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WEDNESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will the Christmas lighting around the square be put up?

A—Chamber of commerce officials said the lights will be put up later in the month, weather permitting, and will be turned on Nov. 26, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Local

Pancakes

Snyder FFA is sponsoring a pancake supper at 5 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Admission is by donation.

FFA group

Snyder FFA Parent and Alumni Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school ag building. Everyone is invited.

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.

Ira annuals

The 1995 Ira Bulldog annuals are on sale through Nov. 11 at the principal's office or from sponsor Becky Hudgins. The price is \$20 with a name on the cover or \$18 without a name.

AARP

AARP members are asked to be at the Senior Center at 11:30 a.m. Friday to hear G.A. Parks speak on the proposed Learning Resource Center for the Price Daniel Unit.

Barbecue

Allen Chapel A.M.C. Church, at 3401 Ave. M, is sponsoring a barbecue dinner fund-raiser Saturday. Chicken, brisket and rib plates will be sold at \$5 for one meat, \$7 for two meats. Children under age \$10 can eat for \$3.

For delivery call 573-4377 or 573-8834.

Company G

Company G World War II veterans will stage their 22nd annual reunion here beginning with a 6 p.m. dinner Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club. The group will eat at Reta's at 6:30 Friday night.

A 9 a.m. business meeting will be held at Martha Ann Woman's Club on Saturday, followed by a luncheon at the home of Lynn and Mayzell Fenton. The reunion will wrap up with a banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Willow Park Inn.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 80 degrees; low, 43 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 54 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.01 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 50s. South wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of showers. High 75-80. South to southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution advised on lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:54. Sunrise Thursday, 7:01. Of 305 days in 1994, the sun has shone 298 days in Snyder.

Third bank scam suspect arrested

Secret Service said today all three defendants in an alleged bank scam tied to Snyder should be returned to Lubbock within the next 30 days.

Secret Service Agent David Freriks said that Heather M. Altschuler, 29, was arrested Tuesday by Scotland Yard at a private residence in London. She now faces extradition to Lubbock on a 21-count federal indictment which was unsealed Monday in Lubbock.

Also named in the indictment were Arlie Thomas Eicke, 42, of Snyder and his brother, Johannes J. Eicke, 39. Arlie Eicke was arrested Sunday in Snyder and is free on a \$5,000 bond.

Johannes Eicke was arrested Friday in Detroit and faces a pre-trial detention hearing Friday in Detroit. Freriks said he would be in Detroit Friday to attend the detention hearing.

Freriks said Johannes Eicke and Altschuler, who was described

as Eicke's girlfriend, should be back in Lubbock within the next 20 to 30 days.

Four other persons have been arrested, two in Turkey and two in Buffalo, N.Y., but Freriks said charges against those would be handled in other jurisdictions. He said two to three arrests are expected soon in Canada.

Freriks agreed that trying to find the logic behind the alleged scheme is difficult. "If you try to be logical about this, you just get

more confused."

The indictment charges that the three defendants ran an unauthorized banking operation from Snyder called Central Dominion Trust. The bogus operation, investigators say, consisted of a post office box, fax machine and computer.

The trio is charged with the issuance of bogus cashier's checks, including one for \$100 billion made out to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas. Defendants had

sent an order for U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno to sign directing the U.S. Attorney's office to hold the \$100 billion check in trust to cover future checks issued by Central Dominion Trust.

Total of all cashier's checks exceed \$1 trillion, and investigators describe activities as a "scheme to fleece unwitting victims."

Only one check for \$50,000 was successfully cashed, but Freriks said there are numerous in-

(See SCAM, Page 8)

More than 1,500 have voted early

A mid-week update from the county clerk's office indicates that more than 1,500 people have taken advantage of early voting in the upcoming general election.

Early voting ends at 5 p.m. Friday. The actual election day is Tuesday, Nov. 8.

According to the county clerk's office, contacted shortly before noon today, 1,525 ballots have been cast since early voting began. That represents just over 16 percent of Scurry County's 9,310 registered voters.

The clerk's office is predicting that 2,000 people will vote by the end of the early period. Early voting is conducted on the third floor of the courthouse from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There are six locally-contested races which directly impact Scurry County. While most of the races are county-wide, those for county commissioner are confined to residents residing within Precinct 2 and Precinct 4.

In a race for Precinct 2 commissioner, incumbent Roy Idom, a

Republican, is being challenged by Democrat Wayland Huddleson. Both were unopposed in the primaries.

Incumbent Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway, who defeated Forrest Wenken in the Democratic Primary, is facing another challenge, this time from Republican Charlie Henderson. Henderson was unopposed in March.

Precinct 1 constable, Democrat Jimmy Wilson faces independent Bill Adams. Voting in this race is open to all residents except those residing in the Hermleigh area.

All of the other races are county-wide.

Challenging for the county judge's seat are Democrat Bobby Goodwin, who held the office four years ago, and Ricky Fritz, who unseated incumbent Bob Doolittle in the Republican Primary. Goodwin, a former county judge who was defeated by 12 votes four years ago by Doolittle, ran unopposed in the Democratic Primary this past March.

For district clerk, Republican Polly Wadleigh Echols is running against Democratic incumbent Elois Pruitt.

In one other race, Charlie Bell, Democratic incumbent for county treasurer, is being challenged by Republican Janet Merritt.

Running unopposed are Frances Billingsley, for county clerk; Charlie Reynolds, for peace justice of Precinct 1; and John David Williamson, for peace justice of Precinct 2. All three are Democrats.

SHS class officers announced

Class officers at Snyder High School have been announced following runoff elections held Monday and Tuesday.

Paige Gayle was elected senior class president, with Christa Rossion elected vice president, Brooke Lowrance as secretary and Amanda Barrera as treasurer.

Clay Fuqua is the junior class president. Kelly Hart was elected as vice president, Trisha McGrew as secretary and Jina Miller as the secretary.

The sophomore class elected L. S. McClain as its president and Jeremiah Johnson as vice president. Cameron Pettitt will serve as secretary and Eric Tovar as treasurer.

Traci Eicke was elected president of the ninth grade. Brady Collier was selected vice president. Serving as secretary is Jocelyn Pinkerton. Jon Gutierrez is the treasurer.

Hogan, Counts vie for District 70 post

Frustrated with what she perceives as a loss of local control, Wilman Hogan jumped into the political ring in order to make some changes — the first of which is to give the people a new state representative in the 70th District.

Her opponent is Democratic incumbent David Counts, who is campaigning to serve a fourth term. And while Counts agrees that government has grown, he sees himself as a battler who has made key strides for his largely rural-based constituents.

On Nov. 8, voters will go to the polls to decide which candidate they want representing them for the next two years.

Although Hogan said she had been interested in politics for years, it wasn't until she worked in public schools handling federal programs that she decided to run for office.

"I began to see real waste in tax dollars. There's a lot of duplication and strings attached. One of my big concerns is the loss of local control. These funds allow schools to buy all kinds of equipment, but only certain students can use it. There's no freedom to use the money in the best way. It's a



SNYDER BEAUTIFICATION — Glenda Glasscock (center) and Maribeth Vestal inspect some 700 plants donated to the Snyder Beautification Project. The pansies, grown by horticulture students at the Price Daniel unit, will be planted around the Snyder square. The two committee members are pictured with Jerry Haire, WTC horticulture instructor at the Daniel unit (SDN Staff Photo)

'Peter Pan' opens Saturday

Snyder High School's fall production, "Peter Pan," debuts Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

The production, based on the original story by J.M. Barrie, is set to open Saturday, with second and third performances scheduled Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 7-8, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$4 for adults and \$6 for reserved seating.

The play will feature elaborate stage decorations, exciting music and dramatic lighting, said drama director Jerry Worsham.

"Although 'Peter Pan' is often thought of as a children's production, it is actually a show for the

entire family," said Worsham, who will be directing a cast and crew of 45 students. "There is literally something for everyone in this show. There will be elaborate stage decorations, exciting music, interaction with the audience and dramatic lighting as well as the classic story of 'Peter Pan.'"

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A man in need of a fire must fan it."

Just when we think we've heard of everything...

When we read about a guy landing in court for killing a rat, we thought that was the ultimate.

Now a woman in San Mateo, Calif., has sued her employer for \$1.2 million because they failed to inform her when she had body odor.

The woman, according to news reports, knew that her smell sometimes made co-workers sick. She had watched them put out fans and deodorizers on their desks. Even her own lawyer says he has to hold his nose.

ADA law calls for "reasonable accommodation," and she claims all she wants is a boss who tells her she stinks, politely of course.

Company officials said they would have accommodated her if they had been convinced her body odor was a disability. Instead of a doctor's excuse, they received letters describing the case as a medical mystery.

Bosses, who said they could often detect her 35 feet away, really thought poor hygiene was to blame. The woman, however, has been to an internist, a dermatologist, a psychiatrist and an endocrinologist. She shies away from spicy foods, has taken pills to reduce anxiety, switched deodorants at least twice a year and regularly goes to the doctor for "smell checks."

A jury, whose foreman said he wasn't sure if the case was for real, found for the defendant. Guess the woman was seated too close to the jury box. Anyway, the case was a real stinker.



DAVID COUNTS



WILMA HOGAN

Campaign invigorates Bush

HOUSTON (AP) — Below a rainbow of balloons arcing across a country-and-western bar, George W. Bush seized the podium to proclaim his fitness: "I've never felt better in my life."

An estimated 1,600 GOP adherents turned out Tuesday night to rally Bush through his campaign to unseat Gov. Ann Richards. Polls indicate the contest is close. "I feel invigorated. I feel strong," he said, standing beside U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. "I feel like Texas is going to have a new governor in seven days."

Bush said he was neither surprised nor concerned by the endorsement Dallas billionaire Ross Perot gave Richards earlier Tuesday.

"I do not care who endorses my opponent," he told the boisterous crowd. "That's not going to change the fact that the status quo is unacceptable for most of Texas."

Perot ran as a third-party presidential candidate in 1992 when Bush's father was running for reelection.

Bush told reporters he didn't think Perot has a "grudge against someone named George Bush."

The Republican campaign spent most of Tuesday touting a survey of prosecutors who described the state's new penal code as useless against crime.

Bush, claiming validation of his

opinion that the penal code is weak, distributed the survey one day after Richards accused him of "literally lying" about the measure.

"Governor Richards, you must be out of touch not to understand the effects of the penal code," Bush said at an afternoon rally in Conroe. "Talk to those who are hired to enforce the law before you go calling George W. Bush lying about something that is not right for Texas."

The survey of 26 Harris County prosecutors was sent this week to Carol Vance, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice. It concluded that the penal code is "a step backward because it has

created more problems than it has solved."

Terry Jennings, the assistant district attorney who compiled the findings, said it wasn't an endorsement for any candidate.

Jennings said most respondents had concerns about the measure, which went into effect Sept. 1.

"It doesn't need minor adjustments. It needs a serious overhaul," he said. "Automatic probation has got to go. It's the stupidest idea in criminal history."

Bush says the penal code gives automatic probation for auto theft, burglary of a business and selling less than one gram of crack cocaine. He said legislators made a mistake by passing the measure.

Astro-graphs By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Nov. 3, 1994

You've learned a lot from experience and it isn't likely you'll repeat mistakes. What awaits you looks hopeful and exciting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a good judge of character, but today you will trust someone who might talk freely about your confidential matters. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you may be good at achieving your objectives, but the tactics you use won't win you any popularity contests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Sometimes, after obtaining something you tried hard to get, it becomes clear that it wasn't worth the effort. This could be what you experience today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to be a good salesperson today, you'll have to make a good presentation. Be careful not to put your prospects to sleep explaining the offer.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You know how annoying it is when people disrupt

your plans. Keep this in mind today and avoid changing the flow of events that affect others.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In collective efforts today, the other members of your group may rely on you to instill a spirit of togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Success could elude you today if you lack focus on goals and objectives. Strive for steady progress instead of rolling for sevens and eights.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be patient with your procedures at work. If you begin to make changes simply because you're bored, you could invite trouble.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Find a middle ground with your mate today on topics where your views are diametrically opposed. If each retains his/her bias, a painful deadlock will result.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your dedicated efforts aren't apt to go unrewarded today. However, you might have to work much harder than you originally thought.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In your financial affairs today, you might display your brilliance and your incompetence. It could be a tossup as to which leaves the stronger impression.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An incident might occur today that could make you justifiably angry. However, if you remember you're bigger than what transpires, you'll forgive and forget.

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PARTY AT CENTER — Residents and staff at Snyder Healthcare Center greeted Halloween trick-or-treaters Monday evening and provided a spook house for visitors. Dressed for the occasion were, from left, Eulalia Aquirre, social services and recreational director Cleo Wolf, Carolyn Bond and Karen McKimney. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Richards endorsed by Perot

DALLAS (AP) — Ann Richards was smiling her biggest smile of recent days. Her aides were tight-lipped. Something was up, but no one wanted to say what.

Then, just before 1 p.m. Tuesday, the governor U-turned her campaign, suddenly changing destinations from San Antonio to Dallas. Three hours later, the reason became clear: She claimed Ross Perot's endorsement.

"I did not come to him and ask him to help until I felt we had turned the corner," Richards said. "I didn't personally want to put him on the spot."

But with the campaign in its final week and Richards insisting that momentum has shifted in her race with Republican George W. Bush, the time had come.

The Dallas billionaire and one-time independent presidential candidate tossed his support to the Democrat. He called her "one of the greatest governors in the history of Texas."

In 1992, Perot was harsh in his criticism of President Bush. But he denied there was any spillover from that race into his endorsement of Richards over Bush's eldest son.

"No sour grapes. No basis for that conjecture," he said. "I'm a longtime Ann Richards fan. I voted for Ann the first time

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-2 (six, zero, two)

around."

Bush said of the announcement: "Ross Perot and Ann Richards are both interesting characters, but the people of Texas are not going to vote for governor based on personality or endorsements. ... Ross Perot and I disagreed in 1992 and I'm not surprised we disagree in 1994."

United We Stand, the political group that was a successor to Perot's presidential candidacy, said the endorsement was his alone.

Becky Bates, assistant to the executive director for the Texas office of United We Stand, said the group has voted to decide which candidate to endorse. The tallies will be released Friday.

"It may be different, it may be the same," Ms. Bates said. "People have always thought the membership would kowtow to Mr. Perot. We would like people to know we're individual voters and thinkers."

Perot called Richards "the steel magnolia of Texas" and praised her independence. "She is a true independent who doesn't bow to the Democratic Party, Washington or any other special interest," he said.

Perot said Richards' record in managing the state's \$35-billion a year budget and bringing new jobs to Texas made her the best candidate.

"Running Texas as governor is big business. It is not an athletic event," Perot said.

"You need people in these very complex jobs who know how to get things done. You look at this

governor's record, it is awesome," he said.

Richards, who stood smiling beside Perot, said she was delighted.

"I'm really pleased to be endorsed by someone who is the personification of change in government," she said.

Last month, Perot had predicted a Richards' victory. To help her claim it, he said Tuesday, he will star in radio commercials for Richards. In addition, a two-page letter of endorsement from Perot will be featured in newspaper advertisements, the Richards campaign said.

"She is smart, tough and principled," Perot said. "When the tough, unsolvable challenges come in, Ann Richards does not run, duck and hide. She faces them head-on like a good Texas bulldog, and she wrestles them to the ground."

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We've got that hometown spirit and we're passing it around!

A Bright Spot In Our Home Town Dalton Walton



Those who can remember the oil boom and the prosperity that it bore often give in to the talk of failure, gloom and doom.

While some give up, some business people adapt and aggressively pursue opportunities. Such is the case of Dalton Walton, president of Walton Construction Company, Inc.

The entrepreneurial spirit exhibited makes Dalton Walton recipient of November's Hometown Spirit Award, presented by Snyder National Bank.

A 1963 graduate of Snyder High School, he attended the University of Texas, served two years in the U.S. Marine Corp and then returned to UT to earn his degree.

In 1969, Walton joined his father, E.D. Walton, in the oilfield construction business which was founded in 1957.

When E.D. retired in 1990, Dalton took over operations of the company and opened offices in Midland and Houston that year. In 1993, Walton further

expanded his presence in the oilpatch with the purchase of Arrow Construction Co. The expansion continued in 1994 with the purchase of Mesa Construction in Lamesa. Combined employment exceeds 250.

Over the years, Walton has paid his community dues, serving as president of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in 1979 and as president of the Scurry County Museum board in 1983.

A former Little League and soccer coach, Walton is a 33rd Degree Mason and is Junior Warden of Masonic Lodge 706.

In 1980, Walton was recipient of the McLaughlin Award, given annually for contributions to the oil industry.

Dalton and his wife, Linda, live in Snyder. Son, Cade, attends Texas Tech University. Daughter, Kristen Kendrick, lives in Abilene. He has one grandchild, Natalie Ann Kendrick.

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WAYLAND HUDDLESTON

I am a native of Scurry County. I'm 56 years old, in good health and used to long hours and hard work.

Having been a farmer for 37 years, I'm proficient in maintenance and operation of heavy equipment and experienced in dirt work. I've worked a lot of hands over the years and I've never asked or expected any of them to do anything that I wouldn't do myself.

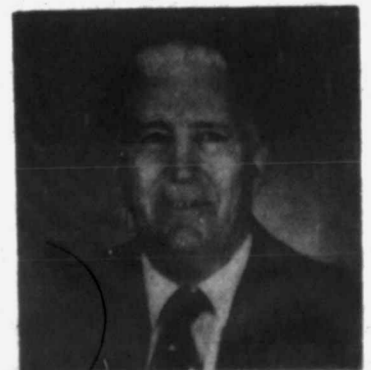
During the years when I was paying for farmland and equipment, building a home and raising my family, being conservative was a must. Every purchase had to be justified. Those were tough times, but I worked through them. If elected, I understand how important it will be to determine "true needs" from the "wants" of the county, and stand accountable for how I spend taxpayer dollars.

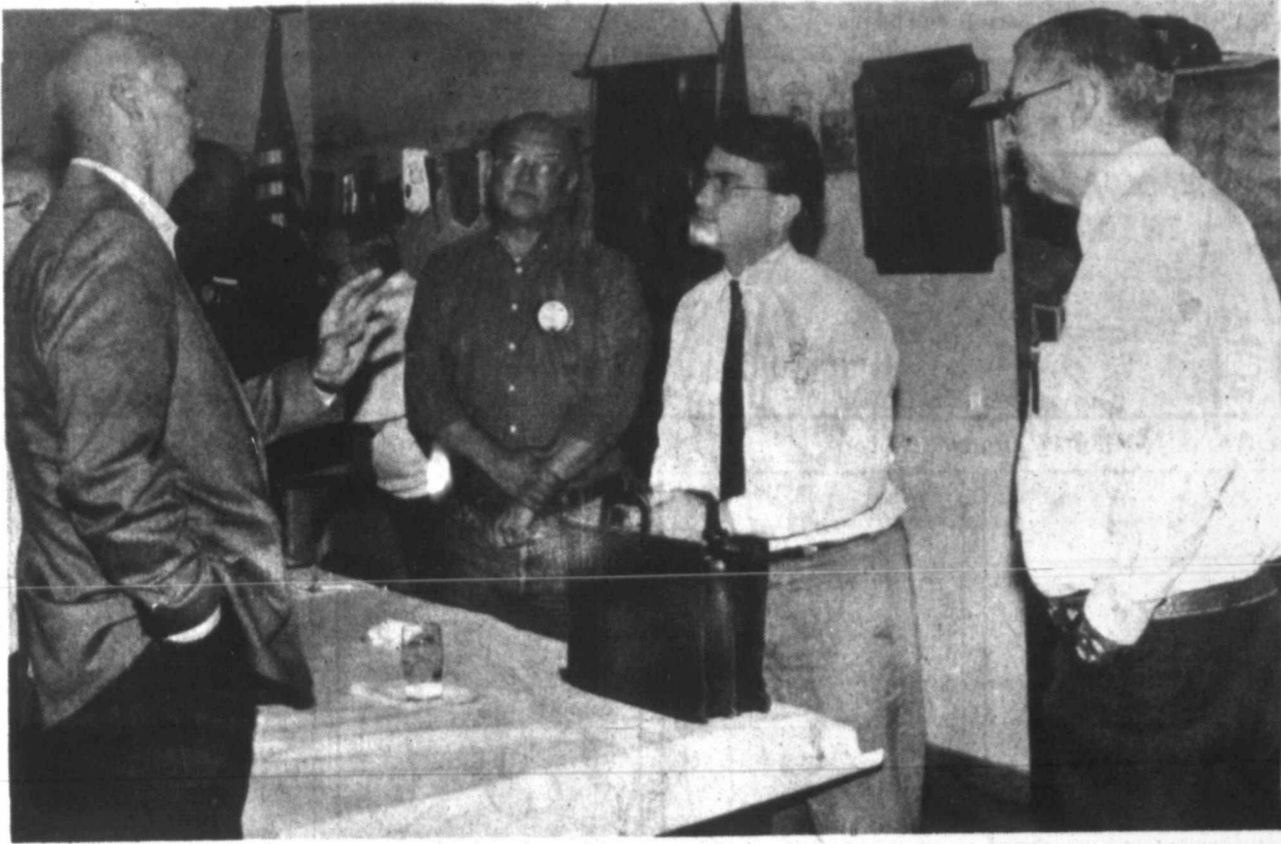
Being a politician was never on my life's agenda--but, there comes a time when you need to try to make a difference or get out of the way. For me, this time has come. I've seen the injustices and dishonesty at work in our county government. I've watched as problems were created that should have never been. I just can't close my eyes to these facts and walk away.

If you are ready for a positive change in your county government, then I ask for your vote and support in this election.

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Commissioner, Pct. 2

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MAKING A POINT — Todd Olsen (second from right), a representative of Texans Against Lawsuit Abuse, told the Snyder Lions Club Tuesday that frivolous lawsuits filed across the state affects every citizen in Scurry County. "It is estimated that \$500 of the cost of a new automobile is to cover liability suits," said Olsen. Milton Ham tells Olsen of the liability problems college athletic programs face today while fellow Lions Club members Forrest Pendleton and Keith Collier listen. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 11-2-94
 ♠ A K
 ♥ A K 5 4
 ♦ Q 6 5
 ♣ 8 7 4 3

WEST EAST
 ♠ J 9 ♠ 10 8 5 2
 ♥ 10 9 8 6 3 ♥ Q J
 ♦ - - ♦ 10 8 7 4
 ♣ K Q 9 6 5 2 ♣ A J 10

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 7 6 4 3
 ♥ 7 2
 ♦ A K J 9 3 2
 ♣ - -

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♠	Pass	5NT	Pass
7♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

bid seven diamonds with two of the top three trump honors.

South ruffed the club-king lead and cashed the diamond ace, getting the bad news. Now it was a matter of establishing his spades, in case they were divided 4-2, without losing trump control. Declarer unblocked dummy's top spades, ruffed a club to get back to hand and led the spade six. When West discarded, South knew it was safe to ruff with the boy: dummy's diamond six. But if he had, he would have fallen to defeat. After cashing dummy's diamond queen, South would have had to ruff a club to return to hand, leaving himself with only one trump to East's two.

Instead, South ruffed the third spade with dummy's diamond queen. Then he led a low trump to his nine, drew the remaining trumps and claimed.

Not bad to bid and make a grand slam with only a combined total of 26 high-card points. But a well-placed void may make a mockery of point-count.

Prince Charles visits

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Call it His Highness in the 'Hood: Prince Charles came to South Central Los Angeles, making teen-aged girls scream and swoon as if he were a rock star.

"He touched my hand, he touched my hand!" shrieked one young woman. "He touched my hair!"

Traveling in a motorcade of Jaguars, the fresh prince's first stop Tuesday was an inner city school, where he dedicated a learning center.

Airplane loan is criticized

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican land commissioner candidate Marta Greytok's campaign has attacked Democratic incumbent Garry Mauro over a loan his campaign secured to buy an airplane earlier this year.

Mrs. Greytok's spokesman Tipton Ross on Tuesday accused Mauro of "abusing his office" by using a bank holding General Land Office accounts to secure a \$76,000 loan for his campaign to buy an airplane. Ross said Mauro, who signed for the loan, had no trouble getting the bank's approval despite filing personal bankruptcy in 1992.

Mauro's campaign spokesman Andres Gonzalez said, "Obviously, this is just a desperate attempt by a failed campaign to get press. They are willing to distort facts as much as they can to get any kind of publicity."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program, "Flower Arrangements for Your Home," demonstration by Gertrude League; 9:30 a.m.

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.

AARP members are asked to attend the program at the Senior Center, G.A. Parks will speak on the Learning Resource Center at the Price Daniel Unit 11:30 a.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.

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

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder County Club; 1:30 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Ewing completes recruit training

Marine Pfc. Stephanie R. Ewing, daughter of Cindy L. Aikin of Snyder, recently completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the training cycle, recruits are introduced to typical daily routine and study personal and professional standards tradi-

tionally exhibited by Marines. In addition to an active physical conditioning program, close-order drill, first aid, teamwork and self-discipline are also included in the training cycle.

Ewing is a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School.

Spacecraft on its way

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A NASA spacecraft rocketed into orbit Tuesday on a three-year journey to study the electrified particles that stream from the sun, which can disrupt power on Earth.

The unmanned Delta rocket blasted off at 4:31 a.m. from Cape Canaveral Air Station, 10 miles from where space shuttle Atlantis awaited a Thursday launch. Within two hours, the spacecraft's main antenna was properly extended, prompting cheers in the control center. Controllers plan a month of testing.

NASA had just five minutes to launch the rocket carrying the solar-science spacecraft, called Wind, because the Earth had to be aligned properly with the moon.

The spacecraft will swing by the moon 12 times and use lunar gravity to sling it farther and farther from Earth. Wind eventually will be propelled into an orbit resembling a figure eight. This orbit will take the craft as close as 18,000 miles to Earth and as far away as 1 million miles.

Eight instruments — six U.S., one French and the first Russian instrument to fly on an American spacecraft — will analyze the energy hurtling from the sun at more than 1 million mph, a force known as solar wind.

Scientists want to measure the mass and momentum of these charged particles before they reach Earth.

Intense spurts of solar wind sometimes cause geomagnetic storms that can disrupt electrical power, radio communications and satellite operations. Scientists hope Wind's findings will help them predict the outbursts.

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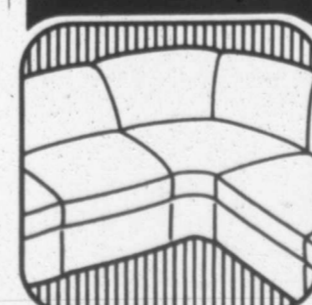
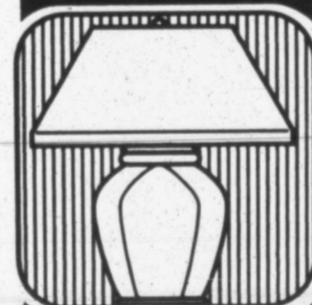
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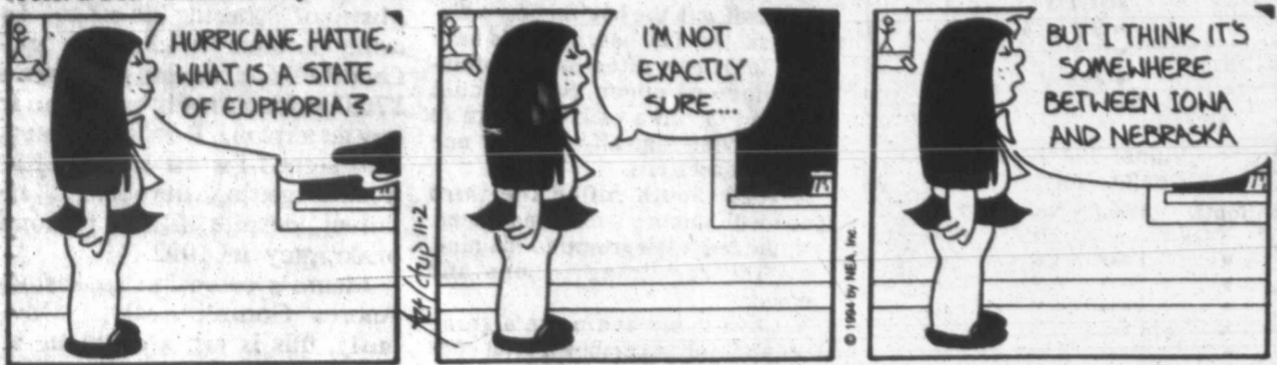
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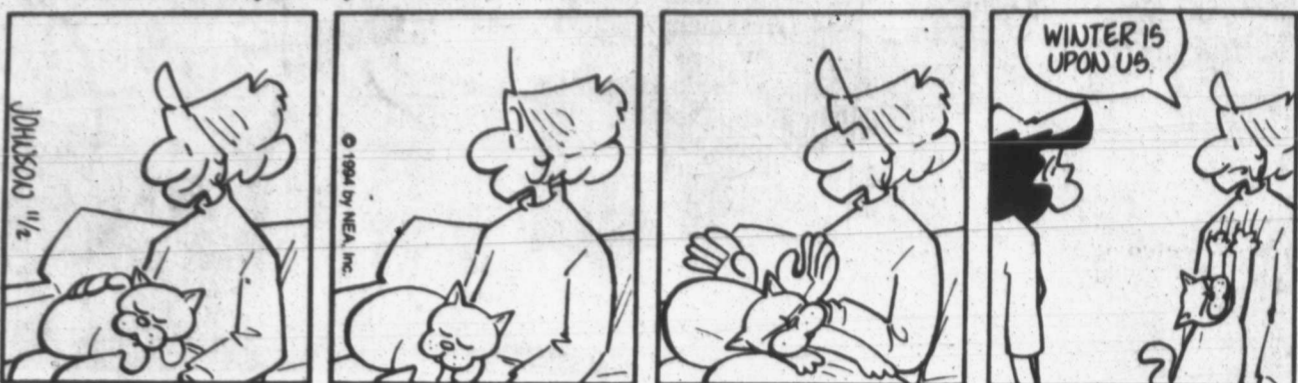
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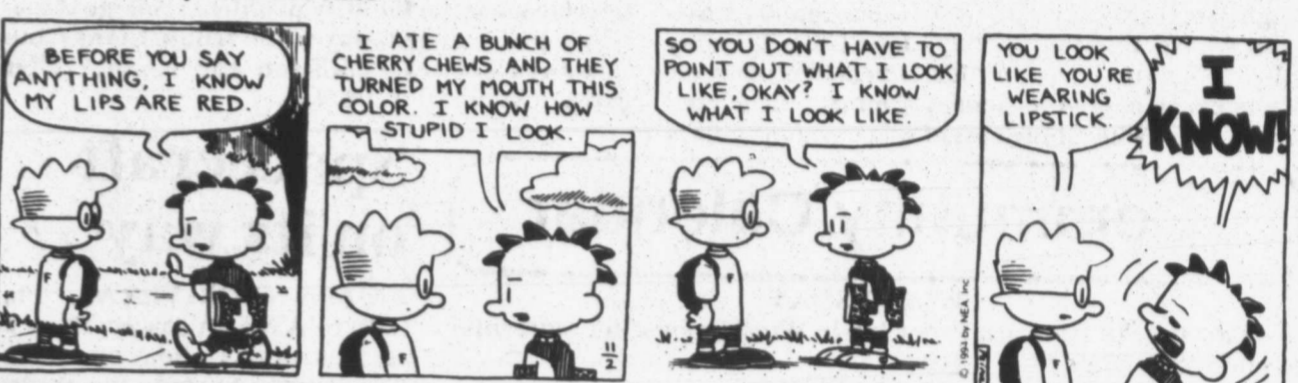
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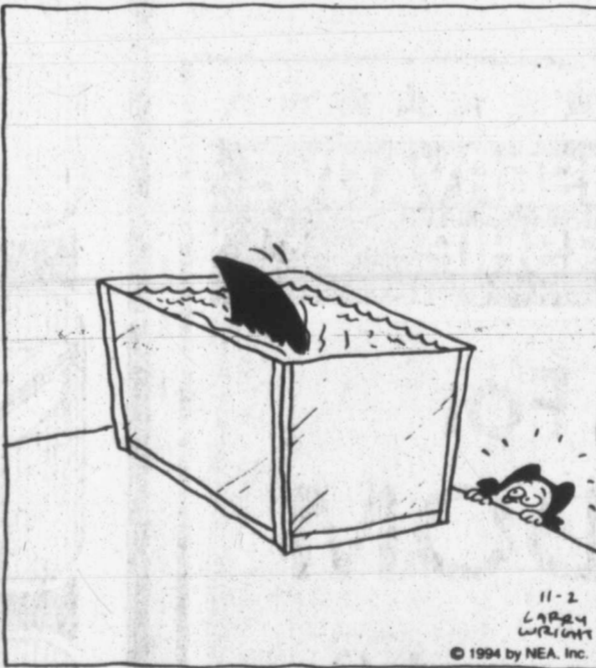
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Identify these talk show hosts:
 a) star of "Three's Company," "She's the Sheriff" and "Step By Step"
 b) former "A Current Affair" anchor and husband of Connie Chung
 c) appeared in the movies "Hairspray" and "Cry-Baby"
 d) star of "Taxi" and "Evening Shade"

Answers: a) Suzanne Somers b) Maury Povich c) Ficki Lake d) Marilyn Hearn

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- 14 By the time — — to Phoenix
- 15 Guido's high note
- 16 Elevator inventor
- 17 Gone with the Wind mansion
- 18 Listening organ
- 19 Ship-shaped clock
- 20 I'm as — as Kansas in August
- 21 Without end (poet.)
- 22 Credit (abbr.)
- 23 Overtun
- 26 Science
- 31 Fruit pastry
- 32 One of the Three Stooges
- 33 Hawaiian rootstock
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- 1 Not costing anything
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- 3 Gravel ridges
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- 6 Liquid

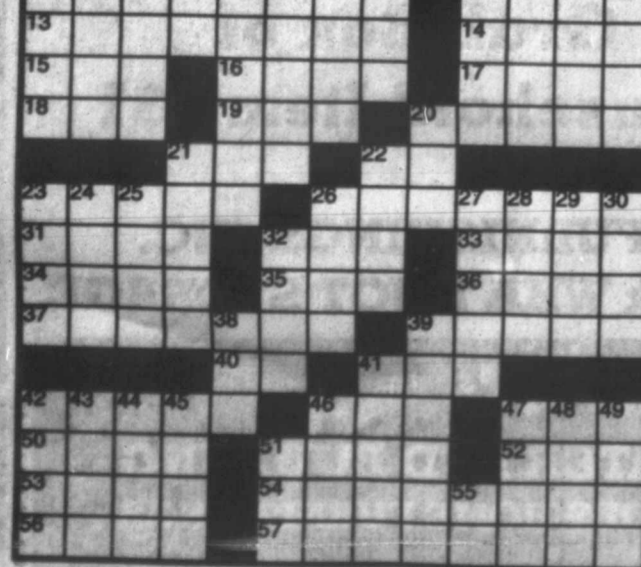
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- 10 Seaweed substance
- 11 Swiss capital
- 12 Remain
- 20 Sob
- 21 Go in
- 22 Guitarist — Atkins
- 23 Southwestern Indians
- 24 Top of the head
- 25 Art deco
- 26 Singer Lily —
- 27 Long-legged bird
- 28 Character in Othello
- 29 Cut (hair) short
- 30 Painful
- 32 Toiletband
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- 39 Baby minder
- 41 Find — with (complain)
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Sports

Lady Westerners get knockout punch, 73-67

Howard College knocks down 31 free throws

By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor

The start of a new era at Western Texas College was ushered in Tuesday night at the Scurry County Coliseum when the 1994-1995 edition of the Lady Westerners took the court against Howard College.

New WTC head coach Brenda Nichols-Welch unveiled a tenacious defense, fueled by wholesale substitutions throughout the game, and a balanced offensive attack to keep within shooting distance of Western Junior College Athletic Conference preseason favorite Howard, before eventually falling to the Lady Hawks 73-67.

In an extremely physical game between conference rivals, WTC and Howard combined for a total of 70 fouls in the game, almost one foul every 30 seconds.

So, it is no surprise that the game was won at the free throw line.

Howard sophomore Amber Lacey knocked down 18 of her 20 free throw attempts and hit five field goals to lead the Lady Hawks with 28 points.

For the Lady Westerners, the name of the game was team effort, as all but one player scored.

Leading WTC was sophomore transfer Jackie Wright, who poured in 11 points, while fellow sophomore Christy Cates and freshman Donna Carrell each con-

tributed 10 points.

With only 6:30 remaining in the second half and the score tied 54-54, freshman Annie Ragland and sophomore Ericka Thompson hit back-to-back three-pointers to put the Lady Westerners up 60-54.

Howard's key baskets by Howard's Lacey brought the Lady Hawks back.

Western Texas had a chance to even the score with 56 seconds left in the game, but Cates was only able to convert one of her two free-throws to leave the score at 68-67.

The game ended 73-67 after Howard's Summer Swaboda hit a jump shot at the buzzer to preserve the Lady Hawks' victory.

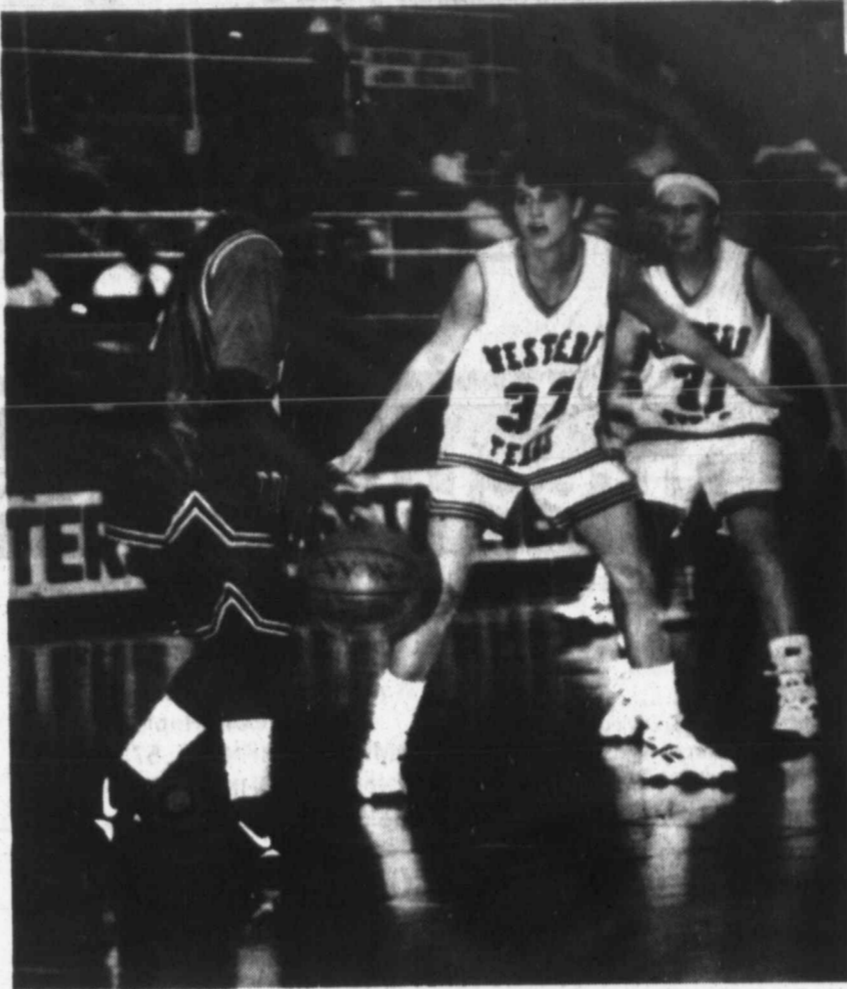
Howard 73, WTC 67

HOWARD COLLEGE (73) — Ray 23-47, Howard 13-65, Grice 02-22, Bass 42-210, Black 10-12, Swoboda 40-18, Lacy 518-2028, T. Johnson 43-411. Totals 2131-4073.

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE (67) — Ezernack 22-26, Glenn 20-15, Veitenheimer 10-22, Moss 30-06, Ragland 10-13, Carrell 26-910, Thompson 23-58, Wilson 22-26, Cates 26-810, Wright 43-411. Totals 2122-3467.

Howard College 36 37-73
Western Texas College 34 33-67

Three-point goals—Howard 0; Western Texas 3 (Glenn 1, Ragland 1, Thompson 1). Rebounds—Howard (unavailable), Western Texas 23 (Cates 5). Assists—Howard (unavailable), Western Texas 12 (Thompson 5). Total Fouls—Howard 36, Western Texas 34. Fouled out—Howard (Ray), Western Texas (Glenn). Records—Howard 1-0, Western Texas 0-1.



PRESSING SITUATION — Lady Westerners Tammy Wilson (33) and April Reves (31) apply a full-court press to Howard College's Joyce Howard during Tuesday night's 73-67 loss to the Lady Hawks. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

New baseball league formed

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time in eight decades, the major leagues might have some competition.

Organizers of the United League promised Tuesday to put 10 teams on the field by 1996.

"We're not here to prod the establishment and we're not here to replace it," co-founder Dick Moss said. "We're here to coexist with it. We will compete, just as Ford competes with General Motors."

Sitting on a dais before their logo — a batter inside a globe — organizers criticized current major league owners for their lack of minority hiring and conflict with the players association.

"Every sports league in this country had been controlled by a bunch of rich, white guys," said Bob Mrazek, a co-founder who was a five-term congressman from New York.

"We will offer a level of play which is comparable to major league baseball. We will build our success on a philosophy of true partnership. Our plans call for sharing and equity sharing ar-

rangements with our players and our host cities."

No cities were identified Tuesday. The management group that will launch the league cited about 20 possibilities in the United States, saying it hoped to choose eight, plus one each from Canada and Mexico.

UL organizers hope to sell 10 franchises at \$5 million each. Six expansion teams — including four from Asia — would be added by 1999 at \$10 million apiece.

"Puerto Rico and San Pedro de Macoris (Dominican Republic) and Taiwan. We are not limited to just the United States," said former major league Curt Flood, who is involved in the UL management group. "It'll be a very high caliber, high class of competition. We're not concerned about major league baseball. I even feel uncomfortable mentioning them along with us. We want to exist as an alternative league with them."

Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig, the acting commissioner of the AL and NL, wouldn't say much about the venture.

"We'll just wait and see what happens," he said. If the UL does get started, its players probably would designate the Major League Baseball Players Association to represent them. The players association has been on strike since Aug. 12.

"Obviously, you hope it will be a success," union head Donald Fehr said in Washington.

Spurs suspend Rodman

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday suspended Dennis Rodman without pay after another combative episode by the forward got him ejected from a preseason game.



Rodman

"We're just trying to get his attention as best we can," said coach Bob Hill. "We've pretty much planted our feet on the kind of team we want to have. ... He needs to become a part of that."

Spurs general manager Gregg Popovich said team officials would decide soon on the length of the suspension.

"Making it indefinite will not fly. That's just something that we can't do legally. So we've got to decide how long the suspension should be," Popovich said, adding that Rodman will be suspended at least through Friday's season opener against Golden State.

Rodman, 33, who led the league in rebounding last season with an average of 17.3, makes a

reported \$2.4 million per year.

Popovich wouldn't provide specifics on his pay, such as whether Rodman will lose money on a per-game basis.

"He's suspended without pay," Popovich said. "If you were suspended without pay, just subtract your paycheck from yourself and you come to a total. I'm not an accountant, but it seems pretty simplistic to me. No pay."

Rodman did not attend the annual "Spurs Tip-off Luncheon" with the rest of the players on Tuesday, and his segment was missing from a video at the luncheon that introduced the players.

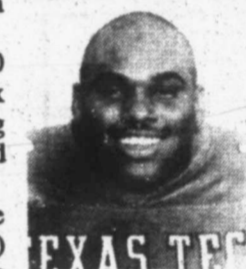
The suspension follows a series of incidents during the preseason that raised the ire of Spurs executives.

Rodman — who led the league in technical fouls last year with 34 — missed a bus to nearby Kerrville and a team meeting the opening day of training camp Oct. 6.

He was fined \$15,000 for not showing up on time for a preseason game against Milwaukee on Oct. 20. Rodman had not been expected to play that game anyway because of back trouble.

Wickware, Knake named top SWC players of week

FORT WORTH (AP) — With Texas rotating quarterbacks Shea Morenz and James Brown, the only constant in the Longhorns backfield last weekend was Texas Tech defensive tackle Damon Wickware.



Wickware

Wickware made himself right at home, throwing down the UT quarterbacks for 2 1/2 sacks as the Red Raiders stunned the No. 19 Longhorns and jerked themselves to the fore of the Cotton Bowl chase with a 33-9 victory.

"We're not supposed to be thinking about the Cotton Bowl yet," Wickware said. "But it's hard not to after a game like this. It definitely entered my mind out there."

Wickware's outing earned him Defensive Player of the Week honors, making him the second straight Tech defender to be recognized by The Associated Press.

Texas Christian quarterback Max Knake, who led the Horned Frogs past Rice to really throw open the SWC race, was the Offensive Player of the Week.

The wacky weekend that left five conference teams with two losses may have left a clear path

for Wickware and Tech to Dallas on New Year's Day.

Knake also was dominating against Rice. The SWC leader in passing efficiency set a school record for accuracy by completing 13-of-16 passes with no interceptions.

He had 170 yards and four touchdowns, giving him 19 on the season and tying another TCU mark for TDs in a year in a 27-25 victory over the Owls.

"Max made some great plays," Horned Frogs coach Pat Sullivan said. "It seems that every time someone makes a defensive mistake, Max finds it."

Andre Davis made things easier on Knake by putting the Rice defense on its heels early as he bolted for 101 of his 221 yards in the first quarter.

Knake took advantage of the defense looking for Davis and threw two first-quarter touchdown passes.

The first was a 15-yarder on a fade to John Washington into the front left corner of the end zone. Washington took off from the line and didn't look up until he was in the end zone. There the ball was waiting to be cradled.

Jordan honored

CHICAGO (AP) — With a bronze statue unveiled outside the stadium and a No. 23 jersey raised to the rooftop, Chicago said farewell Tuesday night to the best basketball player this city — and this sport — has ever known.

For two hours, teammates, opponents, fans, former coaches, entertainers and family celebrated and lauded not only Michael Jordan's basketball career but also his life.

It was glitzy. It was made-for-TV. It was loud. At times the salute to the man who led

the Chicago Bulls to three straight championships before taking early retirement 13 months ago gushed.

After the festivities, Jordan reiterated that his basketball days were indeed over.

"When I made the decision I was fixed with that, pretty firm with it," he said. "A lot of things lingered on, certain expectations maintained the possibility that I might come back."

"With that number hanging up, that puts that to rest. I've got to move on. There's a new team here. I'm playing baseball."

SHS awards vs. Estacado

Defensive awards

Skull - Leading tackler

Roy Tavarez - 11 1/2 tackles

Tiger Head

Tackles behind the line of scrimmage - Derek Freeman, 2; Jeremy Perkins, 1; John Clinkinbeard, 1; Gabriel Castillon, 1; Chris Mills, 1.

Defensive Advances - Gabriel Castillon, 2.

Hurries - Jeff Hobbs, 2.

Football

Fumble recovery - Matthew Fambro, Chris Mills one each.

Caused fumble - Jeremiah Johnson, Chris Mills, Derek Freeman one each.

Interception - L.S. McClain, 1.

Tiger Paw

Blocked kick - Wayne Braziel, 1; Timmy Humphrey, 1.

Star Award

Knock downs - Physically knocking a player off his feet

(Backs must have 6, Lineman must have 10)

Timmy Humphrey - 23, 2 stars; Greg McAden - 16, 2 stars;

Chris Post - 10, 1 stars; Chris Mitchell - 6, 1 star; Matt Parker - 6, 1 star.

Drivers - Driving a player 5 yards off the line of scrimmage

(Players must have 5)

Jeremy Perkins - 5, 1 star (46 total new school record)

Pins - Knocking a player off his feet and onto his back

(Players must have 2)

Jeremy Perkins - 2, 1 star; Adrian Salazar - 2, 1 star.

Head Hunter - Biggest hit of the week

Derek Freeman

Offensive awards

Star - Given for outstanding offensive play

(For faking out four or more defenders)

Matt Parker - 6 stars

Chris Mitchell - 6 stars

(For over 100 yards passing)

Matt Parker - 220 yards, 2 stars

(For over 60 yards receiving)

Marlowe Riggins 128 yards, 2 stars

(No sacks allowed)

Special Teams awards

Hammer - Given for outstanding special teams play

(For kickoff return past the 40-yard line)

The entire kickoff team

(For onside kick recovery)

Chris Post

(For two advances)

Gabriel Castillon

(For blocked kick)

Wayne Braziel and Timmy Humphrey one each

(Earholes)

Gabriel Castillon - 3, Chris Post - 1.

(For three straight kicks)

The entire kicking team

South Plains tournament

South Plains College, Lady Texan tournament, Nov. 3, 4, 5.

Thursday's games

Game 1: Fort Hood vs. Western Texas, 2 p.m.

Game 2: N. Oklahoma vs. Howard, 4 p.m.

Game 3: Scottsdale, AR. vs. McLennan, 6 p.m.

Game 4: Garden City, KS. vs. South Plains, 8 p.m.

Friday's games

Game 5: Loser (game 1) vs. Loser (game 2), 2 p.m.

Game 6: Winner (game 1) vs. Winner (game 2), 4 p.m.

Game 7: Loser (game 3) vs. Loser (game 4), 6 p.m.

Game 8: Winner (game 3) vs. Winner (game 4), 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

Fifth place game: Loser (game 5) vs. Loser (game 7), TBA.

Third place game: Loser (game 6) vs. Loser (game 8), TBA.

Consolation game: Winner (game 5) vs. Winner (game 7), TBA.

Championship game: Winner (game 6) vs. Winner (game 8), TBA.

Note:

Game times on Saturday will be at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. South Plains College will play at 7 p.m. and the other games will be set accordingly.

Volleyball Playoffs

Tuesday's matches
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CLASS 4A
Region 1

Cleburne (R6) def. Levelland (W5) 15-12, 15-8

Granbury (W6) def. Lamesa (R5) 15-3, 15-3

Andrews (R4) def. El Paso Parkland (W3) 15-3, 15-3

Monahans (W4) def. El Paso (R3) 15-5, 15-7

CLASS 2A Region 1

Tahoka (W3) vs. Albany (R4), 6 p.m. Saturday, Snyder High School

Rotan (R3) vs. DeLeon (W4), time, day, site to be determined

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Chris Roemisch

Hermleigh Football

Chris, a senior, threw four touchdown passes, rushed for 69 yards and returned two interceptions for touchdowns during the Cardinals' 56-8 win over Westbrook.



Haley Boaz

Snyder Volleyball

Haley, a senior setter, had nine service point winners, including four aces and helped set a total of 15 kills during the Lady Tigers' playoff loss to Lamesa.

Honor Roll

Scott Strong

Ira Football

Jimmy Digby

Hermleigh Football

Marlowe Riggins

Snyder Football

*previous winner

Kurt Hess

Borden County

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Matt Parker

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Thamez, Chase Medina, Jordon Ortegon, Teresa Egan and Christopher Gutierrez. Students of Helen Mock and Maria Ramirez, seated, Jeremy Mills, Angela Massey, Laura Flores, Levi Jackson, Vanessa Pena, Arthur Perez; standing, Keith Manliel, Christopher Gaddis, David Yanez, Gabriel Agullar, Aaron Guynes, Steven Eubanks, Christopher Elder, Jackie McKamie, Sonia Estrada, Monica Duboise and Trevor Kubena. (SDN Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Democracy called booming business in initiative states

By DAVID FOSTER
Associated Press Writer

The name itself has a wholesome ring — citizen initiative — and it's celebrated as the purest form of democracy, a way to tap grassroots sentiment by avoiding politicians and posing questions directly to voters.

That's the civics class theory. Today's reality is that virtually anyone can put a gripe on the ballot with the help of paid, professional signature collectors, a practice some election officials believe is corrupting the initiative process.

"It increasingly becomes cash-and-carry democracy," says Phil Keisling, secretary of state in Oregon, where 14 of the 16 initiatives on the Nov. 8 ballot were put there by petitions filled with the help of paid signature gatherers.

"Money is now becoming more important than truly having a widespread grievance in getting something on the ballot," Keisling says.

This year, 77 of the nation's 244 statewide ballot propositions started as petition drives. Until recently, most campaigns relied on volunteers, but now paid signature collectors are the norm, and that is changing the nature of measures that reach the ballot, Keisling and other officials say.

In the past, citizen initiatives rose or fell on the popularity of their issues and the fervor of the volunteers circulating petitions. Today, if an individual or interest group has the money to blanket a state with professionals, petitions are much more likely to fill with signatures and secure the measure a place on the ballot.

Paying people for the signatures they can collect provides opportunities for shenanigans, too, such as forged signatures or purposely vague explanations of proposed initiatives, the officials complain. This marriage of democratic process with profit motive has produced some curious measures on the Nov. 8 ballots:

—In Colorado, five businessmen paid collectors \$80,000 to gather signatures for a statewide initiative asking whether casino gambling should be forced on little Manitou Springs, even though local voters had already rejected it. "This is simply a chance for some folks to get rich quick," says opponent John Wilkinson.

—In California, the tobacco industry is behind a proposition that

would weaken pending workplace smoking laws. The industry spent \$1.8 million to get the initiative on the ballot and more than \$12 million to promote it, outspending opponents 35-to-1.

—In Washington state, more than 30 initiatives were proposed, but the only one that made the ballot happened to be the one that paid for signatures. Its question: Should denture-makers be able to sell false teeth to the public without going through dentists? The measure was sponsored by a small group of denture-makers who paid a consultant \$160,000 to collect signatures.

"When 25 people can put an initiative on the Washington ballot, that's not much of a groundswell of public support," says Ralph Munro, Washington's secretary of state.

The initiative process, written into the constitutions of 24 states, was created to give citizens a way to pass laws on matters that legislators wouldn't touch.

To ensure the grassroots nature, many states once prohibited paid collectors. That changed in 1988, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such prohibitions limited free speech.

In the six years since, the initiative business has boomed.

"When you get into the details of the process, it isn't very attractive. The strategies involved are actually very nasty," acknowledges Kelly Kimball, president of Kimball Petition Management Inc., a Los Angeles-based company that helped put initiatives on ballots in six states this year.

In Arizona, where Kimball circulated a petition for a 40-cent-a-pack cigarette tax, several of his workers said strangers approached and offered to buy their completed petitions, paying up to \$2 for every signature on a page. The initiative's tobacco-industry opponents denied any involvement.

In Florida, Kimball watched a bidding war for signatures erupt last July among gambling interests, each pushing its own gaming initiative. Petition workers were paid up to \$5 per signature, 10 times the usual fee, Kimball says.

"When there's that much money involved," he says, "there's a real temptation to defraud your client" with phony signatures.

EDITOR'S NOTE — David Foster is the AP's Northwest regional reporter, based in Seattle.

HIV-positive mother given custody of son

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An appeals court has ruled that a woman who has tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS can take her 12-year-old son back to France.

The ruling came Monday, but Cosima Midha was unable to immediately find her son, Leopold. The mother was driving around San Antonio late Tuesday with lawyer, Stephani Walsh and two Bexar County deputies.

Ms. Midha has a court order authorizing the deputies to take custody of the boy and turn him over to her.

A lawyer who represents Deepak Midha, her ex-husband, was attempting to get a stay of the court order to allow him to keep the boy in the United States.

The boy has been at the center of a heated custody battle that has centered around the mother's illness. The couple divorced in France, where the mother and boy live.

The boy spent the summer in San Antonio with his father and at the end of the summer failed to return home. The boy's father filed court papers contending the boy was at grave risk because his ex-wife has contracted HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Mrs. Midha said she contracted HIV from contaminated blood but she is not now symptomatic.

The boy has testified that he is afraid to kiss or even hug his mother for fear of becoming ill and dying.

But Mrs. Midha claims the boy has been brainwashed by his father.

The case has remained tied up in San Antonio courts for more than two months following conflicting court orders issued by different judges.

The appeals court ruled that the order by District Judge Michael Peden giving the mother custody should stand.

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AT&T Corp	54 3/4	54 1/4	54 1/2
AirTouch	29 1/4	29	29 1/8 -1/8
Albertsons	29 1/2	29 3/8	29 1/2 -1/8
Alldigital	34 5/8	34 1/8	34 5/8 +1/8
Alltel	26	25 3/4	25 7/8 +1/8
AmStores	26 7/8	26 5/8	26 7/8 +1/2
Ameritech	40	39 1/2	39 3/4 -1/4
Amoco	63 3/8	62 3/4	63 1/8 +1/4
AndarkPir	48	47 1/2	47 5/8 -1/4
Aviall	71 1/4	71	71 1/8 -1/8
BakerHughes	107	106 3/4	107 -1/8
BellSouth	17	16 7/8	17 +3/8
BellSouth	101 1/4	100 1/8	101 1/8 -1/8
Borden	133 1/4	133	133 1/8 -1/4
Bristol	83	82 5/8	83
Caterpillar	58 1/2	57 7/8	58 1/2 +7/8
CenSox	21 7/8	21 1/2	21 5/8 -1/8
Chevron	44 1/4	43 5/8	43 7/8 -1/2
Chrysler	47 7/8	47 3/8	47 7/8 +1/8
Coastal	28 1/8	27 7/8	28 1/8 +1/8
CocaCola	50 3/4	50 3/8	50 5/8
Comcast	61 1/4	60 5/8	60 5/8 -5/8
ComMeil	27 1/8	26 7/8	27 1/8 +1/8
Cooper	37 3/8	37 3/8	37 3/8 -1/8
CyprusAmax	26 1/2	26 3/8	26 3/8 -1/8
DallSemina	14 1/8	13 3/4	14 +1/4
DeltaAiri	52	51 3/4	51 3/4 -1/4
DigitalEq	30 1/4	29 3/8	30 1/4 +3/8
Dillard	26 5/8	26 1/4	26 1/2 +1/8
DowChem	69 3/8	68 3/4	69 1/4 -1/2
DresserInd	21 1/8	20 7/8	20 7/8 -1/8
DuPont	58 1/4	57 3/8	57 3/8 -1/2
EastmanCh	52 7/8	52 5/8	52 3/4 -1/8
ElKodak	48 1/2	48	48 1/2 -1/2
EliteInd	7	6 3/4	6 7/8 +1/4
Enserch	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
Entergy	23 1/4	23	23 -1/4
Exxon	61 7/8	61 5/8	61 3/4
FlowerInd	18	17 3/4	17 7/8
FordMotor	29 1/4	28 3/4	29 1/8 +1/8
GTE Cp	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 1/2
GenDynam	42 1/8	41 1/2	41 5/8 -5/8
GenElec	48 3/8	47 3/4	48 1/4 +1/4
GenMilis	57 3/8	56 3/4	57 1/8 +3/4
GenMotors	39 1/4	38 1/2	39 1/8 +3/8
GenMotors E	37 1/4	36 5/8	37 1/8 +3/8
GlobalMar	71 1/2	70 5/8	71 1/2 +3/8
Goodrich	43 1/4	42 5/8	43 1/4 +1/8
Goodyear	35	34 5/8	34 7/8 -1/8
GrATIPac	26 3/8	26 1/4	26 1/4 -1/8
Haliburton	37 1/4	36 3/4	36 3/4
Hanson ADS	18 3/4	18 5/8	18 5/8
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IBM	74 3/8	73 3/4	74 3/8 +1/2
IntlPaper	73	72 1/4	72 7/8 -1/2
Johanna	55 5/8	55 1/4	55 1/2 -1/4
K mart	16 1/2	15 7/8	16 3/8 +3/8
Kroger	25 5/8	25 3/8	25 5/8 +1/8
Litton	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/2 -1/8
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Lubys	23 1/8	22 7/8	23 1/8
Maxus	45 1/8	44 1/2	45 1/8
MayDeptSts	38 3/8	37 7/8	38 1/8 -1/4
Metronic	51 1/2	50 7/8	50 7/8 -11/8
Moell	85 5/8	82 5/8	83 1/4 +1/4
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Motorola	59 3/4	59 1/8	59 5/8 +1/4

Assassinated priest...

Aristide visits grave in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide marked All Souls' Day today by visiting the grave of an assassinated priest and the church where two of his supporters were slain.

Investigation into crash of commuter plane ongoing

ROSELAWN, Ind. (AP) — Crews built a gravel road across a boggy soybean field Tuesday to help investigators reach bodies and clues in a commuter plane crash that killed all 68 people on board.

American Eagle Flight 4184 gave off a high-pitched whine of engines at full throttle as it streaked to the ground in a driving rain Monday en route to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz refused to speculate on the cause of the crash. One witness said he saw the almost-new twin-engine propjet plunge toward the ground with a wing sheared off; Lopatkiewicz said he had no comment on that report.

Searchers found the plane's cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder. Both were sent to Washington for analysis.

The conversation between the cockpit crew and the control tower in Aurora, Ill., didn't indicate anything abnormal, WLS-TV in Chi-

ago reported, citing sources with the NTSB and the Federal Aviation Administration. The pilot confirmed an order to descend to 8,000 feet, then the radio went silent, the station reported.

After "Taps" was played, the Roman Catholic priest-turned-president crossed himself, knelt down and kissed his hand, laid flat against the tomb.

Vincent once saved Aristide's life by shielding him from assassins with machetes. He also introduced him to liberation theology, the policy of championing the rights of the poor that swept Aristide to office in 1990. His assassination was a turning point in U.S. efforts to oust the brutal army regime that ousted Aristide in a 1991 coup.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: K.H. Burmbe-low, 4511 Garwood; Mickel Davis, 3011 Ave. Y; Sonia Lujan, P.O. Box 33; Sonja Maxfield, 113 25th.

DISMISSALS: Ramona Carlson, Randi Hammond, Catherine Hoyle, Billy Love, Leslie Luecke, Roberta Stewart, Barbara Yorgesen, Carolina Boyer, Maria Iniguez, Elyse Merritt, Marie Moffett.

Census: 44 (Med-8, Long-Term Care-33, CCU-1, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Births

Jonathan and Sonia Lujan announce the birth of their son, John Danny, born at 4:05 p.m. on Nov. 1 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 12 1/2 ounces.

Grandparents are John and Anabella Lujan of Snyder and Ernie and Emma Rodriguez of Liberal, Kan. Great-great-grandparents are Gilbert and Librada Ramos of Snyder and Angel and Delfina Lopez of Snyder.

District 70 campaign

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Both candidates advocate a strong stand against crime, but don't agree on new state penal codes.

"I've talked to several law enforcement agents across the district. I have not talked to any law agent that says this is a good bill. There may be some, but I haven't heard of any," Hogan said. "I believe that drugs...are a major cause of crime. When the bill says someone can sell up to an ounce of cocaine and still get probation, that cannot be tough on crime."

Hogan has also attacked what she sees as unnecessary growth in government and in the government payroll.

"Texas' budget has grown 10 percent faster than the federal budget...if we continue to grow, we're going to be into deficit spending, and in fact, I think we already are," she said.

Counts said growth has come as the economy has begun to improve and more people are moving into the state. "We in turn have to make room for them, and that means spending some money," he said. "But revenues increase, too."

Counts said the legislature is on a four-year cycle of trying to reduce growth, but noted that Texas has witnessed an influx of public school students, and teachers — which are state employees — have to be hired to meet the demand. He also pointed out that the new prison cells Texas is constructing to house violent criminals will have to be staffed by correctional officers — also state employees. And, he said, federal mandates are dictating that states hire even more employees.

"Basically, state government is growing because the state is growing," said Counts.

Hogan supports term limits as a way to keep better control over government, which she feels loses touch with the people.

Scam suspects arrested

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stances of goods and services received, but the checks were turned back by the Federal Reserve.

A \$3 million check for the purchase of two airplanes from a Garland firm were returned before the planes could be readied to specifications supplied by the buyers.

The Snyder operation is believed tied to a tax-protest group known as Debt Free Organic. Members approach persons in debt and offer to pay off the debt for a fee. Tax-protest members believe the government, particularly the Internal Revenue Service and Federal Reserve system, operate illegally.

Investigators say the three defendants do not claim to be subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. government since they are declared citizens of The Republic of

Texas.

The most recent indictment is not Johannas Eicke's first encounter with federal authorities. He was arrested in October, 1989 in Henderson, N.C. on multiple land fraud charges.

He was convicted of aiding the escape of his common-law wife, Bridget Jones, who was eventually caught and is serving a 30-year federal sentence.

Johannas Eicke was sentenced to 33 months in federal prison in Illinois. He served all but nine months and was paroled in October, 1992. He violated his parole by failing to report and was a fugitive more than a year before being arrested by the Secret Service in October, 1993. He served the remainder of his 33-month sentence and was released in January, 1994.

The sealed indictment was returned on Sept. 13 by a federal grand jury in Lubbock. Warrants for the arrest of the trio had been pending since that time. Local law enforcement officials said the arrest of Arlie Eicke in Snyder was delayed until the arrest of the younger Eicke since Johannas Eicke was considered a flight risk.

A nation's money depreciates when its value falls in relation to the currency of other nations or in relation to its own prior value; a nation's money is devalued when its government deliberately reduces its value in relation to the currency of other nations.

Criminal mischief, two arrests occupy police

Local law officers made two arrests Tuesday and investigated several complaints of criminal mischief.

A 25-year-old male was arrested at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the 1700 block of Avenue N for four failure to appear warrants. He had previously been issued citations for failure to wear a seat belt, exhibition of acceleration and driving while license suspended.

Police arrested a 24-year-old male in the 5100 block of College Avenue at 9:21 p.m. Tuesday and charged him with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers were called to Snyder Junior High at 9:50 a.m. in reference to two students fighting. The students were later released to their parents.

An officer was dispatched to the Municipal Court at 9:58 a.m. in reference to some subjects disrupting the court.

Stephanie Davis contacted the sheriff's office at 1 p.m. Tuesday in reference to her car being egged while it was parked at The Movie Stop.

A report of a reckless driver was made at 2:56 p.m. in reference to a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed near West

Elementary on 37th Street and nearly striking a child.

An officer responded to a call from Don's Value King at 3:23 p.m. in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted and a citation was issued.

A report for a runaway was submitted at 3:49 p.m. in reference to a 13-year-old female running away from home.

A report for criminal mischief was filed at 4:43 p.m. in reference to a 1982 Camaro being damaged in the 1800 block of 24th Street.

H. E. Lewis, 2509 Ave. E, filed a report of a vehicle burglary at 4:57 p.m. Tuesday. A 1967 Chevrolet pickup had been broken into.


A report of criminal mischief was filed by Maria Luera at 5:24 p.m. in reference to her vehicle being damaged in the Lawrence IGA parking lot.

The sheriff's office was also notified of a burglary that had occurred in the northwest part of Mitchell County in which several guns had been stolen Monday. The missing guns include a Colt .38 caliber revolver, a blue 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and a .25 caliber pistol.

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Learning curve...

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My opponent likes to use the Coopers and Lybrand audit report as "the standard" for running county government. The report said, "The election process and resulting appointments foster employee turnover." Coopers and Lybrand recommended "reducing the learning curve."

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Obituaries

Earl Lane

1942-1994

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Earl Leonard Lane, 51, who died this morning at his home near Union, seven miles west of Snyder.

Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing ruled death due to natural causes. The death occurred at approximately 10:30 a.m.

A former oilfield worker, Mr. Lane is survived by his wife, Blanch Elnora Lane of Snyder; three daughters; and two sons.

Ralph Cothran

1942-1994

BIG SPRING — A memorial service will be conducted later for Ralph Lee Cothran Sr., 52, who died Monday in a Big Spring Hospital.

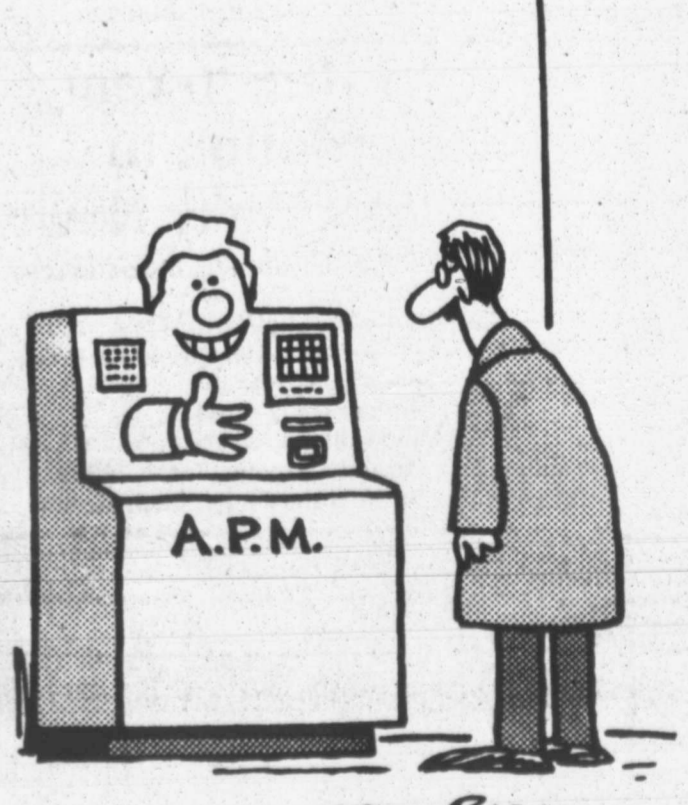
A former resident of Snyder, Mr. Cothran had lived in Big Spring for the past 18 months. He worked in the West Texas oilfields for many years and was a Baptist.

Born in Cartersville, Ga., he married Carol Hildreth in 1967 in Snyder. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Ralph Lee Cothran Jr. of Tomball and Douglas Cothran of Cartersville; three daughters, Kelly Jo Torres of Snyder, Christy Lee Button and Karen Ann Aguirre, both of Arlington; and 13 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, 79721.

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Rice prices expected to be lower this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department expects average rice prices, domestically and abroad, to be considerably lower this year due to bumper crops in the United States and other countries.

U.S. growers should expect to receive between \$5.25 and \$6.25 per hundredweight (100 pounds) in 1994-95, a sharp decline from the estimated \$8.08 per hundredweight during 1993-94.

One factor depressing prices worldwide is the record U.S. crop being forecast because of increased acreage and high yields.

This year's U.S. rice production is estimated at 192.3 million hundredweight, which would surpass 1981's record harvest by 5 percent and the 1993 total by 23 percent.

Record yield estimates of 5,296 pounds per acre support the impressive production forecast. Favorable conditions for spring planting and summer growing led to the high yield estimates.

This year, 3,245 million acres will be harvested, up 14.5 percent from 1993, a USDA situation and outlook summary said. It attributed the increase in acreage planted to the end of the Acreage Reduction Program set-aside requirement that 5 acres not be planted.

Increased U.S. ending stocks also will be a factor in pushing worldwide prices lower. Despite the expectation of higher exports and record domestic use, the 1994-95 projection will still result in stocks of 43 million hundredweight, a 66 percent rise, the report said.

Although long-grain rice will account for 76 percent of the production increase, medium grain rice will mark the largest gain in stocks because of a projected 39 percent decline in exports. Medium grain stocks are expected to rise 93 percent to 19.5 million hundredweight, while long-grain stocks increase by 57 percent to 23.8 million hundredweight.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was higher on all classes of cattle on a run of 632 head of cattle for the Oct. 26th sale. Stocker calves 4-8 cwt higher with feeder cattle 2-3 cwt higher. Packer cows and bulls 3-4 cwt higher with pairs and bred cows \$20-\$50 higher.

- 300-400: 88-99.
- 400-500: 84-94.
- 500-600: 75-88.
- 600-700: 70-75.
- 300-400: 78-86.
- 400-500: 70-80.
- 500-600: 68-78.
- 600-700: 64-73.
- BRED COWS
- Good: 500-650.
- Older and plainer: 375-500.
- Pairs
- Good: 675-800.
- Older and plainer: 550-650.
- PACKER COWS
- Good: 40-48.
- Low yielding: 32-40.
- PACKER BULLS
- Good: 54-58.
- Low yielding: 50-54.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were higher on 1,238 head of cattle at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Oct. 29. All classes of cattle \$1-\$2 higher. All packer cows \$1-\$2 higher. Packer bulls steady.

- Heifers: 200-400, 90-106; 400-600, 80-90; 600-800, 70-80.
- Steers: 200-400, 95-116; 400-600, 80-95; 600-800, 70-80.
- Good springer cows: 575-600; older springer cows: 375-450.
- Good cows and calves: 700-800; older cows and calves: 500-800.
- Good packer cows: 42-46.
- Fat packer cows: 36-40.
- Old shelly cows: 25-37.
- Packer bulls: 48-58.

Higher production outside the United States, particularly in Thailand, also will contribute to lower rice prices, the report said. Additionally, since Vietnam's main-season crop is marketed from January to March instead of in the fall, it will help keep prices down into the spring.

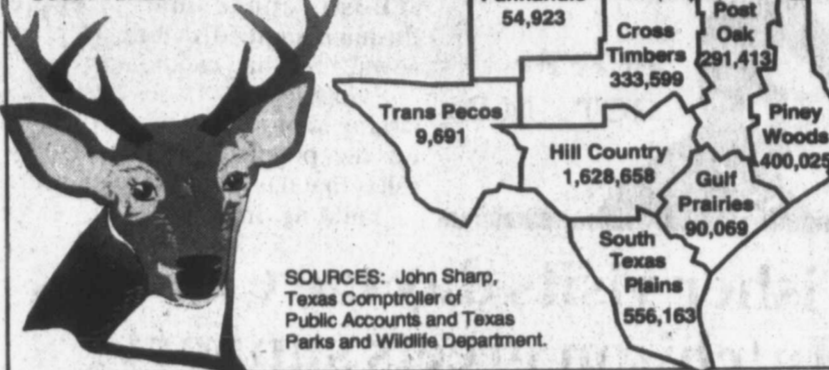
Another factor affecting prices will be Japan's predicted bumper crop and rebuilt stocks, which will sharply reduce its need for imports in 1995.

Even with lower prices, U.S. rice exports are forecast to gain 2 percent to 81 million hundredweight in 1994-95. A slight decline in world trade in 1995 also should push the U.S. share of the global rice market from 16.8 percent to 18 percent, USDA said.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Deer hunting best in Hill Country

For the 1994-95 deer season, Texas hunters are expected to have the best success in the Hill Country, where the white-tailed deer population is almost half the state total of 3.4 million. This year's acorn crop was poor in the Hill Country, so deer will more readily go to corn feeders used to attract deer. The largest size deer will still be in South Texas.



The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

The fall months bring on laying season for the emu. There are some that began laying as early as September and others who may not begin until February. Most emu regularly begin laying each year in November or December. It is always important, throughout the year, to observe your birds. This is the only way you will know if there is a problem, early. By learning the disposition of your birds you will be able to understand what it means by what they are doing.

Low pressure trough produces high winds

By The Associated Press
A low pressure trough produced windy conditions across the northern half of Texas today. Forecasts called for the windy conditions to continue across West Texas on Thursday. It will remain windy in North Texas on Thursday and there will be a chance of rain. In South Texas, it will be partly cloudy and breezy through Thursday. Winds gusted to 25 mph across much of West Texas and a wind gust of 54 mph was recorded at Guadalupe Pass during the night. In North Texas, wind gusts of near 35 mph were recorded at Abilene during the night. Winds across most of North Texas were in a range from 15-20 and 20-25 in extreme western portions. Lows tonight will be in the 40s and 50s in West Texas and in the 60s elsewhere.

Highs Thursday will be in the 70s over most of West Texas, ranging from the 60s in the mountains to the 80s in the Big Bend area, in the 70s across North Texas and in the 80s in South Texas. Some fog was reported in South Texas before dawn today. Early morning temperatures were in the 40s and 50s in West Texas, the 50s in North Texas and in the 60s and 70s in South Texas. Extremes ranged from 49 at Marfa to 74 at Brownsville and Laredo. The continental shelf is the part of a continent that is submerged in relatively shallow sea at gradually increasing depths, generally up to about 600 feet below sea level. The continental slope begins at the point where the descent to the ocean bottom becomes very steep.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

The safety of hamburger meat has been making the headlines. More than 400 persons in the Northwest became ill after eating undercooked hamburgers containing E. coli O157:H7, a rare strain of bacteria which is particularly dangerous to the very young and old.

"A number of Hotline callers recently have been asking about the safety of cooking hamburgers at home," says Susan Conley of USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline. "Raw hamburger must be handled properly because of the potential of contamination by harmful bacteria. Adequate cooking kills bacteria."

The United States Department of Agriculture recommends against eating raw or undercooked ground beef since harmful bacteria could be present. But safe food handling is important in preventing foodborne illness.

Here are some hamburger safety tips from the home economists at the Meat and Poultry Hotline:

- At the store, be sure to choose a package that's not torn and that feels cold. If possible, enclose it in a plastic bag so juices won't drip on other foods. Make ground beef and other perishables your final purchase of the trip.
- After leaving the store, get perishables home quickly and refrigerate or freeze them immediately. If the trip home is more than an hour, pack them in an ice chest.
- When handling raw ground beef, don't let its juices contaminate foods that won't be cooked. Wash your hands with soap and hot water before and after handling ground beef to make sure you don't spread bacteria from raw meats to other foods.
- Don't reuse any packaging materials. Use soap and hot water to wash utensils and surfaces which have come into contact with the raw meat. When taking hamburgers off the grill, don't put the cooked hamburgers on the same platter which held the raw patties.
- Avoid the "danger zone." Bacteria multiply rapidly in the "danger zone" between 40 and 140 degrees. To keep bacterial levels low, store ground beef at 40 degrees and use or freeze it within two days. Ground beef kept frozen at 0 degrees will maintain its quality up to four months.
- Keeping meat cold while it is defrosting is essential to prevent the growth of bacteria. Never leave ground beef, or any perishable food, out on the counter for more than two hours. Thaw it in the refrigerator.
- To be sure bacteria are destroyed, cook hamburgers to 160 degrees F. or until the center is no longer pink and the juices are clear.
- When cooking out, do not partially grill extra hamburgers to use later. Once you begin cooking hamburgers by any method, cook them until completely done to assure that bacteria are destroyed.
- Refrigerate hamburgers promptly after cooking. Any left out at room temperature for more than two hours should be discarded. After cooking, ground beef can be stored in the refrigerator for three to four days or frozen up to three months.
- When reheating fully cooked patties, be sure their internal temperature reaches 165 degrees F. or they are hot and steaming.
- At restaurants, order your hamburger cooked to "medium" or "well done" and check for doneness when it is served.

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When England wanted to cut government waste, a Texan showed them how to trim the fat



Cutting waste in government isn't easy. That's why, when members of Parliament wanted to make the British government more efficient, they consulted the recognized expert in America: Texas Comptroller John Sharp. Hardly a surprise, old chap. Since taking office in 1991, John Sharp and his Texas Performance Review team have set the standard for streamlining government agencies, saving taxpayers a documented \$6.2 billion and helping Texas avoid a state income tax. And his reviews of Texas school districts have saved taxpayers more than \$24 million. Now he's fighting to cut millions of dollars in welfare fraud and bureaucratic waste by abolishing paper food stamps, which are often stolen and then traded for drugs. Sharp's plan is to replace food stamps with computerized security cards. No wonder U.S. News and World Report (1/4/94) says: "John Sharp has become the mastermind behind a sweeping overhaul of the bureaucracy that has put Texas at the forefront of the nationwide effort to...root out waste." Yet, despite all the additional duties and initiatives taken on by the Comptroller's Office, Sharp still managed to reduce the number of his employees and return \$9 million of his budget to the taxpayers. Of course, there's a lot more waste in Texas government just waiting to be cut, so the job is far from over. To keep John Sharp on the job.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How the body regulates thirst

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What mechanism tells the body when it has taken in enough water after a long thirst? When you're very hungry, it can take several minutes of eating before feeling satiated. So why does it take comparatively less water to satisfy a raging thirst?

DEAR READER: Thirst is governed by osmolar receptors in the brain, nerves that tell us when body fluids are too concentrated (reflecting dehydration). When these receptors are stimulated, we experience the need to drink fluids.

Thirst is quickly slaked because water enters the bloodstream without being digested — unlike food that requires a lapse for digestion and absorption before the satiety center in the brain tells us that we are not hungry. Other factors include the rapidity with which water can be consumed (as opposed to food) and the feeling (satiety) that is caused by a full stomach.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is your opinion of women in their mid-80s having their bone density measured? Are the results reliable or questionable?

DEAR READER: The results are reliable. However, the bone density

exam is not a cost-effective screening test; it is reserved for women who suffer from symptoms (pain and fractures) from osteoporosis and who require monitoring during therapy.

Almost all women in their 80s have some degree of osteoporosis, the postmenopausal loss of calcium from bones, making them weaker and more susceptible to injury. Consequently, older women should probably use a calcium supplement (about 1,500 milligrams a day) and exercise regularly to prevent accelerated mineral loss.

Also, estrogen therapy will retard osteoporosis. Finally, certain prescription drugs, such as Didronal and Calcimar, are useful in treating advanced osteoporosis.

Ask your doctor to guide you. Although you may require periodic bone-density measurements, most authorities do not recommend this test for all post-menopausal women.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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: I've suffered

from shingles for six weeks. I've been on Zovirax and Tegretol to help repair the nerve ends, Darvocet for pain and Restoril for sleep. I've diligently tried to moderate this medication, yet I'm so weak and uncoordinated that even walking is a real chore.

DEAR READER: In an otherwise healthy person, shingles (viral blisters on one side of the body) does not last for six weeks. Therefore, I'd worry about whether your immune system is normal. Also, persistent shingles may reflect the presence of a tumor somewhere in the body.

In my opinion, you need a thorough examination, blood tests and X-rays. Your doctor can coordinate the necessary testing; ask him about this.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Fisher visits day care center; Hutchison greets supporters

HOUSTON (AP) — Dallas businessman Richard Fisher says he's dedicated to enjoying the final days of his campaign against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The Democrat has dumped conventional campaign strategies he used earlier in favor of what he calls his "Make A Difference" campaign. Fisher said he will avoid traditional appearances before Tuesday's election while touring some 50 towns to visit community service programs.

On Tuesday, he stopped at the House of Tiny Treasures, Houston's only licensed day-care center for homeless children, to help serve 27 children a lunch of ravioli and mixed vegetables.

He also found time to criticize Mrs. Hutchison for running an "antiseptic" campaign. "We served 150 meals while my opponent was speaking to the National Rifle Association,"

Fisher said in an apparent reference to a campaign stop Mrs. Hutchison made Saturday in Dallas.

"It underscores the difference between us. ... My opponent is running an antiseptic, Peter-Pan collar, Astroturf campaign."

Fisher said he wants to finish the campaign "in a way that is meaningful. I'm going to enjoy my last week."

While Fisher was serving children's lunches, Mrs. Hutchison was at her Dallas campaign headquarters. There she told reporters and supporters that she is the candidate of the people.

"Last night I was in Del Rio and Eagle Pass, where the Democrat mayors came and the Democratic county judges came to thank me for the work that I have done for our border communities," Mrs. Hutchison said.

"I have been in more small towns and more cities throughout this state through the last two years than any candidate running for public office. I am the grassroots candidate in this race. And it's not something that I just thought of a week ago."

At the day-care center, Fisher emphasized his welfare reform proposal, which he said would provide more money for centers like the House of Tiny Treasures. Homeless parents leave their children at the center while they attend college or job-training.

"Unless they have child-care, they can't go and get school and get prepared for the work force. This is the kind of thing I want to see," Fisher said.

DATE BOOK

Nov. 2, 1994

Today is the 306th day of 1994 and the 41st day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1954, South Carolina Republican Strom Thurmond became the first U.S. senator ever elected as a write-in candidate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Boone (1734-1820), frontiersman; Marie Antoinette (1755-1793), queen of France; James Polk (1795-1849), U.S. president; Warren G. Harding (1865-1923), U.S. president; Burt Lancaster (1913-), actor, is 81; Ray Walston (1924-), actor, is 70; Shere Hite (1942-), author, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1879, a race begins to see which can run farthest over a six-day period — man or horse. Pinafore, the horse, wins, covering 559 miles, nine more than his human rival.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I am a man of limited talents from a small town. I don't seem to grasp that I am president." — Warren G. Harding

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1961, Atlanta records its all-time highest November temperature, reaching a balmy 84 degrees.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Nov. 3).

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such a gaffe. But more people have voted early this time, according to the secretary of state's office.

Turnout has increased since 1974, when the state changed from two-year to four-year governor's terms and gubernatorial elections were moved to non-presidential election years. Just under 31 percent of registered voters cast ballots that year.

By the 14th day of this year's early-voting period, which began Oct. 19, 356,158 Texans had voted in Texas' top 10 counties, ranked by voter registration population. In the same time period in 1990, according to Kirk's office, 248,701 had voted.

Overall, 452,766 people have either voted in person or by mail in the top 15 counties, according to Kirk's office.

Treadway takes part in Navy operations

Navy Airman David A. Treadway, a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School, recently completed operations off the coast of Haiti onboard the aircraft carrier USS America.

Treadway and USS America departed Norfolk, Va., in mid-September after unloading soldiers, cargo and equipment from the U.S. Army's 18th Airborne Corps and Special Operations forces. The lack of air threat from Haitian forces enabled the Navy to remove the carrier's air wing and reconfigure the ship to hold the soldiers and oversized equipment.

While off Haiti, Treadway and fellow crew members supported Navy and Army helicopter operations and special operations units. The rapid deployment of USS America demonstrates how naval forces are poised to respond to contingencies anywhere U.S. interests are at stake.

Treadway's involvement in the operation underscores why the Navy-Marine Corps team still serves as the best option when a formidable force package is needed to remain on station for months at a time.

Whether delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo or groups from the sea, Treadway and his highly trained Navy shipmates provide a unique crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.

Treadway joined the Navy in November 1992.

PUBLIC NOTICE

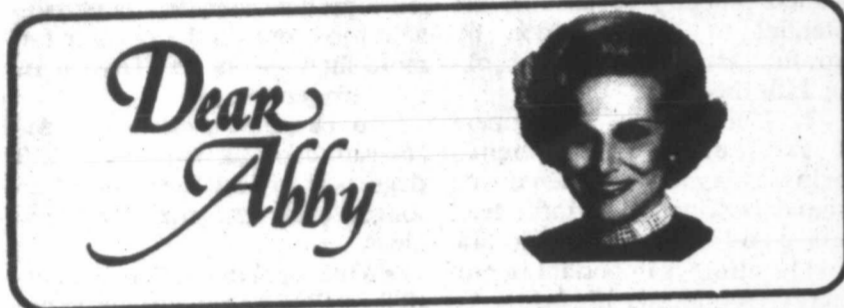
Texas Utilities Electric Company ("TU Electric"), in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), hereby gives notice that, on October 25, 1994, it filed an application for Commission approval of its 1995 Integrated Resource Plan and its Three-Year Action Plan for the 1995-1997 period. That Integrated Resource Plan includes, and TU Electric is seeking Commission approval of, the following: the demand-side management ("DSM") programs that are to be implemented and administered by TU Electric, eight DSM Resources Purchase and Operating Agreements through which TU Electric will receive 72 MW of demand reduction, and a Renewable Resources Agreement through which TU Electric agrees to buy 40 MW of electric energy generated by a wind plant. In addition, TU Electric is requesting Commission certification of facts making it eligible to receive bonus SO₂ emission allowances. TU Electric is also requesting that the Commission determine that a current cost recovery mechanism is the appropriate manner for TU Electric to recover its costs for the proposed DSM programs and contracts that are in excess of the amount included in current rates for DSM expenditures and that the Commission determine that TU Electric is entitled to recover an appropriate markup on all of its DSM expenditures. TU Electric is further requesting a good cause exception to Commission Substantive Rule 23.23(b)(8) that would allow the payments to be made by TU Electric under the Renewable Resources Agreement to be recovered through TU Electric's purchased power cost recovery factor.

TU Electric also gives notice that it has filed for Commission approval Notices of Intent to file applications for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity ("CCNs") for: approximately 288 MW of new simple-cycle combustion turbine generating capacity, fueled primarily with natural gas and scheduled for operation in 1999, at an estimated expense of \$145,262,000; approximately 100 MW of new wind-powered generating capacity, scheduled for operation in 1999, at an estimated expense of \$102,747,000; approximately 214 MW of new combined-cycle combustion turbine generating capacity, fueled primarily with natural gas and scheduled for operation in 1999, at an estimated expense of \$194,703,000; approximately 650 MW of new combined-cycle combustion turbine generating capacity, fueled primarily with natural gas and scheduled, with phased construction, for operation in 2000 and 2001, at an estimated expense of \$449,554,000; and approximately 650 MW of new combined-cycle combustion turbine generating capacity, fueled primarily with natural gas and scheduled, with phased construction, for operation in 2001 and 2002, at an estimated expense of \$395,650,000. All of the estimated expenses include an Allowance For Funds Used During Construction. In accordance with Commission Substantive Rule 23.31(h)(3)(A), the locations for these generating units have not been determined.

TU Electric hereby gives notice that it is also seeking a good cause exception to Commission Substantive Rule 23.31(c)(5) that would otherwise require TU Electric to conduct, prior to requesting CCNs for the proposed generating units for which Notice of Intent approval is sought, an additional DSM resource solicitation.

Persons with questions about these projects should contact Kermit L. Stosberg of TU Electric at (214) 812-3225. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or 458-0221 for the text telephone. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is 70 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

TUELECTRIC



Grandma Hopes Someone Will Give Her a Little Bit of Time

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: A faithful reader for more than 30 years who requested anonymity wrote the following:

DEAR ABBY: Around holiday time, you print suggestions about useful gifts for seniors. May I add mine?

For Christmas, I don't want another crystal bud vase; I have four under my kitchen sink. Besides, nobody brings me flowers anyway. I don't want a sausage and cheese tray; that's too much cholesterol for this old lady. I don't want another music box to find a place for — I have too many now. I don't want a silk nightgown, perfumed soap, a fancy bed jacket, dusting powder or a bird feeder.

What do I want? Ask me; I'm not shy! I have told you before what I really want for Christmas, but I never got it. Maybe this time I will.

I want you to give me a few hours. Take me and my cumbersome wheelchair to the mall so I can see the lights and hear the music. I would also like to be driven around town to see the Christmas decorations — then maybe stop for hot cocoa.

I would like a book of postage stamps, a writing tablet with lines and some plain envelopes. I would appreciate a ballpoint pen that works, and some telephone coupons so I can make a few long-distance calls to people I will probably never see again.

I would also appreciate a visit from you and other family members, especially my grandchildren who call and say: "Hi, Grandma. How are you? I love you. Gotta go. See you later. Bye!"

I would like someone to offer to pay my heating bill for one month. (With five sons, six daughters and 42 grandchildren, that shouldn't be so hard to do.) And I sure wish someone would come over here and test my smoke alarm.

I dearly love all of you; that's why I can tell you what I really want for Christmas.

A 91-YEAR-OLD GRANDMA

DEAR GRANDMA: I admire your honesty. Although it may seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas immediately after Halloween, the pumpkins and witches have already been taken out of the merchants' windows and been replaced by Santa, artificial snow, nativity scenes, and all

the trappings of the holiday season.

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter signed "Bugged," who resented having to chip in every year for an expensive Christmas present for the big boss, who is probably a rich man and has more than he needs.

Why don't the employees get together and make a contribution to charity in the boss's name? It may even be tax-deductible.

CATHY C. IN BRADENTON, FLA.

DEAR CATHY: A great idea. Not only would your suggestion save the employees the hassle of coming up with a costly gift that the boss neither needs nor wants, it would provide food, shelter or clothing for the needy.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are going to an elegant evening wedding in Los Angeles. My husband is the best man. Is it OK if I wear black to the wedding, since the wedding is at 5 p.m.?

NAME WITHHELD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NAME WITHHELD: Ten or 15 years ago, I would have said no; but in recent years, the rules have become more flexible. Today I say, black is permissible, but brighten up the outfit a bit with accessories in silver, gold or a lively color.

To order "How to Write Letters for All Occasions," send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to Dear Abby, Letter Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Affects of deafness

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Many people cannot imagine how not being able to hear could affect their lives, severing even spiritual ties when deaf people cannot listen to their minister.

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