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Ask Us

Q—Why are the community service and continuing education classes no longer offered at Western Texas College?

A—The classes are being offered. They range from recreation and leisure to general business, conversational Spanish, child care and more. For more information about existing or upcoming classes, contact the continuing ed department at 573-8511, ext. 390.

Local

Flu shots

Scurry County Health Unit will be giving flu shots Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Stanfield

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at the school.

Video series

The Family Life series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "Faith and Fellowship: Do I Really Need To Go To Church?"

Hermleigh

To avoid conflict with junior high basketball games, Hermleigh Booster Club will now meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the school library. Plans will be finalized on a float for the Christmas parade. All boosters are encouraged to attend.

Bake sale

The local AARP chapter will hold a bake sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart.

Garage sale

A county wide garage sale will be held Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the coliseum annex. Booth reservations are \$20 each and may be made at the chamber of commerce. Admission to the garage sale will be free.

Bazaar

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday at the church. Crafts, baked goods and barbecue will be sold.

Installation

Rev. Jim Wright, new pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, will be installed at 2 p.m. Sunday. All area churches, pastors and community members are invited to attend.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 58 degrees; low, 31 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 32 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.21 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 50s. South to southeast wind 10-20 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Southwest wind 15-25 mph and gusty with caution to be required on area lakes.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:45. Sunrise Thursday, 7:12. Of 319 days in 1994, the sun has shone 312 days in Snyder.



WEDNESDAY Snyder Daily News

County closer to finalizing airport rules

Scurry County commissioners are closer to adopting proposed airport rules and regulations following Tuesday night's final public hearing.

Some 30 individuals — mostly pilots — attended. Again, the question of requiring liability insurance for free lance operators was the main topic — the same as it was in the first hearing held Sept. 27.

County Judge Bob Doolittle addressed the subject immediately by saying "We can argue on the the's, thou's and thus's from now on but we need to clear up the in-

insurance issue immediately if we are to get us what we all want — a good set of rules to guide us at Winston Field."

Commissioner C. D. Gray Jr. responded, "The question is — do we require liability insurance for free lance operators or not, and if so — how much?"

Some pilots had expressed the belief that requiring liability insurance would result in higher repair costs and perhaps longer delays in repairs.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey was looking at the liability issue from another angle however, as he

stated he felt the county needed to require the insurance.

"If I could see in my own mind that the county would never be sued because of allowing access to the airport, then I would be against requiring liability insurance," said the Precinct 1 commissioner. "I can see a lawyer bringing us into district court if an accident happens because of us allowing access to the airport by a mechanic."

Doolittle countered, "If an accident happens because of a mechanic's error, we'll be brought into a suit regardless of how much insurance we have."

"I don't think we would have any liability in a case such as that, but we will be sued along with everybody else," said the county judge.

Doolittle added that if the county required a mechanic to have liability insurance before doing repairs at Winston Field, then it would be restricting access, which is against Federal Aviation Agency rules.

"All we are doing is providing an airport," said Doolittle. "The contract would be between the pilot and the mechanic. I really fail to see where we (Scurry County) would be involved."

After some discussion on the matter, commissioner Roy Idom told the court that County Attorney Pete Greene had suggested that the county require enough liability insurance to cover the deductible on its policies — "at least \$5,000," said Idom.

Commissioner Gray then suggested that the county require a \$5,000 letter of credit and a \$25 yearly fee for mechanics, flight instructors, painters and others who use the airport facility for a commercial enterprise.

A show of hands from the audience indicated their approval of such a plan.

The commissioners are expected to have a final draft of the rules and regulations available for public inspection the last week of November.

Gray added that the rules still could be changed in the future "if they are not working out."

Judge Doolittle presided while commissioners Gray, Idom, Trevey and Jerry Gannaway were in attendance as was Development Corporation of Snyder Executive Director Doug Hutchinson. Also attending was County Clerk Frances Billingsley.



SHAKESPEARE AT WTC — William Shakespeare's "King Lear" will be presented at WTC for four nightly productions beginning at 7 p.m. tonight in the Fine Arts Theatre. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students while WTC students, staff and faculty will be admitted free with their college I. D. Shown in a rehearsal, from left, are Curan, played by Melissa Shatney, Earl Gloucester, played by Robert Adams, Duke of Cornwall, played by Blake Durham and Regan, played by Rachel Brown. (SDN Staff Photo)

Thursday...

Career Day slated at SHS

Snyder High School's annual Career Day, sponsored by the local Rotary Club, Western Texas College and the high school, will be held Thursday.

The purpose of the event is to allow high school students to talk with professionals in a wide variety of fields. There are 52 job categories, ranging from accounting, to banking, construction, engineering, health care, law enforcement, mechanics, retail, trucking and welding.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the Worsham Auditorium foyer. Doughnuts and coffee will be served in the library. At 8:15, students will report to their advisories.

There will be three sessions, scheduled from 8:35-9:25, 9:30-10:15 and 10:20-11:05. Each student has an opportunity to attend all three sessions, and select a particular career field in each session.

Local business persons have volunteered their time to talk about their particular field. Presenters will discuss the nature of their work, working conditions, entry level and average salary ranges, opportunities for advancement, educational training needed and employment prospects.

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TxDot plans Thursday hearing

The Abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in Snyder on Thursday at City Hall.

The meeting is being held to discuss transportation financing issues and solicit candidate transportation improvement projects for fiscal years 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Interested citizens in Scurry, Kent, Fisher and Borden County are invited to attend the meeting, which will begin at 7 p.m.

In addition to representatives from the Abilene District, the area engineer and maintenance supervisors will be on hand to answer any questions about active projects or maintenance needs.

The meeting is designed to conform with the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, which encourages public input into the transportation improvement process.

Another public meeting will be held in April to present the 1996-98 transportation improvement plan.

CoC plans to have new manager soon

Snyder Chamber of Commerce hopes to have a new manager named by the first of December, board president Pearlene Stewart-Nolan said.

Applications for the position will be taken through Nov. 22. Those applications will be reviewed by a four-person committee, which will hire the new manager, she said.

Committee members are Howard Limmer, Keith Hackfeld, Joe Kelley and Elois Pruitt.

Stewart-Nolan said applications are being accepted at the chamber office. She said the new manager should be a "people person." The job calls for someone to handle functions of the chamber, work closely with member businesses and promote Snyder and small business. Should the chamber and county work out an agreement in regards to the county coliseum, the person will also be required to solicit events for the coliseum.

The current manager, Ricky Fritz, is leaving the post after being elected county judge last Tuesday.

At WTC...

'King Lear' debuts tonight on campus

William Shakespeare's "King Lear" debuts tonight at Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre.

Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. WTC students, staff, and faculty will be admitted free with their college I.D. The production will continue through Saturday with performances beginning at 7 o'clock nightly.

Michael Endy, WTC assistant professor, is directing the play. He will also play the lead role of Lear, who falls into tragedy after dividing his kingdom between two of his three daughters and banishing the other.

Lear's daughters are Goneril, the eldest, played by Amy McCord of Anson; Regan, the middle daughter, played by Rachel Brown of Jayton; and Cordella, the youngest, played by Misty Box of Snyder. Box will double in the role of Fool, Lear's jester.

Other chief characters in the play include:

—The Duke of Cornwall, Regan's husband, portrayed by Blake Durham of Snyder, who will double in the role of the captain.

—The Duke of Albany, the husband of Goneril, portrayed by

Marlon Hall of Vernon.

—The Earl of Kent, portrayed by Rick Freeman of Snyder.

—The Earl of Gloucester, portrayed by WTC instructor Robert Adams.

—Edgar, son of Gloucester, portrayed by Mark Jeter of Odessa, who will double as the King of France, Cordella's husband.

—Edmund, Gloucester's bastard son, portrayed by Jay Hawkins of Graham.

—Oswald, Goneril's servant, portrayed by Christa Tydlaska of Tow.

Other characters include a knight and Burgandy, played by Steven Carson of Sweetwater; and Curan, played by Melissa Shatney of Dover, N.H.

Adoptive, foster homes needed here

Scurry County children who are neglected or living in peril are often placed in out-of-town foster homes because Snyder does not have enough safe homes to care for them.

Sher Oliver with the local Child Protective Services office said the county is in need of foster and adoptive homes. Scurry County is included in an eight county area, and all have similar shortages, Oliver said.

For anyone interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, Catalina Loya, CPS adoption recruiter from Abilene, will be interviewed at 8:30 a.m. Friday on KSNV's "Coffee Break" with Rosie Kerry. The program will center around what a foster parent is and how to become one.

This program has been scheduled this month because November is Adoption Awareness Month, Oliver said.

Interested parties may also obtain more information by calling the local CPS office at 573-1161.

Caring for foster children can be difficult because they often carry emotional scars from years of neglect or abuse, Oliver said.

Placing older children in adoptive homes is more difficult because most prospective adoptive parents seek younger children, she said.

Children in foster care and eligible for adoption often have a different set of values which takes time to change. They are also capable of committing "angry acts of violence," Oliver said. But with time and patience, she said, many foster or adopted children do grow and change.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Good horse sense, naturally, is found in a stable mind."

Ran across some examples of extreme government regulations that are so often placed on businesses and property owners.

A weekly newspaper in another state was fined \$3,700 by the federal fair housing agency. The fine was imposed because of a for rent ad that included the words "adults only" and "no children." What about "no pets?"

A Southern California dry cleaner was fined \$250 for not posting the number of employees injured on the job during the past 12 months. There were no injuries, but the violation was for not posting a blank piece of paper.

The EPA fined a North Carolina company \$5,000 for inadvertently writing the company's name on line 17 rather than on line 18 of a government form. The same company was fined \$600,000

for failing to fill out a federal form, even though it complied with an identical state law.

The U.S. Corps of Engineers fined a Minnesota farmer \$45,000 for filling in a one-acre glacial pothole that was making farming difficult. Having fined him, the agency made him dig out the fill.

Vietnam refugee T. Ming Lin faces prison and a \$300,000 fine for running over five kangaroo rats while tilling his small farm in California. His \$50,000 tractor was taken by federal authorities.

Also, because of a rat, a California man was charged because he built a firebreak around his house. His home was saved while fires destroyed most neighboring homes.

A Maryland couple suffered big losses when the endangered puritan tiger beetle was found on their property. Because of the beetle, the couple was prohibited from taking action to halt the soil erosion that was jeopardizing their home. Later, 22 feet of their property plunged into Chesapeake Bay. Wonder if the tiger beetle can swim?

Vocational school closes in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — State officials have been trying to find the owner of a vocational school that shut down without notice this week, angering hundreds of students who had paid as much as \$7,000 for tuition.

Occupational Safety Training Institute, a Houston hazardous waste-handling school, closed down without explanation on Monday.

By Tuesday, students — many of whom said they paid at least \$7,000 for nine-month courses — were calling the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

"These students are calling my phone off the hook," said Athan Ogoh, training coordinator for the department's asbestos training certification section.

"When I can't give them a positive response, they get even angrier," he said.

OSTI's proprietor, Evajean Bonilla, 37, did not respond to messages requesting comment.

Some students said OSTI's corporate offices and its nearby campus, where as many as 400 students attended about 15 courses on air monitoring, government regulations and removing asbestos, were stripped bare last weekend.

Student Joe Barnett said he did not learn of the closure until he arrived for a 6 p.m. class on Monday. He said he had borrowed

\$7,200 to take the course.

One instructor complained that his last two paychecks bounced.

OSTI students plan a rally at the campus at 6 p.m. Wednesday to protest the closing.

Last February, Bonilla was one of four Houstonians presented distinguished service awards by the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce.

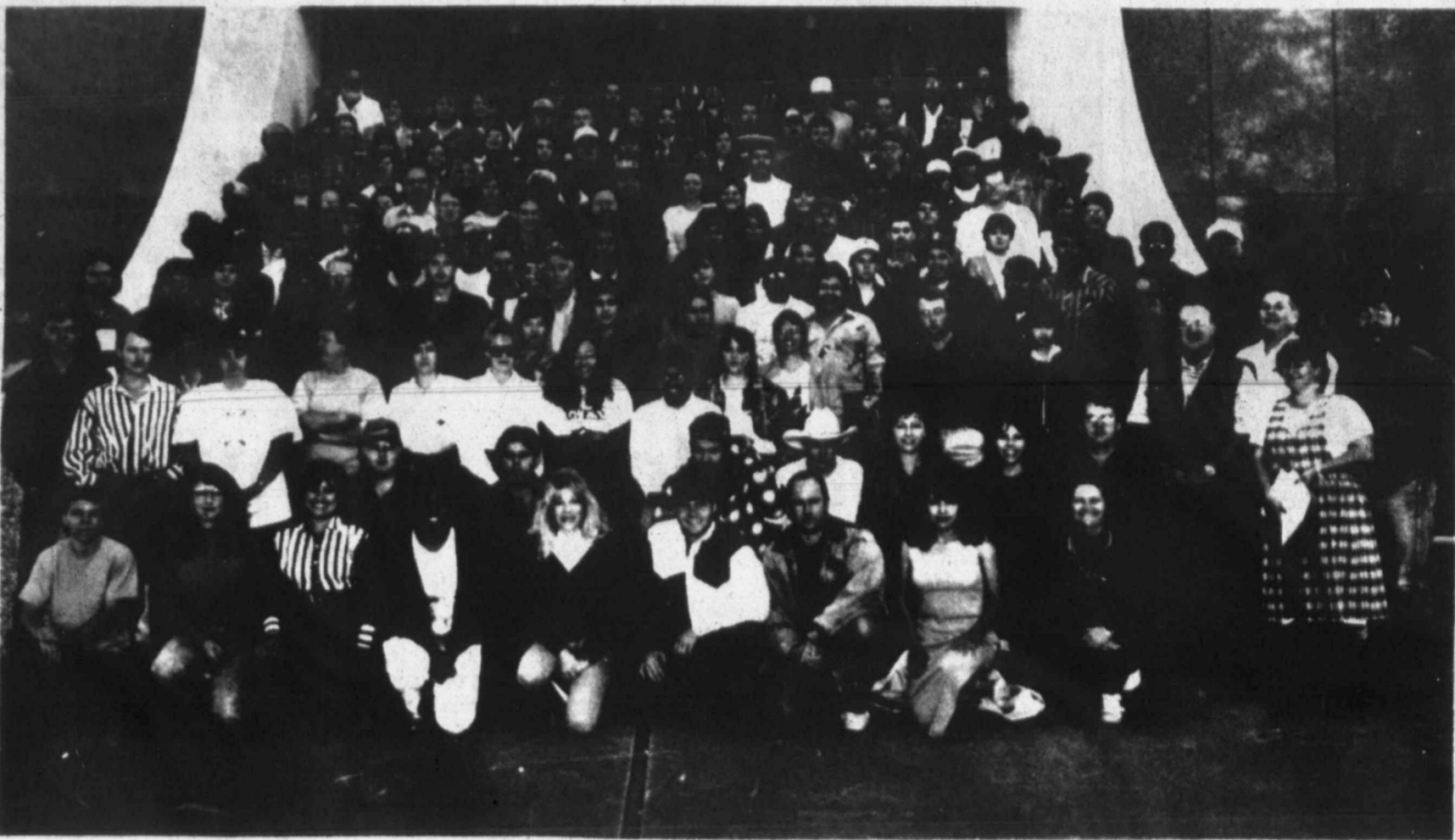
Better Business Bureau records show that Bonilla's two businesses, McBon Environmental & Construction and OSTI, had let their BBB memberships lapse. BBB said McBon was started in 1989, OSTI in 1990.

Dedication ads are due Dec. 1

Parents of Snyder High seniors are reminded that the deadline for the senior dedication ad in the 1994-95 Tiger's Lair yearbook is Dec. 1. The price of the dedication is \$30, which includes one picture and a message with a maximum of 35 words. The dedication may be mailed to SHS, Attn: Student Publications, 3801 Austin Ave. No ads will be accepted after Dec. 1. For additional information, contact Diane Arnold at 573-6301, ext. 35.

Orders for yearbooks are being taken at a cost of \$35 until Dec. 15. A deposit of \$20 may be made, with the balance due Feb. 1. Included in the price of the book are the name stamped on the cover and a plastic protective jacket. After Jan. 1 the price is \$40. No extra yearbooks are ordered. Yearbook orders may also be mailed to SHS, Attn: Student Publications.

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS — Recent graduates of Western Texas College Correctional Officers Training School were Billy Adams, Snyder; Andrea Allison, Roscoe; Emily Alls, Rotan; Lisa Alonzo, Snyder; Michael Alsbrook, Lubbock; Melissa Areskog, Abilene; John Atkinson, Dyess Air Force Base; Terri Atkinson, Snyder; James Bailey, Monahans; Ricky Bailey, Lorraine; Teresa Bailey, Lorraine; Minnie Baker, Hamlin; James Beaty, Lorraine; Calen Benavides, Rule; Dianna Bernal, Anson; Janice Blair, Snyder; Brian Bohannon, Ira; Stephen Byram, Abilene; Jaun Cabrera, Winters; Michael Cain, Clyde; Stephanie Campbell, Snyder; Reginald Cantrell, Big Spring; Javier Castillo, O'Donnell; Concepcion Cisneros, Winters; Wylie Clough, Winters; Jerry Cole, Graham; Teresa Curtis, Abilene; Ruben Delao, Snyder; Louis Dent,

Breckenridge; Trevor Dent, Breckenridge; Harold Dye, Merkel; Tracey Edgar, Snyder; Glenda Edwards, Colorado City; Rhonda Escobedo, Snyder; James Everheart, Abilene; James Fatheree, Abilene; Ismael Flores Jr., Lamesa; Tonya Foster, Stamford; Gary Gibson, Sweetwater; Crestina Ginkinger, Colorado City; Neal Ginkinger, Colorado City; Johnny Gonzales, Lamesa; Timothy Gonzales, Stamford; Albert Gonzalez, Paducah; Andres Gonzalez Jr., San Antonio; Ruben Gonzalez, Paducah; Salomon Gonzalez Jr., Snyder; Jackson Grissom, Breckenridge; George Gross, Knox City; Michael Gruben, Roscoe; Dorothy Hamm, Graham; Amador Hernandez, Snyder; Joann Hernandez, Lamesa; Judy Herpeche, Graham; Stephen Hill, Brady; Larry Hoch, Lubbock; Jessamyn Holstine, Colorado City; Marlene Holt, Eastland; Michael Humphrey, Snyder; Larry Johnson, Snyder; James Jones, Midland; Chad Jordan, Hamlin; Timothy Kelley, Abilene; Gregory Kimzey, Hermleigh; Rudy Lanier, Breckenridge; Felix Ledesma, Hamlin; Doyle Lee, Lamesa; Gregory Lopez, Abilene; James Lopez, Colorado City; Rene Luna, Brownfield; Linda Malone, Hamlin; Jose Martinez Jr. Sweetwater; Kristi McClure, Snyder; Melissa McCright, Snyder; Paul McIntosh, Sweetwater; Melissa Midwell,

Snyder; Theresa Mitchell, Snyder; Dale Montgomery, Sweetwater; Paul Morales, Jayton; Eusebio Moreno, Lamesa; Ricardo Morin, Snyder; Shirley Nash, Lubbock; Gabriel Ortiz, Winters; Christopher Patterson, Elliasville; Jacqueline Perez, Dyess AFB; Jodi Phillips, Snyder; Christopher Pierce, Lamesa; Jennifer Piske, Hamlin; Jerry Pritchard, Hamlin; Diane Propps, Rotan; Freda Radcliff, Midland; Carl Ragsdale, Merkel; Mary Realzola, Snyder; William Reynolds, Abilene; Robert Ringhoffer, Baird; Luz Rivera, Breckenridge; Billy Robbins, Snyder; Jeremy Robertson, Big Spring; Jose Rosas, Abilene; Rudy Saenz Jr., Odessa; Daniel Salsman, Burkburnett; Billye Sanders, Eastland; Evonne Sapp, Post; Rebecca Schrawyer, Snyder; Jeffrey Sharp, Colorado City; Bryan Shook, Lamesa; Bobby Smith, Hermleigh; Joe Smith, Abilene; Sherry Spells, Snyder; Laurie Stewart, Hamlin; Rodney

Strange, Snyder; Michael Tabor, Aspermont; Buck Taylor, Blackwell; Barbara Thamez, Snyder; Thomas Thormeyer, Winters; Charles Tidwell, Big Spring; Tina Tidwell, Snyder; Terry Timms, Lubbock; Christy Todd, Lamesa; Eddie Torres, Snyder; Santos Trevino, Aspermont; Michael Upton, Snyder; John Vargas, Snyder; Adeline Vasquez, Lorraine; Enrique Villalobos III, Lamesa; Maria Walker, Lorraine; Ronald Wallace, Colorado City; Clarence Wardwell, Hamlin; Danny Weaver, Rotan; Gloria Webster, Snyder; Melinda White, Hamlin; Stacy White, Snyder; Billy Williams, Merkel; Jimmy Wilson, Tahoka; Monte Wilson, Lamesa; Billy Wright, Hawley; Christopher Wright, Abilene; David Zalman, Hermleigh; Jose Zorola III, Lamesa; Eva Zubia, Post; secretary Linda Proctor; and instructors Leonard Dodgen, and J.D. Barham. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Judge to rule next week on custody of French boy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio man should find out next week if his son, who has been caught in the middle of an international custody battle since this summer, will be allowed to return to the United States.

Leopold Midha, 12, travelled from his home in France to San Antonio this summer to stay with his father, Deepak Midha.

Midha tried to gain custody of his son through San Antonio courts, arguing that the boy would be in grave danger if sent home because Midha's ex-wife, Cosima Midha, is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Mrs. Midha came to San Antonio to fight for her son, and was permitted to take the boy back to France after two months of legal battles.

A French judge on Tuesday talked with Leopold and heard arguments from both parents, according to Midha.

Berry's World

"I'm glad you liked my negative, mean-spirited campaign. Thanks for being so angry."

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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-4-5 (five, four, five)

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Tighter regulation of regional aircraft approved by the FAA

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration says it will begin regulating regional airlines under the stricter rules that cover major carriers, a move recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board.

FAA Administrator David R. Hinson said Tuesday his agency is moving to eliminate differences in the way large and small airlines are regulated and promised increased safety inspections nation-

wide. There was no timetable announced for changes in the regulations, which typically take months or years to develop and put into effect.

"One level of safety is a top priority of this agency," Hinson said.

The safety board issued its recommendations at the conclusion of a nine-month study of the safety of regional and commuter airlines. Several recent crashes, including those in northern Indiana, Hibbing, Minn., and Columbus, Ohio, have sparked concern about the safety of these carriers.

And while the safety board confirmed that the smaller carriers have had more accidents than major airlines, it said they are safe overall. The recommended changes will make them "even safer," said NTSB Chairman Jim Hall.

Jeff Brundage of the Air Line Pilots Association said he was "very pleased" with the board action, noting that the pilots have pressed for several years for large and small planes to have similar

safety regulations.

Regional airlines feeding passengers to major carriers — and often operating under the colors of those carriers — have proliferated in recent years. Current rules impose tougher standards on planes with 31 or more seats, while the standards are less strict for smaller planes, which are termed commuter aircraft.

The safety board recommended extending the large-plane regulations to aircraft with 20 or more seats, and to those with 10 to 19 seats "wherever possible."

This would put nearly all scheduled airline flights under the same strict rules, while leaving the less rigid standards in effect for air taxis and other unscheduled small-plane service.

Among other reforms, the changes would tighten safety inspections of aircraft; reduce the number of hours pilots can fly and require dispatchers to assist crew in checking the weather, determining the weight and balance of the plane, planning routes and performing other ground duties.



SINGING IN THE RAIN — Central kindergarten students recently presented a musical program entitled "Singing in the Rain." Students in Jenny Pinson's class are shown in the top photo. From left, back row, Sonja Benitez, Stephanie Castenada, Brittney Criswell, David Gomez, Tiffany Gutierrez, Rose Mary Hernandez; middle row, Teisha McGlouthlin, Melissa Newby, Jonnie Porter; front row, Nicholas Salazar, Ricky Silva, Sarah Traylor, Paul Villanueva, Terrence Wells,

Joshua Lara. Debra Alexander's students in the bottom photo are from left, back row, Joshua Blackwell, Matthew Garcia, Victoria Hermosillo, Charone Hill, Donald Jeffery; middle row, Omar Madera, Zeke Muniz, Roxana Scott, Joel Solis; front row, Marcella Torres, Pedro Villa, Justin Villareal. Not pictured are Cody James, Candance Russell, Josephine Torres and Pedro Silva. (SDN Staff Photo)

Study: emphysema, bronchitis arrested when smokers quit

CHICAGO (AP) — Researchers have found another reason it's never too late to stop smoking: Long-time puffers with early signs

of emphysema and chronic bronchitis arrested those conditions when they quit.

"The Lung Health Study lays to rest once and for all the question of whether stopping smoking can benefit people with early lung disease," said Dr. Claude Lenfant, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which sponsored the \$49 million study.

Researchers spent five years tracking almost 6,000 male and female smokers ages 35 to 60 who had early signs of emphysema and bronchitis.

Participants were randomly assigned to three groups. One group received intensive stop-smoking support and nicotine gum, plus medication sprayed through an inhaler. One received stop-smoking help and an inhaled placebo. The third received no special care.

The inhaled medication provided short-term relief, but it had no long-term effect on the course of lung disease, the study found.

About 22 percent of the people who tried to quit and stayed off cigarettes until the end of the five-

year study suffered only a 2.5 percent decline in breathing ability, compared with an 11.4 percent decline for smokers.

The 2.5 percent decline is close to the average decline that accompanies normal aging, even in lifelong nonsmokers, said the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which sponsored the \$49 million Lung Health Study.

About 15 million Americans suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, mainly emphysema and bronchitis. It is the fourth leading cause of death — killing 90,000 Americans a year — and costs the nation \$18 billion annually, the government estimates.

The findings are published in today's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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The mind's eye sees the answer

By Phillip Alder

I think Henry Kissinger had the right idea when he summed up the Cold War thus: "The superpowers often behave like two heavily armed blind men feeling their way around a room, each believing himself in mortal peril from the other, whom he assumes to have perfect vision."

In bridge, some players act as if they were blind. They claim they cannot visualize the layout without actually seeing everyone's cards. True, visualizing can be difficult. But it is not impossible; it just requires a willingness to try.

Today's deal is easy if you can picture the distribution in your mind's eye.

South had to play in four hearts. The defenders began with two rounds of diamonds before switching to a spade. How should South have continued?

South's only problem was a 4-1 (or 5-0) club split. Because of East's opening pre-empt, West was more likely to be long in clubs. So, South won trick three with dummy's spade ace, drew trumps and cashed his spade king. Then he led a club to dummy's jack.

If it had lost to the singleton king, East would have been endplayed, forced to concede a ruff-and-discard. (South's remaining club loser would have disappeared.)

However, when the club jack won the trick, South continued with a low club from the dummy. After East discarded, South played low from his hand. West won the trick with the nine, but was endplayed. A club lead would have sacrificed his potential trick there, whereas his spade switch conceded a ruff-and-discard.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; program on antiques and collectibles by Geraldine Parker and Neomi Harlin; hostesses, Barbara Bigham and Kelley Wilson; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Honey Do's TAFCE; hostess, Shirley Bullard; 9:30 a.m. Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon. Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m. SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 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.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m. ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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

Martha Ann Woman's Club Holiday Style Show; \$10 tickets are being sold at Limmer's, Bar-H-Bar, Timber & Threads and Li'l Rascals or any MAWC board member; 11:30 a.m.

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.

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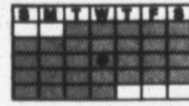
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Nov. 16, 1994

Today is the 320th day of 1994 and the 55th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1955, Johnny Cash made his first chart appearance with "Cry Cry Cry."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: W.C. Handy (1873-1958), composer; George S. Kaufman (1889-1961), dramatist-critic; Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), composer; Donna McKechnie (1942-), dancer, is 52; Jo Jo White (1946-), basketball player, is 48; Dwight Gooden (1964-), baseball player, is 30; Lisa Bonet (1967-), actress, is 27.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1912, hard-charging Army halfback Dwight Eisenhower injured his knee in a game against Tufts, bringing a promising football career to a halt. Ike spent his remaining two seasons at West Point as a member of the cheer-leading squad.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I understand your new play is full of single entendres." — George S. Kaufman

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, nine students died when a cafeteria wall collapsed near Newburgh, N.Y. The official cause of the collapse was an F1 tornado, making this the deadliest weak tornado in U.S. history.

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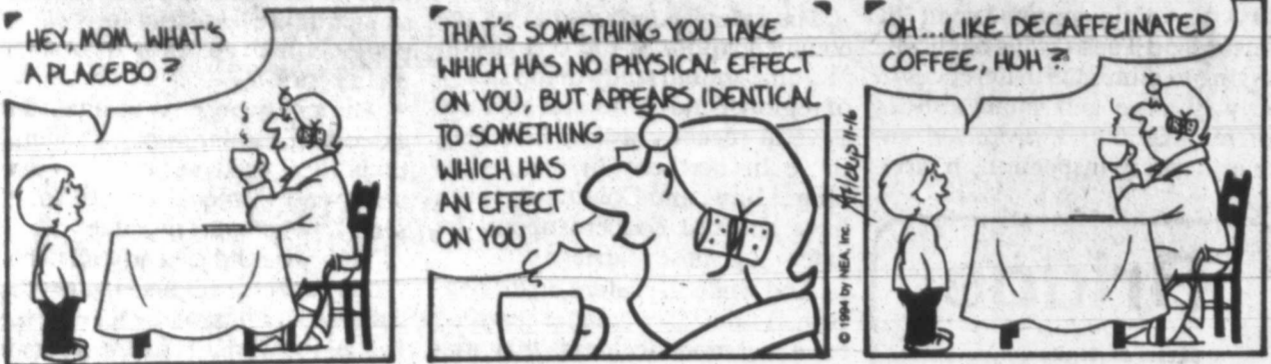
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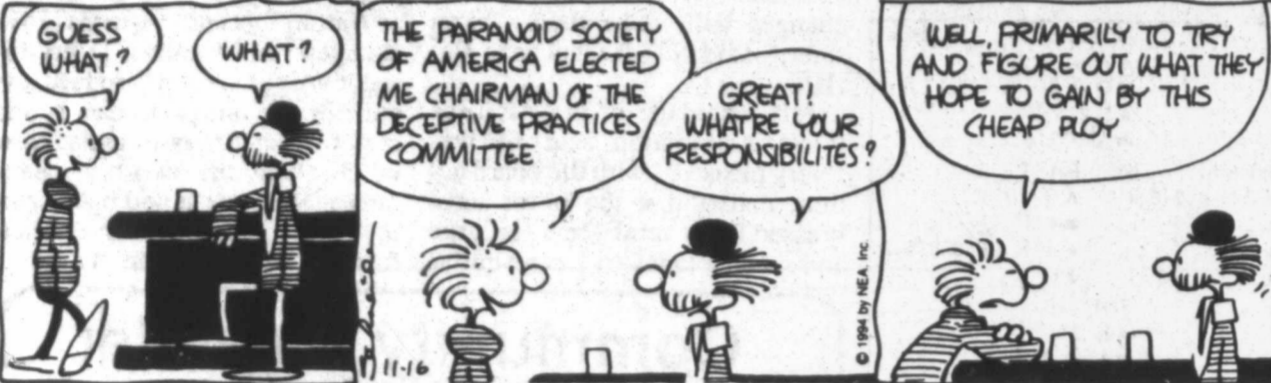
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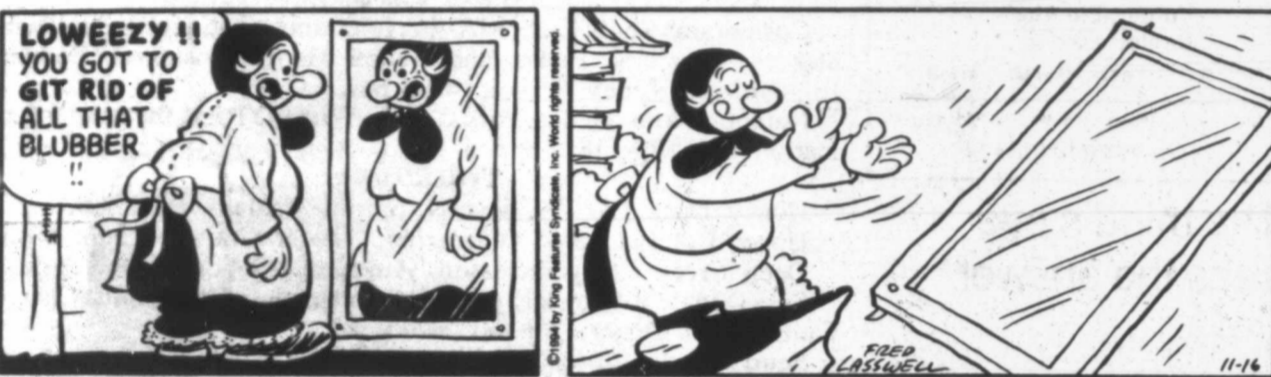
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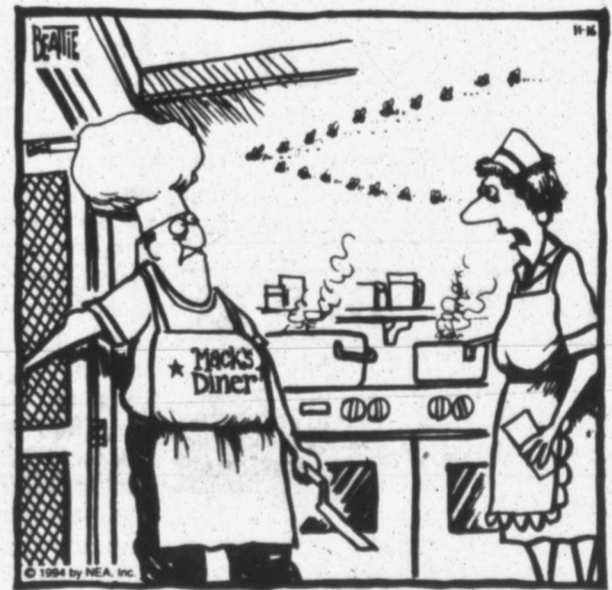
Carl Weathers first came to prominence as boxer Apollo Creed in the "Rocky" movies. The former gridiron hero has starred in movies as dissimilar as "Force 10 from Navarone" and "Predator."

1. In the "Rocky" movies, who played:
 a) Clubber Lang b) Drago
 2. What was the name of the tough-guy cop Carl Weathers played in a 1988 movie that co-starred Vanity, Craig T. Nelson and Sharon Stone?

Answers: (a) Mr. T b) Dolph Lundgren (c) Action Jackson

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Tear
 4 Very fine hairs
 8 Sabes and minks
 12 — League
 13 Ox of Celebes
 14 Let fall
 15 For (Sp.)
 16 Work together
 18 Build
 20 Resort area
 21 Actor — Ayres
 22 Greek island
 24 Poisonous snake
 26 Clipped (sheep)
 30 Uncanny
 34 Cry of affirmation
 35 Actor Montand
 37 Portion
 38 Social misfit (sl.)
 40 Slippery fishes
 42 Aunt in Spain
 43 Unsuccessful car
 45 Least strong
 47 Evergreen

shrub
 49 Golf mound
 50 Entertainer — Sumac
 53 Head (sl.)
 55 Live (in)
 59 Chilled by the wind
 62 — the season
 63 Singing bird
 64 Eat
 65 Brown kiwi
 66 John Lennon's son
 67 Went quickly
 68 Noun suffix

DOWN

1 Ready to be picked
 2 Actor — Novello
 3 Funeral pile (sl.)
 5 Numero —
 6 Parks for wild animals
 7 Rocker
 8 Presidential

23 Goffer — Ballesteros
 25 Energy
 26 Auld Lang —
 27 Pay attention to
 28 Listening organs
 29 Judge
 31 Assess
 32 Eye part
 33 Coup d' —
 36 Narrow opening
 39 Actress Susan —
 41 Coasted
 44 Comedian Jay —
 46 Condensed moisture
 48 Teak and walnut
 50 Deviates
 51 Mud
 52 Region
 54 Radar screen image
 56 To be, in France
 57 King of the jungle
 58 Future attys. exam
 60 TV co.
 61 Chemical suffix

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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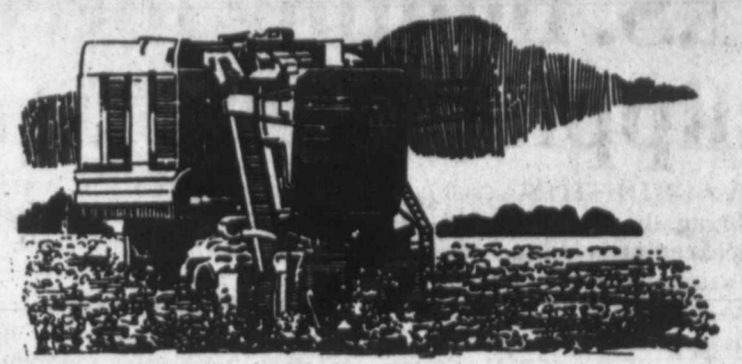
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Scurry County Country



Entomology Report

By Mark Logan, County Entomologist



The majority of the cotton producers in the area should be aware of the upcoming boll weevil eradication vote. The balloting for the Central Rolling Plains proposed eradication zone is underway now through Dec. 1.

An eligible voter is loosely defined as anyone who receives a payment from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, otherwise known as the ASCS office. Ballots were mailed to all eligible voters Nov. 15, and must be returned with a post-marked envelope no later than Dec. 1.

Now that we know who can vote, I will present some data from a Scurry County result demonstration conducted in 1993 on some of the economics of boll weevil eradication.

Most information on the economic advantages of boll weevil eradication have been developed in the cotton growing regions of the southeastern states where boll weevil eradication is complete. Because this information may not be relevant to West Texas, the Scurry County Producers Association asked David Kattes and myself to come up with some yield data relevant to Scurry County. A bloom tag study was conducted in 1993 to determine the effects of bloom date on cotton yield and fiber quality. Bolls from open blooms tagged between Aug. 10, and Aug. 27, 1993 were harvested and analyzed for lint quantity and quality.

The results from that test gave us an average cotton lint weight per boll. The average boll in 1993 produced 1.36 grams of lint, or 0.0029759 lbs. of lint per boll, which means there will be 336 bolls per one pound of cotton lint. Since most producers farm on 40 inch rows, we will use the figure 13,068 feet per row acre, which is 43,560 ft. per acre divided by 40" or 3,333 ft. The maximum annual assessment in the Central Rolling Plains eradication zone is \$10 per land acre. Twenty pounds of cotton at the price of 50 cents per pound will equal \$10 per acre.

I hope you're still with me. What we have so far is 20 pounds of cotton per acre at 50 cents per pound will pay your maximum assessment. With the information from the bloom tag study, it will take 6,720 bolls per acre to equal 20 pounds of cotton lint. If we divide the number of feet per row acre by the number of bolls in 20 pounds of cotton, 13,068 ft. per row acre divided by 6,720 bolls, we get 1.94 feet or 23 inches. This means if one boll every 23 inches is protected from boll weevils, the increase in cotton productivity will pay the maximum assessment of \$10 per acre.

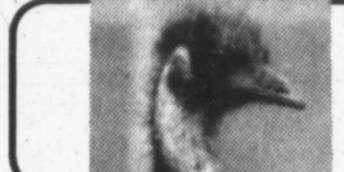
Because the assessment is based on land acres and not row acres, we need to compensate for

San Angelo sheep market

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Tuesday sheep auction closing report.
Estimated receipts: 12,000. Last week: 15,421. Last year: 15,278. Compared with last week: feeder lambs 5.00-8.00 higher. Slaughter ewes 3.00-4.00 higher. Slaughter lambs firm to 1.00 higher. Trading very active, demand good. Quality average. Supply included 60% slaughter ewes, 30% feeder lambs, 1% slaughter lambs, 1% replacement ewes, balance goats.
Feeder classes:
Lambs: medium and large frame No. 1-2: 40-60 lb 80.00-85.50, 60-90 lb 80.00-83.50. Medium and large frame No. 2: 40-90 lb 70.00-80.00.
Slaughter classes:
Lambs: choice, few prime 2-4 shorn and woolled 90-135 lb 71.00-77.50, few 78.00-79.50.
Slaughter ewes:
Good and choice 2-4 40.00-48.50; utility 1-3 34.00-44.00; cull 1-2 27.00-34.00, set 36.50.
Bucks: 38.00-47.00.
Replacement ewes:
Medium and large frame 1-2 yearlings 66.50/1/4hd; mixed age 100-135 lb 45.00-50.50 cwt.
Goats: Slaughter — meat goats:
Billies and muttons: 100-150 lb 60.00-100.00/hd; small billies and muttons including yearlings 60-100 lb 45.00-60.00/hd. Nannies: 60-100 lb 35.00-60.00/hd.
Kids: good and choice 40-60 lb 35.00-47.50/hd, good 20-40 lb 25.00-35.00/hd.
Angoras: 40-110 lb 34.00-46.00/hd.
Goats: Replacement — meat goats:
Nannies: 95-135 lb 60.00-100.00/hd.

the difference. If a farmer plants in a 2-in 2-out skip row pattern, it will take a lower boll-to-row foot ratio, approximately one boll every 11.5 inches will pay back the maximum assessment. In a 2-in 1-out planting pattern, one boll every 15.3 inches will pay the maximum assessment.

You might think back over the past few years and decide how many times you have seen missing bolls due to boll weevil damage, and try to make up your mind on the boll weevil eradication vote. The information presented here is all valid data developed locally. If you have any questions about the arithmetic, give me a call and I will try to answer them.



Keeping an eye on Texas



Cloud seeding

Rainfall increased by as much as 45 percent in some Texas counties as a result of seeding clouds with silver iodide. The experiment, carried out since 1971 by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, has added water to area reservoirs and increased cotton production by as much as 174 percent in some areas.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pate Emu Farm

Emu producers attending the last TEA zone meeting had the privilege of hearing Jody Lewis of Richland Springs and Buster Kennedy of San Angelo speak. Lewis is an AEA director and Kennedy is an EMU director.

Lewis stated, "Our end goal is a full-blown slaughter market. We, emu producers, must do everything we can to support this market through EMU and ERI, our cooperatives."

Within the ratite industry AEA is the strongest association in the world. Membership in the AEA is now between five and six thousand strong. Less than 10 percent of that number are members of the cooperatives. We must have a strong coalition of emu producers behind these co-ops to get the necessary research that is needed to secure the USDA stamp on the meat. We cannot develop the meat market without it.

Each organization has its own purpose and the directors are doing their best to make sure that purpose is attained. They also cross over the lines when necessary to help one of the others to obtain their goal. Just recently, EMU needed more emu than it had in its holding facilities to complete needed research. ERI came to the rescue by donating the needed emu from their stock.

Kennedy explained that there is a need, now, for approximately \$28,000, by Texas Tech for research to complete the matrix

needed to apply for USDA approval. Zone 7 voted to send \$1,000 and another \$875 was donated by those attending with others promising to send more. You do not need to be a member of either organization to donate to this particular research. If you wish to donate, call Buster Kennedy 915-655-7824; no amount is too small. This is very important to all of us as we proceed into the production market.

Kennedy and Lewis both stressed, "It is not necessary to organize another co-op or try to build a processing facility. Everything is being put into place for the production market by our co-ops even as we speak. It has taken many hours and much money to bring us to this point in the emu industry. Let's all support these co-ops by becoming members. To become members we need to fill out a membership form and donate a chick at least two months old."

We do not need to fear Australia. Emu in the U.S. are superior and we have far more than they do in captivity. They moved into the slaughter market too quickly and are now unable to supply the demand. This is what we do not want to do. There is great need for many breeders to supply this market that is just waiting for us. Today it is a buyers market, people who have carefully thought about the emu industry before, should give it serious consideration now, the overall outlook is very good.

For further information or addresses for ERI and EMU contact Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

Women at increased risk for farm mishaps

Statistics show that women involved in agricultural work may be at an increased risk for certain types of accidents. While men are involved in more tractor rollovers, women are at a higher risk of being run over by tractors and other farm machinery, according to preliminary data from the National Safety Council. Farm and ranch experts say that women often assist their spouses by helping hitch equipment to tractors. This activity may expose them to injury or death.

Another area of increased risk for women is working with farm animals and livestock. Preliminary data from farm states shows women often tend livestock while men work with farm tractors and other machinery. As a result, women may suffer disabling injuries from farm animals. In order to prevent accidents, the National Safety Council reminds women who participate in farm chores to take preventive measures such as the ones offered below.

•Wear clothing and safety gear that is appropriate for the tasks or chores at hand. Boots and shoes should be fully laced and loose clothing tucked in to prevent power take-off and equipment entanglements

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady to higher on a run of 889 head of cattle for the Nov. 9th sale. Stocker and feeder cattle 2-3 cwt higher with packer cows and bulls 2 cwt lower. Pairs and bred cows steady to lower.

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- 600-700: 70-75.
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- 500-600: 68-74.
- 600-700: 64-70.
- BRED COWS**
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Town & Country Topics



By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

In the Middle East, the marketplace or bazaar is the heart of each town. An unrolled carpet becomes an instant store. From almonds to zills, there's almost nothing a customer can't buy — and that includes fresh turkey.

In the United States, merchants also rise early to get their goods to market. But chances are real good your holiday turkey didn't travel in a donkey's saddlebags.

The road to Thanksgiving dinner began in May. The turkey producers set millions of eggs in incubators to meet the demand for turkeys come November. After four weeks, a baby turkey is hatched. This "poult" eats its way through about 84 pounds of feed during the next 16 to 19 weeks, until it reaches market weight. Turkeys are not fed hormones.

In October, the Thanksgiving-bound turkeys travel the road between the farm and the processing plant. There they are examined by USDA food inspection personnel for safety and visible signs of diseases.

After the safety inspection and initial approval, the birds start

their journey through the plant. USDA inspectors are closely involved and inspect all the birds before they leave the plant on their way to your table.

Once in the plant, the birds and their internal organs are carefully checked by the inspectors for visible signs of disease. Any questionable birds are pulled off the line for further scrutiny by a USDA veterinarian.

After washing and chilling, the birds are sorted by weight and graded. Although inspection for wholesomeness is mandatory, grading is optional for meat and poultry.

Grade A turkey should not have torn skin greater than one inch. There should be no pinfeathers, no bruises and no improper cuts with knife or machine. The turkey should be well fleshed out with no discoloration.

Turkeys continue through the system either as whole birds or parts. Those to be sold frozen are quickly put into freezers set at 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Turkeys to be sold fresh are quick-chilled to below 40 degrees.

Throughout the processing various quality control checks are instituted by the plants and monitored by the USDA inspectors. Turkey producers want to provide consumers with the best product possible.

Once the turkeys are inspected and packaged, they are shipped in refrigerated trucks to warehouses where they await distribution to stores. Warehouse temperatures are strictly monitored to ensure that no spoilage occurs. Temperature control is vital for raw poultry products.

While grocery stores have facilities for maintaining fresh turkeys at 28 to 32 degrees, your home refrigerator set at 40 degrees may not keep a fresh turkey from spoiling for more than two days. If you want a fresh turkey, place your order with the meat manager or butcher who will hold it until you pick it up the Tuesday or Wednesday before Thanksgiving. A frozen turkey may be kept at optimum quality up to 12 months in a home freezer.

Are all turkeys the same? Which is the best one to buy? Personal preference and storage limitations can often be the determinants when purchasing a turkey.

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USA's food spending patterns show growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans spent more money, but a smaller share of household income, on food in 1992 than they did 12 years earlier, according to the Agriculture Department.

A report by USDA's Economic Research Service tracked food spending from 1980 to 1992, taking into account household size, location and income, the race and age of consumers and seasonal purchases such as ice cream in the summer and turkey during the holidays.

The study found that average annual spending on food in urban households rose 59 percent during the period, from \$985 per person in 1980 to \$1,567 in 1992. However, per capita income rose 94 percent, from \$6,916 to \$13,398, and real food-purchasing expenditures therefore declined from 14.2 percent to 11.7 percent of annual household income.

After adjusting for prices, the report said, urban Americans were buying about the same amount of food in 1992 as they did in 1980.

They bought fewer fresh vegetables and fruits in 1992 than in 1980, and chose chicken overwhelmingly over beef, pork and other meats.

Spending on food away from home fluctuated through the period but ended unchanged in 1992 compared with 1980 when prices were adjusted for inflation.

The average annual per person expense for whiskey in 1992, which had held relatively steady until 1989, dropped sharply to 38.7 percent of 1980 levels and beer purchases fell to 63.7 percent of 1980 figures.

Consumers spent 33 percent more of their 1992 food budget on ice cream than in 1980 but bought only three-fourths as much sugar and artificial sweeteners.

One-person households spent more than twice as much per person on food as households with six or more members: \$2,146 per year vs. \$878. And they spent double the percentage of their food budget eating meals out as did larger households, 42 percent compared with 20 percent, the report said.

If the boss is so dumb, how come he drives a Mercedes and you take the bus?

There's nothing quite like three-day-old pizza — for this we should give profound thanks.

U.S. fighting force readiness slipping, Pentagon confirms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blaming the expense of foreign peacekeeping missions, the Clinton administration acknowledges it is slipping in one of its highest military priorities: maintaining the readiness of the fighting force.

In a hastily arranged news conference Tuesday, Pentagon officials said five of 12 Army divisions are below the top level of combat readiness, three of them to a point where they suffer "increases in vulnerability" and require "significant compensation" to make up for deficiencies.

No immediate threat to the safety of the nation looms as a result of the problem, senior Pentagon officials said. The three divisions that received poor readiness grades are backup forces that would relieve the leading edge of a U.S. battle force weeks or months into a conflict. The other two are slightly below the top readiness level.

Still the Pentagon, citing security concerns, refused to identify the divisions involved.

The announcement, coming only hours after the Pentagon spokesman said readiness "remains at a high level," left President Clinton open to criticism from congressional Republicans that he is neglecting the military.

Defense Secretary William Perry, in a letter notifying congressional leaders of the below-par divisions, said a slow response by Congress to supplemental funding requests by the administration contributed to the problem.

"When we do not have rapid approval of these appropriations, we put our readiness at risk," Perry wrote. He complained of a "lag of several months" this year between the administration's request for additional funds and congressional approval of them.

The letter was sent to the chairman and ranking members of the House and Senate Armed Services committees and defense appropriations subcommittees.

For the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Congress provided \$1.5 billion out of \$1.7 billion requested by the administration to cover unexpected military costs.

In January, the Pentagon will go to the Republican-controlled Congress to ask for an as yet unspecified additional amount.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who heads a Senate panel studying the readiness issue, blamed the Clinton administration for failing to budget enough money up front for both military training and overseas deployments. McCain termed current readiness "terrible, very poor."

The occupation of Haiti, the Rwanda relief effort, Navy operations off Cuba, and the deployment of forces to the Persian Gulf all fell on the Pentagon budget this summer and fall — late in the federal fiscal year when money is running low. To cover the costs, the Pentagon had to cut drastically into military training.

Perry said most of the affected units recovered quickly, but three "heavy reinforcing divisions" of the Army saw their readiness ranking slide.

The Army measures the readiness of its divisions based on the level of training, the availability and condition of equipment and other factors. "C-1" is the highest rating; "C-4" is the lowest.

One Army rapid deployment division and one armored cavalry regiment are rated "C-2," meaning they have the required resources to meet most wartime contingencies.

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Will shingles outbreak appear again?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain the virus shingles. My granddaughter had chickenpox and I assume I acquired the disorder from her. Almost four weeks into it, I still have some ugly scabs and the remnants of the rash. The most unusual sensation is extreme numbness that still lingers. Is there a better treatment than hydrocortisone ointment and Vicodin? Most important, can I get it again?

DEAR READER: The varicella/zoster virus causes chickenpox in children; this is the first manifestation of the infection. Once the pox blisters have dried up, the viruses remain dormant — in a state of suspended animation — within certain nerves in the body's skin. This period of dormancy lasts many years, even a lifetime.

However, in some people, for no known reason (or during exposure to active chickenpox), the viruses become reactivated, reproduce astronomically fast and cause the skin to break out again — this time painfully and on one side of the body only. People can experience shingles from injury (such as sunburn), stress and fatigue.

Because the infection is much more common in the elderly, many authorities believe that shingles results from a malfunction of the immune system, a ubiquitous consequence of aging.

That is, the body becomes unable to contain the viruses in their dormant state. Further, shingles may be the first sign of a hidden malignancy somewhere in the body and may require further testing.

Ordinarily, anti-viral drugs, such as Zovirax and Famvir, will halt the progression of shingles, if prescribed early in the course of the disease. For advanced cases, oral cortisone is beneficial. There is no place for hydrocortisone ointments in the treatment of shingles; such products do absolutely no good. Vicodin and other powerful analgesics will control the pain of the infection.

A single attack of shingles usually produces immunity from subsequent infections, although in rare instances second and third eruptions can occur.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently received an advertisement in the mail for a general health tonic that contains various herbs and other supplements. The medicine is claimed to reduce aging and many illnesses. What bothered me was that the letter came from Canada and it indicated U.S. doctors would deprecate this treatment. Please comment.

DEAR READER: I, too, disparage this supposed therapy. However, this is not pure provincialism; responsible physicians elsewhere — even in Canada — discourage its use.

No reputable scientific studies have validated the use of this type of health tonic that is claimed to prolong youthfulness and prevent disease. If such fancy were fact, you can be sure that doctors everywhere would jump on the bandwagon and take the stuff themselves. Save your money.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Fads II: Herbs and Other Healing Fads." 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.

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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Thursday, Nov. 17, 1994

In the year ahead, you will be more successful working alone than with a team. Bringing in weak partners could drag you down professionally and financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't kid yourself: your companions don't agree with 100 percent of your opinions. If you sense some resistance, there's no call to pressure them. It's only natural to dissent occasionally. 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, NY 10163.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be reasonable about what you charge for your services today. Inflated prices keep customers from returning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Although you aren't usually a showoff, today you might try to upstage your friends to be the center of attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not waffle on a matter you need to finalize. The arrangement is worthless if it isn't closed properly.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Situations you can normally assess in an instant may be deceptive today. Take your time and analyze circumstances carefully; don't jump to conclusions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) For your economic well-being, avoid extravagant companions. If you try to keep up with big spenders, you'll soon regret it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today's important decisions should not be made by persons with questionable judgment. Speak up and make your own choices.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone in a position to assist you might turn you down today. No one likes being asked to help with things you can easily do for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Strive to think positively today, but at the same time be realistic. Castles built upon the sand are easily washed out to sea.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not allow self-doubt to paralyze you today. It's better to make a mistake than not to try at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, avoid debating subjects about which you're unsure. You'll look smarter saying nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Beware of someone trying to manipulate you today. He/She would like to take advantage of your generous nature.

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Dear Abby

Smokeout Is Time to Toss All Your If Onlys and Butts

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: For all your help in the fight against cancer, thank you! Every year, you generously devote a column to encourage readers to participate in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout. Your support has helped millions of people nationwide make the effort to quit smoking—at least for the day.

More Americans try to quit smoking during the Smokeout than any other day — even New Year's Day. With the support of their families, friends and neighbors, millions of smokers use this vehicle to attempt to "kick the habit." Won't you please alert your readers again this year?

PATRICIA DAVIS SANDERSON, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, ILLINOIS

DEAR MS. SANDERSON: Yes!

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow, Nov. 17, 1994, will mark the 18th Annual Great American Smokeout, a one-day campaign to encourage smokers to quit smoking for 24 hours, just to prove they can do it.

Last year, 9 million smokers tried to quit for the day. This represents 20 percent of the nation's 46 million smokers.

Breast cancer used to be the biggest killer of women. But the No. 1 cause of cancer death among women and men today is lung cancer. Because women are not quitting at the same rate as men, lung cancer is on the decline in men — but on the increase in women. It's estimated that early in the next century, more women will die of lung cancer than men. Tobacco claims one life every 13 seconds. An estimated 153,000 will die of lung cancer in 1994.

And now a word about smoking-related diseases — emphysema, chronic bronchitis and heart disease: This year, an estimated 419,000 will die from one of these. This total exceeds the number of U.S. battle deaths in World War II; it's eight times as many as died in the Vietnam War, and 10 times as many peo-

ple who die in automobile accidents annually.

According to a congressional study, health costs from the adverse effects of smoking have reached a new high of \$100 billion a year in increased medical bills and lost productivity. The loss in death and disability cannot be measured.

What about secondhand smoke? Is it damaging to non-smokers to be in the presence of those who are smoking? Oh, yes. A 1993 report on secondhand smoke issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency categorizes secondhand smoke as a class A carcinogen on a par with asbestos and radon. And studies reveal that the children of smokers are more prone to lung problems and allergies than are children of non-smokers.

For years I have begged my young readers, "If you smoke, quit now. If you don't smoke, don't start!" Yet cigarette companies sell \$1 billion of cigarettes to children every year, and an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 kids light up for the first time every day.

Quitting "cold turkey" is the hardest way to quit — but my readers tell me it's the most effective and, in the long run, the best way. Those who need help to break their habit: Call your local chapter of the American Cancer Society, or call 1-800-227-2345 for information.

If you're hooked and have been telling yourself, "One of these days I'm going to quit," why not start tomorrow? It won't be easy, but it will be the best Thanksgiving present you can give yourself — and those who love you.

LOVE, ABBY

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

Judge receives first report on banished teen robbers

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Banishment to uninhabited Alaskan islands appears to be changing the attitudes of two Tlingit Indian teenagers who attacked a pizza deliveryman with a baseball bat, the victim says.

"Just the tone of their voices has changed quite a bit," said Timothy Whittlesey, who was left deaf in one ear by the attack.

Simon Roberts and Adrian Guthrie were sentenced Sept. 2 by a tribal court to 12 to 18 months banishment on separate uninhabited islands. It was the first time a state court had referred a criminal case to a tribal panel for traditional punishment.

Whittlesey, who was present for the tribal court proceedings, watched a videotape of the teenagers made by tribal elders, the only people allowed to visit them. He said Roberts had "tended to be the one who wasn't really sorry for what he had done," but now sounds as if "his attitude has changed a little bit."

A tribal court judge agreed. "There is now an element of sincere sorrow evident in the outlook and demeanor of both youth," Diana Wynne James wrote in the report submitted Thursday to Snohomish County Superior Court Judge James Allendoerfer.

The teen-agers are to return to Allendoerfer's court in March 1996, when they could face prison — up to 3 1/2 years for Guthrie and 5 1/2 years for Roberts, who wielded the bat.

Allendoerfer was persuaded to try the arrangement by Mrs. James' husband, Rudy James, who intervened at the request of elders in the boys' home town of Klawock, Alaska.

Guthrie and James are living in one-room cabins heated with wood-burning stoves. Each has a shotgun, ax, pitchfork, knife and other basic tools. They eat wild foods supplemented by dried fish and canned goods.

Tribal court officials made two visits to the pair last month, most recently on Oct. 26, the report said.

Roberts also received an unauthorized visit in early October by family members who helped him cut firewood, the report said. The tribal court said any other visits would be subject to prosecution for interfering with the banishment process.

Guthrie, who smirked and talked back during the Klawock trial, is now humble and respectful, the report said. His cabin is neat and orderly but overrun with mice.

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