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FRIDAY

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Ask Us

Q—Will the city accept Christmas trees for disposal?
A—Yes. Residents can put trees in local dumpsters. Larger trees should be set beside the dumpster for disposal at the city landfill.

In Brief

Hunger strike

SAN BENITO, Texas (AP) — Doctors ordered venous feeding Thursday for six detainees who had been conducting a hunger strike at an Immigration and Naturalization Service detention center, a newspaper reported.
The six were among 59 detainees from Pakistan, India and Bangladesh who were in the eighth day of a hunger strike to protest their detention.
They were admitted Thursday morning to a hospital, officials told the Valley Morning Star.
The detainees claim if they can be returned to New York and California, where they have families, they can be released under bonds.
Efforts to get the strikers to eat have been futile, INS Deputy District Director Al De Leon said earlier this week.

Son is dead

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gov. David Walters' 20-year-old son has died, 11 days after taking an overdose of a prescription drug, a hospital spokesman said today.
Shaun David Walters died about 10:50 p.m. Thursday at Baptist Medical Center, where he had been in a coma since last week, said hospital spokesman Randy Sachs. The governor was at the young man's bedside, Sachs said.
"Basically, the brain capacity wasn't enough to support his vital organs. His heart finally stopped," Sachs said.
Oklahoma City police found him slumped over in his car Dec. 15. An empty bottle of the prescription anti-depressant Pamelor was in his pocket. He lapsed into a coma the following day at the hospital.

In Brief

Workshop

Corby Swanson of McMurry University in Abilene will conduct a financial aid workshop at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the high school student center.
The workshop will include a step-by-step process of filling out necessary financial applications for those interested in furthering their education.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 42 degrees, low, 33 degrees, reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 37 degrees, 0.2 of an inch precipitation, total precipitation for 1991 to date, 28.27 inches.
Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair and cold. Low in the mid 20s. Light and variable wind. Saturday, sunny and warmer. High in the mid 50s. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Almanac: Sunset today, 5:48 p.m. Sunrise Saturday, 7:42 a.m. Of 360 days in 1991, the sun has shone 341 days in Snyder.

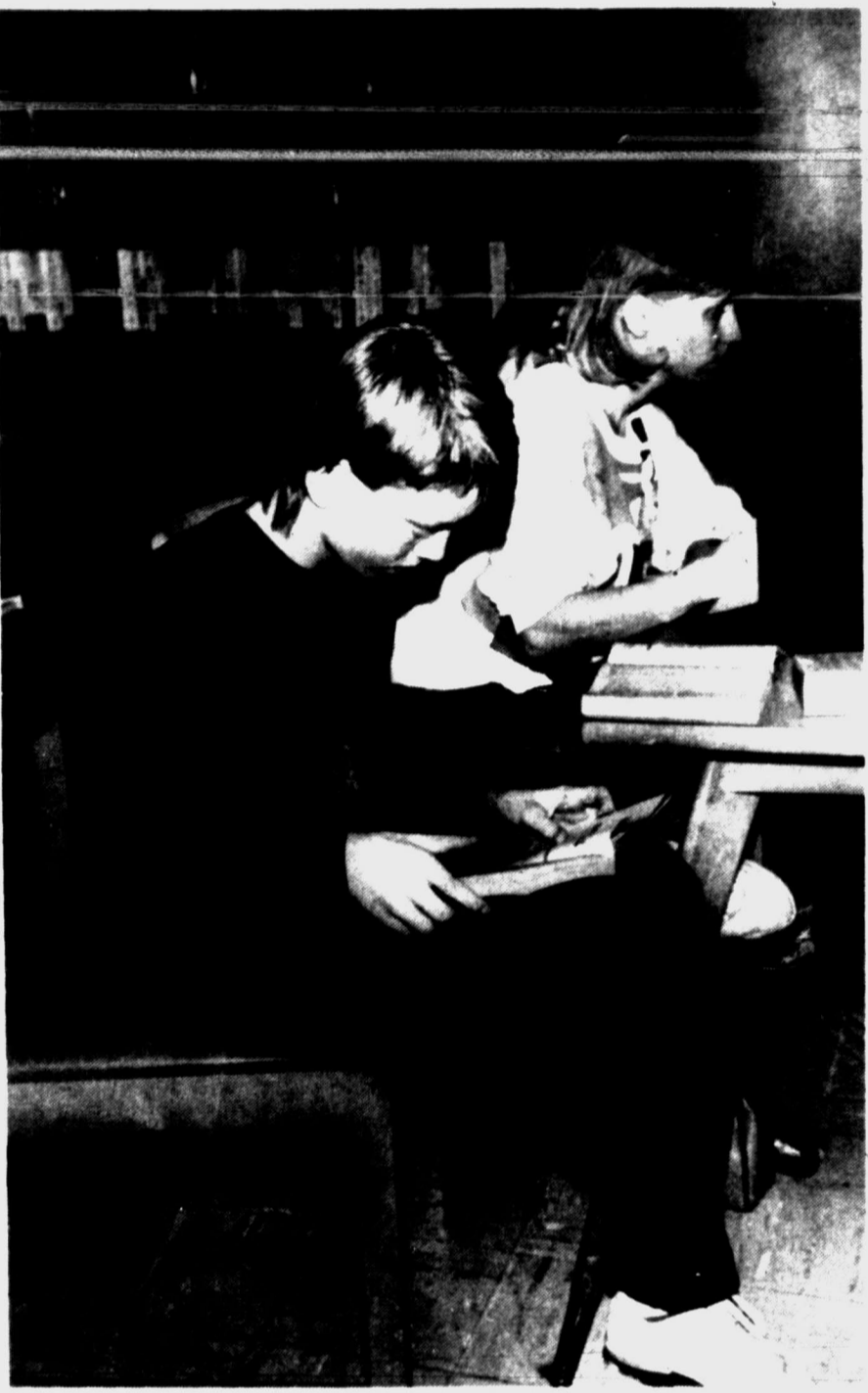
Local man charged on two counts

Charges of burglary and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle were filed against an 18-year-old Snyder man Thursday in connection with the Christmas Day break-in of a Sweetwater business.
Manuel Medrano Jr. of 1006 28th St. was arraigned Thursday and released to Nolan County authorities.
Bond has been set at \$5,000 on each count.
Authorities contend that late on the evening of Dec. 25, Medrano broke into Toliver Chevrolet in Sweetwater and took a small amount of money and a Chevrolet Camaro.
Just before midnight on the 25th, a motorist alerted Snyder police that a red Camaro was headed toward Snyder and that the driver of the vehicle appeared to be intoxicated. Minutes later, an officer located a vehicle which matched the description parked at the gas pumps at Allsup's convenience store here.
Sweetwater Police Department confirmed the vehicle as being stolen from that city. A report for a recovered stolen vehicle was filed and Medrano was taken into custody for public intoxication at 12:07 a.m. Thursday.
Police later received a teletype from Sweetwater with warrants on the suspect for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a building.

William Buckley...

Body dumped near highway is identified as slain hostage

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A body dumped overnight near a highway was identified today as that of slain American hostage William Buckley, the CIA station chief kidnapped by pro-Iranian Shiites in 1984.
The discovery of the remains came hours after U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said in New York he hoped Buckley's remains would be returned by the weekend, bringing a close to the American hostage saga in Lebanon.
The last living American hostages were freed earlier this month. The body of U.S. Lt. Col. William Higgins was also dumped on a Beirut street last weekend.
Police today discovered the body near the airport highway before dawn on an anonymous telephone tip. Police said the body was wrapped in cotton and bandages, shrouded in a blanket and placed in a plastic bag — as were Higgins' remains.
Coroner General Dr. Ahmed Harati examined the remains for two hours. He said afterward, "We have established that it's 100 percent Buckley."
The remains were taken out of



HOLIDAY READING — Greg Ryan spends part of his Christmas break at Scurry County Library helping his mother, Donna, research information for a family purchase. (SDN Staff Photo)

the hospital morgue in a casket draped with the stars and stripes and whisked away in a white U.S. Embassy van.
There was no immediate U.S. comment.
A caller claiming to speak for the Islamic Jihad, the pro-Iranian

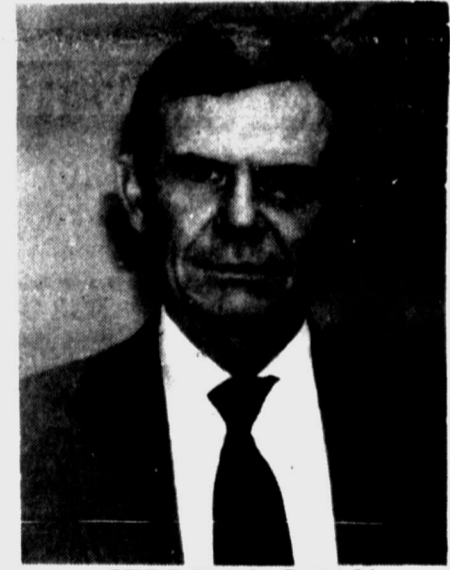
Shiite Muslim group that kidnapped Buckley on March 16, 1984, said after the remains were found that Buckley's body had been released.
"We have dumped Thursday night the body of American spy Buckley," said the man.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If you think times are hard here, consider Cuba. Fidel Castro now is smoking American cigars."
The holiday season is an opportunity for families to get together, and right after the holiday is a time for grandparents to do a little bragging.
Eddie Jo Richardson was in Lamb County on Christmas Day and did experience a White Christmas. But what impressed her most was the extreme intellect of her 2½-year-old grandson.
Eddie Jo says he is, without a doubt, the smartest kid she has ever seen. We might add that Luke is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson Jr. of Littlefield, and happens to be Eddie Jo's first grandchild.
Grandma was already convinced, but the proof of Luke's higher IQ came during a family gathering when somebody called for Luke to "come look at

my nephew."
Luke looked, but was unimpressed. "That's not a nephew, that's a baby."
Jeffrey Dever, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Dever of Temple, was in Snyder during Thanksgiving to visit with grandparents.
Jeffrey was eating Sunday dinner with L.E. and Rozelle Martin and Jeffrey agreed to say the blessing. He did with both fervor and honesty.
Jeffrey prayed, "I'm thankful that Thanksgiving is over, and now we can get on with Christmas!"
If you happen to have grandchildren who live in a big city, you may have noticed their awareness to the growing crime rate.
A small visitor from Houston observed, "The best thing about Christmas and Santa Claus is it's the only time somebody breaks into your house and leaves stuff."



JERRY MORGAN

Ginning activity said at standstill

Decreased gin production and increased rainfall across the area are providing a bleak outlook for cotton producers.
According to area gins, the amount of bales ginned to date is about half of production this time last year, due to inclement weather.
"We have ginned about 8,600 bales this year," said Vicki Whisenant, of the Farmer's Co-op Gin. "Last year at this time we were at about 16,000 bales."
According to ginners, a majority of cotton in this area has been stripped, but there is some that may be lost due to weather.
"We have some cotton that may be shredded that might have otherwise been gathered," said Hazel Smith of the Ira gin. "It's hard to say what can be harvested until we know what the weather is going to

do."
With area farmers having to wait to get back into their fields, gins report little progress in the past week.
"We are looking at two weeks to get into the fields, if it stops raining. If the rain continues, or we have a freeze, who knows," said Whisenant.
Other gins across Scurry County have cited large decreases from last year's production as well. Paymaster reported 2,648 bales, compared to 8,000 at this time last year; Ira is at 1,589, a 2,000 bale decrease from last December; and Inadale has ginned 8,049 bales to date compared to 13,600 last year.
Dunn marked an increase over last year, from 500 bales to 950 this year. The increase is due to a late start last year and gaining new customers.

Morgan seeks to retain post

Precinct 1 Commissioner Jerry Morgan announced today his intention to seek election to a full term on the commissioners court.
Morgan, a Republican, was ap-

pointed in August by County Judge Bob Doolittle to fill the term of retiring Commissioner Duaine Davis.
Morgan, 45, becomes the fourth candidate to announce for the position. Others running are all Democrats and include Frank Garcia, Weldon Beck and Tommy Marricle.
Both the Republican and Democratic primary elections are March 10.
"It has been a privilege to serve with this commissioner's court and be a part of some of the positive changes that have taken place," Morgan said. "There are some difficult decisions that will have to be made in the future, and I believe I can make those decisions."

Morgan said county budget and attracting new business to the area are priority concerns for the commissioners court.
"We need to continue with a conservative approach to the budget, preserving assets and reducing expenses where we can."

Morgan resigned from the Snyder Police Department after 10 years as a detective to accept the county appointment. He had worked with the Austin Police Department and is an Air Force veteran.
The Precinct 1 commissioner's seat is the only contested race in the county so far. The final day to file for office is Jan. 2.
Four incumbents have filed for re-election. They are Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier, Scurry County Tax Assessor/Collector Rona Sikes, and Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., all Democrats; and Republican (see FILING, page 8)

Year in review...

Gulf War, resignations shape 1991

1991 may best be remembered for an event in the Middle East which touched almost everyone — the Persian Gulf War.
As did so many people, Scurry County citizens prayed for a swift end to the war and for their sons and daughters to return home safely. They wrote letters, sent gift boxes and tied ribbons everywhere. Most hurried home from work each day to turn on the television and hear the latest reports from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iran. And when the war ended, they welcomed the troops home with one of the largest parades in the county's history.

Perhaps because of the magnitude of the war, other events of 1991 pale beside it, at least for most of the county's population. But the year had its ups and downs, its highs and lows.
Scurry County opened with a murder in the early morning hours of New Year's Day. It will end — barring some unforeseen similar tragedy — with a show of care and understanding as Goodfellows and Toys for Tots served a record number of people.
Perhaps most dominate among events in the county was a rare number of resignations. No less than 12 people resigned from in-

fluent positions. Among them were the chief of police, two chamber directors, the high school principal, a city councilman, a county commissioner and two college coaches.
Snyder went into 1991 wondering where escaped Price Daniel Unit inmate Travis Dale Gray was. Gray was apprehended in June, but five months later the county had another unsolved mystery — the disappearance of a local businessman, his employee and a girlfriend.
January was a month not without turmoil. Early on New Year's Day, Snyder resident Arnulfo

"Ronnie" Hernandez was assaulted. He died two days later from injuries received in the attack. In July, 34-year-old Melvin Riggins was found guilty of aggravated robbery in connection with the incident and given a life sentence. Still awaiting trial on murder charges are 31-year-old Bruce Wayne Nelson and 30-year-old Christopher Thompson.
Bill Moss resigned after three years as executive director of Snyder Chamber of Commerce to accept a position with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice schools system. In February, Tom E. Roy would be named interim

director. He would be named executive director in April, but would resign in May, citing "dissension on the board."
Moss' resignation was one of four in January. High School Principal Rueben Gillispie resigned, citing a difference in philosophy with the school board; Bill Stone announced his retirement as chief of police; and Tony Mauldin resigned as basketball coach at Western Texas College after being hired by Abilene Christian University.
Doug Foster and Roland Longoria were appointed to the hospi-



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD
—Northeast sixth graders presented "Christmas Around The World" recently. Cast in order of appearance: Amanda Hermosillo, narrator; Jessica Mills, First Elf; Veronica Martinez, Second Elf; Christy Ervin, Mrs. Claus; Jana Gonzales, Third Elf; Ray Vasquez, Fourth Elf; David Olivarez, Hansel; Janette Waltz, Gretel; Angelia Berkley, Fifth Elf; Marina Alvarado, Sixth Elf; Lisa Moore, Santa Lucia; Kevin Joel or Chris Ortegón, Karl; Kristy Bollinger, Kristin; Michael Benitez, Stacy Davis, Jesse Salinas and Benita Ubando; group poem; Sherri Russell, Seventh Elf; Felicia Castillo, Juanita; Fernando Rodriguez, Miguel; Omero Castelan, Bobby

Estrado, Leslie Garza and Greg Herrera, musicians; Rene Garza, Eighth Elf; Michael Hornsberger, Pierre; Veronica Block, Brigitte; Monica Munoz, Ninth Elf; Steve Rivera, Giuseppe; Jan Fuentes, Maria; Abby Garcia, Brenda Rodriguez, Chrystal Sumruld and Adam Vasquez, group poem; Joseph Hernandez, John; Jennifer Grametbauer, Pam; Damon Alvarado, Terra Bynum, Jackie Beck, Jonathon Carrisalez, Melissa Castro and Chris Hernandez, group poem; and Michael Matthews, Santa. Sixth grade teachers are Stacy Hirt, Sheryll Reed and Elaine Byrd. Dorothy Kayser is the music teacher. (SDN Staff Photo)

Battered-spouse clemency rule test due

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Consideration of battered-spouse syndrome in Florida clemency appeals could start with a Pinellas County woman serving life in prison for killing her abusive husband.

The governor and six-member Florida Cabinet, acting as the state clemency board, agreed last week to create a special panel to review such cases to see if spouse abuse led to the slayings.

The decision has some critics questioning whether criminal defense attorneys will begin demanding special privileges from the Cabinet.

"If the Cabinet is acting as another appellate court, then they're out in left field," said Lee County State Attorney Joe D'Alessandro, president of the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association.

Others say the decision to consider battered-spouse syndrome was overdue.

"It's about time we came out of the Dark Ages," said attorney Arnold Levine of Tampa. "This should have been recognized a long time ago. It could conceivably open some doors. And what's wrong with that?"

The Pinellas County woman, Billie Jean Rains, 56, is one of more than 300 women in Florida prisons for killing husbands or

boyfriends.

She fired four bullets into her husband's back three years ago in the front yard of their home and was convicted of first-degree murder. She may be a step closer to freedom after last week's decision, said her attorney, Bill Slicker.

Court records show Rains accused her husband of abuse years before the slaying. At one time, a judge ordered him to stay away from her.

Slicker said the key is whether she feared for her life and that of her son, then 27, who was fighting with her husband at the time of the shooting.

The question of self-defense was raised at her trial, but Slicker

Change comes very swiftly to former Soviet embassy

WASHINGTON (AP) — It didn't take the embassy long to catch on.

Barely 24 hours after Russia inherited the Soviet Union, most signs of the old had been obliterated.

A Russian flag — white, blue and red — flapped over the 16th Street embassy building; new cover pages topped all the embassy's fax communications; and the answering machine was playing a new message.

The humans had a harder time adjusting.

"Soviet Embassy, good afternoon," said an official answering the phone Thursday afternoon. "Sorry, slip of the tongue. Russian Embassy, good afternoon."

One of the first calls to the Russian Embassy was from a well-meaning American who proposed the embassy sell its stock of the hammer-and-sickle red flags — to please collectors and help out the embassy's strained coffers.

"We cannot sell a part of our past as a souvenir," said one young diplomat. "It's not the mood, now."

Nonetheless, the mood was an

improvement over the uncertainty that clouded the lives of the more than 300 embassy staffers when it became clear the Soviet Union was dying but hadn't left a will.

Russia's assumption of the Soviet mantle makes life easier for most of the embassy.

"It's like someone who has found his parents and hopes they'll now take care of him," said the diplomat, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

"There were nervous times here," he said. "No one knew who is in charge of what."

For example, a special envoy dispatched by Russian President Boris Yeltsin in October — Andre Kolosovsky — was ensconced at the embassy alongside Soviet Ambassador Viktor Komplektov.

Those at the embassy who saw the writing on the wall realized that Kolosovsky's star was rising — especially when he unceremoniously transferred several of the ambassador's staff to his own.

Komplektov, under criticism for failing to condemn immediately the right-wing August coup that began the Soviet Union's gallop to extinction, is unlikely to survive the transition, embassy insiders say.

Yeltsin will probably appoint a loyalist of his own to the important post. The fate of the other embassy staffers is also unclear, although the lower their echelon, the safer they appear to feel.

"We're not expecting any massive recalls to Moscow," said another junior diplomat. Nonetheless, embassy staffers of non-Russian nationality might want to try and switch to the embassies of other former Soviet republics — once and if they are established.

Yeltsin and his team already know some of the embassy staff.

When he came to visit several months ago, much of the embassy switched to working for him.

But when Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk came to Washington recently, the embassy organized the visit — even though he was seeking U.S. recognition of his republic's independence from the Soviet Union.

For Soviet officials, the proliferation of authority was more of a nuisance than anything else.

"There was no psychological or ideological hesitation about that," the diplomat said. "But it was confusing."

The confusion could linger awhile.

The 12 republics born of the defunct union are all entitled to the services and facilities of the Russian Embassy during an unspecified period of transition, said an embassy official. Afterward, any republic wanting diplomatic ties with the United States will have to fend for itself.

Astro-Graph
By Bernice Bede Osol



Dec. 27, 1991

Your material prospects look rather hopeful in the year ahead. However, even though you might get some breaks that were denied you previously, you'll still have to work hard for what you get. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** A little friendly competition could add zest to your involvements today, but if it becomes adversarial, it might turn into something unpleasant. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences governing you in the year ahead. Send for Capricorn's Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be careful today not to negatively prejudge things before they occur. This type of thinking is self-defeating and, if you operate along these lines, you're not likely to fulfill your intentions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might labor under the illusion today that an influential friend is prepared to do all types of things for you that were never promised. Don't kid yourself!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An associate might not feel the same sense of urgency that you do today regarding a specific objective. If it's of real significance to you, do it on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Strive to be tactful and diplomatic when dealing with co-workers today. If you're unappreciative or too critical, unpleasantness might result.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's best not to attempt to manage something for another today about which you feel inept. Your good intentions will count for little — if you create more problems than you resolve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Family members might find you too opinionated today, and this could create friction on the homefront. If you want them to respect your views, respect theirs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) People you'll be involved with today will resent you — if you try to get them to do things you should be doing yourself. Make production your purpose, not pleas for assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Situations in general may be relatively easy for you today, but this could work to your disadvantage. You might take opportunities for granted and fail to utilize them properly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to deal effectively with others today, you must first set the proper example. If they see you dodging assignments and trying to cut corners, no one is likely to do your bidding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It's best you let others boast of your accomplishments today rather than beat your own drum. If you've done something worthy, word will get around.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you're likely to be conscious of money today, there is still a possibility you could spend beyond your means, buying non-essentials for which you have no immediate need.

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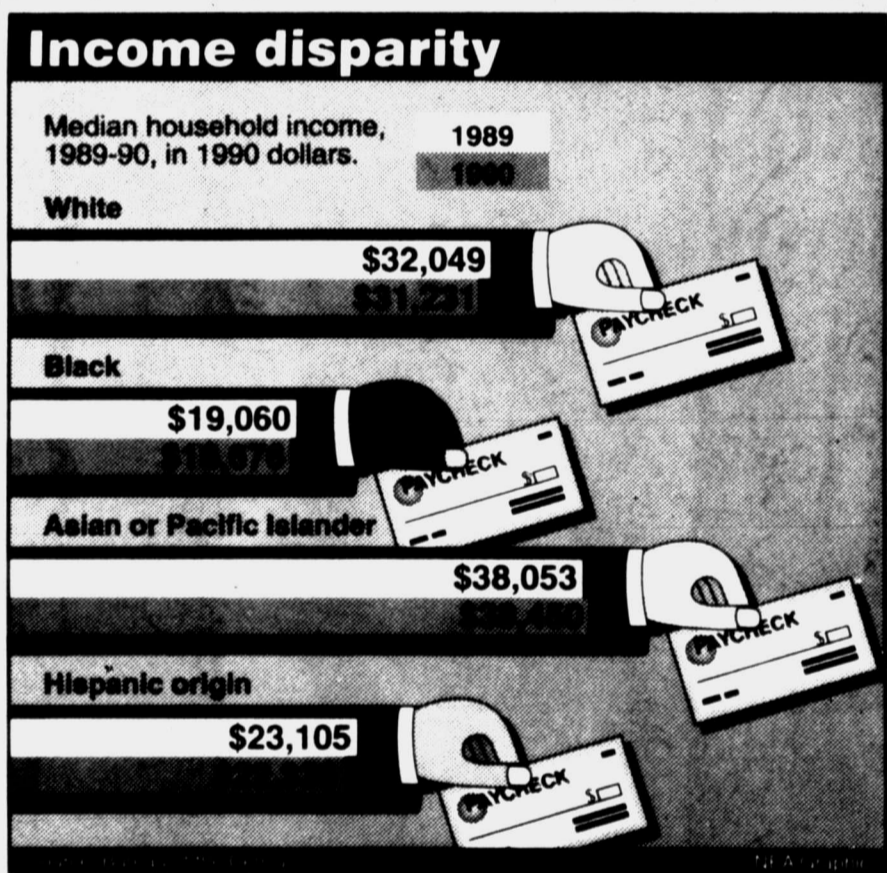
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In 1990, there was almost a \$13,000 difference between the median white household income and the median black household income in the United States. Households of Asian/Pacific origin fared best of all.



SERVICES DONATED — D.C. James C. Hanks of Chiropractic Arts Center at 4203 College Ave. received payment with four canned goods from his patients on Tuesday. On Thursday, new patients received exams, treatments, xrays and therapy for eight cans of food. He said many patients gave more. The Goodfellows, Gentle Dove, Noah Project and a local church were the recipients of the food. Also pictured is Hanks' wife, Cynthia. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

Dear Abby

Public's 'Right to Know' Doesn't Include Everything

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from Dr. Marvin Leaf suggesting that the fact that a person has died from a smoking-related disease should be included in his or her obituary. But why stop there?

Since obese people are inclined to have high blood pressure and arteries clogged with cholesterol, making them prime candidates for fatal heart attacks, an obituary might read: "Harold H. Smith, age 57 and 55 pounds overweight, succumbed suddenly last Sunday from a fatal heart attack." (His cholesterol level and blood pressure could also be included here.)

And, because studies have shown that there is definitely a connection between breast cancer and dietary fat, the obituary of Mary Jones might read: "Mary Jones, whose passion for ice cream, butter and barbecued ribs proved to be truly a fatal attraction, died Monday after a long bout with cancer."

Also, let's not forget those who have died of AIDS. This is America; the people have a right to know!

STUART M. JOHNSON,
LONG ISLANDER

DEAR STUART: Thanks for an amusing piece of satire. Laughter is sometimes very close to tears.

DEAR ABBY: May I add a few words to the letter from "One Hopeless Guy" who decided to chew tobacco instead of smoke it?

Let me tell you what "dipping snuff" will do to you:

The nicotine from the tobacco seeps into your bloodstream, causing the arteries to constrict. The blood platelets become sticky, while the heart starts to pound. Since the heart is beating faster through narrowing arteries, the blood pressure rises, increasing the chances of heart disease and stroke.

While all of this is going on, the tobacco that has been stuffed between the cheek and gums is leaving a white lesion — a precancerous condition that becomes malignant in from 3 percent to 5 percent of the cases. Your teeth will scream for a dentist, not to mention the fact that your chances for developing cancer of the lip, nasal sinus, pharynx, larynx and esophagus also increase.

Your sense of taste and smell are diminished, which could result in the excessive use of salt, putting you at risk for high blood pressure and/or kidney disease. Also, too much sugar may invite dental problems.

I know this is not pleasant, Abby, but people who dip snuff need to know the facts.

RON JETTE, OTTAWA, CANADA

P.S. As my stationery indicates, I am director of communications of the Lung Association.

DEAR RON JETTE: On behalf of those who dip snuff — or consider it the lesser evil to smoking — I thank you.

DEAR ABBY: You told "Foolish and Sorry," an Orange County girl, that you knew of no way to remove tattooed eyeliner. There are, how-

ever, ways that ophthalmologists specializing in cosmetic surgery of the eye can remove permanent eyeliner.

"Foolish and Sorry" should contact the university eye center nearest to her to find out if there is an ophthalmologist who is experienced in removing tattooed eyeliner.

KATHLEEN F. LOUDEN,
CHICAGO

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Procedure can be adapted and used elsewhere

WASHINGTON (AP) — A procedure used to decaffeinate coffee can be adapted to clean and recycle wastes from vegetable oil refining, according to Agriculture Department scientists.

The process could mean less use of landfills to dump the wastes and fewer fire hazards from oil-soaked wastes that are prone to spontaneous combustion on hot summer days, USDA said.

An average soybean oil refinery generates about 5,000 pounds of spent bleaching clay every day, USDA said. The clay absorbs substances from the raw oil that a refinery doesn't want in the end product, as well as some oil.

While refineries can chemically treat the clay to remove the oils, they must adhere to special requirements to dispose of the chemicals safely.

Scientists with USDA's Agricultural Research Service said handling of waste clay and chemicals could be replaced by using super-critical fluid extraction. This is a process in which gases such as carbon dioxide are heated and pressurized to act like liquids. The process has been used for years to decaffeinate coffee and can now be used to clean the oil-absorbing clay.

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Price of lettuce and melons increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The whitefly infestation in California and Arizona is pushing up retail prices on lettuce, melons, broccoli and cauliflower, economists say. But consumers should still find bargains in the produce section this winter.

Dick Edwards, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, said prices of head lettuce will hover near the dollar mark and melons will cost about three times their normal price in January. The whitefly has left yields at only about 25 percent of normal.

The whitefly is also driving up the price of cauliflower, broccoli and other leafy, green vegetables, said Robert P. Jenkins, an economist with the Agricultural Ex-

tension Service at the University of Tennessee.

But tomatoes and potatoes should be in good supply and priced moderately, he said.

'Accidental governor' thrust into spotlight

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Dr. Howard Dean began his day Aug. 14 treating patients at his office. By day's end, he was governor of Vermont.

Dean, a Democrat who practiced medicine when not serving in his part-time post of lieutenant governor, was thrust into his state's political spotlight last summer by the death of Republican Gov. Richard Snelling.

After four months, he said, it's finally starting to seem real.

Shortly after he took over, Dean recalled, he traveled to President Bush's summer home in Maine for a dinner that was also attended by New Hampshire Gov. Judd Gregg.

When a reporter called out, "Governor, governor, over here," Gregg looked around, but Dean didn't.

"Now, when somebody yells 'governor,' I look," he said.

It was not unusual for Dean to go unnoticed during his three two-year terms as lieutenant governor. A poll released just before Snelling's death showed 39 percent either didn't know who Dean was or had no opinion of him.

But a poll taken earlier this month listed Dean as the state's most popular political official.

Not that his first four months in office have been easy. When he took over, the state faced a budget deficit of more than \$50 million.

There was also concern among Republicans that the Democrat would shake up the Snelling administration, but that hasn't been the case.

Dean left Snelling's Cabinet essentially in place and vowed to carry out his predecessor's fiscal plan, which included spending cuts to balance the budget. He went on to institute even deeper cuts than Snelling had planned.

"It was around three months into the job when I realized that

Edwards said discounts can also be expected on avocados, brussels sprouts, celery, cucumbers and bell peppers. Retailers will also feature yellow squash, carrots, on-

ions and sweet and white potatoes in January.

Pears and apples should also be good buys, while Chilean growers will provide U.S. consumers with plentiful supplies of grapes, peaches, plums, nectarines, raspberries and kiwis.

Edwards said prices on the Chilean fruit would be lower and quality higher than last year because of more acreage and fewer weather problems.

the fiscal plan that I was going to stick to wasn't going to do the trick," Dean said. "I knew I was going to have to make additional cuts. I sort of felt like, well, I guess I'm on my own."

Now, he appears to have the inside track in next year's gubernatorial election. Snelling's widow, Barbara, who had been seen as Dean's strongest opponent, has said she will run for lieutenant governor instead.

Sometimes Dean talks as if he wouldn't mind being defeated, however, especially when he is asked if being governor is fun.

"Fun? Absolutely not," he said.

"The job has been an incredible opportunity for me, but it's also very hard work and a lot of pressure. Now there are 560,000 people who depend on me.

"As a physician, when you have an emergency, a lot of what you do is instinctive," he continued. "In this job, emergencies play out over two or three weeks and a lot of pressure builds up while the situation is resolved."

He said he doesn't care for the trappings of power either.

"I've never been somebody that enjoyed the perks," he said. "I don't like being driven around. I don't like the invasions of privacy."

And he misses medicine.

He has turned his practice over to his wife, Dr. Judith Steinberg, but said he still occasionally sees patients. When he enters an emergency room now he gets a police escort, but otherwise, he said, things haven't changed that much.

"Emergency room nurses have known me since I was an intern and say, 'Hi ya, Howard. How's it going?'" he said. "I'm the doctor and they tell me what to do. That's the way it always is, governor or no governor."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-27-91

♦ K 8 5
♥ Q 10 8 5
♦ 10 8 4
♠ 10 9 2

WEST

♦ A J 6 3
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 7 6
♠ A Q 5 4

EAST

♦ Q 9 4
♥ K J 2
♦ K J 9 2
♠ J 8 6

SOUTH

♦ 10 7 2
♥ A 9 4
♦ A Q 5 3
♠ K 7 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 7

Part-scores offer variety

By Phillip Alder

When the contract is a slam, there is rarely much room to maneuver. Usually the declarer's line of play will be obvious, with its success hinging on the break of a suit or the location of a key card. But when the contract is a part-score, the possibilities are more numerous. Each side will thrust and parry, sometimes doing well, other times losing tricks with a particular play or switch.

Today's contract was a modest one no-trump. The weak no-trump enjoys some popularity around the world, especially in Commonwealth countries. The fear that it will cost large penalties is greatly exaggerated, and the bid is difficult to compete against.

West decided not to lead away from his black-suit holdings. Instead he selected the heart seven: five, jack, ace. Declarer returned the heart nine, which East ducked, and then the heart four. East would have done best to switch to a black suit, but he had been reading a learned article about "surrounding plays," so he led the diamond jack.

Declarer finessed the queen and paused for thought when West played the six. Clearly East had switched from the K-J-9 of diamonds. South accurately unblocked the diamond eight from the dummy. Next he led the diamond three: seven, 10, king.

Later, when declarer got into dummy with the spade king, he cashed the 13th heart. Finally he led the diamond four and, when East played the two, finessed his five. It isn't often you have the A-5 sitting over the 9-2 so late in the play of a suit.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

TODAY'S BARR
BY PHIL PASTORET
Two days after Christmas and any toy that is still operating is truly childproof.
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TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1978, a new highest temperature for the South Pole (Antarctica) of 7.5 degrees was observed.

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TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the field of observation, chance favors the prepared mind." — Louis Pasteur

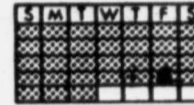
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Steve Largent caught six passes to pass Charlie Joiner as the NFL's all-time leading receiver with 752 catches.

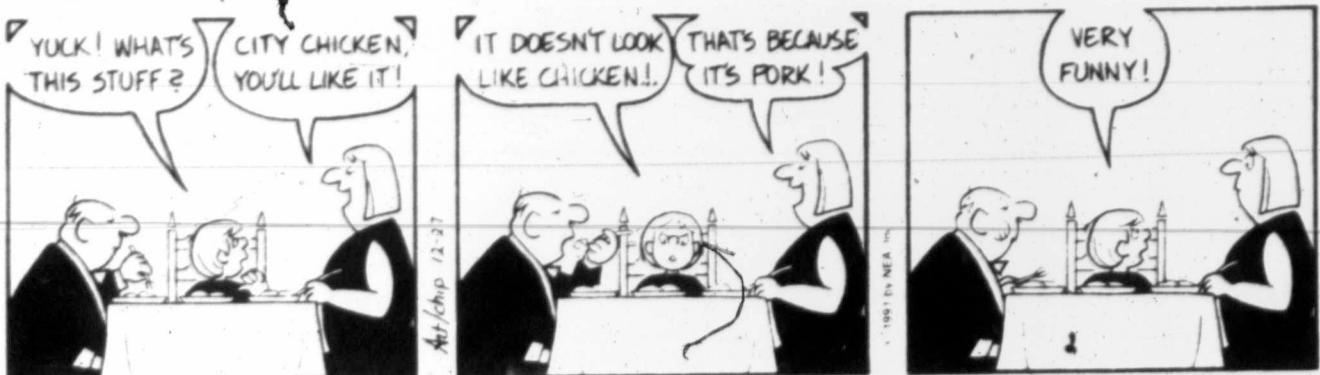
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johannes Kepler (1571-1630), astronomer; Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), chemist; Sydney Greenstreet (1879-1954), actor; Louis Bromfield (1896-1956), writer; Oscar Levant (1906-1972), concert pianist-comic actor; Marlene Dietrich (1901-), actress; Roy White (1943-), baseball star, is 48.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1979, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.

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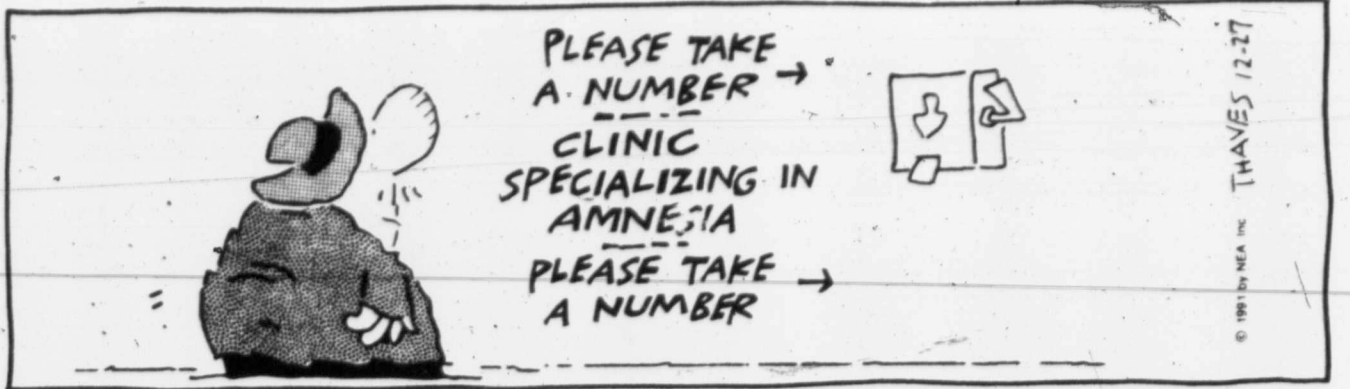
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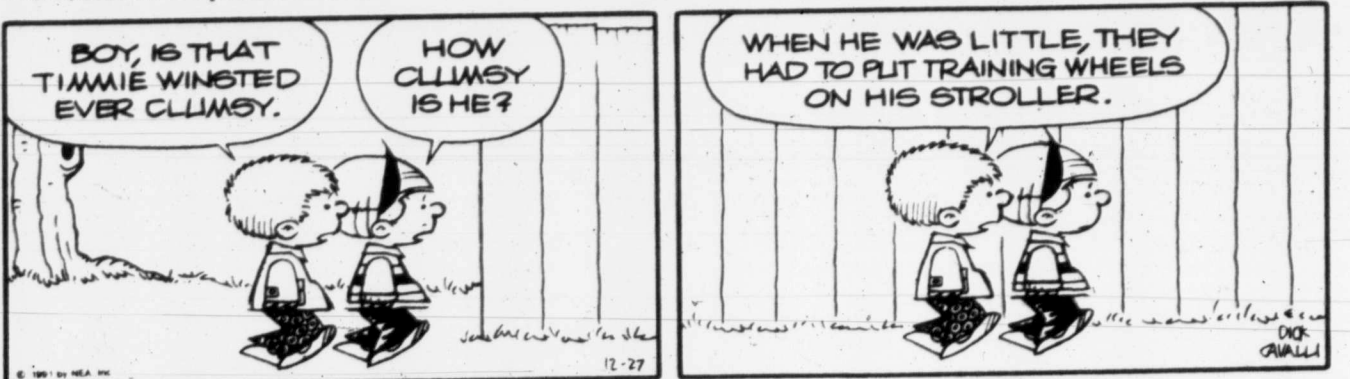
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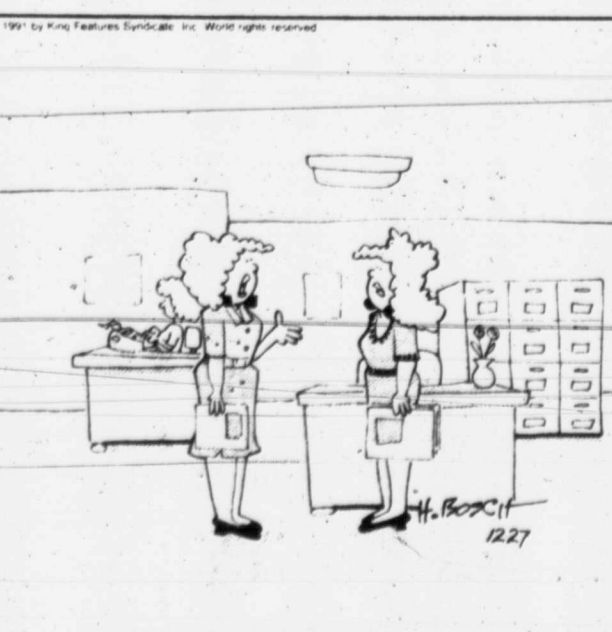
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- 2 Speed contest
- 3 Utah ski resort

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Tigers begin play at hoops tourney

ABILENE — The Snyder Tigers were to have begun competition in the McMurry Basketball Tournament today at 10:30 a.m. in the McMurry University gym against Abilene Wylie.

Snyder carried an 8-5 record into the tilt. Other first-round games at McMurry included Brownfield versus Abilene High's JV at 9 a.m. and Wichita Falls Ryder against Burleson at 1 p.m.

Cooper High School will host opening-round action in the tournament, as well, with Sweetwater taking on Breckenridge at 9 a.m. followed by the 10:30 a.m. Odessa High-Keller game and Permian against Big Spring at 1 p.m.

Elimination games begin at 3 p.m. today.

A win by the Tigers would have them facing the winner of the Odessa-Keller battle at 9 o'clock tonight. A loss would pit the SHS crew against the loser of the same game at 5 p.m. today.

The championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 9 p.m.

After 23 years as head coach...

Pittsburgh's Noll steps down

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Chuck Noll, the only coach to win four Super Bowls, announced his retirement Thursday, less than a week after the Pittsburgh Steelers completed their fourth losing season in seven years.

Noll won four Super Bowls in his first 11 seasons as the Steelers' coach, but the 1980s weren't as kind to the Steelers — or Noll —

as the 1970s. The team is 51-60 and has made the playoffs just once since last appearing in the AFC title game in 1984. Noll began coaching the Steelers in 1969.

"It's much easier coming in than going out," Noll said at a news conference. "The emotions and attachments that build up over 23 years are tough to sever."

He said he came to his decision this morning "not easily."

"Chuck is a great man and he hasn't changed from day one," said team President Dan Rooney. "He brought dignity and integrity to the coaching profession."

"Pittsburgh has a great football tradition. Chuck Noll started that tradition."

Since winning their final Super Bowl, the Steelers have made only

Begin Saturday...

Playoffs to feature new faces

by The Associated Press
This is the week that a lot of NFL players — and their fans — get their first exposure of playoff football.

The first round that takes place Saturday and Sunday will include the Atlanta Falcons, who haven't had a postseason game since 1982; the Dallas Cowboys, who haven't made it since 1985 after two decades of success; and the New York Jets, who haven't been there since 1986 and have just eight players left from that team.

Waiting in the wings are the Detroit Lions, whose 12-4 record earned them the NFC Central title

and a week off. They haven't been in the playoffs since 1983 and haven't hosted a playoff game in 34 years.

And even those players who have been there before see this as a new experience, particularly the Jets, who in 1986 lost their last five regular season games after starting 10-1 and backed their way in.

The Jets beat Miami 23-20 in overtime last Sunday and get the final AFC wild-card berth at 8-8.

The Los Angeles Raiders go into Kansas City in the weekend's first game because they lost 27-21 to the Chiefs at home last Sunday. Atlanta, which lost in Dallas and dropped from NFC West winner to wild-card team, will face New Orleans, which won that title, in the second game.

Dallas will be at Chicago to

open the Sunday schedule because the Bears were blown out 52-14 Monday night by San Francisco, blowing a first-round bye. Then the Jets play at Houston, another team coming off a loss that cost it a bye.

Los Angeles Raiders (9-7) at Kansas City (10-6)

The Chiefs have won the last four games in this series, none by more than last week's six-point margin, a 27-21 win that put this game in Kansas City. Last week's game created one of the uncertain factors — Todd Marinovich, making his first start for the Raiders, threw for all three Los Angeles touchdowns while Jay Schroeder rested a sore ankle.

So who's at quarterback this week?

Probably Schroeder, whose five previous playoff games represent

four more games than Marinovich, the first-round draft choice this season, has played in the NFL. Art Shell may not announce his decision until just before game time.

The winner will go to Buffalo unless the Jets upset Houston.

Atlanta (10-6) at New Orleans (11-5)

The Saints, who won their first NFC West title, were 9-1 in games in which Bobby Hebert started at quarterback; 2-4 in games started by Steve Walsh. But it was the defense, not the offense that let down, allowing an average of 21 points when Walsh played; an average of eight points with Hebert.

Hebert was at quarterback when the Saints won 27-6 in Atlanta; Walsh played in the Falcons' 23-20 overtime win in the Superdome, one loss in a four-game streak that nearly wiped out what started like the best year ever for the Saints.

Atlanta, meanwhile, lost 31-27 in Dallas, breaking a five-game winning streak, costing the Falcons the division title and a chance to play the Saints at home.

If New Orleans wins, it goes to Detroit next week; if it's Atlanta, it goes to Washington.

Dallas (11-5) at Chicago (11-5)

The Bears come in angry following the blowout Monday night, in which Mike Ditka and his players thought the 49ers ran up the score.

Ditka will use the loss for motivation. This is the only game that isn't a rematch.

In fact, the last time the teams met was 1988, when Tom Landry, not Jimmy Johnson, coached the Cowboys and Dallas finished 3-13.

The winner of this game plays at Washington next week unless Atlanta beats New Orleans. Then, Dallas or Chicago goes to Detroit.

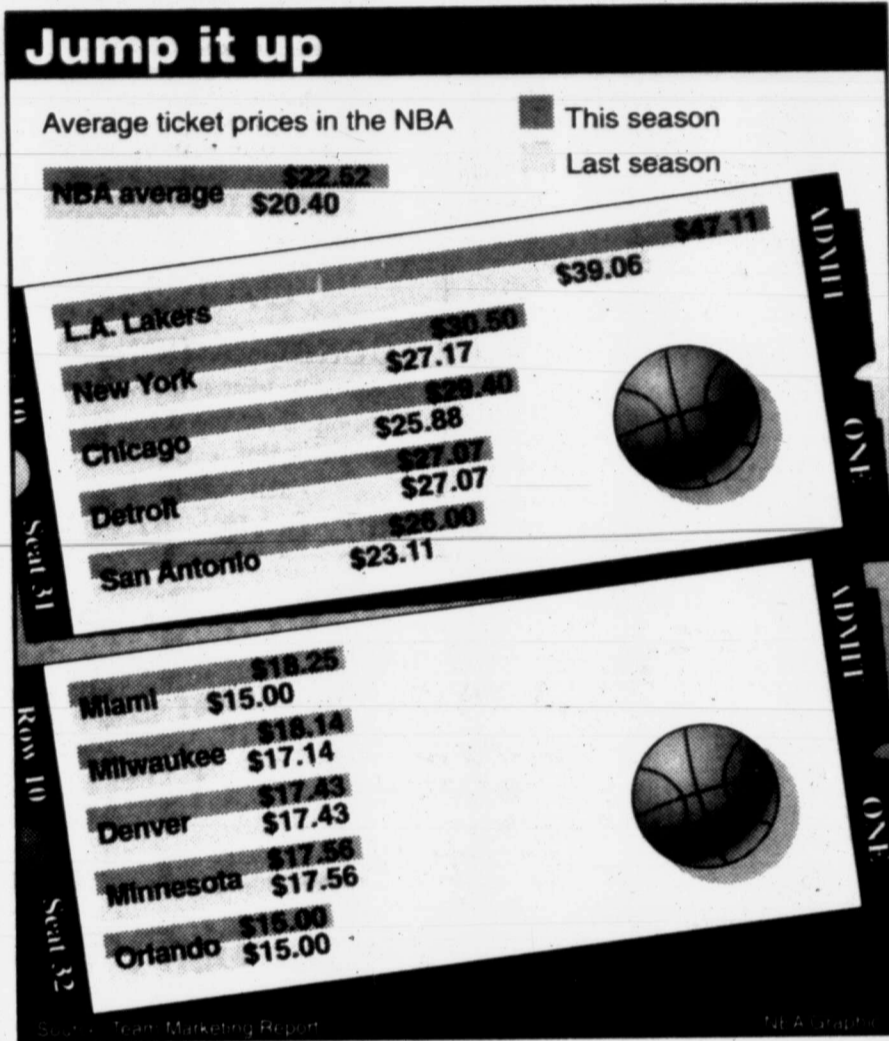
New York Jets (8-8) at Houston (11-5)

On the surface, this looks like a mismatch.

The Oilers are anything but delighted to be in this game. They went into the Jets' adopted home in the Meadowlands last Saturday, lost to the New York Giants 24-20 and lost a first-round bye.

If the Jets win, they go to Buffalo; if the Oilers win, they go to Denver.

NFL playoffs



Ticket prices are up again this season in most cities around the National Basketball Association. At the Great Western Forum in Los Angeles, fans are paying an average of \$8.05 more per game — that's the biggest jump in the league. Shown above are the five most expensive and the five least expensive places to watch NBA basketball. Fans in Utah, Portland and Philadelphia have reason to celebrate: On average, they are paying less to attend a game this season.

College bowl lineup

Date	Game	Time	Network
Saturday, Dec. 14	California Bowl At Fresno, Calif.	8 p.m.	WTBS
Wednesday, Dec. 25	Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala.	12:30 p.m.	ABC
Sunday, Dec. 29	Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.	7:30 p.m.	CBS
Monday, Dec. 30	Holiday Bowl At San Diego	8 p.m.	ESPN
Tuesday, Dec. 31	John Hancock Bowl At El Paso, Texas	7:30 p.m.	CBS
Wednesday, Jan. 1	Peach Bowl At Atlanta	12:30 p.m.	ABC
Thursday, Jan. 2	Hall of Fame Bowl At Tampa, Fla.	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Friday, Jan. 3	Citrus Bowl At Orlando, Fla.	12:30 p.m.	ABC
Saturday, Jan. 4	Cotton Bowl At Dallas	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Sunday, Jan. 5	Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz.	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Monday, Jan. 6	Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Sugar Bowl At New Orleans	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Hula Bowl At Honolulu	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Thursday, Jan. 9	Senior Bowl Mobile, Ala.	12:30 p.m.	NBC
Friday, Jan. 10	East-West Shrine Classic At Stanford, Calif.	12:30 p.m.	NBC

Sport Shorts

Wacker reportedly hired by UM

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Wacker, football coach at Texas Christian for the past nine years, will become Minnesota's 23rd football coach, according to reports published today.

Wacker was to be introduced during a special meeting of the university Board of Regents at 10:30 a.m. CST today, both the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and the Saint Paul Pioneer Press reported.

The regents will be asked to confirm Wacker's appointment as coach, the papers reported, quoting sources close to the situation. Neither newspaper was able to contact Wacker for comment.

McKinley Boston, named Minnesota men's athletic director just a week ago, also was unavailable for comment. Regents chairman Elton Kuderer refused to confirm that Wacker was the Gophers' next coach.

Wacker would replace John Gutekunst, who resigned under fire near the end of a 2-9 season. Gutekunst was 29-37-2 during his six-year tenure at Minnesota.

Wacker would make more than \$200,000 a year in salary and an additional \$100,000 for appearing on radio and television, according to the Star Tribune. That would be about triple Gutekunst's annual salary of about \$100,000.

Croel named top rookie defender

DENVER (AP) — Impact. It's the word his coaches use to describe Denver Broncos rookie linebacker Mike Croel.

And it's the reason Croel was selected on Thursday as the Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Croel was a landslide winner of the award, getting 68 of the 82 votes from media members. Atlanta nose tackle Moe Gardner was a distant runner-up with seven votes.

Croel reported 28 days late to training camp while his contract was being negotiated, but wasted little time making his presence felt. He moved into the starting lineup in the fourth game of the season after outside linebacker Tim Lucas broke his leg. By mid-season, he had recorded eight sacks and was threatening the NFL sack record for rookies of 12 1/2 set by San Diego's Leslie O'Neal in 1986.

An injury (sprained left foot) and an illness (chicken pox) late in the year caused him to miss three games, and he finished the season with 10 sacks, second on the team to Simon Fletcher's 13 1/2.

Pats' RB wins AP offensive award

NEW YORK (AP) — It took Leonard Russell just one season of major college football to make an impression on the NFL. It took Russell one season in the NFL to impress everybody else.

Russell, the first running back chosen in the draft, was selected today as the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year by The Associated Press. The New England Patriots star received 34 of 82 votes by media members, easily outdistancing running back Ricky Ervins of Washington, who had 14.

"I felt that I could play (in the NFL)," Russell said. "It was a hard adjustment for me. I had a lot of people here to help me out. John Stephens was a big help."

Stephens, the 1988 offensive rookie, helped inadvertently by holding out until the week before the season started. Russell won the job and held it, gaining 959 yards, fourth in the AFC, despite missing nearly two full games.

Bengals to name Shula new coach

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals called a news conference today, reportedly to announce that assistant coach David Shula would become the head coach.

Shula, 32, is the son of Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula, and is the Bengals wide receivers coach. WCPO-TV, citing unidentified sources close to the Bengals, reported that Shula will be promoted to head coach.

Shula would replace Sam Wyche, who left this week amid a controversy over his departure. Wyche said he was fired. The Bengals said he quit.

If Shula gets the job, it would be the first time that a father and son were head coaches in the NFL at the same time.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
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Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	17	8	.680	—
Boston	17	9	.654	1/2
Miami	14	14	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	13	14	.481	5
Washington	9	17	.346	8 1/2
New Jersey	9	18	.333	9
Orlando	6	20	.231	11 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	22	4	.846	—
Cleveland	17	9	.654	5
Detroit	14	14	.500	9
Milwaukee	13	14	.481	9 1/2
Atlanta	12	15	.444	10 1/2
Indiana	12	16	.429	11
Charlotte	8	21	.276	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	18	12	.600	—
Houston	15	11	.577	1
San Antonio	15	11	.577	1
Dallas	12	16	.429	5
Denver	10	16	.385	6
Minnesota	4	20	.167	11

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Golden State	17	8	.680	—
LA Lakers	17	10	.630	1
Phoenix	17	10	.630	1
Portland	17	10	.630	1
Seattle	15	12	.556	3
LA Clippers	15	14	.517	4
Sacramento	7	19	.269	10 1/2

Wednesday's Games

LA Lakers 85, LA Clippers 75
Chicago 121, Boston 99

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 99, Houston 93
Detroit 112, Orlando 100
Chicago 122, Atlanta 111
Philadelphia 113, Indiana 110
San Antonio 118, New York 89
Cleveland 111, Milwaukee 94
Golden State 110, Denver 100
Phoenix 132, Miami 104
Utah 123, LA Clippers 115
Portland 113, Dallas 88
Seattle 115, Sacramento 106, OT

Friday's Games

New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Boston at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Indiana at New York, 1 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 2:30 p.m.
Charlotte vs. Washington at Baltimore, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
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Cuba's Fidel Castro tailors his message to suit his audience

WASHINGTON (AP) — One day he looks like the militant communist of old. The next he seems much more willing to accommodate a radically changed world.

Cuban President Fidel Castro, used the eve of the resignation of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to denounce a pair of familiar targets — the United States and capitalism.

"The Cuban revolution will uphold its socialist option at all costs. ... Nobody will ... force us back into capitalism ... a system in which the property owners worry more about dogs and cats than about men."

He added, "U.S. imperialism has concentrated all its attacks on our country because we are the bastion of socialism, a country

that has been given a historical mission."

Castro seemed to be telling his people that the notion of Cuba undertaking a Gorbachev-style reform movement is out of the question. Gorbachev tried it and lost not only his job but his party and his country.

But when speaking to foreigners, Castro sounds more flexible, less ideological. Here's what he told Gillian Gunn of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace last month:

"No book of Marx, Engels or Lenin says it is possible to construct socialism without capital, without technology and without markets. ... It is for this reason that we have no alternative but to associate ourselves with foreign com-

panies ... (for) we are dealing with ... a world in which a large part of the socialist system has collapsed. The alternative is to renounce the independence of the country, the revolution and socialism, to return (to) being a colony of the United States and this we will not consider."

He went on to say that "nobody denies" that the presence of foreign companies will have a "capitalist ideological influence" on the Cuban people.

Foreign investment in Cuba has focused on the tourism industry but Cuban officials have recently suggested that other sectors of the economy are being opened to such investment and that limited domestic entrepreneurship is being encouraged as well.

Beyond that, Cuba has been trying to reverse its steep economic decline by opening discussions with some of the newly formed republics that have split off from the Soviet Union.

Totally dependent on Soviet oil for decades, Cuba wants to strike a deal with Kazakhstan, the second-ranking oil producer in the former Soviet Union, with 1987 production listed at half a million barrels a day. But everyone agrees there is no short-term solution to Cuba's acute fuel shortages.

If this and other calamities have had a daunting effect on Castro, such doubts are being kept from the Cuban people. As he said in his remarks Tuesday night, "Billions of people in the Third World regard Cubans as their only hope to-

day. We will not let them down."

President Bush sees all this talk as typical bluster from one of the world's most ideologically isolated leaders.

"I've got a pretty pessimistic prospect there for Fidel Castro down there in Cuba, very pessimistic for him. Because it is so

hard to be the only one that still thinks Communism is a good idea," Bush told a news conference Thursday.

"Castro in his existing model ... no hope for him. It's a dead end. He's swimming against an inexorable tide."

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CUBA

A major question in the wake of the collapse of Soviet communism is what will happen to Cuba? Over the last three decades, Fidel Castro's staunch communist government in Cuba has been largely dependent on the Soviet Union and its allies for economic and military support. Now that aid is drying up and Cuba will have to try to survive on its own.

The Cuban economy has been in sharp decline since the former Soviet bloc countries of Eastern Europe became independent. Previously, all generously aided Havana, but that ended almost immediately with the collapse of communism in Europe.

Christopher Columbus originally claimed Cuba for Spain. But after the Spanish-American War of 1898, Spain renounced its claim and the island became independent. As a reward for helping it gain its independence, the United States was given the right to maintain a naval base at Guantanamo Bay, which is maintained to this day.

In 1952, former president Fulgencio Batista seized power and established a brutal, corrupt dictatorship. Castro founded a rebel group in 1953. Fighting intensified between the mountain-based guerrillas and the government in 1958. Batista fled on Jan. 1, 1959, and Castro took power in February.

Eventually, Moscow was sending about \$5 billion in aid annually, including military support (weapons and troops); 200,000 barrels of oil a day (90-plus percent of Cuba's supply); food; and most consumer goods. In addition, the Soviet Union purchased Cuba's entire sugar output at above world prices.

This aid had been cut back to about \$3 billion. Before the abortive Soviet coup, Moscow was resisting U.S. pressure to cut the aid even further. But now it has had a change of heart. Castro was the first foreign leader to welcome the headline Soviet plot, which quickly failed. So, the Kremlin announced plans to begin troop withdrawals from Cuba.

Castro remains a defiant Marxist who tells his people they must prepare for ever greater hardships to preserve their revolution. In the meantime, he is making new overtures toward China, perhaps in the hope the Chinese communists will become his new benefactors.



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Weapon that killed Oswald sold at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — A New Jersey gun collector has bid \$220,000 to become the new owner of the revolver Jack Ruby used to kill presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald.

The 5-inch-long gun still had the police evidence tag attached when it was auctioned off Thursday at the Omni Park Central Hotel in Manhattan. Bidding started at \$100,000 and quickly escalated.

It peaked at \$200,000, plus a 10 percent commission retained by the auctioneer.

The buyer, a gun collector who wished to remain anonymous, did not attend the auction. He sent another man, Frank Roman, to place his bids.

"I'm purchasing it for a gun collector, Roman said as he hurried away from a crush of reporters. Asked what the man would do with the gun, he said: I guess he's going to put it away."

Ruby's brother Earl, a Detroit

businessman who retired to Boca Raton, Fla., recently got control of Ruby's estate after a long court fight. He said he intends to use \$86,000 of the proceeds to pay Ruby's income tax bill and \$50,000 for legal bills. His brother's criminal trial cost him \$60,000 and legal battles over his estate cost about \$30,000, he said.

I feel great, Earl Ruby said after the sale. I don't feel too good about having to get rid of the gun but I'm glad the bills will be paid.

The plain black gun had a tag attached to it from the Dallas police bearing the words: Jack Ruby W M 11-24-63 Capt. Fritz.

The gun is a .38-caliber Colt Cobra, a lightweight revolver whose manufacture was discontinued about 10 years ago, according to New York gun dealer Anthony Joviño. An ordinary model would sell for about \$550 used or \$300 if used and in good condition, he estimated. The auctioneer, Herman Darvick, said Wednesday he thought Ruby's gun would fetch between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Taxpayers get extra stocking stuffer in '91

HARTLY, Del. (AP) — Mike Tariala's property tax bill arrived Christmas Eve, but the amount he owed was scratched out.

"I could not believe it. ... At the bottom was a note saying we did not have to pay," he said.

And so it went this year in this town of 100.

The town usually collects less than \$1,000 each year in property taxes to pay for lighting and street cleaning, but a nearly \$8,000 surplus in the treasury — more than enough — enabled the council to give taxpayers a break.

"We consider it kind of a goodwill gesture," Councilman Gary Finch said.

The extra money was a stocking stuffer left behind by hundreds of motorists, including summer beachgoers, who were caught speeding, Finch said.

"This year, with the recession, we had enough money in the treasury, so we thought people could use a break," he said.

Millions of television viewers saw Ruby use the revolver to shoot Oswald as the suspected slayer of President John F. Kennedy was being moved from a Dallas police station Nov. 24, 1963.

Ruby, convicted of murdering Oswald, died in jail Jan. 3, 1967 while awaiting a retrial.

A 24-year-old legal battle over Ruby's estate was settled in August with Earl Ruby being named executor over a claimant, Jules Mayer, Ruby's one-time lawyer.

In the meantime, the gun rested in a safe deposit box in Dallas and Ruby's income tax arrears grew from \$17,000 to \$86,000.

The record price paid for a handgun is \$242,000 for a 19th Century .45-caliber Colt "Peacemaker" army revolver that was auctioned on May 14, 1987.

Other items up for auction Thursday included a passport mobster Bugsy Siegel used to travel to Italy in 1937 and which he signed with the Yiddish version of his name, Berish Siegel. It went for \$4,950.

More rain increases flood threat in SE Texas

President Bush announces plans to inspect the damage

WHARTON, Texas (AP) — Southeast Texas residents braced for more flooding today as rain-swollen rivers overflowed their banks, and President Bush announced plans to inspect the dam-

age before beginning a 3-day quail hunting vacation in the state.

On Thursday, Bush approved federal aid for five Texas counties hit hard by flooding. Gov. Ann Richards said White House officials

told her Bush signed the necessary orders to declare Dallas, Travis, Bastrop, Bosque and Brown counties disaster areas.

President Bush was expected to fly today over some of the hardest

hit areas near Wharton, a town of about 10,000 people that was bracing for more flooding as burgeoning waters flow toward the Gulf of Mexico. Wharton is about 55 miles southwest of Houston.

Bush already was scheduled to go quail hunting this weekend on a ranch near Beeville owned by his longtime friend, millionaire businessman Will Farish. Wharton is about 60 miles from the ranch.

Weather officials said flood damage is likely throughout Southeast Texas during the next several days as swollen rivers carry water to the Gulf of Mexico. Thursday's rain, including more than an inch at Houston, added to the problem because the ground is already saturated.

Skip Ely, a National Weather Service meteorologist, said additional rain was expected today across much of Texas.

"Fortunately for most places,

the precipitation totals will be light," Ely said. "It'll be Friday night before it (the rain) dribbles off. We should get a break Saturday, and the first part of next week looks dry," he said.

Flooding caused by days of heavy rain over the past week has killed at least 15 people across Texas, swamped farmland, drowned scores of livestock and caused millions of dollars in damage.

A week ago today, Central Texas capped four days of light to

moderate rain with a 4.21-inch downpour. The steady rains over a wide area contributed to the floods and made this the state's wettest December on record (14.12 inches in Austin) and 1991 the wettest year (52.17 inches), weather officials said.

Heavy rain continued Thursday over soggy Southeast Texas. Officials in Wharton, a city of 10,000, urged 1,800 people to leave their homes as water from the Colorado River moved into their neighborhood, but many appeared to be waiting until the last minute.

SAS plane with 129 on board crashes shortly after takeoff

GOTTRORA, Sweden (AP) — An SAS jetliner with 129 people aboard crash landed and split apart in a snowy field today moments after the pilot reported both engines failed, officials said. At least 16 people were injured, but no deaths were reported.

The pilot also reported ice on the wings, but an SAS executive said the aircraft was sprayed with anti-icing liquid before leaving Stockholm's Arlanda airport. The plane came down three minutes after takeoff.

The McDonnell Douglas MD-80 plunged from nearly 2,000 feet into the field, about 10 miles north of the airport. The plane reportedly clipped tree tops, hit the field, split into three pieces and stopped just short of a forest.

"The captain did a tremendous job... setting down the aircraft as he did, because he apparently managed to fly it to a reasonably good emergency landing site and near roads," said John Tulin, chief of SAS flight operations in Stockholm. The prime minister called the crash landing "a miracle."

The national news agency TT reported the pilot reported ice on the wings and loss of power in both engines shortly after takeoff. He was unable to restart the engines and radioed to the control tower, "I'm going to crash."

Later, however, Tulin said "the

pilot must have been flying the plane until he set it down," indicating at least one engine was functioning. He said the wings were de-iced before taking off.

Scandinavian Airline Systems Flight SK751 to Copenhagen, Denmark, was carrying a full load of 122 passengers and seven crew, said P.O. Skatt, the airport's chief spokesman. Its final destination was Warsaw, Poland.

The 8-month-old aircraft scraped through the snow for about 300 feet and split apart. The front of the aircraft was bent sharply to the right at an angle of

30 degrees to 40 degrees. The right engine was a gaping dark mass.

SAS officials said they would not speculate on the cause of the crash until they interviewed the pilot and reviewed the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder.

Officials said at least 16 people were injured. Bertil Rydin of the airport rescue service said seven of the injuries were serious.

National radio quoted police as saying up to six people were missing.

He said dogs were used to search the woods.

Obituaries

Ollie Henderson

1919-1991

ROSCOE — Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church for Ollie Lee Henderson, 72, who died Thursday at his home. Military graveside rites will follow in the Roscoe Cemetery.

He was the father of Kathy Kirby of Snyder.

Born in Fernwood, Miss., Mr. Henderson had been a resident of Roscoe since 1986, moving from Chattum, Ala. A Baptist, he was a retired superintendent of El Paso Natural Gas.

Survivors include his wife, Hazel Henderson of Roscoe; two other daughters, Marie Graham of Roscoe and Karen Aldrich of Costa Mesa, Calif.; two brothers, James Henderson of Odessa and George Henderson of Lucedale, Miss.; and seven grandchildren.

Jack Copeland

1921-1991

LUBBOCK — Services are set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Resthaven Funeral Home for Jack Copeland, 70, who died Tuesday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial will follow in the Resthaven Memorial Park.

He was the brother of Elizabeth Beavers of Snyder.

Born in Childress, Mr. Copeland had lived in Amarillo and Midland before moving to Lubbock in 1958. He had worked for Texas Instruments and also as a painting contractor. A member of the Church of Christ, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He married Mary Lee Steffy on March 6, 1943. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Jack Copeland Jr. and Robert Copeland, both of Lubbock; a daughter, Judith A. Sheppa of Lubbock; a brother, Robert C. Copeland Jr. of Lubbock; and 10 grandchildren.

Lucille Rowell

1925-1991

LUBBOCK — Funeral services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Trinity Baptist Church for Lucille Rowell, 66, who died Wednesday in Methodist Hospital. Burial was to follow in the Lubbock Cemetery.

She was the sister of three Ira residents — Brice Gernandt, Andrian Gernandt and Eileen Taylor.

Born in Seminole, Mrs. Rowell had been a resident of Lubbock since 1946. She married Leslie Rowell on May 1, 1946 in Lubbock, and she was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Adrian Rowell, Allen Rowell, Steven Rowell and Jarrrell Rowell, all of Lubbock; a daughter, Patricia Sanford of Chelan, Washington; another brother, Augustine Gernandt of Rock Springs, Wyo.; another sister, Patricia Gernandt of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Chg
AMR Corp	68 1/2	67 7/8	68	-5/8
AlliedSignal	41 7/8	41	41	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	37 7/8	37 5/8	37 3/4	
AmStar	32	30 3/4	31 1/2	+3/4
Amer T&T	39 1/4	38 3/4	39 1/8	+1/2
American	63 1/8	62 7/8	62 7/8	-1/8
Amoco	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/4	-1/8
AndarkPr	22 5/8	22 3/8	22 1/2	
Arka	12	11 5/8	11 7/8	+1/4
ArmedInc	5	4 7/8	4 7/8	
ATI Richfld	105 3/8	104 1/4	104 3/8	-7/8
BakerHugh	19	18 1/2	18 3/4	-1/4
BancTexas	13-32	3/8	3/8	
BellAtl	47 5/8	47 1/4	47 1/2	-1/4
BellSouth	50 7/8	50 1/2	50 5/8	-1/8
Beth Steel	133 1/8	13	131 1/4	+1/4
Borden	31 7/8	31 1/2	31 7/8	+3/8
Caterpilr	44	43 1/8	43 1/4	-1/8
Centel	32 3/8	32	32 3/8	+3/8
CentSo West	54	53 3/4	53 7/8	
Chevron	68 1/8	67 3/8	67 7/8	
Chrysler	11 3/8	11	11	-1/2
Coastal	25	24 3/4	24 7/8	-1/8
CoalCola	81 1/4	80 7/8	81	+3/8
ColgateP	48 1/8	47 5/8	47 5/8	-1/2
ComMet	19 1/4	19	19 1/4	+1/4
CyprusMn	22 1/2	22 1/4	22 1/4	-3/8
DallSemin	8 1/8	8	8	-1/8
DeltaAirl	64 1/8	63 1/2	63 3/4	-1/8
DigitalEq	53 1/8	52 3/4	52 3/4	-1/4
Dillard	124 1/2	122	123 3/4	-1
DowChem	52 5/8	52	52 3/8	-1/2
DresserInd	19 5/8	19 1/4	19 5/8	+1/4
duPont	46	45 1/4	45 3/4	+3/8
EeKodak	46 7/8	46 1/2	46 7/8	+3/8
EljerdInd	63 1/4	62 5/8	62 5/8	-1/8
Enserch	13 1/8	13	13	
Exxon	58 3/8	57 1/2	58 3/8	-1
FlowerInd	9-16	1/2	9-16	+1-16
FordMotor	28 1/2	27 7/8	27 7/8	-1/2
GTE Cp	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/4	
GenDynam	53 1/8	52 3/4	52 7/8	-1/8
GenElct	74 7/8	73 7/4	74	-1 1/8
GenMil	73	72 1/4	72 3/4	-1/4
GenMotors	28 5/8	27 5/8	27 7/8	-3/4
GenMotrE	63 1/4	62 7/8	63 1/4	+1/4
GoPacif	56 1/2	56 1/8	56 1/8	
GlobalMar	23 1/8	21 1/4	21 1/4	
Goodrich	41 1/8	41	41	-1/8
Goodyear	48 7/8	48 1/2	48 5/8	-1/8
GrATIPlac	26 7/8	26	26 3/4	+3/4
Gulf Statl	101 1/8	97 1/8	10	+1/8
Haltburtn	28 3/4	27 3/4	28 1/4	-1/2
Hanson	19 1/4	19 1/8	19 1/4	
HoustonInd	43 1/2	43 3/8	43 1/2	+1/4
IBM	89 1/2	88 3/8	89	+3/4
IntlPaper	69 1/4	68 1/4	68 7/8	+5/8
InteJns	113 1/2	112 3/4	113 1/4	+3/4
K mart	46	45 5/8	46	
Kroger	19 7/8	19 3/4	19 3/4	+1/8
vJTV Cp	7 1/8	13-16	13-16	
Litton Ind	88	87 3/4	87 7/8	-1/8
LooseStar	33 1/4	32 5/8	32 5/8	
Lubys	30 1/8	29 1/4	29 1/2	-1/4
Luby	13 1/8	12 3/4	13	
Maxus	63 1/4	62 5/8	62 5/8	-1/8
MayDst	50	49 1/4	50	+1/4
Medtr s	86 5/8	85 7/8	86	-1/2
Mobil	67 1/2	67 1/8	67 1/4	-1/4
Monsan	65 1/8	64 3/4	65	+1/4
Motorola	63 3/4	63 1/8	63 1/4	-1/2
NCNB Cp	41	40 5/8	40 3/4	-1/4
Navistar	25 1/8	24 1/2	24 1/2	-1/8
Nyax	79 1/8	78 3/4	78 7/8	-3/4
OryxEnrgy	24 7/8	24 3/8	24 3/4	-1/4
PacTeles	43 1/8	42 3/4	42 3/4	-1/4
PanECP	15 5/8	15 1/2	15 1/2	-1/8
Pennepc	51 1/4	49 3/4	50	-1 1/8
PeppInd	17 5/8	17 1/8	17 5/8	+3/8
Phelps	68 1/4	67 1/8	67 3/8	+3/8
PhillipE	23 1/8	22 7/8	23 1/8	+1/8
Polaroid s	24 7/8	24 5/8	24 5/8	-1/4
Primerica	38 7/8	38 1/4	38 5/8	+5/8
ProctGamb	90	89 5/8	90	+3/4
PubS NwMx	97 7/8	97 1/4	97 3/4	
SfPc	13 1/4	13	13	
Saral	56 1/2	55 7/8	56 1/8	+1/4
SearsRoeb	35 5/8	35 1/4	35 3/8	-1/8
Sherwin s	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 3/8	-1/8
SmtHchm	79	77 3/4	78 3/4	-1
SmtHchm eq	73 1/2	71 1/2	73 3/8	+1 7/8
Southern Co	33 3/4	33 3/8	33 3/4	
SwatArl	34 3/4	34 1/2	34 1/2	
SwatBell	63 5/8	63 3/8	63 1/2	-1/2
SterlingChm	4 1/8	4	4	
SunCo	27 7/8	27 3/8	27 3/4	+1/4
THP Est	19 1/8	19	19	
Tandy	28 5/8	27 7/8	28 1/4	+5/8
Tempall	50 1/8	49 3/8	50	+3/4
Tenasco	30 1/2	30 1/8	30 1/8	
TexasCo	58 7/8	58 3/8	58 1/2	+1 1/8
TexasInd	19 3/4	19 3/4	19 3/4	+1/8
TexasInt	31 1/4	30 3/4	30 7/8	
Tex Util	42	41 5/8	41 3/4	-1/8
Textron	37 3/4	37 3/8	37 5/8	+3/8
Tyler	27 1/8	27 1/4	27 1/8	-1/8
USXWtr	36 5/8	36 3/8	36 1/2	
USXMar	22 5/8	22 1/4	22 5/8	
USXUSS	26 1/2	25 7/8	26 3/8	+3/8
UnCarb	20 3/8	20 1/8	20 1/4	-1/8
UnPac s	50	49 5/8	50	+1/8
UnifTech	52 1/8	51 1/4	51 1/2	-1
Unocal	23 5/8	23	23 5/8	+1/4
Unocal	22	21 3/4	21 7/8	
WalMart	56 3/8	55 5/8	56 1/4	+5/8
WestInd	17	16 1/2	16 3/4	+1/4
Wolwh	25 1/4	24 7/8	25 1/8	+1/8
Xerox Cp	68 1/2	68	68 1/2	+5/8
ZenithE	71 1/8	65 7/8	7	

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Michael O'Halloran, 1202 24th; Vanice Lovett, 2105 40th.

DISMISSALS: Thelma Gressett.

Census: 45 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-30, CCU-3).

Births

Rob and Loraine Hall of Midland announce the birth of their adopted seven-pound, 11-ounce baby girl, Ashley Nicole, born at Odessa Medical Center Dec. 24 at 9:49 a.m.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hall of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. T. Bruce Brunelli of Tyler.

Police work 2 burglaries

Snyder police investigated two burglaries Thursday.

Tom Machen called the police department at 9:16 a.m. Thursday in reference to a break-in at Tom's Marine on the East Hwy. Taken was a VCR and an undetermined amount of currency. Officers filed a report for burglary of a business. The investigation continues.

At 9:39 a.m., Tina Long requested officers at Wilson Motors in reference to someone breaking into a 1990 Ford Ranger pickup and stealing a set of speakers and a jack. Officers filed a report for burglary of a vehicle.

No one had been charged in either of the burglaries as of this morning. Both burglaries are believed to have taken place late Wednesday or early Thursday morning.

Snyder police filed a report for Class A theft Thursday after Jimmy Fletcher of 2311 26th St. notified them about several missing items.

Police also filed a report for Class A criminal mischief after David Garza of 2906 Ave. L complained that someone had cut the tires and sprayed paint on his 1982 Buick.

Officers also handled several domestic complaints and investigated reports of possible prowlers but made no arrests.

Hobbs officer shoots and kills 'armed' man

HOBBS, New Mexico (AP) — A police officer shot and killed a Hobbs man who was wielding an 8-foot-long board in a "threatening manner," authorities said.

George Perez, 20, was killed Christmas night after advancing toward two Hobbs police officers with the board, according to police reports.

Police and city officials refused to name the officer who shot Perez, pending further investigation. The officer will remain on administrative leave with pay until the investigation is completed.

Police reports said Perez refused to drop the board and continued to move toward the officers.

Perez then drew the board back in an attempt to strike one of the officers, who fired two rounds. One shot struck Perez in the upper chest, the reports said.

Perez was pronounced dead at Lea Regional Hospital.

The shooting occurred after police were called to a Hobbs residence by someone who reported an unwanted person. Officers found Perez hiding in an old garage adjacent to the house, police reports said.

Capt. Bill Morrill said police contacted Perez earlier in the evening after receiving a report that he tried to run over his wife with a car.

Williamson County DA will fight court ruling on DWIs

AUSTIN (AP) — A prosecutor is spearheading a challenge to the 3rd Court of Appeals' ruling prohibiting Texas courts from using a driver's out-of-state record to stiffen driving-while-intoxicated convictions.

Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson says if he cannot get the court's decision overturned, he will join Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the mother of a child paralyzed in a wreck in asking the Legislature to rewrite Texas law.

"It's a matter of legislative in-

terpretation," Anderson said. "We can't believe the Legislature meant to reward habitual drunk drivers with out-of-state convictions."

Fred Leon Mitchell II consumed 18 drinks before being in a wreck that paralyzed his son, according to testimony from his March 1990 trial.

"I'm really outraged," said Joyce Hunt, Mitchell's ex-wife and the boy's mother, of the court's decision. "This sends a sad message to people saying, 'Come to Texas. We don't care what you did anywhere else.'"

Mitchell was convicted for his third DWI offense. As a repeat offender, he received a five-year sentence in Williamson County.

But on Dec. 18, the appeals court ruled that one of Mitchell's two previous DWI convictions was improperly entered as evidence because it occurred in North Carolina.

Anderson said Mitchell will remain in prison until the outcome of Anderson's appeal is known.

Mitchell's 6-year-old son, meanwhile, has been cared for by Ms. Hunt. Since the crash, the boy has undergone 18 operations. He continues to struggle from bone marrow breakdown and recurring respiratory problems, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"This is the first case where the court said the prior (DWI) convictions have to be instate in order to be used as prior convictions for a felony offense," Anderson said Wednesday. He said out-of-state convictions for murder, robbery and other crimes are routinely used in Texas courts.

Transition proceeding, but trouble spots emerge

MOSCOW (AP) — A dispute over how to reform the economy and questions about what to do with the former Soviet military are early trouble spots in the transition of the old Soviet monolith into a loose commonwealth of sovereign states.

Defense ministers of the commonwealth met Thursday to discuss the military, which has a powerful arsenal and 3.7 million men but no clear mission.

Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was in an upbeat mood a day after resigning, telling reporters at a goodbye party Thursday that he was going on vacation for two weeks, but declined to say what he would do next.

"I am not leaving the political scene," the 60-year-old statesman pledged. But Gorbachev flatly rejected being a "opposition leader" to rival Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Yeltsin and other leaders of the 11-member Commonwealth of Independent States formed this month must decide how to share, or divide, the former Soviet armed forces. Yeltsin said this week that he will pull the army out of Georgia, which has not joined the commonwealth.

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CHRISTMAS FROM SCRATCH — Central fifth graders recently presented a musical entitled, "Christmas From Scratch." The musical is about a group of homeless children who experience a special Christmas in a warehouse as they recreate the Nativity scene. They are led by the character, Scratch, and the young performers were also accompanied by choir and piano. Primary characters were Marcus McClain, Scratch; Rene Garcia, Boomer; Tanya Castillo, Christi; Kendra Jackson, Jewell; Jakob Sanchez, Jack; DeMarco Jackson, Buddy; and Rose Ruiz, Ashley. Students in Wanda Hudgins' class are Max Arreguin; Maria Barron, Tanya Castillo, Marcus Fuentez, Raymond Guzman,

Charles Jones, Lisa Luera, Cristy Luna, Robert Martinez, Tynia Nelson, Sid Erick Rodriguez, Sherri Smith, Demarco Jackson and Jaime Valadez. Triesta Lilly's students are Velen Aguilar, Griselda Castillon, Miguel Estrada, Rene Garcia, Elizabeth Guzman, Kendra Jackson, Fernando Nolan, Escar Rivera, Jacob Rodriguez, Rose Ruiz, Dolly Vanous, Tyrone Childers and Marcus McClain. Ann Uptergrove's students are Melissa Alvarado, Michael Alvarado, Michael Borrego, Brady Cobb, Dana Durst, John Martinez, Loretta Rios, Melissa Rodriguez, Jakob Sanchez, Joey Selvera, Vicky Martinez, and Earl Jackson. (SDN Staff Photos)



INSTALLATION HELD — The Snyder FHA Chapter held its installation of officers Wednesday evening in the Home Economics Living Room. Officers installed were, from left, Lucy Bogard, president; Moncia Rios, first vice president; Jennifer Yruegas, second vice president; Venita Davis, secretary; Margarita Garcia, treasurer; and Christy Flores, historian/reporter. Sponsors are Carolyn Derouen and Carolyn Limmer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Six Flags Over Texas sold to Time Warner-led group

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Six Flags Over Texas has been acquired by a group headed by Time Warner Inc., providing instant stability to the world's second largest theme park operator.

A transaction announced Thursday includes a \$150 million infusion of new capital from Time Warner Inc., the Blackstone Group and Wertheim Shroder.

"This is great news. It's a terrific marriage, a perfect fit," said Bob Bennett, president and general manager of Six Flags Over Texas.

Six Flags has been struggling to stay out of bankruptcy for several months. The company lost \$25.4 million last year on revenues of \$431.3 million. It lost another \$18.1 million on revenues of \$179.6 million in the first six months of 1991.

As a result of the new capital,

Six Flags Corp. will retire almost all of its high-interest indebtedness.

Robert Pittman, president and chief executive officer of Time Warner Enterprises, also is chief executive officer of the new parent company of Six Flags.

The new Six Flags owners are banking on demographic changes in the 1990s to help them expand the business made up of seven theme parks which are located within a day's drive of more than four out of five Americans, Pittman said.

Six Flags, which was founded

30 years ago in Dallas, operates Six Flags Over Texas, which is halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth; Six Flags Great Adventure, Jackson, N.J.; Six Flags Great America, near Chicago; Six Flags Over Mid-America, near St. Louis; Six Flags Magic Mountain, near Los Angeles; Six Flags Over

Georgia, Atlanta; and Astroworld, Houston.

"Now that our parent company's debt problems have been solved, our corporate staff will be able to concentrate fulltime on the business of entertainment," Bennett said.

Bennett noted that Six Flags personnel already had been working closely with Warner Bros. on the development of major attractions scheduled to open during the 1992 season.

"We should be in a position to provide details of a couple of those projects shortly after the first of the year," Bennett said.

Warner Bros. cartoon characters such as Bugs Bunny, Sylvester and Daffy Duck have acted as Six Flags' celebrity hosts since 1985.

Bennett called the union with Time Warner "great news... a terrific marriage... a perfect fit."

Little known candidate gets funds for presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — You may never have heard of Dr. Lenora B. Fulani or her New Alliance Party but the federal government is giving her \$624,497 to run for president.

That's more than the matching share earned by Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, who gets \$579,364; or Nebraska's Sen. Bob Kerrey, who gets \$574,597; or the \$456,535 to be paid out to former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts.

And it's far more than the \$234,926 share earned by former California Gov. Jerry Brown or Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder's \$198,315.

Of the eight presidential candidates who were certified Thursday by the Federal Election Commission on the basis of their fundraising efforts, Fulani qualified for more money than anyone except President Bush, who will get \$2,629,366, and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who is to receive \$1,075,189.

Not bad for a 41-year-old development psychologist from Harlem who has lost every election she ever entered and doesn't expect to win this one either.

"To me it's one of many indications that the American people support and want to hear from a much broader range of candidates than is currently offered," the candidate said in a statement issued by New Alliance headquarters in New York City.

"We know she's not going to win, but we're running to do something about the way third parties are shut out of the political process in this country," said Madelyn Chapman, spokeswoman for Fulani's New Alliance Party.

Shut out of the process perhaps, but not shut out of the money. To qualify for federal matching funds a candidate must raise \$5,000 in each of 20 states built with individual contributions of no more than \$250.

According to Chapman, New Alliance volunteers going house to house and soliciting contributions from sidewalk card tables have raised \$6,000 in each of the 20 necessary states plus an additional \$500,000.

In all, 40,000 persons have contributed to the Fulani campaign, Ms. Chapman said.

It is not the first time Dr. Fulani has made her mark in third party politics.

In 1988 she succeeded in getting her name on presidential ballots in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, an achievement that

her campaign says was a first for a black and a woman.

Chapman says the Fulani campaign raised \$1.5 million in 1988 of which \$900,000 was certified for federal matching funds. The candidate received 250,000 votes.

She previously ran unsuccessfully for mayor of New York City and for lieutenant governor and governor of New York.

This year she has traveled and spoken across the country and has filed as a Democrat in the New Hampshire presidential primary.

Community secession movement brings better services from Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The secession movement in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas has cooled, but is still simmering.

"I'm satisfied with where we are going, but if we don't make steady progress, that frustration will rise again," said Ruthmary White, a member of the citizens council.

The secession movement was spurred last year largely by the perception among 350,000 Oak Cliff residents that they are treated like "second-class citizens" in terms of services, fund allocation and council representation.

Since threatening to break away from Dallas, things have gotten better in Oak Cliff.

The effort has brought better garbage removal service, a city promise to demolish old buildings, and city leaders who are listening to their concerns.

"People are amazed at all the extra (garbage) trucks we now see in Oak Cliff," said Bob Stimson, president of the Greater Oak Cliff Citizens Council.

Stimson said the City Council recently allocated the \$13 million to tear down several old buildings in the area, and also is now publishing city public works projects to encourage more neighborhood businesses to offer bids.

Stimson said he hopes the council will endorse the Interstate 45 Corridor Airport Alliance plan, which calls for building an airport in the southern Dallas area to relieve overcrowding at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

"This is a great opportunity for the city to do something good for citizens and something good for the southern sector at the same time," Stimson said.

Ms. White said Oak Cliff residents want the city's social service agencies dispersed throughout Dallas instead of remaining concentrated in Oak Cliff and two other Dallas neighborhoods.

The citizens council also plans to ask the council to look at other uses for Red Bird Airport, which may close if the new airport is built.



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Lynch issues report on Southshore's failure

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Inspector General Bill Lynch has recommended that the Department of Insurance develop and begin a program that will effectively regulate the financial solvency of insurance companies.

Lynch's recommendation was among several included in a report on Southshore Holding Corp., which is under investigation by state and federal authorities.

More than \$200 million has been lost by policyholders and investors, mostly from Louisiana, in a group of companies controlled by Southshore, according to a report released Thursday by Lynch.

Lynch also suggested that the state's insurance code be strengthened to increase the criminal penalties for companies which falsify documents submitted to the Department of Insurance.

In addition, he said the department should reassess its current staff to determine whether there are enough people to effectively protect the interests of Louisiana policyholders.

Insurance Commissioner Jim Brown said he met with Gov. Buddy Roemer and Lynch last week to discuss the inspector general's findings and has since taken over as the liquidator of the South-

shore group.

Brown, elected last month, replaced former Commissioner Doug Green, who was convicted for taking a bribe from the owners of Champion Insurance Co. in exchange for regulatory favors.

"We have our staff attorneys reviewing everything that has happened and we are moving immediately towards gathering up whatever assets are available to protect the policyholders," Brown said Thursday.

"As commissioner, I am deeply concerned about the whole pattern of irregularities and possible criminal activities in the Southshore mess. Since I have taken office, Southshore has been one of our top concerns and one of our worries is that Southshore could dwarf Champion in terms of the costs to taxpayers and policyholders."

Brown has said improving the department's audit and investigative units will be a priority in his administration.

In the report, Lynch said the state's insurance department is partly to blame for the Southshore situation.

"The Department of Insurance failed to properly carry out its responsibility in evaluating assets claimed by the various insurance companies controlled by South-

shore in their annual and quarterly reports," the report said.

"The financial problems of Southshore blossomed onto the front page of newspapers in Texas, Arkansas, Florida and Louisiana in the early months of 1991 when it became apparent that two subsidiaries, Midwest Life Insurance Co. and Public Investors Inc. were under great stress."

"Whereas the Texas Department of Insurance took steps to protect policy holders in that state and Nebraska had already suspended Midwest's authority to do business there, little, if anything, was being done by the Louisiana Department of Insurance."

Midwest, based in Nebraska since 1906, was in the process of being shut down by Nebraska offi-

cial when it was re-domiciled in Louisiana in 1990.

State insurance officials allowed Southshore to acquire Riverside Holding Co., which controlled Midwest and other subsidiaries, approving an agreement that included a grossly inflated asset which was needed to give the companies the appearance of solvency, according to the report.

"(Our) investigation reveals that Southshore officials manipulated millions of dollars in premium income and valid assets, exchanging them for worthless or low quality assets when they took control of the group of companies that included Midwest Life Insurance Co., Public Investors Life Insurance Co., Fidelity Fire and Casualty Insurance Co., and

Public Investors Inc.," Lynch said.

"From the outset, the Department of Insurance should have challenged the inclusion of questionable assets, such as \$10 million for a still unfinished office condominium called Parkway Plaza in San Antonio, Texas, and \$13.69 million for a Colorado ranch that is valued at less than the \$750,000 purchase price, which enabled the insurance firms to continue collecting premiums from the public."

The three insurance companies have since been placed in liquidation following their collapse and Public Investors, a financial investment firm connected to the others, has been placed in federal bankruptcy. Public Investors

listed \$635,000 in assets against \$65 million in liabilities, he said.

"Many Louisiana citizens invested their life savings in Public Investors and their chances of recovering their money appear slim at best," Lynch said.

In addition to the Public Investors' liability, Midwest Life reported liabilities of \$84.4 million as of last January. A Department of Insurance examination showed only \$50.6 million in assets.

However, some of those assets are worthless, according to the report.

Public Investors Life reported \$39.5 million in liabilities at the time it was ordered into liquidation in May and Fidelity Fire and Casualty reported \$19.4 million in liabilities at the end of 1990.

Recent rain means business for hatchery

HALLETTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Recent rains have filled formerly empty ponds across the state, and that's good for business at Kenneth Henneke's fish farm near Hallettsville.

"The rain is excellent for us," Henneke said. "I've received several calls already today from customers who are watching their ponds fill up. We've been dry around here for so long, we really needed a hard or extended rain."

Henneke said customers call him at the beginning of every hard rain.

For the past 10 days, heavy rains and flooding waters have sent about 1,000 of his 3- and 4-inch fish swimming over the banks of Henneke's 87 stock ponds.

Most of Henneke's ponds are natural ravines or creeks which are dammed to catch water. Henneke then pumps well water into the

ponds or lets the ponds become filled with rainwater.

Henneke, who has run the fish hatchery for 11 years, said he doesn't get too upset by losing some \$500 worth of fish during each hard rain, since the high waters usually help him recoup the cost by bringing him 10 times more business from customers whose ponds were empty.

He said most of the fish escaping are only minnows and perch

— costing about 25 to 35 cents for each fingerling. The more expensive humpback blue catfish costing 50 cents apiece usually hunker down along the bottom of the ponds and swim against the escaping current.

While most of the fish were apprehended later by ponds further down stream, some black and white striped bass were still at large today.

Drunken driver statistics compiled in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico (AP) — A Santa Fe court study found the average drunken driver is an unmarried Hispanic male, age 30, stopped by police in the early morning hours on a weekend due to an accident or careless driving.

He probably drank at a bar or bought alcohol at a drive-up window. He is likely to be an unskilled laborer with a high school education, at most. He had his first drink before he turned 18 years old, the study by Santa Fe Municipal Court showed.

The five-year study by Nancy Owen Lewis, director of special court services at the court, produced the profile.

She also found almost half of the court's cases of driving while intoxicated involved repeat offenders.

Those who completed probation, alcohol treatment or DWI school were less likely to commit the crime again than those who only spent time in jail and/or paid fines, her study showed.

Of the 2,200 DWI cases between 1986-90, nearly half involved repeat offenders, most appearing for their second or third time. About 1,100 were first-timers.

About 30 offenders had eight or more DWI convictions.

Ms. Lewis said the results of her study, funded by a \$10,000 grant from the state Traffic Safety Bureau, are preliminary. A complete report should be ready in about six months, she said.

"It's somewhat discouraging," Ms. Lewis said. "But then again maybe it's not so bad because we don't really have any long-term studies to compare the results with."

The study also looked at sentencing practices by Municipal Court Judge Tom Fiorina. It showed that offenders who successfully completed probation, including alcohol treatment, or those who completed a 12-hour DWI school were less likely to return to court for another DWI offense.

"We found the most successful sentencing practice was probation and DWI school," Ms. Lewis said. "I think jail and fines are important too because a good sentence involves punishment, retribution and rehabilitation."

"But probation and school appears to be the best shots we have in deterring some of those repeat offenders."

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've suffered from a severe sleep disorder for the past 15 years. I've seen doctors in Europe and the United States, have had numerous blood tests and many examinations. Sleeping pills don't work. What's the answer?

DEAR READER: I assume from your question that you suffer from insomnia, a common complaint. This may be primary or secondary.

Primary insomnia is caused by a disruption in the normal sleep cycle, so that patients either have difficulty falling asleep or awaken during the night and cannot fall back to sleep. The reasons for this are not clearly understood, although depression and anxiety, probably play a role. This form of insomnia is the most difficult to treat. Patients with it should, in my opinion, be evaluated in a special sleep laboratory; such facilities are available in many teaching hospitals.

Secondary insomnia is wakefulness caused by an identifiable condition, such as arthritic pain, congestive heart failure, prostatic obstruction, asthma or nocturnal leg cramps, to mention a few. Treatment addresses the cause — for example, with pain medicine, diuretics, prostate surgery, bronchodilator drugs, and medicine to aid circulation. Obvious causes, including loss of a job or marital strife, should be dealt with through appropriate resources, such as counseling.

Because your sleep disorder seems to be a diagnostic challenge, I urge you to request a referral to a sleep lab. There you will be questioned extensively and examined. Then your sleep will be monitored for a night or

two. Once the type of sleep disorder has been identified, the specialists will offer advice about treatment, which could include anti-depressant medicine, hypnosis, relaxation techniques, counseling and a host of other therapeutic possibilities.

To provide more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Sleep-Wake Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A recent blood test indicates I am hypothyroid, for which I have been prescribed Synthroid. As a result, I have noticed a weight gain and wonder what other side effects I might suffer.

DEAR READER: Your doctor has properly chosen to treat your under-active thyroid gland with thyroid hormone in pill form. Some fine-tuning is in order before you can say with certainty that you are receiving the right amount of medicine. For example, your doctor will gradually increase your pills until you are taking the optimal dose. This is determined by periodic blood tests and, obviously, by how you feel.

Ordinarily, Synthroid causes no symptoms when taken in the proper amount. (Excessive quantities can lead to nervousness and weight loss.) Since you are gaining weight, I suspect you are not receiving enough medicine or you are eating too much. Check this out with your doctor, who will test you further and may revise your dose of Synthroid.

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