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Ask Us

Two dead in area accidents

A 20-year-old Texas Tech University student and a 54-year-old Seminole man were killed in separate vehicular accidents, the first involving multiple flips and the second involving a fire, near here Wednesday afternoon and night.

Todd C. Madsen of Brookesmith, near Brownwood, was eastbound in a 1984 Ford Bronco 18 miles southeast of Snyder on U.S. 84 when the vehicle went out of control and overturned five to seven times, a Department of Public Safety trooper said.

Madsen had to be removed from under the vehicle in the 2:20 p.m. accident, and he was taken to Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater, where he was pronounced dead at 3:52 p.m.

The DPS said Madsen en route home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

At 10:25 p.m. Wednesday, 2.1 miles east of Snyder on the Roby Hwy., James B. Roache of Seminole was westbound when his 1984 Chevrolet pickup went off the right side of the highway and then back across the road before hitting a telephone pole broad-side, according to reports.

Snyder firemen were summoned to extinguish a fire which consumed the pickup, and Justice of the Peace Dan Callaway pronounced Roache dead at the scene.

Roache, an electrician, had been ejected from the vehicle.

Funeral services for the Tech student were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at Cedar Point Cemetery in Brownwood.

Roache's funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Gaines County Cemetery at Seminole.



FATALITY — James Roache of Seminole was pronounced dead at the scene of this Wednesday night accident two miles east of Snyder on the Roby Hwy., where city firemen had to extinguish a fire in Roache's pickup truck. The accident was one of two near Snyder on Wednesday which resulted in fatalities. (SDN Staff Photo by Paul Gilbert)

Festival Sunday...

Shopping 'season' begins

City-wide sales began today and were to run through Sunday as the Christmas shopping season gets into full gear.

The Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving Day are traditionally two of the busiest shopping days before Christmas.

Snyder's 1989 Holiday Festival is scheduled Sunday afternoon on the square. Participating merchants across the city will be open from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Live entertainment at the courthouse gazebo will be featured will 5:30 p.m., when the traditional

lighting of the square commences.

Featured entertainment will include the Sunshine Choir from 2:30-3:15 p.m., the Kitchen Band from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Sounds of the Season from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Among the businesses participating in the Holiday Festival are:

- Bar-H-Bar, to offer 10 percent off of regularly priced items storewide;
- Blanche's Berninia, to feature free demonstrations on "Bead a Shoe" and "Paint a T";
- Bud's Office Supply, to offer demonstrations of Fax machines, security systems, along with cake, coffee and punch.
- Cox Jewelers, to offer special sales along with punch and cookies;
- Express It, to serve spiced cider and cookies;
- Jodi's, to feature Santa Claus and 25 percent off on all Vanity

Fair;

—Keaton Kolor, to feature 10 percent off all items in the store, and offering cookies and hot punch;

—Mary's Stout Shop, to offer \$10 off of any purchase of \$50 or more;

—Merle Norman, live models;

—Mildred's, live models and special discounts;

—Munden's Discount Center, to feature refreshments and the opening of Toy Land;

—Neff's Floral & Garden Center, to feature 30 percent off gift items and silk arrangements;

—Pleasure's Mine, to feature a gift wrapping demonstration;

—Reta's Cake Shop & Texas Bar-B-Q, to offer samples of homemade fudge;

—Snyder Appliance, to offer "something special";

—and Suits Us, to offer egg nog (see HOLIDAY, page 10)

Thankful thousands attend holiday dinners across state

By The Associated Press

Holiday dinners drew thousands of thankful Texans across the state while thousands more enjoyed parades and sports events.

The Big Feast at the George R. Brown Convention Center fed 65,000 people, organizers said, Thanksgiving Day. Some people were turned away because the food ran out. Organizers had planned to feed 35,000 people, event chairman Leroy Woodward said.

Another 16,000 people ate dinner at Houston Superfeast at the Albert Thomas Convention Center, feast chairman Tammy Bohon said.

In San Antonio, more than 15,000 senior citizens were served at the 10th annual Jimenez dinner at the San Antonio Convention Center. An army of 2,500 volunteers helped serve the meal, said Raul Jimenez Sr.

When the music began at noon, the center of the hall filled with senior citizens dancing with one another and kicking up their heels.

"Seeing all these beautiful people dancing and enjoying themselves makes my heart very happy," said Raul Jimenez Sr., whose restaurant sponsored the event.

His son, Raul Jimenez Jr., presided over a similar dinner in Fort Worth, where 3,200 people were served in the 17th year the restaurant has sponsored a Thanksgiving feast there. U.S. Rep. Pete Geren of Fort Worth and Mayor Bob Bolen helped serve the meal.

The Meals on Wheels program in Dallas helped feed 6,000 people and, in Austin, the Salvation Army handed out 400 dinners.

About 200 homeless people in Temple ate dinner at Martha's Kitchen, said Ted Potter, a

supervisor at the shelter.

Armed services recruits in San Antonio and El Paso were welcomed into the homes of local residents for Thanksgiving meals.

Police estimated nearly 230,000 people lined the route of the Sun Carnival Parade in El Paso.

Life saved...

Victim pulled from wreckage

CROCKETT, Texas (AP) — A man who witnessed the crash of an Army helicopter pulled a victim from the wreckage moments before it burst into flames, officials said.

Pilot Tim Stachewich and passenger Brian Mahoney, the only two people in the helicopter, were both in stable but guarded condition Thursday night in Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, said spokeswoman Dawn Jenich. The injuries were not life-threatening, according to a statement from Army personnel at Fort Polk, La.

The officers were assigned to the Louisiana base and were

returning from training exercises in California when the helicopter crashed at 10:35 a.m. about 10 miles northwest of Crockett.

W.C. Bryant, a Port Arthur resident who is building a home in a subdivision at the lake saw the crash and helped one of the victims to safety, said Houston County Sheriff Claudie Kendrick.

"The thing was on fire almost as soon as it hit the ground," Kendrick said. "The crash tore it all to pieces and then the fire melted it up. You could hardly tell what it was."

Authorities did not indicate which man Bryant saved.

Jayton ISD to discuss petition in December

Jayton school superintendent Gary Harrell has confirmed that a public hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 14 to review a detachment annexation petition that calls for the portion of Snyder Independent School District lying inside Kent County to be annexed into the Jayton district.

At the end of the hearing, scheduled for 7 p.m. in Jayton, the Jayton school board will vote in favor of the petition or against it.

According to Harrell, the petition has been signed by a majority of registered voters who reside in that portion of Kent County that is within the Snyder school district.

Snyder Superintendent Dalton Moseley said last week that he

had not received the petition. The SISD board of trustees did meet in executive session with County Attorney Pete Greene on Nov. 13, however, to gain legal information in case they are presented the petition.

For the annexation to be effected, both districts must approve. If the districts disagree, the matter could be appealed to the Commissioner of Education in Austin.

The area involved was the Polar School District until 1953, when it was annexed to Snyder ISD. It includes some 55 square miles with property valued at \$12,496,718. At \$1.04 tax rate set by Snyder ISD, the local school system stands to lose some \$129,966 if the property is annexed to Jayton.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Progress is made only if each mistake you make is a new one."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

W.T. Whitehead brought us a faded clipping about the good old days. On Fridays, for the next few weeks, we'll pass along some of the home-spun philosophy written by Dick Briscoe.

"Ever since the sad day we junk the outdoor privy and move the bathroom into the house, the world turns faster and faster and mankind is beset with summick ulcers. Hurry hurry hurry is the password. Nobody has got time to do nothin'."

"It's the sad truth. Yesterday, when a feller has to go, he walks out back to the outdoor john, sits and reads the Sears-Roebuck catalog, or counts the red corncocks against the white ones, or just

relaxes and catches up on his thinking. The bees buzz in the apple tree and time lasts forever.

"Then some feller invents the flush toilet, and soon some uncivilized yahoo moves the bathroom right into the house. That is the end of peace and quiet.

"Folks quit washing their faces at the wash bench on the back porch. They move the basin into the bathroom. Then they move the mirror from mamma's dresser into the john, and finally paw hangs his razor strop and straight razor in there too.

"So today you cannot sit in peace. There is a constant crying at the lock-son wants to comb his hair, grampaw wants to shave, dotter wants to primp—all in the indoor john, of course. This sets the pattern for modern living."

Next week: The automobile.

Q—Is it true that the open house for Golden Terrace Village units has been postponed? Why?

A—Open house for the senior citizen housing units has been delayed because some of the hardware hasn't arrived yet. The original open house date was to be Nov. 28. Tentatively, it has been rescheduled for Dec. 7. That depends, of course, on when the hardware arrives from Oakland, Calif.



In Brief

Plane down

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Four people were killed this morning in the crash of a small plane at Arlington Municipal Airport.

Bill Anderson, assistant public affairs officer at the Federal Aviation Administration, said the plane crashed at 10:03 a.m. in a muddy field south of the runway. He did not know if the plane, a Beechcraft King Air, was taking off or landing when it crashed.

There was no fire, he said. He had no reports of injuries or anyone surviving the crash.

The airport is a small airport midway between Fort Worth and Dallas.

Bus crashes

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — A passenger bus plunged 50 feet into a river from a bridge east of the capital, killing 78 people and injuring 26 in the nation's worst bus crash, police said today.

The bus apparently had a blowout on a front tire late Thursday and hurtled into the Chivake river near the town of Murehwa, 45 miles east of Harare, authorities said. It overturned in the water, crushing the roof.

Bush holiday

CAMP DAVID, Md. (AP) — President Bush's Thanksgiving at the Camp David retreat included a traditional dinner as well as several games of horseshoes, the White House says.

Bush won two matches pitching horseshoes, defeating one of his guests, Willard Heminway, two games out of three, and then defeating two of his staff by the same score, said spokesman Jay Allison.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 58 degrees; low, 28 degrees; high Thursday, 60 degrees; low, 28 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 41 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.48 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 40s. West wind 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, fair. High in the upper 70s. West wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Rest of holiday weekend, fair. Low in the mid 40s. High in the lower 70s.

Colon cancer treatment takes step forward

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors are very optimistic about a new drug that has triggered remissions in mice injected with human colon cancer cells.

"In 20 years in this lab, we've never seen anything like this. We have animals that are tumor-free," said Dr. John Stehlin, principal investigator of the Stehlin Foundation for Cancer Research at Houston's St. Joseph Hospital foundation.

During two years of experiments, researchers said,

they treated about 100 mice with three types of human colon cancer — slow-, medium- and fast-growing.

Once the mice began developing the cancer tumors, they were divided into two groups. One set received the new drug, 9-amino Camptothecin, or 9 AC. The other group received no treatment.

Most mice showed no trace of residual cancer after being treated with 9 AC for several months, doctors said. The untreated mice died.

Some mice treated with 9 AC are still alive after a survival, in human terms, of more than 20 years, Stehlin said at a briefing this week.

This is a preliminary report, he said. "Obviously, more work needs to be done with additional colon cancers and other forms of cancer that are not responsive to

the standard anti-cancer agents."

"It is important to note that all three tumors used in these experiments were proved to be non-responsive to all the major known anti-cancer drugs administered at maximum tolerated doses," said Bopping.

Giovannella, director of the St.

Joseph Hospital Laboratory for Cancer Research.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in the United States with 147,000 new cases reported each year. About 60,000 die each year from the disease, most commonly treated by surgery.

Very little progress has been

made in colon cancer treatment in the past 40 years, Stehlin said. Chemotherapy and immunotherapy has had little effect and the use of the drug levamisole with 5-fluorouracil improves the survival rate in about 15 percent of patients, he said.

Lisnow said that although the state faces the possibility of penalties for failing to meet federal standards, he said he is confident "Texas will never pay one penny in audit fines" because of improvements implemented.

A comparison of the program between 1987 and 1989, he said, shows that child support collection has increased from \$72 million to \$133 million; more than 6,000 paternities have been established as compared with 648; and interstate collections increased from \$10.5 million to \$16 million.

The attorney general's office will have 60 days to submit a plan for making improvements, she

Texas child support efforts criticized

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General Jim Mattox says a federal audit critical of the state's child support program is outdated because of recent improvements not reflected in the report.

The audit, which says the collection program is inadequate in key areas, could lead to a loss in federal funds.

The federal audit says the state program failed to establish the paternity of men who owed child support payments, failed in almost half the cases to find delinquent parents, and took steps only two-thirds of the time to have delinquent payments

deducted from paychecks as required by federal law.

Mattox's office issued a statement saying the program has made significant improvements since fiscal 1987, the period covered by the audit.

"I am confident that an audit of the present program would show total compliance," Harmon Lisnow, the attorney general's executive assistant, said.

The audit was conducted by the Office of Child Support Enforcement, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington.

The study, released Wednesday, covered the period from Oc-

tober of 1986 to September of 1987, the most recent fiscal year available to the federal team when it began work in February of 1988.

Michelle Jefferson, a spokeswoman for the Office of Child Support Enforcement in Washington, said the state will be notified that federal Aid For Dependent Children payments to the state will be reduced as a penalty unless the problems are corrected. The Office of Child Support Enforcement is a part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Newspaper asks for access to felony defendant's file

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Chronicle has asked the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to overturn an order which the newspaper claims results in reporters being denied access to files on defendants in felony cases.

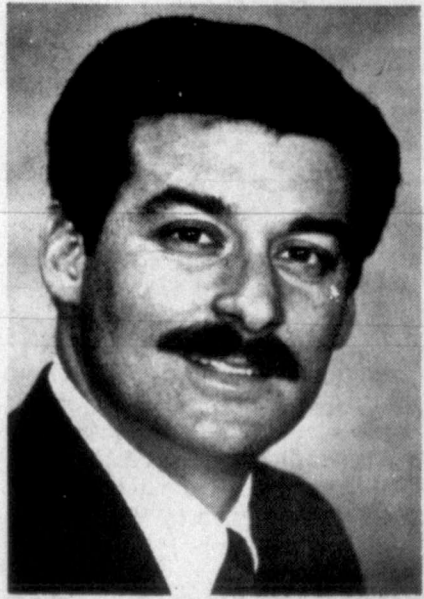
The order in question by State District Judge Charles Hearn in September, directed Harris County District Clerk Ray Hardy and Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen to seal from public view the addresses and telephone numbers of newly charged felony defendants until attorneys are hired or

Mark Gray to sing at Faith Baptist

Mark Gray, gospel soloist, will appear at the 10:50 a.m. Sunday service at Faith Baptist Church. Rev. Buck Hatfield is the pastor.

Gray and his family travel throughout the year, appearing in some 160 churches all across America. His music has also taken him on tours to Europe and Canada.

After leaving a successful career in insurance more than eight years ago, Gray has produced 14 different recordings.



MARK GRAY

appointed for them.

Hearn was responding to concerns by other judges and court personnel about lawyers using information in criminal intake files to solicit clients. Some defendants had complained about being deluged with solicitation letters from defense lawyers.

Hardy said the only way his office could practically comply with Hearn's order was to withhold from public inspection the entire file on each felony case.

Since Hearn's order went into effect, Hardy's office has provided reporters and the public with only a computer-generated list showing the names of defendants and the offenses with which they are charged.

The Chronicle argues that Hearn's order and Hardy's action abridge the First Amendment right of the media and public to gather information about criminal court business.

The newspaper asked the court Wednesday to set aside an order. The news media are inhibited in correctly identifying defendants and are impaired in their ability to provide balanced coverage for comment, the newspaper contends.

The Chronicle asks that the appeals court, if it will not overturn Hearn's order, direct Hardy to excise phone numbers and addresses from the files so they can be made available to the public.

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
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; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Black Women's Association; SNB Community Room; 5 p.m.

Bridge by James Jacoby

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NORTH
♠ 8 7 6 5 2
♥ 5 4 3 2
♦ K 5
♣ 4 3

WEST
♠ 4
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ Q 10 8
♣ K Q J 9 5

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 6
♦ J 9 7 4 3 2
♣ 10 8 7 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 9
♥ A K J 8
♦ A 6
♣ A

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
6 ♣	All pass		

Opening lead: ♠ K

monds, then ruff a club. Next comes the ace of hearts. Now instead of playing the second high heart (which might drop the queen), declarer should get off lead with a low heart. West will win, but will now be stymied. A club or a diamond will allow declarer to ruff in dummy while shedding the losing heart, and a heart back will be into the K-J. Of course it's unlikely that hearts would behave so badly, but isn't it worth sacrificing the occasional over-trick to ensure making the small slam?

Coast Guard calls off search for missing pair

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Coast Guard gave up hope of finding a woman and her two children alive in the Gulf of Mexico after their single engine plane crashed in turbulent weather, officials said. "We are presuming all three have drowned," said U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Mark Kasper Thursday. Sophia Mifsud, 26, her daughter, Ariel, 3, and 2-month-old son Martin are believed to have drowned, after their Cessna 210 piloted by Thomas Mifsud, 32, crashed in turbulent weather in the Gulf of Mexico around 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, officials said. Thomas Mifsud was treated for shock, hypothermia and minor cuts at Memorial Medical Hospital in Corpus Christi and released. Mifsud, a U.S. citizen who lives in Guatemala, grabbed his son Martin and swam about 100 feet to a nearby oil rig. After climbing onto the rig's ladder, a large swell washed his son from his hands. Mifsud said he never saw his son again.

A worthwhile sacrifice

South tried very hard to get to a grand slam. After spades were supported, he cue-bid hearts first, then diamonds, and finally showed the ace of clubs. North dutifully bid six diamonds to show second-round control of that suit, and South settled into six spades. On this bidding there was certainly a chance that North might evaluate a doubleton heart as enough to carry on to grand slam. Play for grand slam was mediocre, requiring that hearts split 3-2 with the queen in the East hand. That did not excuse declarer for going set in six. Declarer won the ace of clubs, picked up trumps, cashed the ace of hearts, then got to dummy with the king of diamonds to lead another heart. East showed out. Declarer played low, but West won the trick and exited with a club. Later West took the setting trick with the heart queen. The proper play guarantees making the small slam, although it gives up the play for an overtrick. Declarer should draw trumps, play A-K of dia-



SHARING MEAL—West kindergarten classes dressed as Indians and Pilgrims Wednesday and shared an early day Thanksgiving meal. Teachers are Tonya Canada and Gail Koenig. (SDN Staff Photo)

Multivitamin therapy may help moms

CHICAGO (AP) — Mothers who take multiple vitamins containing folic acid early in pregnancy are significantly less likely to bear babies with spina bifida and other spinal column defects, a new study concludes. The birth defects were about one-fourth as common among babies whose mothers took the over-the-counter vitamins than among babies whose mothers didn't take vitamins, according to a report in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The apparent beneficial effect was limited to women who took the vitamins in the first six weeks of pregnancy, leading the researchers to suggest women begin taking vitamins with folic acid when they first start trying to conceive. The defects include spina bifida, in which incomplete closing of the bony casing around the spinal cord typically results in mild or severe paralysis. Another spinal column defect is anencephaly, in which major parts of the brain are lacking and death usually occurs within hours. Such defects occur in about 4,000 babies a year, or 1 to 2 in 1,000.

The Boston University report was based on a three-year study of 22,776 women, about half of whom took multivitamins containing folic acid. The occurrence of spinal column defects was 0.9 per 1,000, among babies whose mothers took the vitamins, compared to 3.3 per 1,000 among infants born to women who didn't use supplements. The study was conducted by Dr. Aubrey Milunsky of the Center for Human Genetics at the Boston University School of Medicine and colleagues.

"We believe that the combined data from this and other studies provide good evidence that folic acid-containing multivitamins taken during the first six weeks of pregnancy will prevent" spinal column defects, the authors wrote. The study doesn't prove folic acid prevents birth defects, said one expert, Dr. Lewis B. Holmes, a professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. "Is it the vitamin itself ... or are these women doing other things?" Holmes asked. Discussing the implications, Milunsky noted most pregnant women see their doctors for the first time 8 to 10 weeks after con-

ception. "Almost all the fetal organs have been formed at that time," he said. "An opportunity for useful intervention would have been lost." The function of folic acid — found naturally in liver, leafy green vegetables, mushrooms, and lima and kidney beans — isn't really known, Milunsky said. Studies haven't ruled out the possibility that vitamins A, C, D or E — alone or with folic acid — protect against the defects, since all were contained in most of the multivitamins, the researchers noted.

The researchers also cautioned that excessive doses of multivitamins could be harmful. Researchers noted a "strikingly higher" prevalence of the defects — 13 per 1,000 — among infants of women with a family history of spinal conditions who didn't take supplements, compared to women with such histories who did — 3.5 per 1,000. The study group — mostly white and well-educated — wasn't statistically representative of the population. The frequency of spinal column defects is higher among poor whites and lower among blacks, Mulinsky said.

2 abortion cases set for Supreme Court

CHICAGO (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court could still make significant changes in abortion law, despite the out-of-court settlement of one of three key abortion-rights cases on its docket this session. The high court is scheduled to hear arguments Wednesday in cases from Ohio and Minnesota, both of which focus on state laws requiring that one or both parents be notified before a minor gets an abortion. Those cases — and an Illinois dispute settled out of court earlier this week — were seen by those on both sides of the issue as likely vehicles for the Supreme Court to expand or modify its July ruling allowing states greater leeway to restrict abortion. The Illinois case, over state regulation of abortion clinics, was the most likely of the three to result in changes to the court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling, said Jack Tunheim, chief deputy attorney general for Minnesota. The Illinois case affected all women, rather than just minors. "I don't think the Illinois settlement will have any impact on our case," Tunheim said Thursday. "The Minnesota case and the Ohio case both involve what we view as a very, very different proposition — the issue of minors' abortions." The settlement announced by Illinois Attorney General Neil Hartigan and officials of the Il-

linois American Civil Liberties Union would resolve a legal challenge to regulations requiring abortion clinics to be equipped and staffed like hospital operating rooms. In the case, Ragsdale vs. Turnock, Dr. Richard Ragsdale of Rockford contended that the state regulations would make it much more difficult and costly for women to obtain abortions. Despite federal court rulings that the law unconstitutionally limited women's access to abortion, Illinois argued that the rules were necessary to protect women's health. Anti-abortion activists wanted the Ragsdale case to go before the Supreme Court because a favorable ruling would have made it difficult for abortion clinics to operate, said Joseph Schiedler, director of the national Pro-Life Action League. But either the Ohio or Minnesota case "could still serve as a catalyst for eroding Roe vs. Wade," he said. The Ragsdale settlement still must be approved by a U.S. District Court judge in Chicago. For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads Call 573-5486

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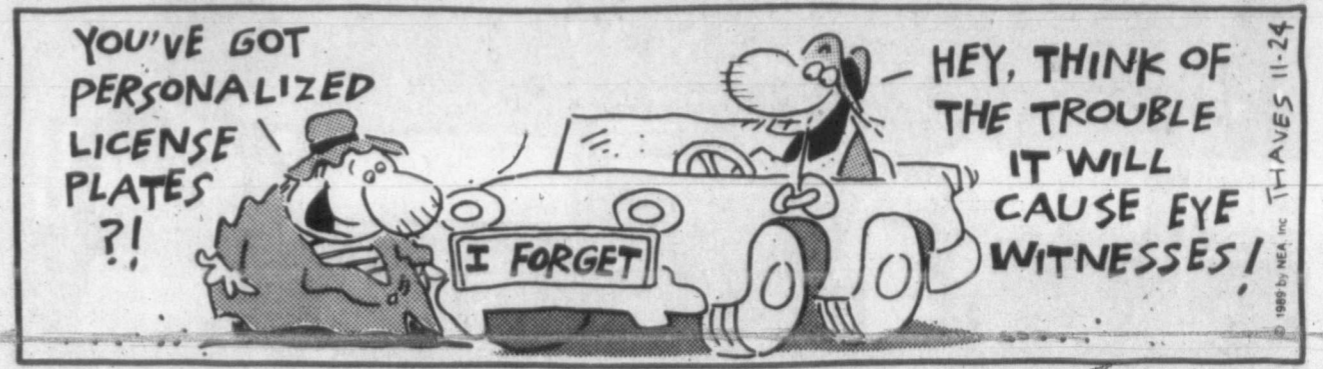
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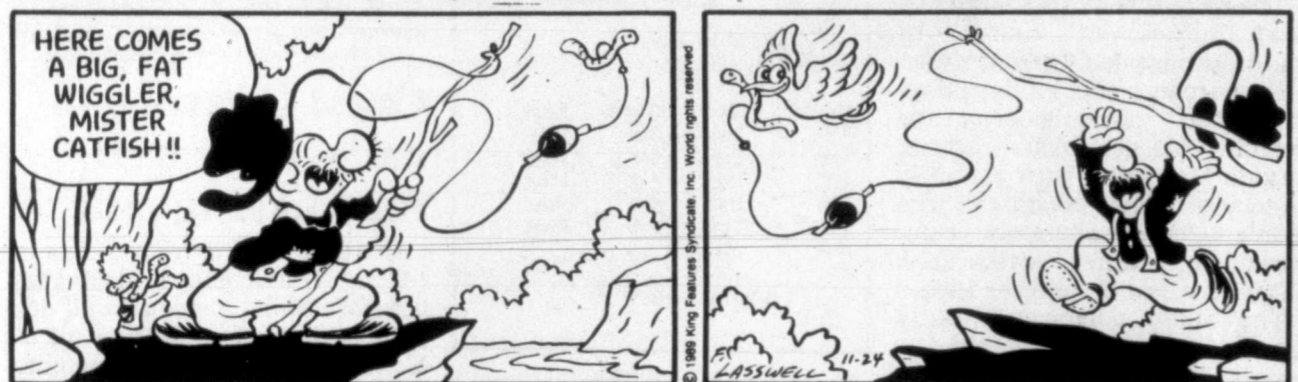
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Communist Party leaders meeting to discuss crisis

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Communist Party leaders met today to grapple with the political crisis spurred by the burgeoning pro-democracy movement that seeks to topple the nation's hard-line rulers.

The meeting came one day after the biggest rallies in the nation's history and amid an apparent rift in the increasingly embattled party leadership. Major leadership changes were anticipated.

Party general secretary Milos Jakes, who has resisted reforms demanded by increasingly restive citizenry, was the first official to speak at today's meeting, the official news agency CTK said.

Its terse report gave no other details.

Jakes has paid lip service to reform and adopted some cautious economic changes since replacing Gustav Husak as party leader in December 1987.

But he and other hard-line members of his Politburo have refused to join in the kind of political reform launched by Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev that has produced radical changes in Poland, Hungary and East Germany.

Today's meeting was shaping up as a clash between hard-liners and those favoring reforms.

The strongest hint of an impending leadership reshuffle came

Thursday from Prague Communist Party Chief Miroslav Stepan, a member of the ruling Politburo.

Stepan said today's Central Committee session would "deal with personnel issues" that might affect officials in "the highest positions," the state news agency CTK reported.

Today's meeting came one day after hundreds of thousands of people crowded into Prague's Wenceslas Square and urged party hard-liners to relinquish power. The rally Thursday drew at least 300,000 people, the biggest ever in Czechoslovakia.

The masses shouted "Shame" and "Resign."

"We will never return to the old system of totalitarian rule," playwright Vaclav Havel, the country's best known dissident, told the crowd.

"We shall see whether our country will reach democracy in a political way or whether an isolated group of sadists will prevail, who want, at any cost, to hide their power and privileges by empty words about reform," he said.

At another rally that drew tens of thousands of people in Bratislava, ousted leader Alexander Dubcek, whose own attempts at reform were crushed 20 years ago, endorsed the demands for change but warned of "tragic consequences" if protesters press too hard.

Dubcek, who headed the Communist "Prague Spring" reforms that were crushed by the Soviet-led invasion of 1968, made his first public speech Thursday since he was expelled from the party in the purge of reformers that put Jakes and the rest of the current leadership in power.

In addition to Prague and Bratislava, state media said thousands of people attended anti-government protests Thursday in the cities of Usci Nad Labem, Pizen, Hradec Kralove, Ostrava and Eanska Eystrica.

The rallies were the culmination of six days of protests that began on Nov. 17, when a peaceful demonstration in Prague was brutally dispersed by police.

Havel called on the nation's military and police forces "to stand by the people for the first time."

But military leaders issued an ominous message.

Scientist gets to eat holiday meal

ORACLE, Ariz. (AP) — A scientist emerged after spending three weeks alone in a sealed, self-contained world, hungry for companionship and Thanksgiving turkey.

Biologist Linda Leigh ended the 21-day test Thursday, emerging after her record-breaking stay inside a sealed, greenhouselike module that generates its own food, air and water. The device is part of a program to explore technologies for replicating Earth's environment in space.

Ms. Leigh, 39, emerged from the airtight, glass-and-steel module just in time for Thanksgiving dinner, and was hugged by Abigail Alling, director of the project's marine ecological system.

"She was quite struck by the beauty of the system," Ms. Alling said in a telephone interview.

Wearing a bright red jumpsuit, Ms. Leigh was greeted by co-workers, friends and reporters, but wasn't allowed to speak, before being whisked away for a medical exam like an astronaut back from space.

Ms. Leigh entered the module Nov. 2 for the longest-ever stay inside an ecosystem entirely independent of Earth's, breaking Ms. Alling's mark of five days.

The structure is a test for Biosphere II, a \$30 million module under construction on a ranch about 30 miles north of Tucson. Next September, four men and four women will enter the much larger module for two years to determine whether humans can duplicate Earth's life systems for use in space.

Inside the sealed system, everything is recycled — air, water and waste material — and the occupants also produce all their own food.

Extensive medical monitoring while she was inside found the confinement didn't seem to harm Ms. Leigh's health, doctors said.

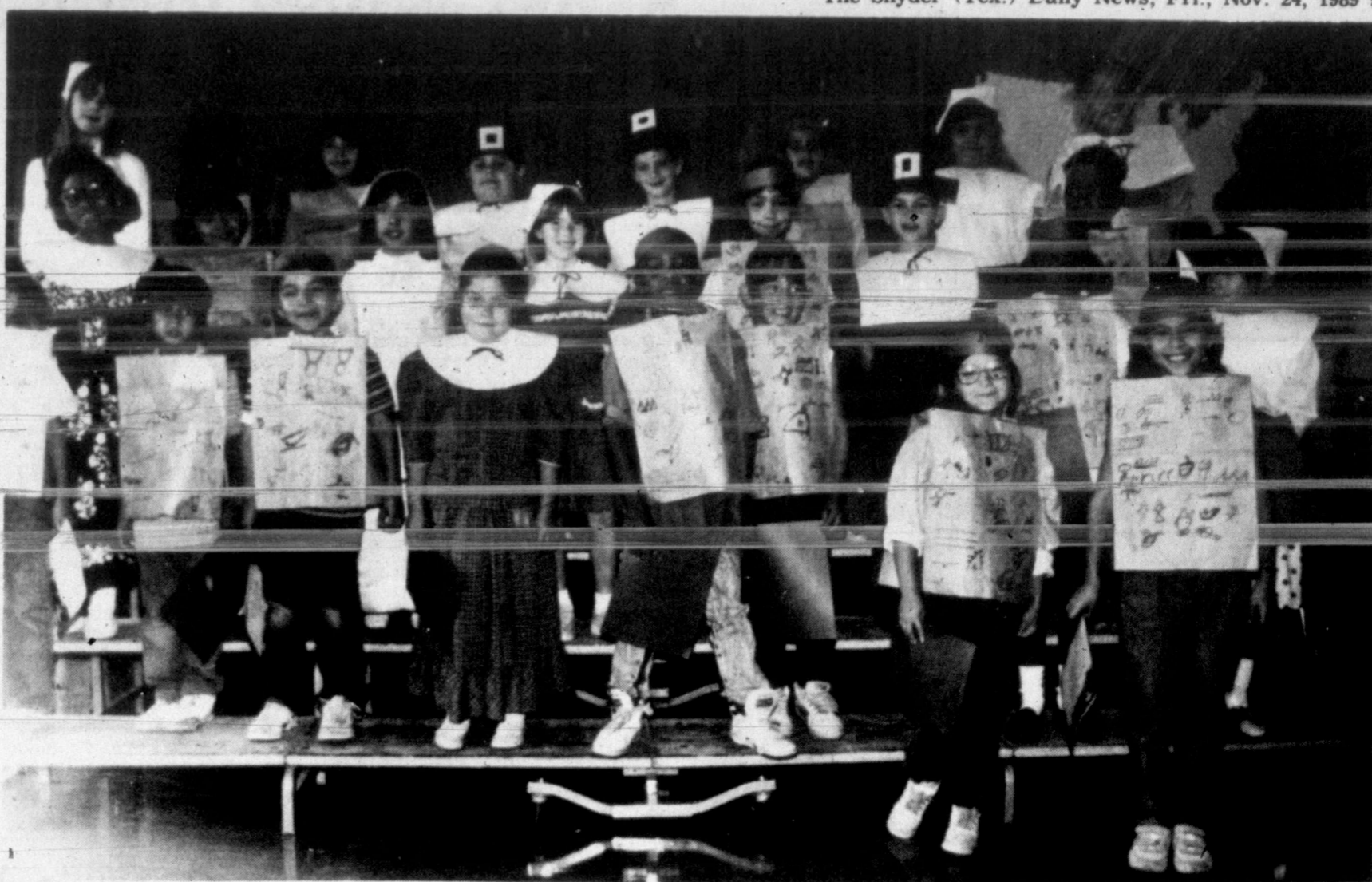
"The one thing that I really do miss is just companionship," Ms. Leigh said Wednesday by telephone. "Other than that, I'm quite content on the inside. I feel like I could stay in here indefinitely."

Ms. Leigh's meals, averaging about 2,000 calories a day, included such module-grown foods as sweet potatoes, kohlrabi, jalapeno peppers and tangerines. She also had a tank of tilapia fish.

Water for drinking, cooking and showering was removed from the air. All waste water was fed into a marsh recycling system.

The botanist had to repair the loose belt of a large fan that heats and cools the module, and had to fine-tune the irrigation system.

The project is being undertaken by Space Biospheres Ventures, a company funded largely by Texas oilman Edward P. Bass.



CENTRAL PROGRAM—These Central third grade classes all performed in a Thanksgiving program last week. Students in Sharon Fitts' class include Max Arreguin, Joel Barron, Griselda Castillon, Rene Garcia, Lisa Luera, David Lujan, Jesse Munoz, Escar Rivera, Melissa Rodriguez, Vicky Martinez, and Jaime Valadez. Students in Mary Jimm Floyd's class are Jessie Alonzo, Melissa Alvarado, Michael Alvarado, Maria Barron, Brady Cobb, Dana Durst, Cynthia Fennell, Cynthia Gutierrez, Elizabeth Guzman, Kristi Hernandez,

Earl Jackson, Cristina Luna, Juan Martinez Jr., Angela Matthews, Tynia Nelson, Fernando Nolan, Marcus Rocha, Erick Rodriguez, Joey Selvera, and Dolly Vanous. Students in Molly Kattes' class are Michael Borrego, Tanya Costillo, Erica Estrada, Charles Hawkins, B. J. Hernandez, DeMarco Jackson, Kendra Jackson, Charles Jones, Nicky Jones, Roberto Martinez, Johnny Pena, Loretta Rios, Amanda Rivera, Jacob Rodriguez, Rose Ruiz, Sherri Smith, Joshua Treat, Florinda Olivarez, and Raymond Guzman. (SDN Staff Photos)

Krenz will support abolishing power guarantee

EAST BERLIN (AP) — East German leader Egon Krenz said in an interview published today that he favors abolishing the Communist Party's constitutional claim to total power, making yet another concession to the pro-democracy movement.

But while explicitly advocating the removal of the constitutional provision guaranteeing the party a monopoly on power — a key demand of demonstrators advocating reform — he made it clear he expects the party to remain a leading force.

On Thursday, the embattled party announced it had opened a probe against ousted leader Erich Honecker and expelled the former economy chief for the crisis gripping the country.

Krenz, a former Honecker disciple now trying to distance himself from his old mentor, also said in a television interview Thursday that he would step down if the party asked to leave during a party congress next month.

The party also revoked the membership of Honecker's former economic czar, who had been thrown out of the ruling Politburo in the purge last month that launched a wave of reform and opened up the Berlin Wall.

The moves reflected the party's desperate attempts to restore its sinking credibility and authority.

Meanwhile, pro-democracy demonstrations continued with about 10,000 protesters rallying in the city of Erfurt on Thursday night, said East Germany's ADN news agency.

The protesters demanded an end to the Communist Party's dominant role in the government and the legalization of pro-democracy opposition groups, ADN said.

In the interview published to-

day by the Communist party daily Neues Deutschland, Krenz called for major constitutional changes to separate the party, state and economy.

Asked by the interviewer about the country's deep political crisis, Krenz mentioned the constitutional provision guaranteeing Communist authority and said, "We are in favor of abolishing it."

"How a party proceeds with the development of society is not put forth through laws or declarations but can only result from work, performance and its attitude," he told the newspaper.

But when asked about demands by pro-democracy demonstrators for curbing party "interference" in all aspects of life, Krenz replied: "One has to say very clearly that we will interfere with all our energy. Not least because we represent a considerable part of the population, particularly the working class."

He added, "We are not a corrupt party."

Krenz said hard-line policies of the past decades caused "many basic mistakes, ultimately the crisis of our society."

The disciplinary investigation against the ailing Honecker,

former economy czar Guenter Mittag and two other former officials was based on "grave abuses" of the party statute and "responsibility for the current situation in the party and the country," ADN said without elaborating Thursday.

ADN also said that Mittag was expelled from the party.

The party's probe of Honecker and other former senior officials could result in various sanctions ranging from an official rebuke to expulsion from the party.

Krenz replaced Honecker on Oct. 18. Honecker led the country for 18 years, staunchly resisting

the kind of reforms launched by Gorbachev nearly five years ago.

Since taking over, Krenz has embraced a whirlwind program of reforms and concessions to opposition demands, including the long-denied freedom to travel, the promise of free elections, and sweeping changes in the economy.

But the dramatic changes have failed to shore up the party's standing and Krenz's own credibility among the citizenry, which has staged massive demonstrations to press demands for more democracy.

Krenz, 52, long viewed as a hard-liner, said in an interview with West Germany's ARD television network that he had been "inspired by the new thinking of Gorbachev." He said 1985, when Gorbachev came to power, was "decisive" for him.

"This new thinking of Gorbachev led me to rethink many things," Krenz said in the 45-minute interview.

Krenz also said that Honecker was too ill to make any public statements, adding that he had talked several times to Honecker by telephone and that the former leader "accepts that he is largely responsible for this situation."

That was a reference to the political and economic crisis that led nearly 300,000 East Germans to leave the country this year and sparked massive pro-democracy demonstrations nationwide.

East German officials already have said a parliamentary commission was looking into charges of misuse of power and corruption against Honecker and his inner circle.

ADN said doctors had decided that Honecker was too ill to make any statements in the proceedings. The 77-year-old former leader has had severe medical problems since a gall bladder operation earlier this year.

Pacific region governments sign pact on driftnet fishing

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Representatives from 20 South Pacific nations today endorsed a pact aimed at banning the huge, 60-mile-long drift nets that environmentalists say are robbing the ocean of marine life.

The Japanese government and the Taiwanese fishing industry, main users of the fishing technique, will be asked on Monday to accept the convention, which bans driftnet fishing across large areas of the Pacific.

Delegates attending a week-long meeting in Wellington pledged to work to eliminate drift net fishing from the region.

Most governments in the area already have barred drift net boats from their waters.

The area covered by the convention stretches from the Marshall Islands in the north, French Polynesia in the east, New Zealand in the south and Australia in the west.

But the regional governments do not have the power to force the

driftnetters from international waters, where they string their nets across the tuna migration paths.

Philipp Muller, chairman of the Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, told reporters there had been "signs of co-operation" from Japan and Taiwan but added: "They will want to take the protocols back home and there will be long discussions."

Japanese diplomats are attending the conference and a delegation from the Taiwan Deepsea Tuna Fishing Boat Owners and Exporters Association is due to arrive on Monday.

Countries represented at the conference are to sign the convention at government level within the next few weeks, binding themselves to taking action if they have not already done so.

The regional governments fear the driftnetters will seriously deplete albacore tuna stocks within two years, endangering the fragile economies of island

states which depend on fishing.

A U.S. Senate move Wednesday and a Taiwanese pledge to cut its South Pacific fleet have raised hopes the technique could be outlawed or discouraged.

Senior Taiwanese officials have said the country would send 24 drift net boats into South Pacific this season, compared with 60 last year.

The Senate has voted to bar imports of tuna caught by the drift net fishing, which is known as "wall of death" fishing because the 60-mile nets entrap and suffocate virtually everything in their path.

The bill is aimed mainly at tuna imported from Japan and Taiwan, worth about \$250 million last year.

Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776, to a crowd gathered at Independence Square in Philadelphia.

Dear Abby



Unhappy Family's Ties Are at a Breaking Point

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a mother torn. Our 18-year-old daughter, "Kathy," was to be married last August to "John," her childhood sweetheart. (He's 19.) Just nine days before the wedding, our 15-year-old daughter (I'll call her Mary) told me that John had raped her. In Mary's words, "He took sexual advantage of me." She claimed it happened more than once — maybe six or seven times.

Kathy first accused her sister of lying. Then she said, "If John did have sex with Mary, it was Mary's fault because she's a flirt and a tease, and she's always had a crush on John." My husband believed Mary and had John arrested. (He is out on bail now.)

Naturally we called the wedding off, but Kathy says she is going to marry John — no matter what! To make matters worse, Kathy just told us that she is pregnant with John's baby. Unfortunately our priest is on an extended vacation in Ireland.

This mess has turned our whole family upside down. Mary was supposed to be in Kathy's wedding, but because of the accusations she made against John, Kathy wrote her out of the wedding.

Abby, if these girls were your daughters, what would you do? Please hurry your answer, as Kathy is beginning to show.

A MESS IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MESS: I would put this wedding on "hold" until I found out who did what to whom. I urge your entire family to cooperate in family counseling — and include John.

It is in Kathy's best interest to find out what kind of man John is. If she insists on marrying him — "no matter what" — you can't stop her because in your state, an 18-year-old girl does not need parental consent to marry. My heart goes out to all of you, Mother. I wish you well.

DEAR ABBY: I am sending this letter to you because of your wide readership, in the hope that a direct letter in your column will shake up the public. I have sent a letter in the past to the surgeon general and the American Lung Association, all to no avail. It has to do with the annual Great American Smokeout.

Each year, I wonder anew why the Great American Smokeout is always held about one week before

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's celebrations begin — traditionally some of the most stress-filled days of the whole year! Does it make sense to try to have smokers quit just before a period of constant socializing, partying and traveling? To me, it seems as though their efforts will be doomed from the start.

I often wonder why it doesn't occur to either the surgeon general or to the American Lung Association that a far better time for a sincere anti-smoking campaign would be around Jan. 1, when people are in a resolution-making mood and when perhaps they've become sick of their and everyone else's smoke during the previous weeks.

I am a registered nurse and have never been a smoker. It truly bothers me to think that this whole campaign could and would almost certainly be so much more effective just by changing the time that it is held.

FRIEDA H. KVAM, R.N.

DEAR FRIEDA: Trying to quit smoking would be a drag (no pun intended) any time of the year. However, you make an excellent point. The American Cancer Society has a good pamphlet titled "How to Stay Quit Over the Holidays." It's free. For a copy, write: The American Cancer Society, Dept. S, 1599 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329. No SASE is required. You may also call the toll-free number, (800) ACS-2345, to order your free booklet or for any general information about how to quit smoking.

DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about the importance of teaching children the proper way to answer a telephone brought back memories of a little lesson I taught my grandsons concerning telephone etiquette.

They used to call my home and say, "Grandma, is my mom there?" My stock reply was: "I'm fine, thank you. And how are you, dear?"

LA JOLLA GRANDMA

Problems? Write to Abby. For a personal, unpublished reply, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. All correspondence is confidential.

Has real turkeys for neighbors

BIGFORK, Mont. (AP) — Jean Robocker has some real turkeys for neighbors, but things could be worse.

They occasionally drop by for snacks and sit in her trees, but they go to bed early and don't make much noise. In fact, they've been so nice that she's decided she won't eat them.

These turkeys are a flock of wild ones — a flock that's grown to about 1,000 birds foraging along the banks of the Flathead River near Bigfork.

The birds troop through her yard, pausing to peck at grain she throws to them.

But they're still wild turkeys. They don't respond to calls, and if they aren't hungry, they won't show up for dinner, she says.

"They are not dumb like people think, and that's the reason they have survived well," she says.

Robocker is familiar with the birds' likes and dislikes, but visitors seem to scare the birds away. Robocker says she maintains the neighborly relationship with the turkeys by using a point of animal etiquette she learned from the deer that also frequent her yard.

She never looks the animals in the eye.

Santa expert looks like the real thing

DALLAS (AP) — Everywhere Carl Anderson goes, children know him. Even without a red suit, he is recognized by a round figure and long, bushy beard that took two years to grow.

Sometimes children pipe up and ask if he's really Santa Claus. He laughs gently, stoops down to meet them and asks, "Do you think I am?"

Like thousands of Santa's helpers at stores and malls around the country, Anderson today began hearing the holiday wishes of young children.

Unlike probably any other store Santa, though, Anderson has earned a Ph.D. studying when and how children decide to stop believing in Kris Kringle.

This is the seventh year Ander-

son, 36, is taking time off from his Austin counseling psychology practice to play Santa. When he inspected the elaborate North Pole set earlier this week at Dallas' NorthPark Center, where he will spend the next month, children gawked as if watching a great actor backstage.

He says those wide-eyed children learn one of their first lessons about giving from Santa, even though they are the recipients of his delights.

"I think one reason why we hold on to Santa so strongly as a practice and as a symbol is we need a sense of altruism, of giving without concern for oneself," he said.

But his research at the University of Texas found children give up Santa easily. In interviews of 75 9- to 12-year-old children and their parents three years ago, Anderson learned children viewed their decision not to believe in Santa as a rite of passage.

"Despite what we've come to expect, the decision the kids make to no longer believe in Santa really isn't that traumatic," Anderson said. "They told us that more often they felt proud and

happy and good, basically because they felt more adultlike."

Parents react differently, he said.

"They feel like their baby is growing up and it's all going by too fast," he said. "The parents really enjoy the practice and they hate to see it going by the wayside."

He said children reported that, as early as age 5, they begin having doubts about Santa Claus. By age 9, most have decided not to believe in the jolly old elf, his research found.

"Most kids reported at least going through two or three Christmases of increasing doubt before they decided for themselves to no longer believe," he said. "So the first time they heard on the schoolyard somebody say 'Santa's not real,' it didn't necessarily crush them at all."

The biggest surprise of his research, Anderson said, was that children understood the Santa ritual as "something that linked generations, something that you go through initially as a child and participate in one way and

then later on you go through it again as a parent from the other side."

Older children often adopt a parental role by professing to believe in Santa to younger siblings, he said.

Anderson said there is not a single proper way for children to learn Santa isn't real, and children should work out an answer in their own way. Anderson tells parents to try to find out what the child believes, as he tries when a child asks if he is Santa.

When a child declares Anderson is Santa, he gives the boy or girl a Santa Claus business card from his wallet, a tacit response that keeps him from having to tell a lie.

"Often they'll give you an indication of what they're looking for," Anderson said. "They may be looking for permission to continue to believe. They may be wanting to say 'Look, I'm old enough now. Let's put the cards on the table and get straight with this.'"

Astro-Graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Nov. 25, 1989

Your circle of friends could be greatly expanded in the year ahead and a number of new opportunities may come through the people you'll meet. One relationship in particular might be outstanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Do not ignore your intuition today, especially in business or financial matters. Your radar is working very well and it might be instrumental in tuning you into something profitable. Get a jump on life by governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Involvements you have with friends today should work out fortunately for everyone. However, a person who has been lucky for you previously could outshine all the others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Significant achievements are possible both today and tomorrow, so don't waste time on trivials. Set your sights high and toss negative thinking to the wind.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Matters of the heart could be the ones that bring you the greatest joy today. It looks like you'll have an opportunity to strengthen ties with one you love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Dealings with people with whom you have strong emotional bonds should work out well for all parties concerned today. Collective advantages will be shared that could not be achieved singularly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're not likely to have any problems gaining adequate support from others today in matters that are important to you personally or affect your commercial affairs.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A golden opportunity might be presented to you today where your work or career is concerned, but it will be revealed only through conscientious investigation on your behalf.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Lady Luck could be your biggest booster today in programs or projects you originate. If you have something worthwhile you want to disclose at this time, this is the day to do it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you feel a need to discuss a confidential matter today, it might be wise to limit your discussions to members of your immediate family. Someone within your household could have the answers you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Think in expansive terms today, especially if you are considering a futuristic matter. If you develop high expectations, you'll program things in a way that will help you realize them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're in a rather lucky cycle now both where your status and material interests are concerned. Keep your fingers crossed, because good things could happen in either area.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Without putting on airs on affectations today, you will have a very commanding presence. It will inspire others to want to participate in things that interest you.

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