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Ask Us



PICTURESQUE — Water left on through 11-degree overnight low temperatures had this picturesque effect this morning at the 404 32nd St. home of Don Edgmon, who said he had been trying to get as much moisture on his grass as possible prior to the cold front's arrival. (SDN Staff Photo)

'Comp' showdown expected in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators who struck a deal that ended an 11-month impasse on workers' compensation reform were optimistic the bill would clear its final hurdle on the floor of the Texas Senate today.

Opponents of the House-authored, business-backed plan had the option of staging a filibuster to kill the measure. But even if a senator tries to talk the bill to death until midnight Wednesday when the session ends, Gov. Bill Clements has promised to call lawmakers right back.

The House on Monday approved the legislation, which was given seven amendments over the weekend to gain support from senators viewed as swing voters.

"The train is hopefully on the track and I hope everything happens according to plan. And I think it will," Speaker Gib Lewis said after the House vote.

Labor leaders, trial lawyers and Senate opponents blasted the three senators who pledged to support the bill after the House accepted their amendments. The votes of Sens. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena, give backers of the House plan a majority in the Senate.

In meeting tonight...

Appraisal board set for member changes

Scurry County Appraisal District Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 tonight at The Shack to recognize retiring board members and their successors.

Dwaine Williams and Mairl McFaul will both retire from the board while Walter Stirl will retire from the Appraisal Review Board after 10 years of service. Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler said, "They have all done a great job."

John Reed and Billy John Voss will be recognized as new directors. A successor for Stirl on the review board has not been decided upon yet, according to Peveler.

Passes resolution...

WTC board approves bids

Western Texas College board of trustees decided to take a faculty member's recommendation involving computer equipment and approved a resolution to override tax exempt status for industries that handle goods in transit through the state.

Board members agreed to approve a bid of \$13,740 from IBM for four computers with graphic displays and a printer after hearing from another bidder, Max May, owner of The Tron Co., and reading a statement from Joanh Snider, an instructor in the Careers Office department.

Snider, in a letter to the board, stated that the word processing lab and typing lab currently utilize IBM which has "proved to be very reliable."

The board initially appeared to want to gain additional information, but learned from Dr. Harry Krenek, college president, that it was hoped the equipment could (see COLLEGE, page 10)

Directors are also expected to discuss collection and disbursement reports for October and November as well as accounts payable for the two-month period. The Nov. 7 meeting was cancelled because a quorum membership was not present.

Troop pitches in to clean cemetery

Led by Eagle Scout candidate Jason Cooper, Boy Scout Troop 27 has righted gravestones, cut grass and trimmed trees to give the old Snyder Cemetery, just west of the East Hwy. off Ave. E, a new look.

Young Cooper, a Snyder High School senior, found that there was "an abundance of work to be done" at the cemetery when he became interested in the project late last summer.

Lighting contest Saturday

Snyder Jaycees' annual Christmas lighting contest will be held Saturday but county residents wishing to enter must do so no later than 5 p.m. Friday.

"Headstones were toppled over and overgrown grasses and weeds had to be removed," he said. "Overhanging trees and shrubs needed trimming, and the fence needed repairing. The sign also needed to be refurbished."

Seven scouts and two adults leaders worked nine hours with borrowed mowers, edgers, shovels, saws, rakes, hoes, hand tools, paint brushes and five gallons of donated paint, Cooper says in his report, which has been submitted as part of his application to become an Eagle Scout.

"This first day of work showed noticeable improvement to an old 'eye-sore' of this community," he said. "The remaining two weeks' work was completed with volunteer scouts and adult (see CEMETERY, page 10)



WORK'S ALL DONE — Boy Scout Jason Cooper, center, Scoutmaster Jack McDonald and Scout Shane Terry were scouts and leaders who worked to refurbish the old Snyder Cemetery just north of the East Hwy. off Ave. E. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Taco John's opens Wednesday in Snyder

Snyder's newest eating establishment, Taco John's, will open at 11 a.m. Wednesday at 4212 College Ave.

The Snyder store will be the first in Texas for the international Mexican fast-food chain which is headquartered in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Owners locally are John and Cindy Lacik and Eddie and Becky Johnson. The Snyder Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The firm will be located in the former Taco Villa location, and the facility has been completely renovated. The restaurant will seat 60 persons, and also featured is a self-contained drive-in window.

During the opening week, parents are invited bring the kids to see Taco Juan and to register for a boy's and girl's bike to be given away at 6 p.m. on Dec. 30.

The early Taco John's menu consisted primarily of tacos and burritos. Today, customers can choose from over 20 different products.

Taco John's is second in size only to Taco Bell with more than 460 locations. The local restaurant is expected to employ between 30 and 35 full and part-time employees.

Lacik and Johnson, who plan to establish a chain in West Texas, will manage the day-to-day operations. Assistant managers are Jeane Loyola and Jack Scheppeler.

The SDN Column By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some women are known for being good housekeepers. They get rid of the husbands and keep the house."

The Italian pizza was introduced in this country about the same time we were introduced to the world. Although teens may find it hard to believe, we were 21 and married before we tasted our first pizza.

Although the pizza came to America in the mid 1940s, it took a lot longer to make it to the small towns of West Texas where cheeseburgers, French fries and chicken fried steaks were the indisputable food kings.

In our day, the concept was not fast foods, but a drive-in. Usually it had Dairy in its name—and in our case the Dairy Mart was the center of attention.

If you had gas money—as it often sold for less than 20 cents a gallon—one could circle the Dairy

Mart much like kids today circle the Sonic in Snyder.

If you didn't have gas money, you parked your car at the Dairy Mart and let all your friends circle you. You could stay at the Dairy Mart until the proprietor decided you were taking up space for a possible paying adult customer.

Not only had we not eaten pizza, we didn't know anybody who had. The pizza actually made its way to the U.S. by GIs who had served in Europe in World War II.

Within five years, the pizza popularity among Americans was evident. Special equipment was soon developed. Pizza parlors swept across the U.S. and new chains emerged. By the 1960s pizza was mass produced.

By 1984, pizzarias passed hamburger eateries, and the lead has been maintained. Last year, U.S. citizens chomped a record \$20 billion of pizza.

Now we don't need to drive around anything—we need to jog.

Q—Can you give me the address of Mark White, the former governor?

A—The address to write White, who was governor from 1983-87 and has announced his candidacy in the 1990 race, is 1301 Fannin, Box 10, Houston, Texas, 77002.



In Brief

Back Hance

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's largest anti-abortion group has endorsed Republican gubernatorial candidate Kent Hance, while another GOP hopeful says the group's leader deceived the public about that support.

Bill Price, president of Texans United For Life, told a Dec. 1 news conference at the Capitol that no endorsement had yet been made by his group.

But an internal memo written by Price said the Hance endorsement was made several days earlier.

Local

Concert set

The Junior Stage Band and Eighth Grade Concert Band will hold a Christmas concert at 7:30 this evening in Worsham Auditorium. Admission is free.

Style Show

The Scurry County chapter of the NAACP will present its second annual style show extravaganza Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The event will feature designer Ann McFaul and her team of stylists. Adult admission will be \$3 and children age 6-12 will be admitted for \$2.50. For more information, call 573-7566 or 573-9979.

Elrod trial

Attorneys were preparing to begin final arguments near midday in the forgery by passing trial of a 52-year-old La Belle, Fla., man.

Testimony opened Monday afternoon in 132nd District Court in the trial of Jack Elrod, who is accused of passing a fraudulent \$300 check at a local truck stop last March 14.

Witnesses concluded their testimony at 10:10 a.m. today, and the jury's instructions were being prepared.

Forgery by passing is a third-degree felony, punishable by two to 10 years' imprisonment.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 27 degrees; low, 11 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 12 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 11.59 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the upper teens. Northwest wind less than 10 mph. Wednesday, sunny. High in the mid 40s. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

AMOS AND THE CHRISTMAS COUCH™ by Howie Schneider and Susan Seligson



Fake art displayed so public can learn about real thing

DALLAS (AP) — It looks like a magnificent Medieval Russian icon, depicting heaven and hell in a gem-encrusted frame, something for which collectors and curators would pay a princely sum.

It hangs in the Dallas Museum of Art, surrounded by fine and priceless pieces.

But, it's a fake.

That doesn't dismay curators. The museum is putting two dozen similar fakes and frauds under the spotlight in an exhibit called "Artful Deception: The Craft of the Forger."

The two dozen counterfeit pieces are on loan here from a collection at The Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, Md. The display was conceived and organized by founder Henry Walters, who was fascinated by art forgeries.

The exhibit has traveled to several cities, bringing the lesson that all that glitters isn't old, or even valuable. Among the bogus

objects are jewelry, sculpture, antiquities, paintings, and decorative art.

"There's probably not a medium in the visual arts that has not been affected" by phonies, says Dallas museum spokeswoman Melanie Wright.

And those fabulous fakes have fooled even the experts. A few years back, the Dallas museum bought three ceramic statues from Veracruz, Mexico, presumed to be dated about A.D. 600.

"They had been widely published as genuine. They were an important part of our Pre-Colombian collection and they were very popular," Ms. Wright said.

Then, word surfaced that a Mexico City artist produced the alleged 1,300-year-old items in the 1950s, Ms. Wright said. The museum had the sculptures tested for core samples of the pieces and learned the bad news.

"They're in art storage now," Ms. Wright said.

One of the museum's curators, Carol Robbins, declined to say how much the museum lost, but she said, "whenever that happens, it's a matter of several thousand dollars."

She said the museum is keeping the sculptures because the artist is becoming well-known, and the objects may be valuable some day.

Not to be confused with fakes are authentic copies, such as that of the "Mona Lisa," which is part of the exhibit, Ms. Wright said.

Season will end early for Texas track

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Racing Commission, faced with regulating an industry that can't get on its feet, said lowering the state's 5 percent cut of pari-mutuel betting on horses could help racing grow.

"The principle of giving some form of tax relief to a new industry so that it can grow healthy and strong is a sound and proven policy," said the commission's report, which was approved Monday and goes to Gov. Bill Clements, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis.

The commission said lawmakers "might well consider" lowering the state's take, which is 5 percent of the pari-mutuel handle, or betting revenue, at horse tracks.

Commission Chairman Hilary Doran said he has received a "strong signal" from Clements that the issue might be added to a special legislative session on school finance reform this spring.

"I'm getting the signal that the governor realizes there's a problem, and I'm very optimistic he's going to include it ... this spring," Doran said.

Sheila Allee, deputy press secretary to Clements, said no decision has been made on adding other issues to the spring agenda.

The commissioners addressed the handle take issue the same day G. Rollie White Downs in Brady, the only Texas pari-mutuel horse track to be running, said it will end the season early because it can't make money on cold-weather racing.

The track, which had been scheduled to run weekends through the end of January, will have its last races Sunday, said track manager Richard Lerma. The track earlier dropped Fridays from its racing schedule.

"Due to our low handle and our low attendance, we just don't see how we can continue during this cold spell," Lerma said. "We're just not getting the fans out."

The track wants to race from the last part of March through October, Lerma said, instead of October through January as it was assigned.

While the commission must approve new racing days, legal counsel Paula Carter said it doesn't have rules allowing it to interfere in a track's decision to drop days. She said she hopes to present an outline of rules for dropping days in February.

The commission probably will act on requests for new racing days in January or February, said Assistant Attorney General Bill Conover.

2 of transferred cranes dies

BARABOO, Wis. (AP) — Two of the whooping cranes transferred to the International Crane Foundation at Baraboo from a Maryland wildlife center have died, officials said.

The 22 cranes — about 10 percent of the whooping cranes known to be in existence — were flown to Wisconsin in November and early December as part of a plan to split the captive flock as a way of protecting against losses from disease or disaster.

David Thompson, education director at the center, said Monday that an adult female died Nov. 21 and a chick died Saturday.

The cause of the chick's death was not yet known, Thompson said.

An examination showed the adult crane died from shock complicated by an internal hemorrhage from a puncture in the jugular vein where a blood sample had been taken, foundation officials said.

Plans called for studying the blood sampling procedure to discover why it would have

figured in the death. The same procedure has been used more than 1,000 times to check new arrivals for disease.

"Losing a bird is always very hard, but occasional losses are a fact of life we must learn to deal with," said Claire Mirande, curator of birds.

"The move of the birds...was undertaken to reduce the danger of catastrophic loss of the entire flock, and that benefit clearly outweighs the loss of this single bird."

Most of the new arrivals "are settling in just fine," Thompson said.

The cranes came from the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center at Patuxent, Md., which has the only captive breeding population of whooping cranes.

The two known wild flocks of whooping cranes have increased to more than 150 birds from as few as 21 in the 1940s, thanks in large part to the captive breeding program begun at Patuxent in 1967.

Astro-Graph
By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 13, 1989

Some exciting surprises, as well as welcomed changes, could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. One event will serve to trigger the other.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) There's a possibility you might be manipulated into a position today where you'll have to answer for someone else's mistakes. Be alert so that you are not left holding the bag. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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) Joint ventures or partnership arrangements could be a source of irritation for you today. Problems can be avoided, however, if you try to give your cohorts kid glove treatment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Taking shortcuts with assignments that require time and patience could do you in today and make things harder on yourself than they should be.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Complications could arise in a social situation today if you're involved with an individual who is constantly on stage. This person's self-importance will irritate you more than usual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In spite of your good intentions you might end up creating bigger problems for one whose affairs you'll attempt to straighten out. Don't intercede unless invited.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Usually you have reasonably good powers of concentration, but today you might be given to daydreaming and flights of fancy, and your work could suffer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your resources must be handled very carefully today or a sudden loss could result. Don't make any large, long-term loans without proper collateral.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone who should be firmly in your corner might change sides abruptly today and leave you standing all alone. Avoid associates who are historically disloyal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Putting off taking care of important matters could have repercussions today. You might have to pay a bigger price for your negligence than you anticipated.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This may not be the right day to gamble on risky enterprises even if you're linked up with a friend who usually comes out on top with flyers. Be careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The results may not live up to your expectations today if you're overly assertive when striving to fulfill your personal ambitions. You could win the battle, but lose the war.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't jump to conclusions today, because someone who is supplying you information may deliberately withhold some salient facts in order to distort the picture and throw you off.

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Disney Pictures gets Dunces Cap for its movie

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Walt Disney Pictures is the winner of the 1989 Dunces Cap Award by SPELL, the Society for the Preservation of English Language and Literature, for the popular film, "Honey, I Shrank the Kids."

It should have been "Honey, I Shrank the Kids."

SPELL, a 2,000-member, non-profit organization based in Mountain View, confers the annual awards on "perpetrators of especially egregious errors in usage, spelling and punctuation inflicted on the public's sensibilities."

Richard Lederer, author of "Anguished English," "Get Thee to a Punnery," and "Crazy English," is the sole judge.

"We're not grammar police, as some people have called us," said William S. Penn Jr., SPELL's vice president and a retired business professor at San Jose State. "We're just people who think the English language should be saved from the careless and ignorant."

A Disney official defended the use of "shrunk."

"It was done deliberately. It was not an error," said the official, who wouldn't give his name. "That's what Rick Moranis, the father in the movie, says: 'Honey, I shrunk the kids.'" The title was taken from that.

And it worked, the official said: The film grossed more than \$129 million.

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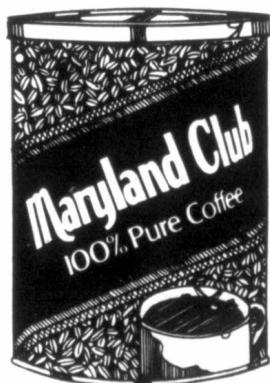
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Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Daughters of the American Revolution; MAWC; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Plainview Extension Homemakers Club; Northeast Community Center; 2 p.m.
 Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4 p.m.
 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.
 Amite Study Club; 7 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
 Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. M.; 7:30 p.m.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110; 863-2348 or 573-6820.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club Luncheon; Snyder Country Club; 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; \$6 luncheon; \$1 beverage alone; Reservations to be made by noon Tuesday; Call 573-7601 or 573-8331.
 Altrurian Daughters Luncheon; Snyder Country Club; noon.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 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.
 Cosmorama Study Club; 4:15 p.m.; MAWC.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.
 Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th Street; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 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.
 Weight Watchers of West Texas; MAWC; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
 Snyder Springer Booster Club Meeting; 7 p.m.
 Musical Coterie; 7:30 p.m.; MAWC.
 Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

FRIDAY

Storytime for four and five year old children; 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.

Bridge By James Jacoby

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♥ 6 4			
♠ Q 9			
♣ Q J 8			
Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: West			
South	West	North	East
4♦	3♠	3♥	Pass
All pass			
Opening lead: ♦ A			

back to his 10 and then cashed the spade ace. Noting the fall of West's 8-9 of spades, he decided to read that as a doubleton. So he led the club queen. East won the king and returned the heart jack. West took the ace and played a second heart, the king winning in dummy. South now ruffed a heart and led the club jack, overtaking with dummy's ace as West showed out. He ruffed another heart and got back to dummy with a club. That left the lead in dummy with East holding the Q-7 of spades. But South held the K-J and had to win the last two tricks.
 It was well done, but suppose West had one less heart and the 9-8-7 of spades. There is nothing immoral about his playing 8-9 of spades, concealing the seven-spot. In that case declarer would have gone down. I like declarer's play, but bear in mind that there was some guesswork involved.
 James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.
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Good play and good guess

By James Jacoby

Because West was vulnerable, he thought it was OK to open pre-emptively with two aces. It was dangerous for North to bid, but worse to pass, so he bid three hearts. South would have liked to bid three spades if it was forcing, but he was not sure that North would bid again. So he jumped to four spades, ending the auction.
 After the ace of diamonds lead, West saw that he could easily defeat the contract if East held a singleton diamond. So he continued the suit, playing the jack as suit-preference to show the heart ace as an entry. But East had to follow. Declarer played a spade

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MISS SATIN SHEETS — Jeanne Pruett of Nashville, Tenn., donated her cookbook, "Feeding Friends Cookbook II" to the Scurry County Genealogical Society. The book will be used for fundraising. Pictured with Mrs. Pruett is Jo Thrower, treasurer of the society. (Private Photo)

Jeanne Pruett donates cookbook

Jeanne Pruett, "Miss Satin Sheets" of Nashville, Tenn., recently presented her "Feeding Friends Cookbook II" to the Scurry County Genealogical Society.

The society will sell or auction the book in April when they have a fundraising project. The proceeds will be used to purchase more films for the genealogical section of the Western Texas College Library.

Mrs. Pruett also donated a roll of films to the library. She and her husband, Eddie, recently spent four days with Mickey and Joanne Sterling southwest of Snyder.

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will not have a meeting in December, but will meet Jan. 29. All those interested are urged to attend.

Penwomen share Christmas party

The Scurry County Penwomen met Dec. 5 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burk for their Christmas party and covered dish supper, with Mr. Burk offering the blessing before the meal.

Mrs. Burk accompanied the group on the organ as they sang Christmas carols.

Sherry Bryant and Janelle Burk began the poetry reading session by reading their poems which won first place in the annual state contest. Bryant read "The Harvest," and Burk read "Call of the Chisos," and "The Keepers."

Other readings included Burk with "What Christmas Means to Me," Mary Westmoreland with "There Was a Time," Dorothy Cox with "The Yule Log," Bryant with "Christmas Nostalgia," and Garnet Quiett with "Tis the Season."

Christine Killgo read "In the Bleak Mid-Winter," by Christina Rossetti. Foy Westmoreland, Estelene Murphy and Roy Burk told of interesting and humorous incidents that have happened in their lives.

Also during the evening, members exchanged gifts.

The next meeting of the Scurry County Penwomen will be Jan. 17 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bryant. Visitors and writers are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Odds unfavorable for new retailers

NEW YORK (AP) — The chances that anyone going into a small retail business will survive more than two years are no better than 50-50, says a retailing expert.

Marvin A. Blumenfeld, president of April-Marcus Inc., a retail consulting firm, says, "The reason many new businesses fail is due to three major factors."

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Reunion in Ira...

Tipping family meets for Thanksgiving day

The annual Thanksgiving reunion of the Ocie Tipping family was held at the Ira Community Center Nov. 23-26.

Those in attendance were Eddie and Jeanne Pruett of Nashville, Tenn.; Joyce and Will Roy of Fort Worth; Melissa, Dwight, Shonah, Shana and Suzannah Parker of Lubbock; Terri Hartman of Fort Worth; Brother Glenn and Blanche Butler of Knapp; and Ocie and Loraine Tipping of Ira.

Other family members attending were John, Robbie, Marla, Cody and Tyson Sterling of Snyder; Barney and Lucille Futch of Ponder; Mickey and Joanne Sterling of Ira; W.B., Peggy and Matthew Sterling of Joshua; Rhonda, Daryl, Jessica, Jennifer and Tiffany Bryant of

Carlsbad, N.M.; Barney, Casey and Kristin Futch of Ponder; and Wayne and Karen Futch of Ponder.

Also attending the reunion were James, Kathy, Whitney and Laney Hedin of Carlsbad, N.M.; Sharon and Caleb Shaw of Bryan; Kevin, Barbara, Michael, Lynn and Brandon Neyman of Midland; John and Jetonne Dill of Austin; Billy and Corkey Neyman of Lamesa; and Cindy and Dustin Futch of Ponder.

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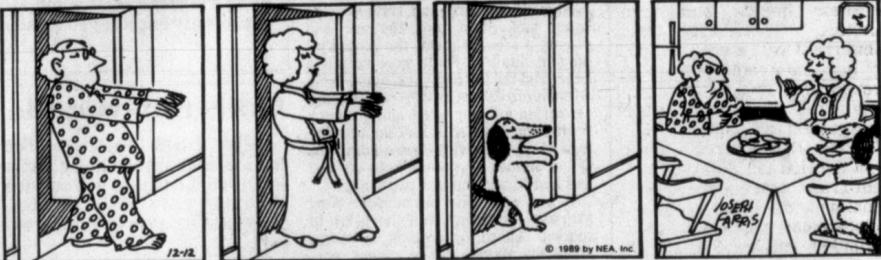
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- 8 Receptacle for carrying things
- 12 One — kind
- 13 Mrs. Charles Chaplin
- 14 Of aircraft
- 15 Make into leather
- 16 Not so light
- 18 Distinctive manner
- 20 Actress Ruby
- 21 Mao — tung
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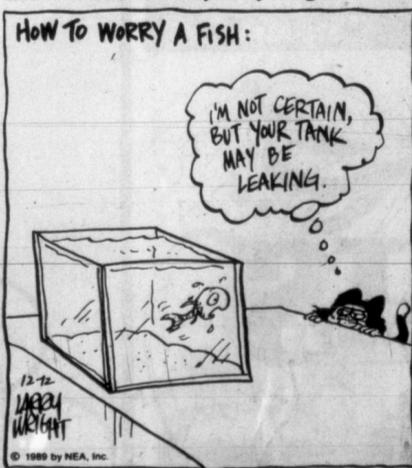
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Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- 3 Numerous
- 4 Was high
- 5 Fish eggs
- 6 Novelist Bagnold
- 7 — beaver
- 8 Make lace
- 9 Say again
- 10 Surface measures
- 11 Past time
- 17 Obey
- 19 Landing boat
- 23 Baseballer — Herahiser
- 25 Spot
- 26 Stop up
- 27 Nobleman
- 28 Follower of 89th
- 29 Winter moisture
- 31 Part of eye
- 32 Egyptian
- 35 Outfit
- 38 Gravel ridge
- 40 Coach
- 43 Clairvoyant
- 45 I think, therefore —
- 47 Requires
- 49 San —, Calif.
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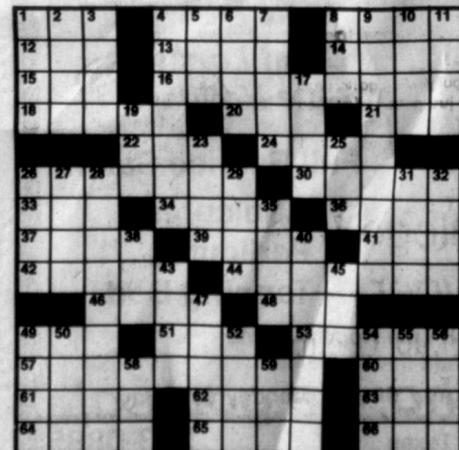
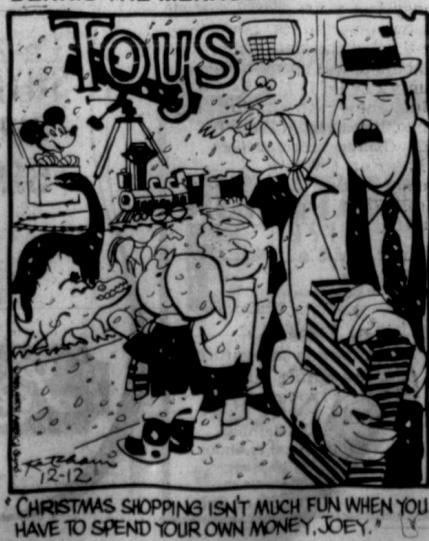
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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with a small gallstone. It doesn't bother me, unless I get the hiccups and burp up acid bile, or if I wear tight clothing around my waist. Is there any danger of the pancreas or the colon becoming inflamed, or of cancer if I don't have it removed?

DEAR READER: A gallstone is a calcified object in the gallbladder, an organ that aids digestion by storing bile, then excreting it into the intestine when needed. A "free" gallstone may bounce or float around within the gallbladder. It will cause no harm, except by irritating the wall of the gallbladder and causing occasional abdominal distress. For this reason, I doubt your hiccups and belching are affecting the gallstone; more likely, these are symptoms caused by the stone.

The danger of gallstones is impaction: when one or more stones become wedged in the ducts (tubes) leading in or out of the gallbladder. This is more common with small stones than with large ones, because the smaller the stone, the more easily it can enter a duct and cause trouble.

An impacted gallstone causes severe abdominal colic, vomiting and fever that can progress to jaundice as the flow of bile is impeded and the yellow liquid backs up into the system. Since the liver and pancreas drain through a common route to the intestine, a stone blocking this common duct can result in bile damage to both organs.

Gallstones don't cause cancer, but during an acute gallbladder attack,

this encouraging knowledge is secondary to the extreme discomfort most patients experience. Surgery is then necessary to remove the stone and the gallbladder, thereby relieving the blockage and re-establishing the normal flow of bile.

I cannot advise you whether to have surgery or an alternative treatment, such as chemical dissolution of your gallstone or sound-wave shock therapy. This is a decision you will have to make with your doctor. Leaving the stone alone is a risk; although you may have no trouble for months or years, eventually it may cause blockage and an acute emergency.

To give you more information, 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 with

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Exactly what does a tummy tuck operation consist of?

DEAR READER: A "tummy tuck" is plastic surgery to remove fat and sagging tissue from the abdominal wall. Although the actual technique varies from patient to patient, the principle is the same: surgical excision of excess fat and skin, followed by "tightening up" of the subcutaneous tissue.

There is a difference between the "tummy tuck" and liposuction. In the latter, fat is removed by suctioning, whereas in the former, excess skin is also excised.

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Without warning, station format changes

DALLAS (AP) — The bone-jarring licks of heavy metal rockers like Motley Crue and The Scorpions have given way to Andy Williams and Bing Crosby on KZEW-FM, a pioneer in the development of FM rock radio.

On Monday morning, the Dallas radio station stunned its listeners by the abrupt change. Station officials refused comment about the switch, which was not explained on the air.

A station staffer who asked not to be identified told The Dallas Morning News the entire on-air staff was fired.

KZEW will play Christmas music for two weeks and adopt an oldies format, the staffer said. KZEW's sister station, KLDD-

AM, will drop its oldies format in favor of all-sports programming.

"We're playing Christmas music throughout the holiday season," a KZEW secretary told the Dallas Times Herald. "Management's line is no comment."

Another rock station even bought ads telling KZEW's listeners they could hear their favorite music on their station.

During the latest sampling, KZEW received the worst rating, a 1.6 share, since it went on the air 16 years ago. The station's performance among its target listeners also slipped to an all-time low.

"The only people they beat (in ratings) was a daytime religious station," said Andy Lockridge of

KTXQ. "It was about as dismal as it could be."

KZEW, known as "The Rock and Roll Zoo," was once highly regarded in the radio industry for its cutting edge programming and community service.

But recently, the published complaints of former KZEW employees prompted the station's operations manager, Mike Wade, to comment, "The favorite sport nowadays seems to be Zoo-bashing."

The former employees said the station's new management was not committed to returning KZEW to the prominent spot it once enjoyed with Dallas-Fort Worth listeners.

Florida-based Anchor Media

Ltd. bought the station for \$20 million in 1986 from A.H. Belo Corp.

The station had three program directors, two general managers and dozens of on-air personalities in the last two years.

Metro leader resigns again

HOUSTON (AP) — A continuing dispute over the feasibility of a light rail system for Houston has prompted the resignation of the Metropolitan Transit Authority chairman — for the second time.

Chairman Bob Lanier, who previously left the Metro board because of his dissatisfaction with the \$1 billion rail proposal, said Monday Mayor Kathy Whitmire told him he will not be reappointed to the position in April.

"I would much rather resign,"

Lanier said late Monday.

Mrs. Whitmire, who spoke privately with Lanier at a Christmas party, said the chairman has agreed to stay on until the city finds a successor for him and for Metro general manager Alan Kiepper, who stepped down Nov. 21 — the day after the board rejected the rail plan.

Lanier, who has opposed the rail system, rejoined the board last month in time to see the results of a six-month study of the proposed system that would

link Houston's central business district with the Galleria area and the Texas Medical Center.

Voters approved funding the system in 1988, but officials have been unable to come up with a workable plan. Last month, Metro board members axed the plan, saying it would not have enough riders for funding. Instead, they suggested that benefactors in the private sector suggest a plan.

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Documentation said sought for Houston's police officers plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Richard Thornburgh has asked the Houston Police Department to document a program that brings officers in closer touch with residents of the neighborhoods they patrol.

The Justice Department announced Monday it was awarding Houston a \$45,500 grant to document its use of "Neighborhood Oriented Policing" so other law enforcement agencies can also apply the techniques.

"The program is designed to deliver law enforcement services to each city neighborhood consistent with the needs and expectations of local residents for safety in their homes and communities," Thornburgh said. "This grant will create a model for law enforcement agencies throughout the nation that want to duplicate these new police management techniques."

Lt. Timothy Oettmeier, director of the Houston Police Department Training Academy, said the techniques are being used on a prototype basis at Houston's new Westside Command Station. The department, however, wants to

eventually phase in neighborhood policing throughout the city.

"This new program has helped to drive drug pushers out of housing projects, renovate or seal off empty apartments and encourage citizens to plan new security projects for themselves and for the neighborhood at large," Oettmeier said.

Oettmeier said neighborhood policing is a philosophy "designed to cause police personnel to think differently about how they go about conducting their job — to try to identify the needs and concerns of citizens living and working in neighborhoods throughout our city, and to try to work with them to solve those different needs and problems."

Police departments in the past have tried to deliver services to the community as a whole, he said.

The goal of neighborhood policing is to help officers build a trusting relationship with the people of the areas they patrol.

"If you build trust, that's what's going to happen," Oettmeier said. "The difficulty is providing opportunities for citizens and officers to sit down and build up that relationship."

Congressman: cut troops in Europe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Martin Frost says the Pentagon should spare weapons systems when it cuts its budget and find savings in deeper reductions of U.S. troops in Europe.

Just back from a trip to the Berlin Wall, Frost, D-Dallas, said Monday he would urge President Bush to consider reducing U.S. troop strength in Western Europe by up to a third rather than canceling weapons systems that provide thousands of jobs to Texans.

In a report this spring, the Census Bureau said Texas received \$9 billion in defense procurement money last year, more than all but two other states. More than one-third of the state's share, or \$3.6 billion, was spent in Tarrant County alone.

But the contract for Bell Helicopters to build the tilt-rotor V-22 Osprey aircraft in the Dallas-Fort Worth area is already under fire and Frost fears other area contractors could feel the pinch.

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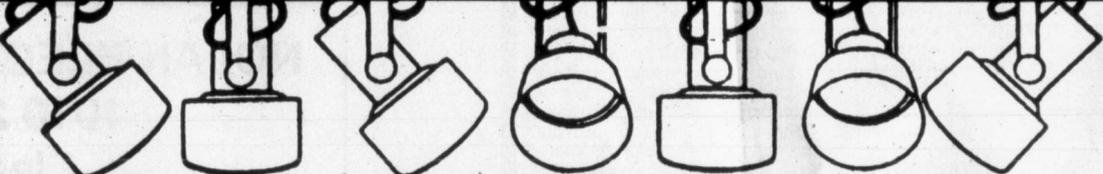
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Poland's 1990 crops critical

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three organizations trying to pull Poland into the world of agricultural capitalism say the 1990 harvest is critical, and are urging U.S. agribusiness to donate machinery and chemicals.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Sabre Foundation and the Foundation for the Development of Polish Agriculture told representatives of farm-related businesses at a seminar Monday that their donations would be tax deductible.

The U.S. tax code allows for a deduction of twice the cost for donations of inventory property for the care of the ill, the needy or minor children. Private Polish farmers qualify as needy under the code, said tax lawyer Stuart A. Smith, who appeared on a panel at the seminar.

"Poland has the potential to be a major contributor to the world food supply, but it is not a major contributor at this time," said David Hopper, World Bank senior vice president.

He said 77 percent of the farms are privately owned, while 23 percent are state-owned cooperatives that have been the only beneficiaries of technological advancements made in Polish agriculture.

"The private sector has been starved from modern inputs," Hopper said, adding that productivity is low as a result.

"They are good farmers, but they don't know how to farm in the context of modern agriculture," Hopper said.

Under the plan devised by the Sabre Foundation, state cooperatives would be omitted from U.S. private sector donations because the tax code requires the donations to go to private individuals to qualify as deductions.

That will keep the remnants of the communist system from benefiting from American private industry's efforts and will boost the private side of Poland's agricultural economy, Smith said.

The donations are needed because of a gap in the \$533 million aid package Congress provided Hungary and Poland, said Josiah Lee Auspitz, secretary of the Sabre Founda-

tion. The government is sending commodities and expertise to Poland, but there was no provision in the law for the products and equipment needed to make a modern farm system work, Auspitz said.

Polish banks don't have the money that Americans banks do to give loans against next year's harvest to enable the farmers to buy machinery, pesticides and fertilizers, he said.

Fertilizers, animal care products, animal feed, pesticides, fungicides and herbicides top the list of items Polish farmers need. Also needed is machinery such as tractors, planters, grain drills, potato seeders, fertilizer spreaders, manure spreaders, plows, sprayers, chain saws and harvesters.

Many of the private farms are small and others are part-time operations used by families as a buffer against food shortages, said J.B. Penn of Sparks Commodities Inc. Penn has been working with the Foundation for the Development of Polish Agriculture.

Of the 2.7 million farms in Poland, about 1.25 million are producing for the marketplace, he said.

The experts at the seminar were optimistic about Poland's ability to move to a privately controlled agricultural system because of the large number of private farms already operating.

But success rests on proving the private farms can get more food to the Polish people than they've been getting from the state cooperatives, they said.

Polish farmers need the machinery and chemicals by April 1, the beginning of the growing season, to show progress in the 1990 harvest.

Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher sent a letter to the seminar encouraging participation, saying Sabre's plan follows the intent of the agreement he signed on private sector cooperation between Poland and the United States.

Founded in 1969 as an educational-scientific tax-exempt organization, the Sabre Foundation describes itself as "devoted to the philosophy and practice of free institutions."

Officials: Texas could get more

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal highway money coming into the Texas could double by 1995 under a new proposal offered to Congress by transportation officials from the states.

Arnold Oliver, the engineering director of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, said the \$987 million Texas now receives could go up by \$350 million in 1992 and nearly double to \$1.9 billion by 1995 under a proposal was offered by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

"At the present time, our department's budget is sufficient to address only 60 percent of the needs we have identified in the state," he said Monday.

Oliver said the current federal surface transportation plan ex-

pires in 1991 and state officials believe transportation needs have been shortchanged in recent years.

"It is clear that we need to expand our highway program nationally. But at the same time, we need to eliminate the needless red tape that makes it difficult for us at the state level to meet our needs in a timely fashion," Oliver said.

Oliver said the proposal calls for creation of a new national highway system made up both of the current interstate system and other primary highways.

The Texas official said the state played a significant role in developing the new proposal.

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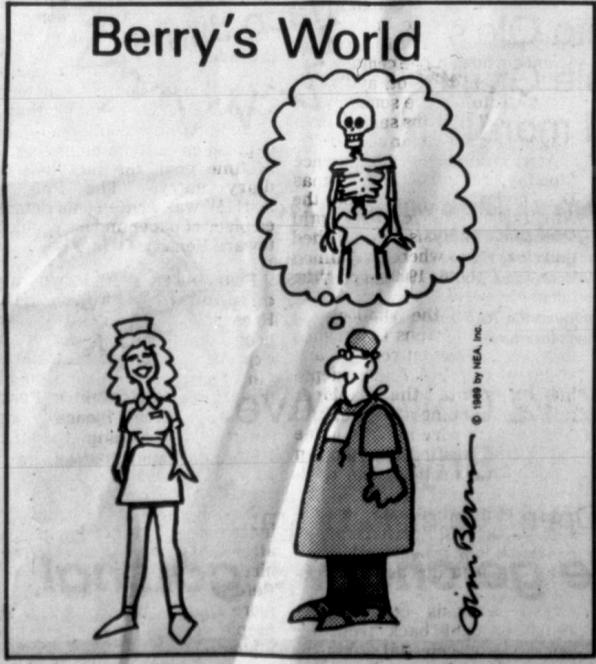
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More trees being ordered by mail for this Christmas

TRaverse City, Mich. (AP) — Americans are picking Christmas trees this season by poring over catalogs rather than trudging around farms or buying from hucksters along city streets.

Companies ranging from major merchandisers to tiny nurseries are selling freshly cut evergreens by mail.

"I suppose some people consider it a very strange thing to do or perhaps the ultimate in being overboard with catalog ideas," says Katherine Hartnett of L.L. Bean Inc.

Freeport, Maine-based Bean is in its fifth year of offering holiday greenery as well as clothing and outdoor gear. Hartnett said the mail-order company's trees sold out this year.

About 500,000 people will bypass corner Christmas tree lots and garden supply stores this year and order their trees from a catalog, said Dave Baumann, associate executive director of the Milwaukee-based National Christmas Tree Association.

"People want tradition, the feeling, the scent, the beauty of a real tree," he said. "But time is at a premium."

Mail-order trees make a small dent in the estimated \$5.2 billion Christmas trees that will be sold nationwide this season, but they have been a welcome new market for an industry facing an increasing oversupply problem.

The market for real trees is larger than ever, but growers this year are cutting an estimated 40 million trees, according to Barry Brand of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association. That could mean millions of trees will remain in growers' yards and on retailers' lots by Dec. 25.

"Trees by mail have come on very strong in the last five years, when L.L. Bean was one of the first direct-mail merchandisers," Brand said. "This year,

they're being sold by Spiegel and Sears and Neiman-Marcus and The Sharper Image. ... Literally all of the catalogs are carrying a real tree. They're taking something from a fad to an established practice."

Mail-order trees generally are cut days before being stuffed into narrow boxes and shipped, usually by private delivery companies. The trees are expensive, but their prices often are matched by those on Christmas tree lots in some of the nation's larger cities.

A 7-foot Sears Roebuck and Co. tree sells for \$74.86. A Maine-grown tree from L.L. Bean costs \$55. Neither company would give figures for its tree sales.

But mail-order trees haven't necessarily been an easy sell.

In Michigan, the nation's largest Christmas tree producing state, nursery owners Paul and Jaye Shereda have had trouble pitching their mail-order trees to Chicagoans.

"People are very suspicious," Jaye Shereda said from her home in Custer, in central Michigan's Christmas tree country.

"Even though we're charging \$35 a tree, or \$55 for the package with the stand, they're afraid we're too cheap. They're suspicious we're going to send them junk," she said.

Their company, Land O' Pines, spent \$10,000 in advertising during the past two seasons but sold only 85 trees, Shereda said.

Chicagoan Dan Herrin thought his catalog tree was just perfect, although he said his neighbors were surprised to see a 6-foot evergreen slide out of the box left on the doorstep of his 16th-floor apartment.

"I think everybody thinks it's a good sign of what technology can do for us all," Herrin said. "Here we're getting at a reasonable price a better product than what you used to be able to find."

"It's the overall picture of convenience."

Explorer's kin says findings "vindicate" Peary's expedition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators who reexamined the dogsled trek of Robert E. Peary over the Arctic ice say he discovered the North Pole exactly where, when and how he claimed — the snow, cold, "dead reckoning" navigational methods and skeptics notwithstanding.

"The family is vindicated!" declared Peary grandson Edward Peary Stafford, a retired Navy commander, after the Navigation Foundation, at the behest and expense of the National Geographic Society, accepted Peary's account in every detail.

People who still disagree, said Stafford, "should join the Flat Earth Society."

But National Geographic President Gilbert Grosvenor said he suspects doubters will persist, as they have for 80 years.

One of the most insistent is Baltimore astronomer Dennis Rawlins, who called the foundation's findings a "whitewash."

Rawlins claimed in a 1973 book that Peary had not gotten within 100 miles of the North Pole and had perpetuated the greatest scientific hoax of the century.

"Bias can do a lot, and when you want to believe something it is easy to," Rawlins said. "It is a tragedy for American science."

At a 95-minute news conference Monday, retired Adm. Thomas D. Davies, president of the Navigation Foundation, said scientific analysis established that Peary was where he claimed to be on April 6, 1909 — on "the top of the world."

A study of the shadows in Peary's photographs established they were taken en route to and at the pole, he said. And the depth measurements the explorer made by dropping a piece of lead tied to piano wire in holes in the ice were verified by modern maps of the Arctic Ocean's bottom.

The foundation said its 240-page report will "perhaps put an end to the long process of vilification of a courageous American explorer."

"Our analysis of the data Peary brought back from his journey — his celestial sights, his

diary, his ocean sounding and his photographs — has convinced us that their final camp, named Camp Jesup, was no more than five miles from the Pole, allowing for some inaccuracy in their instruments," the report said.

From the start, Peary's claim that he and companion Matthew Henson and four Eskimos reached the pole has been wrapped in controversy.

Upon reaching home, a dismayed Peary discovered that another explorer, Frederick Cook, said he had beaten Peary by a year. Cook's claim was eventually rejected and in 1911 Congress certified Peary as the discoverer.

The issue reopened in 1983 when a television docudrama gave the credit to Cook. Then Rawlins raised fresh doubts, causing the society to commission the foundation to study all the evidence anew.

The foundation concluded that Peary's "dead reckoning" method of navigation, corrected by observations of the position of the sun every day at noon, was "entirely adequate for polar latitudes."

And it found nothing sinister in some of Peary's behavior that is often cited by doubters — his depression after achieving a lifetime goal, the fact that his diary entry, "The Pole at last!!!" was written on a detached piece of paper and his coolness toward Henson.

Peary was withdrawn and despondent aboard the Roosevelt, but that may have been because a member of the expedition, Professor Ross Marvin of Cornell, had died on his trek back to the ship. Or Peary may have been physically and emotionally exhausted, the scientists said.

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Hard-liners resign; search begins for Czech president

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Communists responsible for 21 years of hard-line policy resigned from their last powerful posts today, as Parliament considered how to select a new president.

Riding a wave of popular support as leader of the opposition Civic Forum, playwright Vaclav Havel is pushing to get the presidency until free elections can be held next year.

Hard-line Communist President Gustav Husak resigned Sunday after swearing in a Cabinet that for the first time in four decades was not dominated by Communists.

But late Monday, the Club of Communist deputies, a caucus of the Communists who dominate the 350-member Federal

Assembly, or parliament, demanded the new president be chosen by nationwide referendum, the state news agency CTK said.

Prior to the announcement, it was expected that the lawmaking body — dominated by Communists and traditionally a rubber-stamp body for Communist policy — would select the interim president.

It was unclear whether or how the deputies would vote on the issue at the session that opened today with the resignation of ousted Communist Party chief Milos Jakes and other hard-liners from their last positions of power as members of the parliament's guiding Presidium.

Jakes and former ideology chief Vasil Bilak sat stone-faced

as their fellow deputies in the House of Nations, one of two constituent bodies of the parliament, accepted their resignations.

On Monday, in the first act of retribution against hard-liners who crushed the "Prague Spring" reform movement in 1968, Bilak was charged for his part in the crackdown, the state news agency CTK said.

"According to some opinions, his deeds can be considered treason," CTK said without detailing the charges against Bilak.

Bilak, who resigned from the party's ruling Politburo last year, is widely believed to be the Czechoslovak Communist who lent most support to the August 1968 Soviet-led invasion that crushed reform.



SENIOR CENTER DONATION — Joyce Buchanan, center, of Snyder Cablevision recently presented Jerry Baird, senior center director, second from left, with a donation. The company donated \$20 to the work of the center for everyone who signed up for cable TV during the month of November. Also pictured at the senior center from left are Stanley Noah, Emmett Askins and J.B. Tate Sr. (SDN Staff Photo)

Presidents seek dismantling of rebels from El Salvador

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Ending a testy summit, five Central American presidents today called for the demobilization of El Salvador's leftist guerrillas along with the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

They urged the United States to funnel the non-lethal aid that has kept the Contras together into a U.N. effort to disband the force.

In a communique issued at the

end of the two-day gathering, the presidents urged the Salvadoran insurgents to cease all operations that endanger civilians and to join the peaceful political process.

It said Nicaragua should stop providing them with arms.

The communique also asks U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to try and revive peace talks between the

rebels and El Salvador's rightist government.

The statement was the leaders' strongest call in two years of meetings for an end to the bitter civil war that has flared with renewed vigor in El Salvador in recent weeks.

The presidents of Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras urged El Salvador and Nicaragua to mend their tattered relations.

El Salvador suspended relations with Nicaragua on Nov. 26.

College trustees accept bids

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arrive in time to install it during the holidays.

After further discussion, Trustee Bob Hargrove said, "I think we ought to use the recommendation of our people and go ahead and make a bid. I move we accept the bid from IBM...I think we better take her recommendation."

Following a recommendation from private citizen Paul Gilbert that the board not purchase IBM equipment, the motion was passed.

Trustees Hargrove, John Fagin, Howard Sterling and Bill Wilson attended the meeting. Not present were John Gayle, R.C. Patton and Roy Baze.

Trustees also voted to follow the guide of county commissioners when they okayed a resolution which would override a recently-passed amendment to the Texas Constitution. The amendment states that certain goods forwarded out of the state with 175 days of acquisition or importation need not be taxed. In order for an entity to continue taxing the goods, it must pass a resolution providing for an ordinance to that effect.

It was noted that the board could, at a later date, decide not to tax goods under the amendment if it so chooses to.

The board also approved a bid of \$123,296 for materials and labor to complete a re-roofing program, okayed a financial report and a president's report, and discussed its contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Lydick-Hooks Roofing Co. of Abilene was the low bidder of \$123,296 for re-roofing materials and manpower. Lydick-Hooks has performed similar work for WTC in the past, and the results have been satisfactory, it was noted. Six other companies also bid for the re-roofing project, which is in the final phase of a three-phase program by the college.

The board also learned of two informational items that have gone into effect through the use of budget transfers. The college will bring in Bill Coles, University of Pittsburgh, to conduct a Jan. 25-28 workshop for faculty. Area high school English teachers will also be invited to attend portions of the workshop.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Pearl Nance, Post; Roy Blackwell, Box 671; Willie Newhouse, 2509 31st; Frieda Poston, Gail.

DISMISSALS: Amanda Carrisale and baby, Corbin Clements, Helen Block, Willie Wallace, Francisco Torres, Ella Mae Pearce, Melissa Martinez and baby, Sherri Smith, Thomas Leiba.

Burglary, theft cases reported

Police and sheriff's officers are investigating three burglary and theft cases that were reported Monday.

Ruby Newton of 1504 26th St. told police at 5:13 p.m. that her home had been broken into and two television sets had been stolen.

Keith Jordan of 1500 27th St., No. 15, told the sheriff's office at 2:55 p.m. that someone had taken some insulated coveralls, a gold necklace, \$40 in cash and a case of Busch beer, with a total value of \$202, from his residence.

Mrs. W.A. Cogdell of the Colorado City Hwy., south of Snyder, told deputies at 2:20 p.m. that household items valued at \$400 had been stolen from her home.

Officers work several cases

Two men were arrested for being intoxicated on licensed property following a reported altercation Monday afternoon at the Pizza Inn at 908 East Hwy.

The two, 23 and 24 years old, were taken into custody at 4:11 p.m. after a 3:57 p.m. report that three young men were fighting.

Alex Perez, who was not among those arrested, told officers at the scene that he had been assaulted and might come to the police station today to file a misdemeanor assault complaint.

A 51-year-old man was arrested at 10:08 p.m. Monday at a residence in the 1000 Block of 30th St. after a woman had reportedly told him to leave and he had refused.

Assault

Barbara Zamora of 1500 28th St. told police at 3:23 p.m. Monday that she had been assaulted by two Snyder women.

Officers said the incident would be investigated as a misdemeanor assault.

Markets Midday Stocks

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AMI Inc	6 1/4	6 1/8	6 1/4
Amer T&T	44 1/4	44 1/8	44 1/4
Americo S	53 1/2	53 1/4	53 1/2
Beth Steel	28 1/2	28 1/8	28 1/2
Armco Inc	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/4
ATI Richfield	109 1/2	109 1/8	109 1/2
BakerHugh	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2
BancTexas	11-32	11-32	11-32
BellAtlan	107 1/2	107 1/8	107 1/2
BellSouth	54 1/4	54 1/8	54 1/4
Colg Palm	62 1/2	62 1/4	62 1/2
ComMetl	21 1/2	21 1/8	21 1/2
CyprusMin S	26 1/2	26 1/4	26 1/2
DeltaAirl	68 1/2	68 1/8	68 1/2
DigitalEq	84 1/2	83 3/4	83 1/2
Dillard	70 1/2	70 1/8	70 1/2
DowChem S	67 1/2	67 1/4	67 1/2
DressInd	45 1/4	45 1/8	45 1/4
dulPost	122 1/2	122 1/8	122 1/2
ExKodak	41 1/4	41 1/8	41 1/4
Energch	24 1/2	24 1/8	24 1/2
Exxon	50 1/4	49 3/4	50 1/4
FtCityBep	34 1/2	33 3/4	34 1/2
FlowerInd	18 1/4	18 1/8	18 1/4
FordMotor	44 1/2	44 1/8	44 1/2
GTE Corp	68 1/2	67 3/4	67 1/2
Gndynam	45 1/4	45 1/8	45 1/4
GenTel	63 1/2	63 1/4	63 1/2
GenMills	73 1/2	73 1/8	73 1/2
GenMotors S	44 1/4	44 1/8	44 1/4
GnMotr E	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2
GlobMar N	3 1/4	3 1/8	3 1/4
Goodrich	45 1/4	44 3/4	44 1/2
Goodyear	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 1/2
GtAllPac	63 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2
Halliburtn	11 1/4	11 1/8	11 1/4
HolidayCp	73 1/2	72 3/4	73 1/2
HouInd	35 1/4	34 3/4	34 1/2
IBM	96 1/2	95 3/4	96 1/2
IntlPaper	53 1/2	53 1/4	53 1/2
JohnsJhn S	58 1/2	57 3/4	57 1/2
K Mart	35 1/4	34 3/4	34 1/2
Kroger	1 1/4	1 1/8	1 1/4
vJLTV	79 1/2	79 1/8	79 1/2
Litton Ind	18 1/4	18 1/8	18 1/4
LoneSta Ind	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/2
Lows	25 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2
Lubys	11 1/4	11 1/8	11 1/4
Maxus	46 1/2	45 3/4	45 1/2
MayDSt	69 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/2
Medtronic S	62 1/2	61 3/4	61 1/2
Mobil	117 1/2	116 3/4	117 1/2
Monsanto	57 1/2	56 3/4	56 1/2
Motorola	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/2
NCNB Cp	3 1/4	3 1/8	3 1/4
Navistar	85 1/2	85 1/4	85 1/2
Nynex	44 1/4	44 1/8	44 1/4
OryxEngy	49 1/2	48 3/4	48 1/2
PacTeles	59 1/2	58 3/4	58 1/2
PanECp	71 1/2	70 3/4	70 1/2
PenneyJC	58 1/2	57 3/4	57 1/2
Phelps Dod	25 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2
PhilpPet	45 1/2	44 3/4	44 1/2
Polaroid S	29 1/2	28 3/4	28 1/2
Primerica	66 1/2	65 3/4	65 1/2
ProctGamb S	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
PubS NwMx	18 1/4	17 3/4	17 1/2
SF&PacCp	31 1/4	31 1/8	31 1/4
SaraLee W	38 1/2	37 3/4	37 1/2
SearsRoeb	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
SherwinWm	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/2
SmithBchm	42 1/2	42 1/4	42 1/2
SmithBch eq n	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/2
Southern Co	25 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/2
SwtAirl	57 1/2	56 3/4	56 1/2
SwtBell	7 1/4	7 1/8	7 1/4
SterlingChm	42 1/2	42 1/4	42 1/2
SunCo	22 1/2	21 3/4	21 1/2
TNP Est	41 1/2	40 3/4	40 1/2
Tandy	64 1/2	64 1/4	64 1/2
TempInd	61 1/2	61 1/4	61 1/2
Tenneco	55 1/2	55 1/4	55 1/2
Texaco	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2
TexasInd	36 1/2	36 1/4	36 1/2
TexasInst	36 1/2	35 3/4	35 1/2
Tex Util	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2
Textron	6 1/4	6 1/8	6 1/4
Tyler n	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/2
USX Corp	24 1/2	24 1/4	24 1/2
UnCarbide	73 1/2	73 1/4	73 1/2
UnPacCp	73 1/2	73 1/4	73 1/2
US West	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/2
Unitel	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/2
Unocal S	44 1/2	44 1/4	44 1/2
WalMart	73 1/2	73 1/4	73 1/2
WestHil	59 1/2	58 3/4	58 1/2
Xerox Cp	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
ZenithE	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2

Communist leader calls for free elections and dialogue

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Communist Party leader Petar Mladenov has called for free and democratic elections by May and says the ruling party is prepared to relinquish its constitutionally guaranteed leading role.

Mladenov told the party's Central Committee Monday that dialogue should begin immediately between the Communists and all political forces "without exceptions."

As the committee met, a Sofia court registered Eco-Glasnost, an environmental group, as Bulgaria's first independent

organization. In a two-hour speech, Mladenov also said he favored a "socialist market economy," implying some easing of state ownership.

The policy-making Central Committee was today to consider the proposals, the latest in a series of democratic reforms since hard-line leader Todor Zhivkov was ousted Nov. 10, a day after the Berlin Wall effectively came down.

A party spokesman said today's gathering would be "interesting and dynamic." The meeting comes as popular pressure for reform is mounting, with thousands taking to the streets in the last two days to demand Bulgaria follow the reform movements sweeping nearly all the rest of Eastern Europe.

As the Central Committee met in Sofia on Monday, more than 10,000 people gathered outside

party headquarters in a silent candlelight vigil to underline their demands for change.

Since Mladenov took over as Communist chief, he has ousted several of Zhivkov's supporters from the ruling Politburo.

"One cannot postulate the role of party in a democratic society or define it on command," he told the Central Committee. "This role can only be (won) as a result of the people's trust."

Evgeni Aleksandrov, a party spokesman, said the provision guaranteeing Communist supremacy "is to be abolished" in a new constitution next year and free and democratic elections should be scheduled by May.

In making such promises, Mladenov appeared to meet the major demands of more than 50,000 people who rallied in Sofia on Sunday.

Party says socialism failed

LEIPZIG, East Germany (AP) — The Communist Party today admitted that East Germany's socialist system has failed, and expressed support for a type of partnership with West Germany.

The statement in the Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland was one of the bluntest official assessments to date of the country's increasingly troubled situation. It came a day after shooting matches broke out over German reunification during pro-democracy protests in Leipzig and Dresden.

Also today, Secretary of State James A. Baker III, urging caution on the reunification issue, met with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and visited the Berlin Wall.

In another development, the largest opposition movement, New Forum, announced it will

take part as a political party in the country's first free elections, scheduled for May 6.

Neues Deutschland, in proposing a new party platform, said "socialism has definitely failed as a social system in our country" and acknowledged that the "popular revolutionary movement" of the past weeks had led to the scrapping of the old system.

The paper repeated the Communists' promise to work for a new "democratic socialism" within a multi-party system.

During the past few weeks, both Germanys have increased business and cultural ties but have debated what labels to use for closer relations, since the East Berlin government rejects calls for reunification.

Obituaries

R.F. Neblett

Services for R.F. Neblett, 90, of Rt. 1 Hermleigh, will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Dwaine Williams officiating and R.C. Nixon assisting. Burial will follow in the Garden of Memories in Sweetwater.

Neblett died Monday evening at his residence.

Born Jan. 2, 1899, in Sweetwater, he moved to Hermleigh in 1948. A Methodist and a retired farmer and rancher, he was married to Clara Elizabeth Osborne. She preceded him in death in 1982.

Survivors include two sons, Robert Neblett of Snyder and James Neblett of Hermleigh; a sister, Mary Jane Ross of Duncanville; and two grandchildren, Tonya and Robert Neblett, of Snyder.

Hub Cade

QUITMAN — Services are pending at Rock Hill Baptist Church for Hub Cade, 86. He died at 3:45 a.m. Tuesday in a Quitman hospital.

He was the father of Ima Emerson of Snyder.

Cemetery

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leaders after school and on Saturdays."

He consulted June McGlaun of the Scurry County Historical Commission and County Judge Bobby Goodwin in organizing the project, he said.

Scoutmasters Leon Earles and Jack McDonald assisted, along with Scouts Shane Terry, Brian and Patrick Earles, Robert Kimmel, Michael and Robert Patterson, Dane Farley, Rusty Clayton, Jason Stark, Jacob Crawford and Stanley Peppers.

McDonald said the cemetery has about 70 graves, with the last burial having taken place there in 1902.

Lighting

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cept entries over the telephone, however. There is no entry fee.

The contest is limited to outdoor residence displays. Entries from businesses or for indoor displays cannot be accepted.

For further information, contact the chairperson of the Jaycees' Christmas lighting project, Jackie Hall, at the chamber office.

Cold Arctic air spreads across Texas

By The Associated Press

Cold Arctic air spread across Texas today, dropping temperatures to unseasonably low levels as far south as the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

A freeze warning is in effect for tonight in the Valley. Temperatures will drop in the mid 20s to lower 30s by dawn Wednesday.

A brisk north wind caused wind chill factors to reach below zero in the Panhandle and across portions of North Texas early today. Wind chill readings during the pre-dawn hours included -12 at Dalhart, -8 at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, -7 at Amarillo, 11 at Houston and 8 at San Antonio.

Snow flurries were reported over parts of South Central Texas and the Hill Country, but most of the light snow did not reach the ground.

The flurries were triggered by an upper level disturbance overrunning the cold air at the surface.

Skies were mostly clear over the western half of the state and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere.

Forecasts called for clear skies over the west and clear to partly cloudy skies and continued cold temperatures statewide tonight and Wednesday.

Lows tonight will be mostly in the teens in West Texas, ranging from the single digits in the Panhandle and mountains to the lower 20s in the Big Bend, in the upper teens to lower 20s across North Texas and in the teens in the Hill Country and in the 20s across the rest of the northern half of South Texas and the 30s in extreme southern portions.

Highs Wednesday will be in the 40s across most of the state except in extreme South Texas where readings will climb into the 50s.

Early morning temperatures are mostly in the 20s and 30s, ranging from the single digits over the Panhandle and in the teens over the low rolling plains and the rest of West Texas to the 40s in the Valley. Extremes ranged from 7 at Dalhart to 41 at McAllen.

Other early morning temperatures around the state included 10 at Amarillo, 15 at Wichita Falls, 25 at Fort Worth, 28 at Waco, 29 at Austin and San Antonio, 34 at Houston, 19 at San Angelo, 8 at Lubbock, 12 at Midland and 17 at El Paso.

Snyder cage teams gear up for action

Snyder's varsity basketball teams will both see hoop action tonight as the Lady Tigers begin district 4-4A competition and the Tigers hone their game in preparation for their own loop schedule by playing Seminole.

The SHS girls, fresh off an impressive 71-35 win over Van Horn in the consolation game of the Monahans tournament, bring their 7-4 season mark into the fray.

Sweetwater, 6-4 on the year, is coming off a 49-43 defeat by Wylie in the Polk Key City tournament in Abilene.

Snyder's Teena Braziel keyed the Lady Tigers win over Van Horn with 14 points.

Ten Lady Tigers, in all, lit the scoreboard in the Saturday confrontation.

The boys' team continues non-district play tonight as they face Seminole.

Snyder had been on a six-game skid after their beating of Westbrook, 75-48, in the season opener for the Tigers, before beating Lubbock Dunbar, 46-39, and Big Spring, 47-44, to claim consolation in the Lamesa tournament last weekend.

Their season slate is now 3-6.

Tracy Braziel, who paced the Black and Gold with 22 points in the game against the Steers, was named to the All-Tourney unit.

The boys' junior varsity game will begin at 4:30 at the Scurry County Coliseum followed by the varsity tip-off at 6 p.m.

The boys' game begins early tonight because of the Lady Tigers' district opener scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the SHS girls' gym.

The Lady Tigers JV squad begins at 6 p.m. at SHS.

Kickers' recording cleared for release

DALLAS (AP) — A prosecutor says Cowboys kicker Luis Zendejas probably will not face criminal penalties in Texas if he releases a tape which purportedly proves the Philadelphia Eagles had a bounty on Dallas players.

Zendejas claims he taped a conversation with Philadelphia assistant coach Al Roberts that proves the Eagles had a bounty on him and quarterback Troy Aikman.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson, in a 27-0 loss Thanksgiving Day, accused Eagles coach Buddy Ryan of placing a \$200 bounty on Zendejas and \$500 for Aikman.

Zendejas said he would find a way to release the tape following the season. The player likely won't face criminal charges in Texas with the release, said Dallas County Assistant District Attorney Jeff Keck on Monday.

"I don't know about a civil liability but there isn't any state criminal liability," said Keck. "You can tape any conversation you are a party to and you could do it surreptitiously. That wouldn't be illegal."

But Keck said if he were Zendejas' attorney, he would probably advise him not to release the tape. Zendejas might face civil liability, not only in Texas and Pennsylvania, but in other states as well, if Roberts made a successful case against him.

4-4A girls basketball

Team	Dist.	Season
Big Spring	00 00	6 1
Snyder	00 00	7 4
Pecos	00 00	7 4
Sweetwater	00 00	6 4
Andrews	00 00	6 4
Monahans	00 00	3 7
Fort Stockton	00 00	3 6
Lake View	00 00	2 8

College hoops

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 10, total points based on 25-24-23-22-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Syracuse (34)	6-0	1,548	1
2. Kansas (20)	9-0	1,503	2
3. Georgetown (9)	5-0	1,494	3
4. Missouri	7-0	1,385	4
5. Illinois	5-0	1,261	7
6. Michigan (1)	5-1	1,260	8
7. Arkansas	5-0	1,169	10
8. Oklahoma	4-0	1,116	12
9. LSU	4-1	1,064	9
10. Louisville	6-1	1,008	11
11. Indiana	6-0	991	14
12. Duke	3-2	872	6
13. UCLA	4-0	838	13
14. UNLV	3-2	820	5
15. Georgia Tech	3-0	631	18
16. N. Carolina St.	6-1	601	19
17. Memphis St.	4-1	397	16
18. St. John's	5-2	378	15
19. Alabama	5-1	309	21
20. Arizona	2-2	304	20
21. Iowa	6-0	291	-
22. Oklahoma St.	4-1	254	-
23. Oregon St.	4-1	231	24
24. Florida	2-1	214	25
25. Michigan St.	6-0	172	-

Other receiving votes: La Salle 161, North Carolina 97, Clemson 75, Ark. Little Rock 51, Pittsburgh 45, Virginia 40, Loyola Marymount 39, Minnesota 36, Penn St. 34, Temple 34, Texas 34, Texas-El Paso 28, Seton Hall 19, Wake Forest 15, Houston 13, UC Santa Barbara 11, Notre Dame 6, Georgia 5, Old Dominion 5, Connecticut 4, E. Tennessee 3, 4, Colorado 3, Florida St. 3, Hawaii 3, Kansas St. 3, Marquette 3, New Mexico St. 3, Purdue 3, West Virginia 3, Villanova 2, Brigham Young 1, Kentucky 1, Princeton 1, SW Louisiana 1, Wisconsin 1, Xavier, Ohio 1.



49ers clinch division

SF overcomes 17-point deficit to nip Rams

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Add John Taylor to the list of the San Francisco 49ers' big-game heroes along with Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Roger Craig.

Although Taylor caught the winning pass in the Super Bowl last January, he usually is overlooked amid the other stars on the 49ers.

But it was Taylor who was shining brightest Monday night.

The quick, elusive wide receiver turned short passes from Montana into touchdown plays of 92 and 95 yards as the 49ers rallied from a 27-10 deficit in the fourth quarter for a 30-27 victory over the Los Angeles Rams.

Montana was his usual sensational self, completing 30 of 42 passes for 458 yards and three touchdowns as the 49ers (12-2)

clinched the NFC West title and the homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

Taylor was even more sensational, with 11 catches for a club-record 286 yards.

"Give Taylor credit, he had an outstanding game," said Rams coach John Robinson, whose team, at 9-5, is left to battle for a wild-card playoff berth.

Rice, the wide receiver who usually shares the 49ers' top billing with Montana and running back Craig, said, "John did an excellent job. He's an excellent player and he will make my job easier in the future."

Rice, usually facing a double-team defensive scheme, had five catches for 38 yards. He also helped out by throwing blocks on both of Taylor's long runs.

"They were doubling on Jerry and sometimes playing man and zone (coverage)," Taylor said. "Both of my touchdowns, the Rams were in a zone."

"After my second touchdown, it was a great momentum change for us. Then they came back and fumbled."

Taylor's 95-yard touchdown, with 6½ minutes to play, narrowed the margin to 27-23. The Rams' Ron Brown fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Keith Henderson recovered at the Los Angeles 27.

After a 15-yard Montana pass to Taylor put the ball at the 7-yard line, Craig scored on a 1-yard run for the winning points.

San Francisco had fallen behind 17-0 in the first quarter and did not lead until Craig's touchdown with 3:42 remaining.

"One thing about this club, over the years and the past 10 years, they have had great comebacks," San Francisco coach George Seifert said.

"We figured that once we slowed them down, we could come back."

Los Angeles quarterback Jim Everett, who has led a number of dramatic comebacks this season, couldn't pull it out this time.

After the 49ers went ahead, the Rams had the ball at their own 20 with 3:37 remaining. But Everett threw for just a 1-yard pickup on first down, threw incomplete on second down, then was sacked by Pierce Holt for an 8-yard loss on third down.

Dribblers' set for new year

An organizational meeting of coaches and others interested in Snyder boys' Little Dribblers will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the local Boys' Club.

For more information contact David Sisson at 573-8132.

Colorado maintains top spot in last regular season ballot

by The Associated Press

There were changes at the bottom, but none at the top of The Associated Press' final regular-season college football poll.

Hawaii fell from No. 23 to No. 25 after tying Air Force 35-35. The only other changes were Pittsburgh moving up one place to No. 23 and Texas Tech rising a notch to No. 24.

Hawaii was the only ranked team that played Saturday. The final AP poll will be released on Jan. 2, after the bowls.

Colorado was No. 1 for the third straight week. The Buffaloes, the only major undefeated team in the country, received 51 first-place votes and 1,392 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Miami was second, followed by Michigan, Notre Dame, Florida State, Nebraska, Alabama, Tennessee, Auburn and Arkansas.

Miami received four first-place votes and 1,314 points, while Michigan got the other first-place vote and 1,279 points. Notre Dame received 1,236 points.

The top four teams are the only ones with a realistic chance to win the national championship. On New Year's Day, Colorado plays Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, Miami meets Alabama in the Sugar Bowl and Michigan faces Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl.

In other New Year's bowls, it's Florida State vs. Nebraska in the Fiesta, Tennessee vs. Arkansas in the Cotton, Illinois vs. Virginia in the Citrus and Auburn vs. Ohio State in the Hall of Fame.

Illinois is ranked 11th, followed by Southern Cal, Houston, Clemson, Virginia, Texas A&M, West Virginia, Penn State, Brigham Young, Duke, Ohio State, Michigan State, Pittsburgh, Texas Tech and Hawaii.

Houston, which is on probation, is the only ranked team that won't play in a bowl game.

Michigan State plays Hawaii in the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25, Duke meets Texas Tech in the All American Bowl on Dec. 28 and Penn State faces Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 29.

Clemson plays West Virginia in the Gator Bowl and Texas A&M meets Pittsburgh in the Hancock Bowl on Dec. 30.

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	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Colorado (51)	11-0-0	1,392	1
2. Miami, Fla. (4)	10-1-0	1,314	2
3. Michigan (1)	10-1-0	1,279	3
4. Notre Dame	11-1-0	1,236	4
5. Florida St.	9-2-0	1,185	5
6. Nebraska	10-1-0	1,122	6
7. Alabama	10-1-0	1,011	7
8. Tennessee	10-1-0	1,001	8
9. Auburn	9-2-0	966	9
10. Arkansas	10-1-0	914	10
11. Illinois	9-2-0	860	11
12. Southern Cal	8-2-1	778	12
13. Houston	9-2-0	695	13
14. Clemson	9-2-0	643	14
15. Virginia	10-2-0	615	15
16. Texas A&M	8-3-0	540	16
17. West Virginia	8-2-1	472	17
18. Penn St.	7-3-1	429	18
19. Brigham Young	10-2-0	356	19
20. Duke	8-3-0	303	20
21. Ohio St.	8-3-0	286	21
22. Michigan St.	7-4-0	258	22
23. Pittsburgh	7-3-1	177	24
24. Texas Tech	6-3-0	153	25
25. Hawaii	9-2-1	95	25

Other receiving votes: Florida 25, Washington 19, Arizona 17, Fresno St. 14, Air Force 13, Oregon 8, Oklahoma 5, Georgia Tech 4, Syracuse 2, N. Carolina 1, N. Illinois 1.

NFL glance

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	6	0	.571	362	296
Miami	8	6	0	.571	294	310
Indianapolis	7	7	0	.500	250	247
New England	5	9	0	.357	267	339
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	239	336
West						
Houston	9	5	0	.643	338	327
Cleveland	7	6	1	.536	287	217
Cincinnati	7	7	0	.500	322	249
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	206	294
West						
x-Denver	10	4	0	.714	309	207
L.A. Raiders	9	6	0	.607	281	240
Washington	7	6	1	.536	278	242
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	218	281
San Diego	4	10	0	.286	227	261

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	4	0	.714	291	230
N.Y. Giants	10	4	0	.714	259	225
Washington	8	6	0	.571	328	278
Phoenix	5	9	0	.357	244	309
Dallas	1	13	0	.071	194	358
Central						
Minnesota	9	5	0	.643	305	231
Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	302	218
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	330	311
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	248	333
Tampa Bay	5	9	0	.357	291	355
West						
x-San Francisco	12	2	0	.857	395	243
L.A. Rams	9	5	0	.643	364	310
New Orleans	7	7	0	.500	315	275
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	225	375

x-clinched division title

Monday's Game

San Francisco 30, Los Angeles Rams 27

Saturday, Dec. 16

Dallas at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.

Denver at Phoenix, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.

Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Miami at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

New England at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 4 p.m.

New York Jets at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.

Buffalo at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

Philadelphia at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

NBA threatens legal action over Oregon sports lottery

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — The success of betting on pro football has prompted the Oregon Lottery Commission to add pro basketball, despite the threat of a lawsuit by the NBA.

The commission voted 4-0 on Monday to begin the NBA Sports Action game, perhaps before the end of the month, Jim Davey, director of the Oregon Lottery, said.

Oregon, which already offers an NFL Sports Action game, is the only state in the nation to allow lottery-sponsored betting on professional sports.

NBA commissioner David Stern called the Oregon decision "a serious threat to the well-being of the NBA" and vowed to fight it in court.

"It is an improper invasion of our rights and violates the law," Stern said in a statement issued from league headquarters in New York.

"We have been left with no choice but to seek to protect our interest through the courts, and we anticipate commencing litigation in the very near future," Stern said.

Stern claims that betting on NBA games will compromise the integrity of the sport and make fans more concerned with point spreads than the game itself.

Davey and lottery commissioner Michael Schwartz called that argument unfounded.

"To our knowledge there are no facts to substantiate these concerns," Schwartz said.

Snyder frosh whip Wolves

Snyder's freshmen boys raised their season record to 3-1 with a 70-55 victory over Colorado City Monday.

The Tigers ended the first quarter behind by a score of 15-12 before rallying for 21 points in the second period.

The score at intermission was 33-30 in favor of SHS.

A 24-8 third stanza allowed the frosh to pull away from the Wolves for the win.

Chris Stansell poured in 18 points for the Tigers followed by Stephen Bollinger with 16 and Raymond Ware with 12.

The next game for the freshman squad is slated for Saturday at 1 p.m. at Abilene High.

SNYDER - Bollinger 8 0-0 16, Stansell 9 0-0 18, Collins 2 2-3 6, Garza 4 1-4 9, Ware 6 0-0 12, Richardson 15-10-7, Covington 1 0-0 2, TOTALS 51 9-20-70.

COLORADO CITY - Brisenio 1 0-2 2, Blessingame 9 3-4 21, Franco 4 0-1 8, Conner 0 1-2 1, Robbette 5 6-10 16, Martinez 2 0-0 5, Mays 1 0-0 2, TOTALS 22 10-21 55.

3-point goals: CHS 1 (Martinez). Total fouls: SHS 24, CHS 16. Fouled out: SHS-Richardson, Snyder 12, 21, 24, 13, 70. C-City 15, 15, 8, 17, 55.

"I just give their fans more credit than being concerned about losing one to five bucks on the game," Davey added.

Schwartz also pointed out that the NBA has done nothing to stop sports gambling in Nevada, and that "there has been uncontrolled sports gambling for many years" nationally.

Lottery commissioner Delbert Hayes said the commission was given a mandate by the Oregon Legislature to generate money for college athletic programs with new lottery games. The mandate came after Oregon voters rejected a statewide initiative in 1988 that would have added a tax to beer, wine and cigarette sales to raise money for college sports.

Dear Abby



Husband's Affair Weighs Heavily on Woman's Mind

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Two years ago I married a 24-year-old man. I was 34. The age difference didn't matter because he seemed so mature and I loved him. We had a baby a year after we were married because we both loved children.

He worked for a company 84 miles away, and I know he could have worked closer to home. He's a well-trained professional, but he stayed on that job, commuting every day. He didn't even try to get a job closer to home.

I got a phone call one evening that explained everything. An unidentified man called and told me my husband was having an affair with a woman he worked with, and said, "He's with her right now" — and he gave me her address.

I bundled up the baby, got into my car and drove to the "other woman's" house. Sure enough, my husband's car was parked in front! I rang the doorbell, but she wouldn't open the door.

I waited outside, and 30 minutes later my husband came out with his head down. We drove home in separate cars. That night we had a long talk, and he promised he would never see her again. (He had been seeing her since before we were married.)

I gave him another chance, and so far when he comes home, he stays home. He says he loves me — and me alone — but I still don't trust him, and my heart is heavy. When he makes love to me, I think he's thinking of her. I guess I really haven't forgiven him.

I suggested we get counseling. He said it would be a waste of time and money because he has no intention of seeing this woman again. I am going crazy with this on my mind. I've kept this bottled up inside me because I don't want my family to give me any advice on what to do — which would probably be to throw him out.

What should I do?
BROKENHEARTED

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: You were very wise to suggest counseling. Insist upon it. If your husband refuses to go for counseling, go without him at first. You need to learn how to resolve your hurt and anger in order to

truly forgive him. And he needs to forgive himself if you both sincerely want to save your marriage.

Because your husband had been seeing this woman before he married you, there obviously still was a strong bond between them. Counseling is the way to go. Not seeking counseling would be expecting a deep wound to heal without thoroughly cleansing it. I wish you well and admire your mature attitude.

DEAR ABBY: Being a registered nurse, I read with interest about the lady who was short one pill (barbiturate) twice in a row at the same pharmacy. When she counted the pills and found she had been shorted, she complained and was told, "The pill-counting machine must have been acting up."

While pill-counting machines can "act up," and most professionals are honest, the thought occurred to me that if someone chose to "short" many prescriptions, he or she could be building a personal supply.

Thanks, Abby, for reminding all of us to count our medications — especially narcotics and barbiturates. The implications could go far beyond money.

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Weapons-grade uranium shipment possible for Bulgaria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite criticism of Romania's policies, U.S. officials say they will send weapons-grade uranium to the hard-line East Bloc country as soon as it comes up with a suitable way to ship the material.

Opponents of the sale, which was approved in 1988, call it "crazy" and say Romania can't be trusted with the dangerous material. The 16.4 kilograms of uranium are slated to be used at the Triga research reactor near Bucharest.

"In light of the Romanians' increasing isolation and instability, this is not the time to be sending Romania the means to make an atomic bomb," said Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control, a group that opposes nuclear proliferation.

"I think it's crazy," said Vladimir Tismaneanu, a resident scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

"We shouldn't provide him with any encouragement," Tismaneanu said, referring to Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu, who rules the country with a Stalin-like grip.

U.S. officials have harshly criticized Ceausescu's regime,

but they have not blocked the uranium sale.

"The exports of the ... fuel met all the requirements of the U.S. Atomic Energy Act," the State Department said in a statement. Romania has pledged "no nuclear explosive use" for its nuclear program, it said.

"Appropriate physical security measures are being applied to the highly enriched uranium in Romania and will be applied to any additional nuclear material shipped to that country," the department said.

But a department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was debate over whether to try to stop Romania from taking control of the uranium.

An official at the Romanian Embassy did not respond to questions about the uranium.

Relations between Bucharest and Washington have been "severely strained" recently by Romania's poor human rights record, the State Department said. "We would like to see Romania join its neighbors in moving towards political and economic reforms."

Ceausescu has imposed harsh restrictions on Romanians' right to travel, practice religion or express themselves.

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Judicial districting case...

Both sides talk with judge

PECOS, Texas (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements says he wants to call a special legislative session in late spring to reform the way state district judges are elected.

Clements told U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton on Monday that he plans to appoint a committee to consider judicial election reform and make a recommendation to the Legislature. A critic accused the governor of stalling.

Bunton ruled last month that the at-large countywide method of electing judges violates the Voting Rights Act because it dilutes the votes of blacks and Hispanics in Bexar, Dallas, Ector, Harris, Jefferson, Lubbock, Midland, Tarrant and Travis counties.

The suit was filed in 1988 by the League of United Latin American Citizens. LULAC attorney Rolando Rios said the group wants judges in the nine counties to be elected in single-member districts instead of countywide.

Bunton did not suggest any remedies in the Nov. 8 opinion, but said he would consider block-

ing next year's judicial elections if he didn't see progress on reform by Jan. 3.

Clements and Rios said Monday's gathering in Bunton's chambers satisfied the Jan. 3 deadline because they showed action was being taken. Bunton ordered both sides to submit formal plans by the end of the month.

The governor said he intends to send Bunton a plan in which he would appoint a panel consisting of four members each from the House and Senate, as well as his own representatives. He said he would call a special session so the Legislature could consider the committee's conclusions.

Clements said he told Bunton that he, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and House Speaker Gib Lewis "recognize in the Legislature at this time there's no consensus, and therefore we need additional time to appoint a study group."

Rios disputed Clements' assertion that there is no consensus in the Legislature, and said a majority of the state's 31 senators support single-member districts.

"We pointed out that we do have a bill that's in the Senate right now that was signed on by 17 senators that calls for a form of single-member districts by 1990," Rios said. "So we think there is a consensus."

Instead of single-member districts, Clements said he, Hobby and Lewis support a form of the "Missouri Plan," in which judges are appointed and then subjected to retention elections.

Rios said any system of appointing judges would be unsatisfactory because the wishes of minority voters would be ignored.

Clements' plan to appoint a committee is a delaying tactic, Rios said.

"To delay for another special session and elections for amendments to the state constitution, it would be 1994 before we have elections by district," Rios said. "I think our clients want to have elections in 1990 by districts."

Rios predicted Bunton will insist that some kind of reform plan, even if tentative, be in-

stituted in the nine counties next year. The alternative would be to postpone the elections until reform is in place.

Clements called the meeting "productive." Rios called it "friendly."

Clements said Bunton "would appear to me to be still open to suggestions and recommendations."

Tom Phillips, the chief justice of Texas, attended the meeting as a representative of the state judicial system. He had no comment after the meeting.

'Baywatch' star marries again in Studio City

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor David Hasselhoff of the "Baywatch" TV series married aspiring actress Pamela Bach.

Saturday's private ceremony was held at The Little Brown Church in Studio City, the chapel where Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were wed.

Student is guilty in shooting of the assistant principal

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An Arlington teen-ager has been found guilty of shooting his junior high school's assistant principal in the back.

A state district judge on Monday ruled that the 13-year-old boy was guilty of delinquency-aggravated assault in the Nov. 15 shooting of Andy Chambers at Workman Junior High School in Arlington.

Judge Scott Moore will sentence the seventh-grader at a hearing Dec. 19. The teen could face probation or be sent to a Texas Youth Commission facility until he is 21.

The boy is in custody at the Lynn Ross Juvenile Detention Center in Fort Worth, where he has been since the shooting. Prosecutors and the boy's at-

torney, Tim Evans of Fort Worth, agreed before the hearing that the youngster wouldn't be tried on charges of attempted murder and carrying a concealed weapon, said Otila Saenz, assistant district attorney.

"He agreed to the charge," said Ms. Saenz. "He basically pleaded no contest."

Moore denied Evans' request to release the boy to his parents until next week's court appearance, citing the severity of the offense.

Witnesses told authorities the boy had bragged to classmates that he was going to shoot a teacher to get attention. Chambers, 44, was shot as he patrolled the parking lot at the southeast Arlington campus.

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