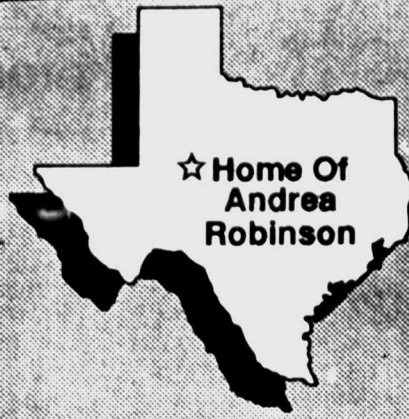


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Ask Us

Q—There is no stop sign or yield sign at the intersection of our street and we're afraid it is just a matter of time before there will be a bad accident. Who do you contact to see about getting a sign put up? The intersection is right at the city limits.

A—The simplest way would be to contact your county commissioner. He can tell you which entity is responsible for maintaining the road.



24
DAYS UNTIL
CHRISTMAS

Local

FFA

FFA alumni and parent support group will meet at 7:30 this evening in the high school ag building.

Happening

Scurry County Museum will present its annual Christmas Happening from 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Model planes

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 this evening at A-1 Air Conditioning, 712 College Ave. All visitors are welcome.

Mental Health

Scurry County Mental Health unit will be closed today and Friday and will reopen Monday at its new location, 1911 40th St.

Reservations

Scurry County Museum is still taking reservations for its annual Christmas dinner, set for 7 p.m. Friday. Call 573-6107.

Play debuts

"The Toys Take Over Christmas" debuts Friday evening at the Fine Arts Theatre on the college campus.

Evening shows, all at 8 o'clock, are also set for Saturday and Monday. There will be a 2:30 p.m. matinee Sunday. General admission is \$6.

Seats may be reserved by calling the Senior Center, 573-4035, between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 62 degrees; low, 24 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 35 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 11.42 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Low near 50. South wind 10-15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. High near 70. South wind 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:41. Sunrise Friday, 7:25. Of 334 days in 1994, the sun has shone 327 days in Snyder.



VISITORS FROM BRAZIL — A group of Baptist ministers from Brazil, along with some family members and friends, have been visiting in Snyder since Saturday. They toured Western Texas College Wednesday where Bettie McQueen, second from right, led the

group on a tour of the college. Interpreting for the group, shown at the far right, was Jerry Smith from Lubbock. Smith is a former Baptist missionary to Brazil. The group came to Snyder from New York City and will travel next to Orlando, Fla. (SDN Staff Photo)

County, chamber reach accord

Decision on coliseum contract expected Dec. 8

In a two-hour meeting this morning, Scurry County commissioners and Snyder Chamber of Commerce board officers agreed on the basics of a proposal that will allow the chamber to operate Scurry County Coliseum in 1995.

Formal agreement is expected in a meeting set for Dec. 8.

In an agreement both parties seem to feel will make the best use of coliseum facilities, few changes were made from the original proposal submitted to the county on Monday by the chamber.

The proposed agreement states the chamber will operate the coliseum with \$185,000 subsidy from the county and from revenue generated by events held at the facility.

Chamber officials also said they will add a section to the agreement stating that any money not spent from the \$185,000 will be returned to the county. In addition, any revenue over \$60,000 will be put into a depreciation fund to be used only when needed for major repairs at the facility.

The county had budgeted \$150,000 for the operation of the coliseum for 1995 but had spent over \$200,000 in 1992 and 1993 and is expected to reach that amount this year.

The only item omitted from the initial proposal concerned building and transportation repairs at the coliseum.

It had been proposed by the chamber that repairs exceeding

\$1,000 per occurrence would be paid for by Scurry County and total chamber repair expenses would not exceed \$8,000 per year.

Commissioner Roy Idom stated that the court needed a bottom line figure on expenses. He said the (See CHAMBER, Page 8)

Strayhorn nominated for Principal's award

Snyder High School student Ellen Strayhorn has been nominated for the Principal's Leadership Award, co-sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and Herff Jones, Inc.

The award affords principals the opportunity to recognize one of their student leaders. Nationally, the scholarship program is administered by the NASSP Division of Student Activities, which sponsors the National Association of Student Councils and the National Honor Society.

The program will provide 150 scholarships of \$1,000 each for 1995. Nominees must be seniors, and in the top 20 percent of their class.

Students must complete a nomination form, which assesses participation in service organizations, clubs, athletics, special recognition, honors, scholarship and academic records.

Strayhorn has been in the school choir for four years and vice president of the a cappella choir for two years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and been among the top four academic students in her class throughout high school. She was a member of the all-region choir as a sophomore, junior and senior, and

was an all-area alternate as a sophomore. She has won all-state solo ensemble for voice.

She is a member of the G-20s, has participated in the Forensics Club and is a volunteer tutor for other students. She plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Winners of the Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship will be notified by mail. Results will be announced during National Student Leadership Week, April 23-29, 1995.

Strayhorn is the daughter of Thomas and Vina Strayhorn.



ELLEN STRAYHORN

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A pessimist is one who feels bad that he might feel good, and he fears that he will feel worse when he feels better."

One irritating fact of life is to catch yourself humming one of those catchy jingles used in TV commercials. It just reminds us how vulnerable we are.

If you think advertising isn't effective, you might consider why kids may recognize the Golden Arch more quickly than one of their own parents. Just stand in the grocery aisle sometime and watch a kid in the cart reach for the real "snaps, crackle and pop."

Even though the majority of consumers call any soft drink "Coke," the company continues to spend millions just to maintain its market-share position.

While subliminal advertising is illegal, there are groups who contend that little subconscious items are inserted to suggest some response. There are those who believe that movie theatres secretly insert dry and hot desert clips in order to sell more soft drinks. We always figured the salted popcorn

did a pretty good job.

While it was not meant to be advertising, the message did come across effectively. You may recall that millions were tuned in when the networks showed the low-speed chase of O.J. Simpson down the LA freeways.

Simpson was driving his now-famous white Ford Bronco. Ford dealerships in Southern California have reported a 10 to 15 percent increase in the sales of Broncos. Even color preference has been affected as an increasing number of customers are specifying white.

Also, the Brentwood restaurant where Nicole Simpson left her sunglasses, and where Nicole's friend, Ron Goldman, worked as a waiter, reports a brisk increase in business.

Just as we were making light of people's interest in scandals, our roommate reminded us of our only trip to Washington, D.C.

She recalled that we insisted on eating dinner at the Watergate. We, of course, were historically and educationally motivated.

BCD denies request by Ritz board for funding

Scurry Board of County Development turned down a request from The Ritz Community Theatre, Inc., Wednesday, saying the nature of the project does not fall under BCD funding criteria.

"If we stick with the idea of creating jobs, providing facilities for new businesses coming in, whatever, then this is a little bit out of our guidelines, so to speak," said BCD Chairman Max von Roeder.

While board members praised the project, they unanimously rejected a request for funding in the amount of \$10,000.

Mike Thornton, Ritz vice president of finance, had made the request as a follow-up to a similar presentation he gave in addressing Snyder City Council in November. In that meeting, the city council agreed to provide \$10,000, contingent upon the chamber of commerce and the BCD doing the same. Two weeks ago, the chamber board tabled consideration of the request until December.

Wednesday, BCD board vice president Tim Riggan made a motion to deny funding "because it (the project) does not fit in our scope. I do think, however," he said, "it is a great project."

"I sort of feel like we're taking the role of the bad guys here, but tourism does not fall under the BCD's role," said von Roeder.

"I fully understand and respect your decision," Thornton told the board. "If this project does not fall within your guidelines, you should not approve it."

The Ritz Community Theatre, Inc., is seeking approximately \$86,000 to renovate the interior of the Ritz Theatre, located on the south side of the city square. Exterior renovation of the theatre, which dates back before the 1920s, has been completed.

The Theatre board will begin a funding campaign in January, asking for public and private donations.

In other business Wednesday, the board tabled consideration of an airport renovation project. Riggan moved to postpone a decision, asking that the board first tour Winston Field, preferably with county commissioners.

Doug Hutchinson, Development Corporation of Snyder executive director, had asked BCD board members to consider helping to fund the estimated \$53,000 project. He said the airport is "one of the cornerstone assets we have in bringing prospective clients in. We feel that for economic development it is a major project."

The proposed project includes a rvey of the airport, signs, painting and renovation of the terminal.

"It seems to me this falls under county maintenance," said von Roeder.

"The fact is, it's too far gone to call it maintenance," said Hutchinson. "It may have been maintenance in the past, 10 years ago, but now it's a major project."

"One thing to consider, this is the first thing most clients see when they arrive in Snyder. And right now, it looks abandoned," he said.

BCD board members will consider helping with funding of that project, as well placing more funds toward two on-going projects — the Hermleigh Gin and cotton pellets — when they meet again in December.

The board also rejected approving the financial statement, due to an incorrect balance-forward. It did approve payment of bills and previous minutes.

Present were board members von Roeder, Riggan, Pete Hester and Mark McCormick as well as Hutchinson and DCOS secretary Laurie Graves.

Obesity gene found in mice could help weight control

NEW YORK (AP) — In findings that may help treatment of obesity, scientists have discovered a gene that makes mice fat when it is defective — and what is probably the human version of the gene.

Mice that lack a normal version of the gene become three times heavier than their siblings, said researcher Dr. Jeffrey Friedman.

In its normal form, the gene appears to let fat cells tell the brain how much fat the animal has, so that the mouse will adjust its feeding and activity to keep its weight normal. But that system goes awry when the gene is flawed, and appar-

ently fools the brain into ordering mice to get fatter no matter how much they weigh.

"You have an animal who's massively obese who thinks he's starving," Friedman said.

Scientists said it was the first gene ever isolated that clearly participates in the normal process of regulating weight. The search took 40 years.

The researchers also found a human gene that strongly resembles the mouse obesity gene, and it may play a similar role in controlling body weight in people, Friedman said.

If so, the finding could open the

door to a better understanding of how people normally control their weight, which in turn may lead to new treatments for obesity, he said.

Researchers will soon investigate whether mutations in the human gene are associated with obesity. While mutations in the mouse gene produce extreme fatness, more subtle flaws in the human gene may contribute to more common degrees of obesity in people, Friedman said.

Friedman is an associate investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Rockefeller University in New York. He and colleagues report the gene discoveries in today's issue of the journal Nature.

The work is "of great significance," and scientists will move quickly to see if it can shed light on human obesity, said Claude Bouchard of Laval University in Quebec City, an expert on genetics of obesity.

Bouchard said many genes help control weight in humans and other animals.

Although researchers had known since 1950 that a mutation in the newfound gene made mice extremely fat, nobody had been able to isolate the gene until now, Friedman said. It took his team eight years.

The researchers suggest that in its normal form, the gene lets fat cells produce a protein that acts on the brain.

The more fat an animal has, this theory suggests, the more protein reaches the brain. So if an animal gets too fat, an unusually high amount of the protein alerts the brain, which orders less eating, more burning of calories, or some other corrective measures. If the animal gets too lean, the resulting low level of the protein would make the brain order steps to fatten up.

When a mouse has only a flawed gene, fat cells can't send the normal protein signal, so the brain keeps ordering the mouse to put on weight.

Bouchard said scientists had thought such a signaling protein existed for 30 or 40 years, and now they have "a real candidate to test."

Scientists are now looking for this substance in the blood of animals and seeing if infusions of it will affect an animal's appetite and weight, Friedman said.

Pigeon feeding banned by town

SAN CARLOS, Calif. (AP) — Put down that bread crumb and come out with your hands up.

Feeding wild pigeons is about to become a crime in this small town about 20 miles southeast of San Francisco. Violators face up to \$250 in fines.

The City Council unanimously adopted the ordinance Monday at the urging of local merchants who say the birds are ruining city streets.

The merchants have invested thousands of dollars in anti-roosting spikes for their rooftops, new sidewalk awnings and re-nated cleanups. Other cities may

have similar problems, but San Carlos officials say theirs is worse.

"We think in part it's because they've been fed and cared for," Councilman Tom Davids said. "You see people at the outside (restaurant) tables throwing them food."

When the new law goes into effect in 30 days, people will be forbidden from feeding pigeons on public or private property.

"The pigeons are not the cute critters you think they are," said clock store owner Fred Bausch. "They call them 'flying rats' for a reason."



RETIREES FROM BOARD — Margaret Johnston, right, received a gift of appreciation recently for serving on the Senior Center Advisory Committee from president Mary Pharris. Mrs. Johnston's term recently expired. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



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Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$10 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 17, 21, 22, 33, 46 and 47.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$18 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-2-2
(eight, two, two)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Stay healthy: Avoid fat, tobacco

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does smoking cause hardening of the arteries or does the condition come from the food we eat?

DEAR READER: No one knows for sure. However, hardening of the arteries (arteriosclerosis) is an age-related phenomenon that may be related to a high-fat diet and is certainly worsened by smoking. This condition will lead to eventual heart attacks and strokes.

Even though nobody has yet resolved this chicken-or-egg issue, the prudent consumer need not be concerned about which factor — diet or smoking — is the prime culprit. A low-fat diet and avoidance of tobacco products is the solution.

Remember, too, that a high intake of dietary fats is associated with obesity, hypertension and other medical ailments; smoking causes cancer of the mouth, throat and lungs. Therefore, to avoid accelerated arteriosclerosis, people should disdain cigarettes and follow healthful diets.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Cholesterol," "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart" and "Weight Control Through Calorie

Control." Other readers who would like copies should send \$2 for each report to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: Whenever I get nervous, excited, anxious or embarrassed, my neck, chest and face become beet red and my skin burns like fire. Having a drink of alcohol or exercising can also contribute to my skin turning red. My physician doesn't want to prescribe medicine, because he feels there is no physical harm taking place. I went to a dermatologist who diagnosed me with hives. He prescribed many antihistamines and beta blockers, but the redness continued and I have the embarrassing red skin to deal with. Is there help for me?

DEAR READER: You are experiencing blushing, the dilation and engorgement of capillary blood vessels in the skin of your neck, chest and face. This can result from nervousness, tension and other emotional states; it is often worsened by alcohol, which causes further dilation of the circulatory system. No one knows why some people readily blush, others only when severely provoked, and yet others not at all.

As your doctor pointed out, blushing is not a health hazard. Still, many people are bothered by it, especially if the

skin changes progress to itchy welts (hives).

Beta-blocking drugs, such as Inderal, may prevent blushing if taken early enough. However, there is no tried-and-true method that consistently stops capillary dilation.

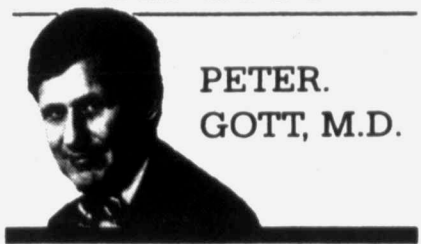
Some patients have been helped by stress counseling, the theory being that blushing will be diminished if patients can learn to cope with stress more effectively. That is, if you're less bothered by nervous tension and high emotional states, you'll be less likely to break out.

Ask your doctor to refer you to a psychologist or mental health professional who will work with you to alleviate the stress that causes your blushing.

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DR. GOTT

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Lotto winner may help thief repay stolen school money

RICHMOND (AP) — A Lotto Texas winner told a Fort Bend County jury that he would help a former Richmond State School employee repay \$68,000 she stole from 170 mentally retarded students.

Martin Castellanos' pledge came shortly before the jury began considering punishment for Sonya Balderas, a former school cashier who pleaded guilty to theft Tuesday.

Jurors deliberated for about six hours Wednesday without deciding on punishment for Mrs. Balderas, 25.

Defense attorney Lawrence Tackett argued for probation for the mother of two, telling jurors that she would work to pay the money back.

Castellanos, 30, a surprise final witness, said he would be willing

to help her reimburse the money "if she were in a bind."

The Sugar Land resident, who won \$9.3 million in a June 1993 Lotto Texas drawing, said his wife once worked with Mrs. Balderas and he had been a friend of the woman's husband for several years.

"No matter what happens, I'll be willing to help her out," Castellanos said.

Castellanos told jurors he does not have the cash available to pay back the money immediately since he recently purchased a Katy restaurant for \$150,000. However, he said he receives \$330,000 each June and about \$28,000 a month from investments and interest and can be counted on for the cash.

"I would need some time to pay it, but I would be happy to guarantee it. I'm not being forced to be here," he said.

But his efforts did not impress Assistant District Attorney Fred Felcman, who told jurors they were being held hostage by yet another witness "dangling a car-

rot" in their faces.

"I wish he had a check for \$68,000," Felcman said.

He urged jurors to send Balderas to prison for the 20-year maximum, as well as accept Castellanos' pledge to repay the money.

Richmond State School Superintendent Gerry Brunette said a lump-sum repayment would simplify matters.

"What I want is for the people to get their money back," he said outside the courtroom. "The fact the man was willing to come and make that commitment was admirable."

During closing arguments Wednesday, Tackett implored jurors to give Mrs. Balderas a second chance.

Mrs. Balderas had testified that she had used the money she stole to take trips, including gambling trips to Louisiana and Mississippi. She also said she gave money to her husband to support a cocaine habit.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Friday, Dec. 2, 1994

New beginnings could be in store for you in the year ahead. Old negative patterns may be hard to shake, but if you are willing to change, there can be significant improvement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even if you set an admirable example today, people might not rally to your banner. Do not become frustrated. 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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you can't say something nice today, don't say anything at all. Comments you make could be distorted and taken out of context.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can go through the day with negative thoughts, or you can take charge of yourself and begin thinking in a positive manner. The choice is yours.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You don't have to hang around with friends who depress you today. Find an escape clause and go off on your own.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If possible, make yourself scarce today to avoid locking horns with authority figures. Don't fight city hall.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Persons not as progressive and visionary as yourself could complicate a collective endeavor today. Seek allies who share your philosophy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An issue which you and your mate disagree on should be tabled temporarily. It could create a no-win situation today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your imagination could be extremely keen today, but that doesn't mean your ideas will be practical. Present them to others with discretion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you get off on the wrong foot with someone today, you can turn things back around by maintaining a pleasant attitude. Charm, not criticism, wins friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It would behoove you to show all the diplomacy and tact you can muster today. Misunderstandings could get blown out of proportion very easily.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be open-minded and flexible today if your methods aren't producing the results you anticipated. Don't keep running into walls.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a good bargain hunter, but today this gift might not be operating. If you buy something expensive, make sure it can be returned.

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB — Snyder Christian Woman's Club met recently in the Martha Ann Woman's Club with the Aubrey Wilson Band providing music. They included, from left in the background, Wilson, James Allen Patrick, Carl Stokes and Jack Denman. Others on the program were, seated, chairman Temi Matthies; Wanda Williams, guest speaker from Lubbock; and member Christy Thompson. An

annual silent auction and bake sale was held. The group will meet again on Dec. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Snyder Country Club and Glenda Glasscock, owner of Countryplace, will give the program. Jenny Broughton of Midland will be the guest speaker. For information to attend a CWC meeting, call Mrs. Matthies at 573-7646. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

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

FRIDAY
 Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.
 "Christmas Around the Piano," piano recital by students of Barbara Tune, in addition, SHS Band Brass Choir will perform; MAWC; 7:30 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 Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.



FAMILY REFLECTIONS — The Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Dermott School House for a luncheon recently with Rae Adams, pictured, speaking on "Family Reflections." She reviewed stories from an autobiography by her mother. Hostesses were Lois Bartels, Edna Miller, Barbara Farmer and Joanne Sterling. The next DAR meeting will be Jan. 10 at noon at the Snyder Country Club for a program "Cooking Colonial," by Dorothy Dennis. (Contributed Photo)

Bridge By Phillip Alder

Public relations is key to business success

The Public Relations Society of America offers the following advice to companies looking for a PR representative or fir.

—Consider your PR as an investment rather than an expense.

—Find a PR firm that represents companies similar in size to your own, and ask for the firm's experience in dealing with your field or commercial area.

—Inquire about the firm's range of services.

—Ask about fees for counsel and services.

—Are any of the firm's staff accredited members of PRSA? Does the firm adhere to the PRSA Code of Professional Standards? For more advice on public relations, write to PRSA at 33 Irving Place, Dept. NU, New York, NY 10003-2376.



PLEDGE RITUAL — Members of Xi Alpha Alpha Theta of Beta Sigma Phi held a Pledge Ritual for Debbie Harrington on Nov. 15 at the community room of Snyder National Bank. Assisting Marie Boone with the ceremony were Jeanne Johnson, Carolyn House and Loretta Worthen. Following the ceremony, the semi-monthly business meeting was held. Guest for the evening was a former member, Joy Watley. Pictured from left are Boone and Debbie Harrington. (Contributed Photo)

C-W top ten

- Best-selling country western singles of the week:
1. "Shut Up & Kiss Me" Mar. Chapin Carpenter
 2. "Kick A Little" Little Texas
 3. "If I Could Make A Livin'" Clay Walker
 4. "We Can't Love Like This Anymore" Alabama
 5. "I Sure Can Smell The Rain" Blackhawk
 6. "If You've Got Love" John Michael Montgomery
 7. "I See It Now" Tracy Lawrence
 8. "Untanglin' My Mind" Clint Black
 9. "When Love Finds You" Vince Gill
 10. "The Big One" George Strait

Jassem and Krzysztof Oppenheim, during the NEC World Bridge Championships.

Jassem traded on the favorable vulnerability to make his one-spade overcall. If I had been North, I would have responded three no-trump. But the Pakistani North bid his suit, such as it was. South might have rebid two hearts, but selected two no-trump.

This would have worked well if West had only led from his long suit. Then South would have had nine top tricks: two spades, two hearts and five clubs. However, Jassem went for the unbid suit, opening with the heart queen.

Perhaps declarer should have won in the dummy and immediately taken the spade finesse, without revealing the club position. But South won in hand, cashed the club king and played a club to dummy's ace before running the spade queen.

It was clear to Jassem, as he scooped up the fourth trick with his spade king, that the defenders had to take four diamond tricks immediately. So he switched to the diamond jack. And when dummy played low, Oppenheim kept up the good work, unblocking his 10. This permitted Jassem to continue with the diamond nine and guarantee the defeat of the contract.

Phillip Alder's new book, "Get Smarter at Bridge," is available, autographed upon request, for \$14.95 from P.O. Box 169, Roslyn Hts., NY 11577-0169.

Spanish Sesame Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Children's Television Workshop says it will launch the Spanish-language version of its Sesame Street Parents magazine in the United States in February 1995.

Padres De Sesame Street, a quarterly publication, is designed as a resource guide for Hispanic parents.

NORTH 12-1-94

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 ♣ J 3 ♣ 6 5 4

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 Dealer: South

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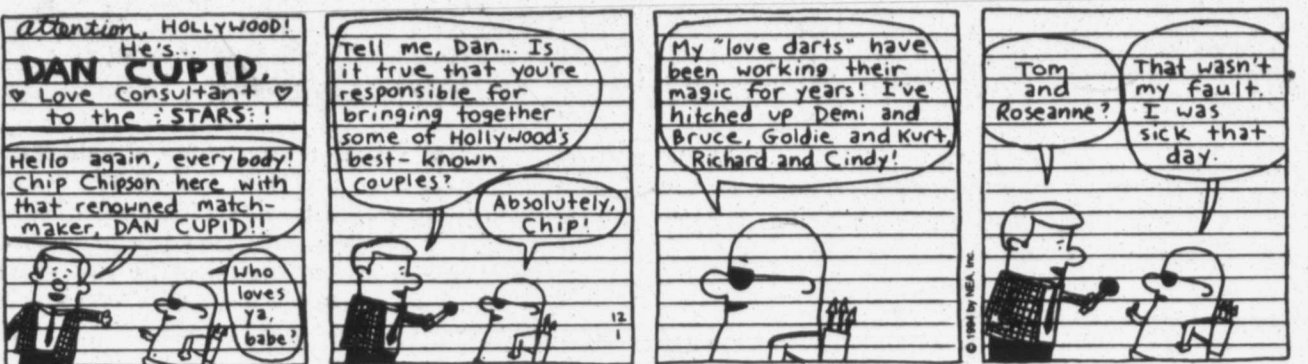
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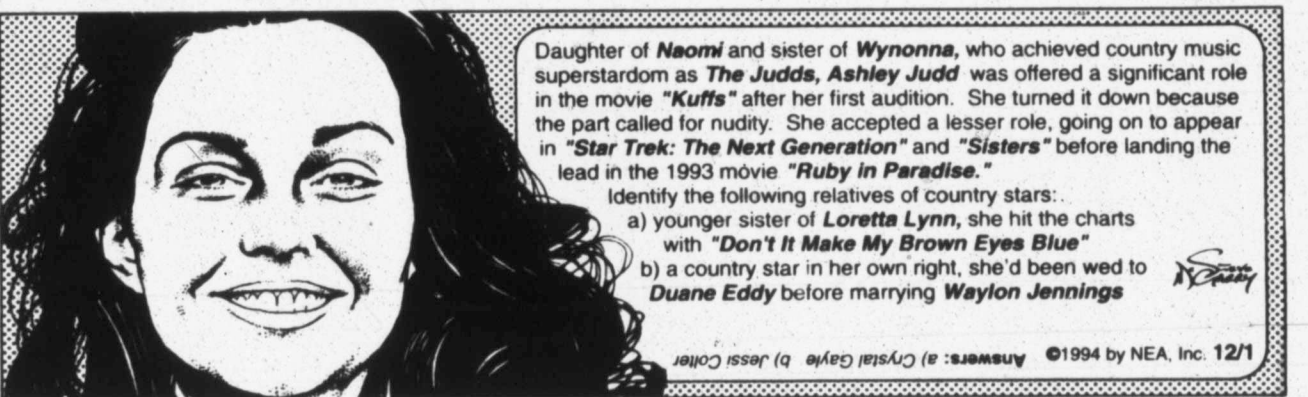
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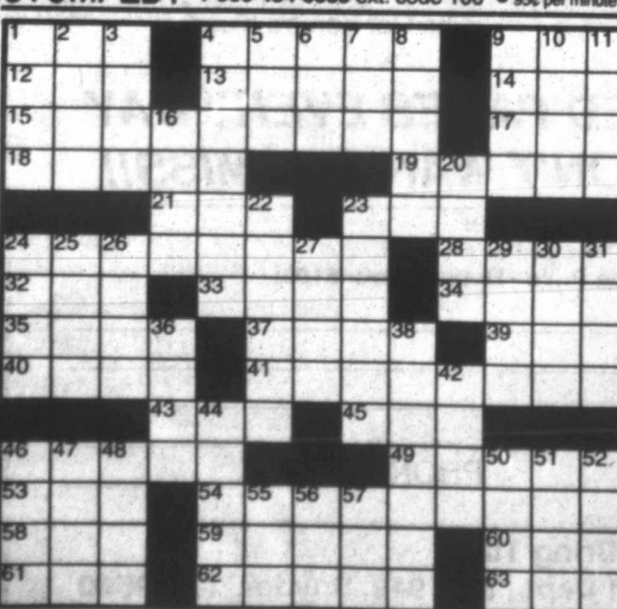
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 - 17 Nothing
 - 18 —, Mine and Ours
 - 19 Mediterranean island
 - 21 Meadow
 - 23 One day — time
 - 24 Mercenary
 - 28 Formally precise
 - 32 Sorrel
 - 33 Calumny
 - 34 Hollow cylinder
 - 35 Gumbo
 - 37 — fixe
- DOWN**
- 1 WWII event
 - 2 Finnish first name
 - 3 Hosiery color
 - 4 Prickly herbs
 - 5 It's cold!
 - 6 Anglo-Saxon money
 - 7 Egg drink
 - 8 Build
 - 9 Unit of force
 - 10 Send forth
 - 11 Ivy League university
 - 16 Author Gardner
 - 20 Transported with delight
 - 22 Sick
 - 23 Concurred
 - 24 Cow!
 - 25 Sticky (sl.)
 - 26 — avis
 - 27 Unclothed
 - 29 Discourteous
 - 30 Wading bird
 - 31 Army meal
 - 36 Time — half
 - 38 Do a teacher's job
 - 42 Incline
 - 44 Musician — John
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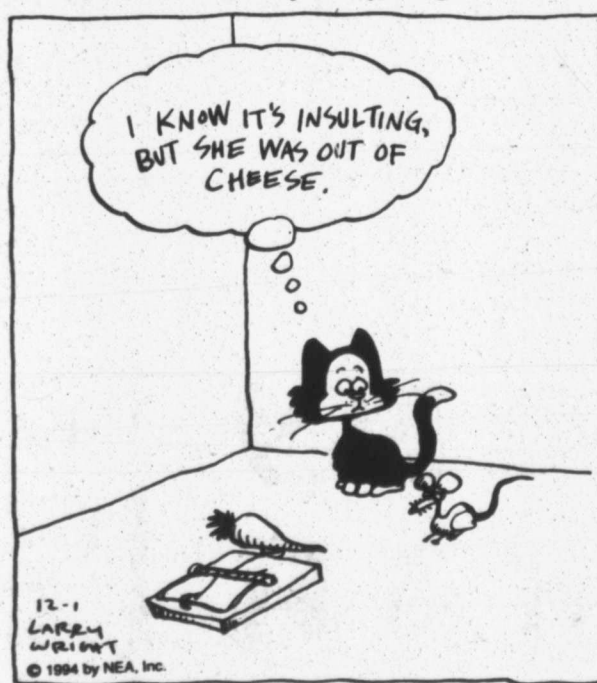
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Sports

District judge asked to review playoff game

BEAUMONT (AP) — Angry parents of Beaumont West Brook football players sought court action Wednesday to reverse a referee's call they say helped knock the team out of the Class 5A playoffs.

The West Brook booster club questions a call during the final two minutes of a 31-28 loss to Katy in a Class 5A Division I quarterfinal match last week.

During a scramble for the football following an onside kick, several players were involved in a scuffle. West Brook quarterback Kendrick Bernard was ejected and the Bruins received penalties that moved the ball back to their 3.

The Bruins subsequently fumbled the ball into their own end zone and Katy recovered for the winning score.

Mike Walker, a spokesman for the West Brook booster club, said referees failed to eject two Katy players he claims were also involved in the scuffle.

He wants a state district judge in

Beaumont to review game tapes and order the last two minutes of the game replayed. In the meantime, boosters want an injunction stopping Saturday's state semifinal game between Katy and Converse Judson.

"We've dissected the film frame-for-frame and saw others involved," Walker said. "Their player slammed Kendrick on the ground. Kendrick retaliated, but he's the only one who got the flag."

"We're not saying Kendrick shouldn't have been ejected. We feel it should have been off-setting penalties. That would have put the ball at the 26."

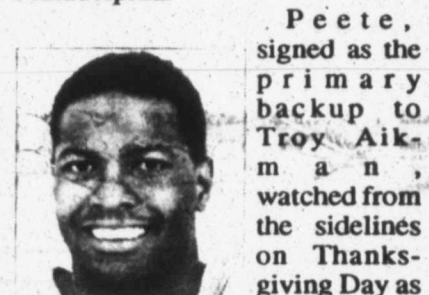
Walker said the case would be filed Wednesday in state district court, but it had not been filed by late afternoon.

University Interscholastic League assistant athletic director Charles Breithaupt said it would be unprecedented for a judge to review a referee's decision.

Peete will be likely starter on Sunday

Cowboys add depth at running back position

IRVING (AP) — Rodney Peete's sprained thumb is working so good that he could be the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday in Philadelphia.



Peete

Peete, signed as the primary backup to Troy Aikman, watched from the sidelines on Thanksgiving Day as third-stringer Jason Garrett led the Cowboys to a 42-31 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Aikman didn't play because of a sprained knee and wasn't expected to play against the Eagles. "My thumb feels great, and I feel like I'm ready to play," Peete said Wednesday. "The thumb still is sore but it doesn't bother me when I throw, and that's all I'm worried about."

Garrett, who was named the NFL's Player of the Week for his performance against the Packers, said, "It looks like I'm going to be running Randall Cunningham

plays on the scout team."

Garrett said he has no problem with Peete starting ahead of him. "I know my role on this team," Garrett said.

In other Cowboys' news, Dallas signed free agent running back Blair Thomas and defensive back Darren Studdill on Wednesday and cut special teams star Joe Fishback.

Thomas was cut by the New England Patriots. The Cowboys have been less than pleased with Lincoln Coleman as a backup to Emmitt Smith.

Thomas, who was taken ahead of Smith in the 1990 draft out of Penn State, rushed 19 times for 67 yards and one touchdown this year. He has an overall 4.3 yard rushing average.

Coleman is still expected to be the backup for Smith on Sunday against Philadelphia.

Earlier in the week the Cowboys cut quarterback Tommy Hodson, who was signed as insurance after Troy Aikman got hurt.

Studdill had been on the practice squad, but the Cowboys decided to sign him to the 53-man roster once the Washington Redskins became interested.

College Basketball

TOP 25 SCOREBOARD

- No. 3 Kentucky 79, No. 14 Ohio U. 74
- No. 4 Arkansas 103, Jackson St. 87
- No. 9 Arizona 78, No. 17 Michigan 57
- No. 13 Wisconsin 61, Wis.-Green Bay 57
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- No. 19 Georgetown 99, Morgan St. 63
- No. 23 Virginia 94, N. Carolina A&T 50
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SOUTHWEST

- Oklahoma 99, UC Irvine 77
- Oklahoma St. 73, Southern Meth. 51
- TCU 119, Midwestern St., Texas 78
- Texas Southern 106, Tougalo 81
- UTSA 97, Texas A&M-Kingsville 75

Brownfield Tournament

Brownfield High School Girls Basketball Tournament, Dec. 1, 2, 3.

Thursday's games

- Game 1: El Paso Irvia vs. New Deal, 3:30 p.m.
- Game 2: Midland Lee vs. Snyder, 5 p.m.
- Game 3: Kermit vs. Brownfield, 6:30 p.m.
- Game 4: Lovington vs. Wichita Falls, 8 p.m.

Friday's games

- Game 5: Loser (game 1) vs. Loser (game 2), 10:30 a.m.
- Game 6: Loser (game 3) vs. Loser (game 4), 10:30 a.m.
- Game 7: Ozona vs. Winner (game 1), noon
- Game 8: Winner (game 4) vs. Pecos, 1:30 p.m.
- Game 9: Ninth place—Loser (game 5) vs. Loser (game 6), 3 p.m.
- Game 10: Winner (game 7) vs. Winner (game 2), 6:30 p.m.
- Game 11: Winner (game 3) vs. Winner (game 8), 1:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

- Game 12: Winner (game 5) vs. Loser (game 8), 10 a.m.
- Game 13: Winner (game 6) vs. Loser (game 7), 10 a.m.
- Game 14: Seventh place—Loser (game 12) vs. Loser (game 13), 1 p.m.
- Game 15: Consolation Final—Winner (game 12) vs. Winner (game 13), 4 p.m.
- Game 16: Third place—Loser (game 10) vs. Loser (game 11), 5:30 p.m.
- Game 17: Championship Final: Winner (game 10) vs. Winner (game 11), 7 p.m.

Preseason W.J.C.A.C. Tournament

Women's Preseason WJCA C tournament, Dec. 1, 2, 3.

Thursday's games

- Game 1: WTC vs. Weatherford, 2 p.m.
- Game 2: NMJC vs. Midland, 4 p.m.
- Game 3: Howard vs. Frank Phillips, 6 p.m.
- Game 4: South Plains vs. Odessa 8 p.m.

Friday's games

- Game 5: Loser (game 3) vs. Loser (game 2), 2 p.m.
- Game 6: Loser (game 1) vs. Loser (game 3), 4 p.m.
- Game 7: Winner (game 3) vs. Winner (game 2), 6 p.m.
- Game 8: Winner (game 1) vs. Winner (game 3), 8 p.m.

Saturday's games

- Game 9: Seventh place—Loser (game 5) vs. Loser (game 6), 2 p.m.
- Game 10: Consolation Final—Winner (game 5) vs. Winner (game 6), 4 p.m.
- Game 11: Third place—Loser (game 7) vs. Loser (game 8), 6 p.m.
- Game 12: Championship Final—Winner (game 7) vs. Winner (game 8), 8 p.m.

Denver City Invitational

37th Annual Denver City Boys Basketball Invitational, Dec. 1, 2, 3.

Thursday's games

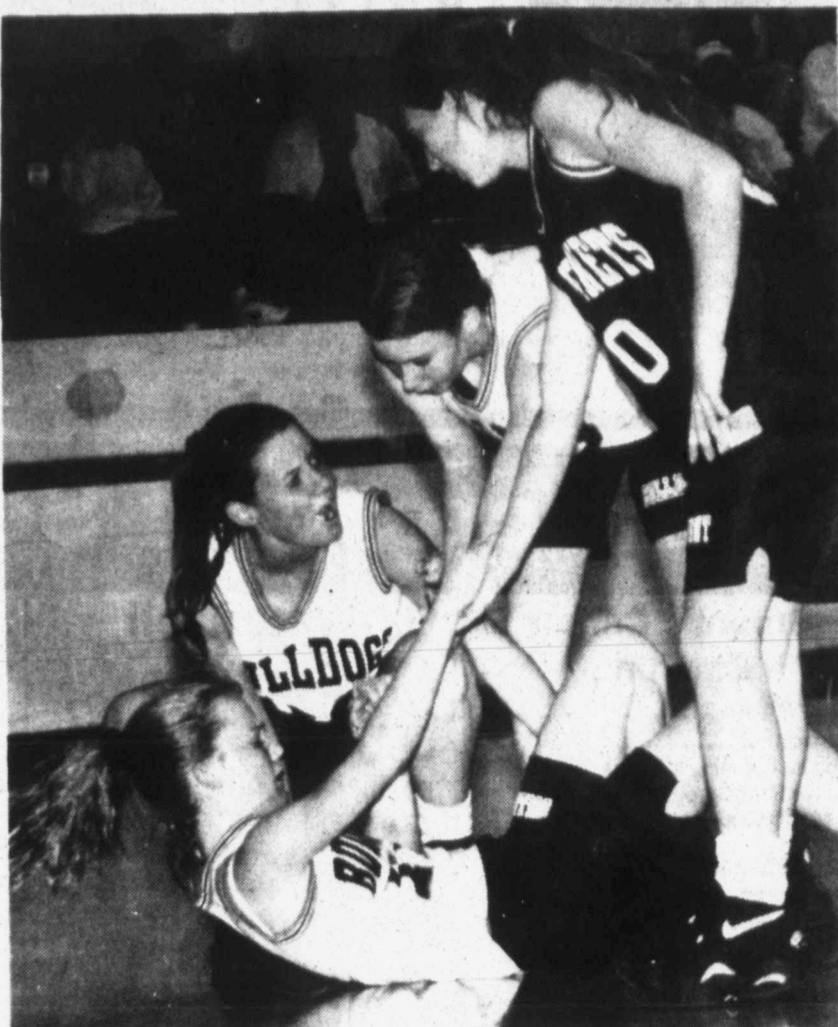
- Game 1: Hereford vs. Snyder, 7 p.m.
- Game 2: Lovington vs. Denver City, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's games

- Game 3: Seagraves vs. Winner (game 3), 7 p.m.
- Game 4: Muleshoe vs. Winner (game 2), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

- Game 5: Loser (game 3) vs. Loser (game 2), 10 a.m.
- Game 6: Loser (game 4) vs. Loser (game 1), 11:30 a.m.
- Game 7: Fifth place game: Loser (game 6) vs. Loser (game 5), 4 p.m.
- Game 8: Consolation game: Winner (game 6) vs. Winner (game 5), 5:30 p.m.
- Game 9: Championship game: Winner (game 3) vs. Winner (game 4), 7 p.m.



HEY! — Ira's Kasey Calley, center, reacts to a foul that sent teammate Melissa Brasuel to the floor during the Lady Bulldogs' 56-55 loss to Aspermont Tuesday. Stacey Taylor and an Aspermont player help out. The Ira Lady Bulldogs are scheduled to take on Loraine tonight at 8:30 in the Dog Pound Classic. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

"Wild Thing" signs with Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Reliever Mitch Williams, released by Houston on May 31, agreed to a 1-year contract with California for \$500,000 with \$2 million in performance bonuses.

Williams, 30, was 1-4 with six saves and a 7.65 ERA in 25 games for the Astros last season after recording 43 saves for Philadelphia in 1993.

Garrett presented with NFL honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Garrett, Dallas' third-string quarterback who completed 15 of 26 passes for 311 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' victory over Green Bay last Thursday, is the NFC offensive player of the week.

Tampa Bay linebacker Hardy Nickerson and Chicago kicker Kevin Butler also were honored in the NFC. Miami receiver Mark Ingram, Seattle safety Robert Blackmon and San Diego punt returner Darrien Gordon are the AFC selections.

Frazier may play against Miami

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, sidelined since September because of blood clot problems in his right leg, may split time with Brook Berringer against Miami in the Orange Bowl, coach Tom Osborne said.

Frazier suited up for No. 1 Nebraska's game against Oklahoma on Friday but hasn't played since Sept. 24. Berringer stepped in to lead the Cornhuskers to a 12-0 record and their fourth straight Orange Bowl.

Ole Miss to appeal sanctions

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi, reeling under stiff NCAA penalties, will appeal reductions in scholarships over the next 2 years from 25 to 13 and allowed expenses for campus visits by prospective players.

The NCAA placed Ole Miss on 4 years' probation Nov. 17, barring it from postseason games in 1995 and 1996 and television next season. The school fired coach Billy Brewer on July 12.

Ira High Dog Pound Classic

Ira High School, Dog Pound classic, Dec. 1, 2, 3.

GIRLS

Thursday's games

- Game 1: Klondike vs. Westbrook, 11:30 a.m.
- Game 2: Borden County vs. Blackwell, 2:30 p.m.
- Game 3: Abilene Christian vs. Highland, 5:30 p.m.
- Game 4: Loraine vs. Ira, 8:30 p.m.

Friday's games

- Game 5: Loser (game 3) vs. Loser (game 4), 11:30 a.m.
- Game 6: Loser (game 1) vs. Loser (game 2), 2:30 p.m.
- Game 7: Winner (game 3) vs. Winner (game 4), 5:30 p.m.
- Game 8: Winner (game 1) vs. Winner (game 2), 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

- Third place game: Loser (game 7) vs. Loser (game 8), 3:30 p.m.
- Consolation game: Winner (game 5) vs. Winner (game 6), 12:30 p.m.
- Championship game: Winner (game 7) vs. Winner (game 8), 6:30 p.m.

BOYS

Thursday's games

- Game 1: Loraine vs. Ira, 10 a.m.
- Game 2: Klondike vs. Westbrook, 1 p.m.
- Game 3: Borden County vs. Blackwell, 4 p.m.
- Game 4: Abilene Christian vs. Highland, 7 p.m.

Friday's games

- Game 5: Loser (game 1) vs. Loser (game 4), 10 a.m.
- Game 6: Loser (game 2) vs. Loser (game 3), 1 p.m.
- Game 7: Winner (game 1) vs. Winner (game 4), 4 p.m.
- Game 8: Winner (game 2) vs. Winner (game 3), 7 p.m.

Saturday's games

- Third place game: Loser (game 7) vs. Loser (game 8), 5 p.m.
- Consolation game: Winner (game 5) vs. Winner (game 6), 2 p.m.
- Championship game: Winner (game 7) vs. Winner (game 8), 8 p.m.

PLAY BALL!

Area teams participate in the first big tournament weekend

By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor

The time has come for area high school and junior college basketball teams to kick off the season's tournament schedule.

Over the next five weeks, Snyder, Ira, and Hermleigh high schools, as well as Western Texas College, will play in 22 tournaments combined.

This weekend marks the beginning of those tournaments.

The WTC Lady Westerners head southwest for a game against Weatherford today at 2 p.m. in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference tournament in Pecos.

WTC (4-5) is coming off a 60-83 defeat at the hands of Cisco.

Should the Lady Westerners beat Weatherford, they will play the winner of the South Plains-Odessa game at 8 p.m. Friday.

Closer to home, Ira hosts seven teams in the Dog Pound Classic.

The Bulldogs (1-5) lost to Loraine today 72-33 and will play the winner of tonight's Abilene Christian-Highland matchup Friday at 4 p.m.

The Lady Bulldogs (4-2) are

schedule to play Loraine tonight at 8:30, while the boys were to compete against Loraine at 10 a.m. today.

Both Ira teams fell to Aspermont Tuesday, with the Lady Bulldogs losing a heart-breaker 56-55, while the boys were defeated 88-34.

Snyder teams head west as the Tigers compete in the Denver City tournament tonight at 7 against Hereford. Meanwhile, the Lady Tigers are scheduled to play in the Brownfield tournament tonight versus Kermit.

Also competing in the Brownfield tournament are the Snyder girl's junior varsity and freshman teams.

The boy's junior varsity is scheduled to play today in the Coahoma tournament.

Although the Hermleigh boy's varsity is not playing in a tournament this weekend, the junior varsity and varsity are scheduled to compete against Winters in games starting at 1 p.m.

The Cardinals (2-2) are coming off a disappointing 70-39 loss at the hands of the Abilene Christian Panthers.

NBA Glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	10	2	.833	-
New York	7	4	.636	2½
Boston	7	6	.538	3½
New Jersey	6	9	.400	5½
Washington	4	7	.364	5½
Philadelphia	4	8	.333	6
Miami	3	9	.250	7

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	8	5	.615	-
Indiana	7	5	.583	½
Charlotte	7	6	.538	1
Chicago	7	6	.538	1
Detroit	7	6	.538	1
Milwaukee	5	7	.417	2½
Atlanta	4	9	.308	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	10	3	.769	-
Utah	9	5	.643	1½
Dallas	7	4	.636	2
Denver	6	6	.500	3½
San Antonio	6	7	.462	4
Minnesota	1	13	.071	9½

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	10	4	.714	-
Seattle	9	5	.643	1
Golden State	8	5	.615	1½
L.A. Lakers	8	6	.571	2
Portland	6	6	.500	3
Sacramento	6	6	.500	3
L.A. Clippers	0	13	.000	9½

Wednesday's Games

- Boston 118, Detroit 115
- Orlando 114, Sacramento 107
- Charlotte 105, Miami 87
- Cleveland 117, L.A. Lakers 79
- Chicago 118, Phoenix 105
- Seattle 109, San Antonio 100

Thursday's Games

- Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
- Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
- Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
- Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
- Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NFL Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	8	4	0	.667	280	227
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	228	233
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	255	253
New England	6	6	0	.500	245	266
Indianapolis	5	7	0	.417	243	258

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	213	172
Cleveland	9	3	0	.750	266	148
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	201	283
Houston	1	11	0	.083	167	265

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
San Diego	9	3	0	.750	291	204
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	224	215
Denver	6	6	0	.500	267	284
L.A. Raiders	6	6	0	.500	230	262
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	227	226

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	10	2	0	.833	335	179
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	243	214
N.Y. Giants	5	7	0	.417	205	249
Arizona	5	7	0	.417	154	223
Washington	2	10	0	.167	246	331

Central

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	8	4	0	.667	211	208
Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	262	215
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	256	214
Detroit	6	6	0	.500	244	258
Tampa Bay	3	9	0	.250	165	268

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	10	2	0	.833	361	227
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	256	279
L.A. Rams	4	8	0	.333	223	259
New Orleans	4	8	0	.333	242	320

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Game

- Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

- Dallas at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
- New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
- Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
- Green Bay at Detroit, 4 p.m.
- Arizona at Houston, 4 p.m.
- Atlanta at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
- Denver at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
- Indianapolis at Seattle, 4 p.m.
- New Orleans at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
- New York Giants at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
- Buffalo at Miami, 8 p.m.

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Feds work to keep up with money laundering schemes

McALLEN (AP) — Early this century, a mobster would take out loans from a bank where he deposited his ill-gotten gains. If he had to scam, he left the bank holding the bag on the loans.

The same thing happened to an American Express Co. subsidiary last week — except the crooks were international drug dealers, their schemes were elaborately high-tech, and their profits mind-boggling.

Now, the government is drafting proposals to help investigators track increasingly complex money-laundering schemes.

"We really cannot tolerate a situation in which the drug lords of the world own much of the stock and other important assets of our economy," said Sarah Jane Hughes, an Indiana University law professor who studies money laundering. "They will then wield so much power that they will be a threat to our democracy."

American Express Bank International announced a \$50 million package Monday to settle the actions of two former officers convicted of laundering more than \$30 million for a Mexican cocaine cartel.

"I think it will send shock waves through the financial industry," Hughes said. "If it doesn't, it should."

The Office of National Drug

Control Policy estimated in 1993 that annual gross revenues from illegal drugs in the U.S. market alone range from \$40 billion to \$50 billion. The government projects that up to \$33 billion of the amount must be laundered to appear as legitimate wealth.

Charts from Federal Reserve System banks show hundreds of millions of dollars beyond what can be explained for the level of business activity in Southern California, Texas and Florida — all money-laundering hubs.

"There you can surmise that it's drug money consistently driving the surplus," said Vincent Klink, resident agent in charge of enforcement at McAllen's U.S. Customs office, which houses the task force that investigated the American Express case.

By contrast, Fed districts such as New York — an end market for drugs — show consistent cash deficits.

Assistant U.S. attorneys David Novak and Charles Dause, who prosecuted the American Express case, said today's drug dealers launder their proceeds for the same reasons the early mobsters did — to keep their wealth liquid while concealing it from authorities.

"They play leap frog with regulators and prosecutors," Hughes said. "They are like chameleons."

They can make themselves into something new faster than we can figure out what it is."

In the American Express case, duffel bags stuffed with \$100 bills from drug deals were deposited in Texas banks, transferred by wire to New York and Switzerland, moved to offshore holding companies in the Cayman Islands, then reinvested in real estate and cash-intensive businesses such as retail outlets and car lots.

The bank had to write off nearly \$19 million loans that the two convicted ex-officers, Antonio Giraldi and Lourdes Reategui, made to a cartel money man who disappeared.

Giraldi and Reategui said they never suspected that their biggest client, Ricardo Aguirre Villagomez, was handling tainted money.

But Novak said the bankers repeatedly lied on loan documents for a millionaire client with a humble education and little more than \$20,000 in legitimate income as a gas station manager.

"If they (bankers) know that the funds that they are conducting are drug proceeds, they'd better be scared, and I'd like to know their names," Novak said. "An innocent banker has nothing to be concerned about."

Although many banks currently maintain "know your customer" guidelines, the Treasury Department is expected to propose new standards for all financial institutions within six months.

The Treasury proposals, which will become law after an industry comment period, will require financial institutions to develop customer profiles and report to the government any clients who are moving inexplicable amounts of money.

A bill in the U.S. House Banking Committee would require financial institutions to report all wire transfers of \$10,000 or more to the Internal Revenue Service. Currently, only currency transactions of \$10,000 must be reported.

Hughes also is consulting with a congressional task force on the possibility of developing a computer tracking system to detect suspicious movement of funds.

The challenge of the new regulations will be to balance an investor's right to privacy against the government's need to investigate crimes, Hughes said. "It's a balance that needs a watchful eye on it all the time," the law professor said.

Officers note three arrests

Snyder police officers made three arrests Wednesday with the first being at 7:59 p.m. in the area of 27th Street and Avenue E.

A 20-year-old male was arrested on two warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, a warrant for an expired motor vehicle registration and for disregarding a stop sign.

A call on a family disturbance resulted in the arrest of a 27-year-old male at 9:30 p.m. in the 4100 block of Eastridge. Officers filed an offense report for Class C assault/family violence. The man was also charged with two offenses reports for burglary of a motor vehicle in the 4100 block of Eastridge.

Officers arrested a 46-year-old male at 12:01 this morning at the 250 Club and charged him with public intoxication.

Officers investigated a report of criminal mischief at the Cinema at 2:28 p.m. in reference to graffiti painted on the north side of the building.

A woman was issued a citation at 3:22 p.m. for leaving two small children unattended in a vehicle on the Kmart parking lot.

The fire department received a call at 5:18 p.m. of a kitchen being on fire at a residence in the 3000 block of Beaumont. The caller then called back notifying the department that she had put the fire out.

Officers investigated a three-vehicle accident at 11:16 p.m. in the 4400 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1977 Chevrolet pickup driven by Dawn Denise Myers of 3115 39th St., a parked 1987 Plymouth van owned the 1987 Auto Center, 409 Coliseum Drive, and a parked 1988 Oldsmobile owned by Earl Ware Jr., 1002 31st St.

Edinburg man known for polishing shoes for more than 60 years

EDINBURG — Autumn shadows lingered along the beige bricks of the Hidalgo County Courthouse annex as a potential customer ambled by. Otis Bell was hell-bent for leather.

"I think those boots could use a shine," Bell said after spending a few minutes talking to the man, charming him.

Within minutes, the scuffed boots were transformed by Bell's steady hands.

With only one brief interruption, Bell, 82, has been shining shoes in Edinburg for 61 years on the same city block.

He came here with his older brother, Arthur, back in 1928. Arthur worked in construction. Otis tried his hand at shining shoes. He never has had any regrets about the work he chose, he said. After all, it made him something of a living legend in these parts.

Almost everybody in town knows him. Some boast he's the most experienced shoeshine man anywhere.

"When I first came to Edinburg, I worked different places, getting work where I could," Bell said, ticking off local landmarks here and gone. "I started at the Edinburg Hotel. Then it was closed and I went down the street to Houston's Barber Shop. I worked there until 1985, when I came here to the courthouse annex.

"It's kind of hard to get me off this block," he said with a wink. "You run me off one side of the street, and I'll just go on to the other."

Bell waves at passing friends, revealing a quick, bright smile.

used to get my shoes shined there."

His life may seem staid to some, but Bell probably would say it's just a matter of old-fashioned resolve.

He and his wife, Isabel, have been married 47 years. They are raising two grandchildren adopted after their daughter was killed in an automobile accident.

Isabel Bell smiles as she talks about her husband.

"I met him through a friend in 1946," she said. "He's always been the same way. He doesn't change."

The couple has been active for many years in the Lily of the Valley Baptist Church, then the Rising Star Baptist Church, both in Edinburg, although the aches and pains of age have restricted their activities.

And his 61-year career has had only one interruption over the years — when he broke his hip two years ago and he was sidelined for about two months. Today, he relies on a cane when he walks, but he shines shoes using the same old "elbow grease" as always.

"There's not very many people in town that don't know him," said Edinburg Mayor Joe Ochoa. Ochoa, who graduated from Edinburg High School in 1970, said (See EDINBURG, Page 8)

Hospital Notes

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Births

Karl and Penny Massingill of Snyder are parents of a son born at 9:24 a.m. on Nov. 30 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

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U.S. sides with NATO

Approves diplomacy, not force, in Bosnia

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher is telling the NATO allies the Clinton administration has swung to their view that diplomacy, not force, is the best way to deal with the war in Bosnia.

It is the first time in the post-World War II history of the alliance that the Europeans led by France prevailed over the United States in formulating a major policy.

It is a difficult assignment for Christopher, putting him in the awkward position of shifting gears even while denying U.S. policy on the war has changed or that there is a trans-Atlantic rift.

Trying to patch over the embarrassing dispute, Christopher pronounced the alliance strong and he charted a plan for growth through absorption of East European countries. A ceremony was scheduled to establish links to Russia.

The plan was adopted. Over the

next 12 months, bureaucrats will study the financial, structural and nuclear implications of taking in Eastern and Central European countries.

He told the allies in a speech that "the tragedy of the war and bloodshed in Bosnia does not diminish our responsibility to build a comprehensive European security architecture."

"America's interests in Europe have not changed," he said. "Neither have the basic principles guiding our engagement." And at the top of the list, Christopher said today, was that "the United States has enduring political, military, economic and cultural links to Europe that must and will be preserved."

Earlier, at breakfast with Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, Christopher reviewed the warning U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali delivered

Wednesday that unless warring Serbs and Muslims cooperate with the U.N. mission the peacekeepers might be withdrawn.

Christopher and Hurd said they may go to Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, this weekend to preach reconciliation. "We will redouble our efforts to find a diplomatic solution," Christopher said.

However, his aides spread the word a trip by Christopher to Belgrade was unlikely.

Asked if the troops would be withdrawn, Hurd replied grimly: "We certainly hope not."

National Security Adviser Anthony Lake, in a speech Wednesday at Princeton University, acknowledged it is a path "rife with frustrations and setbacks."

Nonetheless, he said, "it's the best, the steadiest course. ... Both sides face the same choice: They can perpetuate a bloody military stalemate or they can stop the senseless killing and come to terms."

By chance, it is the U.S. turn to preside over a meeting today of the North Atlantic Council, NATO's policy-making arm. This puts Christopher under an even brighter spotlight, and he was responding both with a brief speech opening the session and a detailed one outlining U.S. plans for NATO's expansion.

On Friday, Christopher intends to lay out the U.S. approach to the Bosnian war.

Serbs kidnap peacekeepers in Croatia, block convoys

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Bosnian Serbs crossed into Croatia and kidnapped U.N. peacekeepers today, in a further challenge to the United Nations' crumbling efforts to keep control.

A day after U.N. chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali's failed peace mission, the Serbs also repeatedly ignored a U.N. request to allow convoys with food and fuel to pass through Serb-held territory, the United Nations said.

Serbs also fired missiles at Sarajevo and traded heavy machine-gun and small-arms fire with government troops around embattled Bihaq, the U.N. declared "safe area" in northwest Bosnia.

The seven Ukrainian peacekeepers kidnapped in Croatia, along with a U.N. armored carrier, were taken to Serb-held territory, U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko said in Zagreb, Croatia.

The Ukrainians' observation point is now occupied by Serbs, Ivanko said, and the United Nations has been unable to contact its troops.

More than 400 other U.N. soldiers are detained by the Serbs.

In Sarajevo, U.N. spokesman Thant Myint-U said Serbs failed to respond to 21 requests to allow the passage of its convoys. He said food and fuel supplies for the United Nations were running low in government-held eastern Bosnia enclaves and in Bihaq.

Sarajevo's airport remained

closed because Serbs denied flight clearance, ruling out any relief flights to the besieged Bosnian capital.

In downtown Sarajevo, two Interior Ministry buildings were hit by anti-tank missiles. Four people were wounded.

In the Bihaq area, Bosnian Serb forces kept the heat on the government's hard-pressed 5th Corps, with significant fighting reported to the southwest and south of the Bihaq pocket, Ivanko said.

There was no immediate information on any changes in the front lines. Serbs are holding 30 percent to 40 percent of the so-called safe area.

The Bosnian army commander, Gen. Rasim Delic, pledged that despite recent heavy losses, Bihaq would not fall into Serb hands and the government army would win the war.

His comments, published in a Sarajevo newspaper today, underscored the government's unwillingness to compromise further to reach a cease-fire and a comprehensive peace.

On Wednesday, Boutros-Ghali said it may be time to send U.N.

troops home after his six-hour mission to Sarajevo failed to move the two sides toward a negotiated settlement to the war.

The threat reflects a growing frustration as the Serbs continue their assaults and the Muslim-led government refuses new concessions. U.N. peacekeepers are being held hostage and the West is divided about how to respond.

Boutros-Ghali said Wednesday he will not recommend a pullout "for the time being."

But he said "it will become impossible" to sustain support for the peacekeepers in the Security Council unless the Serbs and the government agree to talk peace and cooperate with the United Nations.

In New York, French U.N. Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee said "there is no question" of a withdrawal now, "but if the situation continues to deteriorate, it will be more difficult to keep the troops there."

A withdrawal by peacekeepers would likely lead to more fighting and could be dangerous for the departing troops, as both Bosnian Serbs and government forces rush U.N. camps to seize equipment before it can be destroyed.

It also would cause widespread hardship, Boutros-Ghali said, because the United Nations feeds an estimated 3 million people across the former Yugoslavia. Most are in Bosnia.

Breakthrough seen in MIA search in Laos

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. officials said Laos has agreed for the first time to let in former North Vietnamese soldiers to help locate possible burial sites of missing American servicemen.

The agreement marks a breakthrough in efforts to resolve the fates of some of the 505 Americans listed as missing in Laos.

"This is something the United States has wanted to do for a long time, getting Vietnamese witnesses into Laos," Navy Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Adams said today.

Adams works at the Hawaii headquarters of the unit responsible for MIA investigations.

Four Vietnamese who claim to have witnessed the burials of several Americans in neighboring Laos during the war will join searches for their remains over the

next few weeks, said James Wold, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW-MIA affairs.

Wold led an American delegation that met with Laotian and Vietnamese officials today in Hanoi. He said the three sides agreed on allowing additional visits by Vietnamese witnesses in other investigations.

President Clinton has said Vietnam must show more cooperation in such efforts with Laos before the United States will establish full diplomatic relations with Hanoi.

Wold said Laotian and Vietnamese officials both expressed a willingness to help, but he spoke with particular praise about Vietnam's efforts. "I would characterize their cooperation in working jointly with the U.S. and Laos as excellent," Wold said.

Coliseum contract

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chamber should be able to deal with most repairs within the \$185,000.

Commissioners agreed that the county will take care of any major repairs at the facility such as air conditioning and roof work.

"If something happened out there that would hamper the operation if it were not fixed, we would certainly look at fixing it," said Commissioner Jerry Gannaway.

The court agreed that the sound system at the facility needs to be improved and said changes are expected to be made in the near future.

As part of the agreement, the chamber will be responsible for upkeep of the grounds while the county will still be responsible for the maintenance and repair costs to the Department of Public Safety offices located in the coliseum annex.

If approved, the proposal will allow the chamber to retain the use of current equipment at the facility and coliseum employees will have access to county equipment when needed for set-up or clean-up of an event. The chamber will also be able to use and control any new equipment purchased for use at the

coliseum. If the contract is ever terminated, all equipment purchased by the county would remain county property.

County employees from each precinct will continue to be available for the installation and removal of dirt from the coliseum for events that might require it.

Liability and casualty insurance will also be provided by the county.

All employees at the coliseum will be employed by the chamber, which will have sole responsibility in the hiring and firing of personnel.

In summary, the chamber directors will have complete authority over the building, personnel, exhibits and improvements at the facility.

Commissioner Ralph Trevey summed up the court's feeling for the proposal by stating, "We think this is good for everyone and we are glad to see the chamber excited about it."

Presiding was County Judge Bob Doolittle. Present were commissioners Idom, Trevey, Gannaway and C.D. Gray Jr.; chamber officers Pearlene Stewart-Nolan and Daryl Thomas; and coliseum manager Jay Wesson.

Ophelia Blackard

1904-1994

Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for former Snyder teacher Ophelia Blackard who died today in the Scenic Mountain Hospital in Big Spring.

Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. James Merrell, pastor of the Loraine United Methodist Church, and former pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Snyder.

Born on Nov. 25, 1904, in Howard County, she also had resided in Borden and Scurry Counties. She married Melvin Blackard on Aug. 21, 1921 in Scurry County. He died in June of 1945.

Her family, the J.C. Dorwards, were pioneer ranchers in Garza and Borden Counties.

Mrs. Blackard, 90, was a member of the Musical Coterie and the Daughters of the American Revolution for many years. A former school teacher in Snyder, she was also a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Historical Society in Borden and Scurry Counties. Mrs. Blackard was active in the Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Clinta and Arthur Ingraham of Las Vegas, N.M.; two granddaughters, Jane Davis, and her husband, Greg of Carrollton, and Charlotte Williams of Booneville, Ark.; a sister, Estine Blakey of Lubbock; a niece; two nephews; and two great-nieces.

The family will greet friends at the funeral home from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday.

The family requests memorials to the Borden County Historical Society and Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech.

Delia McPherson

1904-1994

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Union United Methodist Church for former Snyder resident Delia McPherson, 90, of Mineral Wells. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

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Albertsons	28 3/4	28 3/8	28 1/2 -3/8
Allsignal s	33 1/8	32 5/8	32 7/8 +1/4
Alltel	28 3/8	28 1/8	28 1/4 +1/8
AmStores	26 3/8	26	26 -3/8
Ameritech	39 1/4	39	39 -1/2
Amoco	60 3/4	60 3/8	60 5/8 -1/4
AndarkPir	40 3/4	39 5/8	39 7/8 -1/8
ArmcoInc	61 1/4	6	6 -1/8
Aurichld	103 1/2	103 1/4	103 1/4 -1/4
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Aviall	9 1/8	9	9 -1/8
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Chrysler	49 1/8	48 1/2	48 3/4 +1/4
Coastal	26 1/8	25 7/8	26 +1/4
CocaCola	51 1/4	51	51 1/8
ColgatePalm	59 7/8	59 1/2	59 1/2 -5/8
Cooperia	34 5/8	34 1/2	34 5/8 +1/4
CyprusAmx	25 3/8	25 1/8	25 3/8 +3/8
DeltaSemia	14 5/8	14 1/4	14 5/8 +1/2
DigitalAir	50	49 7/8	49 7/8 -1/4
DigitalEq	33 1/4	32 7/8	33 -1
Dillard	28 3/8	28 1/8	28 1/4 +1/8
DowChem	64 1/8	63 3/4	64 1/8 +1/8
DresserInd	20	19 1/2	19 1/2 -1/2
DuPont	54 1/8	53 5/8	53 7/8
EastmanCh s	48	47 1/4	47 7/8 +3/4
EstKodak	45 1/2	45	45 1/4 -1/4
Eserch	123 1/4	121 1/8	123 1/8 -1/4
Energys	22 1/2	22 3/8	22 1/2
Exxon	60 1/8	59 3/4	59 7/8 -1/2
FlowerInd	17 3/4	17 5/8	17 3/4 +1/8
FordMotor s	27 1/4	27	27 1/8
GTE Cp	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 5/8 +1/8
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GenElec s	46 1/4	45 3/4	46
GenMillie	53 3/4	53 1/4	53 1/2 -1/4
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GratiPac	22 1/8	21 7/8	21 7/8 -3/8
Hallibur	35	34 3/4	34 3/4 -1/8
Hanson ADS	18 5/8	18	18 1/2 +1/4
Houstad	34 1/8	33 3/4	33 3/4 -1/4
IBM	70 3/4	70 3/8	70 5/8 -1/8
IntlPaper	72	70 3/4	71 1/8 -3/8
Johanna s	54	53 1/2	53 3/4 +3/8
K mart	14 5/8	14 3/8	14 1/2
Kroger	24 1/4	24	24 1/8 +1/8
Litton	34 5/8	34 1/4	34 1/2 +3/8
Lows s	37 1/4	36 3/4	37 1/4 -1/8
Lubys	22 1/4	22	22 1/4 +1/4

Edinburg

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Otis Bell is a childhood memory. "I think he's a fine gentleman," Ochoa said. "We need more citizens in town like him."

Bell, one of the very few black men in a largely Hispanic area, said he never has had a problem with racism.

"No, that never bothered me much," he said. "I didn't pay any attention to it. I always minded my own business. If a fellow does that, he'll stay too busy to worry about anybody else's business."

When Bell opened his stand at the Edinburg Hotel, a jaywalker "could cross any street in town with his eyes closed and not get hit by a car," said Ronald Case, mayor of Edinburg from 1973 to 1981 and a friend of Bell's for 55 years.

"When I was in the Army in Europe during World War II, I remember sending a postcard to Otis. And I said, 'Send me a shoeshine,' Case recalled, laughing.

"We wonder what's going to happen when he leaves. Nobody will ever take his place. He's a pillar. ... He and I often reminisce about different sights and buildings and people that were here who have since died.

"I'll say, 'Do you remember the name of such-and-such a place?' And he'll say, 'Yeah, sure do,' and he'll name it. And then I'll remember. He's got a good memory."

Recently, Bell snagged Edinburg resident Richard Salazar for another shine.

"I've known Otis ever since I was wearing diapers," Salazar said. "He knows all my kids, too. Then they grew up and got married. When I'd take my boys down to see Otis, they'd always be arguing about who was going to be first."

About three years ago, a group of friends in town got together and threw a huge party for Bell at a country club to show the community's appreciation for his years of friendship to Edinburg residents. About 900 people came to pay tribute to him.

"They had barbecue, cokes, beer. And people came to see me who were my age and older," he said. He paused a moment, remembering. "That made me happy."

Hidalgo County was a completely different place 60 years ago, Bell said. The people have changed, too, to keep up with the growth.

"I've been here since the roads were all dirt roads and not many people had cars," he said. "In the old days, we didn't have money for much, but we had fun. Everybody was friends and close together."

"Everybody's in a hurry now." But down at the courthouse, at least, they still find Otis and time for a shine.



DONATION — Kim Fritz, on behalf of the Snyder Day Care Center, accepts a check from Price Daniel Unit Warden, T. J. Medart, in the amount of \$750. The money was raised through the inmate photo fund at the unit. The funds are generated when visitors to the unit have their pictures made with a relative or friend they are visiting.

'Ponytail' student won't return to class

AUSTIN (AP) — A Bastrop County boy whose ponytail has kept him out of school and in various courtrooms for four years says a recent court ruling won't mean he will return to classes.

Zach Toungate, 12, says he will continue his education at his rural home near Bastrop as long as Bastrop school officials continue to limit hairstyles.

"I'm standing up for people's rights," he told the Austin American-Statesman in an interview published today.

On Tuesday, state District Judge Norman Lanford ruled that the Bastrop school district's policy forbidding long hair for boys is unconstitutional and illegal.

However, the judge also said the issue was not important enough for court intervention, and Bastrop school officials say they have no plans to change the rule.

"I think we've won a little victory here," Zach said. "A two-thirds victory. The law they have just discriminates."

In the meantime, Zach said he studies reading, math and history through private correspondence courses.

"It's convenient," he said. "You get to sleep in late when you want to. But I do work four or five hours every day on schoolwork. We have a test every 20 lessons that I have to mail in, and they send the grades back to me."

Zach and his parents say they believe he is getting a good education.

"Algebra is not that hard," he said. "They give you '4a equals 16' and you work it from there. I'm also studying ancient Europe, when Charlemagne was ruling."

Zach's mother, September Toungate, filed suit against the school board four years ago after her son was forced out of the third grade because he refused to cut his six-inch "rat tail."

She and her husband, Stanley, an electrician, said they keep

Zach's 9-year-old sister, Linzi, out of school because of what happened to him.

The Toungates pay about \$1,400 a year to educate the two children through the correspondence course.

"I had to rearrange my work schedule because of Zach's homeschooling, but it is worth it," September Toungate said. "I think he may be getting even a little better education at home."

Zach could continue his home education for a long time. Bastrop school board President Ray Long says he is unaware of any sentiment among his six colleagues to change the hair-length policy.

Former millionaire fugitive still wants to leave country

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities have released former fugitive millionaire Richard Minns on bond to await deportation.

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service released the former health club tycoon Wednesday on a \$10,000 bond, his attorney said.

Minns spent Thanksgiving weekend in a Boston detention center after Irish officials refused to allow him to board a flight to that country.

Minns, 65, founder of the Houston-based President and First Lady health spa chains, renounced his U.S. citizenship in favor of Irish citizenship in 1986.

Irish officials said they had evidence that Minns had obtained his citizenship fraudulently.

INS spokeswoman Lisa Jacobs said Minns may travel freely in the United States but must report to the INS periodically.

Minns' attorney, Mike Ramsey, said legal action is under way in Ireland to obtain Minns' entry there.

He said it's unknown what other country might accept his client. Federal authorities have said Minns may also have an Israeli citizenship, but Ramsey said it is unclear if that technically is correct.

He said another member of Minns' legal team has been in contact with the Israeli government.

Attorneys on both sides of the Atlantic had worked Wednesday to get former millionaire fugitive Richard Minns released from federal detention in Boston and allowed into Ireland.

Houston federal judge Lynn Hughes ordered Minns' deportation last week, but the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service seized his Irish passport and detained him at Boston's Logan Airport when the Irish government refused to allow him into the country.

Minns was arrested at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport last July and pleaded guilty to passport fraud charges Nov. 3. He

was sentenced to time served since his arrest.

Hughes ordered the INS to return Minns' Irish passport and he was on his way to Dublin last Wednesday when he was detained.

Minns faces a \$32 million civil judgment over a 1980 shooting attack that left his ex-girlfriend, Barbra Piotrowski, partially paralyzed. The woman, who has since changed her name to Janni Smith, claims Minns arranged the attack. Minns was never charged in the shooting.

Ms. Smith says Minns has remained outside the U.S. for most of the last 14 years to avoid possible prosecution and to avoid paying her.

Fort Bliss to lose cavalry regiment, gain air defense

FORT BLISS (AP) — The Army will be reassigning one of Fort Bliss' largest units, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, and replace it with two air defense brigades, U.S. Rep. Ron Coleman has said.

The 3rd Cavalry, a scout unit with about 6,000 soldiers, is scheduled to be transferred to an as-yet unannounced location, Coleman, D-El Paso, said in a news release Wednesday.

In return, the El Paso County post will be gaining the 108th Air Defense Brigade based at Fort Polk, La., and the 31st Air Defense Brigade, based now at Fort Hood, Texas.

"The fact that two brigades will be transferred to Fort Bliss is an absolute indication that the post will be spared from the impending round of base closures," Coleman said.

Fort Bliss officials declined to comment on the moves Wednesday.

The 3rd Armored Cavalry is equipped with heavy tanks, other armored vehicles and helicopters. The unit's mission is to probe and find potential enemies.

Besides the 3rd cavalry, Fort Bliss is also home to the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, which includes Patriot missile battalions. Coleman said the new additions

U.S. Navy ferries supplies to Achille Lauro passengers

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Helicopters from two U.S. warships shuttled food, water and blankets today to nearly 1,000 people who had abandoned the burning Achille Lauro for safety aboard a fleet of rescue ships.

The ill-fated cruise ship was listing but still afloat this morning in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Somalia, said Cmdr. T. McCreary, spokesman for the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command in the Persian Gulf. He said it was in no immediate danger of sinking.

Smoke poured from the Italian ship today, indicating the fire was still blazing inside, he said.

One death was reported in Wednesday's fire and evacuation. At least eight people were injured.

"There's a few broken bones and some pretty tortured souls," John Briand, captain of the oil tanker Lima, told the British Broadcasting Corp. today.

Two U.S. warships, the USS Gettysburg and USS Halyburton, arrived overnight and dispatched

helicopters to ferry supplies to the other ships, McCreary said.

Most people were in their bedclothes when they were forced to clamber into lifeboats, so donated clothes and blankets were being distributed as well, he added.

McCreary praised the efforts of the merchant ships that changed course to rescue the 581 passengers and 404 crew members stranded about 130 miles south of the Horn of Africa.

"Those guys have just done a terrific job getting those people up out of the lifeboats and out of the water and safely onto their vessels," he said in an interview with Associated Press Television.

The Panamanian oil tanker Hawaiian King was one of the first ships to arrive and took on about 800 people, said a coast guard official in Rome, Adm. Eugenio Sicurezza. Most of those people spent the night on the tanker's deck.

McCreary said some would be transferred to the other ships — a process expected to take all day — before heading for shore.

Most probably would go to either Mombasa, Kenya, or to Djibouti, he said, depending on where the commercial ships were initially headed.

The Achille Lauro left Genoa,

Italy, on Nov. 19, stopped in Israel, and its next port of call was to be Durban, South Africa, on Friday, said Carla Gotta, a spokeswoman for the ship's Genoa-based owner, Starlaura.

Wednesday's fire apparently started in the passenger area, but the cause was not known, Starlaura said.

Most of the crew was Italian, and the passengers mainly South African, German, Dutch and British. Ten Americans were on board — eight crew and a couple that boarded in Genoa. All were reported safe.

Late Wednesday night, Italian Coast Guard officials said everyone aboard was accounted for. Two deaths were reported, but the Italian news agency ANSA said the ship's purser faxed a statement from a rescue ship saying one was an 84-year-old German tourist who suffered a fatal heart attack the day before the fire.

The Achille Lauro gained notoriety in 1985 when Palestinian terrorists hijacked it and killed an American passenger, Leon Klinghoffer, and pushed him in his wheelchair off the ship. The hijackers escaped the vessel and boarded a jet, but U.S. fighter planes forced it to land in Italy and the hijackers were captured.

CBS wins November ratings sweep for 2nd straight year

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS won its second consecutive November sweeps Wednesday, closing to within one-tenth of a ratings point of frontrunner ABC for the TV season to date.

CBS didn't even need its top-rated, eight-hour miniseries "Scarlett" to clinch the primetime crown.

"Take 'Scarlett' out of our average, and we still would have won," said David Poltrack, CBS' senior research executive.

CBS also repeated its November 1993 victories in late night and daytime.

The sweeps are three month-long, intensive, annual audience surveys that help stations set local ad rates, and for the Nov. 3-30 prime time sweep, CBS projected a 13.1 rating and a 21 percent audience share.

That's an 8 percent edge over ABC, which had a 12.1 rating, 19 share. NBC averaged an 11.6 rating, 19 share.

Fox Broadcasting Co., which programs 15 of the 22 prime time hours, had an 8.0 rating, 12 share. That was a 7 percent increase over

its disastrous November 1993 sweep, which had dipped 9 percent from November 1992.

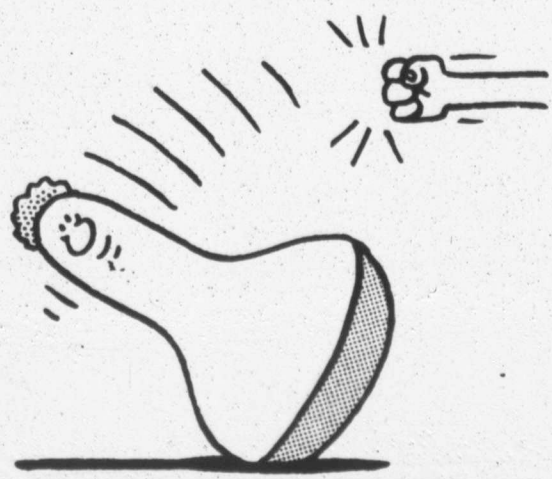
A single ratings point equals 954,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's 95.4 million TV homes estimated by Nielsen Media Research. Share is the percentage of sets tuned in to a network during a specific time period.

"Scarlett," seen by an estimated 58 million viewers, gave CBS about half a ratings point in its November sweep, but Poltrack said CBS won with the "extraordinary performance" of its made-for-TV movies, with ratings up nearly 50 percent during November.

Movie revivals of "The Rockford Files" and "Cagney & Lacey," were the season's top-rated TV movies, and, with the Dionne Quintuplets' biopic "Million Dollar Babies," finished 1-2-3 in the sweeps.

Even though sweeps are characterized by heavily promoted specials, movies and programming stunts, CBS' regular programs in their normal time periods led for a second consecutive sweep.

Berry's World



Jim Berry
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show Fort Bliss is slated to become an air defense "center of excellence" once the Army completes a two-year troop restructuring.

Jones gets 'star'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Could Tommy Lee Jones need a breather?

The prolific actor showed no signs of slowing down on Wednesday, when he got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"It's good to see Tommy working again. He hasn't worked for about 20 minutes," said Robert Wuhl, Jones' co-star in "Cobb," which opens Friday.

"Good things come to those who work like hell," said Jones.

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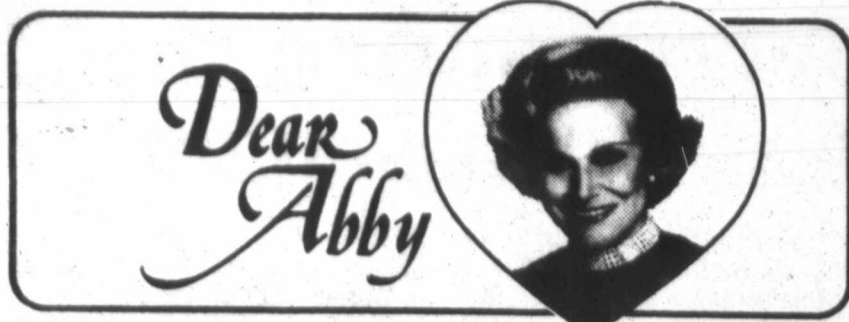
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Snappy Retort to Rude Query Keeps Adoption Under Wraps

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I want to share a really neat retort to an out-of-line question I witnessed years ago:

My friend "Janet" and I married shipmates in the Navy. She and her hubby adopted two babies; then they had two of their own.

They were determined to keep the adoptions from their children to avoid sibling rivalry. The adoptions were entered into the husband's record, which is supposed to be kept confidential.

The Navy gave us a huge "welcome home" party, and we were seated with a large group when a woman came rushing to our table and blurted out:

"Say, Janet, I just heard that two of your kids are adopted! Which ones are they?"

Janet looked her straight in the eye and calmly replied, "I haven't the faintest idea."

STILL LAUGHING

DEAR STILL LAUGHING: What a sensitive, loving retort! This apparently occurred during World War II, when adopted children were seldom told that they were adopted.

Today, fortunately, most parents are more open, and very early on, they tell their adopted children that they were "chosen" — giving them the assurance that they are special.

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DEAR ABBY: I wrote as soon as I read your column about what nurses should call elderly people in a nursing home: As a sign of respect, they are trained to call the men "Mister" and the women "Miss" or "Mrs. So-and-So."

I am in training now to become a nursing assistant, and I was told to call the residents whatever they want to be called.

IN TRAINING IN MINNESOTA

DEAR IN TRAINING: I agree with your instructors. Recently I received a letter from a 94-year-old resident in a nursing home who resented being called "Mrs." She said, "I asked the staff to please call me 'Edna'; it makes me feel young again!"

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading a letter signed "Careful in Georgia," regarding parents who put their children on leashes.

When I was 3 years old, we lived on a farm, and my father used to take me into town with him. While he was visiting with his friends at the feed store, I wandered off and was missing for about an hour. I had talked to strangers, and got into a car with a strange man.

Fortunately, he had heard that my parents were looking for me, so he took me home to my mother. (This was 35 years ago, before all

the publicity about kidnapping was big news, but I get the chills now when I think of what could have happened to me.) After that, my parents put me on a leash when they took me to town with them.

Interestingly, I don't recall any bad feelings about wearing a leash. All I can remember was the mixture of anguish and joy on my mother's face when that man brought me home.

To those who leash their children: Don't worry about what strangers might think. Worry about what strangers might do.

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Jim Bakker is free again

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — After serving nearly five years in prison for bilking millions from loyal followers, televangelist Jim Bakker is a free man today.

Bakker's lawyer, Jim Toms, said in a fax that Bakker's four-month house arrest ended at midnight Wednesday.

While Bakker has been quiet about his ambitions, his daughter, Tammy Sue Chapman, recently hinted to supporters of her singing ministry that her father may join her in the pulpit.

"I just can't wait to minister alongside my Dad in some of our future crusades," she wrote in a Nov. 9 mailing.

Bakker's lawyers say the former PTL leader will remain secluded at home in the mountains of western North Carolina. "He hasn't decided exactly what he's going to do," said his trial lawyer, Harold Bender.

Bakker, 54, was convicted in 1989 of defrauding thousands of his followers who sent him at least \$1,000 each in return for a promise that they could stay at his Christian theme park near Charlotte for four nights a year for the rest of their lives. The hotels could never accommodate all the donors.

Prosecutors said the scheme brought \$158 million into Bakker's ministry, and that he spent \$3.7 million of it on expensive homes, jewelry, cars and vacations.

Former opponent charged

TYLER (AP) — A Palestine man who lost to Gov. Ann Richards in the Democratic primary has been charged with mailing a letter threatening to kill an East Texas sheriff and others.

Lou Gary Espinosa, who garnered 22 percent of the vote in the March 8 primary, was detained Wednesday by U.S. Magistrate Judith K. Guthrie. A mental evaluation was pending.

"Is this going to finish me from my governor's campaign?" Espinosa asked the judge after his initial appearance hearing.

Informed that the election was over, Espinosa said he meant the 1998 election.

Espinosa was arrested by U.S. Secret Service agents after he allegedly mailed a threatening letter to Anderson County Sheriff Mickey Hubert in Palestine.

The one-page letter was written without capital letters or punctuation. It says: "i still am going to kill you and blow up sheriff department and all of the cars there to and i will put bombs all over texas and i might kill the governor and maybe the president with my killer guns."

The letter also includes threats to kill police officers in Athens and Palestine, rape women, shoot anyone who passes by or lives near his home, to blow up Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler and to kill himself and his family.

The name "Garland Parker" is stamped at the bottom of the letter.

According to a Secret Service affidavit, Espinosa contends he was falsely arrested by Anderson County sheriff's deputies for the attempted murder of Garland Parker, who was identified as a neighbor of Espinosa's.

Espinosa said he was suing the sheriff's department for false arrest.

Espinosa originally denied writing the letter and said he "was being harassed by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office," the affidavit says.

The affidavit says Espinosa later recanted and gave a statement "admitting that he had written a total of five letters using the name 'Garland Parker,'" the affidavit says.

Three were to the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, one was to the Texas Department of Human Services and one was to an electric power company in Athens, the affidavit says.

On Nov. 22, officers found a typewriter in Espinosa's attic that could not type capital letters.

If convicted, Espinosa faces up to five years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

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LEARNING TOOL — "Lift Off to Learning," the American Space Odyssey Video Library, is funded by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. IBAT plans to place the 30-volume collection of the 33-year history of the United States space program in each accredited Texas school. Joining in this endeavor are Snyder National

Bank, represented by vice president Darryl Calley, left, and Shawn Ragland, vice president of West Texas State Bank. Accepting are Mary Spieker, teacher, and students (from left) Molly Woodworth, Waylon Jackson, senior teacher's aide Chris Roemisch, Scott Smith and Kassie Elder. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Coroner: two major blows killed Dahmer in minutes

PORTAGE, Wis. (AP) — Jeffrey Dahmer died within minutes of receiving two major blows to the head, a coroner said.

Dahmer probably was hit a total of four or five times in the head, Columbia County Coroner C. Keith Epps said Wednesday. The blows that did the most damage were to the right side in the front of the head and to the left side in the back, Epps said.

Another inmate who was attacked with Dahmer Monday as they cleaned prison bathrooms, Jesse Anderson, died Wednesday after being taken off life support. He suffered injuries similar to Dahmer's, Epps said.

Dahmer, 34, had confessed to killing 17 young men and boys, mutilating and sometimes cannibalizing or eating his victims. He had been behind bars since July 1991, when a handcuffed man escaped from him and led Milwaukee police to an apartment full of body parts.

Anderson, 37, was sentenced to life in prison for killing his wife, Barbara. She was stabbed 21 times in August 1992.

"What (we) said when Barbara died is as true today as it was then," her brother, Kevin Lynch, read in a brief statement from the family. "No one should have to die such a brutal death."

Officials at the Columbia Correctional Institution said Christopher Scarver was the sole suspect in the slayings. The 25-year-old man is serving a life term for an execution-style murder during a robbery.

Columbia County Sheriff

James D. Smith, however, said he hadn't yet narrowed the list of suspects. He said eight people were in the prison's recreation area during the 45 minutes around the attacks, including two guards, a recreation director and other inmates.

"I got two victims and I got three inmates and that's where I'm going to leave it," Smith said.

Dahmer was found in a pool of

blood in a staff bathroom; Anderson in a locker room adjoining a basketball court.

A bloody broom handle was found near Dahmer, but investigators have said his head might have been beaten against a wall or the floor.

He wasn't pronounced dead until he was taken to a hospital.

Big cats adjusting to new home in Texas sanctuary

BOYD (AP) — Three African lions who have spent most of their lives confined to cages in an overcrowded Mexico City zoo are starting to get used to life in a spacious refuge for abandoned big cats.

"Now they have space to roam. Some have never touched the ground. I think one had never felt the sun because of the angle of his cage," said Gene Reitnauer, president of the Texas Exotic Feline Foundation sanctuary.

Rocky, El Negro and El Canelo spent Wednesday, their second day in Texas, taking in their new surroundings.

One came out of his new house for the first time. Another relished his sunny perch. The third has been eating like nothing ever happened.

The lions had been at the San Juan de Aragon Zoo in Mexico City, where officials said they no longer had the money or space to keep them.

In February, the zoo said the big

cats might have to be put to sleep. But Officials from the Dallas Zoo, the Dallas Zoological Society and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals went to work.

More than 800 people from all over the country, most of them from Texas, donated more than \$53,000 to help build enclosures for the big cats at the refuge.

The lions range in age from 4 to 8 and weigh about 500 pounds each. At the sanctuary 25 miles northwest of Fort Worth, their houses — located within their enclosures — are larger than their entire living space at the Mexico City zoo, Reitnauer said.

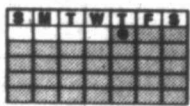
"I feel glad for them. I really do," said Robert Reitnauer, Gene's husband and vice president of the sanctuary. "You hear so many hard-luck stories that you think people would not respond, but they did."

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Today is the 335th day of 1994 and the 70th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1917, Father Flanagan opened the Boys Town Orphanage in Nebraska.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Mary Martin (1913-1990), actress; Woody Allen (1935-), director-writer, is 59; Lou Rawls (1936-), singer, is 58; Lee Trevino (1939-), golfer, is 55; Richard Pryor (1940-), comedian, is 54; Bette Midler (1945-), singer-actress, is 49; Carol Alt (1960-), model, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1940, Philadelphia half-pint quarterback Davey O'Brien (5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds) completed 33 passes for 316 yards and played both ways for a total of 59 minutes and 43 seconds. Despite his efforts, the Eagles lost to the Redskins and O'Brien, frustrated by only two wins in two seasons, quit football to join the FBI.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "His lack of education is more than compensated for by his keenly developed sense of moral bankruptcy." — Woody Allen

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1896, Kipp, Mont., registered an astonishing increase in temperature as the mercury rose 34 degrees in just seven minutes. It was also reported that a total rise of 80 degrees occurred in only a few hours and that 30 inches of snow melted in just half a day.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Dec. 2).



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