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THURSDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

Q—I am a rural resident of the county and have yet to receive a 911 address. Who should I contact?

A—County 911 officials say preliminary addressing is complete and those who have been missed in the process should contact Julie Strunk at the county courthouse. In addition, those who have yet to return addressing cards are urged to do so.

## In Brief

### Officer's trial

AUSTIN (AP) — The former head of the Austin police vice squad faces prison time after being convicted of using excessive force and of using interstate commerce to promote prostitution.

## Local

### Yule lights

Christmas lights will be turned on around the city square and courthouse at 6 p.m. Friday.

### Post Office

To accommodate the holiday rush, the local Post Office retail window will open two Saturdays, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21, from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

### Toys for Tots

Used and repairable toys are needed at Santa Land, 1807 25th St., for the Toys for Tots project. Toys may be dropped off from 1-6 p.m. Friday.

Volunteers are also needed. For information or to help, contact Rudy Garza at 573-4254.

### Hermleigh

Hermleigh ISD board of trustees will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the school auditorium at 5:30 p.m. to discuss and gather community input on the district's long-range building plan.

The board has discussed several alternative plans and would like to explore each with the community. The meeting will conclude in time for the Hermleigh-Ira basketball games.

### Help a child

Scurry County Child Welfare Board is asking for monetary donations to help children from Scurry County who are in foster care and Children's Protective Services conservatorship have a memorable Christmas.

There are 45 children in substitute care for whom the Child Welfare Board hopes to buy at least one present.

Tax deductible donations may be mailed to Box 1037 in Snyder. For more information, call 573-1161.

## Weather

**Snyder Area Forecast:** Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers Friday and a slight chance of light rain or snow Sunday. Turning colder with lows in the lower 30s Friday and in the mid 20s Saturday and Sunday. Highs around 50 Friday and in the mid to upper 40s Saturday and Sunday.

**Almanac:** Sunset today, 5:41 p.m. Sunrise Friday, 7:13 a.m. Of 351 days in 1991, the sun has shone 318 days in Snyder.



**PILGRIMS AND INDIANS FEAST** — These kindergarten student were treated to a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Among those feasting were Nikki Martinez, Rosanna Gonzales, Christopher Luna and Israel Sosa. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Former world champ returns to finals rodeo...for 12th time

By MISSY TRULL  
SDN Staff Writer

She'd be the envy of every rodeo cowgirl just by qualifying for this year's National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Dec. 6-14.

But at age 53, Sherry Johnson's feat is something pretty spectacular. Most of her competitors will be closer to her daughter's age than hers.

"They're all younger than me," said the former world champion barrel racer. And, being the oldest competitor, does put a little pressure on her — pressure which she accepts.

"If my riding is not equal to theirs, then I have no business being there," she said.

Johnson has been there 11 times before, though the last time was 21 years ago. Johnson first qualified for the finals the first year they were held in 1958.

Now she has qualified for the NFR 12 times in four decades on five different horses. She was the women's world champion barrel racer in 1962.

She dropped her professional card in the 80s to compete in amateur events, winning the world amateur title in 1989.

Qualifying for the event has been a full-time job as Sherry and her husband, Sidney, traveled to approximately 100 rodeos this year, including appearances in Canada, Montana, Wyoming and California.

The last couple of months she was playing "catch up" because an injury to her horse, Gene, put her out of most of August — usually a good month to score points. "It was not fun," said Johnson.

Confidence is the key for Johnson. "You have to have the confidence that you can do it."

She said she probably won't go as hard as next year, making less rodeos. But the possibility remains she could go for a 13th appearance.

"We will wait and see," she grinned.

This year, she finished third in the Lone Star Circuit but instead of attending the finals event, opted instead to attend a rodeo in Louisiana to help her points standing for the NFR event.

The decision paid off for her as she edged out her competition in

the final standings by less than \$100.

"I feel sorry for anybody who finishes 16 or 17," commented Johnson as she recalled her 17th place finish in the standings last year. Her winnings this year total

\$22,477.

The top 15 finishers in each event qualify for the finals.

When not on the road, the Johnsons are at home on their ranch in Kent County, near the Polar community.



SHERRY JOHNSON

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The teller on Deep Creek says, "If you owe too much money you can still be thankful you're not the creditor."

So much for tradition — you know, turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. There's a growing group in America who believes that the gobbler should be brought home to roost, not to roast.

While some big cities have turkey dinners for the homeless, there's a group providing a sanctuary for homeless, abused or liberated turkeys.

For the sixth year, the group has run an Adopt A Turkey campaign from their Farm Sanctuary in upstate New York. Before placing a bird, there must be verification that the prospective adoptive parents are members of animal-rights groups, can provide a good home and know a vet willing to treat turkeys — even on Thanksgiving Day.

Despite efforts to encourage Americans not to eat meat — and especially turkey — this holiday the bird lovers are serious and operate on an annual

budget in excess of \$300,000.

Many of the adoptive parents are vegetarians who actually prepare a Thanksgiving meal for their new family member. It seems that one of the best things about this kind of family gathering is you rarely have to look at old photo albums or hear how successful your brother-in-law has been with his investments.

The gobbler likely will not try and get your favorite chair in front of the TV, and they rarely have an interest in who wins tonight's Aggie-UT clash.

The turkey is a traditional American bird. Long before the white man came to America, Indians caught the wild birds, tamed them and fattened them for use in ceremonial feasts.

After the Spaniards came, turkeys were sent to European markets and there gained their name. The merchants, mostly Hebrews, thought this new bird was a new breed of peacock, and called it by their name, tukki.

Don't forget the tums.

# HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## Snyder residents to receive advanced telephone system

Southwestern Bell Telephone customers in Snyder will gain access to the most advanced telecommunications network available when Southwestern Bell converts its central office here to a new digital switching system on Dec. 7, according to Bill Gilliland, area manager for external affairs.

The new system will serve 8,114 Snyder telephone customers in the "573" exchange.

New services made possible through the new system include One-Plus Easy Access to long-distance carriers and custom calling features such as call forwarding, call waiting, speed calling and three-way calling.

The cutover to the new system will be made in the early morning of Dec. 7 to minimize the possibility of customers experiencing any type of service interruption, said Gilliland.

"We'll have telephone personnel on duty around the clock to make sure the transition is as smooth as possible," Gilliland noted. "The first thing we'll do is check all emergency numbers to

## Judge oks voting boundary proposal

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — A district judge on Wednesday accepted a voting boundary plan forwarded by plaintiffs in a redistricting lawsuit after the state failed to present a map of its own.

District Judge Mario E. Ramirez approved the plan following a brief hearing with plaintiffs and attorneys for the state.

The map creates six new minority seats and strengthens some of the weaker minority districts, said George Korbel, the principal architect of the proposed plan.

Plaintiffs' attorney Judith Sanders-Castro said the newly accepted plan will now be forwarded to the U.S. Justice Department for preclearance.

Preclearance is required before the state can implement any new voting plan.

"We've made significant

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be sure they are operational."

The technology is the result of an agreement announced in November 1990 between the Texas Public Utility Commission and Southwestern Bell Telephone.

"With this conversion, Snyder customers will be served by a switching system that is second to none," said Gilliland.

Southwestern Bell is installing the switch as part of an accelerated program designed to help boost the Texas economy and provide customer benefits worth more than \$1.2 billion through 1994, said company officials.

Gilliland explained that digital technology enhances a community's ability to retain and attract new business as well as improve telecommunications service.

"Digital switching upgrades Snyder's status in the eyes of business and industry. Digital is the world standard for advanced telecommunications. It's a definite selling point for the community."

Those digital switching benefits give a community the capability to use a number of advanced data telecommunications services which include Southwestern Bell's Plexar office communications system and Digital Link data transmission services.

Gilliland said another benefit of digital technology is its most cost effectiveness in terms of space requirements and maintenance. Computers in the system allow it to perform millions of switching functions each second. The sys-

(see ADVANCED, page 10A)

Shop Snyder's Annual

## 2 Day Sale

## U.S. will host talks despite call for delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration said it would host Mideast peace talks here next Wednesday even though Israel has asked for a delay.

"If you start down that road

where will it lead?" the State Department spokeswoman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said in response to Israel's latest move.

She said the date could not be changed because two of the parties — Jordan and Lebanon — had already accepted it.

Israel called for a delay in the start of the talks until Dec. 9 and also urged bargaining with three Arab delegations be spaced out. — Also, Israel said the talks in Washington should be brief and procedural, and that the negotiations then should be shifted to the Middle East.

Ms. Tutwiler said picking a new site was not a decision for the United States to make. But she said administration officials were "delighted the Israeli government had accepted Washington, D.C., as a venue."

She said none of the Arab participants — Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinians — appeared to object to holding the talks here.

Ms. Tutwiler indicated Syria and the Palestinians also had reservations about getting started on Dec. 4, but she declined to be more specific.

## Colorful lettuce next

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yellow or crimson lettuce could make salads even more popular in the future, says an Agriculture Department scientist.

Edward J. Ryder and William Waycott of USDA's Agricultural Research Service grew a garden last summer in Salinas, Calif., that they said "displayed 6,000 years of lettuce-breeding history."

Yellow and crimson varieties showed up among the 400 kinds of lettuce grown in the test garden.

"Some of the lettuces probably descended from varieties pictured in ancient tombs in Egypt," Waycott said.

"Adding surprising colors or shapes to familiar lettuces that

grow well in the United States could boost the appeal of salads in the future," said Ryder.

The yellow-leaf lettuce is grown in Hungary, he said. A type with unusually dark crimson outer leaves is grown in Spain. From Turkey came a frilly lettuce resembling a pompon.

Another variety, popular in the Middle East, has blue-green leaves and 2-foot-long stems that are eaten like celery and taste like a cross between kohlrabi and asparagus.

Some of the test lettuces have a well-developed root system, a trait lacking in many varieties of U.S. lettuce, said Waycott.



**MORE STAR STUDENTS** — West students receiving the good citizenship award are first graders, Stephanie Salmon, Zachry Star-nes, Clay Williams, Kristina Mayer, Jacinda Judah and Trey Roland. Second grade star students are Shannon Chambers, Melissa Jones, Samantha Everett, Ruki Dorsell, Morgan Miller and Tyson Kubena. Fifth graders are Nathan Sorrells, Candice Casey, Sondra Peitchensky, Ian Hobbs, Kimberly McClain, Amy

Church, James Allen Shields, Matt Rodgers, Jennifer Salmon, Laurie Huddleston, Nickolas Means and Reid Johnson. Sixth graders are Ben Cook, Misty Williams, Jacob Duke, Samantha Keller, Casey Doyle, Crystal Lee, Melanie Kidd, Shane West and April Baker. From early childhood development class are Blaine Burney, Victoria Resendiz and Tabitha Gomez, and from Mrs. Sherry Kidd's class is Pete Herrera. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Nutritional group receives license

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mead-Johnson Nutritional Group of Evansville, Ind., has been granted a license for a low-fat milk concentrate developed and patented by Agriculture Department scientists.

The concentrate provides reconstituted milk with the texture of whole milk and the cholesterol content of skim milk, the department said in a news release this week.

An eight-ounce serving of the milk concentrate, invented by George N. Bookwalter and Steven A. Lyle of the National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research in Peoria, Ill., contains four milligrams of cholesterol compared with 33 milligrams in whole milk.

"Past attempts to concentrate dry whole milk resulted in difficulties reconstituting the butterfat," the release said. "Bookwalter, a research food technologist, found that combining non-fat dry milk with a critical level of water, then blending in cholesterol-free oil like soybean, corn or peanut, overcomes the need for emulsifiers and homogenizers."



**STAR STUDENTS** — Several West Elementary students were chosen by their teachers to receive the star student award. Kindergarten students are Paula Fritz, Riley Dunham, Marci Kelley, Matthew Garza, Michelle Ornelas, Corey Longorio, Andrea Valadez, Sarah Chelette and Marcus Villarreal. Third graders are Jessica Pierson,

Nicholas Jaquez, Kevin Marshall, Cristl Buchanan, Cynthia Perez, Lindsey Bunch and Eric Garcia. Also pictured are fourth grade star students Leslie Garcia, Brandi Hancock, Josh Levens, Janette Allen, Justin Rosson, Jon Hensley, Chad Rice and Adam Beck. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Best laid plans of the White House fall to Gingrich ploy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's inability to control a rebellion by the Republican right wing has given Democrats a license to renew the tax fairness debate that hurt Bush before the Persian Gulf War.

The White House had been looking forward to Congress adjourning today. It would have left Bush with the national stage to himself, to lay the groundwork for an economic recovery plan in his State of the Union address.

All the president had to do was wait one more day and THEN unload on the Democrats.

But House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., wanted an immediate vote on his capital gains tax cut plan and was not going to take no for an answer, certainly not from his own president.

He demanded a meeting with the Bush and got one Monday night. Then, when news reports cast doubt on the president's enthusiasm for the package, Gingrich demanded more. And when Bush gave it to him, Democrats had enough.

And they had their opening.

Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., appeared furious that Bush had violated what seemed to be a tacit agreement in which Democrats were willing to let Bush lead the debate beginning in January.

"It is unbelievably irresponsi-

## WIPP ball is in Congress' court, state AG Udall says

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — A federal judge's ban on nuclear waste shipments to a New Mexico repository puts the ball in Congress' court, state Attorney General Tom Udall said.

U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn issued a preliminary injunction Tuesday in Washington, D.C., that bars the U.S. Department of Energy from hauling nuclear waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad.

"It's up to Congress to deal with this issue and enact this legislation," said Udall, who sued to block shipments to WIPP.

The ruling keeps DOE from opening WIPP for a test phase until the Udall lawsuit is decided — a process the attorney general said could take a couple of years.

Meanwhile, the injunction could make whatever legislation may emerge from Congress even stronger, Udall said.

"The action by the judge means the DOE is now going to have to negotiate on our terms," said Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M. "And our terms mean a more environmentally sensitive and safe WIPP."

Richardson said he expects DOE to make "some significant concessions on the safety and environmental fronts."

Udall said the timing of the injunction was important, because

ble of the president to suggest he would like us to vote today on a proposal that wasn't even a legislative proposal until last night," said Foley, who responded by canceling the congressional recess.

otherwise New Mexico would have been left vulnerable when Congress recessed Wednesday for the year without acting on WIPP.

The DOE wants to permanently bury plutonium-contaminated trash from its defense installations in salt beds 2,150 feet deep. It proposes to truck up to 8,500 drums of the debris from Idaho to WIPP for a test program.

But Penn agreed with Udall's contention that the salt beds could collapse, making the repository permanent by default.

"Defendants have presented no convincing evidence that the hazardous waste materials they seek to introduce in the WIPP site can be retrieved," the judge wrote.

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**BRIDE HONORED** — Barbara Beck Edmunds, bride of Terry Edmunds, was honoree at a shower Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Union Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. From left are Mrs. Reba Beck, grandmother of the bride; Mrs. Carolyn Sharp, mother of the bride; the honoree; and Mrs. Marlene Beck, mother of the bride. The couple was married on Oct. 2 in Hermleigh. (SDN Staff Photo)

**Polly's Pointers**  
by Polly Fisher

**DEAR POLLY** — Could you please repeat your dried fruitcake recipe? My husband loved it, but I've lost my copy. — JAYNE

**DEAR JAYNE** — Believe it or not, fruitcake time is almost here. I've had several requests to repeat this recipe, so here goes:

Mix 1 cup raisins; 1 cup dried, pitted prunes; 1 cup dried apricots; 1 1/2 cups walnuts or pecans; and 2 cups medium-dry sherry (or orange juice, if you prefer) in a bowl. Cover and let marinate at room temperature for several hours or overnight, stirring once or twice so all fruit is marinated. A leak-proof covered plastic bowl is ideal, since the fruit can be stirred by tipping the bowl about without opening it.

Grease 1 large (9-by-5) or 2 small (7-by-3) loaf pans. Line with aluminum foil and grease the foil. The foil will prevent the sides and bottom of the cake from over-browning during the long baking period.)

Drain the fruit mixture into a colander or strainer, reserving the liquid. Measure the liquid, adding water if necessary, to make 1 cup. In a large bowl, mix together 1 package quick-bread mix (nut, date nut or apricot nut), 1 egg and the cup of liquid from the marinated fruit, stirring until the dry ingredients are completely moistened. Stir in the fruit mixture.

Pour the batter into the lined and greased pan(s), spreading the batter evenly to the corners. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes for a single large cake or 1 hour and 20 minutes for 2 small cakes. The cake should be golden brown and a wooden pick inserted in the center should come out clean. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Remove the cake from the pan and peel off the foil.

When thoroughly cool, the cake may be stored in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 weeks, wrapped well in plastic wrap or foil. Since this is a very moist cake, there is no need to moisten it with brandy or orange juice before storing.

I'm sending you a copy of my newsletter, "Holiday Cakes and Breads," which includes this recipe plus suggestions for decorating the cake, as well as recipes for other holiday treats such as Christmas stollen, cranberry bread and a chocolate mint cake layered with whipped cream. Others who would like a copy of this issue should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope for each copy to POLLY'S POINTERS, in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 93863, Cleveland, OH 44101-5863. — POLLY



**"CELEBRATION OF FASHIONS"** — Cosmorama Study Club met at Margaret's Dress Shop for their November meeting where Margaret Drum commented on apparel and accessorizing for holiday events. Paula Gilbert and Durrelle Gorman, from left, were hostess and at right is Margaret Drum. The club's next meeting will be Dec. 18 at Martha Ann Woman's Club at 4:15 p.m. where Jerald Garner and his children will present the program, "Celebration of Gifts." (SDN Staff Photo)

**Womans' Club board plans December events**

Board of directors of Martha Ann Woman's Club have ask representatives from all clubs to decorate the clubhouse on Dec. 2 at 9 a.m. The monthly game day and luncheon has been scheduled for Monday, Dec. 16 at 11:30 a.m. with reservations necessary by 5 p.m. Dec. 15.

**Bridge** By Phillip Alder

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♥ Q 8			
♦ K 9 8 6 4			
♠ A 10 7 4			
<b>WEST</b>			
♦ 4			
♥ 10 9 7 5 3 2			
♦ Q 3			
♠ Q 9 6 5			
<b>EAST</b>			
♦ A Q 10 7 6 3			
♥ J 4			
♦ A J			
♠ J 8 3			
<b>SOUTH</b>			
♦ K 9 8 2			
♥ A K 6			
♦ 10 7 5 2			
♠ K 2			
Vulnerable: Neither			
Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♦ 4			

missing honors lie. When West led his spade four, East's play of the 10 followed the "rule" of conceding a certain loser as quickly as possible. The declarer had seven sure tricks: two spades, three hearts and two clubs. Clearly the diamonds had to be established, but without letting East get the lead twice, first to establish his spades and then to cash them. On the low diamond lead at trick two, if West put in the queen, declarer could play low from the dummy, so West had to play low. Dummy's king was put up, losing to East's ace. East continued with three rounds of spades. Now West should have seen the importance of discarding the diamond queen, which defeats the contract. But he wasn't willing to throw overboard his only winning card.

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**Community Calendar**

**FRIDAY**

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m. Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral. Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

**SUNDAY**

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-9410; 10 a.m.

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

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

German physicist Albert Einstein was granted an American visa in 1932, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

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**Superman makes a tough opponent**

By Phillip Alder

Bridge is a difficult game because one is operating with incomplete information. If one only had Superman's X-ray vision, it would be much easier.

Today's hand was played in an English tournament in 1964. Cover the East and South cards. Defending against three no-trump, you lead the spade four, partner puts in the 10 and South wins with the king. Now comes the diamond five: three, king, ace. East continues with the queen, ace and six of spades, declarer winning the last. What do you discard?

Passing out one spade would have been reasonable, but even in those days everyone hated to sell out at the one-level, so North balanced with two diamonds. Maybe South should have settled for two no-trump, but of ten one can make three no-trump with only 22 or 23 points when one knows where the

**Boy Scout museum**

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Underlining one of its own messages, the National Scouting Museum is offering schools an exhibit to celebrate the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights.

"Scouting is tied to good citizenship," explained museum director Mark Hunt, "and we thought this would be an appropriate way to do some outreach."

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**ALL AREA WINNERS** — Bill Lyon's Snyder High School choir students recently made the All Area Choir and will audition for All State Choir on Jan. 4 in Levelland. From left are Sherry Smith, alternate, Sam Grimes, Mendy Miller, Erin Rambo, Marcus Best, Robin Cave and Jimmy Hall. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Grandmother in Sherman gets to debut in primetime

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — It took almost 85 years for Stella Nowlin to be, as they say in show-biz, discovered.

She'd come close before. Well, sort of. She owns this pail that was once used in a yogurt ad.

Maybe you've seen the yogurt ad in "People" magazine. The one with the pretty blonde sitting on a pail as she's washing a Thunderbird?

No. Well, it doesn't matter. Because Stella is now a star in her own right, appearing in a nationwide cereal commercial.

If you haven't seen the commercial yet, or if you don't usually pay attention to them, here's a summary. Kellogg is pledging its support for the upcoming Olympic Games. The first half of the commercial, which is in color, shows some training athletes. The second half, in black and white, is a slice of Americana. A portrait of folks posing with a bowl or box of cereal. Each person says who they are and where they are from.

Stella makes her appearance at the very end, her voice is slightly

hoarse, but strong. There is a nice Texas twang to the way she says, "Stella Nowlin... Sherman, Texas."

The commercial is currently getting primetime play.

Like a lot of things in life, Stella's discovery was a matter of knowing the right person and having a little luck.

Stella's granddaughter works for a Chicago photographer who was commissioned by Kellogg to take the black and white portraits. After traveling across the country shooting pictures, the photographer sent photos of 28 people (including Stella) back to the company. Kellogg chose Stella and eight others for the commercial.

Being in a commercial is a lot harder than it looks, Stella said. Work started, she says, when the photographer and his eight assistants pulled up with their moving van full of equipment.

The way Stella describes the event sounds like a modern fairy tale in which grandma's cottage is visited by nine professional gremlins for a day of mischief.

The gremlins put grandma in a new dress as they set up equipment and move around furniture. Then they make grandma say her name and where she is from at least 50 times as they take lots of pictures.

And as the gremlins drive off into the sunset, grandma wonders for a moment if it was just a silly dream. But she knows it isn't because she still has the new dress and her once-white doorway has been painted wedgewood blue.

"I couldn't understand why they painted the door blue for a black and white picture," Stella said. "But I don't understand a lot of things about their business."



**HOLIDAY PROGRAM** — Mrs. Pat Cunningham's after early childhood class at Humble Smith recently presented "The Animal's Thanksgiving." Pictured front are Bryan Dupuy, Daniela Garcia, Jonathan Garza and Heather Hood. Second row are Bridget Block, Cesar Rodriguez, Tabitha Gomez and D'Angelo Davis. On the back row are Donna Wilson, Blaine Burney, Sally Rios and Seth Cornelson. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Cable channel in San Antonio focuses on disability issues

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Deaf-blind actress Kim Powers "signs" the story of Snow White for a group of children. A one-legged skier whisks down a slope in an Olympic fight to the finish. Experts discuss technology for teaching the disabled in the classroom.

TV viewers wake up. America's Disability Channel wants you to watch.

ADC is a year-old San Antonio-based cable channel targeting the nation's 43 million disabled citizens. It focuses on disability issues, including special programming for the deaf, but uses a format designed to attract mainstream audiences as well.

Programming is fed by satellite to 41 states, 198 television markets and nearly 39 million viewers. But despite the San Antonio link, owners say the channel has received little local recognition.

The channel's programs air only twice a week for a total of five hours (7:30 to 10 a.m. Thursdays and Saturdays) on Paragon Cable's public access Channel 18.

"Most places have us on three hours a day, seven days a week," he said. "There are more disabled people than Blacks and Hispanics put together and yet we have two Hispanic stations in San Antonio on cable."

ADC's programming includes a children's show, a magazine-format interview segment, a talk show for deaf Americans, a sign language class, a visual arts show and special features.

Since it offers "open caption-

ing" for the deaf, anyone who receives cable service can view the programs.

Nichols and others involved in ADC are encouraging viewers to contact Paragon if they would like to see more of the programs aired.

ADC was created after Nichols joined with four other local investors last year to buy the Silent Network, established in Los Angeles in 1980, and move it to San Antonio.

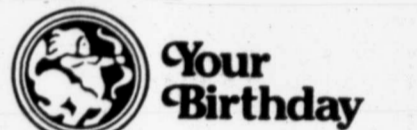
The investors formed ADC and expanded programming to include information of interest to people of all disabilities — not just the deaf.

Since then, the organization has gained national and international recognition and recently was asked to film the 1992 para-Olympic games in Barcelona, Spain, and Albertville, France.

"I'm getting a lot of calls from people across the country about the shows we are producing," ADC anchor Donna Cline said.

## Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Nov. 28, 1991

Establish objectives in the year ahead that hold the promise of substantial rewards. The greater the potential of your goal, the stronger your motivation.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Things should work out to your satisfaction today, especially in areas that deal with your status, reputation and finances. The early going, however, might not indicate this. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you're making plans for your future today, think in big, bold, imaginative terms. Your chart indicates you could be lucky with things that are grand in scope.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** A close friend who is very fond of you and is presently involved in a rewarding endeavor might make it possible for you to get into the act — if properly approached. Try today.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Partnerships you enter into at this time could turn out to be mutually beneficial for those involved. If you can't do something important on your own, look for a teammate.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** A series of unusual events might precipitate a favorable development today where your career is concerned. It should be strong enough to overcome your early pessimism.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Do not take foolhardy chances today, yet a calculated risk could be in order regarding something you have studied in detail. Have faith in your assumptions.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Developments might not follow the course you originally charted today. However, there's a strong possibility they may turn out much better than you planned.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Don't be afraid to shoot from the hip when pressed to make decisions today. Things you ponder over could lack the originality and perception of your impulsive thoughts.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Some ingenious measures can be taken today that could help improve your financial position. They are ideas you've conceived yourself, but are ones you've been too timid to implement.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Try to make it a point today to associate with someone you know who has a reputation for being lucky. Some of this individual's good fortune might rub off on you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Plug into information that comes to you today from an extraordinary channel. It could be very meaningful, and you'll know how to use it to your advantage.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This could be a good time for you to take on new endeavors, especially those you'll have a direct hand in promoting. Lady Luck is waiting for you to make your move.

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SOURCE: The Roper Organization NEA Graphic

Phone calls — either from computers or sales people — are considered to be the most annoying form of advertising, according to a survey. Less than one-fifth of adults, however, are much bothered by ads on video tapes or in movie theaters.

## ETHNIC ILLUSIONS

The ethnic diversity of Americans, perceived and real

percent of population that is...	public estimate	actual figure
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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** William Blake (1757-1827), poet-artist; Jose Iturbi (1895-1980), conductor-pianist; Berry Gordy Jr. (1929-), recording company executive; Hope Lange (1931-), actress; Paul Warfield (1942-), football star; Randy Newman (1943-), singer-songwriter; Paul Shaffer (1949-), musician-bandleader; Ed Harris (1950-), actor.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1979, in a game against the Colorado Rockies, Bill Smith of the New York Islanders became the first goalie in NHL history ever to score a goal.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A truth that's told with bad intent / Beats all the lies you can invent." — William Blake

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1960, a "Northeaster" gave Duluth, Minn., 12 inches of snow and whipped waves of 20-40 feet on Lake Superior. Thousands of cords of stockpiled pulpwood washed into the lake while 1-3 feet of water flooded Grand Marais' main street.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL® 1991 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Last quarter.



**TODAY'S BARR:** BY PHIL PASTORET  
Fairy tale for grown-ups: The manufacturers' suggested list prices they knock down on sales tags in discount stores.

## Fatal shooting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A northwest San Antonio man fatally shot his wife, then himself less than an hour after he bought a gun Tuesday, police said.

Dominic Hess, 25 and Cynthia Hess, 28 were found dead Tuesday morning after Hess phoned police and told them he shot his wife at about 11 a.m.

Police arrived at the couple's apartment and found their bodies next to their 18-month-old son and a store receipt for the gun.

Sgt. Roy Thomas said the report shows the gun, a revolver of unidentified caliber, was purchased shortly before the shooting of the wife occurred.

## Farmers thinking of colored cotton

AUSTIN (AP) — When most people think of cotton, fluffy white puffs come to mind. But many farmers are taking a technicolor view, growing naturally colored cotton in shades of brown and green and garnering a premium for their crop.

"With the addition of naturally colored cotton, Texas is on the cutting edge of a new, potentially very profitable development in the natural fibers market," said Julia Apodaca, a research associate with the Natural Fibers Information Center at the University of Texas.

About 40 growers in the state will produce 1,250 acres of brown cotton this year, up from about two acres in 1988.

All of the state's major growers are producing the colored cotton under contract for San Francisco-based Levi Strauss & Co., which is using it to make a new line of denim jeans. The brown jeans, which will be available in December, actually darken when they are washed rather than fading.

Levi Strauss, which produces the brown denim at a mill in Littlefield, planted its first two-acre test plot in 1988 to see how the brown cotton would grow in Texas.

"From a pure agricultural and textile perspective, it's such an interesting innovation," said Jill Novack, spokeswoman for Levi Strauss.

The jeans, called "Levi's Naturals," initially will be sold in a small number of specialty stores because of the limited supply of colored cotton, Novack said. The company is working with farmers to meet their demand.

Other large clothing companies, such as The Gap, Patagonia and Esprit, have expressed interest in colored cotton, Apodaca said.

The companies are responding to the growing number of environmentally aware consumers. According to Cotton Inc., demand for 100 percent cotton garments has steadily increased as consumers clamor for "all natural" clothing.

The colored cotton also is more cost-effective for manufacturers because there are no costs related to bleaching or dyeing.

Colored cotton — grown in shades of white, brown and purple — has been around for more than 4,500 years in South America, where it played a significant role in the lives of the Andean people, said James Vreeland, a UT graduate student in anthropology, whose dissertation is on the revival of pre-Columbian techniques for growing and using colored cotton.

A group of Peruvian researchers, headed by Vreeland, created a line of colored cotton clothing eight years ago that was marketed in Japan and Europe. The test, he said, was a success.

But it took a California entrepreneur to spur commercial interest in the United States.

Sally Fox, a plant breeder and owner of Natural Cotton Colors Inc. of Wasco, Calif., has contracted with farmers to grow cotton from seed she provides. Her company has a three-year contract to sell the cotton to Levi Strauss.

Last week, Fox visited the Lubbock area, where most of the state's colored cotton is grown. Brown and green cotton also are being grown in Uvalde and the Trans Pecos area of the state.



**SAFETY AWARD** — Kyle Cox was awarded a special safe driving award during the annual fire department banquet Tuesday evening at Snyder Country Club. (SDN Staff Photo)



**EC CLASS PERFORMS** — Mrs. Pat Cunninton's early childhood class presented a play, "Animals' Thanksgiving," for West Elementary students. Mrs. Sally Rios is the aide. Pictured from left on the first row are Gabriel Sanchez, Zackary Block; second row, Victoria Resendiz, Leticia Marquez; back row, Mrs. Donna Wilson, Blaine Burney. (SDN Staff Photo)

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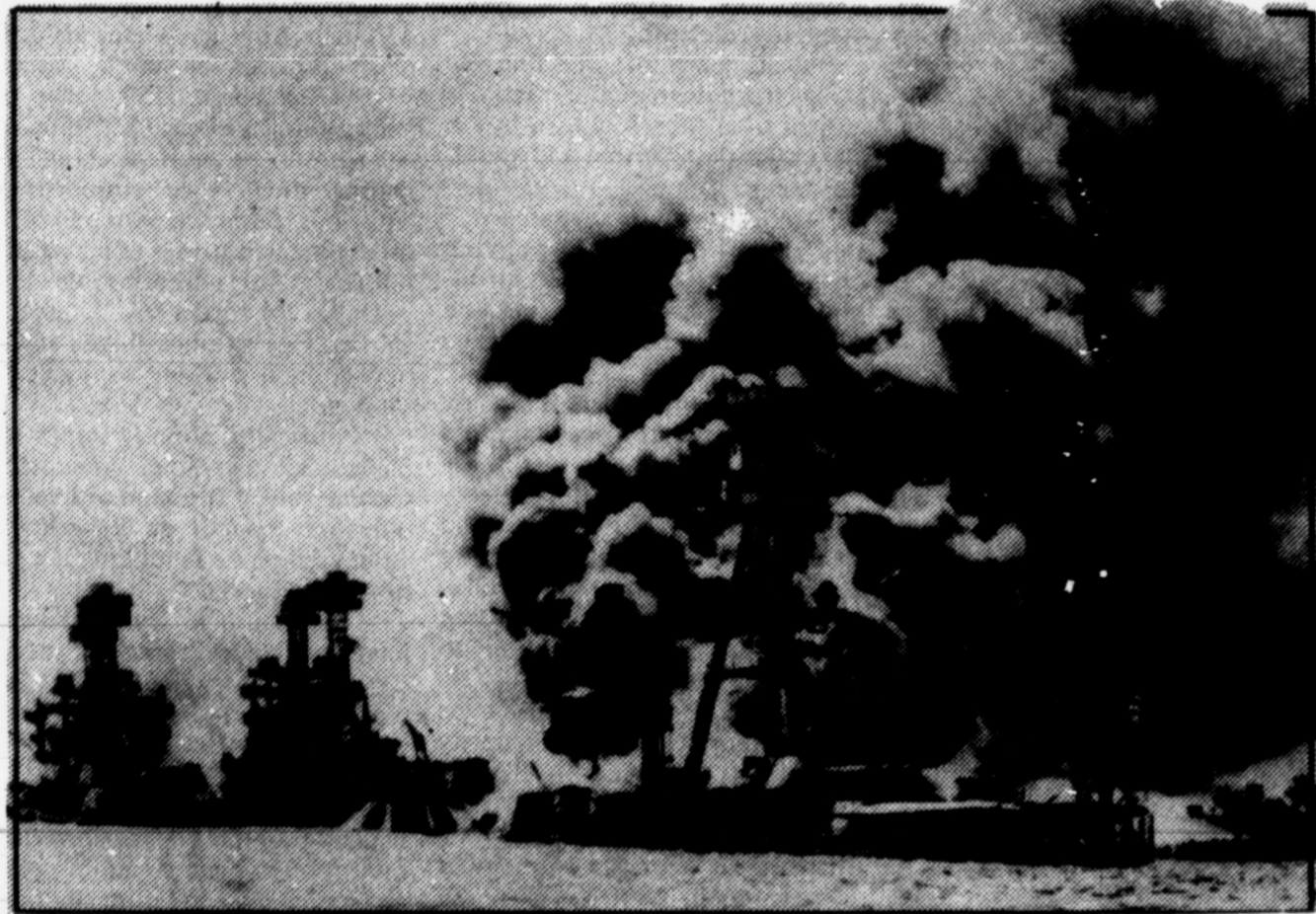
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## Curator fascinated by snails, insects

HOUSTON (AP) — Raymond Neck left a fine job to come to Houston. The 44-year-old zoologist spent most of his workdays beneath the big Texas sky, tramping through the back woods conducting studies for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He was well paid.

He got to live in Austin. Why'd he trade all that for a windowless, white-walled office in the basement of Houston's Museum of Natural Science? "They let me play with butterflies and snails, and they pay me for it. I just couldn't refuse," he said. Actually, when Neck took over as the museum's curator of invertebrates Oct. 1, it was the result of a fascination with small crawling things that began in Brownsville when he was 6 years old. It was a fascination that carried him through many years of schooling — culminating with a doctorate in zoology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1974. "I've always collected insects,

especially land snails," Neck said. "This is the sort of job I dreamed about after high school." Although his new institutional-white office with its Formica-topped tables and rows of dry scientific journals may be drab — even dreary compared to the roofless one he left — Neck's new surroundings are not without color.

Chief among his new responsibilities is caring for the museum's 100,000-specimen butterfly collection. Bought from a collector in Humble, the display includes some beasts as big as dinner plates and as flashy as peacocks. Neck said he hopes to use the collection, along with an equally spectacular one featuring beetles — huge iridescent green beetles with horns, tiny blue beetles that shine like kiln-fired ceramics and some that look like June bugs dipped in chrome — to improve the insect's status in the public's mind.

"We tend to think of insects as harmful," Neck said. "Most, though, are good, if you have to make a value judgment about them. The vast majority of them we don't even know are there."

Neck said people might doubt that seeing an invertebrate display is worth a trip to the museum, but those who make the effort are usually stunned.

Ramos, safety habits on the job; and R.L. Higdon, runner-up award for practicing safe work habits at the training center. Also receiving the runner-up award was Randy Underwood, not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)



**SAFETY AWARDS PRESENTED** — Presentations of bi-annual safety awards highlighted a recent Thanksgiving luncheon at the Scurry County Work Center. At right, county commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. presented awards to Laurel Davis, safety habits in the training center; Joe

Ramos, safety habits on the job; and R.L. Higdon, runner-up award for practicing safe work habits at the training center. Also receiving the runner-up award was Randy Underwood, not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)



## Woman Is Ready to Make First Move in Dating Game

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old single (by choice) woman, and after 20 years of dating, I have come to the conclusion that my mother was wrong when she said, "A lady never calls a gentleman — she waits for him to call her." Too many times I've had a man ask for my phone number, then I'd wait impatiently for him to call me. Sometimes he'd call, yet there were times when he never followed through. Then I'd agonize over what I might have done wrong.

When a woman meets a man she'd like to see again, and he takes her number, why shouldn't she feel free to take his, too, so if he doesn't call her, she can call him?

I recently met a very attractive man and we seemed to hit it off very well, but instead of his taking my number and saying the usual "I'll call you," he gave me his number and asked me to call him. Perfect! I had the option either to call him or not — it was all up to me. I liked that.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not on a power trip. I still like doors opened for me, but I prefer to do the calling.

I'd like to hear the opinions of men on this.

DON'T CALL ME, I'LL CALL YOU

DEAR DONT: Many women are the aggressors, and they do not apologize for it — nor should they. Relationships should be based upon honesty — and there is nothing wrong with saying, "I find you very attractive, and I'd like to see you again." It doesn't matter who makes the first call. Women are people, and people should not play games. Gentlemen?

DEAR ABBY: When I read the story about the sister-in-law who allows her dog to eat off the same plates as humans, I thought of my mother. Buying a special dish for the dog will not work. My mother has several dogs and cats, and they have

their own feeding dishes. After dinner, however, they are allowed to finish the leftovers from her regular plates.

Once when we were visiting, she went one step further. She prepared a tuna casserole, and during our meal, one of the cats jumped up onto the table. My mother took the serving spoon from the casserole, tapped the cat on the nose, then turned to my husband and asked if he wanted seconds. He declined.

KANSAS CITY

DEAR READERS: This morning, I received the following note from Jack Hill, a valued friend and employee who has been in my mail room since Year One. I thought it was so cute, I would like to share it. It read:

DEAR ABBY: To remind you that I will be on vacation for one week beginning Monday.

For your information, I am not going anywhere; it will be a "Honey Do" vacation: "Honey, do this — Honey, do that."

JACK

DEAR READERS: Your chuckle for today: When George Jessel took Lena Horne to a famous restaurant, the doorman asked, "Who made your reservations?" Jessel replied, "Abraham Lincoln."

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## Dallas at crossroads as it marks 150th year

DALLAS (AP) — Some Dallas residents say the city's 150th anniversary is a time for celebrating heritage. Others say there's nothing to celebrate.

But all seem to agree that the Dallas sesquicentennial marks a critical time for a city torn by racial strife, rising crime and spiraling taxes.

"Dallas is at a crossroads," said Delia Reyes, who is serving on the executive committee for Jubilee Dallas, an organization that has celebrated the birthday with a year of activities.

"It's at a point where it's ready to take a leap into somewhere it's never been before."

The city's founder, John Neely Bryan, established his homestead on a bluff overlooking the Trinity River in 1841. By 1851, Dallas had a population of 163, including 37 black slaves, according to newspaper reports.

Nearly 140 years later, Dallas has a million residents. A majority of them are minorities — 30 percent are black and 21 percent Hispanic. Yet only two blacks and a Hispanic serve on the 11-member City Council.

The city has begrudgingly agreed to correct the imbalance with a new council structure, but not before millions of tax dollars were spent on a 3 1/2-year legal squabble.

Roy Williams and Marvin Crenshaw, failed council candidates who are black, challenged the body's current structure in January 1988.

They filed a voting rights lawsuit alleging that the current system is discriminatory because it includes citywide voting district. Minorities have long maintained that citywide voting districts discriminate against them.

The Justice Department in May rejected a modified council plan that included four members and the mayor elected at-large and 10 from neighborhoods. The council in August agreed to a 14-1 plan with only the mayor chosen citywide.

County Commissioner John

Wiley Price, who is black, says the bitter fight over representation is just one reason minorities have no reason to celebrate a city long dominated by the white, affluent neighborhoods of North Dallas.

"We celebrate 150 years of struggling," Price said. "What do we have to be jubilant about? In Dallas today, we (minorities) can't boast that we own anything more than two stories tall. The 150 jubilee is for white people."

Dallas historian A.C. Greene said the city's future hinges on the new council working with a common goal.

"Politically, nobody stands for Dallas as a whole anymore," Greene said. "It's kind of like the burrough system in New York, where everyone is looking out for his own interest."

"The future in Dallas doesn't have any more room for dissidence for dissidence sake. We can't have a 14-member council that wants 14 different things. We have to work together."

It will take teamwork to solve Dallas' problems as the sprawling metropolis passes adolescence and learns to live "as an adult and possibly even as a senior citizen," Greene said.

Residents have endured tax increases each of the last four years, including a 6 percent hike that took effect this month.

They also have taken cover from soaring crime rates. Police spokeswoman Vicki Hawkins said violent crime through September was up 9.8 percent over 1990. Homicide has increased 19.1 percent this year.

"I think the turning point was reached a few years back by a lot of big cities," Greene said. "Dallas has always thought it was exempt from those things, but in the last ten years it's found that it's not."

Mayoral candidate Kathryn Cain agreed that dealing with Dallas' woes is a matter of attitude.

"The problems associated with being a big city aren't new," said Ms. Cain. "What's new is the way we are looking at ourselves."



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# Cultural center honors S. Texas musician

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — If Chico's accordion could talk, the old, battered music box would first clear its throat, take a deep breath and begin a slow and melodious account of how the times have changed but the music hasn't.

Chicho, as his friends call him, has been playing the accordion since he was 14. He learned to play it on his own, with no formal training. In a tiny, two-room corner building in San Benito Tuesday night, Narciso "Chicho" Martinez celebrated his 80th birthday by inaugurating the Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center. He delighted about 50 visitors with the music that he has played for 61 years.

"When I started playing the accordion there were no electrical instruments," Martinez said in Spanish. "All there was was guitars and accordions, pianos and other acoustical instruments. I learned to play by listening to others and repeating the tunes that were whistled during our work days."

The labor was difficult, Martinez said, because the clearing of land was done by axes, machetes and shovels — there were no caterpillars.

"Before 1945 there were no amplifiers around here," he recalled. "We would play sometimes from sunup to sundown at ranches where they held parties, and we would earn two pesos (dol-

lars). Now, thanks to God, I go to San Antonio and they pay me 500 pesos for 15 minutes."

Fifteen minutes of Chicho's time is like unlocking a time vault. His repertoire includes polkas, corridos, redovas, waltzes, tangos, guapangos, mazurkas and chotis.

"A chotis is very similar to a tango," said Antonio Ramirez,

75, who accompanies Chicho on 12-string bass guitar. "A mazurka is of Italian descent and it is similar to a redova. A redova is like a waltz."

Ramirez, who remembers meeting Chicho in the western city limits of Brownsville, said he has played with Chicho off and on since the Almeida brothers left the area.

"Chicho played with his older brother Santos and with Jose, San-

tiago and Santos Almeida. I learned by watching the Almeidas. Now we play more frequently because it is difficult to find bajistas (12-string bass guitar players)," said Martinez.

While Chicho and Tony, as they were called during the reception, played songs like "Las Gaviotas," "La Chichorrupal," "Amor en la Playa," and "Los Jacalitos," the accordion seemed to smile as it accented the hot and muggy evening with its delicate

tone.

"This accordion has lasted about eight years," said Chicho, gently tapping the red, green, white and black music box. "Most accordions used to last me about six months. The more one uses it, the more they wear out."

Accordions may crack and peel and become old and squeaky but Chicho's music lives with an urgency to tell its story. The story is about difficult economic times.

## Revamping announced by IBM

NEW YORK (AP) — International Business Machines Corp. will eliminate 20,000 jobs next year and undertake a sweeping plan to free its business units from IBM's cumbersome bureaucracy.

The moves, announced Tuesday, are aimed at boosting sagging profits at the world's largest computer maker.

IBM said it will induce employees to leave voluntarily, continuing its no-layoff policy. And spokesman Rob Wilson said no plant closings are anticipated.

Chairman John F. Akers said the restructuring will lead "to a fundamental redefinition of how IBM does business."

"A fundamental element of our plans is to create an environment where these individual businesses will, over time, become as independent and autonomous as possible," Akers said in a telephone interview.

IBM has been criticized for having a stifling bureaucracy that slows decision-making and saps creativity. The problem is particularly troublesome in the fast-moving computer industry, where products can become outdated within months.



LIGHTING OF THE TREE — A crowd attending the Christmas tree lighting at WTC Tuesday evening enjoyed singing carols accompanied by Jerald Garner, Freddie Castillo, Lynn Pryor, Abel Garza and Roger Munoz. Directing was Brent Hardegree, WTC music instructor. (SDN Staff Photo)



TURKEY DINNER — Easy Martinez enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal earlier this week at Central Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

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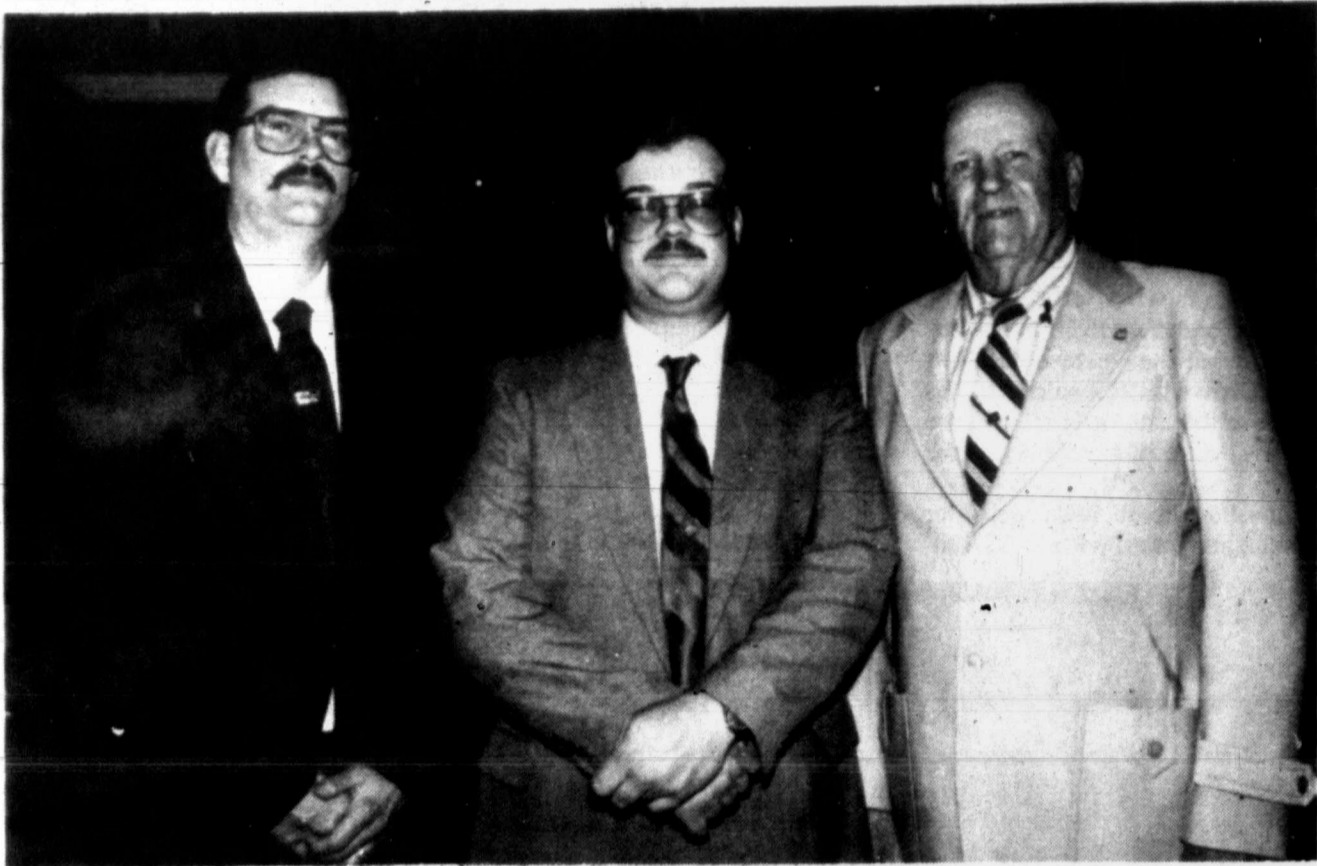
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**SERVICE PINS** — Snyder firemen were honored for their years of service during Tuesday's annual banquet at Snyder Country Club. Pictured are Albert Canon, 15 years; Sterling Williams, 5 years; and Gerrell Bigham, 40 years. Not pictured is Jim Pollard who received a 10-year pin. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Fluoride fight still underway

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The pastel drapes on Martha C. Johnson's front-room windows give an instant summary of the last 27 of her 87 years.

Pinned on the side curtain is an article titled, "Fluoride in Water is Linked to Increase in Cancer." The front drapes display a story headlined, "Fluoride-Cancer Link Made."

Related items decorate the walls. The dictionary definition of "conspiracy" is propped with a miniature clipboard on a desk in the cluttered home, which doubles as headquarters for the Michigan Pure Water Council.

Around back in the kitchen is Johnson's newfangled water distiller. It cost her a good sum, \$300, but the old one was a bit heavy to carry to the sink for cleaning, and that was straining her neck.

She uses the distiller to zap the fluoride from the drinking and cooking water.

"It is poison. Poison is not for human beings, it's for rats," she says.

Many people dispute Johnson's conclusion that fluoride is killing people. But it's hard to take issue with her dedication.

She lobbies the Legislature, has taken advantage of the public office hours held by Gov. John Engler and two department directors, and writes letter after letter to newspaper editors.

When she hears a local governing board is considering whether to fluoridate its public water supply, Johnson shows up.

She spends most of her day doing research, making calls, and reading the countless health-related publications she gets, including the enemy's periodical, the American Dental Association News.

"I'm a regular detail-ist," says Johnson, her gray hair pulled back in a bun. "I really do a great deal of research."

She does it without pay, and though the Michigan Pure Water Council has about 100 members who donate a bit of money to the cause, she does all the work solo.

Her age gradually is taking its

toll on her vision and hearing, and she says she can think most clearly on sunny days. But she remains spry and can spout off dates and names of events long past.

Johnson began her mission in 1964, soon after Lansing began fluoridating its water and nearly 20 years after nearby Grand Rapids became the first U.S. city to introduce fluoride into the public water supply.

Sixty-one percent of Americans now live in communities that fluoridate their public water. Sixty-six percent of Michigan residents have fluoridated water, and 93 percent of communities with public water supplies add fluoride.

Fluoride, which naturally occurs in some waterways and is derived from the element fluorine, is touted by dentists and other health experts as reducing tooth decay. They have numerous scientific studies to back up that claim.

"They told everybody that, that's how they sold it," Johnson says. "I tell people they shouldn't drink it."

Johnson is among a vocal minority of fluoride fighters nationwide who insist the substance is doing more harm than good.

They say the 75 percent to 80 percent decline in tooth decay since the 1940s, according to a 1988 study by the National Institute for Dental Research, can be attributed to change in diets, increased emphasis on dental hygiene and fluoridated toothpaste.

Another study showed a similar decline in tooth decay in European communities that didn't fluoridate their water over the same period.

The ills the naysayers blame on fluoride include cancer, arthritis, fluorosis — an abnormal dental condition — and bone disease.

Dental researchers say any tenuous link to disease hasn't been conclusive. They also cite a correlation between fluoride exposure and stronger bones.

Dr. James Wieland, a Grand Rapids dentist who is co-chairman of a committee planning to commemorate the birth of fluoridated water, said independent studies

show fluoridation is safe and effective.

"One of their slogans was this was all a communist plot. Now, how do they explain that nations that were behind the Iron Curtain all have fluoridated water?"

## Martinez: conservation needed

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — State Engineer Eluid Martinez says in addition to buying water rights, New Mexico must encourage conservation if it is to add enough water to the Pecos River to meet its obligation to Texas.

So the state engineer's office will enact a conservation program that both educates and regulates, Martinez told legislators Tuesday.

Special programs in public schools and announcements on radio and television stations will stress the importance of saving water, Martinez said.

But the state engineer could also enforce conservation by water users who appear before him in permitting proceedings, he said.

For example, he could require wells to be metered, irrigation to

be made more efficient, or per-capita water use in municipalities to be reduced, the state engineer said.

"It's going to be very controversial," he told the Legislature's interim Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Committee. He said he expects the program to get under way in the spring.



**THANKSGIVING FEAST** — These kindergarten students of Debra Alexander and Linda Mendoza at Central Elementary enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving meal at school. Students are Danny Allen, Michelle Garica, Rosanna Gonzales, Christopher Luna, Casey Martinez, Israel Sosa, Temeka Wells, Robert Garza, Priscilla

Ybarra, Nikki Martinez and Timothy Martinez. Others are Aleida Arellano, Yvette Cerda, Manuel DePaz, Maria Estrada, Veronica Estrada, Guadalupe Ferruzca, Adrienne Garcia, Debbie Guzman, Jose Luis Perez, Jessica Rodriguez, Fernando Ornelas, Joe Alvarado and Angelica Puente. (SDN Staff Photo)

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm an elderly woman with a 4.2 centimeter aneurysm in the abdominal aorta. My doctor and surgeon concur that I should not undergo surgery unless it increases in size. Could laser surgery be performed for this condition, and do you agree with their feelings?

DEAR READER: An aneurysm occurs when a portion of an artery balloons and swells. This results from weakness in the arterial wall that often accompanies the aging process. The constant pressure of blood within them can cause aneurysms to rupture, leak or dissect (when part of the inner lining of the artery peels away from the deeper layers). If these life-threatening complications are imminent, the aneurysm must be surgically removed and replaced with a synthetic graft.

Of course, no one wants to have unnecessary surgery. Therefore, doctors perform periodic ultrasound examinations of an aneurysm to determine how fast it is enlarging. If it remains stable, surgery is postponed. If it enlarges rapidly or threatens to rupture, an immediate operation is justified to prevent the complications I mentioned.

Experience has shown that aneurysms measuring 6 centimeters or more (at the widest portion) will almost certainly cause problems because, at that size, the arterial wall is

extremely weak and will surely stretch further in a short time.

In your case, the aneurysm is large (4.2 centimeters) but has yet to reach the critical size (6 centimeters) necessitating removal. Your doctors are correct in choosing to test you regularly and hold off surgery until the risks of the aneurysm exceed the risks of surgery.

However, even at 4.2 centimeters, your aneurysm could leak, causing severe abdominal pain requiring an emergency operation. Therefore, you should describe any new symptoms to your doctor, no matter how inconsequential they may seem. If and when the aneurysm enlarges to 6 centimeters — without leakage or other complications — it should be repaired.

There is no other treatment for abdominal aneurysms. Laser surgery is not appropriate because this technique does not allow the surgeon to remove and replace the diseased portion of the artery.

To provide additional information (should you ultimately require surgery), I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach To Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.