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UP-N-DOWN 290

By Marty

Well, here we go again. It's a new year, and I'm up to my tricks. When I put the date at the top of this column, I wrote

1984, then scratched through the 4 and put a 5 over it. I will do this on several checks, forms, etc. for about two weeks, until it gets firmly established in my mind and hand that I have something new to deal with - 1985. I have never had a check returned to me for this hen-scratched trick, so I guess my bank has people trained to figure out what I meant, not what I did. I realize, of course, that I'm probably the only person around here who misdates his checks at the beginning of each year. Right?

I've had a bit of trouble adjusting to the weather this past two weeks. Here it is January, and we're still running the air conditioners in our car, house and shop. It's not that I have been physically uncomfortable, it's quite pleasant, actually, but I can't adjust mentally to not having cool, invigorating weather through Christmas and New Years. Can you believe, my lawn needs mowing!

Of course, I look back to the big freeze last year, and remember William running air to the store, hollering, "You've got a problem out back!" I ran out the back door into 15-degree weather and a 30 mph Blue Norther, to see the water shooting forty feet up through the freeze-separated main line to the building. I ran in and grabbed a wrench to cut off our water at the meter. Guess where the frozen waterfall was pouring down? Right on top of the underground meter box. Naturally. The box was full of flowing icy water, and I then discovered that my cutoff valve is two feet down in the hole, invisible, and stuck in the "on" position. I struggled with the problem, face down under the waterfall, until hypothermia began to set in. Then, I slogged down to the hardware store in the next block and bought a water key to turn the valve. After an hour of blow torches, wrenches, skinned knuckles and back strain, I got the problem under control.

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Tim Phelan, Iris Sawyer, Pam Jones and Barb Beaumont were on hand for the open house at the Waller Chamber of Commerce office on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The affair, which was held from 8:30 til noon, attracted many visitors.



Before we know it, a new convenience store will occupy the corner of Austin and 10th Streets in Hempstead. For years, this was the site of K.C. Steak House. The building that housed the restaurant was demolished recently and construction begun on the combination store and gas station.

City Employees Get Pay Raises

City of Waller employees will be getting pay raises in 1985. The raises, which average six percent, were approved by the council Dec. 10, during its regular meeting.

In other action, the council voted to advertise for bids on a new 1985 pickup truck, with bids to be opened at the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The council also gave its approval

for a fence to be erected by Waller Implement to connect with an existing city-owned fence. Approval was also given for the sale of the 1980 patrol car to the newly formed Hempstead - Waller Emergency Medical Service.

A request from Prairie View A&M University, to purchase the city-owned gas lines located on the college campus, was considered. Action of this request will follow a

meeting with a gas-line specialist to determine the fair value of the lines.

Council members appointed Mayor Danny Marburger delegate and Councilman Roy Kruff alternate to the Houston - Galveston Council for 1985.

In other business, the council reviewed the reports of city departments and approved the payment of bills.

Chamber Thanks All Festival Participants

The members of the Waller Chamber of Commerce have issued a letter of appreciation to all those who participated in the Christmas Festival, held Saturday, Dec. 8, by either entering the parade, helping Santa to bring the snow, or by just being there.

Congratulations go to the winners of the Home and Business Decorating Contest. First place in the home category went to Stanley Holz, 2028 Main St. and second place

went to Paul Cihot, 1419 Smith St. In the business division, first place was awarded to Country Cousins, while Waller Rice Dryer took second prize.

The Chamber is planning its 1985 banquet for Tuesday, Jan. 22. This year, the banquet will be held in the new Waller Lions' Center at 7 p.m. More details will be announced after the holidays.

A Happy New Year to all, from the Waller Chamber of Commerce!

County "Go-Texan" Ambassador Named

Waller Mayor Danny Marburger, appointed Waller County's Area Go-Texan Ambassador for the 1985 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, will head a five-member county committee, according to Show President Joseph T. Ainsworth M.D.

Other members of the Waller County Committee include Johnny Avery, Beatrice Finch, Karl Micklitz, Wesley Schroeder and Travis Winfree.

The Houston Livestock Show will begin Feb. 16 and run through March 3, with rodeo performances beginning on Wednesday evening, Feb. 20. Waller County will be saluted during the Feb. 28 performance at 7:45 p.m., when the Astrodome scoreboard will recognize local county officials and residents, as well as congratulating the winner of the \$2000 Waller County Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo agricultural scholarship.



Thanks, Fred!


Fred Tolder, left, received a Christmas fruit basket from Waller Chamber of Commerce president Tim Phelan, in appreciation for Mr. Tolder's maintenance of the city park.

FOUND - Two cows on Great-house Road. For more information, phone 826-2517 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. or after 6 p.m. (18-21)

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Concerning The Eyes of Texas

By Dr. Richard Redfield

Dear Dr. Redfield,
My glasses have a correction for astigmatism. What is that? M.S.P.

Dr. Mrs. P.,

The outside of our eyes has a clear covering. When that covering is more oval than round, it interferes with our eyes' ability to focus properly. We call this astigmatism.

About 75 to 80 percent of eye-glass or contact lens wearers have astigmatism. Very mild astigmatism, however, may not need correction.

Astigmatism can occur along with other vision problems, like nearsightedness. This complicates matters, but your vision specialist can make the right diagnosis after a thorough vision examination. Glasses, contact lenses and/or vision therapy may be needed.

Slight astigmatisms may cause headaches, fatigue, squinting, eye irritation and discomfort. Higher degrees can distort or blur your vision. Since astigmatism changes

gradually, regular vision examinations are necessary to keep seeing well.

Dear Dr. Redfield,

The last time that I had my eyes examined, the doctor looked in my eyes with a very bright light. What was he doing?

Liz

Dear Liz,

When you go to an optometrist to a vision exam, you are not only having a complete visual analysis, the doctor will also examine the outside and inside of your eyes for detection of possible ocular diseases or disorders. By looking inside your eye with that "bright light" or ophthalmoscope, the doctor is looking for signs of glaucoma, cataracts, disorders of the retina and other changes peculiar to the eye.

When your eye care professional examines the back part of your eye, he or she will also be able to detect changes associated with high blood pressure, diabetes and many other blood problems that may or may not have been made aware to you in the past. In some instances, detection of a long-standing, untreated diabetic condition can be life-saving.

Even though you feel that you see well, a health evaluation of your eyes on a routine basis is of necessity. To find out what is routine for you, as an individual, ask your eye care professional.

Dear Dr. Redfield,
What can you tell me about the new surgery to correct nearsightedness?

Tom P.

Dear Tom,

The new surgical procedure in practice to reduce myopia or near-

sightedness, is called radial keratotomy (RK). This technique is done by making eight to 16 radial incisions (like the hands of a clock) on the surface of the cornea, the clear covering on the front of the eye. As a result of the incisions, the scarring somewhat flattens out the cornea, thereby reducing some of the excessive power of the near-sighted eye.

The surgery can usually be done on an out-patient basis with 90% stability of vision within three months. Post-operative contact with the surgeon must be maintained regularly for three to six months.

For those patients who may be restricted by their vision and cannot wear contact lenses, radial keratotomy can offer relief. But the procedure has not been without controversy. The American Academy of Ophthalmology considers RK surgery experimental and one of their concerns is the long-range effect of corneal health. Surgeons who support radial keratotomy, including one former president of the academy, agree that until 20 years post surgery, all the data cannot be obtained pertaining to the long range effects and safety of the procedure. No history of radial keratotomy exists before ten years ago.

Before a patient decides on RK surgery, he or she should be fully aware of any possible risk or complication. Most eye care professionals would be willing to discuss the procedure and offer their opinion.

Dr. Redfield invites readers' questions on eye problems and eye care. Send your question c/o The Hotline Press, 1132 Austin St., Hempstead, Texas 77445. Dr. Redfield's office is located in the Summerhill Point Center, Tomball.

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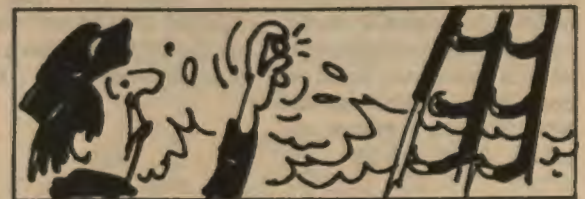
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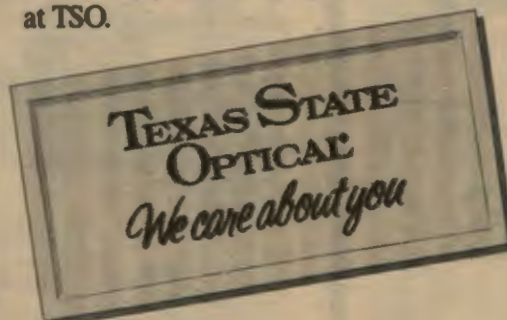


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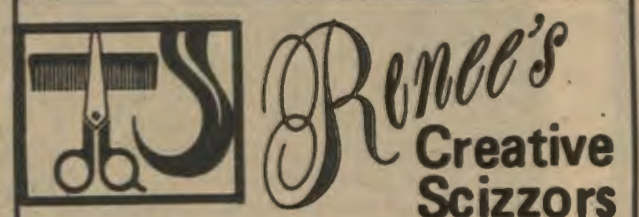
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