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Q How much water did Lake Ivie catch during the last rain? How much water does the lake have in it now?
A—According to the Colorado River Municipal Water District, the lake is at elevation 1,534.5 ft and contains 288,000 acre feet or 51.9 percent of capacity.

In Brief

Man arrested

KERRVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former Kerrville police officer was arrested today after he surrendered a hostage who had been held at gunpoint at a 24-hour fast food restaurant, authorities said.

The incident began about 2:40 a.m. and lasted until about 6 a.m., said Kerrville Police Chief Louis Barrow.

Two shots were fired, but no one was hurt, Barrow said.

The hostage was an employee of the Whataburger restaurant, he said.

The former officer, who was fired more than a year ago from the Kerrville police department, was persuaded by a former police colleague into surrendering his hostage, authorities said.

He later gave up his weapon and was taken to jail, police said. The man was to be arraigned today.

Ceremony set

CARRIZO SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — A year to the day after Sheriff Ben "Doc" Murray was found stabbed to death, area residents plan to pay tribute to the Dimmit County law officer at a memorial service.

A bust of Murray, who died Jan. 6, 1990, will be unveiled and dedicated at a ceremony on Monday.

Murray, 68, was killed in an attack at his home, authorities said. Two men were charged with capital murder in the slaying and are awaiting trial.

Murray was sheriff for 18 years and was the first law officer in the nation to die in the line of duty in 1991, according to the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum in Miami.

Local

29 vote

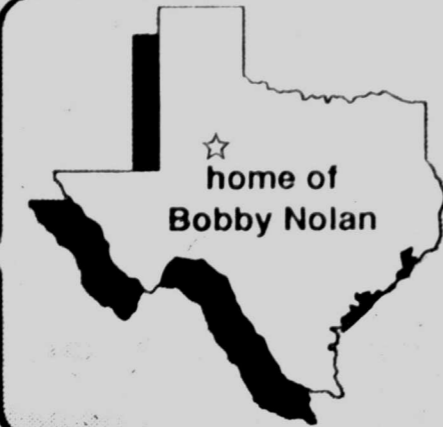
By noon today, 29 persons had cast absentee ballots in the City of Snyder's half-cent sales tax election. Three-eighths of the tax has been earmarked for economic development and 1/8 for ad valorem tax relief. Absentee voting began Monday, and the election is set for Jan. 18.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 64 degrees, low, 41 degrees, reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 45 degrees, no precipitation, total precipitation for 1991 to date, 28.27 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers mainly this evening. Low in the lower 40s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. New Year's Day, cloudy morning, partly cloudy afternoon. High around 60. Variable wind 5 to 10 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:51 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:52 a.m. Of 364 days in 1991, the sun has shone 344 days in Snyder.



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ERNE ARMSTRONG



STEVE KEY



MODEAN KONVICKA

Three file for office DA, county sheriff, tax collector

Three candidates — including an incumbent and two Republican challengers — have announced their intentions to run in the March 10 primaries.

Scurry County native Steve Key will seek the Republican nomination for sheriff and Modean Riley Konvicka will run on the GOP ticket for county tax assessor-collector.

In addition, District Attorney Ernie Armstrong has announced that he will seek a third term, running as a Democrat.

Key is seeking the position held

by Keith Collier and Mrs. Konvicka is seeking the post held by Rona Sikes. Both Collier and Sikes are running as Democrats.

Key, 31, grew up and continues to live in the Hivanna area. He is a 1979 graduate of Snyder High School and attended Sul Ross State University and Texas Tech where he studied animal science and mechanical engineering. He is involved in ranching with the Key Land and Cattle Co.

"I think it is time for a change," said Key in reference to the Democratic sheriff who has served as

Scurry County sheriff for 26 years.

Key expressed a concern for security in rural areas and said he would like to see the sheriff's department more involved in the community.

Key has no law enforcement background but said he had done (see **THREE**, page 8)

Along Trinity, Brazos...

Residents battle flood waters

MISSOURI CITY, Texas (AP) — Murky water from the rising Trinity and Brazos rivers has flooded homes in several Texas counties where residents spotted huge snakes hanging from trees and menacing clumps of fire ants floating by.

Flood waters caused by heavy rains that drenched North Texas the week before Christmas continued heading south today, soaking dozens of homes in counties to either side of Houston.

Although the Brazos apparently was nearing a predicted crest of 50 feet in Richmond, the Trinity was not expected to peak until later this week. Residents along both rivers faced a dismal New Year's as they waited and wondered how much damage the rising waters would

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — The new Commonwealth of Independent States has passed a major test of durability by reaching compromise on military issues, but it now faces tough hurdles over resuscitating the states' economies.

The 11 former Soviet republics in the commonwealth on Monday established a permanent joint command over 27,000 former Soviet nuclear warheads, but they failed to preserve unified control over all conventional forces.

The status of the non-nuclear forces was the most divisive issue facing the leaders at their first meeting since establishing the commonwealth Dec. 21.

"There were differences of opinion, but we found compromises," Russian President Boris Yeltsin told reporters after the day of meetings in the Belarussian capital and administrative seat of the commonwealth.

Each state will be allowed to decide in the next two months whether it will have its own army or let the unified commonwealth forces, under Yevgeny Shaposhnikov, command the former Soviet troops on their territory.

The compromise will go a long way toward ensuring order among the estimated 3.7 million former Soviet troops.

The commonwealth members, with shortage-ridden state stores and well-stocked but expensive private markets, remain divided over the speed of scrapping seven decades of communism. Violence has broken out in recent days due to shortages.

Russia is to free its prices Thursday. Belarus on Friday will free prices excluding dairy products, baked goods, most meat products and baby food, Tass said.

Other states complained the abrupt moves will induce hard-pressed Russian and Belarussian consumers to come to their territories to buy up cheaper products.

Local man charged with armed robbery

Snyder police arrested a 20-year-old local man Monday on charges of armed robbery.

Christopher Rodney Hamagan of 3010 42nd St. was being held in Scurry County Jail on \$15,000 bond in connection with a Sunday morning robbery at the Fieldcrest Apartments.

According to police, Hamagan and Andrea Givens went to the apartment complex between 1:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. Sunday to talk with Ryan Newbern, a former boyfriend of the 18-year-old woman.

An argument ensued and Hamagan

pointed a .22 magnum pistol at Newbern and left the apartment with a shotgun, some ammunition and a small amount of change.

Newbern called a relative with the Brownwood Police Department following the incident, who notified Snyder police.

Monday, charges were filed against Hamagan for armed robbery.

Hamagan and Givens were stopped by police about 5:13 p.m. in the 3600 block of 44th St. and taken into custody.

No charges had been filed against Givens as of this morning.

State, county offices will close Wednesday

Financial institutions, county and city offices and state offices will be closed Wednesday in observance of New Year's Day.

Scurry County Library has announced it will close at 6 p.m. today instead of 9 p.m. and will remain closed until Thursday.

The county courthouse, City Hall, the chamber of commerce, senior center and ASCS and SCS offices are among those which will be closed until Thursday.

West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank, American State Bank, Snyder Savings & Loan and AmWest Savings will also be closed.

Postal officials will not deliver mail on Wednesday.

Schools in the county, to include Western Texas College, are currently on holiday break and will not be open Wednesday. Scurry County Museum is observing the college's annual holiday break also.

Hermleigh and Ira schools will open Thursday. Snyder ISD students will return to class on Monday, Jan. 6. Scurry County Museum and offices at Western Texas College will also open on Monday although the spring semester will not begin until Jan. 15.

Year in review...

Pending election, mystery close out '91

News from the oilfield, a half-cent sales tax and missing people made headlines during the final quarter of 1991.

Oryx Energy Company announced that it had decided to divest certain assets, including two Snyder gas processing plants and its interest in SACROC. The announcement came on the heels of a similar decision by Chevron USA which disclosed a corporate decision to offer its interest in the SACROC unit.

Neither had sold by the end of the year.

In November, Halliburton Company announced that it would close its Big Spring service center and 1/3 of 35 employees would be

asked to transfer to Snyder.

Snyder City Council decided in October to put a 1/2-cent sales tax proposal before voters in January. Of the tax, 1/3 would be used to fund economic development and 1/3 would be used for ad valorem tax relief. The early voting period for the Jan. 18 election began Dec. 30.

In early November, a mystery began in Scurry County which has yet to be resolved. Paul Millford, owner of East Oil Change, was reported missing on Nov. 4 after he failed to open his business. Also reported missing were an employee of Millford, Arthur Lee Harding, and Harding's girlfriend, Nina Jonell Henderson. Millford's

Suburban and wallet were discovered in Abilene a week later, but no new clues surfaced. The whereabouts of Millford, Harding and Henderson are still unknown to local police.

Tommy Marricle declared as a candidate for county commissioner in October. Coming the first to elect to run in the March 10, 1992 primaries. Since that time a number of people have filed for office, including four for Precinct 1 county commissioner.

Snyder received some disappointing news when it was decided that Sweetwater will host AHA National Finals Rodeo for 1993-94. Snyder will hold the 1992 version in August. It will be

the 17th consecutive year for Scurry County Coliseum to entertain the event.

Excessive precipitation, cloudy skies and cold temperatures, along with an earlier outbreak of aphids, led to a bleak cotton crop for the county. Gins were still active at the end of the year, but most were processing only half of the previous year's amount. The county was among 40 in Texas declared eligible for EMHA emergency loans because of crop loss due to weather.

City leaders announced in December that Snyder's bid proposal for a second prison unit was complete. The bid will be delivered to Austin in January.

Mike Post was named District 3 city councilman, replacing Joe Coronado. Coronado resigned because he moved from the district.

Among the other top news for October, November and December were the following items.

—The city approved redistricting to equalize the population in four single-member districts.

—Snyder High School clinched a second straight District 2-4A tennis championship. The Tiger football team, 2-4A runner-up, fell to Pampa 31-15 in the first round of the playoffs. Ira and Borden County football squads also advanced to postseason play and were defeated in the first round (see **REVIEW**, page 8).

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The teller on Deep Creek says, "Hatred can be more acid to the place it is stored than to the place it is poured."

While everybody is still recalling the top events of 1991, Anita Hill, Judge Clarence Thomas, Ted Kennedy and Magic Johnson still seem to make just about every list.

No doubt, Anita Hill called nationwide attention to the problem of sexual harassment. It seems, however, that all the attention has failed to establish a clear definition of the offense.

One law expert defined it broadly: "It's whatever the victim perceives it to be."

Law has never been easy to sort out. Snyder banker Charlie Bell told us the story about the woman who filed a breach of promise suit against her ex-boyfriend.

That man made love to me and promised to marry me. Instead, he married another woman. The judge awarded her \$100,000.

The next case on the docket was brought by a woman who had been run over by an automobile. She sustained three broken ribs. The same judge awarded her \$300.

Moral: Don't break their hearts, kick 'em in the ribs.

A little-known event occurred late in 1991 over in Terry County between Brownfield and Lubbock.

It seems the highway patrol stopped a driver and spouse and promptly wrote a ticket for speeding. It wasn't until the motorist signed for the ticket and inquired about a good eating establishment that the DPS officer realized he had cited Trigger's best friend.

The heavy-footed motorist was the popular King of the Cowboys, Roy Rogers.

Moral of that story: If Mr. Clean can't get off with just a warning in Terry County, you'd better make a new year's resolution to drive 55.

Judge approves settlement in 17-year-old MHMR lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards says a federal judge's approval of a settlement in the 17-year-old lawsuit filed against the state Mental Health and Mental Retardation agency allows the state to "regain control and flexibility" in providing care.

Under the agreement approved Monday by U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders, at least one of 13 state schools would be closed by 1994 to streamline the mental retardation care system and redirect funds to community-based services.

Eventually two schools would be closed, which would remove between 600 and 1,400 residents from state institutions.

Sanders, who has been overseeing state schools and hospitals since 1983, gave his approval to the settlement despite the opposition of the parents of John Lelsz Jr., 39, the chief plaintiff in the class action suit filed on behalf of the state's mental patients.

"This is a historic moment for this agency," MHMR commissioner Dennis Jones said in a statement. "With the judge's action today, the way is clear for the final chapter to be written in this long and crucial court case."

There were two prior settlements in 1983 and 1987. The latest settlement was negotiated by attorneys representing the Department of Mental Health-Mental Retardation and about 2,000 of the state's almost 7,000 state school residents.

Sanders' action was praised Monday by Richards, who also must approve the plan before it can be implemented.

"Our program for persons with mental retardation has been in the hands of the court for 17 years. I am very pleased that Judge Sanders has signed the settlement agreement giving us the opportunity to end the Lelsz v. Kavanagh lawsuit," the governor said.

"The end of this lawsuit will al-

low the state to regain control and flexibility in providing the best services for people with mental retardation," she added.

Richards said the MHMR State Facility Review Task Force is "moving forward" in deciding whether to recommend closure of state schools.

"I look forward to their report by the end of March," she said.

John Lelsz Sr. and Ruth Lelsz opposed the proposed settlement, they said, out of fear the plan will force retarded citizens out of state institutions. An intervenor in the suit, the Parent Association for the Retarded of Texas (PART), also opposed the settlement.

Sanders said Monday that he determined "after careful consideration" that the proposed settlement "is fair, adequate, reasonable, and in the best interests of the state."

Sanders presided in late November during two days of hearings concerning the proposed settlement. Afterward, he asked lawyers for both sides to file legal briefs, and reviewed those documents before issuing his ruling on Monday.

The proposal would close two

of the state's 13 schools for the mentally retarded by gradually shifting 600 residents to community-based care such as halfway houses.

The settlement provides that at least 95 percent of the 600 community placements will be into homes of no more than six residents.

A task force would have to be created to recommend what schools to close or consolidate. Richards would have the final decision whether to close a school.

The closures, which Richards has endorsed, would be the first in the state mental health system since it began in 1917.

In hearings on Nov. 25-26, parents complained that the latest settlement offer relies on community care that may be less helpful than what is provided by a state school.

"They have opted for a way out of the lawsuit that we believe is fundamentally wrong," Paul Smith, attorney for PART said during the hearings.

Paul Coggins, a Dallas attorney for MHMR, had dismissed the parents' concerns.

Dear Abby

Small Successes Bring Major Victories Well Within Reach

By Abigail Van Buren
1991 Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR READERS: My New Year's column has become an annual tradition since 1973. These New Year's resolutions are based on the original credo of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have taken the liberty of using that theme with some variations of my own:

Just for today I will live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once. I know I can do something for 24 hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln said, "Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." He was right. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those things I cannot correct.

Just for today I will improve my mind. I will not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know to be fattening. And I will force myself to exercise — even if it's only walking around the block or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off for a long time. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

Just for today, before I speak

I will ask myself, "Is it true? Is it kind?" and if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as good as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not improve anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

To one and all: Have a happy, healthy new year. And to ensure a happy new year for everyone else, if you're driving, don't drink, and if you're drinking, don't drive. Have a designated driver or take a cab.

— LOVE, ABBY

P.S.: God bless our men and women in uniform in every corner of the world where our flag is flying. And let us not forget those patriotic Americans who are serving their country in the Peace Corps, as well as those who have served and are now in veterans' hospitals and nursing homes.

Most teen-agers do not know the facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy. It's all in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Astro-graphs By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 31, 1991

Partnerships could prove to be very

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 31, 1991

Today is NEW YEAR'S EVE. It is the 365th day of 1991 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1974, gold became legal in the United States after 40 years of restriction.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: George Meade (1815-1872), U.S. Union Army general; George C. Marshall (1880-1959), U.S. Army general-statesman; Anthony Hopkins (1937), actor, is 54; John Denver (1943), singer-composer-actor, is 48; Ben Kingsley (1943), actor, is 48; Tim Matheson (1947), actor, is 44; Donna Summer (1948), singer, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1953, jockey Willie Shoemaker ended the year with a record total of 485 winners.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Morale is the state of mind. It is steadfastness and courage and hope. It is confidence and zeal and loyalty. It is élan, esprit de corps and determination." — George C. Marshall

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1947, a late afternoon tornado touched down 10 miles north of Shreveport, La., and dissipated south of El Dorado, Ark. The storm destroyed or damaged 67 percent of the structures in Cotton Valley, La., and caused 18 deaths.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 27) and new moon (Jan. 4).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET
Seeing the New Year in is very difficult for those who see the old year out with too much enthusiasm.

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constructive for you in the year ahead, both socially and commercially. It looks like you might get involved in several.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be in a more gregarious mood than usual today. Plan something fun that takes you where there is a lot of activity and where you can meet and make new friends. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is an excellent day for you to attempt to breathe new life into something that is in need of revival, especially if it pertains to your vocation or career.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have to sit in judgment of another today, place yourself in the other guy's shoes. If you do, you could end up making a new friend instead of an adversary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A joint endeavor, whose worth had you puzzled, could reveal its intrinsic value today. Follow your instincts, pro or con, as to how it should be handled from this point forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Adopt a give-and-take attitude today so that you do not disturb the delicate balance in a significant relationship. It can be handled effectively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Kind words and sensible procedures should come easily for you today. It will enable you and others to do a good job regarding something all of you would rather not do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Social contacts are of more importance to you at this time than you may realize. In your dealings with others, make it a point to do everything the way Miss Manners would.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The personal identity you may have been searching for can be found today by reviewing your early experiences. The answer lies at the core, where it all began.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might get involved in a serious discussion today where you will want to offer another what you believe to be constructive suggestions. Be careful that it doesn't become outright criticism.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A chance for personal gain has been available to you on various occasions, yet you've been unable to effectively capitalize on it. Don't let it evade you again today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are in a very favorable cycle where you should be able to reap the types of rewards you anticipate from situations you personally create or control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You have a guardian angel hovering over you today who should provide you with the proper inner resolve to manage anything that comes your way, be it favorable or unfavorable.

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Telecheck: Christmas sales reflect Texas' improving economy

HOUSTON (AP) — Overall spending in Texas during the Christmas shopping season rose 3.1 percent, with shoppers writing more checks for smaller amounts, according to a check-monitoring company.

During the period after Thanksgiving and ending on Christmas, the average check in Texas was \$106.40, down 2.3 percent since from last year, Ken Wait, vice chairman and co-founder of Houston-based Telecheck South-west, said Monday. But the number of checks used rose 5.5 percent.

Wait said those figures indicate that more shoppers in the middle- and lower-economic levels are buying.

In Oklahoma, by contrast, overall sales were up only 1.9 percent over last year. The average check size was \$117.24, up 9.6 percent over last year, while the usage was

down 7.6 percent.

"They are having a little bit of a problem there," Wait said. "It's tied to the economy because we're not getting full participation from all wage earners. This shows we're getting sales from the higher wage earners, but not the average shoppers."

For Oklahoma, Wait said, the retail economy has stagnated.

"I think they're not getting any worse and not getting any better," he said. "To a degree, it's stagnation. Last year, they were only up 0.6 of a percent, so they're a little better off, but not much."

In Texas, the final shopping days proved to be stronger than the first ones.

"In the last few days right on through Tuesday (Christmas Eve), we had a lot of shoppers out there," Wait said.

The number of shoppers on Dec. 21, the last Saturday before Christmas, was "12 percent above this year's Friday after Thanksgiving," which traditionally is a major shopping day. Wait said the increase was more significant since many of the larger shopping areas were deluged with heavy rains that day.

Of the three largest economic centers in the state, Houston showed the strongest gains for the year, Wait said. Houston showed an overall increase of 4.2 percent. The average check written in Houston was down 3.5 percent to \$109.27, but the number of checks written was up 7.7 percent.

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Tour available to AARP meeting

AARP's biennial convention will be held in San Antonio June 2-4. A tour is available to local AARP members. The tour package includes transportation, lodging and tickets to Seaworld and Botanical Gardens.

The cost of the six-day and five-night tour is \$240. Sixty dollars is due when registering with the balance due by April 1.

The convention will include informational sessions featuring various speakers including Debbie Reynolds, Alex Haley and Lady Bird Johnson.

Special activities, exhibits and entertainment are also planned. Registration fee for the convention is \$3 and tickets for the Mel Torme show are \$8 each.

For more information contact Paul Gentry 915-694-5561 or Bob Joiner 915-385-0633.

Ruth West is the president of the Snyder AARP chapter.

Evictions return to Milwaukee after holiday moratorium ends

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Any other year, Consuelo Owsley might have been making plans for New Year's Eve. This year, she was clutching her clothes as her home was being emptied out.

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Milwaukee's informal Christmas moratorium on evictions was halted this year after the American Civil Liberties Union complained that the practice violates the separation of church and state.

For the 17-year-old Miss Owsley, her 1-year-old daughter, sister and mother, Monday's eviction for not paying rent spoiled the upcoming holiday.

"I'm just going to grab all my clothes," said Miss Owsley, who picked up her daughter's shoes as a mover swept a dresser's contents into a cardboard box. "I don't know if I'll get them back."

Landlords had long objected to the moratorium and asked the courts to stop it last Christmas, but the request was rejected. They had argued that there were no policies preventing the eviction of Jews during Passover or Muslims during Ramadan.

Earlier this year, Wisconsin ACLU Director Eunice Edgar wrote a letter to Milwaukee County Chief Judge Patrick J. Sheedy, arguing that the moratorium had the effect of promoting a religious celebration.

Sheedy agreed and ordered an end to the practice. He said the county "would have no defense" if it were sued.

Timothy White said he felt like Scrooge as his moving crew packed up Miss Owsley's family's belongings while two sheriff's detectives watched. "I don't like to do it," he said. "It's hard, but it pays my rent."

Until this year, one of the detectives, Robert Johns, a seven-year member of the department's eviction team, would work overtime in the days before Christmas to avoid throwing people out of their homes on Christmas Eve.

GOP ballot to list Duke

AUSTIN (AP) — A state Democratic official says it's too bad that former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke is set to be on Texas' 1992 Republican presidential primary ballot.

"I think it's a shame that David Duke is a serious candidate for anything in this country, but if he's going to run in any party, I think the Republicans invited it ... You've seen them play the race card over and over again," said Ed Martin, state Democratic Party executive director.

Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer said Monday that Duke was "welcome to file."

"We believe in the democratic process," he said.

But Meyer added, "I believe this is Bush country ... I just don't believe David Duke will be out of the single digits."

The State Republican Executive Committee has adopted a resolution supporting Bush for reelection.

Meyer said he was not concerned that the Democratic Party might use Duke's candidacy to criticize Republicans: "I don't believe that he (Duke) is a mainstream Republican."

Duke spokesman Mark Ellis has said that Duke's issues are "welfare reform, fair trade and an end to all race preference, affirmative action and quota programs."

Former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke is set to be on Texas' 1992 Republican presidential primary ballot after the state GOP received his application and a \$5,000 filing fee, a party spokeswoman said Monday.

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Happy New Year

Candidates — who's to say who gets a say?

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — When two minor presidential candidates blustered their way onto the stage at a political forum earlier this month, some called it a victory for the people, a chance to hear more diverse ideas. Others complained that the outsiders robbed sparse time from the major candidates and steered the

discussion into nebulous rhetoric on unrelated topics.

Either way, the incident raised questions about how much democracy is available for many of the little-known candidates who want to be president.

There are plenty of them this year — a record 36 Democrats, 26 Republicans and one Libertarian

will be on the ballot for New Hampshire's leadoff presidential primaries Feb. 18.

It's impossible to include all contenders in debates and other forums and hope the voters can make any sense of the events. But party leaders and the candidates are still wrestling over who gets excluded and why.

The New Hampshire Democratic Party is drawing the line at those who have held statewide office.

New York City activist and Democratic candidate Lenora Fulani complains that standard is too strict, noting that it would have barred Jesse Jackson in 1988.

"If you leave it up to professional Democrats and Republicans, they won't include ordinary people," said Fulani, who finagled herself onto the stage at a Dec. 19 health care forum for the candidates.

Fulani, a 41-year-old psychologist who ran in 1988 as well, was allowed to join the major Demo-

crats after about 50 of her supporters — bused in from New York, New Jersey and Boston — chanted her name until she was given a seat.

The state party's rules did allow for the participation of former Minnesota Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the health care forum. But his main contribution was comic relief and his only attempt to detail his health care plan was cut short because he had used up his time reminiscing about past reform efforts.

Arguably more to the point was Larry Agran, the former mayor of Irvine, Calif. After earning a seat by shouting from the audience, Agran took a dig at the rules, pointing out he had served on a

state health care board appointed by one of the candidates already on stage, former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

Agran agreed there's got to be a cutoff, but he said the New Hampshire Democrats' standard is too arbitrary.

NBC, which held the first nationally televised Democratic debate on Dec. 15, invited only the six candidates generally recognized as the top contenders, the ones given a chance at winning the nomination.

One of them, Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, indicated that's the most logical method.

"Come on, common sense can tell you who they are," Harkin says of the mainstream

candidates.

Fulani supporters have asked the Democratic National Committee to take action against the state party, charging "clear violations" of rules intended to assure an open party, non-discrimination and affirmative action.

State Democratic Chairman Chris Spirow says he won't be bullied.

"Some of us in New Hampshire have smelled the gunpowder of battle before," he said.

"I guess it's time the headstrong meets the headstrong," said Fulani spokeswoman Madelyn Chapman.

Chapman insists there could be "fair and inclusive standards," such as the candidates' eligibility for federal matching funds. By that standard, Fulani ranks third — behind only President Bush and Harkin.

Nat'l group questions mandatory jail terms

AUSTIN (AP) — The wife of a man sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary for marijuana possession is part of a movement against mandatory minimum prison terms in drug cases.

Members of Families Against Mandatory Minimums say the federal sentencing laws ignore individual circumstances, the Austin American-Statesman reported Monday.

The organization has an estimated 2,500 members nationwide, including 75 in Texas.

Lisa Grimm of Austin, whose husband was convicted last year of possession of less than two pounds of marijuana, is among those who oppose mandatory terms.

If Michael Grimm had been found guilty in state court, where sentences vary, he might have received probation or been paroled after a short prison term.

But Grimm was arrested in a sting operation run by the FBI and Texas Department of Public Safety and tried in federal courts, where minimum sentences are part of the federal government's war on drugs.

Grimm, sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary, must

serve four years and three months before becoming eligible for release.

"When he left, we were like any modern couple," said Ms. Grimm. "We had two cars, a car payment insurance, loans. When he left, I was five months pregnant. If I didn't have a good job, I wouldn't have made it. I didn't qualify for any kind of welfare payments at all."

Ms. Grimm said the rules can be arbitrary: For testifying against her husband, another defendant served less than one year in federal prison, even though he was caught with a larger amount of marijuana and had a prior conviction for possession of LSD.

"What justice is that?" asked Ms. Grimm.

A U.S. Sentencing Commission report critical of the sentencing guidelines said the only way to avoid a mandatory minimum sentence is to provide substantial information to the prosecution in exchange for a reduced sentence.

"Unlike the ringleader of an operation, low-level participants seldom have valuable information to trade for a lower sentencing," said the commission report.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
- Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.
- Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.
- Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn; for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.
- ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
- TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
- Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
- New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.
- Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

- Free blood pressure clinic; Hermeleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
- Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

- Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
- Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
- Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
- Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
- Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.
- Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.
- Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.
- Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.
- New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

- Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
- Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
- Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
- ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
- Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
- Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.
- Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.
- Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (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.



Brittany Scott says; "Happy Birthday to my daddy, who protects me and my mommy, even with a broom and a bucket."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-31-91
 ♠ K 7 6 3
 ♥ Q
 ♦ 8 5
 ♣ A Q J 10 8 6

WEST
 ♠ ---
 ♥ 10 9 7 5 4 2
 ♦ Q J 10 2
 ♣ K 9 3

EAST
 ♠ 9 5 4
 ♥ K J
 ♦ A K 7 6 3
 ♣ 7 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 10 8 2
 ♥ A 8 6 3
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 5

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♦	2♦
2♦	4♦	5♦	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

The rabbi ruses the ruse

By Phillip Alder

One of the favorite tactics of an expert is deception. He loves to mislead an opponent into making a mistake.

Rabbi Leonard Helman does particularly well in bidding competitions that are set in bridge magazines worldwide. At the table, he is a skillful performer, but he was deceived on today's deal. If you would like to test yourself, cover the West and South cards. Sitting East, you are defending against a five-spade contract. Your partner opens the diamond queen; you overtake with the king and cash the ace. What do you lead at trick three?

The deal occurred during a social game in Sydney, Australia. North had an awkward decision in the bidding. He was too strong to sign off in four spades. His actual jump to five spades asked South to bid six with a diamond control.

After winning the first two tricks with his top diamonds, East made the diabolical switch to the heart jack. South, Helman, won with the heart ace, cashed the spade ace and paused to consider. From the bidding, East had to have one of the missing kings. And from the play at trick three, West was "marked" with the heart king. Helman led a club to dummy's ace, called for the club queen and, when East played low, discarded a heart.

When West won with the king, Helman turned to East. "You overcalled vulnerable with only eight points?"

"No," admitted East, pretending to search through his remaining cards. "I think I have the heart king in here somewhere."

"If only I had taken time out to ruff one heart in the dummy before touching clubs," lamented the rabbi.

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Letter to the Editor

Letter to Editor:

We all make mistakes, but some can be corrected. Voters make mistakes. Commissioners make mistakes. It takes a big person to admit that he or she made a mistake. But, most all vehicles have a steering wheel and can be turned around.

Our County Commissioners Court has tried to be conservative, but it seems that they have gone too far. No one in Austin pays these taxes that support our schools, college, parks, hospital, coliseum and all the other good things that we enjoy here in Scurry County.

My commissioner, when campaigning, promised to turn some things around. I didn't realize that it was to be a 300-mile turnaround. I understand that the bid for Scurry County insurance is to be given to an out-of-town firm. Also, I understand that much of our county money is not being invested in our local financial insti-

tutions, but in out-of-town firms. Our local merchants are called on quite often to support and contribute to all kinds of drives and benefits. I have never heard of any firm in Austin helping with anything in Scurry County.

The commissioners court has created a position of Road Supervisor at a pretty fair salary, but maybe they need a Business Consultant.

The commissioners meet each Monday to make decisions in the biggest business in the county and can correct previous mistakes on any Monday, but, it takes a taxpayer/voter four years to correct his mistake. I am a small taxpayer and I would like to see my small part stay at home if it is at all possible.

Sincerely,
 Don L. Sealy
 Route 1, Box 378B
 Snyder, Tx. 79549

Singer Lou Rawls collects pledges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Lou Rawls collected \$10 million in pledges during his 12th annual telethon to benefit black colleges.

"With the economy being what it is, I think we're doing tremendous," Rawls said after the star-studded gala for the United Negro College Fund.

Among the stars appearing Saturday were Marilyn McCoo, Bill Cosby, Bob Hope, Melba Moore, John Forsythe, Reba McEntire and Rosanne and Tom Arnold.

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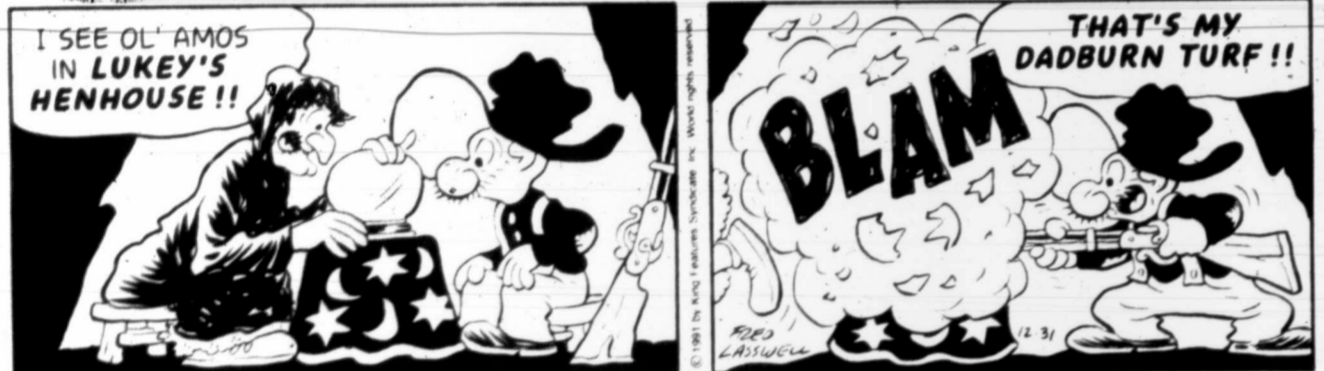
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ACROSS

- 1 Thrifty
- 7 Most independent
- 13 A micro-organism
- 14 Expose to air
- 15 Bicycle for two
- 16 Lighting device
- 17 Printer's measures
- 18 Cupid
- 20 Fedora, e.g.
- 21 Feeling
- 24 At a distance
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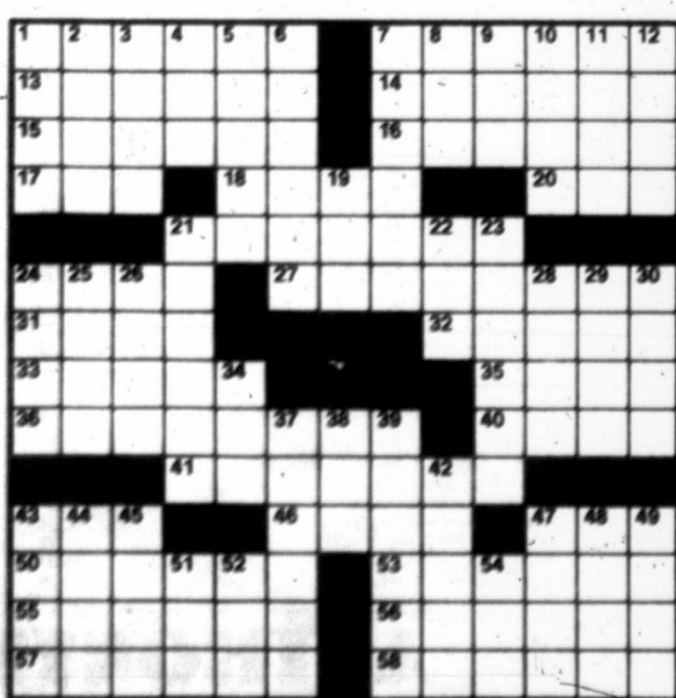
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- 3 Plant containers
- 4 Divine being
- 5 At right angles to ship
- 6 Actor Jack
- 7 Cloth

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Female sandpiper
- 9 Time period
- 10 Apiece
- 11 Colonnade
- 12 Camper's dwelling
- 19 Ear (comb. form)
- 21 Destroyed
- 22 Baseball player Mel
- 23 Took care of
- 24 Affected manner
- 25 German Mrs.
- 26 Moslem prince
- 28 Tears
- 29 Intellect
- 30 Slave
- 34 Chemical suffix
- 37 Detective Queen
- 38 Ocean
- 39 Instigate (2 wds.)
- 42 Day's march
- 43 Flying saucers (abbr.)
- 44 Disembarked
- 45 Cloth ridge
- 47 Mormon State
- 48 Measure
- 49 Arabian port
- 51 TV's — Peepies
- 52 Food fish
- 54 A federal org.



LAFF-A-DAY



58-24 in non-district tilt...

Permian dumps Lady Tigers

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

"Actually, I was hoping the break would help us. I thought maybe with the break we would come back ready to play," said a dejected Snyder coach Laurie Welch Monday night after her Lady Tigers were pummeled by Odessa Permian, 58-24, in non-district basketball action. The loss came following an eight-day holiday break from the court.

"I knew we would probably get tired a little easier after the layoff, but we just didn't do very well handling the ball."

"Turnovers killed us," coach Welch continued. "We just gave up the ball too many times. We looked real sloppy."

"We did some good things at times throughout the game, but we just are not consistent enough. We have to take better care of the ball. We probably had close to 30 turnovers and you can't win basketball games with that many turnovers. When you give the ball up, it takes a scoring opportunity away from you and gives it to the other team."

Snyder turned the ball over 28 times in the battle, 12 times in the first quarter when the Lady Tigers

were outscored, 15-2. "We were kind of lethargic," Welch added. "We didn't play well on defense and we gave the ball away too much on the offensive end."

A basket by SHS junior Jennifer Kime with under five minutes to go in the opening period drew the Lady Tigers to 3-2 before a 12-0 spurt by Permian set the tally at 15-2 at the end of the quarter and set the tone for the game.

Snyder, which did not score in double figures in any quarter Monday, was down 27-10 at the end of the half, and trailed 40-18 after three frames.

The Lady Panthers allowed Snyder just six points in the final stanza while scoring 18.

Permian's Nikki Wallace hit a back-door layup with four seconds to go to wind up the night's scoring.

Senior Daisy Brazziel scored 11 to lead the Lady Tigers. Brazziel hit five of the team's nine baskets from the field and added a free throw.

The Lady Panthers were paced by L'Tanya Williams' 15 points and 10 from Brandi Craig.

The loss drops the SHS girls to 2-15 on the season.

In other games Monday, Snyder's junior varsity dumped Permian, 30-17, and the PHS sophomore team edged a team of SHS freshmen and JV players, 28-26.

The Lady Tigers return to the court Friday at Merkel.

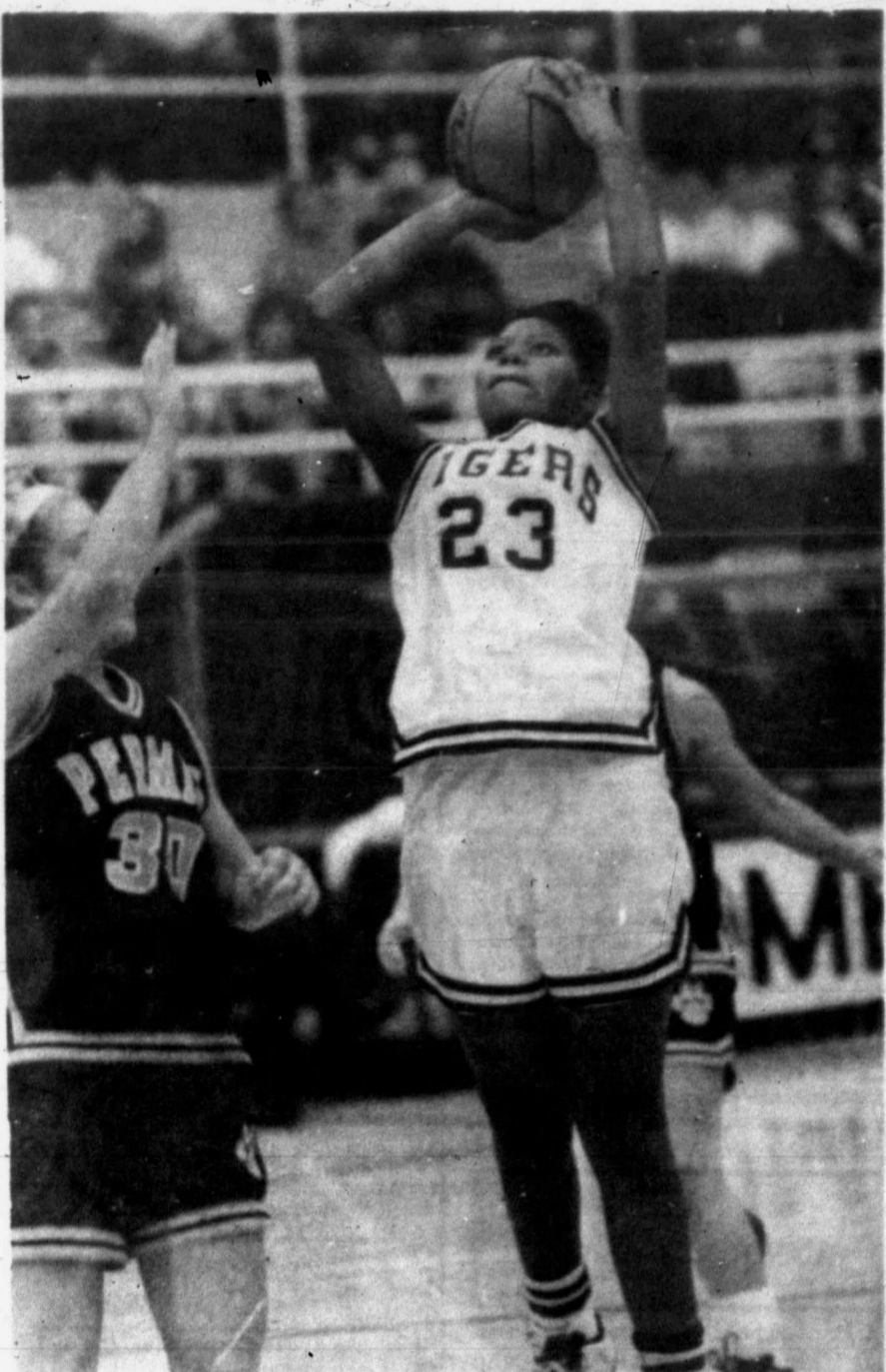
Junior varsity action begins at 4 p.m. followed by the varsity contest, scheduled to tip-off at 7 p.m.

District 2-4A competition commences Jan. 10 as the Lady Tigers travel to Levelland to take on the Class 4A state champion Loboettes.

PERMIAN (58) — Anderson 31-27; Craig 34-4 10; Wilson 4 0-0 8; Taylor 1 0-0 2; Wallace 3 0-0 6; Williams 7 1-3 15; Nesbitt 1 3-4 5; TOTALS 24 10-15 58

SNYDER (24) — Duncan 2 0-0 4; Ball 1 3-4 5; Ragland 0 2-2; Brazziel 5 1-4 11; Kime 1 0-0 2; Fambro 0 0-1 0; TOTALS 9 6-11 24

3-point goals: none. Total fouls: Snyder 13, Permian 16. Fouled out: none. Record: Snyder 2-15, Permian 15 12 13 18 58
Snyder 2 8 8 6 24



HIGH SCORER — Snyder's Daisy Brazziel goes for a bucket Monday night as the Lady Tigers fell to Odessa Permian, 58-24. Brazziel's 11 points on the night were a team best. (SDN Staff Photo)

College football...

Detmer, BYU tie Iowa, 13-13

by The Associated Press
Ty Detmer, who kept defensive coordinators awake nights for four record-setting seasons, faced the loss of some sack time himself as he pondered the last play of his college career.

The Brigham Young quarterback, who threw for an unprecedented 15,031 yards and 121 touchdowns, admitted making a mistake when he launched his 1,673rd and last college pass from the Iowa 18. It was intercepted at the goal line by Carlos James, killing BYU's last scoring chance and forcing the Cougars to settle for a 13-13 tie with the seventh-ranked Hawkeyes in the Holiday Bowl on Monday night.

"Iowa is a great team, and I'm not going to go home and lose any sleep over a tie," Detmer said. "I am going to lose some sleep over that last pass."

The ball glanced off the hands of tight end Byron Rex at the Iowa 10 and James, ready to move in for the tackle, instead found the ball in his lap.

Detmer performed mightily, completing 29 of 44 attempts for 350 yards and the two touchdowns that rallied BYU (8-3-2) from a 13-0 deficit.

Ironically, Detmer had reason to celebrate a tie only six weeks ago in the same San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. On that occasion, he rallied BYU from a 28-point deficit to a 52-52 tie with San Diego State.

"Two ties in one year here — one was a good one, the other one not so good," said Detmer, the 1990 Heisman Trophy winner and a two-time All-America. "I'd like to go out a winner. This kind of tie is like a loss to me."

BYU was in the Holiday Bowl because it won the Western Athletic Conference championship. WAC runnerup San Diego State was in the Freedom Bowl up the coast at Anaheim in large part because of its own statistical giant, freshman running back Marshall Faulk.

Like Detmer, Faulk put up some big numbers in a non-winning effort. Instead, was Tulsa's Ron Jackson who stole the spotlight, rushing for a game-record four touchdowns and 211 yards as the Golden Hurricane beat the Aztecs 28-17.

Faulk, the first freshman ever to lead the nation in rushing and scoring, hit his season average with 157 yards and a touchdown, and also caught nine passes for 42 yards.

Mike Saunders scored on runs of 13 and 5 yards for Iowa (10-1-1), which could have won it had Jeff Skilleit not missed a conversion kick after the first TD or a 40-yard field goal with four minutes to play.

BYU, on the other hand, could have won it if Earl Kauffmann hadn't missed a PAT and a field goal, or if backup Keith Lever hadn't missed another field goal. Missed opportunities were costly to San Diego State, which tried to take Tulsa out of the game early.

The Aztecs drove 86 yards following the kickoff, with Faulk's 2-yard run producing the TD. The Aztecs gambled with an inside kick, but the ball failed to travel 10

yards and Tulsa took over only 64 yards away.

Jackson quickly showed that he knew how to get there, even if he had been a sub all year. He got the call Monday night because starter Chris Hughley was suspended for academic reasons.

"This is the best game I've ever had," Jackson said. "I've never carried this much or gained this many yards before. It was harder than it looked. They were really laying some helmets on me out there."

NBA roundup...

Jordan, Hill argue after foul

by The Associated Press

Basketball fans are used to yelling and screaming about high-flying, gravity-defying displays by Michael Jordan. They are not accustomed to yelling and screaming from Jordan.

That's what the folks in Indianapolis got Monday night as the Chicago Bulls continued their mastery of the NBA with a 109-104 victory over the Pacers. Jordan scored 29 points and Scottie Pippen had 26 in the league champions' sixth straight win, ninth victory in 10 games and 23rd in 25.

But when Indiana's Chuck Person was called for a flagrant foul against John Paxson and ejected with 3:51 left, it spurred a heated exchange between Jordan and Indiana coach Bob Hill at the Pacers' bench, resulting in technicals on both.

"Hill was on the court protesting what the ref was saying, so I was protesting what he was saying," Jordan explained. "It was a

good call. I was right there. "Chuck hit John with an elbow in the jaw. If he's going to bat for Chuck, I'm going to bat for John," added Jordan.

"After I let the ball go, I saw him coming and he just hit me in the jaw with his elbow," Paxson said. "It was flagrant. The ref made a good call."

Not according to Hill — so he argued the ejection. "I just saw the coach out on the floor yelling at Michael and I don't like that," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said.

Reggie Miller and Detlef Schrempf had 24 points apiece for Indiana, which cut a 20-point deficit to 102-99 on a layup by George McClood. But three free throws, two by Pippen, clinched it.

Also, it was New Jersey 122, Orlando 112, leaving the Magic winless for December; Golden State 114, the Los Angeles Lakers 99; Boston 97, Los Angeles Clippers 86; Sacramento 117, Minnesota 109; Phoenix 110, Detroit 103; Denver 109, Philadelphia 93; Cleveland 121, Houston 89; and Washington 94, San Antonio 84.

Cavaliers 121, Rockets 89
Brad Daugherty scored 18 points and Mark Price had 17 points and 10 assists, all in less than three quarters for Cleveland.

Larry Nance and John Williams each had five of Cleveland's 16 blocked shots.

Bullets 94, Spurs 84
The Bullets won their first game at the Capital Centre in more than five weeks as Harvey Grant scored 24 points and rookie Larry Stewart had 23.

David Robinson had 25 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots for the Spurs.

Nets 122, Magic 112
The Magic finished December with their 15th straight defeat, while the Nets strung together four wins for the first time since March 1987.

Nick Anderson scored a career-high 36 points. Nets center Sam Bowie scored 24 points to share team scoring honors with Derrick Coleman.

Warriors 114, Lakers 99
Tim Hardaway scored 30 points to bounce back from his NBA re-

Bowl lineup

By The Associated Press

All Times EST

Monday, Dec. 30

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego

Iowa 13, Brigham Young 13, tie

Freedom Bowl

At Anaheim, Calif.

Tulsa 28, San Diego State 17

Tuesday, Dec. 31

John Hancock Bowl

At El Paso, Texas

Illinois (6-5) vs. UCLA (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Copper Bowl

At Tucson, Ariz.

Baylor (8-3) vs. Indiana (6-4-1), 8 p.m. (WTBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Feuch Bowl

At Atlanta

East Carolina (10-1) vs. North Carolina State (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Hall of Fame Bowl

At Tampa, Fla.

Syracuse (9-2) vs. Ohio State (8-3), 1 p.m. (NBC)

Citrus Bowl

At Orlando, Fla.

California (9-2) vs. Clemson (9-1-1), 1:30 p.m. (ABC)

Cotton Bowl

At Dallas

Florida State (10-2) vs. Texas A&M (10-1), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Fiesta Bowl

At Tempe, Ariz.

Penn State (10-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)

Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif.

Washington (11-0) vs. Michigan (10-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl

At Miami

Miami (11-0) vs. Nebraska (9-1-1), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Sugar Bowl

At New Orleans

Notre Dame (9-3) vs. Florida (10-1), 8:20 p.m. (ABC)

Buffalo RB earns NFL MVP honors

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Remember the pesky little kid who always wanted to play with the bigger, older kids? He never got to — unless he could prove he belonged.

That was Thurman Thomas.

"In my neighborhood, I was the smallest kid," Thomas said. "I would dare anybody to do anything."

A compelling need to prove himself is deeply grooved into Thomas' nature. Don't for a second believe it will disappear just because the Buffalo Bills running back won this year's AP NFL Most Valuable Player award.

"I don't want to get into a situation where, after this year, I don't start performing like I have been," Thomas said. "I want to be consistent at what I do."

No problem. For the third year in a row, Thomas led the NFL in combined rushing and receiving yards. His 2,038 yards from scrimmage gives him 5,780 over the past three seasons.

Still, Thomas feels, as he has for the past several seasons, he is underappreciated.

"I think what probably would make me happy is, with this year getting a lot of awards, and hopefully next year and the year after, that will probably satisfy me and probably earn me the respect I think I deserve," he said.

The most recent snub came after the Super Bowl.

The New York Giants came in knowing they'd have to stop Thomas — and couldn't. He ran 15 times for 135 yards and tacked on 55 receiving yards. Through no fault of his, the Bills lost. Despite his stellar performance, Thomas was beaten out by the Giants' O.J. Anderson for MVP honors.

"I'm still bitter," he said, noting that players from losing teams have won the MVP award. "If it had never been done before, I would have no say-so about it. But it had been done before and I feel I was the best performer on the field that night."

Even if in the future, Thomas thinks he's getting his just desserts, it's unlikely he'll acknowledge that publicly. He admits he's the kind of person who does his best work when he's the underdog.

"I was always small, always the smallest guy doing something," said Thomas, who by NFL standards is a diminutive 5-foot-11, 198 pounds.

"And it always kind of bothered me, people saying, 'Well, you're too small to do this, you're too small to do that. Don't even try it. You can't do it. You can't dunk a basketball. Or you can't run over a guy that weighs 220 pounds when you only weigh 130.' Things like that have always motivated me toward doing something that I know I can do when other people say I can't do it."

Playing with older, stronger players, Thomas got good enough to earn a scholarship to Oklahoma State, and it didn't take him long to get better.

College hoops

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Cornell 74, Winthrop 52
Providence 75, Cent. Connecticut St. 63
Rice 78, Fairfield 77
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Georgia Tech 98, St. Bonaventure 60
Howard U. 74, Towson St. 69
Iona 105, Stetson 102, OT
LSU 123, Nicholls St. 61
Louisiana Tech 76, Jackson St. 72
Mississippi St. 72, Samford 48
N.C.-Greensboro 81, W. Carolina 79, OT
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SW Louisiana 104, Fla. International 93, 2OT
South Carolina 84, Davidson 56
Tennessee 92, Furman 74
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E. Michigan 89, Detroit 81
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Marquette 93, Md.-Baltimore County 63
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Ark.-Little Rock 85, SE Missouri 77, OT
Baylor 80, North Texas 66
Houston 83, Cal St.-Fullerton 67
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Miami	14	16	467	6
Philadelphia	13	16	448	6 1/2
New Jersey	11	18	379	8 1/2
Washington	11	18	379	8 1/2
Orlando	6	23	207	13 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	24	4	857	—
Cleveland	19	9	679	5
Detroit	15	15	500	10
Milwaukee	14	14	500	10
Atlanta	13	15	464	11
Indiana	12	18	400	13
Charlotte	8	23	258	17 1/2

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Houston	16	13	552	2
San Antonio	16	13	552	2
Denver	12	16	429	5 1/2
Dallas	12	17	414	6
Minnesota	4	23	148	13

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Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Phoenix	19	10	655	1
Portland	19	10	655	1
LA Lakers	17	12	586	3
Seattle	15	13	536	4 1/2
LA Clippers	16	15	516	5
Sacramento	8	20	286	11 1/2

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Save old newspapers, farmers may need them

WASHINGTON (AP) — Old newspapers may have a higher worth than as wrappings for dead fish. A government scientist says they also can be used to turn hard-packed dirt into crumbly, nutrient-rich soil.

James H. Edwards, a soil scientist with the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Auburn, Ala., reports that by combining newspaper and other ingredients he is growing cotton, corn and soybeans in soil that previously had been so hard that it could be compared to sandstone.

"A fingernail can't penetrate it," Edwards said.

But Edwards said he has prevailed over the hard land by using shredded back copies of the Opelika-Auburn News combined with chicken litter mixed with soil.

When cotton plants are grown in the mix, roots reach four feet deep, Roberts said, instead of the six inches common in the Southeast. The roots aren't stopped by the hardpan common to the region, he said.

The recipe Roberts has been using calls for 40 percent shredded newspaper, 50 percent soil and 10 percent to 15 percent of chicken litter.

He uses it to fill a trench four feet deep and six inches wide. The

chicken litter causes the newspaper to decompose rapidly, a fact Edwards says is probably due to the microbes and ammonia it contributes to the mix.

Edwards says a two-foot trench might be best for commercial use.

And he says he is testing the mix on the surface at depths of only six inches.

"It's a mistake to call newspapers, leaves and grass clippings waste," Edwards says. "They loosen soil, add organic matter,

provide nutrients and beneficially effect soil pH."

Edwards said that in the future he probably will lower the amount of chicken litter he uses to 5 percent or 6 percent to reduce the level of nitrate leaching from the

litter. "The idea is to find the percentage needed to turn the newspaper cellulose into soil-softening humus without having excess nitrates that can harm ground water," he said.

Counties are close to deal to save rail

FORT STOCKTON (AP) — Economically-depressed West Texas counties are hoping a deal to revive a stretch of rail leading to Mexico will bring the benefits of free trade to their region.

The 11 counties are negotiating with Dallas investors and the state to purchase 349 miles of rail that stretches from San Angelo to Presidio in a \$5.5 million dollar deal.

The deal includes \$3 million in state Department of Transportation funds and \$2.5 million from the investors.

San Angelo attorney Robert Post said the groups would continue negotiations today.

"The railroad threatened to

close the line about a year ago," said Peggy Garner, former Upton County Judge. "We tried to talk them out of it and when we couldn't do that we all joined together and created the South Orient Rural Rail Transportation District."

The 11 counties comprising the district include Pecos, Crane, Brewster, Tom Green, Presidio, Upton, Reagan, Irion, Runtless, Coleman and Crockett.

The district will purchase the railroad and then lease the line to Kiamichi Railroad of Hugo, Okla., the Fort Stockton Pioneer reported.

Pecos County Commissioner

Paul Valenzuela said the rail was a key part of the region's development.

"The line came in in 1910, 1911 and if you look at maps over time there is a town, whether it is still there or not, along the line every 30 miles," Valenzuela said.

But Ms. Garner said the rail fell into disuse with fewer train shipments by oil companies and when a Fort Stockton sulphur mine closed.

"We think we can build it back up," Ms. Garner said. "We are working on it for West Texas. We want West Texas to be progressive. We know if we lose it we'll

never get another."

The lease, Kiamichi, has two years to make the rail succeed. If it doesn't the rail and any equipment or depots will be salvaged. The state will be paid off first if the rail fails.

Valenzuela said several of the counties hope the revived rail will allow the region to benefit from

free trade with Mexico.

The rail leads to Topolabampo in Sonora, Mexico, a fishing village in the Copper Canyon. Train rides through the canyon are a popular tourist attraction.

"The Japanese have been developing that port for years and they have it ready to export," Valenzuela said.

Taxpayers fund promotion of U.S. mink sales overseas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has spent \$6 million to help the struggling U.S. mink industry promote its pelts among wealthy Japanese shoppers and Italian designers —

and animal rights activists are bristling.

The mink industry says it needs the federal dollars to compete with heavily-subsidized Scandinavian pelts.

Whitefly may pose problem for produce

By The Associated Press

The whitefly, which is threatening California's rich fruit and vegetable industry, also may pose a hazard to food supplies in the developing world, an agricultural expert says.

Robert Zandstra, director general of the International Potato Center, said it has been known for some time that a new insect pest or disease could threaten food supplies in developing countries.

"The early evidence is that the whitefly may fit the bill," Zandstra said.

The whitefly is a tiny insect that causes extensive damage to a wide variety of crops. According to the Potato Center's chief entomologist, K. V. Raman, whitefly infestations have been reported in China, India, Egypt, Colombia, Peru and the Dominican Republic.

Scientists working with the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, of which the Potato Center is a part, say these recent infestations are the result of the destruction of the whitefly's natural enemies because of the indiscriminate use of pesticides.

"What we now face is a population explosion caused by man, not by nature," Raman said. "Our best chance to control it lies with

the large-scale use of integrated pest management practices."

He said stricter controls on the use of pesticides are needed to help the recovery of insect-eating bugs and parasites, the natural enemies of the whitefly.

He said these whitefly predators are found in just a few developing countries but could be reared and distributed in those places where the whitefly is becoming a problem.

"We can't allow the whitefly to get the upper hand," Zandstra said. "It's not an impossible job to control the whitefly, just a difficult one, requiring in addition to natural enemies, botanical pesticides and the use of selective cropping patterns."

U.S. donates tons of corn to Estonia

By The Associated Press

The United States is donating 100,000 tons of corn to newly independent Estonia.

Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan said the \$11 million donation will be sold by Estonia's government to private sector feed millers and poultry producers for feed.

"This donation will help achieve two objectives," Madigan said. "It will supplement Estonia's animal feed supply to help ensure adequate production of meat, poultry and dairy products. And proceeds from the sale will be used by the Estonian government to assist in the development of the country's private sector agricultural economy."

free trade with Mexico.

The mink industry says it needs the federal dollars to compete with heavily-subsidized Scandinavian pelts.

But animal rights activists contend taxpayer money should not be spent promoting a status symbol and luxury item at a time when hundreds of thousands of Americans are out of work.

"It is so frivolous it's revolting," said Alex Pacheco, chairman of the animal rights group PETA — People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

In a recent letter to Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan, Pacheco said USDA should deny the industry money in 1992 under its market promotion program, a \$200-million-a-year effort to promote U.S. agricultural products overseas.

"The bloody fur trade is in its death throes as consumers exercise their ethical, environmental and social concerns in the marketplace, and subsidy money will not revive it," Pacheco told Madigan. "The USDA might as well pump gasoline into a burning well: Such an action wastes expensive fuel and does not put out the fire."

Agriculture Department figures, however, show that while the number of domestic mink producers has declined, overseas sales — which account for 90 percent of the market for U.S. pelts — have been increasing steadily.

The value of U.S. mink exports has risen from \$111 million in 1986 to nearly \$157 million in 1990 and an estimated \$165 million in 1991. At the same time, USDA said the number of mink farms has been shrinking, from 989 in 1986 to an estimated 786 in 1990.

"The mink industry has been undergoing some difficult times because of production increases in other countries that are essentially subsidized by their governments," said Phil Mackie, assistant administrator for commodity and marketing programs for USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

"No one is subsidizing mink production in this country," he said. "It's not necessarily a luxury item for the person that produces it."

"The industry must match the federal funds dollar for dollar. Jean Valentine, chief executive officer of the U.S. Mink Export Development Council that administers the promotion program, said it actually contributes far more.

It costs U.S. mink farmers between \$35 and \$40 to produce a single pelt, Valentine said, but the farmer gets only about \$30 a pelt. "His ability to go out and promote the product is very limited," she said, and without the export market, U.S. ranchers would find it very difficult to survive.

Valentine blamed the Scandinavians for driving down the world price by flooding the market and supporting their producers with generous per-pelt, feed and overseas promotional subsidies.

And those are the kinds of factors that USDA looks at when it decides which industries to support under the market promotion program.

The Foreign Agricultural Service has awarded just over \$6 million to the U.S. Mink Export Development Council over the past three years to advertise and promote U.S. pelts overseas.

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Three candidates file for office

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investigative work to the sheriff's department.

Key said about a year ago he was approached by a group in the community and asked to consider running for sheriff. Key said he had worked on Republican party committees.

Key and his wife, Susan, are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Susan is employed by Mobil Oil.

Review

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—Amanda Sorrells was named Ira homecoming queen.

—Southwestern Bell Telephone announced that Hermleigh residents on a party line would be put on a one-party system by the end of October. Southwestern Bell also installed a new system in Snyder, which will eventually allow callers to have features such as "call waiting."

—A chamber fundraiser, "Roarin' Holler Pasture Party," was a success. However, later, the chamber pleaded "no contest" to a misdemeanor charge of selling alcoholic beverages in a dry county and was fined \$500 plus court costs of \$122.

—The high school "Pride of the West" marching band advanced to state competition in Austin.

—Snyder's Lady Tigers wrapped up a berth in the state volleyball playoffs, where they lost in the first round to Dumas.

—A community theatre group was formed in October. The old Ritz Theater was donated to the group and renovations were being planned as the year came to an end.

—Scurry County citizens voted 1,875 to 454 in favor of a state proposition to build 25,300 new prison beds. Local citizens also voted for a state lottery, but only by 7 votes.

—Cogdell Hospital held Healthfest '91, which attracted 400 people. The health fair is expected to become an annual event.

—Charlie Reynolds was named grand marshal of Snyder's first lighted Christmas parade.

—Former Snyder public schools superintendent Bill J. Hood died at age 66 on Nov. 14.

—Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, was elected as a Howard Payne University trustee.

—WTC assistant professor Bob Doty was selected for the annual Founder's Day award.

—Snyder's Deanie Francis Mills signed a contract to have her novel "Darkroom" adapted for a TV movie.

—Phillip Cockerell was named Fireman of the Year during an annual banquet. Autumn Pollard, daughter of fireman Jim and Suzanne Pollard, was named sweetheart.

—Donna Gray, Pearlene Stewart, Travis Bunch and Les Woods were chosen as new board members for the chamber of commerce.

—Hermleigh ISD began considering a \$2 million school construction plan which would include the addition of six classrooms, a new cafeteria and a new gymnasium.

—John Roddy of Snyder, Alton Barfoot of Hermleigh, Guy Turner of Fluvanna and Charles Lebkowsky of Lake Thomas were among 50 area survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor who received commemorative medals at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

—James Crowder was named supervisor for a combined county road and bridge crew.

—County commissioners named a 12-member coliseum board and urged the group to consider ways to cut annual losses at the facility.

—Snyder ISD trustees were advised against drug testing for all employees. In January, the board will consider drug testing for bus drivers.

—Steve Moore, Scurry County farmer and president of Scurry County Farm Bureau, was selected as Texas Farm Bureau's Outstanding Farmer and Rancher for 1991.

—Harry Reed, Snyder civic leader who founded Southern Electric, died at age 80 on Dec. 15.

—Charles Clinkinbeard became the second heart transplant recipient from Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

—Snyder ended the year with a rainfall count to 28.27 inches, well above the yearly average.

"I want to try for this office. I feel like any office needs some competition; it stimulates the community," said Mrs. Konvicka, who has been employed as a teller at Snyder National Bank since 1970.

She also ran an arts and crafts business, Molly's Attic, for three years.

She is a member of the Ranching Heritage Association in Lubbock and is active with the American Cancer Society.

She is a member of Northside Baptist Church.

Her husband, Frank, is a field superintendent with E.D. Walton Construction Co.

Armstrong, district attorney for Scurry and Borden counties, made his announcement two days prior to the original filing deadline for the March 10 Democratic and Republican primaries. However, on Monday, Texas Secretary of State John Hannah extended the filing deadline to Jan. 10 for all offices that are up for election in 1992, including the presidential contest, congressional and courthouse races as well as legislative races.

"I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community in a role aimed at making Snyder a safe place to live and raise a family. With the help of the good people and juries in Scurry and Borden counties, we have sent out a message that says 'don't do crime in our county.' I pledge to continue the same strong, effective prosecution that has been provided for the past seven years."

Armstrong received his law degree from Baylor University School of Law in 1971. He also received his undergraduate degree from Baylor.

He and his family moved to Snyder in 1975 when he became associated with James Rosser in the general practice of law. Armstrong previously worked in the county attorney's office in Odessa and served as first assistant county attorney in Bell County before coming to Snyder. He is presently a director on the board of directors for the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

He has been active in community efforts, having served as a member, director and then president of the chamber of commerce in 1983. He is a former director of the Industrial Foundation and Industrial Development Corp. and currently serves on the Economic Development Committee of the chamber and the Gold Coat organization.

Births

Paul and Barbara Farmer of Ira are the parents of a girl, Haley Shanee, born at 11:59 a.m. Dec. 30 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 8 lbs., 5 ozs.

Grandparents are Doyle and Fran Farmer of Ira and Don and Velma Massingill of Gail. She was also welcomed by a brother, Dustin.

Tyler Dale Williams, son of Cissi and Sterling Williams of Snyder, was born at 11:44 p.m. Dec. 22 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs.

Grandparents are Leonard and Bertha Deere of Snyder and Garland and Frances Williams of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Herman Deere of Snyder, Irene Fischer of Ballinger and Mattie Morris of Snyder. Great-great-grandmother is Thelma Thorpe of Irving.

Laura Josephine Mone Flores was born at 12:09 p.m. Sunday in Big Spring's Scenic Mountain Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 5/8 ozs. Parents are Shana Sanchez and Lauro Flores.

Grandparents are Helbera Sanchez of Snyder and Richard Sanchez Jr. of Post. A great-grandmother is Frances Romero of Littlefield.

Shawn and Kayla Moreland of Hereford announce the birth of a daughter, Kylie Brooke Moreland, born Dec. 17 at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. She weighed 9 lbs., 13 ozs.

Grandparents are Wayne Key of Snyder, Kathy Barton of Lubbock, Max Moreland of Farmington, N.M., and Brenda Crawford of Clyde. Great-grandparents are Opal Key of Snyder and J.C. and Mary Jackson of Elephant Butte Lake, and Dawson and Ruth Moreland of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Murphy of Snyder.

He is a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church where he is a deacon and teaches a young adult Sunday school class.

Armstrong and his wife, Betsy, have two children. Amy is 18 and a freshman at Baylor University, and Jeffrey is 15 and a sophomore at Snyder High School.

Currently, Armstrong is unopposed in his bid for a third term. Also running unopposed for the March 10 primaries at this time are two other incumbents. Precinct 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. is seeking re-election as a Democrat and 132nd District Court Judge Gene Dulaney is running on the Republican ticket.

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Jerry Morgan is also currently unopposed in the primary as he seeks a full term with the county court. Morgan, a Republican, was appointed July 15 to replace the retiring Duaine Davis.

Three Democrats are running for the Precinct 1 commissioner's post. They are Frank Garcia, Welton Beck and Tommy Marricle.

Bobby Goodwin, former Scurry County judge, has filed on the Democratic ticket as constable. He is seeking to replace Bill Love, who has decided not to run for another term.

The only other office up for re-election is county attorney, held by Pete Greene. To date, no one has filed for that office.

Smits to return for one 'L.A. Law'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jimmy Smits will return to "L.A. Law" for an episode that will air Feb. 13 — right in the middle of February sweeps.

Smits, Harry Hamlin and Susan Dey decided to leave the series last season.

Obituaries

Johnnie Curtis

1926-1991

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Mrs. Johnnie Faye Curtis, 65, who died about 7:25 a.m. today at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Curtis resided at 3401 Ave. A in Snyder.

Rupert E. Caffey

1905-1991

SEMINOLE — Services were set for 10 a.m. today in the West Side Church of Christ for Rupert E. Caffey, 86, who died Sunday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial was to follow in the Gaines County Cemetery.

He was the grandfather of Teresa Ervin of Dunn.

Born in Big Sandy, Mr. Caffey had lived in Seminole since 1920. He was a retired maintenance worker for the Seminole schools and served as an elder in the

Thefts reported to county SO

Two reports of theft and a report of a mailbox being shot were taken by sheriff's officials on Monday.

Terry Hildreth, of 100 37th St., reported that a Fulmer brand helmet was stolen from his motorcycle early Monday morning while parked at Kathy's Club on the Old Lubbock Highway.

At 6:11 p.m., W.E. Graham reported the theft of four wheels and tires from a 1978 Pontiac. The wheels were valued at \$125 by the owner.

Mrs. Leo Don Schattel reported that someone had shot her mailbox sometime Saturday night or Sunday Morning.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Cathy Reed, 3412 44th; Stanley Green, 2800 Ave. F; Barbara Farmer and baby girl of Ira; Margaret Whistler of Snyder Oaks; Rhonda Thomas, 1912 Ave. L; Daniel Collins, Rt. 2, Box 295-C; Snyder; Amanda Smith, 3106 Hill Ave.

DISMISSALS: Kenneth Blackwell, Lisa Midwell, Ivey Herrley, Ann Trew, Melissa Gaona and baby.

Census: 42, Longterm; 30, Medical.

Police still puzzled by murder of teenage girls

AUSTIN (AP) — The parents of four teen-age girls murdered in a yogurt store pleaded today for help in tracking down the killers.

"The police need additional eyes and ears," said Frank Suraci, the stepfather of two of the four Austin girls.

Suraci, at a news conference with parents of the other victims, also advised, "Parents, cherish your children each day, get involved with them. You do not know how much time you will spend with them."

The girls' parents are upset, angry and ready to seek the community's help in catching whoever committed the crime. This was their first public appearance since the incident.

"I'm feeling some anger now and want to see the S.O.B.s caught," Bob Ayers, the father of one of the victims, said Monday.

On Dec. 6, police responded to a fire at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt shop. They found the four bodies tied up in the back of the store. Police believe the fire was started to cover up the murders.

The victims, who police say were each shot once in the back of the head, were Jennifer Harbison, 17; her sister, Sarah Harbison, 15; Eliza Thomas, 17; and Amy Ayers, 13. Jennifer Harbison and Ms. Thomas were store employees.

Since the investigation began, police have received nearly 1,000 calls, but they still have no suspects.

"I'm sorry to say there's little evidence," Lt. Andrew Waters said Monday. "It's getting very frustrating. We've run through most of the phone tips we've had. The information has dried up and

we haven't gotten anything." Many sources have offered help.

The FBI's behavioral sciences experts are compiling a profile of possible suspects and the state's Department of Public Safety already has developed a profile. The Las Cruces, N.M., police department, which has been trying to solve a similar case since Feb. 1990, also contacted the Austin police.

As part of their own research, police have researched recent parolees with a history of attempting to hide crimes with fires. But, Waters said, none of the efforts have yet led to any suspects.

"We've questioned a lot of people and taken statements from a lot of people but nothing firm has developed," Waters said. "We're still hopeful that the right information could come in at any time."

"We feel that at this point there's bound to be somebody who's heard something about it, at least secondhand. These kinds of things can't be kept quiet. It's got

to be almost impossible."

If a person provides information through Crime Stoppers, they are eligible for up to \$37,000 in reward money.

Diary details mass murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A 16-year-old northwest Houston boy has been taken into custody after firing a shot from a semiautomatic rifle, and police say he kept a lengthy diary that detailed plans for the mass murder of children.

"He definitely exhibits the makeup of someone who could carry out what he'd written," Houston Juvenile Division Sgt. Gerald McNulty said Monday night.

The high school sophomore was taken into custody late Monday afternoon after a patrolman answering a call about a weapon discharge saw an AK-47-type assault rifle on an apartment complex balcony.

After the officer knocked on the door, police said, the boy admitted firing the gun, which had been discharged once and still held 29 rounds in the clip.

Police work theft cases

Snyder police took a report of felony theft and handled several other calls Monday and early today.

At 12:25 p.m. Monday, Jeff Mason informed officers that someone had stolen a piece of medical equipment from the physical therapy department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. A report of felony theft was filed.

Mike Huddleston contacted officers at 10:13 a.m. Monday in reference to someone stealing an undetermined amount of money from College Avenue Coin Laundry. A theft report was filed in the case.

Police filed a report of Class B criminal mischief after Terry Hildreth complained at 1:25 p.m. Monday that someone had damaged his door at the Kingswood Apartments.

Police were notified of a dog bite case. Nine-year-old Matthew Jones was treated and released from Cogdell Hospital at 11:50 a.m. for lacerations to the face and lip.

Officers filed reports in reference to a caller complaining of harassing phone calls at 2:25 p.m. Monday and a gas drive-off of \$9 from Skinny's on East Hwy. at 6:10 a.m. today.

Flooding

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zoria counties, and the Trinity, to the east in San Jacinto and Liberty counties, come within about 35 miles of the city as they flow toward the Gulf of Mexico.

The Brazos was expected to crest at 50 feet, but Fort Bend County Emergency Coordinator Mel Speed said officials don't know exactly when; numerous previous predictions have proved wrong. The Trinity was expected to keep rising in coming days.

Light rain was expected over southeastern Texas today, but not enough to affect the flow, forecasters said.

The Brazos already has flooded 28 homes, and officials predicted as many as 180 homes may sustain some damage before the ordeal is over. The river was at 49.45 feet this morning, a little more than a foot above flood stage, Speed said.

"Only Mother Nature knows what she's going to do at this point, and we're just going to have to sit back and see," he said.

Fifteen families were asked to evacuate their homes overnight in Juliff and Arcola, in east Fort Bend County, because of rising waters, Speed said. One person was at the county's Red Cross shelter.

At Liberty, the Trinity was at 29.02 feet early today, 5 feet above flood stage. Emergency officials said flood water was standing in at least 100 homes, and about 50 people spent the night at the Red Cross shelter.

Markets Middy Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	Change
AMR Corp	71 1/8	70 1/8	70 3/4	+3/8
AlliedSignal	45	44	44 5/8	+1/2
ALLTEL Cp	39	38 3/4	39	+1/2
AmStor s	33 1/4	32 1/4	32 7/8	+1/2
AmerT&T	39 5/8	39 3/8	39 1/2	+1/8
Americch	63	62 3/8	63	+5/8
Amoco	49 1/2	48 7/8	49	+1/8
AndarkPr	24 1/8	23 1/2	24	+3/8
Arka	12	11 7/8	12	+1/8
ArcoInc	53 3/8	51 1/4	51 1/4	-1/8
AurichHld	107 1/8	105 1/2	105 1/2	-1/2
BakerHugh	20	19 1/2	19 5/8	+1/8
BancTexas	7	6 1/2	6 1/2	-1/2
BellAtl	48	47 5/8	47 7/8	+1/4
BellSouth	51 3/8	50 5/8	51 3/8	+5/8
Beth Steel	143 1/8	141 1/8	141 1/8	+1/8
Borden	32 5/8	32 3/8	32 1/2	+1/8
Caterpilr	43 5/8	42 5/8	43 3/8	+5/8
Centel	34 1/4	33 5/8	34 1/4	+5/8
CentSo. West	54	53 7/8	53 7/8	+1/8
Chevron	69 1/4	68 1/2	69 1/8	+5/8
Chrysler	11 3/4	11 1/2	11 5/8	+1/8
Coastal	25 1/4	25	25 1/4	+1/8
CocaCola	81 3/8	80 3/4	80 7/8	-3/8
ColgateP	48 7/8	48 1/2	48 1/2	-1/4
ComiMet	20 1/2	20	20 1/2	+1/4
CypressMn	22 1/8	21 7/8	22	-1/4
DaiIsemicn	8	7 3/4	7 7/8	+1/4
DeltaAirt	66	64 1/4	65 1/2	+1 1/4
DigitalEq	56 1/2	55 5/8	56 3/8	+1/8
Dillard	123 3/4	123 7/8	124 1/8	+7/8
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FlowerInd	16 7/8	16 1/4	16 3/4	+3/8
FordMotor	28 5/8	27 7/8	27 7/8	+3/8
GTE Cp	35	34 5/8	34 3/4	+1/8
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IBM	91 1/8	90 1/8	90 5/8	+1/4
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Litton Ind	87 7/8	87 3/8	87 7/8	-1/8
vJLoneStar	33 1/4	31 1/2	33 3/4	+1/2
Lowes	34	32 1/2	33 7/8	+1 1/2
Lubys	14 5/8	14 1/8	14 5/8	+1/2
Maxus	7 3/8	7 1/8	7 1/8	-1/8
MayDSt	52 1/4	51 5/8	52 1/4	+3/4
Medtrn s	92 1/2	90 1/4	92	-1/2
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Motorola	65 1/2	64 5/8	65 1/4	-7/8
NCNB Cp	40 5/8	40 3/8	40 1/2	+1/2
Navistar	23 1/4	23 1/8	23 1/4	+1/8
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OryxEngy	26	25 3/4	26 1/4	+1/8
PacTelec	43 3/4	43 1/4	43 3/4	+3/8
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What Bush risks if he oversells trade talks

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The political risk in President Bush's traveling trade show is that he's oversold it at home with his talk of breaking open export markets to boost American payrolls. And today's expectations can bring to-

tomorrow's backlash. There are Democrats waiting with punitive trade legislation to force cuts in Japanese automobile sales in the United States, a measure they call fair and Bush considers unacceptable protectionism. To counter them, Bush needs to

gain commitments next week to expand Japanese markets for U.S. goods. Otherwise, Rep. Richard A. Gephardt and his co-sponsors are going to gain headway for legislation to force down the trade deficit with Japan or restrict auto-

That cautionary message has been muted, left largely to the U.S. officials who conducted no-name background briefings on the Bush mission and said he shouldn't be expected to come back with a settlement in hand.

the two have been erased by the need for expanded trade to put Americans to work.

But that message may contribute to another problem by suggesting an immediacy that will be difficult to deliver.

The Japanese reportedly are considering steps to reduce their \$42.6 billion trade surplus with the United States by increasing purchases of American-made automobile parts, and possibly by rebating part of the tax levied on imported cars.

Measures like those would give Bush something to take home, but they are short of what he's seeking, and far short of what Gephardt and company want to force by legislation.

Their bill would require Japan to reduce its trade surplus with the United States by 20 percent in each of the next five years, or face sanctions curbing Japanese automobile sales.

That formula is unlikely to be enacted — the precedent would be dangerous for U.S. exporters who have a \$20 billion trade surplus with Europe. Republicans say it would start a trade war and the White House would fight it with veto warnings.

Nevertheless, legislation to protect the American automobile industry could gain political momentum, especially if the economic slump persists into the campaign season.

Bush's answer is to convince the Japanese to open their markets, concentrating on persuasion, not legislation. "I think they'll understand when this trip is over that to the degree there are barriers that make this trade less than fair, that they better do something about it," Bush said last week.

That suggests an unstated "or else" line.

Presidential jawboning can prompt Congress to try to fill in the blank.

That's what happened when Bush tried to talk down credit card interest rates last fall. The Senate voted to compel a cut, the stock market plunged, and the administration had to talk Congress out of making Bush's wish into its command.

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AP analysis

mobile imports.

They may even find allies among Bush's traveling companions, the 21 businessmen who are part of the American delegation. The top men in the troubled Big Three U.S. automobile manufacturers will be on hand during Bush's three-day Tokyo visit to underscore his demand for open markets.

Bush said his top priority abroad would be jobs for Americans through expanded exports, promising to do everything he can to drive down trade barriers.

"We cannot expect to achieve complete accord," Bush said as he began the 12-day Asian journey on Monday. "This trip won't solve all the trade issues that now concern us, or produce a new export boom overnight."

"When people come to the Oval Office, they don't write contracts on the president's desk," one of the officials said. "And when the president travels abroad ... he doesn't go in and try to write a contract. You don't produce that kind of result."

Bush hasn't promised a deal, and has avoided setting specific goals. But in speech after speech on his postponed and transformed Asian mission, he has said it is part of his program to stir the sluggish economy and cut unemployment.

That repeated message deals with one problem, the perception planted by his critics and growing in the polls that Bush spends too much time and attention on foreign policy, not enough on domestic matters. As he departed, Bush said "the sharp lines" between

Zale Corp. will begin to close stores

DALLAS (AP) — Zale Corp. had hoped Christmas would save it from a massive restructuring. Instead it got the worst holiday sales in recent history.

The result was an announcement Monday that the nation's largest jewelry retailer will close 400 of its 2,000 stores and stop paying some bills, including a \$52 million interest payment due Thursday.

The store closures mean 2,500, or 20 percent, of the company's employees will lose their jobs.

The company earlier had said it hoped Christmas would provide enough cash to pay the interest, but Chairman Irving R. Gerstein said holiday sales were off about 11 percent from last year's already weak numbers.

In addition to the interest payment, Zale said it would not pay

bank debt, bondholder debt and liabilities to merchandise vendors pending a reorganization.

Gerstein said the company will immediately begin negotiating with creditors and vendors.

"We look to do the best we can so that we serve all the constituencies," he said.

Zale operates four separate retail chains — Zale's, Bailey Banks & Biddle, Gordon's and Corrigan's — which combine for annual sales of about \$1.2 billion. It has about twice as many stores as the second-ranked chain, Sterling Jewelry and Distributing Co., according to National Jeweler, a trade publication.

The company will decide which stores to close by March, and complete shutdowns of the stores three

or four months after that, a Zale spokeswoman said.

Many of the stores are located in shopping malls and many malls have more than one of the chain's stores. The company said they would close many stores in malls where they have duplications, but would make the decisions on a mall-by-mall basis.

The company said they would continue to have at least one store in most malls where the chain currently has stores.

The company has about \$850 million in outstanding debt, according to its latest filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It lost \$85 million in the quarter ended Sept. 30. Its last profitable year was fiscal 1990, which ended in March, 1990.

In addition to Thursday's interest payment, \$6.6 million of interest is due in May and in June the company is supposed to pay \$52 million of interest and \$108.3 million of principal.

"The continuing economic recession and contraction in spending by consumers has hurt all retailers and in particular the jewelry business," the company said.

Gerstein said the reorganization plan the company is presenting to creditors is realistic and that both sides want to put Zale on sound financial footing.

Domestic jewelry sales were up 1.8 percent according to a post-Christmas survey of about 600 stores by National Jeweler.

Southwest Airlines, flight attendants ok new contract

DALLAS (AP) — Flight attendants for Southwest Airlines have a new pay scale based on seniority, rather than a previous three-tier scale.

The company on Monday announced a 5-year contract with the 1,900 flight attendants that also gives pay increases from 25 percent to 71 percent.

The airline's previous contract had different rates of pay for attendants hired before 1983, those hired between 1983 and 1986, and those hired after 1986.

The new contract runs through

May 31, 1996, and the new pay scale tops out for attendants with 12 years' experience, union representative Susan Goodman said.

Attendants had been negotiating since April with the airline and signed the new contract Dec. 17, Ms. Goodman said.

The airline's previous contract with Transport Workers Union Local No. 556 expired in June.

Under the new contract, Southwest also will match contributions to the attendants' 401K retirement fund at 50 percent beginning Jan. 1, 1992, and then dollar-for-dollar starting in 1994.

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TRICKLE DOWN THEORY — FOR TAXPAYERS



CHRISTMAS CHEER — Donna Farley's fifth grade Excel students at West Elementary recently purchased Christmas gifts for Scurry County children who are in foster or institutional care. Each student adopted a boy or girl of their choice and independently bought a gift for that child. The gifts were taken to Children's Protective Services for distribution. Students in the class include Tamra Anderson, Elizabeth Beckham, Blake Bell, Jami Burrow, Amanda Compton, Brittany Drummond, Emily Fowler, Brett Gibson, Ashley Grimmett, Mandy Hess, Jacob Hodges, Laurie Huddleston, Marci Irvine, Reid Johnson, Vanessa Jones, Lorie Kurley, Lori Marshall, Corey McDorman, Nicholas Means, Jennifer Salmon, Daniel Salter, Abby Scott, Joshua Halverson and T.J. Whetsel. (Class Photo)



CHRISTMAS GIFTS — Stanfield first grade students in Linda Cozart's and Lisa Hartzog's classes recently bought gifts for Scurry County children who are in foster or institutional homes. They also exchanged gifts in their classrooms and the class Christmas tree was donated to a family in need. (School Photo)

Many homes lost not covered by flood insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Many of the hundreds of Texans whose homes were damaged by floods apparently do not have federal flood insurance.

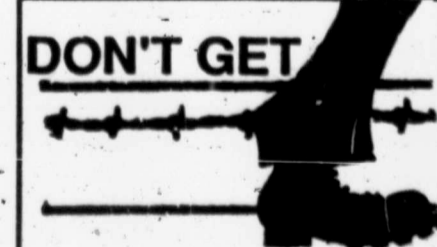
C.M. "Bud" Schauerte, the chief of the National Flood Insurance Program, said many people do not purchase the insurance because they cannot afford it, or they believe they don't need it.

"Nobody likes to buy insurance," said Schauerte, a former Houston insurance executive.

"It's a hard sell. I can't blame people who don't like to buy insurance, but it's part of the responsibility that you have if you have an expensive home."

In addition, he said many people mistakenly believe that their homeowners' policy will cover flood damage.

The federal government is the only provider of flood insurance, Schauerte said. The insurance can be purchased through a private insurer, he said.



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SEC's Houston chief cleared of sex allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission has cleared the head of its Houston office of rape and sexual assault allegations made by a female former SEC employee.

But a lawyer representing the woman who filed the complaint labeled the SEC probe a "whitewash."

After a four-month investigation in which nearly 50 past and former SEC employees were questioned, the agency's inspector general concluded "there is absolutely no evidence" to support the allegations against Joseph C. Matta, the Houston office manager.

Matta, 37, was not charged with

any wrongdoing by federal or state law enforcement officials.

The woman who complained against Matta did not assert that she herself had been attacked, but said she was aware of sexual assaults on other female SEC workers dating back to 1986.

Officials did not identify the woman, a former attorney with the SEC's enforcement division in Houston, because her allegations of sexual harassment are still being investigated by the SEC's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity. The woman's lawyer also declined to identify her, saying she left the SEC last fall after receiving a telephone threat.

The inspector general's probe

also cleared a former official in the Houston office, who was not identified. At the time the allegations were made public, officials declined to give his name, saying he had left the agency several years earlier. Now the SEC said there was no reason to identify a person who had been cleared.

The SEC maintained that the accosting woman and her lawyer, S. Beville May, refused to provide information to corroborate the allegations.

"Saying they weren't given any of the information to support the allegation is just a flat out lie," said Ms. May, who maintained her client cooperated initially with the SEC's equal employment office

but then never heard back from the agency. She also said nearly a dozen former SEC employees gave her information that contradicted the SEC's findings.

Matta cooperated fully with the investigation, which cost the

agency \$50,000 as well as 1,000 staff hours, said SEC spokesman John Heine.

A lawyer with the SEC since 1982 and head of the Houston office since 1987, Matta was placed on administrative leave with pay

in September when the allegations surfaced. He was returned to active duty Monday.

"It has been an unbelievable and trying experience for me and my family."

Documents: National Guard members fail fitness exams

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Many full-time members of the Texas Army National Guard are repeatedly failing or skipping fitness tests designed to ensure soldiers are ready for combat, according to a newspaper report.

The test is the primary way commanders of Guard units assess the fitness of their soldiers and "enhances combat readiness" by helping members sustain a high level of fitness, according to Army regulations.

Those who fail to meet the physical fitness test standards are supposed to have favorable personnel actions and promotions suspended, although soldiers may be allowed to retake the test, regulations say.

Guard documents, however, show that one-third of the 1,095 full-time members listed in a computer database either missed or failed the fitness exam, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Monday.

Austin-based Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Edmond Komandosky said Monday that he had not seen the documents. He would not

comment on the newspaper story. According to the documents, 413, or 37 percent, of the full-time members whose records were reviewed in September had failed or skipped the test altogether.

Records show 55 percent did pass. The remaining Guard members were exempt for medical reasons.

The Texas Guard has about 2,000 full-time members and about 20,000 part-timers. But the database, used since June to record physical fitness results, contains only a partial list of full-timers.

It was not immediately clear if any of the full-timers had been disciplined for not taking or failing the test. The documents do not show when a guardsman failed a test.

The newspaper also obtained

memos that indicated officers at the Guard's Austin headquarters recognize there is a problem when it comes to full-time members taking the test.

In a June 17 memo, Richard Brito, director of plans, operations and training, noted that personnel from his own department were not complying with regulations.

Guard members are required to pass the test — which consists of push-ups, sit-ups and a 2-mile run — twice a year. Those with medical problems are given alternate tests.

"Over the last month, I have monitored personnel during physical training and have observed that several personnel, for no apparent reason, do not complete the run," wrote Brito, who is in charge of overseeing the Guard fitness training program.

Places in the News

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

A unified Europe has moved closer to reality with the signing of historic economic and political agreements by the 12 countries of the European Community. The new accords, reached at summit talks in early December in the Netherlands, culminated more than two years of intense negotiations.

The EC's members are Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Holland, Germany, Britain, Denmark, Ireland, Greece, Portugal and Spain. The 12 plan to drop all trade barriers by the end of 1992, as the first step toward a closer union of economic, foreign and defense policies.

Among other things, the EC leaders agreed to create a central bank and a joint European currency in the 1990s. It was part of an effort to give the Brussels-based EC greater jurisdiction over government matters.

The signing of the agreements keeps the unification process on schedule, but last-minute disputes almost derailed the accords. Big problems still remain before a united Europe becomes a reality.

The major players in the proposed European union — Britain, France and Germany — still remain suspicious of one another.

The newly reunified Germany will

dominate the EC economically. But France also sees the new union as a way to restore some of its former prestige and influence. French President Francois Mitterrand moved quickly to join forces with the Germans, so that France can also dominate the new union; and to lessen American influence in Europe.

All of this deeply worries the British.

At what was supposed to be the ceremonial signing of the summit pact, British Prime Minister John Major suddenly balked on two critical matters: the basis for establishing, by the year 2000, a single European currency; and a unified labor code, which would have established maximum working hours, maternity benefits, and also the rights of part-time workers in every nation.

For two days, Britain refused to sign an agreement that included these issues, which in turn threatened the whole union concept.

Eventually, the other 11 countries conceded and agreed to set a pact minus a community-wide set of labor laws and a full currency agreement. However, the other 11 would implement the labor law code themselves, and would continue to move toward a common currency without the United Kingdom, if need be.

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently began using a line of skin-care products that contains human placenta extract. Yesterday my hairdresser told me it could be possible to contract AIDS, since the placenta is a blood product. Could this be true?

DEAR READER: In theory this could be true, but it is a virtual impossibility. I suppose, under the most improbable circumstances, you could contract AIDS and other blood-borne diseases from skin creams containing products such as human placenta. The placenta would have to be infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, which would have to survive extensive processing — and, finally, you'd have to apply the cream to an abrasion or cut for the virus to enter your system. Remember that AIDS is spread primarily through intimate contact and the transmission of blood products.

Although I sympathize with your hairdresser's concerns, the chances of your getting AIDS from skin cream are infinitesimally small. Nonetheless, why would anyone want to use a cosmetic that contains extract of afterbirth? I don't get it.

To provide further information on AIDS, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Blood — AIDS." 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: I suffer from sugar diabetes, have been totally blind for the past six years and have been on dialysis for the past five. Early in 1990 I was struck with Bonnier's syndrome and constantly see things that are not actually there — rivers, animals, monster faces and other objects that stand in my way of functioning in my daily routine.

I constantly get lost in my own home, dodging these imaginary figures. I'm told Bonnier's syndrome has not been extensively researched and that there is no cure or medication for control of my outbreaks. Can you offer any encouragement or support?

DEAR READER: Bonnier's syndrome is an extremely rare affliction caused by a malfunction of part of the brain (Deiters' nucleus), leading to vertigo and a variety of disturbances affecting the eyes and ears. I've never seen a case of Bonnier's syndrome and neither have my neurological consultants, who cannot offer further information about prognosis or treatment.

Apparently, in your case, you had some kind of circulatory event, such as a mild stroke, that resulted in damage to brain tissue. This injury caused you to have visual hallucinations. Your doctor was very alert to have diagnosed — such a rare medical condition.



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Entertainment headlines

TV networks lost viewers to cable

By Kirk Nicewonger

NEW YORK (NEA) — All in all, 1991 was not a great year to be a broadcast network executive. Just ask Brandon Tartikoff: Ever the visionary, the former head honcho of NBC-TV bailed out to take over television and film production at Paramount studios.

Who could blame him? Those merry pranksters at the FCC spread a little sunshine with a report that predicted "broadcast television has suffered an irreversible long-term decline in audience and revenue share."

ABC Entertainment President Robert Iger got his network pumped for the upcoming new season by forecasting the demise of one of the Big Three broadcast networks — presumably not his own.

Blame for the networks' travails in 1991 was assigned to the usual suspects: Cable and video continued to erode the broadcast networks' viewer base.

Nowhere was this more galling to the nets than in the most-watched TV event of the year: The Persian Gulf War. In addition to the injury of losing millions of prime-time advertising dollars, the networks bore the insult of having their coverage forsaken by millions of viewers for that of cable's CNN.

Perhaps fittingly, the year ended much as it began, with another real-life drama that dwarfed the efforts of Hollywood's creative community: the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill hearings in the Senate.

Americans were fascinated by the TV spectacle of sexual-harassment and character-assassination charges involving a Supreme Court nomination, and by the spectacle of their elected representatives at work.

Other news of 1991 in television: "I Understand You Brought a Clip?": NBC's news/talk shows had an interesting year. Katie Couric replaced Deborah Norville, who had replaced Jane Pauley, on "Today." Johnny Carson announced that his retirement from "The Tonight Show" would take effect in May 1992. NBC named Jay Leno his successor. This reportedly

deflated David Letterman.

• And You Have the Nerve to Call Yourself the Sunshine State! Paul Reubens, better known as Pee-wee Herman, was arrested for indecent exposure in a Florida porno theater.

• North to Alaska: "Northern Exposure," about the off-center residents in a small Alaska town, became the new darling of critics.

• Thriller: Fox was inundated with telephone calls after airing the video for Michael Jackson's "Black or White." It concluded with Jackson clutching at his groin, smashing a car, and throwing a garbage can through a storefront window.

• R.I.P.: Michael Landon, Harry Reasoner, Colleen Dewhurst and Redd Foxx died in 1991.

The World Almanac Year in Review: 1991

In the world of film, no doubt about it, it was Kevin Costner's year. At the Academy Awards, "Dances With Wolves," directed by and starring Costner, cleaned up with seven Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director (but not Best Actor, which was taken by Jeremy Irons for "Reversal of Fortune"). And Costner's subsequent release, "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves," became one of the top grossers of the year.

But perhaps the most talked-about movie in 1991 was "Thelma & Louise," starring Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis as fugitive buddies. Some reviewers — doing their best impressions of Macaulay Culkin's expression in "Home Alone" — fretted over the propriety of depictions of women committing violence against men.

One of the year's biggest hits was "The Silence of the Lambs," starring Jodie Foster as an FBI agent-in-training. She goes after a serial killer with the eerie help of Anthony Hopkins' psychotic Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lecter, who displays a gustatory

fondness for human flesh.

But in terms of pure box-office, the movie of the year was the special-effects spectacular "Terminator 2: Judgment Day," with Arnold Schwarzenegger as a cyborg from the future. It raked in some \$200 million.

Other movie highlights of 1991:

• The "Misery" and the Ecstasy: Newcomer Kathy Bates won the Best Actress Academy Award for her performance in "Misery."

• Julia and Julia: It was a mixed year for Julia Roberts. On the one hand, her movie "Sleeping With the Enemy" did great at the box office. On the other hand, her "Dying Young" was something of a disappointment. And on both hands, she canceled her wedding to Kiefer Sutherland three days before the big event, and then went to Dublin with Jason Patric.

• Bomb of the Year: "Hudson Hawk"

• And Now For Something Completely Different: Robert De Niro played a psychotic killer in Martin Scorsese's remake of "Cape Fear." And Warren Beatty played a stylish gangster with his mind on romance in "Bugsy."

• The Blonde Leading the Bland: Madonna released "Truth or Dare," an egocentric documentary of her world tour, in which she condescended to her dancers, insulted Kevin Costner and displayed more creativity with a mineral-water bottle than she did on stage. It did marginally better box office than "Who's That Girl?"

• Stop It, Robbie, You're Scaring Me! Disney did big holiday business with its animated "Beauty and the Beast," with the feral Robbie Benson providing the voice of the Beast.

• Story of His Life: Noted fan of the child within Steven Spielberg came out with "Hook," starring Robin Williams as a grown-up Peter Pan and Dustin Hoffman as Captain Hook.

• Two Women: Major films were released at year's end by Bette Midler and Barbra Streisand. Midler's "For the Boys" follows the career of a USO-type entertainer, while Streisand directed and starred as a psychiatrist in "The Prince of Tides."

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