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Ask Us

Q. — What's the closest county to Scurry which has a pheasant season?

A. — The counties of Lubbock and Crosby to the north both have sufficient bird populations to offer a season this year. More abundant populations, however, are likely found further north. The season runs Dec. 12-27.

In Brief

Three killed

GAZA CITY, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops stormed a hospital in the Gaza Strip today to disperse Palestinians throwing stones and firebombs, and the army said three Arabs were killed in clashes in the occupied territory.

In Jerusalem, Israeli riot police fired tear gas at hundreds of Palestinians who staged an anti-Israeli demonstration after traditional Friday prayers at Al Aqsa mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites.

An elderly worshiper died, apparently of a heart attack, Moslem religious leader Sheikh Mohammed Al Jamal said. Police said the man died of natural causes unrelated to the tear gas.

Stocks higher

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market headed higher today.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials climbed 12.44 to 1,936.84 in the first half hour.

Gainers outnumbered losers by about 5 to 3 in the overall tally of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 749 up, 453 down and 464 unchanged.

Volume on the Big Board came to 82.54 million shares as of 10 a.m. on Wall Street.

Gets 3 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock speculator Ivan Boesky was sentenced today to three years in prison and no fine on his guilty plea in the Wall Street insider trading case.

U.S District Judge Morris E. Lasker told Boesky his offense "cannot go unpunished. ... Its seriousness was too substantial merely to forgive and to forget."

Boesky could have been sentenced to a maximum of five years and a $250,000 fine on his plea of guilty to one count of conspiracy to make false statements to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Lasker said he was not imposing a fine because of the record $100 million civil penalty Boesky paid the SEC and "it is appropriate that your legitimate creditors be given a claim on your assets prior to that of the government."

Boesky, who faces a score of civil lawsuits, stood impassively and slightly stooped with his hands clasped behind his back as the judge spoke.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 48 degrees; low, 27 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 38 degrees; .05 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1987 to date, 18.26 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, rain likely with a low near 40. South wind 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent.

Saturday, a 30 percent chance of showers mainly in the morning then decreasing cloudiness by late afternoon. High in the mid 50s. West wind 10 to 20 mph.

Holiday mood spoiled by price slide

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas oilmen and state officials were hoping for something other than declining oil prices for Christmas, but this week's tumble has some wondering what the new year will bring.

"I think this is sure going to put a damper on the Christmas spirit in the industry, and the Texas taxpayer should be concerned," Jim Nugent, a member of the Texas Railroad Commission, said Thursday.

In a wild session Thursday that saw crude dip below $15 a barrel for the first time in more than a year, oil prices plummeted then recouped most of their losses. By the end of trading at the New York Mercantile Exchange, contracts for January delivery of West Texas Intermediate stood at $15.84 per 42-gallon barrel.

Thursday's action left the price for the benchmark U.S. crude grade down 12 cents from Wednesday and $2.71 in the last six sessions.

"It may be a less-than-happy Christmas for a lot of people," said John E. Watson, president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners. "I don't know how small independents can insulate themselves against fluctuating prices."

"There are still some people that are hanging on by their fingertips," said Kent Hance, another Texas Railroad Commissioner. "I think that we'll have a few more of them that will go (out of business)."

Oil prices have been falling since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries failed at its year-end meeting to deal with the over-supply of oil on the world market.

"I think this is really a panic," Houston oilman Michel Halbouty said. "I feel everybody has gotten panicky. If it goes much below $16, it's absolutely going to knock out exploration."

Nugent said Texas oil producers pump 2 million barrels a day, meaning each $1 drop in the price of oil immediately costs the state $2 million.

"It's very expensive to the state of Texas," he said.

2 top postal staff slate retirements

The postmaster for Snyder's U. S. Post Office, Wendell Thomas, and the superintendent of postal operations, J.O. Morrison, have announced plans to retire.

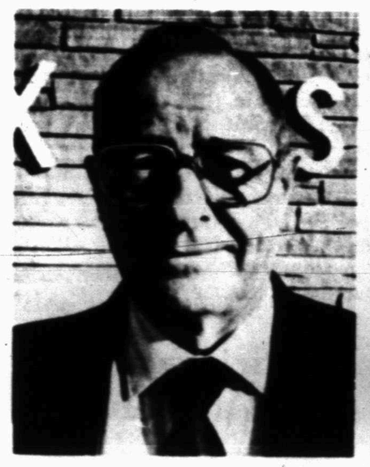
Morrison's retirement is effective Friday and Thomas will be leaving his post as of Dec. 31.

Both men are 59 years old.

Thomas is a native of Loraine who has been with the postal service for 38 years, serving in Colorado City and Abilene before he came to Snyder as postmaster in 1982.

Morrison has been with the postal service for 40 years, all of that time in Snyder, and has been superintendent of postal operations since 1969.

He joined the postal service in 1944 at age 16 and spent 1½ years in the armed service and two years at the University of Texas in Austin before returning.



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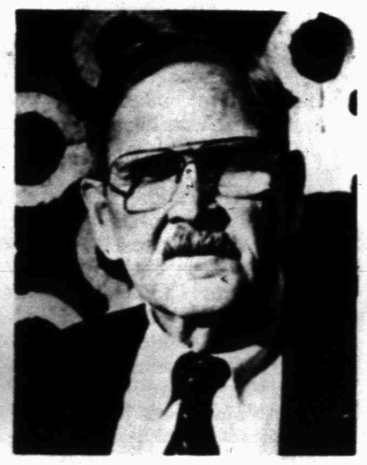

J.O. MORRISON
...superintendent...

Ag show season to begin

Snyder FFA due Saturday

The first junior livestock show of the 1987-88 season is scheduled Saturday in the ag annex of the Scurry County Coliseum with some 77 animals to be shown by Snyder High School FFA members.

The chapter show will begin at 1 p.m. Randy Gillum, SHS ag teacher, said local students will show two steers, 40 pigs and 35 sheep.

Judge for all three divisions will be Richard Long, ag instructor from Ira.

After Jan. 1, the show season will include the annual FFA Chapter Show for both Ira and Hermleigh FFA as well as the Scurry County 4-H show.

The season ends here with the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, scheduled this year from Jan. 19-23.

Days until Christmas

Final giveaway is Wednesday...

2nd chamber prize session Saturday

The second of three scheduled Christmas prize-giveaway sessions sponsored through the Snyder Chamber of Commerce is due Saturday.

Some 25 prizes donated and purchased through local merchants will be given out "first come, first serve" in exchange for points earned by "shopping at home."

The first group of individuals participating in the promotion will be escorted inside the chamber offices at 2302 Ave R beginning at 1 p.m.

Items offered Saturday include a VCR, which may be exchanged for 75 points, and a 19-inch color TV, the highest "priced" item at 82 points.

Other items to be offered include a roaster oven and a ladies clothing ensemble.

In all, some 100 items are to be given away during the three point-exchange sessions. The final one is slated here next Wednesday when approximately 50 items will be given out.

Individuals who have "shopped at home" in Snyder since Nov. 27 have been collecting cash register tapes from 45 participating merchants for the estimated $20,000 worth of prizes.

An estimated 80 to 100 persons appeared last Saturday in hopes of having a chance at exchanging their points for prizes.

Chamber staffers note that persons must have their cash register tapes validated prior to the day of distribution. This may be done during regular business hours at the chamber.

Individuals are limited to one item per redemption date.

Merchants participating in the promotion include: Landes Home Furnishing, Kmart, Lowrance Western Auto, Haney's Jewelry, Suits Us, Sunnyside, Thompson's Shoe Store, Special Moments, Roe's Furniture and Appliance, Snyder Book Store and Gift Shop, Blanche's Bernina Sewing Center, Merle Norman Cosmetic Studio and Boutique, Jodi's Dress Shop, Mildred's Dress Shop, Dryden's Shoes, Li'l Rascals, Bar-H-Bar Western Wear, Nancy's Art Style Beauty Salon, Step 'N Style, Classic Designs, Everyboy's Thriftway, C.R. Anthony Co., Express It, Margaret's Dress Shop, Showcase Video, Interior's, Snyder Drug, McWhorter's Tire Co., Keaton Kolor, Burgess-McWilliams Pharmacy, Snyder Athletic Center, Bob's True Value, Cox Jewelry, Memories Made, Jaramillo's Mexican Food Restaurant, Four Seasons Hallmark, Stinson Drug, McLeod's Jewelry, Friendly Flower Shop, Galleria Fashions.

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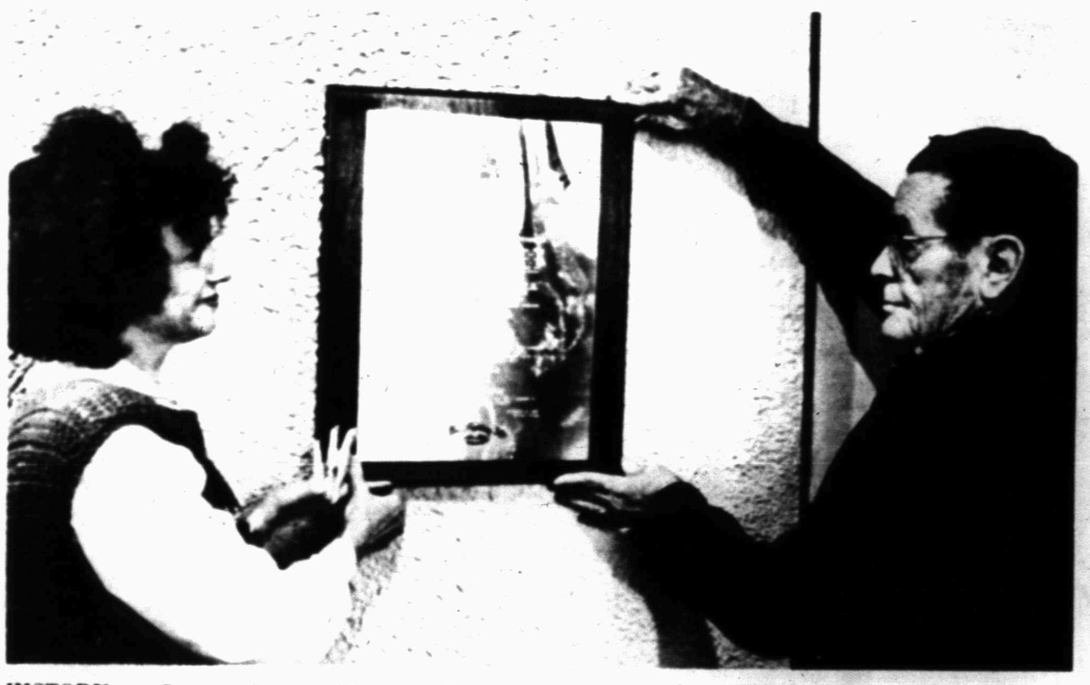

HISTORY — Scurry County Museum director Shirley Leftwich helps John Portis, vice president of the Company G group, erect a plaque commemorating the company's World War II European campaigns. The plaque was donated by Company G member Edward E. "Moose" Seitz in memory of his wife, June. (SDN Staff Photo)

Goodfellows ready to distribute food

The annual distribution of food packages to the county's needy is slated here Saturday morning.

The food will be given out by Snyder Goodfellows beginning at 10 a.m. at the ag annex of the Scurry County Coliseum.

Last week, Goodfellows began contacting some 293 county families--involving an estimated 1,060 persons--to notify them they have qualified for the Christmas food package.

Those who qualify have received a verification card. This card must be presented Saturday in order to receive the food package.

With some 293 cards mailed, Goodfellow volunteers note the totals are near the record-number of persons helped last Christmas. At that time, some 319 boxes of food were distributed, helping an estimated 1,100 individuals here.

Friday was to mark the final day donor tables for money donations toward the effort will be in place at five Snyder financial institutions.

The Goodfellows effort has been assisted also by school students in the county's three school districts. Students have donated canned goods through individual campus drives.

Members of the senior citizen center have manned donor tables and members of local Scout troops have helped sort food into boxes.

Other donations of food and other items have come from local grocery stores.

Goodfellows is an annual project undertaken here by the Snyder Kiwanis Club.

Print shop opens here on College

Bob Lewis Printing, one of Snyder's newest businesses, opened its doors on Dec. 7. Located at 2423 College, the business is located in the former location of Powell Printing.

Store hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Lewis will handle general job printing assignments including letterheads and forms of all kinds.

Lewis, originally from Snyder, is now living in Midland. However, he plans to move to Snyder in the near future.

He has been in the printing business for the past 35 years.

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You're not likely to live so long that you're old enough to do as you please."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

Otis Francis, in the Sweetwater Reporter, told about a unique Christmas gift--and it's no Aggie joke.

Texas A&M was in the news the other day with the information that you can get your dog fitted with a hearing aid. For less than $350, including testing, your dog can hear like new.

Texas A&M is the only place in Texas where you can get one. The Aggies have the only board-certified veterinary neurogologist in the state and the only electro-diagnostic unit for dogs.

It's fortunate that most of us don't have to lead a dog's life. Who needs a hearing aid when you've got a wife?

Walter Buckel, in the Lamesa Press-Reporter, says, "If you've got one kid, your're a parent. If you have two, you're a referee. And if you have three or more, you had better be a general."

No wonder productivity in this country is down. The Wall Street Journal reports that Lufkin Industries in Texas has cut absenteeism by 25 percent by rewarding good attendance with trading stamps.

We may be old-fashioned, but we thought a regular paycheck was sufficient incentive for showing up on the job.

Gene Dow, in the Colorado City Record, says folks with political aspirations can't be too careful these days.

A high school senior recently went to the library to turn in an overdue book.

Scolded the librarian, "Young man, I hope you never decide to run for President."

Some begin Yule holiday on Friday

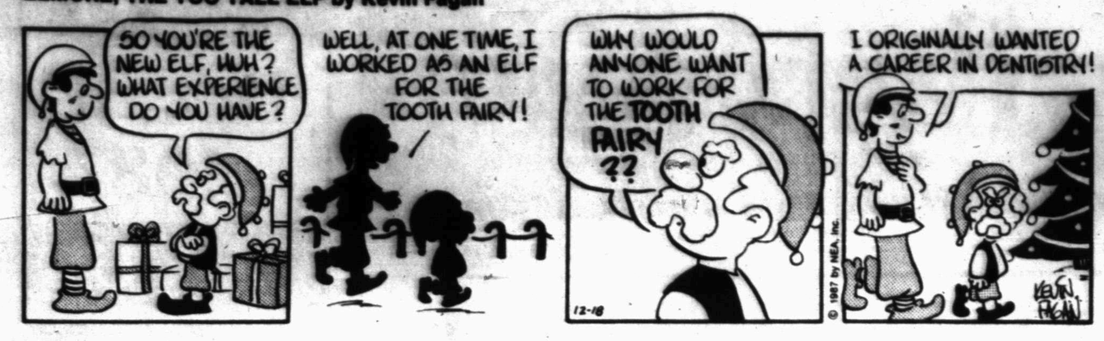
Classes dismissed for the Christmas holiday Friday for both Snyder and Ira students, while Hermleigh youngsters will be back in class Monday and Tuesday before their break.

Classes will resume for all three school districts Jan. 4. Hermleigh will let out early next Tuesday will classes to dismiss at 2:30 p.m.

In addition, administration offices on the campus of Western Texas College closed Friday. They will reopen Jan. 4 also.

Western Texas College classes dismissed last Friday and registration for the spring term there is scheduled Jan. 18-19.

ELMORE, THE TOO TALL ELF by Kevin Fagan



Meese's financial manager's deals exceeded investments

WASHINGTON (AP) — In one day last year, Attorney General Edwin Meese's financial manager bought stock for Meese that was worth $100,000 to $250,000 more than the capital put up by the attorney general, according to financial disclosure forms filed with the Justice Department.

The stock trading by W. Franklyn Chinn, a former director of scandal-plagued Wedtech Corp., is one focus of an independent counsel's criminal investigation of the attorney general's involvement with the New York defense contractor.

Meese filed amended ethics forms with the Justice Department earlier this month for 1985 and 1986 showing that on at least three trading days, and possibly as many as seven, Chinn bought and sold stock for Meese worth far more than the capital the attorney general had in the accounts of a limited blind partnership he set up with Chinn.

The attorney general invested $55,000 with Chinn, who turned a $40,000 profit for Meese in a total of just 22 days of trading over 19 months before the partnership was dissolved last summer, when Meese dropped Chinn as his investment manager.

Chinn, who also is under criminal investigation in the Wedtech scandal, used his contacts in the brokerage industry to obtain highly sought new stock issues which he bought and sold on the same day, a practice known as day trading.

Investigators for independent counsel James McKay, who is looking into Meese's ties to Wedtech, have been attempting to reconstruct Chinn's trading for the attorney general in 23 stock issues to determine if any laws were broken, sources familiar with the probe say.

Chinn's methods have made it difficult for investigators to track his trading for Meese, according to other sources familiar with the transactions. All of the sources agreed to discuss the matter only if not identified by name.

Rather than trading through Bear, Stearns Inc., the brokerage firm where much of Meese's capital was kept, Chinn placed orders at a number of brokerage houses around the country in a single day and simply used Bear, Stearns as a clearing account for the transactions, according to the sources.

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Agency sued by widow

AUSTIN (AP) — The widow of a Round Mountain man who drowned in a flash flood on the Pedernales River has filed a suit against the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, claiming the agency failed to warn her husband that the river was rising.

The suit, filed Thursday by Lila Wilson of Bertram, seeks unspecified damages in the May 26 death of her husband, Wilford Wilson, 61, who drowned when the flash flood struck as he and other family members were fishing in the Pedernales Falls State Park.

The suit claims that park rangers did not tell her husband of the impending floodwaters that swept him away.

Wilford Wilson had been fishing on the river in Blanco County with his brother, Wilton "Red" Wilson, 54, of Round Mountain. Both men drowned.

The suit, filed in state District Court in Travis County, was brought by Wilson's widow and the couple's teen-age daughter, Tamara. Named as defendants are the Parks and Wildlife Department and Francis Erlich, a park ranger.

Retired workers hold meeting

The Rolling Plains Chapter No. 701 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met Dec.9 for a luncheon at K-Bobs in Sweetwater.

Charles Reeves, president, presided. In the absense of Mr. Shakleford, service officer, who was to give the program, Reeves stressed that any survivor of an annuitant who needs help to feel free to call Shakleford, or he will be glad to help. Mrs. Nell Elliott made a motion to donate $25 to Goodfellows. The motion carried.

There was an amendent to the officers elected at the last meeting. Robbie Zetman will be the Director of Publicity for the next year. Reeves stated that the district meeting will be held in Coleman on March 1.

Members present were Margaret Brame of Loraine; Ruth Brown of Sylvester; Edith Hughes and Robbie Zetman, both of Roscoe; Marie Estep of Trent; Nell Elliott, Milton and Margaret Templeton, Mrs. Nathan Waldrop, and Charles and Marceal Reeves, all of Sweetwater.

Visitors were: Luther Orsborn of Trent; D. W. (Jack) Beane and wife, Elgene of Snyder and Clara Singleton of Roscoe.

Dear Abby

Mother's Sexual Activity Is Hard Pill for Girl to Swallow

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old high school student. About six months ago, I became sexually active with my 18-year-old boyfriend. My father died two years ago and my mother has had a boyfriend for about a year. Yesterday I noticed birth control pills in her bathroom. I think I should be on birth control pills, too, but I'm afraid to talk to my mother about it because I don't think she'd approve. I resent the fact that she is on the pill because I loved my father very much and I hate to even think that my mother is sleeping with another man. My mother and I are very close and we can talk about almost anything, so she knows how I feel about her having relationships.

I feel cheated. If my mother can be on the pill, why can't I be? Should I talk to her about this, or should I keep my big mouth shut?

MAD AT MOM

DEAR MAD: Since you and your mother are "very close" and can talk about almost everything, quit judging her behavior and discuss yours. I do not condone sex outside of marriage at any age, but I urge those who are sexually active to protect themselves and their partners.

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DEAR ABBY: I was married to one man for 51 years. He died. I was alone for four years, then I married a 72-year-old man. I was 70. We have been married for 13 months and there is a problem, or why else would I be writing this?

After we had been married for only two weeks, my husband got up in the middle of the night and yelled, "This g-d woman is hogging the bed!" Then he took his pillow and went to sleep on the sofa. I cried myself to sleep.

Abby, we never discussed sleeping arrangements before we were married. I just took it for granted that all married people sleep together. I was wrong. To me, going to bed with someone you care about (sex or no sex) was the happiest time of the day. That's the time to put your arms around each other and feel a closeness that can't be expressed in any other way.

I don't need counseling. I just need someone to hold me at night. Thanks for giving me a chance to say this. I feel better already. Have you ever had a letter like this, Abby?

SMALL TOWN, TENNESSEE

DEAR SMALL TOWN: Yes, many. And the solution is found in discussing and negotiating "sleeping arrangements" before the wedding so there are no disappointments.

In your case a compromise would be in order: "cuddling time" before "serious sleep time." You shouldn't be starved for affection and he shouldn't be taking his pillow to the sofa in order to sleep. All married couples do not sleep together. Twin beds have improved many marriages.

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DEAR ABBY: In answer to the "Waitress in Banff" who asks why people seem to prefer "dirty" tables: They don't necessarily prefer "dirty" tables; the choice tables are occupied more than the others. And which tables are preferred? Studies have shown, and restaurant designers have long known, that people will fill a restaurant in a predictable order. People like to have a wall at their backs. They like to be able to see the door. They like to be able to look out the windows. They don't like their backs exposed. Restaurants tend to fill outer walls first, then window walls, and finally — and only if there is no other choice — center tables.

FRED MASLAN, SEATTLE

DEAR FRED: Interesting. Add to that, nobody who has a choice will sit near a noisy kitchen, or rest rooms where the traffic is usually steady and disruptive.

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DEAR ABBY: While you're at it, please ask "Waitress" why hostesses in nearly empty restaurants always seat you right next to the only other occupied table in the joint.

WINONA A.
PORT LUCIE, FLA.

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Abby's favorite family recipes are included in her new cookbooklet. For your copy, send your name and address, clearly printed, plus check or money order for $3.50 ($4 in Canada) to: Abby's Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. Postage and handling are included.

Famed French writer dead at 84

PARIS (AP) — Marguerite Yourcenar, one of the 20th century's great writers in the French language and the first woman to be admitted to the Academie Francaise, died in the United States, Europe 1 radio reported today.

Ms. Yourcenar, a longtime resident of Maine who became an American citizen in 1947, was 84.

The cause of her death was not immediately known. The French news agency Agence France-Press quoted her private secretary, Jane Keane Lunt, as saying the writer died Thursday night after a hospitalization of five weeks.

Jean d'Ormesson, a fellow member of the Academie Francaise, said that after Jean-Paul Sartre and Louis Aragon, Ms. Yourcenar was the best representative of French literature in the world.

"I am naturally very touched," d'Ormesson said. "I knew that Marguerite Yourcenar was very ill and, since the day before yesterday, that she had been in a coma and there was no longer any hope."

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

TOYS DONATION--Harley Bynum, local professional photographer, is pictured with Danny Engle, co-chairman for Toys for Tots. Bynum donated several toys to the organization for its Christmas toy drive. The toys were collected by Bynum from his customers who gave the toys in exchange for their sitting fees. The special toy sitting was an October promotion. (Bynum Photo)

Two uranium processing sites expected to close

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The closing of two uranium processing facilities in South Texas will ease fears about their safety, a state senator says.

A uranium mill tailings disposal site in Karnes County and the Mount Lucas uranium mine in Live Oak County will cease operations in 1988, Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said Thursday.

Truan said he learned of the closings from the Texas Railroad Commission's Surface Mining Division and the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control.

"The closure and restoration of these two sites will be a big relief for thousands of South Texans who live near the mines" and had questions about their safety, Truan said.

Truan is heading a study of uranium mill tailings disposal to be conducted by the subcommittee on health services, and also serves on the Waste Management Policy Committee, which is expected to begin hearings next year.

The Live Oak County mine is operated by Everest Minerals Corp. of Corpus Christi.

The Karnes County Conquista disposal site is operated by Conoco Inc. Mining operations ceased there several years ago, but it has continued to receive radioactive wastes from outside sources, according to a Texas House staff analysis.

CRMWD expects to end 1987 with more net revenue

The Colorado River Municipal Water district likely will finish 1987 with 25 percent more net revenue than anticipated.

This is due primarily to savings in electric energy costs occasioned by pumping nearly 2.3 billion gallons less water than estimated, by being able to pump from most economical sources and fuel rebates from power companies in the amount of $113,629.

Through Nov. 30, revenues totaled $11,678,101 or .65 of one percent more than projected, while operating expenses of $5,124,340 were 20.39 percent less that budgeted. Through 11 months net revenues, out of which debt service must be handled, were $6,428,873 or 26.48 percent more than anticipated.

The electric energy bill for 11 months was $2,868,873 or 29.38 percent less than projected for the period.

Water deliveries amounted to 14,580,992,517 gallons or down 13.59 percent from expectations. Municipal customers took 13,129,937,860 gallons and oil and industrial customers 1,402,561,740 gallons, almost all in unpotable water. Of the 91.64 percent portable water out of total production, 81.78 percent came from lakes and 9.87 percent from wells.

Lucky Thirteen (13) Exes

The Annual Exes Tea will be held on Sun., Dec. 20 at 3603 41st Street for more information Call 573-4166 or 573-8654 Ask for Brandi Bell

Change in security checks ordered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The airlines are scrambling to change their airport passenger screening programs after the government ordered all airline and airport employees, even those in uniform, to pass through the security checkpoints beginning Monday.

The tighter security measures were directed Thursday by the Federal Aviation Administration and will go into effect two weeks after a fired USAir employee smuggled a gun aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jet and began firing during flight.

The plane crashed Dec. 7, killing all 43 people aboard, including the gunman, who apparently had bypassed the screening checkpoint at Los Angeles International Airport as he boarded the plane, according to investigators.

The FAA action came as congressional investigators described a recent survey of six major airports in which they said they found thousands of employee identification badges unaccounted for, sloppy security in restricted areas and inadequate screening near aircraft gates of airport and airline employees for possible weapons.

Investigators for the congressional General Accounting Office examined security at six major airports considered by the FAA to be among 16 airports that could be most vulnerable to terrorist or hijack attempts.

The investigators did not identify the airports, but other sources said they were Los Angeles International, Miami International, Atlanta Hartsfield, New York's John F. Kennedy, Washington's National and Chicago's O'Hare.

At Los Angeles International the GAO investigators found 6,000 security badges, or about 16 percent of the total number, unaccounted for. Airport officials later said their own investigation showed about half that number missing.

Los Angeles International Airport manager Stephen Yee disputed parts of the report at a Los Angeles news conference, where he announced plans for a new high-tech system of identification badges for employees. A similar system, intended to clamp down on unauthorized access to runways and cargo areas, will also be installed at San Francisco International Airport.

"They have their figures, and we have our figures," Yee said when asked if he believed the GAO report inaccurate.

Airline pilots union officials said, meanwhile, that the new directives could cause havoc at some airports.

"If you think delays and passenger misconnections are bad now, see what happens if we clog the checkpoints with thousands of pilots, flight attendants and other airline and airport employees," said Henry Duffy, president of the 40,000-member Air Line Pilots Association.

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 12-18-87
♠ A 6
♥ J 10 7 2
♦ A K 7 3
♣ J 7 4

WEST
♠ K 7 4 3 2
♥ 4
♦ 6 4
♣ A K 8 6 3

EAST
♠ J 9 8 5
♥ A 8 3
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 9 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 10
♥ K Q 9 6 5
♦ Q 5 2
♣ Q 10 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead ♣ K

Careful play sets up squeeze

By James Jacoby

Careful Charlie made a bold one-heart overcall. With a collection of outside queens of doubtful trick-taking value, he was exposing himself to a severe penalty if his partner had a terrible hand and the contract was doubled for penalty. However, as you can see, his partner had a very good hand, and eventually Charlie became declarer at three hearts.

West led the K-A of clubs and gave his partner a club ruff. Back came the jack of diamonds. Charlie won the ace in dummy and played a low heart to his king and a heart back. East won the ace and continued with the diamond 10, won by Charlie with his queen. Charlie did not expect diamonds to split, so he wondered what he could do about his apparent spade loser. Obviously West's opening bid was based more on distribution than on high-card values, but he certainly would hold the king of spades. Perhaps he did not hold the jack as well. So Charlie led the queen of spades out of his hand. West covered with the king and dummy won the ace. Declarer now carefully (how else?) played out all his trumps. When the last trump was played, dummy was left with K-7 of diamonds, while Charlie had a diamond and the spade 10. What could East pitch, holding the 9-8 of diamonds and jack of spades? He of course threw the spade jack, hoping that West held the 10, but his hope was in vain. Charlie cashed the spade 10 and diamond king to make the contract.

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

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State officials decry decision

RENO, Nev. (AP) — An apparent deal in Congress to single out Nevada's Yucca Mountain for further study to host the nation's first high-level radioactive waste dump is "a dark day for Nevada," Gov. Richard Bryan says.

"The disappointment is that the Congress of the United States would preside over such a legislative travesty," Bryan said upon receiving word of Thursday's agreement.

"This proposal ... has never been the subject of a single public hearing. No one has ever had an opportunity to offer any testimony to either oppose it, to amend it or to offer some kind of alternative proposal," the governor said.

In Washington, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he was disappointed and distressed.

"I feel betrayed, especially by the House of Representatives. They took public health and safety, put it in a box, shoved it to one side and brought out a new box that had in it base, raw power politics," Reid said.

In the House, Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, R-Nev., said Thursday's apparent agreement "destroys, once and for all, any illusions we may have had about a statesmenlike approach to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act or any pretense of interest in scientific deductions or safety."

House and Senate conferees apparently came to agreement on the dump site Thursday following a meeting the night before, according to Rep. Al Swift, D-Wash.

"Unless other things pop up, it will be built at Yucca Mountain," Swift said.

Crane graduates from AF course

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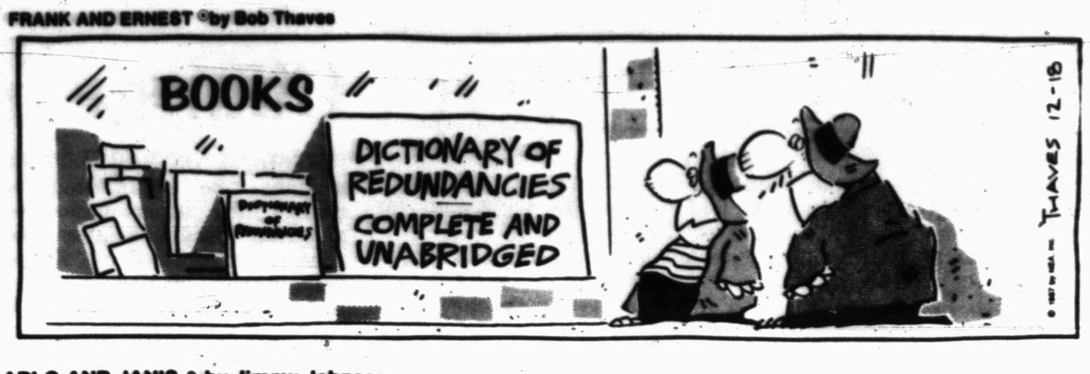

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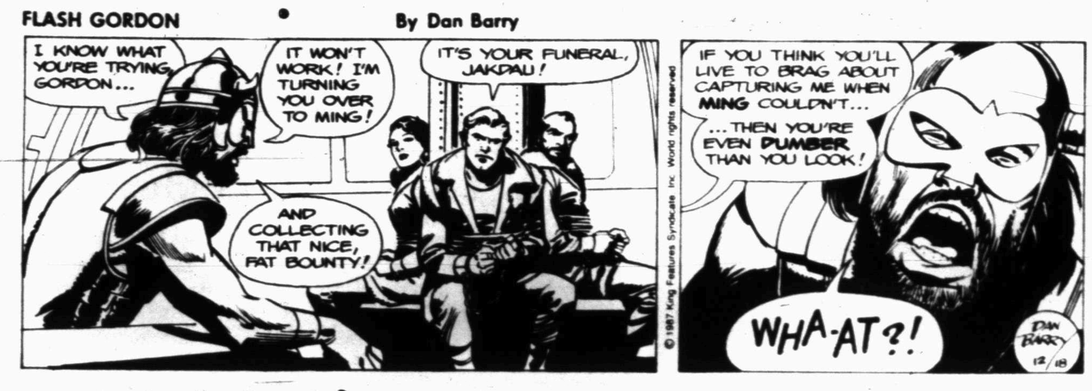

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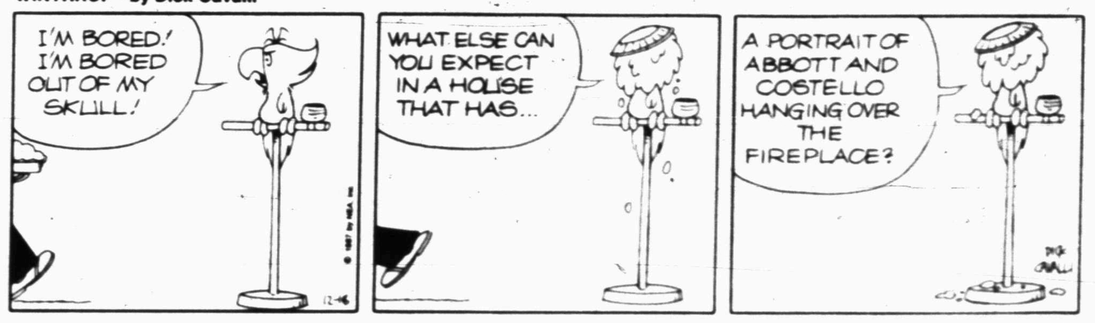

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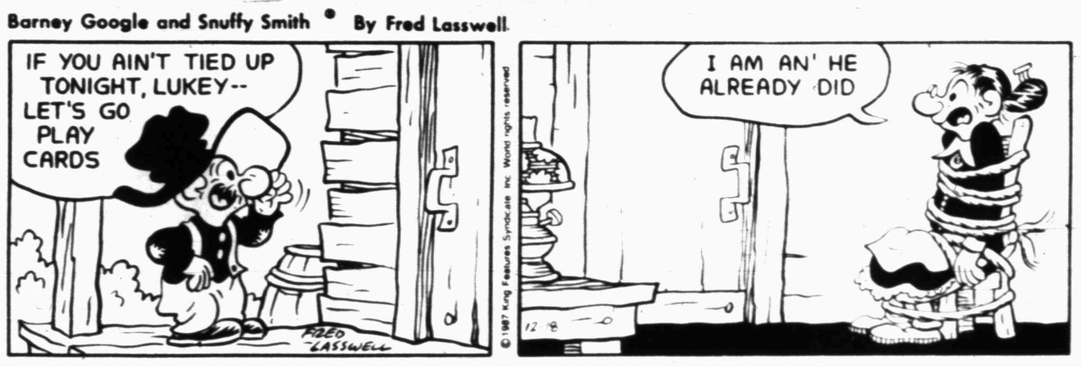

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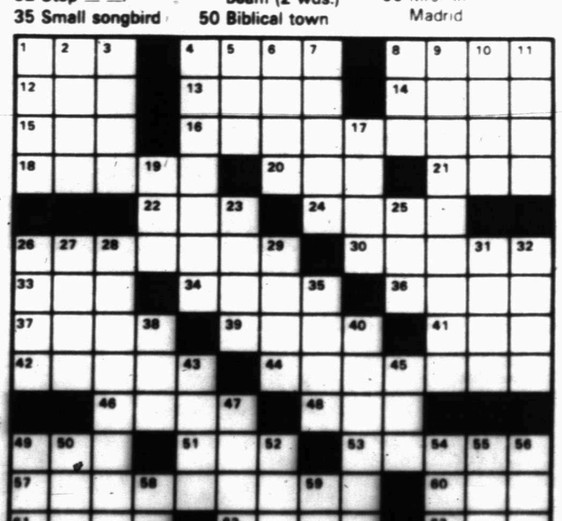

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Agency, AMA argue significance of figures

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Medical Association doesn't think much of the federal government's release of hospital mortality data, but two physicians involved in health care issues say the unprecedented step reflects a new era of accountability.

"Distributing this data provides no meaningful value to patients and will very likely be misleading," Dr. James H. Sammons, executive vice president of the AMA, said Thursday.

"In addition, releasing it will do irreparable damage to physician-patient relationships," he said in a statement issued in Chicago on behalf of the AMA.

Many individual hospitals and state hospital associations around the nation expressed similar concerns.

Dr. William L. Roper, administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration, was quick to acknowledge that the 1986 death rate data for Medicare patients cannot stand alone as a measure of quality care in the nation's 6,000 hospitals.

But he said it is "an important step" in that direction and urged consumers to "begin to reflect on this information and to ask intelligent questions" of their doctors and hospital administrators.

"I appreciate my critics, but they're wrong," Roper said. "It may have been that there was a time when patients cowered at the feet of sovereign doctors who made all the decisions on health care. But I'm a physician and my wife is one and I'm here to tell you those days are gone."

Roper, whose agency runs the federal Medicare and Medicaid programs, received strong backing from Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, head of Public Citizen Health Research Group.

Wolfe, whose Ralph Nader-affiliated organization more typically is critical of Roper and other federal health officials, said the AMA and others critical of the release "are living in another world. Their world excludes patients."

"Everyone has known for a long time that some hospitals are better than others, but as long as you don't let the public find out about it there's no pressure to improve things," said Wolfe.

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DEAR READER — I have the guts to respond. Do you have the guts to change your stinking thinking?

First, medical science isn't quackery. The major advances in treating disease — coronary bypass surgery, antibiotics for life-threatening infections and effective drugs for many human ailments, to name a few — have been developed by well-trained and learned men and women to help patients who are afflicted. Therefore, medicine is an honorable and humane profession.

Second, your inappropriate comments suggest that females somehow obtain different training for an M.D. degree than do males. This is not the case. You're being blatantly sexist by claiming that men M.D.s are quacks and women M.D.s are not. There are both good and bad doctors of both sexes. The incidence of quacks (self-proclaimed, non-scientific healers) is less among M.D.s than among non-M.D.s.

Third, the vast majority of doctors (male and female) take their jobs seriously. In part, this means that they honor confidentiality and approach patients with objective professionalism. They do not "do anything they please" with women — or men — patients. A strict code of ethics — and a good dose of common sense — prevents doctors (of both sexes) from exploiting their patients.

Fourth, few male doctors examine women without another person — usually a family member or a nurse — being present in the examining room. Having a "chaperone" protects the doctor's reputation and the patient's privacy. I am sure that if you have a problem with your wife being examined by a physician, you could be given permission to be present during the examination.

Finally, a good doctor does not differentiate between "woman's work" and "man's work" when treating the sick. An ill person is an ill person; gender does not enter the picture. There are good women urologists who treat male patients, as there are good male gynecologists who treat women.

I think that the problem raised by your question is less medical sex-role stereotyping than it is your hostile and abrasive attitude. You would be less angry if you could develop a better perspective on the whole subject of medical care. Your first step might be to ask your wife and her gynecologist to allow you to be present during the examination, so that the doctor can explain what is being done to your wife and why, thereby relieving a lot of your insecurity. Let me know if a little education and communication makes your wife's medical care less galling to you.

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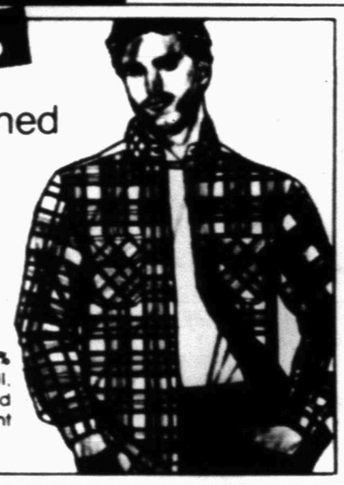

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by The Associated Press

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USBank of Denton, with $84.2 million in deposits, and the Bank of Mabank, with $44.5 million, were shut down Thursday for similar reasons, said Deputy Commissioner Stephen Y. Scurlock of the Texas Department of Banking.

Both suffered from liberal and ill-advised lending practices, poor management and a soft Texas economy that made many loans worthless, he said. Both were to reopen today as branches of other banks, officials said.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported today, meanwhile, that USBank officials have since last summer fought a legal battle against a former Frisco horse rancher who bank officials claim operated a check-kiting scheme with a Memphis, Tenn., cattle broker.

A court date had been set for November on the case, but a second bank involved, Commerce Union Bank of Memphis, was given more time to prepare its case.

According to records filed in the Denton County District Clerk's office, USBank officials allege that Lee Perkins siphoned more than $2.4 million from the bank over a three-week period during June and July of last year by trading hot checks with the Memphis man.

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Hermleigh Methodists announce activities

Several activities are planned this Sunday at Hermleigh United Methodist Church. For the 11 a.m. worship service the youth and lay leaders will be in charge of services with Christmas carols, Scriptures and special readings.

At 3 p.m. Santa Claus will be visiting the youth in the fellowship room, passing out candy and listening to requests. Also at this time the junior and senior youth will be preparing Christmas cheer baskets for the elderly of the community and for delivery to the nursing homes.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the tolling of the church bell and the lighting of the Advent candles, the Christmas service will begin. The Rev. Milton Chester, district superintendent of the Big Spring district, will be in charge of the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Immediately following this will be the kindergarten-elementary and junior-senior youth Christmas programs.

Concluding the service will be the Christmas candle light communion service. Refreshments will be served following this in the felowship room. The public is invited to attend.

First Baptist Church in Ira plans Christmas concert

Bill and Vicky Murphy of Anson, music evangelists, will be at the First Baptist Church of Ira for a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. this Sunday.

Murphy attended Hardin-Simmons University, majoring in church music. He also attended Eastern New Mexico University. Prior to evangelism, he served different churches as music, youth and education director. He has been involved in full time church ministry for 15 years.

Mrs. Murphy attended Eastern New Mexico University, majoring in elementary music education. She, along with their daughter, Christina, travels with Murphy.

Everyone is invited to attend this special Christmas service. A nursery will be provided. Also, a love offering will be taken for the Murphys.

CONCERT PLANNED—Billy and Vicky Murphy of Anson will be in concert at 6 p.m. this Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Ira. (Church Photo)

Union Methodists planning 'Living Nativity' Dec. 21-22

The Union United Methodist Church will present a "Living Nativity" Monday and Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.

The four scenes include Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem, shepherds in the field, three wise men, and the manger in Bethlehem.

Background scenery has been constructed for each scene and a passage from Scriptures relating to the scene has been written on each piece of scenery.

In addition, live actors and animals will also be featured.

The entire production is designed so that people can drive through and see all the scenes without leaving their cars.

The community is invited to view the production.

Carriker named to committee slot

AUSTIN–Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis has named state representative Steven Carriker to the Joint Committee on Waste Management.

The committee was created pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 137, as passed during the regular session of the 70th Legislature. It will study all aspects and issues relating to management of all waste products by local, state and federal governments. Among the specific areas to be examined are:

—the scope and consistency of state and federal regulations pertaining to waste management;

—the generation and transportation of various wastes;

—selection, approval and regulation of treatment and storage facilities

—projected demand for new facilities; and

—the adequacy of existing technology to safely dispose of various waste products, including the use of waste to generate energy.

The panel will make a complete report, including findings and recommendations and drafts of any legislation considered necessary, to the 71st Legislature.

Cop's widow freed pending appeal

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — The widow of a slain patrolman is free on bond while her attorneys appeal contempt charges filed after she refused to answer grand jury questions about her husband's death.

Lea Smith, 25, was released from the Comal County Jail Thursday after posting a $10,000 bond, said her attorney, Jimmy Parks.

"She's extremely relieved, but she's still very depressed over the whole ordeal," Parks said.

Mrs. Smith is the widow of Stephen R. Smith, a suspected vigilante policeman who was fatally shot by his best friend and fellow officer in Aug. 18, 1986.

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Walls employees given 5, 10 year pins

Service certificates and pins were awarded to 23 employees in the Snyder facility of Walls Industries, Inc. Tuesday. Presenting the awards were Bob Hobgood, plant manager, and Ron Istre, vice president of manufacturing.

Receiving their five year pins were: Mary F. Arizmendi, Linda J. Beach, Irma Deleon, Paul N. Dolliver, Marie Durst, Benita R. Rios, Billie Sewell, Glenda J. Treat, Mike Wallace, Pauline Withers, Tami Wishert, Amanda Rodriguez, and Bob Hobgood.

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In presenting the awards, Istre said the contribution of all the people honored has been a major factor in making Walls the leading name in the apparel industry.

Walls Industries, Inc. a Cleburne based apparel firm, has eight locations in Texas employing over 1400 people.

Hispanic leaders endorse Jackson

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Some of the city's Hispanic leaders have forged a rare alliance with blacks by endorsing the Rev. Jesse Jackson for president.

John T. Garcia, district director for the League of United Latin American Citizens, has formed a Hispanics for Jackson committee with about 25 others who plan to conduct door-to-door campaigning and voter registration drives.

"The time has come for Hispanics to work in active coalition with the black community," Garcia said Wednesday.

Garcia and Patricia Roybal-Sutton, chairwoman of a coalition of 24 Hispanic groups called El Concilio, said they favor Jackson because he opposes immigration reform and consistently sides with the poor and minorities.

Hispanics rarely have allied politically with blacks. Roberto Villarreal, a Texas-El Paso political science professor, said he does not expect many Hispanics to vote for Jackson, a Democrat, despite the endorsements.

"There is still a color factor," Villarreal said. "The education we have received from the dominant society tells us we are divided between colors."

In 1984, Hispanic leaders favored Gary Hart. But the Donna Rice scandal, coupled with his abandoning the presidential race and then re-entering, have ruined his credibility, Garcia said.

Crop is slightly damaged

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — South Plains cotton growers will suffer some damage to their crops from this week's blanket of snow, but most were saved by the autumn's good weather that allowed them to finish harvesting before the storm hit, officials say.

"If we would have had any significant bad weather before this, we would have been looking at a tremendously big loss to the cotton crop," said Spencer Tanksley, agent for Bailey County, where 16 inches of snow fell Monday and temperatures Wednesday plummeted to 9 degrees below zero.

In Bailey County, farmers were out removing the snowdrifts Thursday that piled up against the modules to prevent moisture damage, Tanksley said.

"For any cotton left still in the field, it will be a while before they can get in there and strip it," he said.

Moisture caused by the snow may hurt the fibers, adversely affecting grade and yield, agents said.

But farmers who have already harvested and packed their cotton into modules should be safe from moisture damage if it was packaged tightly enough, said Hockley County agent Billy Warrick.

"If it's packed correctly, it can stay out in the field for weeks" before ginning, he said.

But where melting snow wets the top of the modules, seed quality will suffer, said Terry County agent Tom Gaither.

In Hockley County, about 90 percent of cotton was out of the field when Sunday night's storm hit, Warrick said.

A few larger farmers in Texas' South Plains, which received an average of about 8 inches of snow this week, still had not brought in their crops, he said.

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Dec. 19, 1987

In the year ahead you will partake of more of the good things that life has to offer than you have for quite awhile. Your earnings will be up, but so will your expenditures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Interests that are of great importance to you personally can be substantially advanced both today and tomorrow. Try to give these matters top priority. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Matchmaker set instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There could be an unusual turn of events today where you will profit from a situation that was previously a failure. Hang onto your four-leaf clover.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Give vent to your imagination today, and don't be afraid to think in expansive terms. Developments are stirring that will fuel your optimism.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're now in an extremely favorable achievement cycle, especially where your finances and career are concerned. Take advantage of this trend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The positive manner in which you present yourself today will have an exhilarating effect on others. This should be true in any circle in which you'll move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're still under favorable aspects where your finances are concerned. In fact, you should have larger opportunities today than you had yesterday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Partnership arrangements have considerable significance at this time. Alliances you now form could help make your dreams and hopes realities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) As of today, Lady Luck will be playing a more active role in critical career matters. She will be doing all she can to help tilt the odds in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Matters of the heart may occupy the most important position in your life today. If you haven't been too lucky in love lately, this is about to change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Restrict your associations today to people with whom you have strong emotional ties. This is an area where everyone could reap benefits from pulling together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You shouldn't have any trouble gaining the support of others today, whether it's for a personal matter or a commercial purpose. Make your plea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Things look good for you at this time in the financial department. There are larger than usual opportunities around you now, so be on constant alert.

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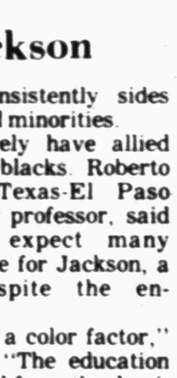

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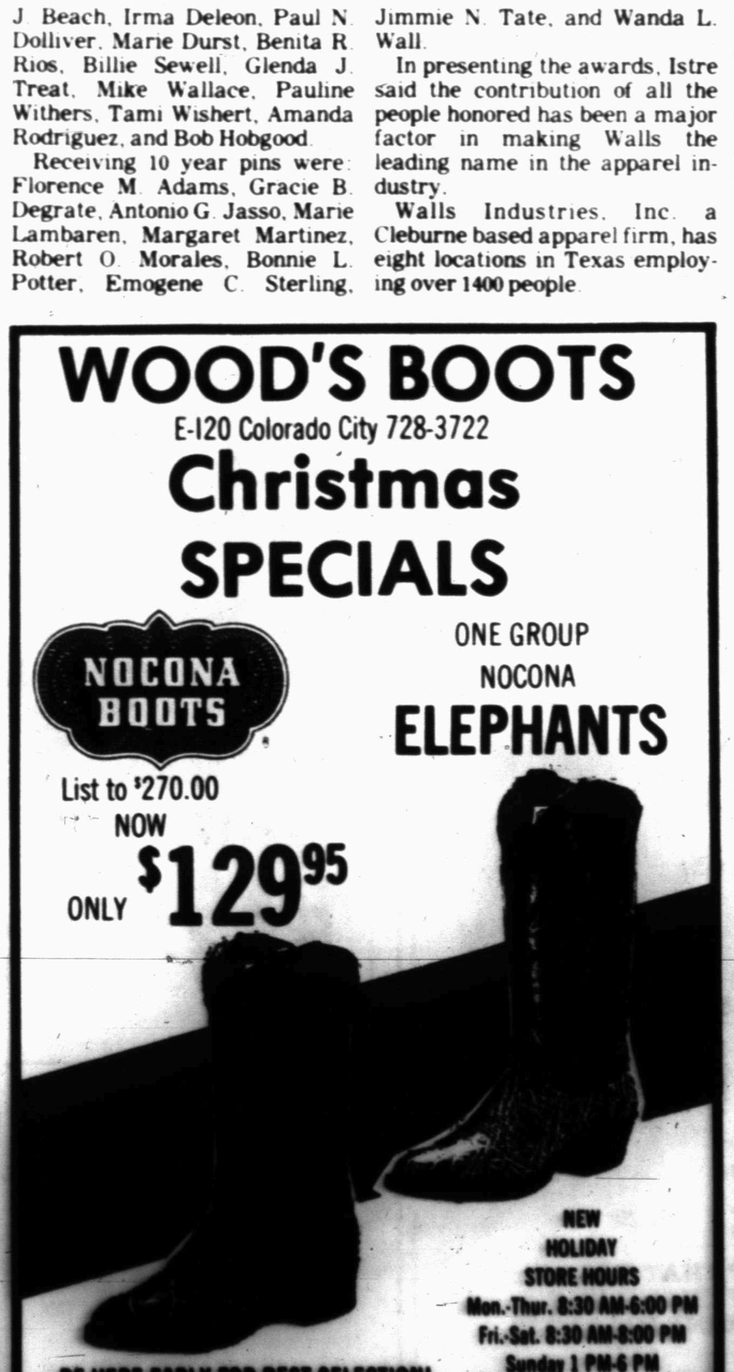

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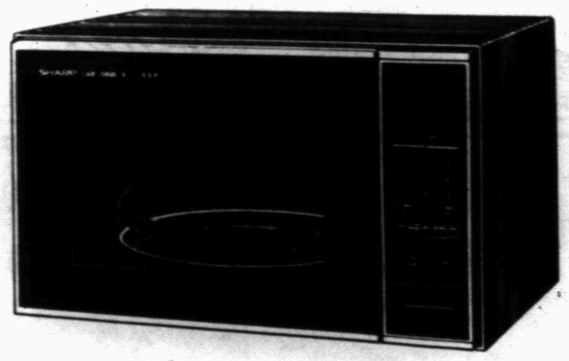

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Agents hot over sports control bill

AUSTIN (AP) - The sponsor of the state's new sports agent regulation bill says it should not force anyone out of business, but some agents say they are not convinced.

"I'm in favor of doing something about agents, but I just think it's a very poorly worded piece of legislation," agent Paul Schoonover of Dallas said Thursday.

His comments came at a meeting called to discuss the new law. It turned into a gripe session as agents pointed out problems they believe they will face as a result of the law.

The Athlete Agent Act approved this year by the Texas Legislature requires agents to register with the Secretary of State if they plan to contact college athletes.

The law also requires sports agents to post a $100,000 bond if they plan to do financial services, other than routine contract negotiations, for their clients.

Lawmakers approved the law in an attempt to curtail improper dealings between agents and college athletes, who are banned by the NCAA from signing with an agent while they are eligible for intercollegiate competition.

In the most recent case, two Texas A&M football players were declared ineligible for the Aggies' Cotton Bowl game against Notre Dame Jan. 1 because they had signed with an agent.

The law does not affect agents dealings with professional athletes.

"We do want to assure you that by no stretch of the imagination nor by any intent of the Legislature are we attempting to put anybody out of business," bill sponsor Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, told the agents.

"I agree with a lot of what's in here, but I don't agree with a lot of how it is written down," said Gary Kovacs, a Houston sports agent.

Ken Johnson, another Houston-based agent, expressed support for the new law.

"If you are going to be a sports agent now in Texas, you've got to be competent ... not dishing out bad advice or screwing up kids," he said.

The $100,000 bond will cost $2,000 a year, according to Jim Mathieson, an attorney in the Secretary of State's office who said "a lot of people think it's going to be impossible to get a bond" because bond-writing companies might not offer them.

"Let's bring it down to reality," said Kovacs, whose clients include New York Giants linebacker Lawrence Taylor. "I don't mind paying for a bond if I can get it. Right now, as of yesterday, it's not available."

The new law was effective Oct. 20, but will not be enforced until Jan. 1.

Sherrill's negotiations with agent a flop; downplays intentions in later interview

ATLANTA (AP) - The former sports agent who signed two Texas A&M football players said coach Jackie Sherrill tried to negotiate a quick financial settlement in an apparently futile effort to get the players back on the team in time for the Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl.

The players, senior offensive tackle Tony Bartley and junior fullback Melvin Collins, were declared ineligible this week after former Atlanta sports agent Jim Abernethy told The Atlanta Constitution he had signed contracts with them.

"Sherrill said, 'This is the biggest game of their lives. You're taking away the Cotton Bowl from these boys,'" Abernethy told The Constitution after meeting with Sherrill in Atlanta Thursday morning.

Texas A&M plays Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 1.

It is against National Collegiate Athletic Association rules for players to accept benefits from agents or to sign contracts with them. Before the NCAA will consider restoration of eligibility, all money must be repaid and the player released from his contract.

"When I told him (Sherrill) that the amount was between $15,000 and $20,000 (for both), he told me, 'That's too high ... go down some," Abernethy said.

Abernethy also said Sherrill promised repayment "within 12 hours" if the agent signed a release form on the contracts that he signed with Bartley and Collins. Abernethy said he agreed to cooperate but said he was attempting to determine the exact amount the players owed.

But NCAA enforcement official Janet Justus said even if Bartley and Collins repaid the money and had their eligibility restored, they would face a likely minimum penalty of two games, which would include the Cotton Bowl.

Sherrill, interviewed separately, said he met with Abernethy to gather information and was not interested in the amounts which might be repaid by the players. The coach was not immediately available to comment on Abernethy's account of the meeting, which The Constitution reported in today's editions.

Sherrill had called Abernethy to set up the meeting, telling the sports agent to meet him at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. The coach expressed anger when a Constitution reporter and photographer met him and Abernethy at the airport, saying, "You all ambushed me."

The coach threatened to take away the photographer's camera but instead left the airport with Abernethy for a private meeting.

After the meeting, Sherrill returned to College Station, Texas, for an afternoon football practice. After the practice, he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle he did not know exactly how much money was involved and added it would be up to the two players to make any repayments.

"I didn't want to hear (about the money). That's none of my business," Sherrill said.

Of the several steps involved in appealing the players' suspension, he said, "The first is to rule them ineligible, which we have. The second step is to find out all the facts."

Justus said she found nothing wrong with Sherrill's meeting with Abernethy. "We encourage the universities to get to the bottom of any situation such as this," she said.

Asked about Abernethy's claim that Sherrill tried to negotiate a settlement on a lower payment, she said, "All I can say is that there must be some documentation on the amount involved. Full restoration always would be expected."

She also said, "There is the possibility of a short-term loan the athlete could take out, but the institution must assure that it is a loan that has been arranged without aid from anybody outside the individual's family. There's an element of good faith in that respect, but the institution is liable (to NCAA penalties) if the situation is not properly reported."

Plano attempts to match feat of Austin Reagan in 1967-68

by The Associated Press

Plano hopes that on Saturday, it becomes the first school to repeat as Texas Class 5A football champion since Austin Reagan did the trick in 1967-1968.

The unblemished Wildcats, 15-0, meet equally untainted Houston Stratford, 15-0, at noon Saturday in Austin's Memorial Stadium on the Texas campus. The game will televised on a statewide network and will be replayed on national television by ESPN on Dec. 24.

The last time Stratford and Plano tangled, it was the Houston team that won the state title with a 29-13 victory in 1976. The hero of that game was Craig James, who went on to All-American fame at Southern Methodist.

Ironically, there is a Craig James on the Plano team this time. And he's a running back. Plano has won its last 27 games, including 11 playoff triumphs.

In Class 4A, Rockwall will play defending champion West Orange-Stark, which is unbeaten and untied in 14 games. The game is at 2 p.m. Saturday in Kyle Field in College Station on the Texas A&M University campus.

Rockwall has won 11 of its last 12 games to post a 12-3 mark under new Coach Troy Miller. Stark has won its last 22 games, while Rockwall is in the playoffs for the first time since 1981.

In Class 3A, two teams who haven't been defeated will meet. Cuero, 15-0, and McGregor 14-0-1 play tonight at Austin Memorial Stadium.

In Class 2A, Lorena, 13-1-1, and Refugio, 14-0-1, play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Memorial Stadium. Running back Robert Strait rushed for over 3,000 yards and scored 54 touchdowns for Cuero.

Refugio is trying for its third state title. Running back William Mack Garza has scored 55 touchdowns this year and is two short of a national record 57 scored by Kenneth Hall in 1953.

In Class A, Bremond, 14-1, and Wheeler, 12-2, will tangle at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

Bremond running backs Tim Scott and Charles Bailey have each gained over 1,000 yards.

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Walt Williams first-base coach, Don Rowe pitching coach, and Ron Clark third-base coach.

TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned Mike Loynd, pitcher, to Oklahoma City of the American Association, and Kevin Brown and Bob Malloy, pitchers, to the Tulsa of the Texas League.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Assigned Dave Meads, pitcher, and Robbie Wine, catcher, to Tucson of the Pacific Coast League. Announced that Larry Dierker has agreed to terms on a two-year contract as television announcer.

MONTREAL EXPOS—Reached agreement with Bryn Smith, pitcher, on a two-year contract.

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Tiger cagers to battle Pecos Eagles tonight

Snyder's Lady Tigers host Pecos in an important District 2-4A ballgame here tonight.

Meanwhile, Coach Larry Scott's boys bus to Pecos in another district tilt.

Tip-off for both games is 7:30 p.m. Junior varsity contests precede both at 6 p.m. The local games will be held at Snyder High School Gym.

Coach Ken Housden's Lady Tigers are 2-1 in District 2-4A play and in second place. Pecos comes in atop the standings with the league's only 3-0 mark.

The Eagles are 7-3 for the season; Snyder is 7-4.

In other 2-4A girl's games tonight, Big Spring, 2-0, 13-0, is at Lake View, 1-2, 6-7; Monahans, 0-3, 3-7 is at Andrews, 1-2, 6-4; and Sweetwater, 1-1, 6-5, is at Fort Stockton, 1-1, 8-4.

Snyder's boys are 1-0 in loop play after beating Fort Stockton 69-59 earlier this week. The Tigers take on a Pecos team that dropped its district opener to Lamesa, 93-61. Pecos is 6-6 for the season. Snyder is 8-5.

In other district boy's contests this evening, Lake View, 0-1, 3-8, is at Big Spring, 0-0, 8-4; loop favorite Andrews, 1-0, 10-2, is at Monahans, 1-0, 8-4; and Fort Stockton, 0-1, 7-5, is at Sweetwater, 0-1, 0-1.

2-4A cage glance

BOYS

2-4A BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Andrews	1	0	10	2
Lamesa	1	0	8	4
Monahans	1	0	8	4
Snyder	1	0	8	5
Big Spring	0	0	8	4
Ft Stockton	0	1	7	5
Pecos	0	1	6	6
Lake View	0	1	1	8
Sweetwater	0	1	0	1

Tuesday's Results: Snyder 69, Ft Stockton 59; Lamesa 93, Pecos 61; Andrews 67, Sweetwater 54; Monahans 78, Lake View 66.

Tonight's Games: Snyder at Pecos; Lake View at Big Spring; Andrews at Monahans; Ft Stockton at Sweetwater.

GIRLS

2-4A BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Pecos	1	0	7	3
Big Spring	2	0	13	0
Snyder	2	1	7	4
Ft Stockton	1	1	8	4
Andrews	1	2	6	4
Sweetwater	1	1	6	4
Lake View	1	2	6	4
Lamesa	1	2	4	4
Monahans	0	1	1	7

Tuesday's Results: Ft Stockton 52, Snyder 48; Pecos 49, Lamesa 39; Lake View 60, Monahans 24; Sweetwater 47, Andrews 37.

Tonight's Games: Pecos at Snyder; Big Spring at Lake View; Monahans at Andrews; Sweetwater at Ft Stockton.

Gay lifts Raiders to 89-76 triumph

by The Associated Press

Texas Tech Coach Gerald Myers says his team's victory over Jacksonville State was a good game for the Red Raiders because it made them work hard.

Sean Gay scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead the Red Raiders to an 89-76 victory Thursday night.

In the only other college basketball game involving a Southwest Conference team, Minnesota upset the Houston Cougars, 65-60.

"It was a good game for us to have because they are a team that is not exceptionally big, but they play a full court, pressure type game and they made us really hustle and work to get the ball up the floor," Myers said. "We still made some mistakes, both mental and physical. But our guys played hard."

The Red Raiders evened their record at 3-3, while Alabama's Jacksonville State fell to 6-3.

Gay sat out most of the second period after picking up his fourth foul at the 18:39 mark, but reentered the game at 9:26 to score 10 second-half points.

The Red Raiders led for almost the entire game, stretching their lead to as much as 18, 63-45, with 11:24 left to play during a five-minute Gamecock scoring drought.

The NCAA Division II Gamecocks never threatened and led only in the game's opening minutes. Rodney Stallings led Jacksonville State with 22 points, followed by Derek Hicks with 10.

Jerry Mason scored 15 points for the Red Raiders. Three other Tech players scored in double figures - Steve Miles had 11, while Greg Crowe and Wes Lowe hit 10 apiece.

Tech stretched its lead to as much as 13 in the first half.

Melvin Newbern scored 24 points to lead Minnesota to a 65-60 victory over the Houston Cougars.

Houston, 3-2, jumped to an 8-0 lead in the opening moments of the game, but later saw a seven-point lead trimmed to 27-26 at halftime.

Hanson then ignited the Gophers with three three-point field goals in the first nine minutes of the second half.

Richard Hollis was the only Houston player in double figures, finishing with 24 points. The Cougars shot only 33 percent from the field.

Center Rolando Ferreira, who was averaging 20 points a game, scored only six against Minnesota.

SPORTS

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	13	8	.619	—
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	1½
Washington	7	14	.333	6
New York	6	15	.286	7
New Jersey	3	16	.158	9
Central Division				
Detroit	14	5	.737	—
Atlanta	14	6	.700	½
Chicago	15	7	.682	½
Milwaukee	12	8	.600	2½
Indiana	11	10	.524	4
Cleveland	8	12	.400	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	13	6	.684	—
Denver	13	7	.650	½
Houston	11	10	.524	3
Utah	11	10	.524	3
San Antonio	9	10	.474	4
Sacramento	5	16	.238	9
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	15	6	.714	—
Portland	13	8	.619	2
Seattle	11	11	.500	4½
L.A. Clippers	8	12	.400	6½
Phoenix	7	11	.389	6½
Golden State	3	16	.158	11

Thursday's Games

Philadelphia 106, New York 96

Washington 115, Indiana 111, OT

Chicago 111, Cleveland 100

Los Angeles Clippers 98, Houston 92

Los Angeles Lakers 113, Golden State 106

Seattle 114, Sacramento 109

Friday's Games

New Jersey at Cleveland

Dallas at Detroit

Utah at Indiana

Denver at San Antonio

Atlanta at Milwaukee

Portland at Phoenix

Saturday's Games

Dallas at Philadelphia

New Jersey at New York

Chicago at Washington

Utah at Atlanta

Denver at Houston

Clippers rally past Rockets; Benjamin leads LA defense

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Benoit Benjamin has been criticized on many occasions for not playing with enough intensity. There were no such charges after the Los Angeles Clippers rallied for a 98-92 victory over the Houston Rockets.

With Benjamin playing a major role, the Clippers held the Rockets to just two points in the final 7:46 of play Thursday night in a 98-92 Los Angeles victory.

The Clippers trailed 89-78 before outscoring the Rockets 20-3 in the final 9:12 of action.

"That was quite a display of defense," Coach Gene Shue of the Clippers said. "It didn't look like a game that was winable because we were always down by 10 points. The players were sensational with the way they played defense."

In addition to his excellent defensive work, Benjamin scored 13 points. Among other standouts for the Clippers were Michael Cage, who had 13 points and a career-high 23 rebounds, and Mike Woodson, who led all scorers with 28 points.

Purvis Short scored eight of his 16 points in the first 2:42 of the fourth quarter to help Houston take its 89-78 lead. The Clippers then outscored the Rockets 12-1 to tie the game at 90-all with 3:55 left.

After Jim Petersen put Houston ahead with a 17-foot bank shot, Larry Drew hit a 20-footer with 2:02 left and a three-point play 27 seconds later for a 95-92 Los Angeles lead. The Rockets didn't score again as Akeem Olajuwon, who had 22 points and 14 rebounds, fouled out with 16 seconds left.

Benjamin saved one of his best defensive efforts for the Rockets, who Coach Bill Fitch admitted have been playing worse defensively since last Saturday night's blockbuster trade in which Houston gave up Ralph Sampson and Steve Harris for Sleepy Floyd and Joe Barry Carroll.

Floyd and Carroll combined for just 10 points, six by Floyd, who made only two of his 12 field goal attempts.

"We are having some problems executing," said Carroll, who played only 14 minutes. "What that is attributed to, I'm not certain."

Fitch praised the Clippers' effort, saying: "They deserved to win with the defense they played in the fourth quarter. You have to give them credit for making the blocks. They put everyone on their team back into the game."

Sports briefs

BASKETBALL

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - A federal judge rejected a request by the NBA players union to find the league guilty of antitrust violations and said the issue must be decided by a jury.

U.S. District Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise, in rejecting the union's motion, also turned down the league's request to dismiss the antitrust suit brought by the union Oct. 1 against the league and its 23 teams.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Syracuse quarterback Don McPherson won the Maxwell Award as outstanding collegiate football player of the year over two-way player Gordie Lockbaum of Holy Cross and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown of Notre Dame.

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Foreman wanting fifth KO

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) - George Foreman, the former heavyweight champion who retired to become a preacher, seeks his fifth consecutive knockout since returning to the ring when he meets journeyman Rocky Sekorski in a scheduled 10-round fight tonight.

The 39-year-old Foreman, who was inactive for 10 years before returning to the ring in March, continues an improbable comeback that he hopes to cap with a fight late next year against heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

"I'm coming back to become champion of the world," said Foreman, who also plans to benefit his youth center in Texas with his earnings.

Foreman, who lost his title on a shocking eighth-round knockout to Muhammad Ali on Oct. 30, 1974, has won all four of his fights by knockout since returning on March 9 at Sacramento, Calif., at a pudgy 267 pounds.

Now down to about 240 pounds, Foreman hopes to add some movement to the punch that seemingly hasn't deserted him even after a decade away from boxing.

"I'm a better fighter than I was 10 years ago," he said. "This George Foreman could beat the old George Foreman. I'm stronger and I'm wiser. Some of my strength went into my head."

Foreman, who turns 40 on Jan. 22, needed a special medical exemption from the Nevada State Athletic Commission, which hired independent doctors to determine his fitness to fight.

"The doctors were impressed with the youth of his makeup," commission member Duane Ford said. "Everything was positive."

Foreman, an Olympic gold medal winner in 1968, looks in fairly decent shape and apparently still has the power that earned him 42 knockouts and a 45-2 record before his retirement.

But Foreman's reflexes are suspect and he has looked slow and plodding while knocking out four opponents who proved to be little more than punching bags who could climb into a ring.

"They haven't been tough fights," Foreman admitted. "I expected things to be a bit tougher than they've been so far."

Sekorski, whose claim to fame was an Aug. 2, 1986 sixth-round knockout of a bloated Leon Spinks, may prove a bit more difficult, if only for his durability.

Sekorski, at 20-7, has not been stopped since Marvin Camel knocked him out in the eighth round of a cruiserweight fight in May 1983. But he has lost two of his last four fights and is not known to have much of a punch.

Forman will earn $10,000 to fight Sekorski, a far cry from the $5 million he received to fight Ali.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press

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N.Y. Jets	6	7	0	.462	300	302
Central						
Cleveland	8	5	0	.615	347	209
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	256	256
Houston	7	6	0	.538	300	316
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	244	308
West						
Denver	8	4	1	.654	335	271
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	246	273
Seattle	8	5	0	.615	317	252
L.A. Raiders	5	8	0	.385	281	259
Kansas City	3	10	0	.231	215	348

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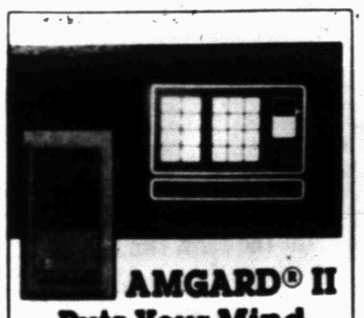

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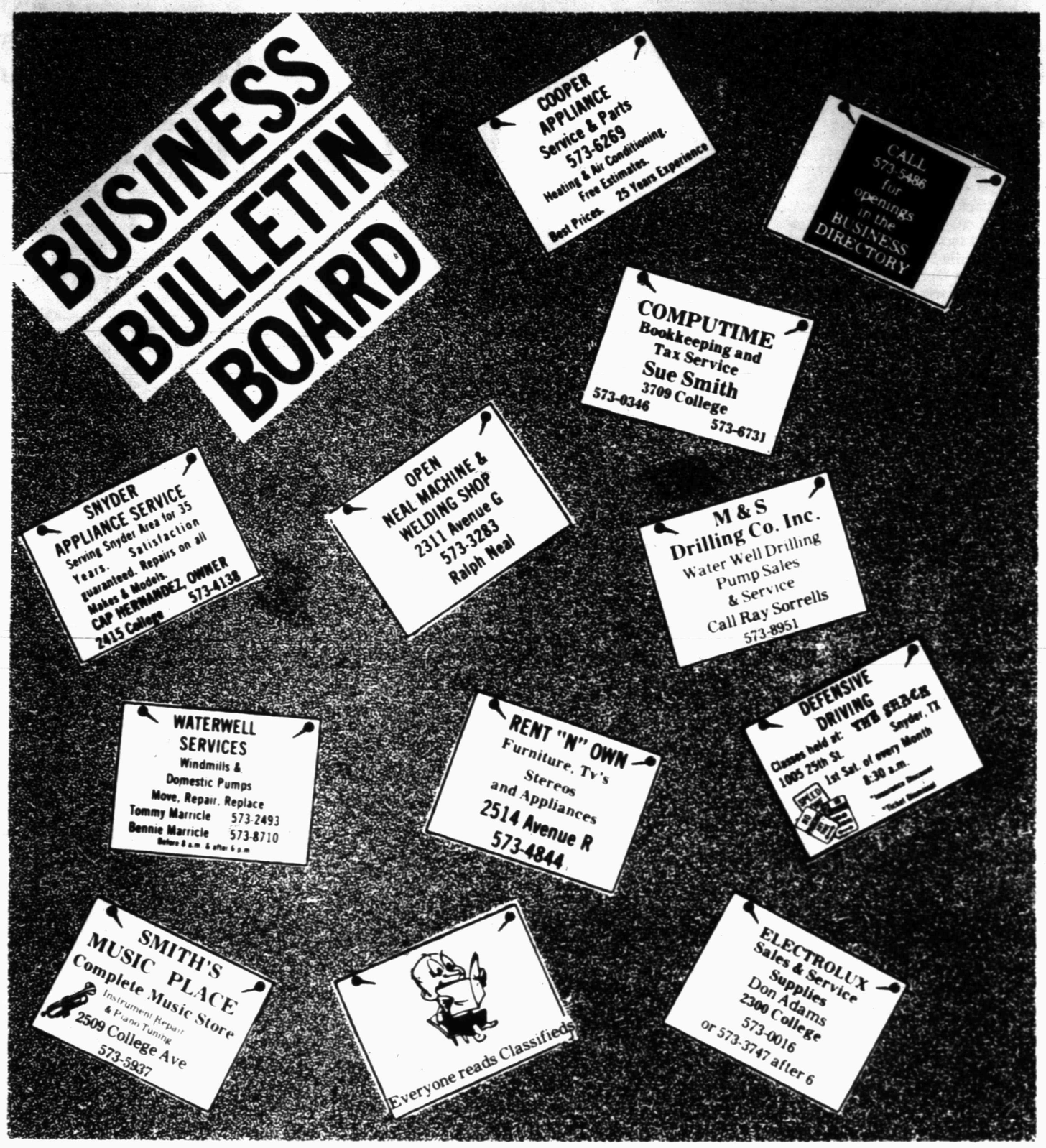

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Nuclear dump...

Conferees agree on site in Nevada

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional conferees have agreed to locate the nation's first high-level radioactive waste dump in Nevada, a decision described by the state's governor as a "travesty."

The agreement during budget negotiations Thursday eliminates sites in Texas and Washington state from consideration.

The agreement calls for the Department of Energy to conduct an exhaustive study at the Yucca Mountain, Nev., site. If it proves suitable, the underground respository to store up to 70,000 metric tons of nuclear waste would open sometime in the early part of the next century.

In addition, the agreement requires that the Energy Department terminate all work at the Hanford nuclear reservation in Washington and another site in Deaf Smith County, Texas, within 90 days of enactment.

If Yucca Mountain proves an unsuitable location, the Department of Energy would have to report back to Congress before it could start hunting for another site.

Nevada Gov. Richard Bryan said Thursday that larger states ganged up on his state to make it the prime site for the dump, which no one wanted.

"The disappointment is that the Congress of the United States would preside over such a legislative travesty," Bryan said. "This proposal ... has never been the subject of a single public hearing. No one has ever had an opportunity to offer any testimony to either oppose it, to amend it or to offer some kind of alternative proposal."

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he felt "betrayed."

"They took public health and safety, put it in a box, shoved it to one side and brought out a new box that had in it base, raw, power politics," Reid said.

Current law called for the Energy Department to do exhaustive studies at Yucca Mountain, the Hanford reservation and Deaf Smith County, including the sinking of expensive exploratory shafts.

But Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, insisted that proceeding with work on one site rather than all three simultaneously would save $3.9 billion.

"This solves the nuclear waste problem," said Johnson, D-La. "We got a site and we will be able to put the nuclear waste there safely."

Members of the Washington state congressional delegation said they were pleased the Hanford reservation was off the hook, even though they expressed displeasure over the process that led to the agreement.

"The nuclear waste program may be going down the wrong track — but at least that track won't go through the state of Washington," said Sen. Brock Adams, D-Wash.

Members of the Nevada delegation were not included in the conference committee and Rep. Barbara Vucanovich, R-Nev., said she found the agreement "disgusting."

Johnston said he was well aware that "Nevadans are not particularly happy about it, but they've known for some time they would be picked." He also said Nevada stands to benefit from substantial incentives included in the agreement.

The agreement provides for a minimum $20 million annual payment for 30 years to the state hosting the repository and also provides that the state receive "special consideration" in the location of federal research projects.

Other provisions essentially drop any plans to build a second repository in the East.

Price of oil said moving lower

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices are moving lower but the path appears to be getting rocky and more unpredictable.

In wild trading Thursday, crude oil lost more than $1 as it dipped briefly below $15 a barrel. But it rebounded to wipe out most of the day's loss.

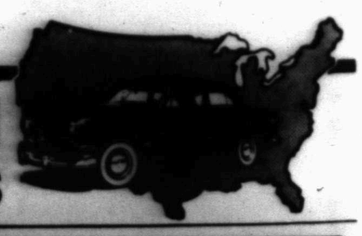
Much of the activity was driven by technical factors — as the marketfed on its own downward and upward surges — but its fundamental direction was still lower, analysts said.

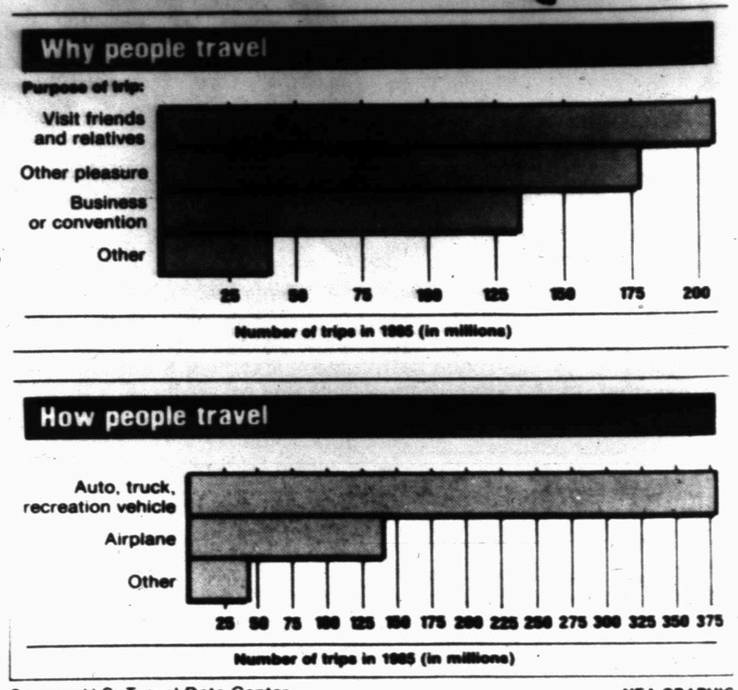
In part, they blamed the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries for failing to deal with the oversupply of oil on the world market at its recent meeting.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange Thursday, contracts for January delivery of West Texas Intermediate closed at $15.84 per 42-gallon barrel. That left the price for the benchmark U.S. crude grade down 12 cents from Wednesday and $2.71 in the last six sessions.

The contract plunged $1.06 a barrel to $14.90 in the first hour. It was the first time a near-term contract was below $15 a barrel since Dec. 1, 1986, when it traded at $14.88.

On The Road Americans





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Most Americans who traveled in 1985 took the trip for personal reasons and most of them journeyed along the highways, rather than by air, rail or sea.

In 1806, Lewis and Clark completed their expedition to explore territory west of the Mississippi River.

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Whereas by virtue of an Execution issued out of the 32nd Judicial District Court of Mitchell County, Texas, on the 13th day of November, 1987, in Cause No. 11228, where Fang Operators, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Betty Bare was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of $1610.98 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per cent annum, from date of judgement, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 17th day of November, 1987, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Scurry County, Texas, as the property of Betty Bare to wit:

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Witness my hand this the 2nd day of December, 1987.

Keith Collier, Sheriff,
Scurry County, Texas

Soviet diplomat will be expelled by U.S.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A Soviet diplomat at the United Nations was detained on suspicion of espionage and the United States plans to "boot him out" of the country, authorities said.

United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said FBI agents apprehended the man probably in New York on Thursday but released him after he showed his diplomat's card, entitling him to immunity from prosecution.

"He has apparently been discovered in a kind of illegal activity," which was "allegedly espionage," the U.N. chief said.

Perez de Cuellar identified the diplomat only as a second secretary at the Soviet mission. The U.N. directory lists 17 second secretaries.

The Washington Post in today's editions said Reagan administration sources identified the man as Mikhail Katkov.

An October 1984 United Nations handbook listing members of permanent missions at the world body identifies a Mikhail L'vovich Katkov as a Soviet second secretary.

"They're going to boot him out," said a Justice Department source in Washington, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

U.S. officials declined to specify what the man allegedly had done to warrant his detention.

Under the rules of the U.N. charter, the United States can expel diplomats who are protected from criminal prosecution.

In such cases, the suspect usually is not arraigned in court. The State Department simply informs the embassy in question and the suspect is expelled.

Aleksander M. Belonogov, the Soviet ambassador at the U.N., said he had no information on the detention.

Perez de Cuellar said he did not know exactly where the Soviet diplomat was detained, but he thought it was in New York. Soviet diplomats cannot travel more than 25 miles from midtown Manhattan without permission from U.S. authorities.

A diplomatic source said the diplomat was detained at noon. At that time, Belonogov was hosting a luncheon for the Security Council at the Soviet mission on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters was among the guests.

State Department officials and FBI spokesmen in Washington and New York declined to comment on the detention.

The incident occurred as relations between the superpowers were improving.

Last week, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev and President Reagan concluded a superpower summit in Washington and signed a treaty banning intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

Washington regularly accuses the Soviets of using their diplomatic missions as a front for spying.

In March 1986, the State Department said some members of the U.N. Soviet mission were spies and ordered the mission to reduce the size of its 243-person staff.

On Aug. 23, 1986, an FBI anti-espionage sting operation led to the arrest of Gennady Zakharov, a Soviet physicist employed by the United Nations, on a New York City subway platform. Zakharov was accused of buying technological secrets from a college student.

A week later, the Soviets arrested American journalist Nicholas Daniloff in Moscow and accused him of spying.

The United States expelled 25 Soviet diplomats on Sept. 17, 1986, saying they were spies. The action came after it appeared the Soviets would not comply voluntarily with the mission reduction order.

In October 1986, Zakharov was sent back to the Soviet Union and Daniloff was allowed to return to the United States, along with Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov. Reagan administration officials denied that Daniloff had been swapped for Zakharov.

But tensions remained high. The Kremlin expelled five American diplomats in October 1986. The United States responded by removing 55 Soviet diplomats from missions in San Francisco and Washington.

The Soviets struck back by removing five Americans from Moscow and barring the United States from employing Soviet citizens at the U.S. missions in Leningrad and Moscow.

That apparently put an end to the spat of expulsions and retaliations.

The Soviets have been complying with the U.S. order to cut the size of their U.N. mission to 150 by next April. About 173 people work at the Soviet mission now, the largest at the U.N.

FHA OFFICERS--Hermleigh Future Homemakers of America officers are from left, Eva Romero, president; Lori Tate, vice president; Barbara Brown, treasurer; and RexAnne Reynolds, secretary. (SDN Staff Photo)

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS–Hermleigh junior class officers are from left, Daniel Ramey, president; Joe Mireles, vice president; RexAnne Reynolds, secretary; Bobby Brown, treasurer; and Billy Joe Gannaway, banquet chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texaco, Pennzoil near agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — The multibillion-dollar legal war between Texaco Inc. and Pennzoil Co. may be resolved soon, say officials who have been working all week on a settlement plan that also would extricate Texaco from bankruptcy court.

Wilbur Ross, financial adviser to a committee representing Texaco shareholders, said late Thursday that the committee expected a compromise plan to be filed for a hearing before U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Howard Schwartzberg "if not tomorrow, within a couple of days."

"We believe we have reached a substantive agreement with not just Pennzoil, but with all parties," he said.

Texaco's board was said to be meeting Thursday night, but an official of the White Plains, N.Y.-based oil giant, who asked not to be identified, said he could not comment on any developments.

Meanwhile, a cautious Pennzoil spokesman Robert Harper said Thursday evening that negotiations were continuing, adding: "We don't have anybody signed to this thing."

Even so, he said, "We think there will be, and we think there will be a plan and we think all the issues can be resolved."

"We're fairly optimistic that a plan will be filed," he said. "We are very hopeful that all the parties will be in agreement with the plan."

The historic feud between Texaco and Houston-based Pennzoil began nearly three years ago when Texaco bought Getty Oil Co., spoiling Pennzoil's plans to buy part of Getty. Pennzoil sued Texaco for damages and won a record judgment from a Texas jury that now stands at $10.3 billion.

Texaco filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code in April to avoid having to post a potentially ruinous security bond equal to the Pennzoil judgment while Texaco attorneys appealed.

Officers of the two companies, together with committees representing Texaco creditors and shareholders, have been working intensively since last week on proposals that might end the long legal battle.

Last Friday, Pennzoil and the two committees announced a proposal under which Texaco would pay Pennzoil $3.001 billion to settle the judgment and roughly $2 billion more for debts, interest payments and other obligations.

But certain elements proposed by the two committees were rejected by Texaco's management and financier Carl Icahn, a takeover strategist who is Texaco's largest shareholder.

Texaco also prepared a counterproposal containing terms that, if approved by shareholders, would keep the case in court for some time — blocking any payments to Pennzoil.

Ross said the new compromise plan had eliminated or modified controversial areas.

One consisted of covenants that the creditors committee wanted, limiting the company's ability to borrow money. The committee felt this would prevent management from financing any post-bankruptcy restructuring that would weaken the value of outstanding debt.

"That's out," Ross said.

The shareholders committee also dropped demands that the company eliminate certain anti-takeover provisions and expand the Texaco board to include 12 new directors — chosen by the shareholders committee.

Drinking-drug arrests reported

Police made two drug-related arrests Thursday night and early Friday.

A 21-year-old man was arrested for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and making alcohol available to a minor at 10:13 p.m. in the 2400 Block of Ave. M.

A 15-year-old boy who was a passenger in the car was arrested for possession of marijuana, public intoxication and being a minor in possession of alcohol. He was later released into the custody of a relative.

In a 12:06 a.m. incident in the 1400 Block of 26th St., a 26-year-old woman was arrested for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and public intoxication and her 29-year-old male companion was arrested for DWI.

A 21-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 2:37 p.m. Thursday in the 800 Block of 19th St.

Obituaries

Adna Yandell

Services for Adna Yandell, 85, of 2105 27th will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Ken Branam, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at approximately 4:45 p.m. Thursday at her home. She was born March 24, 1902 in Booneville, Ark. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Polly Underwood of Snyder; one son, Paul Yandell of Longbeach, Calif.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Clona Rainey of Shawnee, Okla. and Greathel Redwine of Tulsa, Okla.

She was preceded in death by four brothers.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Janie Perez, 2012 27th.

DISMISSALS: Grace Rarellano and baby girl, Carrie Thomas and baby boy.

Births

James and Vicky Powell are the parents of a baby boy, Jason Allen, weighing eight pounds six ounces and born at 10:03 p.m. Thursday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Powell and Pat Taylor. Great-grandmother is Lillie Powell.

Keith and Temi Matthies are the parents of a baby boy, William Landry, born at 12:35 p.m. Tuesday in Scenic Mountain Medical Center of Big Spring. He weighed five pounds 14 ounces. Grandparents are W.R. and Frankie Baker of Knox City and Polly Matthies of Roby. Great-grandmother is Sally Tanner of Seagraves.

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Print shop is now open here

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"I feel like it is a good opportunity to be here in Snyder," Lewis said. "Things are beginning to happen around here and I feel another printer is needed."

Lewis' wife's name is June. He has three grown children.

Nancy Reagan said reflecting on 7th year in White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nancy Reagan held her head high, but brushed a tear from her cheek as she reflected on a personally sorrowful and troublesome seventh year at the White House.

"It's not been a great year," she said softly. "It's been the lowest I think you can get."

In a wide-ranging interview Thursday, the first lady spoke with The Associated Press about the past year and the double trauma that changed her life: her breast cancer surgery in October and the death nine days later of her ailing mother, Edith Luckett Davis.

"I wish I'd had a little more time to recuperate before mother," Mrs. Reagan said, her voice catching and tears welling up in her eyes in a rare loss of composure.

The first lady said she'd been thinking recently of the title of the book "First You Cry" by Betty Rollins, who wrote of her own experience with breast cancer.

"I never had a chance to do that," Mrs. Reagan said in a low voice, after wiping away a tear.

But Mrs. Reagan, sitting on an overstuffed red sofa in the second floor living room of the executive mansion, quickly smiled again and spoke of the late radio and theater actress as a strong woman who "had a wonderful, wonderful way with people" and "could be very tough, too."

Mrs. Reagan said she "just doesn't know" how to accomplish a rapprochement with her daughter, Patti Davis, who refused to attend her grandmother's funeral in October.

"Not coming to mother's services was really hard to take," Mrs. Reagan said. "Mother was very nice to Patti and I think I was more disappointed for mother than anything else. She really didn't deserve it."

The first lady spoke easily of the worries that have plagued her and President Reagan during the past year, ranging from the estrangement of their daughter to the turmoil caused by the Iran-Contra affair.

Asked how she coped, she paused and responded: "Well, you just do. ... You play the hand that's dealt you."

The first lady, clad in a bright cranberry knit dress, sipped hot cider from a small china teacup during the interview. She laughed and chatted throughout most of the 40-minute exchange.

Mrs. Reagan, known as a fierce protector of her husband and family, said she agreed with Gary Hart's contention that a politician has a right to a private life.

Although the first lady stressed that "there are certain things ... that the public has a right to know," she said she feared the intense scrutiny focused on candidates will keep good people from entering public life.

Hart re-entered the Democratic presidential campaign this week, months after he withdrew amid intense questioning of his relationship with model Donna Rice.

"There are things that I consider in my life to be private, that have nothing to do with the office, or Ronnie being president, that I think are private," she said.

Does she agree with Hart? "In a way, yes," Mrs. Reagan said.

"Certain things the public has a right to know," she said, but added that the focus on candidates' private lives has "gotten so intrusive" that "I just think it's going to make it awfully hard for good people to go into politics."

Mrs. Reagan expressed sorrow over the felony conviction of longtime friend Michael K. Deaver, and said she and the president had been advised by counsel to suspend their personal relationship as long as appeals were pending.

The first lady said she felt "terribly sorry" for Deaver, who had been the couple's aide and confidant, and that she had written him to express her feelings.

"I can just say that I feel sorry for him and his family and the kids," Mrs. Reagan said.

Asked if he felt the Iran-Contra affair had left a "stain" on the Reagan presidency, Mrs. Reagan said: "He doesn't look at things bitterly. He's not a bitter man. He's happy about what he's done so far, about turning the country around, which he feels he has, and I do too."

White oil appeal arguments heard

AUSTIN (AP) — An attorney for an independent oil operator predicts an opinion will be handed down next month by the Texas Supreme Court that could settle a lengthy squabble over the "white oil" issue.

The Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday in an appeal of the case of Amarillo Oil Co. vs. Energy-Agri Products Inc.

The court's opinion in the case could affect at least five other white oil cases in litigation, said Broadus Spivey, attorney for Energy-Agri.

The suit, filed by Amarillo Oil in 1982, states that Energy-Agri infringed on a gas-only zone and stole Amarillo Oil's gas. Energy-Agri claimed it was merely producing casinghead gas, a byproduct of its oil production.

"The litigants need a decision from this court about what is legally casinghead gas," Energy-Agri attorney Paul Knisely told the court.

Amarillo Oil attorney Tom Reavley argued that the statutory definition of casinghead gas, which is limited to gas produced from an oil zone as part of oil production, must be followed.

"We're asking the court to settle once and for all that casinghead gas is limited to gas produced with oil from an oil zone," he said.

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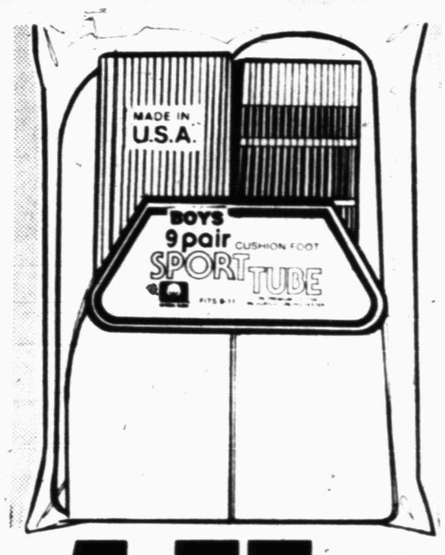

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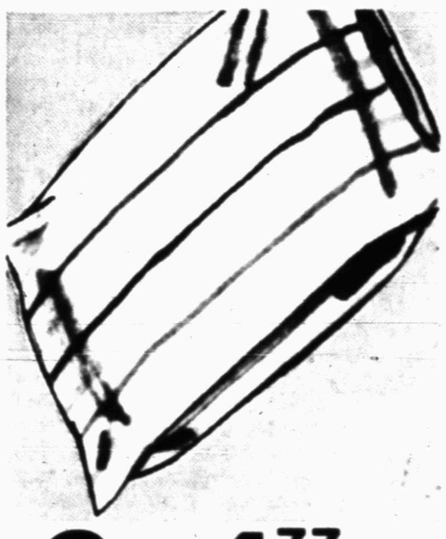

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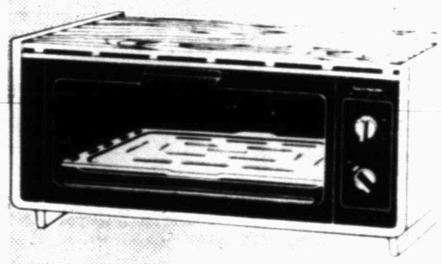

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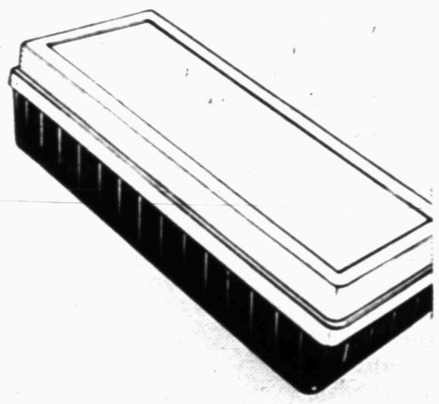

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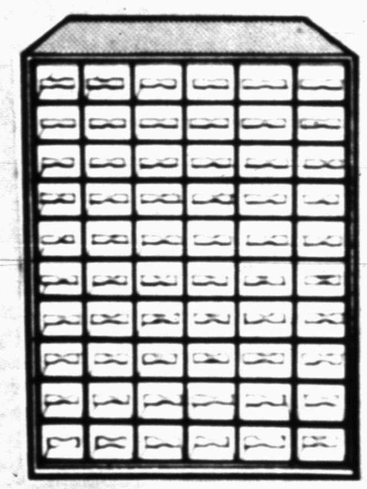

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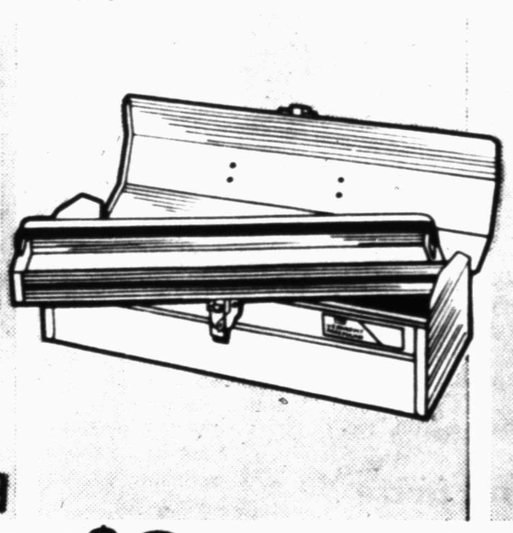

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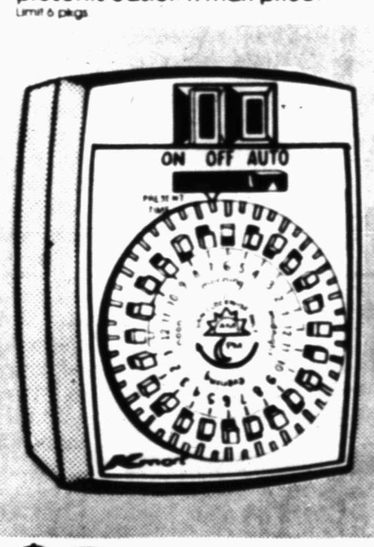

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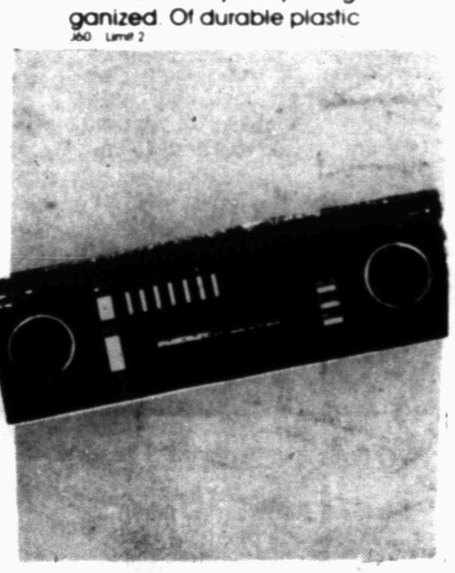

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