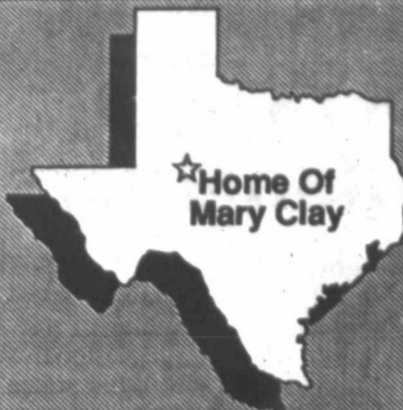


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WEDNESDAY

## Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

Q—Why can't people in the Andrews Heights Addition be forced to keep their dogs fenced or on a leash?

A—Andrews Heights is located outside the city limits and therefore not subject to the city's leash law. The animal control officer can pick up strays dogs in the county, but if they aren't strays he cannot, because the county has no law against pets roaming free.

## Local

## Health Unit

Scurry County Health Unit will be closed Thursday and Friday.

## Ennis Creek

The annual Ennis Creek Reunion will be held Saturday at Towle Park Barn.

## Northeast

Northeast Elementary Parent/Teacher Organization will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

## Central

Central Elementary Parent Council will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. Plans for the fall festival will be discussed.

## Ira ISD

Ira school board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday to consider bids for roofing repairs, seating renovations in the new gym and an inter-local agreement for alcohol and drug testing of bus drivers.

## Tiger Times

The junior high yearbook, the "Tiger Times," is on sale until Nov. 4 in Room 113 or in the school office. Pay \$14 now or \$7 deposit and remaining \$7 when books arrive. Orders must be taken in advance.

## New Hope

New Hope Baptist Church, at 3305 Ave. L, will have its Fall Revival at 7:30

Friday.

The Rev. E Reed, evangelist with the Brownfield Greater New Hope Baptist Church, will speak.

## Noah Project

Noah Project Advisory Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the chamber board room. A business meeting and an advisory committee training session on family violence will be held. All members are encouraged to attend.

## Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 74 degrees; low, 43 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 44 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 9.65 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 40s. South wind 10-15 mph. Thursday, mostly sunny. High near 80. South to southeast wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:15. Sunrise Thursday, 7:45. Of 284 days in 1994, the sun has shone 277 days in Snyder.

## Allies skeptical of Iraqi pledge

KUWAIT (AP) — Russian diplomats seeking to prevent a military confrontation between Iraq and the West flew to Baghdad today, while the United States, Britain and the Persian Gulf states declared a common front against Saddam Hussein.

The United States and its allies, meanwhile, were considering a proposal to declare tanks and other heavy armor off-limits in southern Iraq to stop Saddam from threatening Kuwait.

The Russians arrived in Baghdad seeking to defuse tension that persists despite Iraq's withdrawal of troops from the Kuwaiti border. Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev was due to join them Thursday, elevating Moscow's diplomatic effort to calm fears of an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

The West is skeptical about the Iraqi troop pullback, and the United States is continuing to assemble its biggest military force since the 1991 Gulf War that ended Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher met in Kuwait today with the foreign ministers of Britain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman to discuss the Iraqi moves.

"We have to make sure that the threat Saddam Hussein has mounted is removed, and then we have to see how it can be prevented in the future," Douglas Hurd, the British foreign minister, said as he arrived for the meeting.

But afterward, Christopher said no decisions on action were made. Instead, the ministers issued a

joint statement saying Saddam was threatening Kuwait's security in clear violation of U.N. resolutions and must be turned back.

"We are united on what the goals should be," Christopher said. "We are exploring the techniques."

The United States has been exploring a proposal to have the U.N. Security Council bar Saddam's ground forces from a wide swath of land near the Kuwaiti border.

## DCOS meets on Thursday

Induction of new board members and election of officers are among the business items Thursday afternoon for Development Corporation of Snyder directors.

The meeting is set for 5 p.m. in the DCOS board room at American State Bank.

The DCOS will welcome Jack Gorman Jr. and David Holt as new members to the board. Gorman and Holt were appointed to the board by Snyder City Council on Oct. 3. They replace outgoing members Miller Robinson and Dan Cotton, who will be recognized for their service to the board.

Approval of the fiscal year 1994-95 budget is also on the agenda.

The board will adjourn and reconvene in executive session to consider land acquisition. Board members will then reconvene again in open session to take any action on the item.



FORUM PARTICIPANTS — Looking over material for the United We Stand, America candidate forum Tuesday evening were, left to right, State Sen. David Counts, Pct. 2 County Commissioner Roy Idom, Pct. 4 Commissioner Jerry

Gannaway, Republican candidate for county judge Ricky Fritz, and Republican candidate for state senator Wilma Hogan. Some 16 candidates participated in the forum, held at Towle Park Barn. (SDN Staff Photo)

## UWSA forum...

## 250 scrutinize candidates

Incumbents tried to explain the intricacies of government while their challengers — some pledging term limits and a return to local control — hoped to convince about 250 Scurry County residents here Tuesday night that a change is needed.

Sixteen candidates were represented in the United We Stand, America's forum — the eighth presented by the organization.

The forum was handled in an

orderly fashion, and only a late, non-scheduled appearance by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm drew any hostility — primarily on the question of GATT.

One advocate of term limits appearing Tuesday was Wilma Hogan, Republican candidate for state representative, who is challenging incumbent David Counts.

"I'm a supporter of term limits," she said. "We've elected some good people but when they get to Austin, it seems they lose touch."

She said that she is opposed to the so-called Robin Hood school funding bill, and noted that her opponent voted for it "not once, but twice."

Growth was a key issue among candidates for state office, with Counts, a Democrat, indicating that growth is good, but requires more dollars.

"Our economy is beginning to improve and a lot of people are moving into our state. We, in turn, have to make room for them and that means spending some money. But revenues increase, too," he said.

Counts said that one of the issues has been an increase in the government payroll. He pointed out that Texas gained 244,000 new school students, and teachers — state employees — had to be hired to meet that need. He also said that by September of 1995 the state will have 150,000 jail cells, and more prison guards will have to be hired.

"So state government is growing because the state is growing," he said.

Hogan agreed, but only to a point. "It seems to me when government tries to combine agencies...it ends up hiring new employees. It mushrooms."

State Sen. Steve Carriker couldn't attend, but his representative, Greg Beatty, spoke of the Roby native's "understanding of West Texas." He said Carriker, who represents District 30, has

worked for jobs, more prisons and rural health care.

Carriker's opponent is the "slow-talking candidate for Texas Senate," Tom Haywood. The Wichita Falls businessman made light of his fight with Parkinson's Disease.

He said "the people of Texas want a change" in government, and told voters he was the man for the job.

"Not one time has a person expressed concern that I might mess government up by changing it," said Haywood. "Government is out of control."

Haywood said the first step in regaining control of government is term limitations. The second step, he said, is initiative and referendum.

"We must restructure our spending priorities in the State of Texas," he said, and as an example noted "the legislature is unwilling to fully fund education. Funding has gone from 80 percent provided by the state to about 43 to 44 percent today," he said.

Both candidates for county judge, Democrat Bobby Goodwin and Republican Ricky Fritz, said Scurry County needs a strong leader.

Goodwin, elected county judge in 1980, immediately addressed the fact that he lost in 1990. "I was defeated four years ago by 12 votes and did not see that as a resounding 'no,' a resounding 'don't come back,'" he said. He said when he was first elected people asked him to deal with problems at the hospital, and he managed, with some opposition from some of the commissioners, to replace all members of the board and get the institution on the way to financial stability.

"I'm not saying I'm going to change any boards, if elected, but that's to say 'you tell me what you want, and that is what I'll try to do.' I don't have any hidden agendas," Goodwin said.

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## Jonassaint quits, completing sweep

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's military-backed president has quit, completing the sweep of coup officials before the homecoming Saturday of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

The formal resignation, broadcast this morning on local radio, followed the takeover Tuesday of the National Palace and other government ministries by American troops.

Emile Jonassaint, installed as provisional president by the Haitian military after Aristide was

forced into exile, unranked Haitians for their help "through the most tragic period of its history."

U.S. troops came to Haiti beginning Sept. 19 to help restore the elected president, who was ousted three years ago by a military junta led by Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras.

"Because of the exceptional circumstances and the situation imposed on our country, from this day on the government ceases to run the administration of state," Jonassaint said.



TURFGRASS CONFERENCE — Approximately 130 attended the opening of the 8th annual West Texas Turfgrass Conference that began today on the campus of Western Texas College. The two-day conference is co-sponsored by the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents As-

sociation and the WTC Golf and Landscape Technology department. Burr Williams (left) of the Sibley Learning Center in Midland is shown with Don Buckland and Steve Tate, GLT instructors at WTC. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The best things in life are free, plus tax of course."

Some things just don't add up, but congress continues to get away with it and it sort of makes you wonder.

A recent item in a respected national publication revealed just how the seniority system works in Washington.

Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia is chairman of the powerful appropriations committee. He is well known for taking care of his home state.

Just a few days ago, Sen. Byrd tried to hijack \$95 million in federal highway money for his native state. A stunning 52 percent of the Senate's share of highway demonstration projects were going to West Virginia despite the fact that the tiny state has less than one percent of the nation's population.

Larger states such as California, Florida and Illinois were left without a dime funding.

Such pork-barrel attitudes keep guys like Byrd re-elected, re-elected and re-elected.

Notice where there is speculation that District 17

Congressman Charles Stenholm is being mentioned as a possible candidate for speaker of the house.

Wonder if the deal is real, or is it just a reelection ploy since the Stamford Democrat is facing a stiff re-election challenge from Republican Phil Boone of Abilene.

The same week, Stenholm was again being mentioned as a possible nominee for secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A crazy thang that showed up on our fax machine:

Fans of O.J. Simpson can now send him a message in their own voice...and help him with his legal expenses.

For \$9.95 persons can call 1-900-896-OJ OJ and tape a personal message. The tape will be sent by certified mail to the big guy at the LA County Jail.

The fax said legal expenses are running a half million a month. The message had an interesting conclusion: "Most of the money raised will be sent to OJ by cashier's check."

How much is most?

**Dr. Gott** by Peter Gott, M.D.

**Does emphysema result in dementia?**

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Is it possible that a patient suffering from emphysema who continues to smoke and receives no treatment, medication or therapy will eventually suffer from mental impairment or some form of dementia as a result of the decreased oxygen in the bloodstream? Might an interruption of oxygen gradually cause the death and loss of brain cells without the patient being aware that this is occurring?

**DEAR READER:** Brain cells are exquisitely sensitive to oxygen deficiency. Consequently, severe emphysema — a chronic lung disorder that prevents oxygen from entering the bloodstream — is certainly a cause of mental malfunction.

This may be seen as a mild derangement in thought processes (poor memory and judgment) or, at the other extreme, a marked mental deterioration (lethargy and coma). In many cases, such mental deterioration may not be noticed by the victim, but is clearly evident to observers.

Actually, if you think about it, a patient with emphysema who contin-

ues to smoke is acting a little crazy anyhow, because tobacco smoke will speedily worsen this lung disease. Therefore, the very fact that the patient continues to smoke may indicate a deficiency of perception and judgment.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** My children tell me I'm old-fashioned and out of touch with modern medicine. My concern is with the lack of clothing on my grandchildren. I think sick babies' ears and heads should be covered, and that they belong home and not out in the evening air. Young moms tell me we over-dressed our children, and their pediatricians say that babies need fewer clothes than adults. Is this true?

**DEAR READER:** It depends on where you live. In general, babies should be dressed about the same as their adult care-givers. In northern climates, infants should be dressed

more warmly than in southern climates.

I do agree with you about covering babies' heads; because of a lack of hair, they may lose a lot of body heat from the scalp.

On the other hand, parents often do over-dress their young children. For example, keeping a baby bundled up indoors doesn't make much sense to me and must be uncomfortable for the youngster.

I believe that today's young parents are much more sensible about this issue. They quite properly dress their children as snugly as they dress themselves, depending on the ambient temperature.

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**DR. GOTT**

**PETER GOTT, M.D.**



**SEC denies political influence in Bush probe**

**AUSTIN (AP)** — A Securities and Exchange Commission official has denied accusations by Gov. Ann Richards' campaign that an investigation into George W. Bush's 1990 sale of Harken Energy stock was a whitewash.

Bill McLucas, director of enforcement for the SEC in Washington, D.C., said Tuesday, "All of our investigations are free of any political influence. This case was no different."

He added, "We are apolitical. The prosecutorial arm of this place doesn't respond to political pressures."

Richards' campaign alleged that the SEC probe "was at best

incomplete and at worst a cover-up."

"Was this a real investigation, or was it a whitewash of an insider stock sale by the son of the sitting president?" Richards' spokesman Chuck McDonald asked.

Bush, who faces Richards in the Nov. 8 general election, defended the stock sale as "entirely legal and proper." He accused Richards, a Democrat, of "engaging in personal and negative campaigning."

"Like the overwhelming majority of Texans, I believe gubernatorial candidates should discuss the issues of importance to the future of the state," Bush said. "I

feel sorry Ann Richards, an incumbent governor, cannot do so."

Bush sold the stock June 22, 1990 for \$848,560, at about \$4 per share. Within months, the stock's value plummeted.

The SEC looked into the sale amid allegations that Bush sold the stock while knowing that Harken Energy was about to report a loss, according to published reports.

Stuart Watson, who served with Bush on Harken Energy's audit committee, said reports of poor financial performance at the company "were never a surprise to us," according to The Dallas Morning News' Tuesday editions.

**Angry fathers berate gang members who killed their daughters**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The two grieving fathers had sat silently in court over the last year, listening to descriptions of how their daughters were savagely raped, beaten and strangled by gang members.

On Tuesday, over objections from defense attorneys, they finally got their chance to confront three of the killers.

"We live for the day that you die," a tearful, red-faced Randy Ertman said Tuesday after the three defendants were sentenced to death. "You are baby killers."

The men confronted their daughters' killers under a Texas law that allows victims or surviving relatives to speak at sentencing.

"I wish that these guys could get executed the way (our daughters) did and be left out there, just left there on the ground to die," said Adolf Pena.

"You are worse than spit," Ertman said. "You belong in hell." Efrain Perez, 18, Raul Villarreal, 18, and Joe Medellin, 19, showed no emotion during the fathers' speeches. They were convicted last month.

Two other gang members, Peter Cantu and Derrick Sean O'Brien, both 19, had already been sentenced to die in the case. A sixth defendant, Vinny Medellin, got 40 years because he was a juvenile.

Although more than 400 people were murdered in Houston last year, the girls' murders stood out.

In June 1993, Jennifer Ertman, 14, and Elizabeth Pena, 16, were taking a shortcut home from a party around 11:30 p.m. when they came upon six youths drinking and holding a gang initiation. The gang members grabbed the girls and took turns raping them for an hour before stomping and strangling them. The bodies were found four days later.

Prosecutors said the sentencing was delayed a few weeks to let emotions subside. Still, the courtroom was filled with tearful relatives of the victims and the defendants.

Defense attorney Ricardo Rodriguez said the proceeding lacked dignity. "I think it was a three-ring circus in there," he said.

Such courtroom confrontations stem from the growing victims'

rights movement. Thirty-five states permit victims to speak at sentencing, according to the Arlington, Va.-based National Victims' Center. Five other states allow statements from victims to be read at sentencing.

After the hearing, a shouting and shoving match erupted in the hallway among relatives from both sides. No one was injured and deputies quickly stepped in to separate the groups.

It wasn't the first time the case had turned confrontational. During the trials, the victims' relatives shouted at death penalty opponents who were picketing the courthouse.

District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. didn't attend the hearing, but didn't think it got out of hand. "Both sides have a right to appear at any criminal proceeding at any stage. That emanates from the Constitution," he said.

The fathers, who addressed the court from the spectators' gallery, berated the defendants even though they were told to be civil and to speak to the three judges who had presided over the trials. Defense attorneys repeatedly objected when either man directly addressed the defendants.

As the last of the three killers was being led from the courtroom, Ertman told him, "I'll watch you die, boy."

**Pick 3**

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-4 (two, three, four)

**Iacocca filed petition first**

**PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)** — Lee Iacocca's third wife has filed for divorce, but the former Chrysler Corp. chairman had her beat by weeks.

Oakland County Circuit Court records show Iacocca's Sept. 1 divorce petition was sealed while he tried to repair the relationship.

Iacocca's wife, former restaurateur Darrien Earle, filed for divorce Friday in Los Angeles. The couple married in 1991.

**Astrograph**  
By Bernice Bede Osol

**Your Birthday**  
Thursday, Oct. 13, 1994

Even though outside factors might influence the pace of your progress in the year ahead, worthwhile endeavors are still doable. Be patient and flow with events.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** In this cycle your financial indicators could change radically. Today the direction may be downward, so don't treat your funds frivolously. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Attend to your basic responsibilities first today. This way the boss might not mind if you take the rest of the day to do whatever you deem significant.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Avoid inclinations today to make more out of minor mishaps than you should. It's when you blow things out of proportion that problems arise.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If there is something material you hope to acquire today, it's likely to stem from a logical sequence of steps. Chance isn't apt to shorten the process.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** The objectives you establish for yourself today are apt to be both realistic and attainable. However, if you think they are foregone conclusion, you may be severely disappointed.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Charity should begin at home today, or at least within your own intimate circle of friends. Help persons you know before aiding strangers.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Accept others for what they are today and not for what you hope they can do for you. If you want their support, you'll have to deal with their sincerity.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** For the sake of harmonious relationships, don't take full credit today for things you had help accomplishing. It could be the last time you'll get assistance from the overlooked party.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The plans you conceive today are likely to be feasible. However, avoid delegating incompetent persons to implement them.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** In an important undertaking today, it could prove wise to investigate things for yourself. Don't believe something is factual just because someone claims it is.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Partnership arrangements might hold a special appeal for you today. Unfortunately, they may prove unproductive. Be sure the allies you select aren't dead weight.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Do not permit yourself to become involved in petty politics with friends today. You or the person you endorse could be very unpopular candidates.

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**DATE BOOK**

Oct. 12, 1994

Today is the 285th day of 1994 and the 20th day of fall.

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**TODAY'S HISTORY:** On this day in 1492, Christopher Columbus got his first glimpse of the New World when he sighted an island in the Bahamas that he named San Salvador.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Dick Gregory (1932-) comedian-political activist, is 62; Luciano Pavarotti (1935-) opera singer, is 59; Tony Kubek (1936-), baseball star-broadcaster, is 58; Susan Anton (1950-) actress-singer in M.O.S. (1967-), baseball player, is 32; Kirk Cameron (1970-), actor, is 24.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** On this day in 1920, Man o'War defeated Triple Crown winner Sir Barton by seven lengths in his final race, at Kenilworth Park in Canada.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "This is an incredible and beautiful thing in life — to be kissed by God. And if I am kissed by God, I thank him by doing my best." — Luciano Pavarotti

**TODAY'S WEATHER:** On this day in 1978, lightning struck a moving car's trunk-mounted CB antenna in Indianapolis, blowing out a tire and damaging the car's radio, CB radio and electrical system. The driver was unhurt.

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**TODAY'S MOON:** Day after first quarter (Oct. 11).

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# Report criticizes computer purchases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government wastes billions of dollars on computer systems because its purchasing procedures are too cumbersome to buy technology before it becomes obsolete, according to a congressional study.

The yearlong study revealed that government agencies often end up with out-of-date and poorly designed computer systems that are incompatible with the equipment they already own, said Sen. William Cohen of Maine, the senior Republican on the Senate Governmental Affairs oversight

subcommittee.

"These problems result in uncollected taxes, poorly managed federal spending and incorrect payments to federal contractors," Cohen said. "Taxpayers should be outraged."

The report being released today — "Computer Chaos: Billions Wasted Buying Federal Computer Systems" — recommends overhauling the buying process. It was researched and written by the subcommittee's Republican staff.

Government computer systems affect play a role in everything

from processing tax returns to monitoring business trends and providing weather information to morning commuters.

The federal government is the world's largest single buyer of computers and computer-related equipment, spending more than \$25 billion each year — about 5 percent of discretionary federal spending, according to the report.

Yet, some agencies continue to operate with inefficient 20- and 30-year-old mainframe computers, Cohen said.

The report said outdated Inter-

nal Revenue Service computer systems have contributed to a \$70 billion backlog in uncollected taxes and records so unreliable the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, could not adequately audit them.

Computer problems also have led to a deterioration of the nation's air traffic control system, the report said.

The Farmers Home Administration manages its loan portfolio manually with color-coded index cards, despite spending \$200 million on computer equipment.

## Community Calendar

- WEDNESDAY**  
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141; 8 p.m.
- THURSDAY**  
Snyder Palette Club; paint out at Evelyn's; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; 10 a.m.  
Noah Project will not meet in October due to training set at a later date.  
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.  
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.  
Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.  
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.  
Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.
- FRIDAY**  
Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 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.  
Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.  
Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.
- SATURDAY**  
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 more information call 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

# White House report asks no further action against Espy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says no further action is warranted against Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, who is resigning under an ethical cloud.

However, the report issued late Tuesday by White House Counsel Abner J. Mikva said all presidential appointees must be made aware of the administration's ethics standards and laws and policies governing gifts, travel, political activity and conflicts of interest.

resignation announcement and his decision to reimburse the government for expenses and to pay back private groups for the cost of gifts he accepted make further corrective action unnecessary at this time.

However, Mikva said the Agriculture Department's inspector general should revisit the matter after completion of an investigation by an independent counsel to determine "whether any additional money is owed to USDA or others."

"Members of the Cabinet should set an example for all federal employees," the Mikva report said. "When they run afoul of the standards of conduct, however inadvertently, their actions reflect negatively on the president and the executive branch, and promote distrust of the government."

But the report said Espy's Oct. 3

The independent counsel is investigating whether Espy violated a law barring Agriculture Department from accepting gifts from companies regulated by the department, including Arkansas-based Tyson Foods Inc., a chicken empire with longstanding ties to President Clinton.

## Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 10-12-94			
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♥ Q 10 3			
♦ A Q J			
♣ 8 7 4 3			
WEST		EAST	
♠ K 10 8 5 3		♠ Q 9	
♥ K 6 2		♥ 7 5 4	
♦ 9 2		♦ 7 6 4 3	
♣ J 9 2		♣ Q 10 6 5	
SOUTH			
♠ J 7 6			
♥ A J 9 8			
♦ K 10 8 5			
♣ A K			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 5			

you have no entry to those winners, or because the suit is blocked.

In today's deal, West led his fourth-highest spade against three no-trump. Hoping this was away from the K-Q, declarer played low from the dummy. But East won with the queen and returned the nine. South withheld his jack, but West carefully overtook with his 10. South ducked in the dummy, won the next spade, played a heart to his ace and a second heart. However, West won with the king and cashed two spade tricks to defeat the game.

"That was unlucky, partner," said South.

"A little," was North's terse reply. "But I make the contract if..."

"Yes, I know," interrupted North. "Yet as you were missing both the nine and 10 of spades, how likely is it that West has underled the K-Q? Surely it is more likely that East has one of these honors. And if he does, you should play dummy's spade ace at trick one."

"Yes, I see," said South after a short pause. "If the spades break 4-3, I cannot go down. Whereas if East has a doubleton honor, the suit is blocked. Sorry."

If you go down in a contract, don't immediately assume you were unlucky. Ask yourself if there was a better line of play available that would have been more successful.

## The road is blocked

Anyone who drives in a metropolitan area is used to road repairs causing delays. And if I may be permitted to paraphrase T.S. Eliot: "Here were decent people, their only monument the asphalt road and a thousand lost trucks."

In bridge, it is frustrating being unable to cash winners, either because

## Affection grows for old lobster

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The latest celebrity on Sunset Boulevard is a live Maine lobster weighing 12 1/2 pounds that's probably headed for hot water.

But diners and workers at Gladstone's 4 Fish have a crush on the crustacean — recently named Spike — and are pleading for his life.

"We came in and saw him last Friday, fell in love with him and just kind of adopted him," said

waitress Julie Gleason. She added that Spike isn't prone to making snappy comebacks at servers who occasionally pull him out of his tank for a closer look.

Spike is believed to be about 65 years old, but his days may be numbered. His date with fate is Nov. 1, when he will be given away during a drawing.

"I hope whoever gets him doesn't kill him," Gleason said. "I mean, he's survived two wars."

## Dear Abby



### Elderly Make Easy Targets For Sweepstakes Scams

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have kept the column you had regarding the elderly woman who was hooked on sweepstakes. I am sure that most people don't realize how serious the problem is.

I am an attorney in the field of real estate and elder law, and not a week goes by that I do not get a call from an older person who needs to speak to me privately. (They are afraid someone will listen in on the phone, so I usually make a house call.)

One 83-year-old woman had just built a two-car garage onto her home to accommodate the new Jaguar she was told she had won. (It turns out she was only a "finalist" — and she never received the car.)

Another woman had three shopping bags full of canceled checks she had sent to various agencies to "win" some kind of prize. In 10 years, she had spent more than \$175,000. All her checks were for \$3 and \$5. When she could no longer afford to have people come in and help her with her daily chores, she had to give up her home and now lives in a community-supported senior citizens residence.

Another dear soul had her entire house, from floor to ceiling, stacked with magazines to which she had subscribed. She asked, "Couldn't I have them send the magazines to someone else and I'll send the money? They have been so good to me."

I don't know what can be done in other states, but in Florida, we have a system where a "guardian" can be set up. Elderly persons can be allowed to reside at home, and either family members or professional guardians can manage their money.

Believe me, Abby, sweepstakes are not simply a harmless pleasure. They can get to be a real compulsion.

MARIA L. DRUMM, ATTORNEY, FORT MYERS, FLA.

DEAR READERS: Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In July, you addressed the problem of sweepstakes scams. Since I am an

employee of the Postal Service, it is also one of my concerns.

While ordering a consumer guide designed to help people avoid this kind of fraud, I remembered your column. To quote from our postal publication that advertises the guide:

"The Postal Inspection Service has teamed up with the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) to produce 'Sweepstakes: A Consumer's Guide.' The guide has a checklist of questions to help consumers evaluate the legitimacy of sweepstakes or other promotions they receive in their mailboxes."

To receive a free copy of "Sweepstakes: A Consumer's Guide," write to: DMA, Consumer Services Department, 1101 17th St. N.W., Suite 705, Washington, D.C. 20036-4704. (Allow 8 to 10 weeks.)

I hope this is helpful. I need to know the facts in order to avoid becoming victims of the unscrupulous.

ANN CRAWFORD, TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR ANN: Thank you for a helpful letter. Although not all sweepstakes are fraudulent, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (which is the law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service) reports that thousands of complaints have been received this year from those who have been victimized by this kind of fraud.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, 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. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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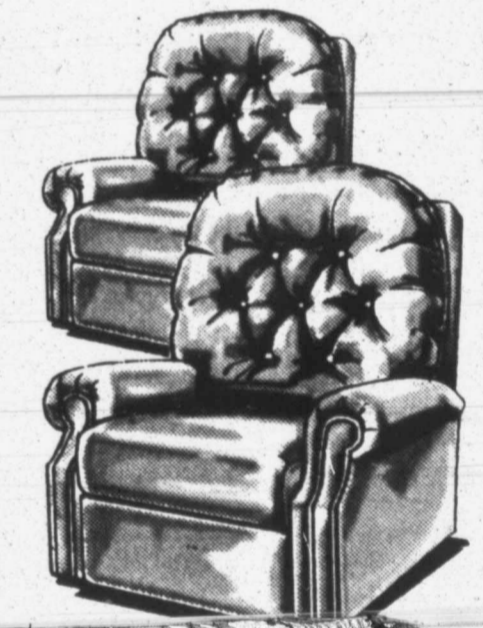
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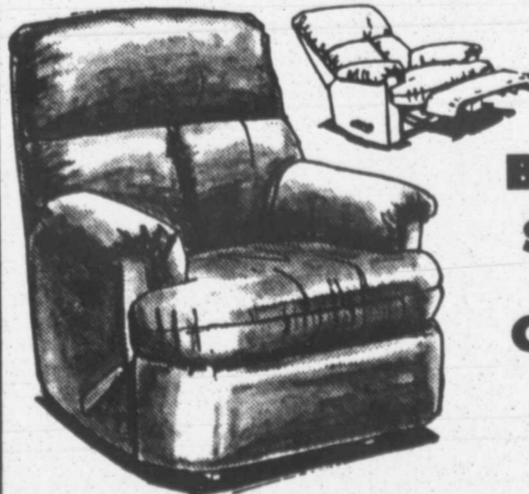
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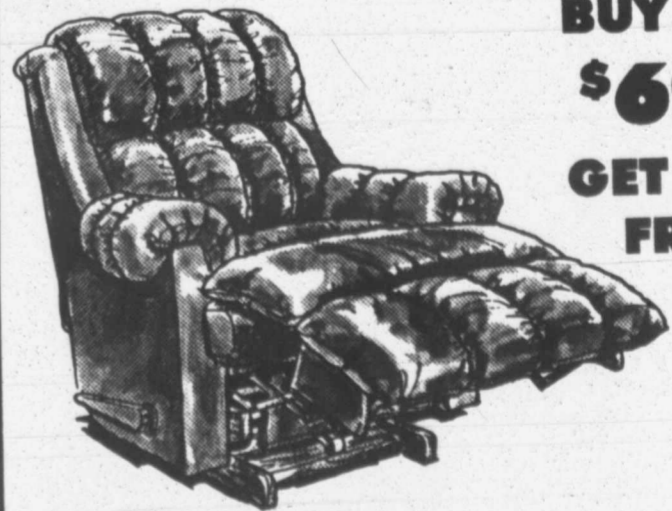
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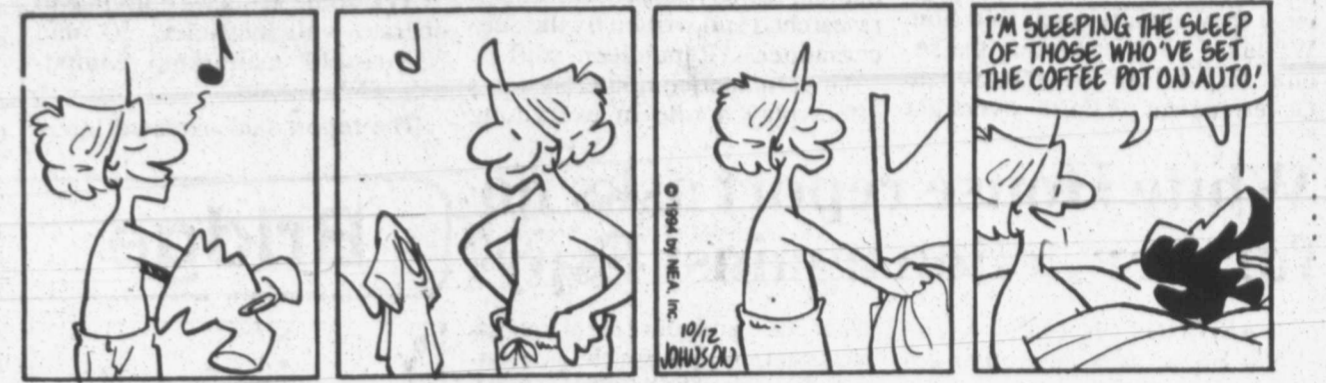
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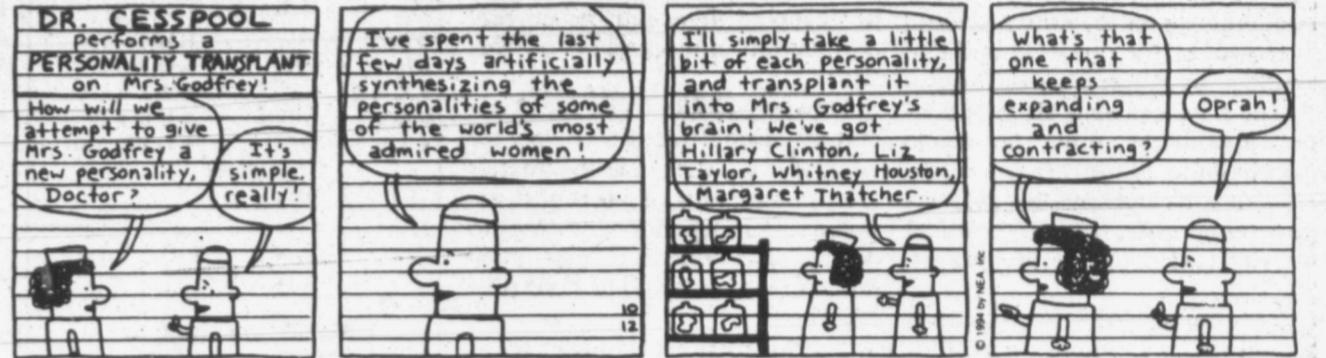
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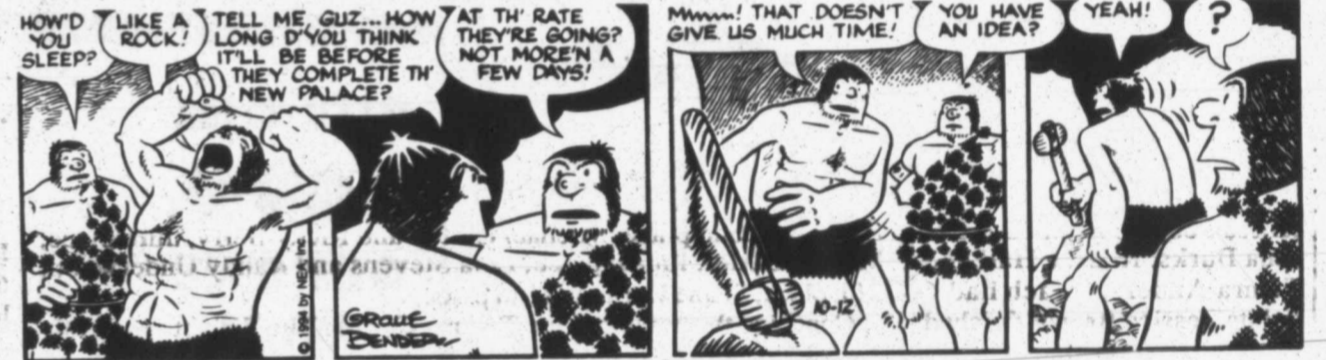
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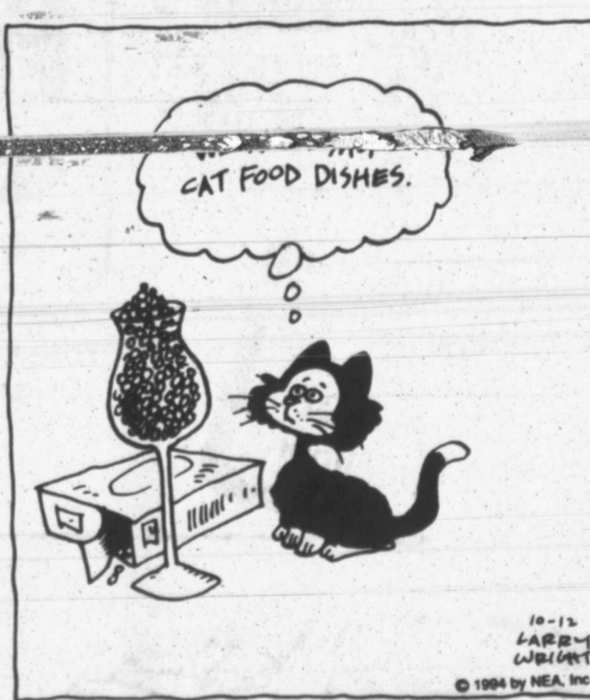
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# 'Big bucks' gubernatorial race keeps getting bigger

AUSTIN (AP) — The cost of running for governor this year is getting higher.

Both major candidates Tuesday reported multimillion-dollar totals for their most recent contributions and expenses.

Reports filed with the Texas Ethics Commission for the period July 1 to Sept. 29 showed Democratic Gov. Ann Richards raising another \$3.28 million. Republican challenger George W. Bush raised \$3.45 million during those three months.

That brought the Richards' fund-raising total since taking office in January 1991 to about \$15.5 million.

Bush's total since launching his campaign last year rose to \$11.6 million, close to the \$11.6 million Richards has reported raising since June 1993.

The two candidates are spending at a rapid pace, too.

Bush reported expenditures of \$5 million for the most recent period, raising his total for the campaign to about \$7.7 million.

Richards' spending also totaled \$5 million for the period and reached \$11.8 million since taking office.

Each candidate claimed the support of the average Texan.

"My campaign is reaching out to all Texans, from all walks of life, to discuss important issues, to listen to people's concerns, and to present detailed plans for the future of our great state. This is what

has generated this grassroots response," Bush said.

"The working men and women of this state are supporting my campaign in record numbers. We have worked to bring jobs to Texas, to diversify this economy, and to get Texas ready for the 21st century," Richards said.

Richards said she raised her \$3.28 million from 15,444 individuals. Of that, \$2.62 million, about 79.5 percent, came from Texas, she said.

According to Bush's report, he raised \$2.9 million, or 85 percent of his total, from 14,912 in-state contributions, and \$519,000, 15 percent, from 2,787 out-of-state donations.

# Clinton's stance against Iraq cannot hurt him politically

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is too early to tell how much of a political "bump" President Clinton and fellow Democrats might get from his handling of the Iraqi crisis. But it certainly can't hurt.

With the recovering economy — surprisingly — not bestowing any help in the polls, Clinton needs whatever boost he can get, even if it's from an area he's often accused of giving short shrift, foreign policy.

Clinton's aides are under instructions not to talk about any possible political advantages that might be reaped from Clinton's showdown with Saddam Hussein.

Unlike President Bush who stumped in the 1990 midterm elections regularly denouncing "the butcher of Baghdad," Clinton isn't mentioning the situation in his political speeches. But he was quick to mention it and the apparently successful policy in Haiti in his Oval Office address to the nation Monday night.

In any event, his moves so far — including the quick deployment of tens of thousands of U.S. troops — has received bipartisan support.

And, taken with the departure of Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras as Haiti's military leader, the week's developments might help enhance Clinton's presidential image — a makeover he sorely needs.

A few clearcut victories could go a long way in erasing 20 months of criticism that his foreign policy has been indecisive and ineffective, although no one in Clinton's camp expects too much — given deep voter cynicism and the fact that foreign policy successes rarely translate into domestic political gains.

With the possible exception of Virginia Senate candidate Oliver North, Clinton's hard-line response to Saddam's massing of troops on the Kuwaiti border has drawn bipartisan accolades.

"I think that in this particular situation Bill Clinton has handled the situation exactly right," former Vice President Dan Quayle said a day after former President Bush offered similar praise. Echoed former Bush Secretary of State James A. Baker III: "I think President Clinton has made exactly the right moves."

North, the former Iran-Contra figure, clearly was marching in the opposite direction as he accused the administration of "reckless endangerment" in defense cuts that he said invited Saddam Hussein to test U.S. resolve.

That brought rebukes from both his Democratic opponent, Sen. Chuck Robb, and Vice President Al Gore, who accused North of "despicable" and "unpatriotic" statements.

Clinton continues to stump the country for Democratic candidates, many of whom seem less than enthusiastic about his support — although eager for the cash that a sitting president can raise.

The president's speech on Tuesday to several hundred auto workers at Ford's Dearborn, Mich., Mustang assembly plant drew only polite applause, only sporadic cheers.

Yet, if Clinton should be popular anywhere, it should be in Michigan.

He carried the state in 1992. Unemployment is at 5.5 percent, below the national average and a 20-year low. And U.S. auto sales are expected to surpass Japan's this year for the first time since 1979.

But Clinton found little respect there — not from the auto workers, not from the Michigan electorate at large (recent polls show his disapproval rating at 50 percent or more) and, perhaps, not even from candidates he wants to help.

Rep. Bob Carr, a Democrat in a tight race for U.S. Senate, told reporters he didn't know how Clinton's visit would help him. "I didn't ask him to come this time. They (the White House) just informed me he was going to be here," Carr told reporters.

# Good conduct medal given to J. Benitez

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Juan Y. Benitez, son of Cris and Ygnacio Benitez Jr of Snyder, recently received the Navy Good Conduct Medal.

The Good Conduct Medal recognizes the service member's honest and faithful service during a four-year period. To earn it, Benitez achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period.

The 1986 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Navy in December of 1986.

# Veana Clay in top 5%

Snyder High School senior Veana Clay has been named as one of the 3,500 students being commended to U.S. colleges and universities. Veana scored in the top five percent of more than 95,000 black students who requested consideration in the 1995 Achievement Program when they took the 1993 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Texas/National Merit Scholarship Qualifiers Test. The Achievement Program is a privately financed compensatory activity open to high school students who are black Americans. This annual competition is administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

# Groundbreaking

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Bruce Willis posed for pictures, reminisced about his youth in New Jersey and even invited his fans to hit the blackjack tables with him.

But the actor, in town to help break ground for a Planet Hollywood celebrity nightclub, clammed up when asked how much his share is.

# October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the American Cancer Society is encouraging women to learn everything they can about breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer among women, and it is second only to lung cancer in its deadliness. The American Cancer Society estimates that about one of every nine American women will develop breast cancer by age 85.

An estimated 182,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in women during 1994. About 46,000 women will die of the disease this year.

Risk factors include: age over 40, personal or family history of breast cancer, and never had children or had children late in life.

But there is hope. Through education and early detection, survival can be increased greatly. Ninety-three percent of women diagnosed with localized breast

cancer survive five years. For cancers that aren't invasive, the survival rate approaches 100 percent. Seventy-one percent of women whose breast cancers have spread regionally survive, while 18 percent of persons with distant metastases survive five years.

The Society recommends that women have a screening mammogram by age 40; women 40 to 49 should have a mammogram every 1-2 years; asymptomatic women age 50 and over should have a mammogram every year. Also a doctor should conduct a breast examination every three years for women 20 to 40 and every year for those over 40. The Society also recommends monthly breast self-examination for women 20 years and older.

For more information on breast cancer detection and treatment, contact the District 3 Office of the American Cancer Society at (806) 792-7126.

# Greytok, Mauro disagree on loans and assets issue

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro says accusations by GOP challenger Marta Greytok that he hid \$68,000 in assets from creditors are an attempt to divert attention from her lack of knowledge about the issues.

"She has been peddling this story for months," Mauro said Tuesday. "It's 28 days before the election. Let's talk about land commissioner issues."

Mrs. Greytok, a former Public Utility Commissioner, told a news conference she filed a complaint against Mauro with the Texas Ethics Commission. She alleged that for eight years, Mauro failed to report a \$40,000 loan he made to his campaign in 1985.

She also accused Mauro of fail-

ing to report that his campaign paid him \$28,000 interest on the loan in 1991.

Andrew Martin, Ethics Commission general counsel, said complaints typically can take months to be resolved.

"Garry Mauro hid a \$40,000 asset and \$28,000 in interest income from the public and from his creditors," Mrs. Greytok said. "All while he was preparing to stick the public and the taxpayers with a \$3.5 million tab as a result of his Chapter 7 bankruptcy."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Mauro said, "I didn't hide anything from anybody."

"It was fully reported in my bankruptcy filing and my trustee, the bankruptcy judge, knew about the loan. Every penny I was repaid went to debts," Mauro said.

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Hunt for kidnapped soldier

Gaza strip reported sealed

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel today held Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat responsible for an Israeli-American soldier kidnapped by Muslim militants. In a videotaped appeal, the hostage soldier pleaded with Israel to meet his captors' demands or "they will kill me."

man urged Israel to meet the kidnappers' demands. "If not, they will kill me," said Waxman, a dual U.S.-Israeli citizen who finished high school six months ago.

ment "to save my son who is an American citizen." Israeli government ministers, speaking after an emergency Cabinet session today, said that if Arafat didn't try to catch the kidnapers, Israel could not be expected to negotiate expanding self-rule to the West Bank.

will have grave implications for the future," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said. "All signs indicate that he (the soldier) is in Gaza, and the Palestinian authority must act."

First round of police-hiring funds released to 392 towns

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton released a \$200 million downpayment today that will help 392 communities put 2,770 new police officers on the street.

statement of \$8.8 billion authorized by the crime bill over the next six years to hire more police. Communities must submit plans for using the new officers in so-called community policing projects that strengthen ties between officers and civilians.

but over the next 12 months, based on applications now being designed. "With this new money, we're encouraging everybody to apply," Schmidt said.

Obituaries

Frances Stockton

1909-1994 BIG SPRING — Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Nailey-Pickel Funeral Home Chapel for Frances "Frantz" Stockton, 85, who died Monday at her home in Sand Springs.

Forum allows public to meet candidates

Continued From Page 1 Goodwin told those in attendance that his experience is something voters should consider when choosing a county judge.

Police note five arrests

Officers made five arrests and investigated reports of criminal mischief Tuesday and early this morning. Joe Velasquez contacted police at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in reference to some damage to the windshield of his vehicle at 37th Street and College Avenue.

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Hospital Notes

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New wife to donate kidney to husband

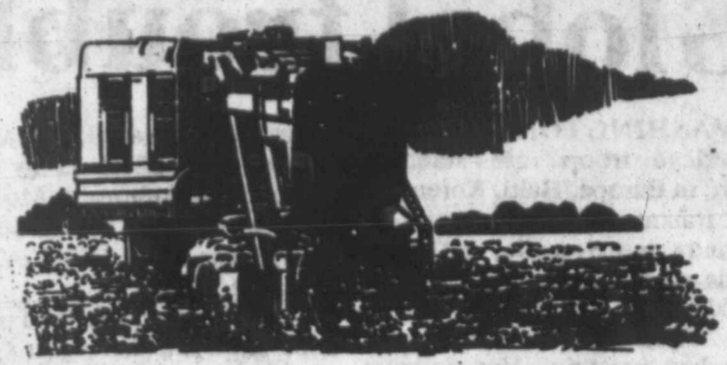
SAN DIEGO (AP) — They promised to love and honor, cherish and comfort, give and receive. Today, Randall Curlee and Victoria Ingram will begin living out their wedding vows — heading to surgery together so she can give him a kidney that could save his life. "I just can't express it," Curlee, 46, said after the couple's marriage Tuesday. "What it means to me — it's really too much."

Police note five arrests

Officers made five arrests and investigated reports of criminal mischief Tuesday and early this morning. Joe Velasquez contacted police at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in reference to some damage to the windshield of his vehicle at 37th Street and College Avenue. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed. At 3:15 p.m., police arrested a 17-year-old female at Snyder High School on a warrant for Class B theft. Jason Crunk contacted police at 4:20 p.m. in reference to someone scratching his vehicle at the high school. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed. Police arrested Donnie Max Belcher, 26, at 6:46 p.m. on a Kent County warrant for burglary of a building and for forgery. A separate offense for forgery was also filed. Police had been notified earlier that a subject had been trying to pass a check at Don's Value King that was possibly stolen, and had been notified by Kent County officials that the man was at Allsup's attempting to cash a check. Belcher was arrested at Taylor Food Market. Officers arrested a 36-year-old man at 9:32 p.m. in the 3500 block of College Avenue for driving with a suspended license. At 11:30 p.m., an officer arrested a 22-year-old man in the 1300 block of College Avenue on outstanding warrants for speeding and failure to appear. Police arrested a 20-year-old man at 12:42 a.m. today in the 3500 block of College Avenue for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.



# Scurry County Country



## Entomology Report

By Mark Logan, County Entomologist



In November of this year local cotton producers and landowners will have the opportunity to vote for an area-wide Boll Weevil Eradication Program. This Boll Weevil Eradication Program is a nation-wide effort to rid the country of the pest. To understand why this eradication program is occurring, and how it will work, you must first know some of the history of the boll weevil in Texas and the United States.

The boll weevil entered Texas through Mexico in the lower Rio Grande Valley in the early 1890s. It eventually worked its way up the Gulf Coast and into the Blacklands of Texas. The boll weevil then moved east through the Southern states eventually stopping in North Carolina and parts of Virginia in the Northeastern cotton growing regions.

In 1978, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), in conjunction with the cotton industry and producers in North and South Carolina and Virginia, began a 3-year trial boll weevil eradication program. Once that program proved successful, the eradication zone moved to other states. Currently, the boll weevil has been eradicated out of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and part of Alabama. A similar program has been conducted in California, Arizona and adjacent areas of Mexico. The boll weevil eradication program in Texas started this fall in the San Angelo and Ballinger area, and is scheduled to start in the spring of 1995 in the lower Rio Grande Valley.

Locally, the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has agreed to let the producers in our zone vote this November on boll weevil eradication. Any cotton grower or landowner who receives direct income from the proceeds of cotton sales is entitled to vote. If a person or entity receives payment from the ASCS office or can prove that he or she received direct payments for cotton, that person or entity is eligible to vote. Voters will vote on three separate issues. One vote is to establish a boll weevil eradication zone. At the same time and on the same ballot, growers will be

asked to elect a farmer-representative to the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. Also on this ballot in our zone a maximum assessment rate will be set.

There is an awful lot of information available on boll weevil eradication. This article just introduced some of the key elements. We have two meetings planned on Oct. 25 to discuss boll weevil eradication plans. One meeting will be in Hermleigh at approximately 8 a.m. Another meeting is scheduled in Fluvanna on the same day at 12:01 p.m. More information will be publicized about these meetings at a later date.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Texas lets the sun shine in

Texas ranks sixth in the percent of days that are sunny, tying with vacation-destination states Florida and Hawaii, along with its northern neighbor, Oklahoma. Only five western states, Arizona (#1), Nevada, New Mexico, California and Colorado see more sun than Texas does.

Among the 50 states



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Department of Commerce and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

## Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts  
County Extension Agent



Many great explanations about vitamin A and its preventative effect against cancer have been discussed. It is known that vitamin A is necessary for normal physiological functions and growth, and because it is "essential," it must be obtained from dietary sources.

Vitamin A is best noted for its role in prevention of night blindness, but is also a factor in fighting infectious diseases and has been shown to prevent some forms of cancer. Currently, it is believed that the active form of vitamin A, retinoic acid, functions as a critical growth regulatory molecule during all stages of life.

One researcher at Michigan State University investigated the role of vitamin A in the very early stages of embryonic development in birds, i.e., after 24 hours in incubation, particularly with regard to

the heart and circulatory system.

Findings were that the importance of vitamin A varies in early stages of embryonic development in birds can be extended to human vitamin A requirements during pregnancy. Marginal dietary vitamin A may be reflected in marginal vitamin A supply to the embryo, possibly resulting in abnormal fetal development. Drug abuse or alcohol abuse may interfere with vitamin A function, and only promote some abnormalities, such as those observed in fetal alcohol syndrome.

By consuming recommended servings of orange fruits and vegetables, deep leafy green vegetables, milk group foods and other food sources, you can ensure that you and family members are consuming enough of this important, fat-soluble vitamin.

## The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm



This year, 1994, has been proclaimed Cooperative Year in celebration of the 150 birthday of the modern cooperative movement. The emu industry now has two emu co-ops of their own. Emu Ranchers Incorporated and Emu Marketing Unlimited have become a part of this successful way people, uniting together, market their products. When the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers Society began the modern cooperative way of conducting business in 1844, none of the 28 members could have envisioned that today the cooperative movement would be shared by 700 million members worldwide.

Cooperatives usually are divided into four main categories: purchasing, marketing, services, or consumer. They come in all sizes from small buying clubs to large businesses. If you use electricity, buy hardware, send flowers, read the newspaper, or enjoy cranberries, oranges, butter, or cotton you probably have done business with a cooperative.

The basic business rules that were written 150 years ago are the guiding principles of today's worldwide cooperative movement. The basic principles of a co-op are, democratic control, patronage dividends, open membership, limited return on investment, edu-

cation, and cooperation among co-ops.

They are owned by the people who use this service and provide an economic benefit for their members. Once a co-op begins producing and selling products and earning profits, these amounts will be returned to the members and others who use it, as patrons. At the end of each physical year, the board of directors elected by the membership decides what percentage of patronage capital can be refunded to each of its members and patrons.

Working together, members of a co-op can reach objectives unattainable by individual action alone. In the emu industry, all interested emu ranchers will be able, through their co-ops, ERI and EMU, to participate in research, development and marketing of products, rather than just supplying raw materials. They also will be able to purchase supplies and equipment at a discounted price.

These emu co-ops are taking the necessary actions to establish a firm worldwide market for both the raw material and products made by the co-ops.

The 6,000 members of AEA represent only one half of all emu breeders in the United States. Uniting together through the emu cooperatives, will enable them to

attain their goal sooner. It is very important that each emu breeder, whether they have one pair or forty pair of emu, join their cooperatives. Call the co-ops today for a membership form. EMU (1-800-791-2669) ERI (1-800-826-3374).

Zone 7, of the Texas Emu Association will meet Oct. 29, for its regular quarterly meeting at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Big Spring. The meal will begin at noon with the business meeting following at 1 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to attend. For further information, contact Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

### Farm census

Results of the Census of Agriculture show that Texas had 180,644 farms in 1992 compared to 188,788 farms in 1987. Also, Texas had 130,886,608 acres of land in farms in 1992. The Commerce Department's Census Bureau reported that about 39 percent of all farms sold \$10,000 or more in agricultural products.

Texas' leading agricultural products in 1992 were cattle and calves with sales of \$6.83 billion compared to \$6.04 billion in 1987.

The average age of operators in Texas was 56 years. Farming was the principal occupation of 85,937 of the 180,644 operators.

Oct. 29...

## Quail season opens this month

Texas hunters will soon begin loading their shotguns and loading up their bird dogs as another quail season begins. Quail season opens Oct. 29 and continues through Feb. 26, with a bag limit of 15 birds per day and a possession limit of 45 birds.

Wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, conducted 36 quail census lines throughout the Panhandle regulatory district, which extends from Jones County westward to Andrews and Martin Counties and North throughout the Texas Panhandle. According to Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the number of quail observed on these census lines decreased by 48 percent when compared to the same census lines conducted in 1993, with the largest decrease being found in the Southern half of the district.

This decrease in quail numbers can be largely attributed to extreme heat and drought conditions during the summer. Besides the obvious detrimental effects on range conditions that can result in quail losses, extreme heat and drought conditions can have a harmful effect on egg laying and incubation, says Lionberger.

Landowners interested in quail management can implement practices on their property that are beneficial to quail and other wildlife species. Practices such as discing in strips along habitat edges and controlled burning, result in the growth of forbs or weeds that are preferred food items for quail. Practices such as half-cutting of mesquites can create areas of loafing cover for quail.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department provides technical assistance to landowners wishing to improve the quality of wildlife habitat on their property. For technical assistance, call Jim Lionberger, wildlife biologist, at (955) 573-9864; Calvin Richardson, wildlife biologist, at (806) 746-6101 ext. 345, or contact Danny Sweptson, district wildlife biologist, at (806) 353-0486.

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## Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady on a run of 986 head of cattle for the Oct. 5 sale. All stocker and feeder cattle steady with bulls and heifers active. Packer cows and bulls steady with last week.

- STEERS**
- 300-400: 85-94.
- 400-500: 78-84.
- 500-600: 70-78.
- 600-700: 68-72.
- HEIFERS**
- 300-400: 78-84.
- 400-500: 70-75.
- 500-600: 68-72.
- 600-700: 64-68.
- BRED COWS**
- Good: 600-680.
- Older and plainer: 400-550.
- Pairs**
- Good: 700-800.
- Older and plainer: 550-700.
- PACKER COWS**
- Good: 38-44.
- Low yielding: 33-38.
- PACKER BULLS**
- Good: 55-60.
- Low yielding: 48-54.

## Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — Most classes of cattle were steady on 802 head at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Oct. 8. A special Rehab Sale will be held Oct. 22.

- Heifers: 200-400, 80-90; 400-600, 70-80; 600-800, 65-70.
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# Global trouble spots stretching U.S. forces

WASHINGTON (AP) — American troops are standing guard in Europe, Haiti, Korea and the Balkans. Troops have left Rwanda and Somalia, but thousands more are en route to the Middle East.

Is America's military being stretched too thin? Has Saddam Hussein deliberately made trouble while the United States is preoccupied in Haiti?

Some military experts worry that's the case. But the Pentagon's top commanders contend that despite recent troop and budget cuts, America's military can handle two major regional conflicts — such as Korea and Iraq — at nearly the same time.

"I believe we have the capability to do so," Gen. John Shallickashvili told reporters at a Pentagon briefing. "I would not want North Korea for a moment to think otherwise, or for that matter, anyone else."

Under the national security strategy devised during the tenure of former Defense Secretary Les Aspin, the Clinton administration said the Pentagon should maintain enough military force to fight — and win — "two nearly simultaneous regional conflicts."

That means while vanquishing one foe, the forces must be ready to shift to face, and defeat, another.

But the administration's budget also calls for cutting the Army's divisions from 14 to 10; Air Force

wings from 28 to 20; and aircraft carriers from 13 to 12 by 1999.

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said he backs the plan, but the strategy "isn't even funded. ... I'm really concerned about it."

Skelton said a variety of projections show the Pentagon's long-term budgets would need between \$40 billion and \$150 billion above and over the next five years to pay for the cutback force outlined in

the Clinton strategy.

"And what if North Korea rattles the saber, what if the Serbs decide to assist the Bosnian Serbs? We'll find ourselves stretched thinner than paper," said Skelton, the influential chairman of the House Armed Services personnel subcommittee.

Retired Army Col. Roy Alcalá, a former assistant to Army Chief of Staff Carl Vuono, argued

"things are stretched" now.

In cases like Korea or the Middle East, allies may be able to help out, Alcalá said. But he argued it would not be possible for the United States to manage two major conflicts alone "without a preplanned and large" call-up of the civilians who are members of its reserve forces.

Only three weeks after 20,000 troops were dispatched to Haiti,

the military is shifting thousands more into the Persian Gulf region.

"We've been able to do very, very well those difficult tasks we've been asked to do. But we also have to watch very carefully to make sure that we don't get stretched out," Shallickashvili said.

Air Force Gen. Merrill McPeak told reporters at a separate session the Air Force was "in pretty good shape" and has enough fighter air

wings to handle any contingency, including warfare in two far-flung spots like Korea and Iraq.

But he said the service suffers "spot shortages" in its AWACs (Airborne Warning and Control) radar planes and among its aging fleet of F-111 jets.

And another "big problem" has been the stress placed on the service's airlift system of transport and cargo planes.

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### Panel renews probe on JFK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly 31 years after John F. Kennedy's assassination, investigators armed with a mandate from Congress are beginning a new quest to learn what the federal government's files can tell them about the case.

At its first hearing Tuesday, the new Assassinations Records Review Board was told the investigation was marked with "secrecy, deceit, obfuscation, rumors and innuendo," which contributed to a "corrosive decline" in Americans' trust of their government.

James Lesar, a Washington lawyer, said the board can restore the confidence of the American people "that they have a right to know their own history."

After 30 years, he said, "justifications for the continued withholding of such facts pale in comparison" with the need to end the mistrust.

President Kennedy was shot on Nov. 22, 1963 in Dallas, as he rode in an open car on a mission to mend political fences in the Texas Democratic Party.

Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested for the murder but was killed before he could be questioned extensively. An investigative commission headed by then-

Attorney General Ramsey Clark concluded that Oswald acted alone.

Conspiracy theories flourished and continue to this day.

The board is charged by Congress to ferret out assassination-related documents from government files. All government records about Kennedy's murder, said the law, "should carry a presumption of immediate disclosure" and all should eventually be disclosed.

"Only in the rarest of cases is there any legitimate need for continued protection of such records," the law says.

The five-member board is chaired by John R. Tunheim, chief deputy attorney general of Minnesota, and includes two law professors, a professor of history and law and a librarian specializing in rare books and special collections.

Government agencies were directed by the law, passed in 1992, to provide the National Archives with all records in their possession bearing on the assassination. The CIA and the FBI have sent hundreds of thousands of documents to the Archives, but thousands of others are being withheld or have been provided with huge sections blanked out.

It is the board's job to review whether documents should be made public and to find any others that are being withheld.

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