources they have," says Edmunds. "It's a more permanent solution to their problems than giving them only food or money supplements, which may be helpful, but short term.

"First the project is introduced to local leaders. Then they're trained to be village health workers. They're taught the basics first, such as the possibility for change, water purification, deworming family members, the importance of immunizations, and better nutrition. Throughout the project they learn principles of problem solving and self-reliance."

She and her co-workers have been warmly welcomed wherever they've gone, and are usually asked to visit more villages than they are able to go to.



LEARNING EXPERIENCE--Mary Ellen Edmunds, who served for years as a field worker in developing countries, instructs future teachers in those areas on how to cope with the problems they will face. (AP Photo)

Tokyo's martial arts hall is very popular gathering place

TOKYO (AP) — Singer Tina Turner, Emperor Hirohito and 10,000 Japanese farmers have something in common. They all chose the same place to air their messages in 1985.

Originally built for the 1964 Olympic Games, Budokan, or "Martial Arts Hall," has become one of the city's most popular indoor arenas for musical concerts and other events. As it is located on the grounds of the Imperial Palace, ceremonies involving Japan's head of state get preference — after judo and karate contests.

"Budokan was built to promote martial arts and encourage youth to study Japan's traditional sports," said Hisao Saito, deputy secretary general of the Nippon Budokan Foundation.

But, he said in an interview, after elementary, junior high and high school clubs complete their annual meets, almost 300 days are left for others to use the imposing structure, reached by crossing a moat and passing under the centuries-old stone Tayasu Gate.

Budokan was built in an octagon, reminiscent of a wing of the classic 8th-century Horyuji Temple in Nara. Its copper roof, shaped in the image of Mount Fuji, is capped with a golden onion-shaped ball.

The traditional touch the Tokyo landmark lends to the midtown skyline is sometimes deceptive of what's going on inside.

Political groups for the most part are not welcome, but almost anything else goes.

Foreign heads of state and government gathered there for the funeral in 1981 of Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira.

In 1985, a year of milestones, Hirohito led ceremonies at Budokan on the 40th anniversary of Japan's war defeat in August, and returned in November to celebrate 60 years of his reign.

For a fee, the hall is available for bargain sales or college graduations. Or it may be rented as a temporary stage for private and religious organizations.

The Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives is a regular customer. Spokesman Akihiko Tochiori said farmers from around the country had converged on the hall every summer for about 10 years for rallies demanding that rice prices be increased.

The Japan Teachers Union has also rented the hall, most recently in early December, for a convention aimed at devising a counter-strategy to government education reform proposals.

"We would actually prefer not to use Budokan, but there aren't many places in Tokyo where 10,000 people can meet under one roof," said spokesman Saburo Hashimoto of the leftist union, which opposes the imperial system.

Budokan is probably less than 10 minutes' walk — if one could pass through security — from the emperor's private enclave in the vast palace grounds.

The most frequent Budokan users, however, are music groups and their fans. The 1985 musical parade included rock stars such as Huey Lewis and the News, Tina Turner and Chaka Khan.

Bob Dylan, who made an album from a previous Budokan performance, will be back there this year.

"If the musician is one that can handle Budokan, then Budokan is the chosen site," explained a woman from Udo Artists Inc., a firm that books foreign rock music tours of Japan.

Families urged to share mealtimes

CARSON, Calif (AP) — A common mealtime for the whole family is becoming an endangered tradition, but there are ways to counter the trend, says Dr. Virginia Long, a counseling psychologist at California State University, Dominguez Hills, in Carson.

The kids are busy with afterschool or sports activities, and as American women continue to join the labor force, both they and their husbands may be working late, she points out.

Fast foods and frozen meals have increased in variety and availability, and with more and more women working, they have less and less time to cook.

"We're not rearing a generation of young women who know how to cook, who seek as a life goal to be Julia Child," says Long, who as part of her practice works with clients who suffer from eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia.

But with planning, mealtime can still be a positive family experience, she says. One way of accomplishing that goal is to set aside a specific day to plan a meal and eat it together as a family. To make the event even more family oriented and to take the burden off one individual, she suggests dividing up the food preparation tasks among all family members.

"You have to have the entire family understand it's not the sole responsibility of the female in the house to do all the shopping and planning," she says. "I see the family in a state of change. You now have women struggling to have the chores divided, trying to get husbands and children to cooperate more."

On the other hand, Long says, if one family member has a specific dish or meal he or she likes to prepare from beginning to end, that can become a special family occasion.

"At our house, my daughter has one special meal she likes to make. My husband has one he likes. That person has the responsibility to do the shopping and put it together. It's a treat for the family. You get rewarded psychologically because the family enjoys it."

Along with the health and fitness craze, attitudes about foods and meals have changed, Long notes.

"People are not into heavy meals as much as they used to be. I can remember my mother cooking three meals a day of heavy, heavy food," she says. "People realize now you don't have to eat as much."

Once a family has come together to share a meal, there are ways to make the experience more meaningful, Long says.

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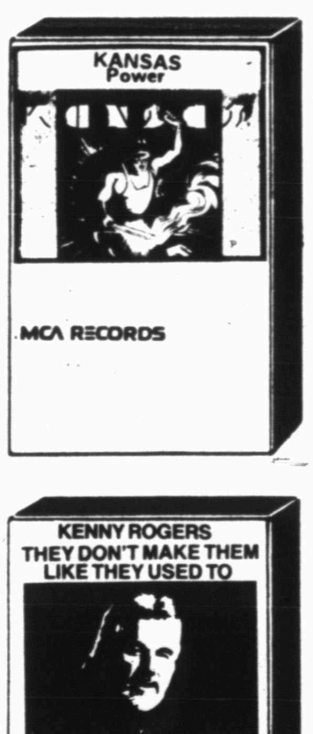

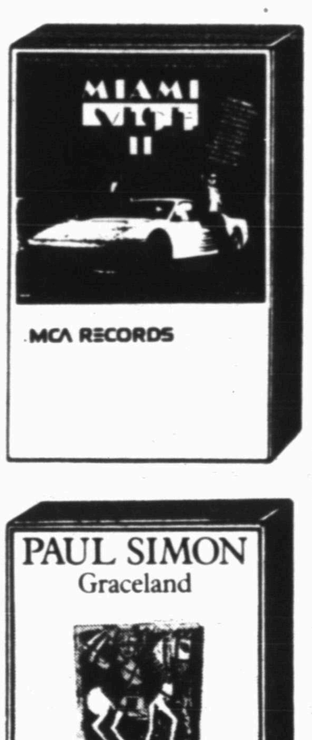

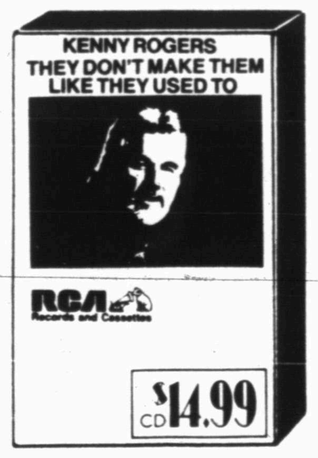

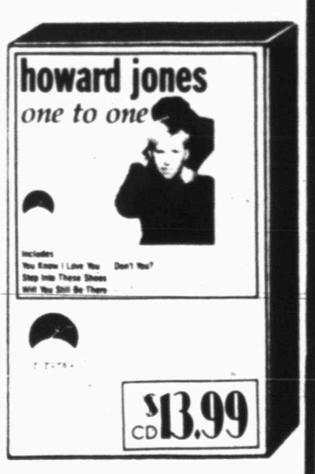

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