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## Ask Us

Q—When is the first day to file for the May 6 elections?

A—The filing period is Feb. 20 through March 22.

## Local

### VFW

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post home.

### WTC boosters

WTC Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral for a dutch treat lunch.

### Snyder FFA

Snyder FFA Parents Association is sponsoring a dance after the chapter show Saturday in the coliseum annex at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 for singles, \$5 per couple. Everyone is invited.

### Council

Snyder Healthcare Center family council will hold a business meeting at 7 p.m. Monday. Families of residents are urged to attend. The yearly program will be planned.

### Video series

A Bible survey study series will begin at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "The Patriarchal Age."

### AARP

AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Speaking will be Chaplain Mark Smith from the Price Daniel Unit. Visitors are welcome. The board will meet at 11:15 a.m.

### Ratite

Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Northeast Community Center. Guest speaker will be Gaylan Marth, president of the West Texas Ostrich Association. The public is invited.

### Book fair

A book pick up day is planned Monday in preparation for the Feb. 10-12 used book fair, sponsored by the SHS Drama Patrons.

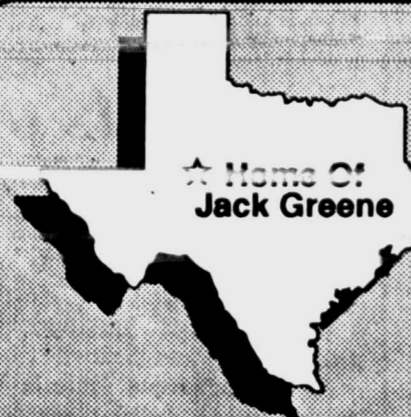
Anyone having used books to be collected should call 573-8379 and they will be picked up Monday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 62 degrees; low, 30 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 30 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .08 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low in the mid to upper 30s. Wind becoming light and variable. Sunday, mostly sunny and warmer. High in the mid 70s. South to southwest wind increasing to 10-20 mph.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 6:03. Sunrise Sunday, 7:43. Sunset Sunday, 6:03. Sunrise Monday, 7:43. Of 13 days in 1995, the sun has shone 11 days in Snyder.



# WEEKEND EDITION

# Snyder Daily News



READY TO SHOW — Shelley York, a member of the Snyder FFA, and Cheyenne Robinson, member of the Junior FFA, wait their turn for lamb judging in the Future Farmers of America stock show Saturday morning in the Scurry County Coliseum annex. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## 51st county livestock show will begin here Wednesday

The 51st Annual Scurry County Junior Livestock show will get underway Wednesday at 5 p.m. with the weigh-in of the hogs and lambs. The show is scheduled to run through Saturday, Jan. 21, at the county coliseum annex.

Weigh-in for steers will be 1 p.m. Thursday.

Hogs will be judged at 5 p.m.

Thursday by Scotty Windham of Abernathy. Show superintendent is Clarence Spieker from Hermleigh.

The lamb show will begin at 6 p.m. Jan. 20 and will be judged by Billy Reager of Ozona. Show superintendent is Jim Robinson of Snyder. Classifier is Ronnie Hurt of Big Lake.

## FFA show in progress

Judging of lambs and hogs was taking place Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum annex building as the Future Farmers of America stock show continued here.

Commercial steer judging and weigh-in were held Friday evening.

Judging of the lambs began at 9 a.m. Saturday, followed by the hogs at 10 o'clock. There were some 25 lambs and 150 hogs entered in the show.

Top winners will receive cash awards generated from a \$5 entry

fee. Trophies will also be awarded to Grand and Reserve Champions and to All-Breed Champions. FFA Alumni Booster Club has donated the trophies.

The show will be followed by a dance at 8 p.m. in the annex. The dance is sponsored by the Snyder FFA Parents Association. Admission is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. The dance is open to everyone.

This weekend's FFA show precedes the 51st Scurry County Junior Livestock Show, planned for Jan. 18-21 in the annex.

## Martinez trial held over until Tuesday

Monday's jury call has been postponed until Tuesday after a continuance was granted in the case of David Medina Martinez, a Price Daniel Unit inmate being tried for possession and bribery.

Citizens who received notice of the jury call should report to 132nd District Court at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Martinez, 29, was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury on Oct. 3 for two offenses, possession of marijuana in a correctional facility and bribery of a correctional officer, Jim Cerda Torres.

Torres was also indicted in October for bribery and providing a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. He allegedly accepted currency from Martinez on July 15 and provided marijuana to

the inmate on Aug. 3. Torres, 23, pleaded guilty and received deferred adjudication. His record will be cleared if he successfully completes a 10-year probated sentence.

Julie Howell, staff attorney for inmate legal services in Huntsville, will represent Martinez. Prosecuting the case will be the Scurry County district attorney's office.

## SISD, banks to be closed

Snyder public schools, local banks and savings institutions and federal offices will be closed Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

For other school districts and government entities, the day will be business as usual.

Mail will be placed in boxes at the Snyder Post Office on Monday, but the window will be

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## County board appointments slated Monday

Scurry County commissioners are expected to make appointments to various county boards when the court meets at 10 a.m. Monday.

Other items on the agenda in-

clude the consideration of advertising for a depository institution, advertising for bids for fuel, oil and grease and a discussion concerning repairs at the Winston Field terminal building.

The court has two places to fill on the Board of County Development, those of Tim Riggan and the late Jack Smart.

Terms are expiring for Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers Ted Crenwedge, Jimmy McMillan and Sue Mize.

In all but a few cases, current board members could be reappointed to another term by commissioners.

Other board members whose terms expired at the end of 1994 include Homer Godair and Liza Montez, county welfare board; Dr. Gary Nussey, Lanette Patterson and Elizabeth Scarberry, child welfare board; Joe W. Vincent and James Burleson, airport board; Ricky Fritz, Art Feinsod, Keith Hackfeld, Betty House and Weldon Beck, coliseum board; and J. B. Tate Jr, veteran's land board.

Also, Bill Jordan, veteran's land board farm and ranch committee; Frances Denman, Jackie Box and Billy Haynes, library board; and all three places on the county grievance committee. Three places will be drawn from the names of all persons who served on the grand jury in 1994.

Also to be reviewed are members of the Scurry County Historical Commission. Currently there are 40 members on the commission.

## Local man killed in rollover

A 35-year-old Snyder resident was killed in a one-vehicle rollover about 9:30 p.m. Friday some eight miles north of the city on Ennis Creek Road.

David Armon Bennett of 1014 N. College Ave. was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds.

Bennett, 26-year-old Mark Lee of Abilene and 38-year-old Julian Reyes of Snyder were traveling south in a 1983 Ford extended cab pickup when the vehicle overturned several times, according to investigating DPS troopers Pat Alexander and Kevin Wilkie.

Bennett was thrown out of the truck, said Alexander. Lee and Reyes were not injured.

Troopers said Saturday morning they were still investigating which of the men was driving the pickup.

Services for Bennett are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

## Museum to feature new exhibit Sunday

Scurry County Museum will feature "Selections from the Texas Fine Arts Association's New American Talent: The Tenth Exhibition" from Sunday through Feb. 12.

Museum hours will be from 1 until 4 p.m. Sunday for the opening of the exhibit. Regular hours are 8 a.m. until noon and 1 until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The facility closes at 4 p.m. on Fridays.

The annual exhibition was selected by Adam Weinberg, curator of the permanent collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. Ranging from the humorous to the surreal, the drawings, paintings, photographs, computer images and mixed media constructions address the pluralistic tendencies of art today.

The artists respond, Weinberg said, to the crisis of how and what to represent when faced with an artistic environment in which any

medium "from chocolate to CD ROM" is acceptable.

Artists whose works were selected include Linda Kennedy of Lubbock.

The Texas Fine Arts Association is the oldest and largest statewide visual arts service organization. Its purpose is to promote the growth, development and appreciation of contemporary visual art in Texas.

Scurry County Museum is located on the Western Texas College campus. Admission is free.

## Daniel LRC nears reality

A task force planning to build a Learning Resource Center at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Price Daniel Unit in Snyder hopes to be ready to go out for bids by the end of the month.

A site for the building, to be used as a chapel and counseling center, was approved by the TDCJ's construction department last week.

Architect Hal Schauer of Lubbock expects to finalize construction and bid documents within the next two weeks. Estimated cost of the 3,600 square-foot building is \$175,000.

A \$100,000 grant was awarded by The Meadows Foundation of Dallas with the stipulation that the local community raise \$75,000.

A local fund-raising effort was begun on Oct. 1 and is at 95.5 percent of the \$75,000 goal.

To date, some \$71,668 has been donated to the Scurry County Area Foundation for the project, leaving \$3,332 still to be raised.

Donations are tax-deductible and should be sent to the Scurry County Area Foundation, Box 949 in Snyder.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Gonna have my will updated, and leave my brother-in-law all the money he owes me."

It's been fashionable the past couple of weeks for people to prepare lists of the top this or that for the year just ended.

We suspect 1994 was no stranger than past years, we just are able to recall more recent incidents with greater ease.

People with "the buck stops here" signs on their desks get all kinds of interesting requests and complaints. We were recently comparing notes with SISD Supt. Gayle Lomax who is in a position to field all sorts of calls.

Lomax was on the community Candlelight Service program and was approached by a man in his 30s who wanted to know if he was the same guy who used to be principal at Abilene High.

When the fact was confirmed, the man proceeded to tell Lomax what a sorry fellow he was and how he had waited for years to unload on him.

Lomax had to ask what had caused the former student to carry a grudge all those years. "You told me I would never amount to anything, and I just wanted you to know I just graduated from college."

Trying to strike a positive chord, Lomax suggested that perhaps his negative observation years ago might have been intended as motivational. Lomax mused that the man had obviously forgiven, but had not forgotten.

We get to field a few complaints at the newspaper. The top for 1994 was the woman who called and was upset because her daughter's name, charged with burglary, was on the front page.

We were informed we had ruined her family's reputation. It really wasn't a burglary, the caller said, since the young woman had a key to the victim's house that she was allegedly found hiding in and the amount taken was "only" \$60.

The trend these days is to find somebody else to blame...



# Watergate footnote: strained relations

WASHINGTON (AP) — After raising the suggestion that President Nixon's secretary caused the 18 1/2-minute gap in a Watergate tape, his White House lawyer sent her a handwritten apology — testimony to how Watergate pitted friend against friend in the Nixon White House.

"While there is an explanation for my conduct, I've come to recognize that there is no excuse," Leonard Garment wrote to Rose Mary Woods, Nixon's longtime secretary.

The January 1974 letter turned up among 35,500 pages of Miss Woods' White House papers, opened to the public this week at the National Archives. It captures some of the beleaguered White House's atmosphere in the months

of the Watergate investigations by Congress, a special prosecutor and the court system.

Garment on Thursday described himself as a longtime friend of Miss Woods, but Watergate's effect on their friendship is evident in his letter:

"Dear Rose,  
"Of all the unhappy things that have happened in the past year, nothing has bothered me more than the souring of our relationship. I've thought about it a great deal, talked with mutual friends, and while there is an explanation for my conduct, I've come to recognize that there is no excuse. After all these years, after all we've been through, I owed you more than the frightened, arms-length treatment I gave you. I dealt with you very badly and I'm deeply sorry. I hope you can understand how much this means to me. There is nobody — but nobody — in this whole damned place who means half as much to me as you do — and nobody for whom I have half

the admiration and affection."

"Sincerely,  
"Len"

Miss Woods, 77, could not be reached for comment.

Garment and fellow White House lawyer J. Fred Buzhardt had gone to federal Judge John Sirica contending Miss Woods intentionally caused the mysterious gap in a crucial tape, according to an unsigned memo in the Archives file. Garment said he is virtually certain the memo was written by her lawyer, Charles Rhyne.

The erased tape covered a conversation between Nixon and his chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, three days after the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate office complex.

Sirica conducted a closed hearing into the matter but no charges were brought. Miss Woods always denied causing the 18 1/2-minute gap, though she testified she accidentally caused an erasure in the same tape of four to five minutes.

Garment, on Thursday, denied blaming Miss Woods for the tape gap. Instead, he said, he and Buzhardt went to the judge to report the discovery of the gap because it was such an explosive development.

## Examined himself

NEW YORK (AP) — Spitting in a little girl's face made Charles Barkley wise up.

The pro basketball star says he took a look at himself after accidentally hitting the girl while aiming at a heckler during a 1991 game.

"What does that say about me that I let a basketball game — a game! — get to me so much that I want to spit on any other human being?" the Phoenix Suns forward said in the February issue of Vanity Fair. "After that I started to be a better person."

Barkley, expected to retire after this season, said he still plans a 1998 GOP campaign for Alabama governor.

For January...

## Students of the Month are listed at Hermleigh

Six elementary students have received Student of the Month honors for January at Hermleigh School.

Honorees include Amber Harbin, sixth grade; Bryan Thomason, fifth grade; and Shawn Roemisch, fourth grade.

Other recipients include Whitney Stewart, third grade; Amy Bott, second grade; Curtis Hosler, first grade; and Kristi Jones, kindergarten.

Teachers select the Students of the Month based on the following criteria: academic, attendance, promptness in turning in work, cooperation and congeniality.

## Republicans accuse Demos of derailing budget efforts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans say Democrats are using scare tactics to derail a proposed balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, while Democrats criticize the GOP for failing to be upfront with Americans.

On Thursday, the Treasury Department released a study estimating that a balanced federal budget would reduce federal grants to states by \$71.3 billion nationwide each year. It contended the cuts would force increases in state taxes ranging from 6.2 percent in Nevada to 27.8 percent in Louisiana.

Republicans and conservative groups blasted the study Friday and questioned Democrats' assumptions on the need for across-the-board cuts to balance the budget.

"They are as phony as a \$3 bill," said Rep. Wes Cooley, R-Ore.

Democrats, in turn, said the study by the Democratic administration was legitimate given Republicans' reluctance to provide more specifics on what cuts they would make to achieve a balanced budget.

"What they are saying is, 'Trust us. We're here from the government. We're here to help you. But we can't tell you what effect it has,'" Rep. Frank Mascara, D-Pa., said of Republicans.

Republicans argued the study

was flawed precisely because they have yet to provide specifics.

"In order to describe cuts that are going to be necessary and taxes that are going to be necessary, you have to have a budget plan, which we don't have yet," Cooley said.

Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson, a Republican, dismissed the study as "gamesmanship" and "scare tactics."

"If Congress chooses to do nothing we will have a financial calamity," he said. "That's the worst of all worlds."

A proposed amendment to the Constitution, part of a 10-point GOP "Contract With America," would require a balanced budget by the year 2002, something Congress has failed to do since 1969.

The Treasury Department study assumes an across-the-board spending cut in all programs except defense and Social Security, as well as interest payment on the national debt.

The state-by-state analysis was conducted at the request of Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the Democratic chairman of the National Governors' Association.

Most of the \$71.3 billion in lost grants would be in Medicaid spending, the study found. When combined with tax cuts proposed under the GOP contract, the figure increases to \$97.8 billion.

## Supreme Court will decide key religious speech case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court could rule by July on whether private citizens have the right to display religious messages on public property.

The issue is at the heart of a case the court on Friday agreed to consider, in which the Ku Klux Klan wanted to put up a cross as part of a Christmas display near the Ohio Statehouse.

## Students may still enroll at the college

Individuals interested in taking classes at Western Texas College this spring still have time to enroll.

The final day to register for classes is Tuesday. The registration process now begins at the WTC Administration Building.

In addition, Tuesday is the final day to add or drop classes for individuals already enrolled this spring term.

For more information about classes, call 573-8511.

## Commodities distribution set Wednesday

Commodities will be distributed Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center at 2603 Ave. M.

Eligibility guidelines for citizens of Scurry County are posted at the Senior Center. There will be no make-up day and all individuals are asked to enter through the north door of the senior center and to bring paper sacks or boxes to transport commodities.

Statehouse.

The justices voted to review a ruling that required Ohio officials to let the Klan display the cross in a public park near the Statehouse in downtown Columbus during the Christmas 1993 season.

A federal appeals court ruled in the case that in any public forum "the religious content of private speech is absolutely irrelevant" and cannot violate the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

Other federal appeals courts, however, have disagreed.

In other cases Friday, the high court:

—Agreed to decide in a case from Maryland and Pennsylvania whether federal defendants should get credit for the time they spend "under conditions of jail-type confinement" while on bail awaiting sentencing.

—Said it will decide in a California case whether disability benefits for a longshore worker can be reduced or canceled if the worker later finds higher-paying work.

Sisters Susan and Deborah Tripp were 5 and 3 years old in 1829. Between them, they weighed 329 pounds.

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# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



## Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 15, 1995

In the year ahead, you could be extremely lucky building upon something someone else has initiated. You may have several opportunities to try your luck at this.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** If you've been falling short of accomplishing something on your own, look for a competent ally today. This could double your chances for success. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You could be unusually fortunate today in financial matters. A profit is likely, whether you're buying or selling.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Try to make a game of what you do today, even the most tedious tasks. By lightening the mood, you can help others as well as yourself.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Perform your duties earnestly today, especially if you're helping someone who has helped you in the past. What goes around comes around.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** We all need a good sounding board occasionally. If you have a problem you can't resolve today, discuss it with an old friend whose advice you respect.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An objective that you have considered too difficult might be accomplished with relative ease today, owing to unforeseen changes.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You might be faced with a situation today that caused you anxiety in the past. Use the same tactics now that were successful before.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Do not settle for the status quo today. Your destiny is in your own hands, so implement changes you feel can improve your life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** In your dealings with a close friend today, make an extra effort to give him/her the benefit of the doubt.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** You are in a good achievement cycle today, so focus in on your most meaningful objectives and go all out for success. The results should please you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** To let the one you love know how much you care today, concentrate on what you do instead of what you say. Deeds are more powerful than words.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** The race today will not be won by the swiftest, but by the most dedicated and determined participant.

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## Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 16, 1995

In the year ahead, there are indications that you might make several important decisions concerning your work or career. Some choices might not be great, but the important ones will be outstanding.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** When negotiating an important matter today, don't assume your adversary is in a stronger position than you. It might be too close to call. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Co-workers will be more cooperative today if you acknowledge their hard work. Failing to applaud their efforts could severely damage morale.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you participate in a social sport today, don't select opponents who are too competitive. It could throw your game off.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You had better have good reasons today if you ignore the dictums of the boss. Not complying with directions might create more tension

than you anticipate.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Avoid becoming immersed in peripheral issues when dealing with finances today. It could turn something with exceptional potential into a standard arrangement.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you have an outstanding obligation, take steps today toward resolution. You will work more effectively without it hanging over your head.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Although you may feel strongly about something today, avoid confrontations with those whose views diametrically oppose yours.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Unfortunately, you may have made a promise that is now difficult to keep. Brace yourself; today you might have to deal with it.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today you're likely to feel gregarious and you may want to socialize with friends. However, steer clear of a pal with whom you've recently had problems.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Carefully assess situations today. If you're careless, you might become involved in an endeavor with odds that favor the opposition.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Joint ventures may have promise today, but you and your associates must make an effort to understand each other in order to be successful.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Circumstances might be unusually difficult today. However, if you use your smarts, it might turn out better than you supposed.

## NASA names 2 astronaut candidates

**SPACE CENTER (AP)** — Two men, one Japanese and the other Canadian, were named Friday to NASA's 1995 class of astronaut candidates.

Takao Doi of Japan and David R. Williams of Canada join 19 others already named to the latest astronaut class. The group includes 11 mission specialists and 10 space shuttle pilot candidates.

Both Doi and Williams will be trained as mission specialists.

All 21 astronaut candidates will report to the Johnson Space Center in March to start a year of training and evaluations. They will then be assigned to NASA's astronaut office and future shuttle flights.

Doi, who was born in Tokyo, holds a doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Tokyo.

Williams, a physician, was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He was awarded a doctorate in medicine and a master of surgery degree from McGill University in 1983.

## Most women notice actor

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Brad Pitt has enough sex appeal to make even Melissa Etheridge take notice.

"One night a few of us, shall we say, lesbians were in the hot tub watching the guys play basketball in the pool. We were staring at Brad, and we all agreed he could change a woman's mind," Etheridge says in the February issue of Vanity Fair.

Adoring women aside, Pitt says being a movie star can be a drag.

"Somewhere in the third or fourth week (on location) you respond to things a little differently, like your character would respond. I don't like it," he said. "I can't wait to get my own clothes back on, listen to some good music, eat what I want to eat."

# New study examines cigarette filters

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A scientist surprised to spot mysterious glowing rods in the lungs of smokers concluded they are tiny fibers from cigarette filters that may be slowly seeping cancer agents into healthy cells.

The study, published in the Journal of Cancer Research, doesn't prove a link between the fibers and lung cancer. But some specialists called the finding significant, and it promises to open new ground in the smoking wars.

"His data was pretty convincing that indeed the filters are going into the lung and residing there," said Dr. Bruce Johnson, head of lung biology for the government's National Cancer Institute.

"The data to me does not show he found a filter fiber," argued Christopher Coggins, a toxicologist for cigarette manufacturer R.J. Reynolds. Such fibers are so large that they'd be caught in the lungs' twisting airways and coughed up, he said.

But in the journal, Dr. John Pauly of Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., reported tracing fibers from cigarette packages to people's tongues to pieces of human lung surgically removed from smokers.

He said the smallest lung airway is half a millimeter, large enough to handle a 20-micron filter fiber that is roughly four times the size of a red blood cell. A

micron is one-thousandth of a millimeter.

"We were quite excited by this," Pauly said Friday. "We can truly see them in the lung."

Filtered cigarettes do reduce inhalation of carcinogenic tar and have been linked to lower rates of lung disease. Today, they make up 95 percent of all cigarettes sold in the United States.

Pauly's finding means that even filtered cigarettes aren't safe, said Dr. Michael Thun of the American Cancer Society.

Pauly said he stumbled into cigarette research while hunting an immune-based treatment for lung cancer. He was collecting immune cells called macrophages from the fresh lung tissue of smokers undergoing cancer surgery — looking at lung tissue in a state few scientists ever do, before it has undergone a pathologist's knife and chemicals.

He noticed strange, glowing rods from two patients. With help from an FBI-trained crime laboratory that specializes in unique fibers, he identified them as fibers from a cigarette filter, glowing from the cancer-causing chemi-

cals contained in the tobacco tar still clinging to it.

Pauly could find no research on whether these fibers were a danger, so he tested 12 popular cigarette brands. Between one and 32 fibers fell off each filter whenever the cigarette was tapped or dropped or when the cigarette tip was touched to the tongue of a volunteer, he reported.

He found identical fibers, with their distinct Y-shaped rods, in more human lung tissue and used smoking machines to show that inhaling also released fibers.

## 'X-Files' is generating spinoff series for Fox

**PASADENA, Calif. (AP)** — The network known for such raunchy series as "Married ... With Children" is bidding for new stature, planning a spinoff of the eerie "X-Files" and projects from some of TV's most respected producers.

But the Fox Broadcasting Co. won't stray too far from its roots. It also plans a drama about a vampire clan in present-day San Francisco, produced by Aaron Spelling — whose company already pumps out "Melrose Place" and "Beverly Hills, 90210."

Entertainment chief John Matoian announced the programs in development Friday at a Television Critics Association gathering.

"The X-Files," an eerie drama about FBI agents on the trail of UFOs and the paranormal, has been a Friday night success for Fox — one it will try to capitalize on with a spinoff from series creator Chris Carter.

The new series is "embryonic" and details were unavailable, a Fox spokesman said.

Trying to glean more gold from "X-Files" talent, Fox has series writers Glenn Morgan and James Wong working on a drama, "Space," described as the futuristic adventures of "top gun" pilots.

The fourth network also is planning projects from producer David E. Kelley ("Picket Fences"); action filmmaker John Woo ("Hard Target"); and social satirist Michael Moore, who is bringing his short-lived NBC series "TV Nation" over to Fox.

Woo is set to produce "Once a Thief," an action series about a reformed criminal and federal agent who infiltrate a crime syndicate.

Another filmmaker, Francis Ford Coppola, completes a TV hat trick with a drama series for Fox. Coppola, already working on CBS and NBC projects, is producing "White Dwarf," about a mystical,

embattled planet. It's set for spring.

Kelley, who also produces "Chicago Hope," is joining with Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider ("Northern Exposure" producers) on a one-hour series, "The Pastor's Wife," about a young couple in a Staten Island parish.

Joshua Brand and John Falsely, the creators of "Northern Exposure" and "I'll Fly Away," are signed for a drama based on a real-life New York City police officer who moonlights as a doctor.

Other series aimed at possible fall debuts: a comedy starring David Alan Grier of "In Living Color," a sitcom from Jay Tarses ("The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd"); "Divas," an ensemble drama with music about young black singers on the rise (from producer Thomas Carter of "Miami Vice"); and "Backstage," a TV comedy about a TV comedy.

Also in development are "Profit," about an evil and ambitious executive, and a reality-based series from Errol Morris of the acclaimed documentary "The Thin Blue Line."

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## 2 gorillas in love

ATLANTA (AP) — Willie B has a bad case of gorilla love. His keeper says the silverback is smitten after just a few days with the young Mia Moja.

So, too, is Mia Moja — even though she's some 30 years younger and 300 pounds lighter.

"There is a tremendous size difference, but she definitely is in love and he seems to be reciprocating," said Dietrich Schaaf, the general curator at Zoo Atlanta.

Willie B, who tips the scales at 415 pounds, spent his first 27 years at the zoo in isolation before being introduced to other gorillas.

Zoo officials worried that the sexually befuddled Willie would never mate, but then he met

Choomba. She gave birth to a female, Kudzoo, last February, making Willie the oldest gorilla in captivity to sire an offspring.

Now he's got his sights set on Mia Moja — whose name is Swahili for 100, because she was born on the zoo's 100th anniversary.

Mia Moja will be 6 years old next month. She was moved from her father's group into Willie B's group Thursday because she has entered puberty. She quickly made herself at home, following Willie B, staring at him provocatively and sitting in his lap.

Schaaf said the two have been intimate, but it may be months or even a year before Mia Moja is capable of conceiving.

## Nobel Prize winner recuperating

BOSTON (AP) — Nobel prize winner Saul Bellow is recuperating at home after a bout with pneumonia.

The 79-year-old author was hospitalized at Boston University Medical Center from Nov. 25 to Jan. 5, a hospital spokeswoman

said. He spent three weeks in the intensive care unit.

Bellow joined the Boston University faculty in 1993. He has taught courses in literature and modern intellectual and cultural history, and will continue to teach this semester, his secretary said.



LONGEVITY AWARDS — Several members of the Texas Army National Guard received awards during ceremonies last month. Among those receiving awards were, from left, Sgt. Bobby Hataway, Sgt. 1st Class Ed Wilson, Staff Sgt. Jessie Pierson, Sgt. Ferris

Bell, Staff Sgt. Douglas Watkins, 1st Lt. Gregory Chaney, Spc. Gilbert Flores, Sgt. Victor Bruns, Sgt. Lionel Orosco, Sgt. Jimmie Smith and Spc. Benito Saucedo. (Contributed Photo)

# Financial Focus

Think about all the things you use or buy in a typical day. You might check the time on a Swiss-made watch, drink a cup of coffee made from South American beans, or drive a Japanese car. In today's global economy, foreign-made goods have become woven into the very fabric of our lives, and the economies of the leading nations all affect one another.

For example, the American dollar is one of many currencies in the world. When the value of the dollar rises or falls in relation to other currencies, it affects all world currencies. In recent months, there has been global concern about declines in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to some of the other major currencies, such as the German mark and the Japanese yen.

There are several possible causes of a falling dollar. One is when the Federal Reserve raises interest rates, which it did for the first time in five years last February. As a result, the securities markets stalled, and foreign investors temporarily looked elsewhere to invest. The decline in foreign capital and decreased demand for U.S. dollars reduced the dollar's market value.

Another theory about the dollar's recent drop in value is that the Clinton administration encouraged a weaker dollar to pressure Japan into opening its markets to more U.S. goods. However, some economists saw no reason for the cheaper dollar. They cite a strong economy that should be attracting foreign investment, thereby increasing demand for dollars.

Whatever its cause, a cheaper dollar affects several areas of the U.S. economy. Cheaper dollars cannot buy as much currency of other countries. The products that these countries sell in the United States then become more expensive, and higher import prices add to U.S. inflation. A cheaper dollar also disrupts the U.S. government bond market, which is a major factor in setting interest rates. Rising interest rates typically accompany a falling dollar and could cause the stock market to decline.

A cheaper dollar also affects our foreign trading partners. As the dollar falls, foreign imports become more expensive, and U.S. consumers stop buying foreign goods.

Because of the interrelationships among world economies, leading industrial nations agreed in 1985 to coordinate the purchase and sale of one another's currencies when circumstances demanded. For example, if the dollar begins to fall in the international money market (a network of brokers, banks and individuals who buy and sell currency), central banks from other leading nations begin to purchase U.S. dollars. This reduces the supply and usually stabilizes the price. This practice is put into action with all major currencies, such as the German mark, Japanese yen, British pound and French franc. In some cases, the stabilization may not be permanent because market forces can be more powerful than the central banks.

In the past, other nations' currencies were of less concern. But today, they play a vital role in the world economy. Trade among nations, world stock markets and international travel are just some of the areas affected by currency fluctuations. No industrial nation can afford the luxury of isolation; their economies are so interrelated that weakness in one country demands the immediate attention of other nations. Through their combined efforts to buy and sell one another's currency, the financial ministers of the leading industrial nations have taken a giant step to stabilize the world economy. For individual investors to have well-diversified portfolios in today's world market, it's important to own securities of different countries.

## Restaurant serves homeless, well-to-do

NEW YORK (AP) — Homeless people wander into the intimate bistro, check their coats and sit at tables bedecked with white linen. They eat a good meal — prepared and served by former homeless people — and pay with food stamps.

A few feet away, more fortunate New Yorkers eat at the same restaurant, paying with cash or credit card.

That's the vision of One City Cafe, a not-for-profit restaurant that opened in December. More than a glorified soup kitchen, it's a place that is trying to break down stereotypes.

"Homeless people actually work among us," said waitress Antonette Crawford, who lived in a homeless shelter for seven months. "What difference does it make that they eat among us, too?"

About 15 similar restaurants nationwide cater to low-income or homeless people, said Bill Ayres, executive director of World Hunger Year, a hunger fighting group.

But One City is one of the few also trying to attract people with middle or high incomes, Ayres said.

The bistro, run by the Food and Hunger Hotline, displays artwork done mostly by homeless artists, and includes a short explanation of its mission inside each menu.

Lawyer Gay Young, a customer during a recent lunch hour, predicted most people wouldn't mind, or notice, sitting down next to a homeless or poor person.

"People probably do that a lot and don't know it," she said. "How would you know someone's income, provided their hygiene is acceptable?"

Of her meal, Young said, "The food was delicious and the service was professional."

Other diners had mixed reviews of their food, and so far business has been slow. The cafe is open just four days a week to keep costs down.

The fare is mostly American, with a slight Latin touch. Entrees are \$7 and sandwiches are \$5 for cash-paying customers.

The menu lists two prices per item: One for customers with cash or credit cards, and the other — at a 50 percent discount — for those with food stamps. There's also a 20 percent discount for Medicaid recipients and students.

The hot line estimates 20 percent of customers pay with food stamps or show Medicaid cards.

"We want poor families to have a place to eat that's beautiful and mainstream, an alternative to soup kitchens and food pantries," said Elyn Rosenthal, executive director of the hotline. The \$300,000 project was funded by grants from foundations and corporations.

There are six trainees among the restaurant's staff of 20, rotating in different positions for nine months. They are paid \$4.25 an hour for the first four months and \$7 an hour for the next five.

After nine months, trainees will be taught resume-writing and interviewing skills, and the hot line will try to find them jobs in the food service industry.

## 2 brothers' tale: politician and racketeering fugitive

BOSTON (AP) — The 54-year-old woman sips a screwdriver in an Irish bar in South Boston on a gray, snowy afternoon. She smiles — showing a missing tooth — and recalls a story from long ago.

Her son was in trouble with the police. She needed to pick him up. She didn't have cash for a taxi.

Then James J. "Whitey" Bulger — a reputed mobster and brother of Senate President William M. Bulger — stepped in. "He gave me \$20 out of his pocket," she says. "I tried to write him a check. He said, 'No, no. Vote for my brother.'"

That's the way it goes in "Southie," the city's working class Irish enclave, where the Bulger brothers have taken opposite paths to prominence.

William Bulger, 60, is one of the most influential politicians in the state, known for his dry wit and erudition, sometimes salting his speech with bits of Latin.

Older brother James, 65, is a bit wilder. He's on the run from a 90-page racketeering indictment last week that accuses him of leading the Winter Hill Gang, an Irish arm of the local underworld.

To some, James Bulger is as much a local hero as his brother. The loyalty is fueled by his acts of charity, contributing to people who've lost their homes in fires or

donating turkey dinners at Christmas.

"I think that Jimmy Bulger, and I've known him for 30 years, he's always been a gentleman and he's highly respected by those people who know him," said City Council President James M. Kelly. "Every few months and every couple of years, we hear, 'Whitey Bulger is this. He's a murderer,'" Kelley said. "But they've never even charged him with any of those crimes."

The brothers both grew up in the projects. William was the studious one. In high school, other kids nicknamed him "The Beam" for his late-night reading under a lamp.

He attended Boston College and Boston College Law School, was elected to the state House of Representatives in 1962, moved to the Senate in 1971, and assumed the presidency in 1978.

James, meanwhile, was having run-ins with police as early as his teens. In 1956, he was convicted of robbing banks in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Indiana. He served nine years.

In 1985, federal prosecutors claimed that Bulger and an associate controlled most of the small-time rackets in the Boston area, including betting and loan sharking. But there were no charges.

In 1986, a report by the President's Commission on Organized Crime called him "a reputed killer, bank robber and drug trafficker."

The shadowy Bulger, who's been photographed only a few

times in three decades, made a splash in the news again in 1991, claiming a share of a state lottery jackpot that entitles him to \$89,000 a year.

And then there was last week's indictment. Federal prosecutors say that under Bulger, the Winter Hill Gang formed an alliance with the New England Mafia, whose reputed boss, Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme, also faces charges and also is on the run.

James Bulger's reputation has not damaged his brother's political career. William Bulger refuses to talk about him.

Ken Joyce, a University of Buffalo law professor who has known William Bulger since college, said his friend is probably worried about his older brother.

"He loves him," Joyce said. "He's concerned with his welfare."

But Joyce said that people who wonder what made James Bulger go bad may be asking the wrong question. The Southie of the 1950s and '60s was a tough place.

"An awful lot of people got into trouble with the law," Joyce said.

"I think it would be more that you would look at Billy and say, 'My God.' From the beginning, people knew that he danced to the beat of a different drummer. Whereas his brother, I think people were not that much surprised by it."

Shariah is the legal code of Islam, and it is roughly comparable to the Talmudic tradition in Judaism.

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Science	Servant of man.	Man ultimately becomes the slave to his machines.
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# Emotions run high during O.J.'s trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tempers flared as a black defense lawyer and black prosecutor excoriated each other for playing the race card — and using "the n-word" — in the O.J. Simpson trial.

Accusations flew. And then Simpson wept.

The sharp words and tears came Friday as prosecutors tried to stop defense lawyers from arguing that Detective Mark Fuhrman, a key witness, has a history of using racial epithets and expressing hatred for blacks and interracial couples.

In another development, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito decided to dismiss two jurors, the Daily News of Los Angeles reported Saturday.

As both sides sparred over the issue of race, Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden

pleaded with the judge to prohibit defense lawyers from using the "the n-word."

"It is the dirtiest, filthiest, nastiest word in the English language," Darden said. "It upsets the black jurors. It'll issue a test, and the test will be: 'Whose side are you on, the side of the white prosecutors and the white policemen, or are you on the side of the black defendant and his very prominent and capable black lawyer?'"

Defense lawyer Johnnie L. Cochran taunted Darden by reading from documents that quoted Fuhrman using the word "nigger." He called Darden's objections insulting to the eight blacks on the jury, which wasn't present for the hearing.

"African-Americans live with offensive words, offensive looks, offensive treatment every day of their lives," Cochran said. "And yet they still believe in this country."

Simpson is charged with murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. Simpson is black; both victims are white.

Impassive for the most of the hearing, Simpson wiped tears from his eyes during an exchange between the two lawyers about his ex-wife.

Darden suggested that Simpson "has a fetish for blonde-haired white women," but said the prosecution wouldn't bring that up at trial because "that would inflame the passions of the jury."

Cochran berated Darden for such a suggestion, calling it "perhaps the most incredible remarks I've heard in a court of law in the 32 years I've been practicing."

"How outrageous is this?" Cochran said. "If this man loves somebody who is purple, he has the right to get married. ... His first wife was African-American. That's the beauty of America. That's what people have fought and died for."

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito was clearly disturbed by the bickering.

"This is the one main unresol-

ved problem of our society," Ito said. "And for those of us who grew up in the '60s and had hoped this would kind of go away, it's a big disappointment to still have to read this stuff."

It was not immediately clear when Ito would rule. Opening statements are scheduled for Thursday.

Fuhrman is the detective who discovered a bloody glove at Simpson's estate the day after the killings. The glove matched one found at the crime scene.

Defense lawyers have tried since summer to brand Fuhrman a racist cop capable of planting the evidence to frame Simpson.

Cochran read into the record several statements from Fuhrman, Fuhrman's psychologists and a woman who claimed she heard him make racist statements.

Kathleen Bell said in a sworn affidavit that Fuhrman told her: "If I had my way, they would take all the niggers, put them together in a big group and burn them."



RECEIVES AWARD — Sgt. Ferris Bell (right) receives the Dedicated and Diligent Award from 1st Lt. Gregory Chaney on the occasion of Bell completing 15 years of service in various branches of the Armed Forces. Bell retired from the Texas Army National Guard in December. (Contributed Photo)

## Quarantine for rabies approved

DALLAS (AP) — All Texas counties have been placed under a quarantine to help prevent the spread of rabies by halting exportation of infected animals, Texas Board of Health officials say.

Emergency rules were approved Friday, forbidding the interstate and intrastate transport of potentially infected animals.

"We must act quickly to contain the threat of rabies now rampant in South and Central Texas," said health commissioner Dr. David Smith.

"We must do this to minimize the number of animal rabies cases and reduce the threat this deadly disease poses to people."

Smith said that the board took action following reports of the exportation of the infected foxes and coyotes to other states. Similar transportation exists within Texas, but the extent is unknown.

He said the Board of Health knows that coyotes have been shipped out-of-state to stock hunting clubs. Two of four foxes shipped from Texas to Montana have been confirmed with rabies this week, Smith said.

## Texas senator boosts N. Carolina politics

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Phil Gramm hopes he has it all worked out.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich finishes his work on the GOP's "Contract With America." Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole keeps a good watch over the upper chamber. And a very big job at Pennsylvania Avenue is left unfilled.

"I wouldn't be running for president if I didn't think I could do a better job," the Republican senator from Texas told supporters at an event sponsored by the John Locke Foundation.

Although Gramm won't declare officially for more than a month, he got the 1996 presidential campaign moving in North Carolina Friday night by making it clear he intends to take Bill Clinton's job.

"I've never been able to beat around the bush. I'll be announcing my intention to run for the presidency on Feb. 24," the conservative Gramm said in an interview before his speech.

Most of the people in the crowd paid \$50 to see Gramm speak, while others paid \$100 to have their picture taken with him.

While Gramm isn't a candidate just yet, he looked and sounded like one at a Charlotte hotel. He worked the crowd and joked about reports of friction between him and Dole, who is considering making a third run for the White House.

"I told Sen. Dole he ought to stay Majority Leader and let me be president," he said.

Turning serious, Gramm said

he would not allow any campaign rivalry affect their work together in the Senate.

"I'm going to do my best to leave the campaign at the door of the Capitol," he said. "That will be easy for me. I think Bob Dole is a great man and I have great affection for him."

As for a possible Gingrich bid, Gramm is not a believer.

"I don't think so," he said. "Newt and I came into Congress on the same day and I know he's always wanted to be speaker."

"The reason why so many of us Republicans want to become president is we haven't had control of Congress for 40 years," he said in the interview. "I believe he can have as much power as speaker as I could as president."

Gramm has already filed papers with the Federal Election Commission and mentioned his planned Feb. 24 announcement earlier this month.

He expects President Clinton to be the Democratic nominee.

"He'll be a formidable opponent," he said. "He's a better politician than a president."

Gramm said he plans to come back to North Carolina in April for a major fund raiser. North Carolina backed former President Bush in his failed re-election campaign in 1992.

"If I didn't carry North Carolina I'd be very disappointed," he said. "I'm a Southerner and I'm proud of it. I think like the people of North Carolina and they think like I do."

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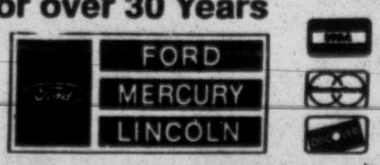
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# Sports

## Mustangs stampede Snyder

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

In what might have been a case of too much time off between games, the Snyder Tigers took the floor Friday against Sweetwater with a little rust in their shoes.

The Tigers were outscored 14-9 in the first quarter, before settling down the rest of the game, however, the slow start cost them down the stretch.

Sweetwater used the momentum gained in the beginning of the game and transcended that into the second half, as the Mustangs picked up a 63-53 win in the first district 5-4A matchup of the season.

It was apparent early that Friday night's game would be unlike the game played between the teams two weeks earlier. In that contest Snyder capitalized on Sweetwater mistakes en route to a 77-72 victory over the Mustangs.

The victory gave the Tigers a claim to the third place trophy in the Sweetwater Trail of Lights tournament.

This time around, according to Snyder head coach Bud Birks, the Mustangs' mistakes just weren't present.

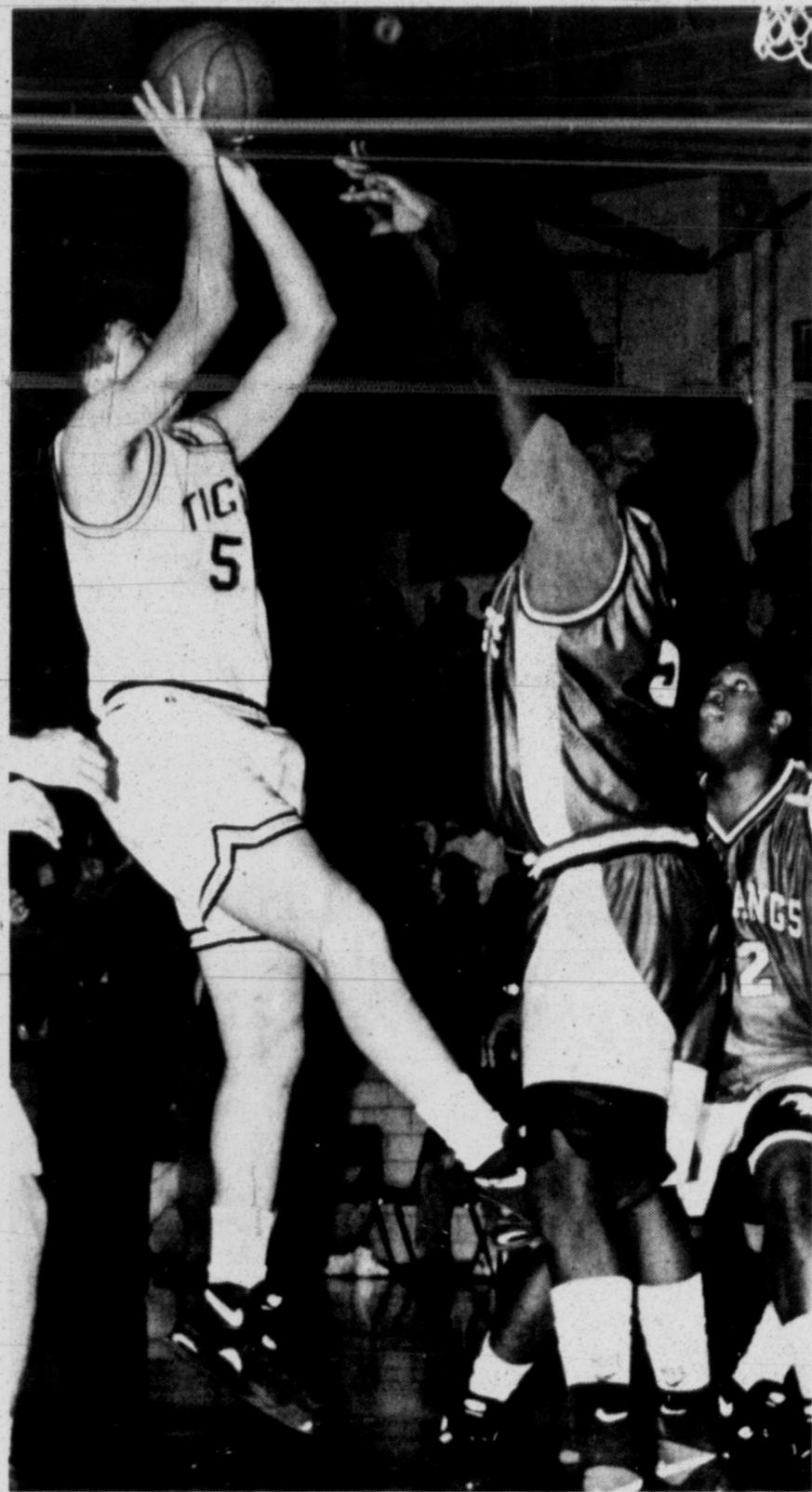
"The biggest difference between this game and the one we played earlier was the fact that they (Sweetwater) didn't make many mistakes," Birks said. "The got into their offense and did the things they needed to do to win the game."

Birks pointed to the Tigers' perimeter defense as the most noticeable weakness and the reason for their 30-24 deficit at halftime.

"Their guards were able to get into the middle of our defense by penetrating off the dribble and that hurt us," he said. "When our interior guys went to help out, they (Sweetwater's guards) were able to pass the ball to the open player for an easy layup."

The Mustangs' Robert Reed was the recipient of many of those passes.

Reed's slashing cuts to the basket seemed to pose the Tigers' with an unsolvable mystery, as he was able to hit inside the paint with unsettling frequency. He ended the night with a game high 19 points, 13 of which came in the



**FADING AWAY** — Snyder's Jeff Hobbs utilizes the fade away jumper to perfection as he scores over Sweetwater's Robert Reed (5) and Travis Black (32) during the Tigers' 63-53 loss Friday. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

first half.

Although the Tigers' first district loss was a hard pill to swallow for Coach Birks, he felt that there was a good lesson to come out of the situation.

"This game showed our guys, more than anything, that we can't rely solely on our outside game," he said. "We proved tonight the fact that teams live and die with the jump shot."

"We need to have a mixture of shots, inside and out. We just weren't feeding the ball inside and that cost us. It is a confidence thing that we must overcome."

## Cardinal squads have trouble with Highland

HERMLEIGH — Someone must have disturbed an extremely large hornets nest somewhere in West Texas, because they keep stinging the Hermleigh Cardinals.

Having already experienced a setback to the Blackwell Hornets on Tuesday, the Highland Hornets came into Hermleigh Friday night and made themselves at home.

The Cardinals fell victim to Highland 56-44 behind a 20 point effort from the Hornets' Brett Miller.

Despite trailing by only two points at halftime, 24-22, Hermleigh (6-12) was unable to get the ball rolling their way, as they fell behind 39-30 at the end of the third quarter.

"Our kids played good enough to win," Cards' head coach Wayne Poehls said. "We just couldn't hit the buckets when they counted the most."

"We were forced to foul them down the stretch and they were able to convert their free

throws."

Highland (14-3) hit 9 of 16 foul shots in the fourth quarter to nab a 17-14 advantage and the win.

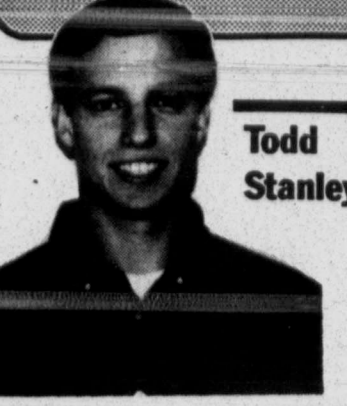
The Cardinals were led by Billy Luna, who had 10 points, and Chris Roemisch, who knocked down nine. Hermleigh's Jimmy Digby led the team with 10 rebounds. Ricky Sosa, the team's leading scorer on the season, was held scoreless. Sosa contributed, however, with nine rebounds and five assists.

In varsity girl's action, Highland used a 14-5 and 16-6 run in the second and third quarters, respectively, to get by Lady Cardinals 52-33.

Hermleigh (3-13) stayed close in the first quarter, tying the score at 10-10, but a sluggish second and third quarter was too much to overcome.

Brandy Smith, Lori Anderson and Bridget Moore had eight points each to pace the Lady Cardinals (3-13).

## Time Out



Todd Stanley

## Hockey: Not for the timid

Now, before I get started, let me just say that of all the sports out there, nothing is, in my mind, better than football.

Football, in many ways, is the one sport that brings all the best aspects of America's other sports and combines them into one.

With football, you get the strategy associated with baseball; the grace, athleticism and excitement of basketball; and the in your face, smash-mouth pounding of hockey.

Which is why no one will ever be able to convince me that there is another sport worthy of watching while my beloved football is being played.

However, when the Super Bowl has been played and the Pro Bowl has played itself out, there is, now, one sport capable of confining me to the La-Z-Boy and captivating my imagination.

One year ago Monday, my dad and I thought it might be interesting to go to the newest show in town.

So, with curiosity, we set off to the San Jose Coliseum to witness a hockey game in person.

And from the moment we walked into the "Shark Tank" we were hooked.

We witnessed the San Jose Sharks and the Calgary Flames battle to a 3-3 tie at the end of regulation, prompting an exciting overtime period, which was eventually broken with a goal in the fifth minute by the hometown Sharks.

After the goal, in the spirit of hockey, a full-scale, bench-clearing brawl erupted, which continued the action for another five minutes.

Sure, it took awhile before I began to understand the complexities of the game, but when the pieces of the puzzle came together, it was a beautiful sight.

So, imagine my disenchantment when my sport away from football, began its 103-day lockout.

What a disappointment. But, now, with both the owners and players coming to their collective senses, Canada and the United States will be treated to the professional brand of continuous mayhem.

Unlike football or basketball, hockey is always in perpetual motion.

Back and forth down the ice the players go, blasting into one another, causing teeth and bodies to go flying in all directions.

Oh, the glory of it all. Sure, in football there are the bone-crushing hits that have made the NFL what it is today, but in hockey they happen every 30 seconds, once every 15 minutes.

With the players returning to the ice, I would like to ask that all you football fans out there take a second next time the Dallas Stars are on television and watch a period or two.

You just might, before you know it, get hooked.

One good thing that will come out of the NHL's lockout-shortened season will be a premium set on each game.

Instead of the usual 82 game schedule, the NHL will play only 42 games, with the best teams advancing into the two-month Stanley Cup playoffs.

Imagine what would happen if the NFL season was shortened to only 8 games.



**GET OUTTA THE WAY** — Snyder's Rachel Shipp takes an inside move as Sweetwater's Kadee Barnes takes a step back during the Lady Tigers' 32-28 victory Friday. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Lady Tigers take bite out of Sweetwater 32-28

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

If the windows around the house seem to be a little dirty, give Snyder sophomore Erica Garvin a call.

Garvin, who finished with a team high 14 points, cleaned the glass on both the offensive and defensive sides of the floor helping Snyder to a 32-28 comeback win over district rival Sweetwater here Friday.

"There's no question that her (Garvin) rebounds were huge tonight," Snyder head coach Steve Qualls said. "She was a big reason for our success in the paint."

Another reason was the defensive performance of 6-3 senior Rachel Shipp.

Shipp's intimidating blocks single-handedly held the Sweetwater interior game in check. Her defensive dominance in the middle forced the Lady Mustangs to turn to their perimeter game. Offensively, she had eight points.

Snyder (8-15, 2-1) took an 11-2 lead to the bench at the end of the first quarter, but a Sweetwater rally in the second quarter left the

game tied 15-15 at the halftime buzzer.

According to Coach Qualls, Sweetwater (4-17, 0-3) was able to lure the Lady Tigers into their type of game.

"We started out great, but we fell into their trap," Qualls said. "They like to play a slow, low scoring game and that's exactly what the game was."

"Both teams played tough defense which in turn caused poor shots. We helped them out by missing some easy shots underneath."

The Lady Tigers waited until the fourth quarter to make their move. Sparked by the spread, high post offense, Snyder crept back into the game.

"We were getting good looks at the basket when we ran the offense," Qualls said. "The only problem was getting the girls to run it. It was like pulling teeth."

Snyder outscored Sweetwater 12-7 in the fourth quarter to pull ahead for the victory.

"I'm happy for the girls because they worked so hard the last two days," Qualls said. "However, we have a lot of work to do before we'll be ready to play Frenship (Tuesday)."

In junior varsity action, the Lady Tigers posted an impressive 42-33 win over Sweetwater.

Led by Darla Blackwell's 10 points, Snyder (13-10, 2-1) used an 11-2 third quarter scoring spurt to down the Lady Mustangs.

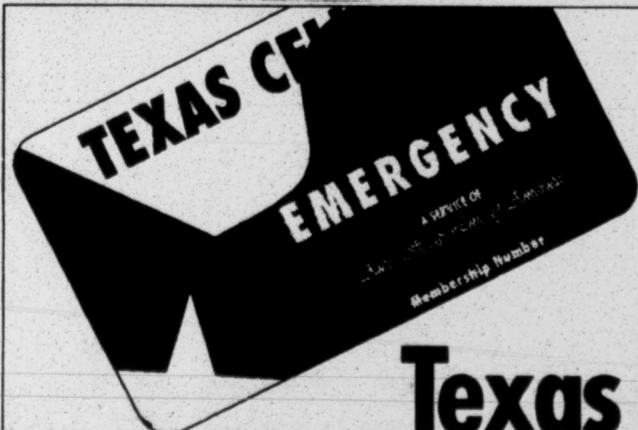
Sharon Gulseth, Jina Miller and Tiffany Garza connected for nine points each.

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# Cowboys, 49ers ready for NFC title matchup

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The Dallas Cowboys have learned another hazard of playing the NFC title game on the road.

Their three-hour trip to San Francisco took four hours on Friday, courtesy of the wind that has been pushing all torrential rains from the Pacific into California.

**DALLAS AT SAN FRANCISCO**  
Time: Sunday, 3 p.m. (FOX)  
Line: 49ers by 8

An omen of Sunday's NFC championship game?

"No," Michael Irvin said. "I know the experts think we're going to lose, but who are these 'experts'? Some fat guy in Vegas? Why don't they call him 'John' or something and give him a name. He's just a guy getting crazy people to bet."

At the press conference Friday preceding Sunday's showdown between the Irvin and the Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers, the Cowboys were on defense, the 49ers on offense. That reflected the seven-point spread set by "John" or whatever his name is, and reinforced by the bettors, crazy or not.

So the questions for the two-time Super Bowl champions kept coming up: Do you worry about being underdogs?

No, said coach Barry Switzer, Troy Aikman, Irvin and Darren Woodson, the three players who stood up before a Super-Bowl sized media that's assembled for a game that many people assume is the real Super Bowl.

"I don't think our guys got on a plane and told their kids: 'We're going to lose and we'll be right back,'" Irvin said.

The San Francisco contingent — coach George Seifert, Steve

Young, Brent Jones and Deion Sanders — agreed.

But they also exuded a sense of confidence that seemed real.

"We got together at the beginning of the year and set goals for the offense," said Jones, the tight end.

"I was sort of surprised that we set it so high because I didn't think we could take it much higher. But we've done it. This is THE best offense I've played on and I thought I'd never see a better one than we had in 1989."

The other primary topic of discussion was the weather.

Friday was the 13th straight day of rain in the Bay Area, meaning every day in 1995. After a week of downpours, Friday's rain was relatively light, but as the players spoke, another storm blew in from the Pacific and a drizzle turned into a hard shower.

That, of course, means the continuing probability of a wet field at Candlestick on Sunday, something players on both teams suggested would be an advantage to the 49ers, who play on the field regularly.

And typically, while most of the players backed off calling this the true Super Bowl, Sanders didn't.

"It's the biggest game of my life," said the two-sport cornerback, who is one of six new starters on the rebuilt 49ers defense.

"It's bigger than the World Series, because you've got five games to play there. This is the reason I came to San Francisco, for this game. It's really the Super Bowl. Not taking anything from the AFC, but the team that wins this game will win the Super Bowl."

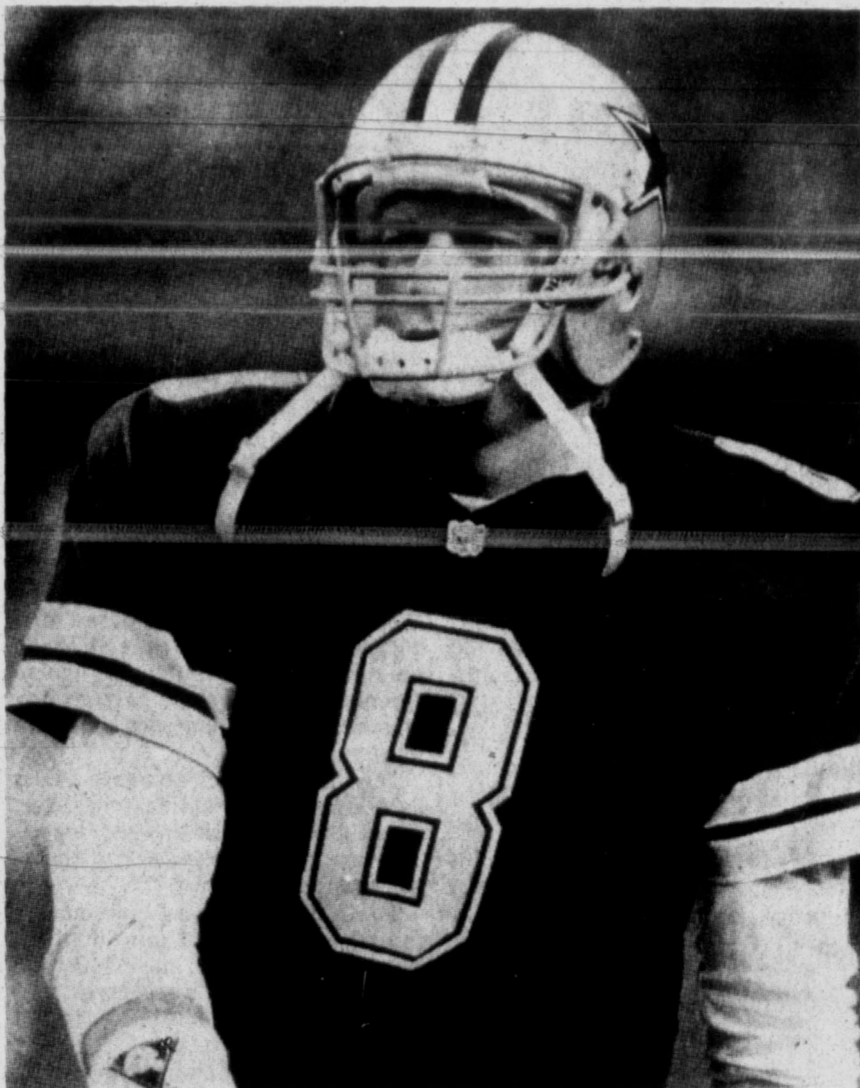
## SDN Sports Week

Saturday, Jan. 14

- Junior High Basketball**  
Snyder girls (white) at Idalou tournament, TBA.  
Snyder 7th/8th "A" and "B" girls host Brownfield, 11 a.m.
- High School Basketball**  
Snyder 9th "B" girls at Abilene tournament, TBA.
- College Basketball**  
Texas A&M at Texas, 11 a.m. (ESPN)  
Southern Illinois at SW Missouri St., 11 a.m. (HSE)  
Houston at Texas Christian, noon (FOX)  
Oklahoma State at Michigan State, noon (CBS)  
Rice at Southern Methodist, 2 p.m. (FOX)  
Villanova at Florida, 2 p.m. (CBS)  
Arkansas at Auburn or Tulane at Cincinnati, 3 p.m. (ABC)  
Texas at Texas A&M (women's), 5 p.m. (HSE)  
Pennsylvania at Massachusetts, 8 p.m. (ESPN)  
Oregon at Oregon State, 9:30 p.m. (HSE)
- College Football**  
East-West Shrine Game, 3 p.m. (ESPN)  
Sunday Jan. 15
- Professional Football**  
Pittsburgh vs. San Diego, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)  
Dallas Cowboys vs. 49ers, 3:00 p.m. (FOX)



**A PAIR OF EIGHTS** — San Francisco's Steve Young (left) and Dallas' Troy Aikman (right) lead their respective teams into the NFC championship game Sunday in San Francisco. This game



marks the third straight time the 49ers and Cowboys have met in the title game. Dallas won the last two en route to a pair of Super Bowl titles.

# Chargers, Steelers ready for next step

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — The San Diego Chargers and Pittsburgh Steelers need to look back no further than the last two years for the pain that could lead to Sunday's gain.

**SAN DIEGO AT PITTSBURGH**  
Time: Sunday, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)  
Line: Steelers by 8½

While it is a well-worn cliché that champions must go through some adversity before attaining the ultimate, in the NFL it remains a truism. The teams that meet Sunday for the AFC championship have run into obstacles they couldn't overcome in recent seasons.

The Chargers and Steelers both won their divisions in 1992 and '94. Both fell well short of the Super Bowl in '92, losing in the divisional round. Last season, the Chargers slumped to 8-8, while the Steelers got into the postseason as a wild card, but lost immediately to Kansas City in an overtime game they led most of the way.

Each side expects a differ-

ent, more positive ending this time.

"We've had quite a bit of changeover in our football program in the time we have been here," said coach Bobby Ross, who took over in 1992 after winning a national championship at Georgia Tech.

"I think the biggest thing for us in terms of how we have won has been how players like Junior Seau and Stan Humphries and Leslie O'Neal and Stan Brock and Harry Swayne and Courtney Hall, how they have stepped up and really provided some very strong leadership for us as a team."

The Steelers are after their first Super Bowl berth in 15 years, when Pittsburgh's Team of the '70s concluded its championship run with a fourth title in six years. They seemed primed for a run at the big game in 1992, Bill Cowher's first season as coach. They had the best record in the conference, but Buffalo came into Three Rivers Stadium and eliminated the Steelers.

# Seifert, Switzer hope to step out of shadows

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Steve Young, George Seifert and Barry Switzer will try to exorcise the ghosts of their predecessors Sunday when the San Francisco 49ers meet the Dallas Cowboys for the NFC championship.



Seifert



Switzer

Seifert is that he followed Bill Walsh, who won three Super Bowls. The same goes for Young, who succeeded Joe Montana as the 49ers' quarterback, and Switzer, who became the Cowboys' coach this season, replacing Jimmy Johnson.

Seifert won a Super Bowl in his first season after taking over when Walsh stepped down. Walsh engineered Seifert's hiring when Eddie DeBartolo, the 49ers' owner, wanted to hire Johnson.

That Super Bowl victory was considered a given, one accomplished with the talent Walsh had assembled.

And while Seifert has gotten to 75 wins faster than any coach in NFL history and never has won fewer than 10 games in a season, he's lost the NFC title game in three of the past four seasons. That's an unpardonable sin with a franchise that considers a Super Bowl victory so important.

The same is true in Dallas,

where Switzer, who won two national collegiate championships at Oklahoma, must pick up where Johnson left off. That means a Super Bowl victory, which would make the Cowboys the first team to win three straight Super Bowls and five overall.

"I wouldn't expect them to want anything less," Switzer said.

Young has won three playoff games since taking over from Montana in 1991. That's as many wins as Montana has Super Bowl MVP trophies.

He's been the starting quarterback in the last two NFC title game losses to Dallas and his 3-2 playoff record pales in comparison to the 7-0 record of the Cowboys' Troy Aikman.

So forget Young's two regular-season MVP awards.

Forget that he broke Montana's record for quarterback rating this season with a remarkable 112.8.

Forget that his rating has been over 100 in all four of his seasons as a starter, another record and one better than Montana has had in 16 years.

"When everyone rates a quarterback, there are all kinds of hoops and hurdles you're running over," Young said. "But until you win a Super Bowl, you're not at the top. The Super Bowl is your one and only goal."

Seifert has won a Super Bowl and he still has to get rid of Walsh's shadow to the point where people are asking the San Francisco brass about "votes of confidence."

## NBA Glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	28	7	.800	-
New York	20	12	.625	6½
Boston	14	20	.412	13½
New Jersey	14	23	.378	15
Miami	10	23	.303	17
Philadelphia	10	23	.303	17
Washington	7	26	.212	20
Central Division				
Cleveland	22	11	.667	-
Charlotte	21	12	.636	1
Indiana	20	13	.606	2
Chicago	18	16	.529	4½
Atlanta	15	20	.429	8
Milwaukee	11	23	.324	11½
Detroit	10	22	.313	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	24	10	.706	-
Houston	22	11	.688	1
San Antonio	20	11	.645	2½
Denver	17	16	.515	6½
Dallas	15	16	.484	7½
Minnesota	7	26	.212	16½
Pacific Division				
Phoenix	26	8	.765	-
Seattle	23	9	.719	2
L.A. Lakers	21	11	.656	4
Sacramento	19	14	.576	6½
Portland	18	14	.563	7
Golden State	10	22	.313	15
L.A. Clippers	5	29	.147	21

**Friday's Games**  
New Jersey 110, Philadelphia 101  
Indiana 113, Washington 99  
Orlando 101, Atlanta 96  
Utah 95, Boston 93  
Minnesota 104, Detroit 92  
Sacramento 89, Chicago 79  
New York 91, Milwaukee 88  
Houston 103, San Antonio 100  
Seattle 108, L.A. Clippers 101  
L.A. Lakers 115, Golden State 104

**Saturday's Games**  
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.  
Miami at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Houston at Denver, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Loog John Silvers	45½	26½	
Farmers Helper	44	28	
ESP, Inc.	42	26	
Misfits	42	30	
Rose Barber Shop	38½	33½	
American Legion	37½	34½	
M.B.'s	37	35	
Lucy's Video	37	35	
Feed Store (CCity)	36	32	
Ezell Key	32	40	
Pro Parts	31	37	
Spanish Inn	30½	36½	
Mesquite Oil Tools	30	42	
Unearned Pts.	13	59	
<b>Team High Game:</b> 1. ESP, Inc. 783; 2. Loog John Silvers 717; Misfits 684.			
<b>Team High Series:</b> 1. ESP, Inc. 2094; 2. Loog John Silvers 2000; 3. Pro Parts 1916.			
<b>Individual High Series:</b> 1. Lynn Smith 610; 2. Bo Lowrance; 3. Jeff Kellner 563.			
<b>Individual High Game:</b> 1. Bo Lowrance 250; 2. Lynn Smith 236; 3. Jeff Kellner 234.			
<b>Splits Converted:</b> Kathy Jones 3-10; Norma Seabour 2-7; Gerald Wilson 3-9-10; John Hardin 3-10; Jill Griswold 6-7-10; Jim Griswold 3-10; Bernie Sealy 5-6; Manuel Garcia 4-5, 5-7; Daphne Thompson 2-7; Keith Bryant 3-10.			
<b>600 Series:</b> Lynn Smith 610.			
<b>500 Series:</b> Bo Lowrance 580; Jimmy Fletcher 563; Gerald Wilson 558; Charlie Teague 553; Billy Hicks 541; Bill Shaw 540; Tracy Boone 533; Jeff Kellner 529; Neal Herndon 518; Bruce Bell 503.			
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# Credibility questions mount in case against 'X's' daughter

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The government's accusation that Malcolm X's daughter conspired to kill Louis Farrakhan is based on the word of a "violent racist" and "set-up artist" with his own criminal troubles, former associates say.

Farrakhan's Nation of Islam joined the chorus of disbelievers Friday after it was revealed that the person Qubilah Shabazz allegedly hired as a hit man is a government informant with a shady past.

"He is a set-up artist who goes from group to group setting people up," said Steve Dannel, a former member of Jewish Defense League who attended United Nations International School with the accused and the accuser.

A nine-count indictment Thursday accuses Ms. Shabazz of plotting the murder of Farrakhan, her father's one-time rival.

Prosecutors refused to identify the key witness, but several news accounts named him as Michael Fitzpatrick, a childhood friend of Ms. Shabazz now living as Michael Kevin Summers in the witness protection program in Minnesota.

Court records show that Fitzpatrick, 34, was arrested in connection with a bombing at a Soviet bookstore in 1977, when he was 17. He became a government informer after the attempted 1978 bombing of an Egyptian government tourist office by fellow members of the Jewish Defense League.

"This is the high point of his life, going around wiring himself," said Chaim Ben Passach, one of two JDL members convicted after Fitzpatrick taped conversations of bombing plots.

"He hated black people," added Ben Passach, who served 21 months in jail for 11 firebombings. "That was one thing he felt very strongly about: Black people were very easy to manipulate. But he never called them black people. He used the n-word. He despised black people, loathed black people."

Fitzpatrick, or Summers, was a rare-coin collector who was arrested just before Thanksgiving of 1993 in Minneapolis, according to court records. Police say he allegedly flushed cocaine down a toilet and shoved two more packets under a rug. He was carrying identification with both names, police said.

He was supposed to appear in court Tuesday on the drug charges, but the hearing was postponed.

Ms. Shabazz is scheduled to appear before a federal magistrate on Wednesday. She is free on unsecured bond and plans to plead innocent, according to her court-appointed attorney.

Authorities claim she had telephone conversations with Fitzpatrick about the murder plot, and made a partial payment on the contract after moving here from New York City in September with her son, Malcolm.

Farrakhan's colleagues said Friday that the government's charges could be an attempt to divide the black community.

"The question that must be raised by the black community today is whether or not in the light of our 440 years of suffering at the hands of our oppressors, we can reasonably believe that the United States Department of Justice desires to protect the life of Minister Louis Farrakhan," said Ava Muhammad, an attorney for the Nation of Islam.

Farrakhan wasn't at the news conference. Ms. Muhammad said he planned to make a statement Tuesday.

As a girl of 4, Shabazz watched her father being gunned down in front of a crowd of supporters in New York City in 1965. A year later, three Black Muslims were convicted of the murder.

Farrakhan was a disciple of Malcolm X, but later became a rival in the struggle to head the Nation of Islam. Malcolm X's widow, Betty Shabazz, said as recently as last year that she believes Farrakhan was involved in his murder. Farrakhan has denied any role.

Deputy District Attorney Edward Nison said the three men, in a Jeep driven by Broadus, passed Woldemarian in a park and returned to look for him. When they passed by him again, Lee opened fire.

Lawyers for Broadus argued that his bodyguard fired after Woldemarian reached for a gun in the waistband of his pants.

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## Murder conspiracy charge warranted, judge decides

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There is sufficient evidence to warrant murder conspiracy charges against rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and two of his friends in the drive-by shooting of a man the rap artist contends was stalking him, a judge ruled.

The rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, will face trial April 19 in the 1993 shooting death of Philip Woldemarian, Superior Court Judge Paul Flynn ruled Friday.

Broadus, McKinley Lee and Shawn Abram are accused of hunting down Woldemarian after a dispute at Broadus' apartment.

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## Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D. Is homeopathic remedy effective?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently came across a "yeast control" vaginal suppository with three active ingredients listed on the box: Pulsatilla, Candida Parapsilosis, and Candida Albicans, all said to be a "homeopathic-prepared alternative to prescription drugs for treatment of the intense burning and itching yeast infection can cause." Is this legitimate?

DEAR READER: Although I have never recommended the product to my patients, I certainly would be skeptical. Homeopathy is based on a 200-year-old theory that if large amounts of a substance can cause symptoms in a healthy person, tiny amounts can cure illnesses that have these symptoms.

This notion makes no sense in the light of modern scientific knowledge. Moreover, homeopathic products typically are too dilute to exert a therapeutic effect on the body.

The letter "X" in a homeopathic remedy stands for a 1-to-10 dilution. The designation "28X" means that the original substance was placed in a solution and then diluted 1 to 10 a total of 28 times.

According to consumer advocate Stephen Barrett, M.D., this "dilution" is so great that there would be no molecules of the original substances in the final solution. His recent book, "The Vitamin Pushers: How the Health Food Industry Is Selling Americans a Bill of Goods" (Prometheus Books, Amherst, N.Y.), contains a lengthy discussion of homeopathy in a chapter called "The Ultimate Fake," which I highly recommend.

Because of a quirk in the law, the FDA permits homeopathic remedies to be sold even though it does not recognize them as effective. A few months ago, Dr. Barrett and 41 others petitioned the agency to ban homeopathic "remedies" unless their manufacturers can come up with evidence that they work. Meanwhile, I caution readers not to waste money on these products.

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In my view, you would be better served by discovering the cause of your symptoms. This is where your doctor can help you.

You need a thorough medical examination (including blood tests for diabetes, a cause of poor circulation) and may require referral to a neurologist, if your physician is unable to diagnose the reason for your burning feet.

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

An article in the Nov. 23/30 Journal of the American Medical Association recently raised some eyebrows and provided the basis for an article in the Nov. 23 Wall Street Journal.

Dr. Gerald Hickson and his colleagues at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tenn., studied a group of women and their obstetricians to identify any factors that could have led to malpractice suits. The researchers were interested in determining why more than 85 percent of all malpractice payments were incurred by only 6 percent of physicians. What was it about the "bad apples" that made them so susceptible to litigation? Or, as the Vanderbilt doctors asked, "Do physicians who are sued frequently attract high-risk patients? Do they practice bad medicine?"

The findings were a surprise. In general, physicians who were never sued were perceived by their patients as being "concerned, accessible and willing to communicate." In contrast, the physicians who had been sued were viewed as "hurried, uninterested and unwilling to listen and answer questions." Moreover, this latter group of obstetricians kept patients waiting longer, spent less time with them and exhibited less interpersonal skill in "connecting with patients."

The quality of medical care was identical in the two groups. In fact, the "No Claims" doctors had a higher rate of infant mortality.

Thus, the main difference between doctors — or at least obstetricians — who are sued and those who are not is not the quality of their medical practices but the level of patient dissatisfaction. In short, medical negligence (about equal in both groups) was not a

factor, rapport with patients was far more important.

Although many previous studies at other teaching centers have shown that physicians' attitudes often lead to litigation, most people believe that malpractice suits are based on wrongdoing. If a patient suffers an adverse outcome, he or she is more likely to sue. Apparently, this relation doesn't necessarily hold true. Many doctors are sued because of their interpersonal skills, not their medical skills (or lack thereof).

This relation reminded me of a conversation I had with a new patient many years ago.

"How many children do you have?" I asked.

"Six," he replied, "but one's gone."

"I'm sorry to hear that. How did it happen?"

"Well," the man answered, "the doctor gave him a tetanus shot and the child died."

"That's terrible!" I exclaimed. "Did you sue?"

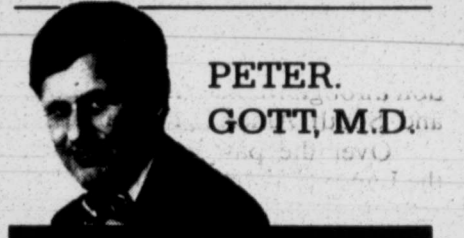
"Not on your life. That old GP was one good and kind doctor. We never would have sued him."

At the time of this conversation, I merely assumed that my patient had shown remarkable compassion in an era when malpractice claims were rare. Now, based on the Vanderbilt study, I'm beginning to see that the outcome was less important than the doctor's interest, concern and availability. Addressing patients' (and families') concerns may not only decrease the threat of malpractice, but is a desirable trait in and of itself.

The Vanderbilt physicians concluded that even the most concerned and caring practitioners have room for improvement in their dealings with patients. Along with keeping current with medical advances and technology, all health care providers need to cultivate their communication skills to ensure patient satisfaction, because this is — in the final analysis — the basis of good doctoring.

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### DR. GOTT



## Lottery will not pay out-of-state winner

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Lottery officials say they won't pay \$10.4 to a New Jersey police officer because he purchased the winning ticket through an unlicensed out-of-state dealer.

Scott Wenner, 37, of Riverside, N.J., held a ticket matching the six numbers drawn on Nov. 23 for the Lotto Texas drawing.

Nora Linares, lottery executive director, said Friday Wenner's claim was being denied because it was a violation of state law when he purchased the ticket through an unlicensed out-of-state dealer.

"I sincerely believe our law-abiding lottery players will fully understand and support us in this decision. I assure you it was made to protect the integrity of the Texas Lottery games," Ms. Linares said.

Wenner presented the ticket to the lottery on Dec. 15, seeking the

jackpot that totaled \$10,465,443.

Dale Ossip Johnson, an Austin attorney who represents Wenner, said they would file a lawsuit in an attempt to collect the winnings.

"The bottom line simply is there will be a suit filed and it will be filed very shortly," Johnson said.

The decision had nothing to do with the fact that Wenner lives outside of Texas, Ms. Linares said. She said it was the sale, through Pic-A-State Lottery Service of Lakewood, N.J., that was illegal.

"Every day, thousands of residents of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico and visitors from other states cross the border to purchase Texas Lottery tickets from retailers who we have legally licensed to sell those tickets," she said.

"What makes this claim differ-

ent is the involvement of an unlicensed, out-of-state company."

No one disputed that Wenner's ticket displayed the winning numbers. However, Wenner made the purchase through a Pic-A-State's outlet in Pennsylvania. The \$1 lotto ticket was sold for \$2.

The Texas Lottery also said it wouldn't pay a 1 percent bonus — \$104,000 — to the Texas retailer which generated the contested ticket. That was Heart's Discount Liquor in Houston, lottery spokesman Steve Levine said.

Ms. Linares, citing the threatened legal action, declined to answer any questions about Friday's decision.

## Fugitive arrested

FRANKLIN, Ind. (AP) — A man wanted in Texas for sexually assaulting a minor was arrested in a rented home he shared with his wife and three children, authorities said.

Eric P. Lanning, 27, who spent the last 10 years in the Houston and Galveston areas, was arrested Thursday when he returned home from his job as a manual laborer, said Deputy U.S. Marshal Mark Robinett.

Lanning was indicted last October on a charge of sexual assault of a minor.

Lanning was arrested at his home without incident and taken to the Marion County Jail in Indianapolis, pending extradition to Galveston.

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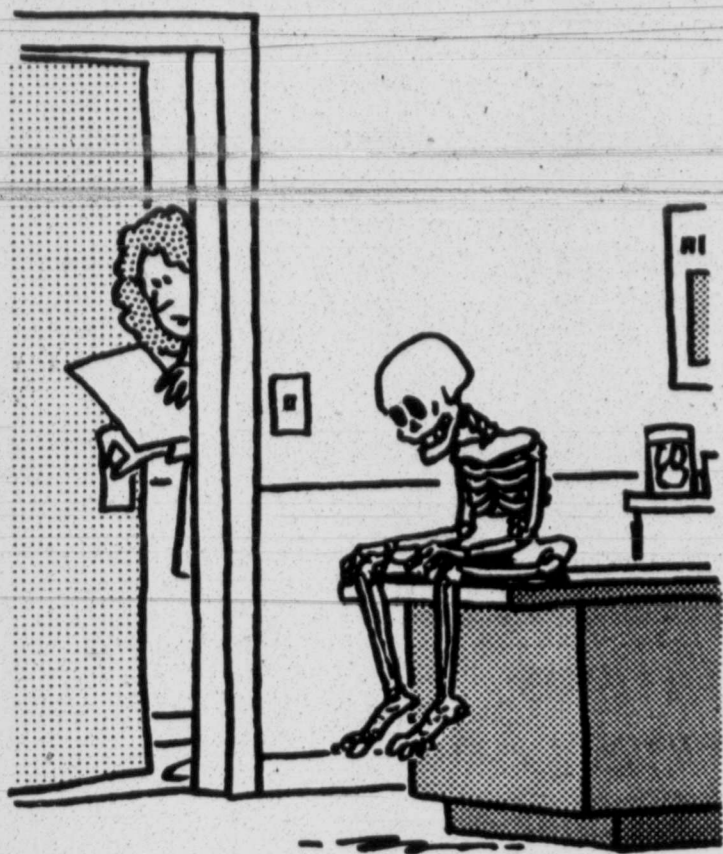
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# Clinton proposes Mexico rescue plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Response to President Clinton's proposal to provide Mexico with up to \$40 billion in U.S. loan guarantees is generally favorable, although some trade opponents are charging taxpayer bailout.

After winning bipartisan support from congressional leaders for its expanded rescue package, the Clinton administration is now embarked on a sales job for the entire Congress, which must approve the package.

New Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan briefed more than 100 House and Senate members on Friday about the details of the plan.

Following the two-hour closed briefing, lawmakers were generally supportive of the plan, although some suggested that the United States seek more concessions from Mexico and ask other allies to chip in.

"We must demand proper security from Mexico, including oil reserves," said Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., chairwoman of the House Banking subcommittee that will handle the legislation.

"They've got to not only back up these loan guarantees, but, most importantly, meet the conditions we lay down. This will require economic and political reforms in return."

The administration is seeking congressional approval to offer Mexico up to \$40 billion in loan guarantees to help ease a financial crisis that caused the peso's value to plunge by 40 percent since Dec. 20.

House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt said that the United States had to come to Mexico's aid because market instability in Mexico could spill over into other developing countries.

"If this situation is not corrected, this could have worldwide implications on lots of developing countries, which in return would have very negative implications on America's taxpayers," he said.

While Gephardt and other supporters stressed that the plan will have no budgetary impact as long as Mexico does not default, opponents hoped to use the loan guarantee debate to reopen the fight over the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"This so-called free-trade agreement is proving to be anything but free for U.S. taxpayers and working families," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore. "It's cost tens of thousands of U.S. jobs already and is now well on its way to becoming the biggest taxpayer bailout for banks and foreign interests since the savings and loan scandal."

Perot, the most prominent NAFTA opponent, said Friday that Mexico's financial crisis was getting "royal treatment at U.S. taxpayer expense so that politicians don't get embarrassed by the stupid trade deal they did."

Supporters, however, are counting on bipartisan support to carry the day in Congress. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., both joined Clinton in pledging to "do what is necessary to restore financial confidence in Mexico without affecting the current budget at home."

Despite charges of a bailout, the guarantees will require no direct payout of money. Instead, the U.S. government would guarantee repayment if Mexico defaults. Since

outright default on official debt is extremely rare, U.S. taxpayers should be safe, administration officials said.

The Mexican program is modified after \$10 billion in guarantees the Bush administration offered

Israel to help finance housing construction to meet a tide of Soviet immigrants.

The guarantees are expected to be used to help Mexico meet obligations on \$28 billion in short-term debt coming due this year.

## Datebook

Jan. 14, 1995

Today is the 14th day of 1995 and the 25th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1878, Queen Victoria made Europe's first personal phone call, from her residence at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American Revolutionary general-turncoat; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), missionary; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer-commentator, is 76; Julian Bond (1940-), U.S. politician, is 55; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 54; Lawrence Kasdan (1949-), director-screenwriter, is 46; L.L. Cool J. (1969-), rapper-actor, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1954, baseball great Joe DiMaggio married Marilyn Monroe at San Francisco's City Hall.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It's not so much that I write well — I just don't write badly very often, and that passes for good on television." — Andy Rooney

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1932, the tail end of a severe heat wave blistered southeast Australia, causing a record high of 114 degrees in Sydney.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 8) and full moon (Jan. 16).

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## Law agencies, military will crackdown on drug trafficking

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick has announced an unprecedented multi-agency effort to crack down on drug trafficking into the United States through California's Imperial Valley, known as the "cocaine corridor."

The new effort, known as the Valley Project, will include flyovers of the U.S.-Mexico border area by military aircraft and eventually could be expanded along the southwestern U.S. border.

The project is an attempt to break the powerful and violent drug trafficking operations that have shifted their cocaine smuggling routes from Florida to California, bringing drugs into the United States via ground transportation through Mexico from Central and South American countries.

"Over the past several years, the Imperial Valley border has become the drug cartels' transshipment route of choice," Gorelick said Friday.

The operation is part of the Clinton administration's strategy for controlling the southwest border, Gorelick said, including recently initiated operations to stop illegal immigration from Mexico in California, Arizona and Texas.

"The project is an important part of our plan for gaining and maintaining control of our nation's borders," Gorelick said. "We are determined to bring this border under control."

In 1994, 90 percent of all cocaine seized along the southwest border was seized in California, representing a 20 percent increase over 1993.

At least 80 percent of the cocaine seized in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties in the past two years came into the United States through this corridor, Gorelick said.

The Imperial Valley, a key agricultural center in the state, is bound by rugged mountains that smugglers of both drugs and illegal immigrants use to their advantage along the 22 miles of international border covered by the El Centro sector of the U.S. Border Patrol.

The other drugs being smuggled into the United States include heroin, marijuana and methamphetamine, officials said.

The Department of Defense will provide infrared scopes and sensors, as well as conducting the border flights.

The federal government, through the Office of National Drug Control Policy, will contribute \$7 million to the California project, with \$5 million committed to supporting initiatives, including a central intelligence center and a task force aimed at money laundering.

The "cocaine corridor" forms a natural, geographical funnel

from Mexico into Los Angeles, from where the illicit drugs can be distributed throughout the United States, said John Berry, of the U.S. Treasury Department.

"Once it's in L.A., it's in the national network," Berry said. "It's hard to track at that point."

The project includes participation by the U.S. Border Patrol, the Customs Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Treasury Department and the California National Guard.

Ultimately, the effort will bring 300 to 400 support people to the area, including 150 law enforcement personnel, said U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin, who organized the project.

"If we can focus our efforts, we can have a significant impact," Berry said. "It combines interdiction and intelligence, and that equals takedown."

## Senator named to panel studying loan to Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has been named to a bipartisan working group on Mexican loan guarantees as President Clinton developed its aid package.

Senate leaders are asking the group to draft legislative proposals to help Mexico through an economic collapse.

"The economic crisis in Mexico is severe and could have hemispheric repercussions," Mrs. Hutchison said Friday. "It is absolutely necessary that we look at how we can assist our neighbors before any more serious economic

dislocation occurs."

Mrs. Hutchison is one of 15 senators chosen to serve on the working group. Members include the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Senate Appropriations, Foreign Relations, Banking and Budget Committees.

"For both economic and national security reasons, the United States must assist Mexico in its current crisis," she said. "It is in the best interest of the United States to have a stable southern neighbor."

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**ALL-STATE ALTERNATE** — Snyder High School band director, Walter Reneau, announced that saxophonist Emily Zeck, sophomore, has earned first alternate to the All-State Band and has the option to attend the all-state functions. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Serbs shell Bihac, renege on promise to open up route

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)** — Serbs renege on a promise to open a route connecting Sarajevo to the outside world and killed four civilians Saturday while shelling the embattled enclave of Bihac.

U.N. spokesman Paul Risley called the Bihac shelling the worst violation of Bosnia's cease-fire since it went into effect Dec. 24. He said the shell, which slammed into a bridge in downtown Bihac, was fired by Bosnian Serbs or allied Serb rebels in neighboring Croatia.

Fighting also flared near three other towns in the Bihac region,

mocking both the cease-fire and a more comprehensive cessation of hostilities agreement that took force Jan. 1.

In Sarajevo, residents looking forward to freer movement out of their besieged city for the first time in five months cooled their heels as Serbs held back on a promise to open a route to the outside world.

The route leads from Sarajevo to government-held areas in central Bosnia, and its closure had left the city's 280,000 residents dependent on U.N. airlifts and aid convoys using another route.



**PREPARING FOR FUND-RAISER** — Snyder High School Drama Patrons are planning a Feb. 11 book sale and are now accepting donations. Those wishing to donate books may call 573-6301 and they will be picked up. Proceeds will benefit the drama department. Shown sorting books for

the event to be held in the foyer of Worsham Auditorium are, from left, Katy Thornton, Ryan Landes, Kevin Alejandro, Matt Parker, Amy Patterson and Amanda Carter. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

## Democrats have conflicting ideas for President Clinton

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — As President Clinton solicits advice from various quarters on how to right his presidency, he probably should avoid one group entirely if

he wants consistency: Democrats. In recent weeks, Clinton has been turning to governors and other elected officials, political scientists and consultants, even to

personal-growth gurus for guidance.

But, as he struggles to find a voice and to put together the components of his State of the Union address, he's been finding little in the way of consensus or clear advice from within his own party.

Democrats generally say they want him to show more decisiveness and assertiveness in confronting the Republicans who now control Congress. But that's where the agreement ends.

Various Democrats have urged Clinton to: —Compromise more with Republicans; compromise less with Democrats.

—Support a bigger middle-class tax cut; back off from the middle-class tax cut and focus on more deficit reduction. —Move away from traditional Democratic positions, such as increases in the minimum wage; move closer to those positions and embrace a sizeable boost in the minimum wage.

All this illustrates the problem Clinton and his party face in deciding what to do next in repositioning for the 1996 presidential election year.

"I think he needs to reassert his already established record at every point he can," said Robert Slagle, Texas state Democratic chairman. "He didn't take his victory laps when he got things done, like the (1993) budget proposal," a landmark deficit-reduction measure.

For the moment, Clinton is following a course of limited engagement with the Republicans — presenting a rival, although less ambitious middle-class tax cut and matching cuts in government programs, and attempting to focus his message on the "working Americans" who abandoned the Democratic party in droves last November.

"I think the history of American politics is the history of redemption," Faux said. "And Clinton himself has come back a number of times."

## Slain soldier told his wife he 'felt safe,' would return

*First U.S. casualty in Haiti*

**FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP)** — Gregory D. Cardott told his wife he felt safe in Haiti and expected to be home soon. Instead, he became the first U.S. soldier killed since the military intervened in the island nation.

The Pentagon said Sgt. 1st Class Cardott, assigned to Fort Bragg, was killed in a gunfight Thursday.

"I last talked to him night before last," Darlene Cardott said Friday, her husband's 37th birthday. "He just said they needed to be coming home. Everyone thought they were safe there."

Cardott's wife, a 30-year-old nursing student, said officers came to their home that night to tell her and her two young daughters of his death.

"They wear their pretty uniforms to the door, and they tell you," she said, a catch in her voice.

Cardott had been in Haiti since U.S. forces landed there in September.

On Thursday, he was at a checkpoint in the village of Bigot, about 60 miles north of the capital.

A pickup truck carrying a former Haitian army officer, Maj. Aurel Frederic, and his driver ran the checkpoint, and Cardott and another U.S. soldier chased them in their Humvee, U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schrage said.

Cardott and the other soldier walked up to the truck when it stopped. Frederic jumped out shooting, killing Cardott and wounding the other soldier, Schrage said.

A third American soldier ar-

rived at the scene and shot and killed the gunman. The driver tried to run away but was caught by an angry crowd and held for questioning.

Cardott, a native of San Mateo, Calif., was a career soldier who enlisted in 1977.

He was assigned to Fort Bragg's Third Special Forces Group in 1992, said base spokeswoman Carol Jones. The group is

trained for deployment in the Caribbean and West Africa.

He had been married for six years, and had a 3-year-old daughter, Elise, and an 8-year-old stepdaughter, Erica.

Darlene Cardott said the loss was difficult for Erica because Cardott had been her father since she was 2.

"The younger one's a little too young to understand," she said.

## Law officers note arrests, theft case

Local law enforcement personnel arrested two people Friday and one early Saturday morning in separate incidents and all were charged with public intoxication.

A 53-year-old male was arrested at 10:17 p.m. Friday in the 1500 block of N. Avenue R and charged with public intoxication. He was arrested following a disturbance call from the area at 9:58 p.m.

DPS officers arrested a 38-year-old male at 10:46 p.m. Friday approximately eight miles from Snyder on Ennis Creek Road and charged him with public intoxication.

A 31-year-old female was arrested at 12:17 Saturday morning in the 1400 block of College Avenue and charged with public intoxication.

Officers investigated a report of stolen jewelry from a residence in the 2500 block of Avenue W at 11:24 a.m. Friday.

At 1:44 p.m., a citizen contacted the police department from the 2300 block of 37th Street in reference to a neighbor's dog breaking through his fence and trying to bite him. Officers contacted the dog's owner and a citation was issued.

Officers were dispatched to the in-school suspension building

across from Snyder Junior High at 3:31 p.m. Friday in reference to a student creating a disturbance. The student was transported to the police department and was later released to the juvenile probation officer.

A report of a prowler was made at 3:48 p.m. Friday from the 700 block of 28th Street.

The Snyder Fire Department responded to a house fire at 200 East James in Hermleigh at 4:28 p.m. Friday. The Roy Collier residence suffered smoke damage throughout with the heaviest fire damage in the kitchen area. The fire department requested a Scurry County deputy at the scene and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Officers were requested in the area behind Snyder Lanes at 8:45 p.m. in reference to a gathering of several juveniles. A citizen at the scene stated his vehicle had been struck by a rock thrown as he traveled on College Avenue.

At 9:41 p.m. Friday, a complaint was made in reference to several juveniles gathering in the McDonald's parking lot.

A report of a prowler was made at 12:17 a.m. Saturday in the 700 block of 23rd Street.

## 74 animals in cages...

## Modern day Noah's Ark found in N. York

**SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP)** — Lions and tigers and bears? Oh my. And wallabies and pigs and monkeys and birds and dogs and — my, oh my.

State officials found a near-Noah's ark Friday when they raided a small house in the heart of town. Inside were 74 animals, including an African lion, a Bengal tiger and a wallaby.

"Most of the house was cages," said Neil Driscoll, spokesman for the Department of Environmental Conservation. "It was just amazing what was going on in there."

Driscoll said Vincent Pace has been charged with unlawful possession of protected wildlife and other misdemeanor counts.

Pace said he wasn't aware of any charges being filed and he has

been cooperating with authorities. "They are allowing me to donate the animals to the places of my choice," he said Friday.

A call to a poaching tip line led investigators to Pace's 11/2-story home. They decided to raid after seeing a black bear earlier this week, Driscoll said.

Cages lined the first floor and basement, where the lion and tiger were allowed to roam unfettered alongside 12 to 15 miniature potbellied pigs, monkeys and a wallaby. Birds, huskies and other animals lived in the cages, Driscoll said.

The bear was not found and Pace told officials it had been given to a circus in Wisconsin.

Pace told authorities that all the animals are pets that he takes in, cares for and gives to new owners.

## Obituaries

### David Bennett

1959-1995

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for David Armon Bennett, 35, who died Friday night from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident some eight miles north of Snyder on Ennis Creek Road.

Born in Rotan, Mr. Bennett had lived in Snyder most of his life. He was a roughneck and was employed by Patterson Drilling Co. Mr. Bennett was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Roy and Jean Bennett of Snyder; two brothers, Roy Max Bennett Jr. of Jayton and Donald Bennett of Snyder; a sister, Tonya Richards of Kerrville; and four nieces, Rebecca Bennett, Nicole Bennett, Kailey Bennett, all of Jayton, and Melissa Bennett of

Rapid City, S.D.; and one nephew, Christopher Richards of Kerrville.

### James Milson

1916-1995

**ODESSA** — James Nevelin Milton, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday in Odessa's Medical Center Hospital.

Service is set for 11 a.m. Monday in the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Bishop, officiating. A graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Monahans Municipal Cemetery.

Born in Quannah, Mr. Milson was a retired salesman from L.B. Price Mercantile Co. He was also self-employed and owned Basin Mercantile Company for many years.

Survivors include a son, James "Jim" Milson Jr. of Odessa; a daughter, Patricia Moore of Purlmea, Tex.; two brothers, Chester Milson of Burnet and Howard Milson of Greenwood; six sisters, Roberta Drake and Irene Pryor of Monahans, Hazel Berry of Lewisville, Nadine Hinshaw and Cherry Hass of Brady, Olene Hostetter of Odessa and Cherry Hass of Brady; and three grandchildren.

### Moose killed

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** — A cow-moose that stomped a 71-year-old man to death was killed by wildlife officials after it tried to attack a professor.

In both attacks — less than a week apart at the campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage — the moose appeared to be protecting its yearling calf.

## UBS plans to resume drives in late spring

United Blood Services of Lubbock plans to begin conducting blood drives here in mid to late spring, officials said Friday.

The non-profit blood provider stopped collecting community blood donations last summer following a Federal Drug Administration inspection that showed areas which needed attention. Specifically cited were issues concerning training, education and standard operating procedures.

United Blood Services worked with neighboring blood centers to continue meeting the needs of local patients.

A new management team was put into place and staff members went through an intensive training program. The center began accepting community donors again on Nov. 7. Since that time, each element of the rebuilding process has been carefully reviewed, according to UBS officials. The next step is to phase in blood drives in Lubbock and the surrounding areas, including Snyder.

"Snyder has a long history of strong support for the community blood program. We depend upon local donors to help us maintain an adequate blood supply," said Cheryl Keefer of UBS. "We are looking forward to coming back to this community."

In the interim, Snyder residents who go to Lubbock may donate from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is located at 2523 48th Street. Officials encouraged anyone planning to donate to call ahead for an appointment. The toll-free number is 1-800-333-6920.

## Hospital Notes

**ADMISSIONS:** Tobin Burt, 1507 21st; Maria P. Gutierrez, 1008 14th; Gladys Nieto, 1112 26th; Jerry Surratt, 803 28th; Michael Witte, 2013 Peyton; Harold Yearwood, 3734 Ave. V; Tiffany Sneed, 3307 Ave. M.

**DISMISSALS:** Tiffany Sneed, Mattie Crook, Troy Crowder, Bobbie Forbes and baby, Maria P. Gutierrez, Logan Harris.

Census: 43 (Med-9, Long-Term Care-32, CCU-1, OB-1).

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# Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren  
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## Crow family offers funds to save track

DALLAS (AP) — A proposal that could save the troubled Lone Star horse racetrack project has been issued by the Trammell Crow family, an attorney for the family says.

Attorney Clay Crawford said Friday the family has committed \$10 million to Lone Star, \$5 million of which is to be deposited in escrow, and has offered to assume the responsibility of recapitalizing the project and securing all financing for the proposed track in suburban Grand Prairie.

The family is the largest investor in the proposed Class 1 racetrack. Its offer to take control of Lone Star requires the approval of other limited partners. A detailed formal proposal would be sent to all partners this weekend and that he was asking that they respond by Feb. 1, Crawford said.

Bob Kaminski, a Crow business partner who will be one of the leaders of any Crow team that might assume control of the project, emphasized this wasn't a takeover attempt. If any other Lone Star partner is willing to step forward with the capital and assume responsibility for the project's completion, he said, the Crow family would step aside.

"But if given the opportunity," Kaminski said, "they (Crow family members) are going to contribute their time and expertise and money to get it done. There are no personal agendas. This is about getting a racetrack built."

Mike Carter, a representative of the original Lone Star partners who has been serving along with Crawford as interim general partners of Lone Star, characterized

the Crow proposal as "very positive." He also said it probably represented the last chance to get a major-league racetrack built in the area.

When the partnership was reorganized in September, the original partners and the partners for the Midpointe group that merged with Lone Star in 1993 agreed to a capital infusion of \$10 million each.

The Midpointe group, which included Trammel S. Crow, raised its \$10 million. But when Clarence Scharbauer of Midland, an original partner, announced that because of his health he could not fulfill a \$5 million commitment, the original Lone Star partners were unable to raise the capital.

If accepted, the Crow proposal will replace the dual partnership with a single partnership and single general partner.

The proposal came as Lone Star faced the possibility of losing another big investor, the city of Grand Prairie. Grand Prairie Mayor Charles England has given Lone Star until Wednesday to get its financing in order.

If the deadline wasn't met, England said, he would recommend to the Grand Prairie Sports Facilities Development Corp. that the city discontinue collecting the half-cent sales tax that voters approved in 1992 to help finance the track.

England was unavailable for comment-Friday. But Bryan Arnold, a Sports Corp. member, said he expected the city to take a wait-and-see attitude until the partners have time to respond.

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## Sexually Active Teen Refused To Be Safe and Now Is Sorry

DEAR ABBY: The following conversation (edited version) took place between me and my 19-year-old son. I hope you will print it as a message to all sexually active young men.

Son: She knew that I didn't want kids, yet she went and got herself pregnant!

Mother: You helped her get pregnant; did you use any protection?

Son: No! That's left up to the dumb girl!

Mother: Really? Do you ever want children?

Son: No! I don't like kids!

Mother: Have you ever thought of a vasectomy? Condoms? A spermicide? You know — foam or sponges?

Son: No, all that is for the dumb girl to do.

Mother: Did she want children?

Son: Yes, she told me she wanted to have my child.

Mother: She told you that, and you went ahead and had sex with her without using any protection?

Son: But, Mom — she knew I didn't want kids. She should have been taking the pill!

Mother (shaking her head): You knew she wanted your child, and you did nothing to protect yourself?

Son: Yes, and now I've blown my chances of going to college. All because of a baby I didn't want in the first place. I'm going to have a vasectomy so this won't ever happen again!

Mother: Isn't that like closing the barn door after the horse is gone?

Son: Mom, please, I don't need that!

Mother: You are my only child, and you are going to be a father at 19. It's a good thing your father is dead because this would kill him. Your dad's dream was having you go to college. And now you've ruined it!

Son: How could this happen to me? I never expected to be a father — never! Never!

A RICHMOND, VA., READER

DEAR RICHMOND READER: How sad. I hope your son grows up soon, or his child will be an adult before he is.

When two people have sex, both must take responsibility for the consequences; that means protecting themselves from any possibility of a sexually transmitted disease or an unwanted pregnancy.

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in a big church wedding and need your advice. I do not want my sister-in-law at my wedding.

My brother and I were partners in a business deal that went sour, and the relationship between his wife and me has been very rocky since then. She has ignored me in public, and said some terrible things about me behind my back.

My brother tells me if I don't invite her, it will make me look bad, and all the sympathy will be with her.

If I invite her (and I know she would come), it would just about kill me to walk down the aisle and see her sitting there.

What should I do?  
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DEAR NAMELESS: Invite her anyway. To exclude her would only widen the breach between you. You are not required to put on a phony show of closeness — but you will have fewer regrets if you invite her.

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DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from J.V.P., who didn't like the idea of seeing "men of the cloth" having a beer with their dinner.

Too often we forget that they are human. We lived in a small town and belonged to a country church. We had an old German priest who liked to hoist a few.

The bishop came to visit, and after seeing all the empty bottles, he said, "I see you have quite a few dead soldiers around the house," to which the old priest replied, "And not one of them died without a priest."

L. HICKS IN MINNESOTA

DEAR L. HICKS: I received a barrage of letters concerning the clergy "hoisting a few." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I read in your col-

umn that J.V.P. of Canada was horrified over the spectacle of two men of the cloth sitting in a restaurant with a bottle of beer and a glass on the table. (At least they weren't drinking it out of the bottle!)

I am reminded that another "man of the cloth" observed that "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of the mouth defileth a man." And he was not reluctant to change water into wine when the wine ran out at the wedding in Cana.

Furthermore, the men of the cloth drink wine as part of the ritual of the Mass.

I await, with great expectation, more words of wisdom to come out of the mouth of your correspondent.

JOHN GIBA, TEQUESTA, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My, my, my! Two men of the cloth having a beer, and on Sunday, too! What is this world coming to? J.V.P. doesn't know the denomination; neither do I, nor do I care.

Please tell me: When you become a "man of the cloth," do you stop being human? For all I care, these two gentlemen can drink Canada dry!

GERALD FERLAND, TORONTO, ONTARIO

DEAR ABBY: I am sensitive on the subject of religious hypocrisy. I refer to J.V.P. of Ontario, Canada, who was appalled at the sight of two men of the cloth having a beer in public.

He would be enlightened, perhaps, by referral to the famous miracle in John 2. At a wedding in Cana, when the supply of wine ran low, Jesus obliged by turning water into wine — no less than 120 gallons of it! Pretty darned good wine, too, according to the story.

He might also be interested in the fact that Noah, who was given to drunkenness, was God's hand-down favorite of the era. This is found in Genesis 9.

STU IN COOS BAY, ORE.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to respond to J.V.P., who didn't think it was proper for men of the cloth to drink beer on Sunday in a restaur-

rant.

About 30 years ago, I worked for the first electronic firm in what is now called "Silicon Forest" of Oregon. A lady sitting next to me told me about her weekend. Her family had gone to a large church in Portland for a spaghetti feed. She said beer had been available for those who wanted it.

I was appalled, and told her so. My church does not believe in drinking alcohol or using tobacco. She replied, "We believe that the sin is in judging others."

I learned a valuable lesson that day.

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## To eliminate jobs

DALLAS (AP) — Texas' second-largest bank holding company says it will eliminate 1,100 jobs statewide over the next two years as part of a restructuring program aimed at streamlining operations.

Houston-based Texas Commerce Bancshares Inc. said it will eliminate nearly 12 percent of its workforce of 9,400. Locally, about 350 positions will be cut in the Metroplex, another 500 in Houston and the rest from operations around the state.

Bank tellers and employees who are responsible for check processing and other banking duties supporting the bank's commercial and consumer business will likely face layoffs.

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# Drug addicted technician generates lawsuits

FORT WORTH (AP)—It's the stuff of bad dreams and even worse movies.

A junkie surgical technician with an incurable disease steals drugs from a medical center and uses contaminated syringes to cover his thefts.

Months or even years later, infected patients contract the disease, and only belatedly learn the likely source of their illness.

Such are the allegations in a series of civil suits by former patients of Mid-Cities Surgi-Center in suburban Bedford. So far, nearly two dozen have tested positive for hepatitis C.

There may be scores more. Kentucky-based Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., which acquired Mid-Cities last September, says it will permanently close the medical center Jan. 20.

The horror story dates back to December 1991 when David Wayne Thomas, an ex-felon with a drug habit, was hired at Mid-Cities, apparently without a records check.

He was fired four months later, but not before more than 500 patients passed through Mid-Cities. An unknown number were exposed to contaminated drugs.

In a sworn statement, Thomas, 32, said he used a syringe to steal drugs from vials, which he then refilled with a saline solution to hide the thefts.

The ex-surgical assistant insisted he used clean syringes to refill the vials, but evidence suggests otherwise.

Thomas had hepatitis C, an unusual and incurable virus that attacks the liver. Medical experts say at least 50 percent of those stricken with the virus eventually develop chronic liver disease.

"It is estimated that one in five patients with hepatitis C will develop cirrhosis, but this figure may be higher depending on the number of years of infection," writes Dr. William Lee, a Dallas liver specialist.

"Hepatitis C is associated with liver cancer but only occasionally, and only in the setting of advanced cirrhosis."

After his dismissal in 1992, Thomas was accused of theft and possession of controlled substances. He pleaded guilty and remains in prison.

According to Bedford police records and sworn statements, Thomas stole drugs from operating rooms and from a box in an unlocked, unguarded room. He would "shoot up" at the center almost daily, then allegedly use "dirty" syringes to refill the vials with an otherwise harmless solution.

"He has never once admitted to having used a syringe on himself and placing that same syringe in a position where it could be injected

into a patient," his attorney, Robert Bodo, insists.

Still, dozens of narcotics were adulterated, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram revealed in a story exploring the legal, emotional, medical and historical aspects of the case.

Since then, Columbia/HCA has sent out more than 500 certified letters to the center's former patients, urging them to undergo tests for hepatitis C.

When Thomas worked at Mid-Cities, the center was owned by Medical Care International, which later merged with Critical Care America to become Medical Care America.

Columbia/HCA acquired the Dallas-based company just four months ago.

The original owner also sent letters to some 500 former patients, but those patients say the medical center minimized the risk of contracting hepatitis C and did not encourage testing.

Records show the earlier letter, dated May 12, 1994, was sent 23 months after the original owner learned that Thomas was infected with hepatitis C.

In a related development, Walls Regional Hospital in nearby Cleburne, where Thomas worked briefly, mailed out letters Jan. 4 to 750 former patients urging them to be tested for hepatitis C.

Of the first 200 tested, four were found to have the virus, officials said. They said that rate of infection, 2 percent, falls within the range of the general population.

There is no indication that Thomas was responsible, but the hospital will provide medical care regardless of the source, Walls Regional Administrator Brent Magers told the Star-Telegram.

In another development, questions have been raised about the death three months ago of a 52-year-old Euless woman infected with hepatitis C. Doctors blamed alcohol abuse.

But in March 1992, the woman was treated at the Bedford surgical center. And two years later she was diagnosed with liver disease.

Her family contends she contracted hepatitis C at Mid-Cities.

In announcing plans to close the Bedford center, spokeswoman Lindy Richardson said media coverage of the hepatitis outbreak "scared the patients away."

She said Columbia/HCA operates 57 such centers in Texas and that the 15 employees of Mid-Cities will be relocated.

In a telephone interview from Louisville, Ms. Richardson said the company will do the "right thing" for both its employees and the former patients.

"We have 17 people who have tested positive in at least one of three blood tests, but that does not mean they have tested positive for

hepatitis C," she said.

Ms. Richardson said also it "astounds" her that the media have focused so harshly on the medical center.

"The emphasis has been on the wrong subject, as far as attempting to place blame on the surgery center ... and not the guy who committed this criminal act," she said.

District Attorney Tim Curry says he has not seen the evidence against Thomas nor explored the possibility of prosecution.

However, it remains an issue. "I would not rule out a criminal case, but nothing has been referred to our office," says Alan Levy, chief of the D.A.'s criminal division. "So we don't have any facts on the offense."

A team of four lawyers has filed suit on behalf of 34 plaintiffs and says it intends to add another 23 clients soon.

"All of these plaintiffs have a suit against the surgicenter itself," said Seana Meley, a legal assistant

for attorney Tom Hall. "Currently, we have not sued any of the operating physicians, only the anesthesiologists."

Meanwhile, the anguish of the victims was brought home most poignantly by John Sisson, whose wife Marianne underwent surgery at Mid-Cities Jan. 15, 1992.

"You've got a woman here who goes in for a miscarriage," he told the Star-Telegram. "It was a baby that we wanted very deeply. It was a loss that devastated us."

Subsequently, he said, his wife gave birth to a son.

"And someone rings your doorbell and there is the postman, and he is handing you a letter that says Marianne might have hepatitis C because of that operation."

She does have it, he said. And so does their son Garrett.

"He's 14 months and he has a virus no one can do anything about," Sisson said. "God, I can't tell you how that feels, how that destroys you."

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## Fashion designer has filed for personal bankruptcy

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas fashion designer who was named as defendant in a sexual harassment lawsuit by a former employee has filed for personal bankruptcy protection.

Victor Costa filed a petition Friday under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, which allows him protection from creditors while reorganizing his finances.

Victor Costa Inc., his Dallas-based design and marketing company, has not declared bankruptcy.

In a statement issued Friday, Costa said he had to file the petition because of "mounting expenses related to a lawsuit filed by a former fitting model claiming unfair treatment."

"I am still resolved to defend myself to the fullest extent of the law and vindicate my name," Costa said. "Filing for reorganization is regrettable but unavoidable."

The scheduled Feb. 14 state district court trial of the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Lorna Pilgrim, a former model and assistant to Costa, will automatically be postponed because of the filing.

Michael Lynn, one of Ms. Pilgrim's lawyers, says he will seek to lift the postponement and plans to continue actively pursuing the case.

In the lawsuit, Ms. Pilgrim claimed he had made abusive and sexually degrading comments to her during the seven years she worked for him.

Costa denied the claims, saying Ms. Pilgrim was a disgruntled former employee who was seeking revenge.

In the petition, Costa said he has between \$1 and \$10 million in assets and \$1 to \$10 million in liabilities. He also said he has between 16 and 49 creditors.

During the 1980s, Costa became well-known in the fashion industry as the "knockoff king" for his copies of expensive designer evening and bridal wear. His dresses sell for less than \$1,000.

Costa's boutique in Highland Park Village has closed since the lawsuit was filed.

In September, he signed a contract with Plano-based J.C. Penney Co. to produce a line of 10 evening suits under the label Victor Costa Romantica.

## Laredo cocaine seizure breaks 1994 records

LAREDO (AP) — A 40-year-old San Antonio man was in federal custody Friday after a routine search at a Border Patrol checkpoint turned up almost 1,000 bundles of cocaine hidden in the false roof of a tractor trailer.

The 4,569 pounds of contraband seized Thursday night near Freer has an estimated street value of \$146 million, said Joe Garza, chief patrol agent for Laredo Border Patrol sector.

"As far as we know, it's probably the largest seizure in Laredo sector history," he said.

In all of fiscal 1994, agents at the sector's four checkpoints made 950 cases, mostly involving marijuana, Garza said.



# Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

## Schiebel recounts Methodist missionary trip Local woman volunteers time, skills in Guatemala

For 10 days late last year, 20 Methodist missionaries — including Martha Schiebel of Snyder — worked tirelessly to provide medical care for poor people living in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.

Surrounded by poverty and working with people who were mostly ignorant about personal hygiene, the missionaries could have been overwhelmed by their situation — but they weren't.

Instead, most were so touched by their experience that many of them, including Martha, will be returning this summer to continue the work they began in November.

The group, all part of the Volunteers in Mission Program, was sponsored by the Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church. Trinity United Methodist Church, of which Martha is a member, donated toothbrushes which were distributed to the peo-

The group divided into three teams, each consisting of a doctor, nurse and interpreter. A bilingual native helped register people at each clinic.

Martha said they saw from 150 to 200 people each day. Ages varied from babies to grandparents. Doctors examined all of the patients, often referring them to the area hospital for surgery. The hospital had a waiting list, she said.

Surprisingly, they examined few people who had high blood pressure. Those who did were told to give up salt, something Martha learned to say in Spanish. Team members could not prescribe medication because the Guatemalans had no way to obtain refills when their supply ran out.

Dentists were unable to fill cavities because teeth were so rotten they had to be pulled.

Before they arrived, team mem-

bered them if authorities stopped their teams. However, it was their

The missionaries packed their instruments in T-shirts made by

the Rev. James Merrill's son, who has a T-shirtmaking business. The

shirts had been discarded because (See FOLKS On Page 2B)

**"...the Guatemalans welcomed us with open arms."**

ple. Many had to be shown how to use them, Martha said.

The church also helped her raise the \$900 she needed for air fare, room and board and insurance.

Last November marked the first time for the conference to sponsor missionary teams to that region.

The teams consisted of two pairs of medical doctors, dentists, nurses, physical therapists and construction workers. Each group also had its own interpreter.

Martha assisted with some nursing duties such as taking blood pressure readings and interviewing patients about their medical complaints.

Martha is not a licensed nurse because she has never taken the state board examination. However, she does have a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Texas Christian University.

bers were warned to be careful not to shower too much attention on the children, since the Guatemalans are fearful that they will be taken away by the American missionaries.

However, she said they did not have any trouble in the area where they were. In fact, the Guatemalans "welcomed us with open arms," she said. The only real trouble they experienced occurred when they mistakenly allowed one woman (whose need warranted it, they thought) to go ahead of the others who were in line before her.

Other than that incident, the Guatemalans appreciated the work of the missionaries, Martha added.

To get to the clinic, some of the people had to ride for seven hours on a bus, Martha said.

Everyone who came to the



**MISSIONARY IN GUATEMALA** — Martha Schiebel of Snyder joined 19 other Methodist missionaries in Guatemala from Nov. 25-Dec. 5. The medical teams examined between 150-200 patients a day. Construction teams worked on the new clinic being built

there. Martha is displaying some of the handicrafts made by Guatemalan women she purchased while there. She plans to return to the same place next summer. (SDN Staff Photo)



**TIRED, BUT HAPPY** — After 10 days in Guatemala, Martha Schiebel of Snyder was tired but happy to have shared in the Methodist missionary experience. She is shown here resting at the airport. (Contributed Photo)

She also stays abreast of the latest medical knowledge through refresher courses at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The medical doctor on Martha's team had completed his internship at Harris Hospital where Martha also trained.

Dr. Phil Plunk of Albany served as the group's leader. They were in Guatemala from Nov. 25 through Dec. 5.

Quetzaltenango lies in a mountainous region of the country, some 7,000 miles above sea level. Martha said they examined many people with back problems caused by running up and down the mountain, often carrying heavy loads on their heads. This was especially true of the women, who are taught at an early age to carry things on their heads.

Martha said that following breakfast and a devotional, they would all board "rickety" 1965 buses with no springs and travel across town to where two churches had established a couple of clinics.

clinic dressed up. Women wore skirts, blouses and aprons, similar to what they wear to church.

Martha said they saw lots of soldiers but for the most part "they ignored us." All of the missionaries carried their visas and passports with them because they would

driver who had to show his papers instead.

Martha said she was not afraid while in Guatemala because "when you are in a group of 20 you know you will be all right."

While the medical team examined patients, construction teams worked on a new clinic being built. They utilized native crews to help with the work.

While there, Martha said they were told of a missionary, Larry Boggs, who lives there and is supported in part by Snyder's Calvary Baptist Church.

In fact, one of their interpreters was a young girl who had received help through Boggs' missionary work.

Martha called the trip a "learning experience," adding that they now have a better idea of what supplies and medications to take next time. Lab technicians and surgeons need to be included in future trips, she said.

Eye operating teams are needed. The missionaries discovered that Guatemalans have eye problems because they live so close to the sun and do not wear sunglasses. Many have growths on their eyes which need to be removed.

Martha said complete operating rooms can be set up inside the airplanes which fly the missionaries in.

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In church ceremony...

# Vows pledged by pair

Double-ring vows united Jessica Denise Clark of Snyder and Christopher Randal Reeves of Colorado City at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 30, 1994 in the Ira Baptist Church.

The Rev. Danny Williams, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church, officiated.

Chuck and Diana Green of Snyder and Dennis and Marilyn Clark of Odessa are parents of the bride and the groom's parents are David and Donna Bell of Snyder.

The exchange of vows were held under a wedding arch covered with greenery, laced with luminous ribbons. Two wedding bells graced the center, flanked by two lace angels. Jeannie Jackson, Jerra Holly and Margie Green were in charge of decorations.

Candlelighter was Billy Cisneros of Snyder.

Grandmother of the bride, Donna Economidis, was pianist. Musical selections included "So Much in Love," "We've Only Just Begun," "The Rose," "Bridal Chorus" and "Wedding March."

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Jason Ray Green. She wore a white satin gown with a sweetheart neckline and a full chapel-length train. The bodice was embellished with lace appliques, pearls and sequins.

Her fingertip-length veil featured a lace crown, pearls and crystals on Venise lace. She carried a bouquet of white roses with bridal pearls and baby's breath, all tied with blue satin streamers.

The trio of bridesmaids wore tea-length taffeta gowns of different colors. They included Jennifer Rankin, emerald green gown; Kristi Sorrells, cranberry red; and Jennifer Northcott, midnight blue. Flower girl was Jessica Cooper, wearing a red and white velvet dress. She carried a lace-covered basket filled with white roses. All are of Snyder.

Best man was Tommy Reeves, grandfather of the groom from Colorado City. Groomsmen were Cory Morris, also of Colorado City, and Donald Wells of Snyder. Seating guests were Rodney Reeves, uncle of the groom from Sweetwater; Bill Johnson of Snyder, and Wayne Clark, cousin of the bride from Odessa.

Ringbearer was Johathan Bell, brother of the groom from Snyder.

The groom wore a white tuxedo with a black cummerbund, white shirt and a black tie. His boutonniere was a white rosebud and greenery. Groomsmen and ushers wore black jeans and white shirts.

Susan Burton of Odessa, aunt of the bride, registered guests at a table that held a candelabrum, of five ivory candles, and a bride doll candle.

The reception was held in the church fellowship hall, highlighted by the bride's table covered in a white lace cloth and holding a crystal punch bowl, along with other crystal serving dishes. It was centered by a three-tiered white cake decorated with cascading white flowers, topped with two white doves. The cake was made by Melisa Nickerson, aunt of the bride. Serving were Jennifer



MR. AND MRS. CHRISTOPHER R. REEVES  
(Contributed Photo)

Clark and Sheila Clark, sisters of the bride from Odessa.

Fern Reeves, grandmother of the groom from Colorado City, made and served the groom's cake. Stephanie Bell, sister of the groom of Snyder, also served.

A rehearsal dinner for the bridal party was held in the church fellowship hall, hosted by the groom's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves' honeymoon was to Runaway Bay and

they have made their home in Snyder where the bride is currently a senior at Ira High School and plans to attend Angelo State University. She is employed at the Sonic Drive-In.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School and serves in the Army National Guard Reserves. He plans to attend Angelo State University and is currently employed by Pool WeH Service.

## Scurry County Library News and Views

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"The Last Suppers," by Diane Mott Davidson.

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"The Dolphins of Pern," by Anne McCaffrey.

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### TUESDAY

Pinto Beans  
Corn on the Cob  
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Peach Cobbler

### WEDNESDAY

Hamburgers

### THURSDAY

Barbecue on a Bun  
French Fries  
Pinto Beans  
Cherry Crisp

### FRIDAY

Spaghetti and Meat Sauce  
Green Beans  
Relish Cup  
Italian Bread

### MONDAY

French Fries

### THURSDAY

Chicken Burger  
Hot Turkey Sandwich  
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a word had been misspelled. They left the T-shirts with the Guatemalans. Merrill is a former pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Martha said she "expected to be depressed" because she knew that they "could only do so much" for the people in Guatemala. Even though what they did was a "drop in the bucket," she said, she learned to accept it and not dwell on needs they could not meet.

Conditions were somewhat austere for the missionaries. They could not drink the water in Guatemala, but instead relied on small bottles of Aqua Pura, provided by the motel. Water and electricity rationed by the motel often left them without lights at night or hot water for evening showers.

They had to avoid fruits and vegetables handled by the Guatemalans, who did not wash their hands. Missionaries would only eat what they peeled and boiled themselves. Martha relied on daily peanut butter sandwiches "as a safe food."

They also discovered that Guatemalan women would bring their clothes to the clinic and wash them in the river or with water from the central water pipes which snaked through the town, while they waited their turn.

While in Guatemala, Martha and the others worshipped at a local church. "Singing in Spanish was one of the greatest enjoy-



BUSY VOLUNTEER — Martha Schiebel helped take blood pressure readings while in Guatemala. (Contributed Photo)

ments for me," she added.

Out of respect for the customs of the people, the women team-members wore modest jewelry, very little makeup, long dresses or long skirts and blouses. The women did not wear slacks and no one in the group smoked or cursed, she added.

The missionaries enjoyed weather similar to Cloudcroft, N.M., and had some time for sight-seeing and shopping.

Martha obtained a jacket made by children living in a Methodist orphanage there. She also purchased other handicrafts.

As their men were killed in fighting, the Guatemalan women

had to learn how to make a living selling things they made, Martha said.

Even though Martha "worked very hard for 10 days," she said it was fulfilling. "Those people were just wonderful and special," she said.

Volunteers ranged in age from 30 to 79. She called the 79-year-old a "go-getter and leader-of-the-pack."

This trip was a natural for Martha, who said she has always wanted to be a missionary. She first heard about it from Kim Pease, editor of the Rotan newspaper.

## Stroke rehabilitation looks brighter

By DR. JUNG H. AHN  
For AP Special Features

The mortality rate from stroke has dropped significantly in recent years and the outlook for stroke survivors appears brighter these days.

Many stroke patients can look forward to recovery, thanks to medical and technological improvements and increased access to rehabilitation services. The majority of patients left with neurological deficits (such as paralysis and inability to walk) can now become self-sufficient and return home.

Stroke occurs when the flow of blood to the brain is interrupted. An artery becomes blocked (ischemic stroke) or breaks (hemorrhagic stroke). Starved for nourishment, brain tissue begins to die.

Of those who are in the acute phase of stroke, one-third may expire or worsen, and one-third fully recover.

The remaining one-third of patients suffer neurological deficits, such as paralysis on one side of the body. (Paralysis usually occurs on the side opposite the part of the brain that has been damaged.) Other common impairments include loss of speech (aphasia), and comprehension and/or visual,

sensory, psychological function. A majority of these stroke patients are good candidates for

rehabilitation.

Therapy usually begins as soon as the condition is stabilized and involves a 4-to-6 week inpatient program, followed by additional outpatient or home services.

The goal is to help patients compensate for neurological losses and maximize functions remaining.

The medical rehabilitation team may consist of a psychiatrist, a physician specializing in rehabilitation; a physical therapist; an occupational therapist; a speech-language pathologist; a psychologist; social worker; and a rehabilitation nurse.

Therapy for paralyzed limbs focuses on improving muscle strength, range of motion, and coordination. With improved medical management and close supervision, many of those patients can be kept stable enough to tolerate exercises and rehabilitation therapy.


Some stroke patients may have difficulty in swallowing food and water. Through the use of video evaluations, caregivers can determine which food textures, mouth or pharynx problems cause trouble, and teach patients how to swallow safely.

To prepare for the tasks of daily living, many patients can also be trained in self-care skills like grooming, hygiene, and dressing activities.

Equipment has improved, as well. Braces can now be custom-made to make walking easier and look better cosmetically. Wheelchairs are lighter and simpler to handle. At home, bathroom "grab bars" prevent falls, and tub-shower benches make transfers for bathing easier and safer.

A stroke needn't mean the end of a useful life. Most patients can walk with appropriate aids. Other impairments can improve. With family support and rehabilitation, the majority can expect to function well.

The verb "to scotch" means to stamp out, put an end to.



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# Evening rites unite Miss Patterson and Mr. Morales in a formal December ceremony

ODESSA — Elizabeth Lane Patterson and Adam Bencomo Morales were united in marriage at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10, 1994, in the sanctuary of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Odessa. Father James Bridges officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lynda Patterson of Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Patterson of Pecos. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Moss Jr. of Seymour and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Patterson of Newark.

The groom is the son of Lorina Wells of Ft. Davis and Adam Morales of Marfa. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Bencomo of Ft. Davis.

Pianist Becky Patterson, stepmother of the bride, provided musical selections for the wedding. Bill Moss, her uncle of Snyder, sang "I Can't Help Falling in Love" as the bridal procession began. He also sang "Evergreen" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the ceremony. Another selection, "Standing Right Next to Me," was sung by Sarena Wright, friend of the bride. Selected scriptures were read by Yolanda Morales and George Dalcido, cousins of the groom.

The sanctuary was decorated with a 15-branch crescent-shaped candelabrum, flanked by two 15-branch spiral candelabra accented with ivy, ivory tulle and a burgundy velvet bow at the base. In addition, there were winter bouquets featuring calla lilies, burgundy-throated dogwood blossoms, and frosted hickory branches on the altar. The arrangements were created by the bride's aunt, Judy Moss. Calla lilies and burgundy satin rope marked the pews. The unity candle was of special significance for the couple. It was used as the unity candle for the wedding of the bride's cousin, the late Melissa Moss Burke, and for the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of the bride's grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Moss Jr.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown created in ivory colored hand-woven Chinese silk, featuring heavily beaded lotus appliques. The straight gown featured an open square neckline with full-length sleeves. Delicate lattice work in hand stitching gave the neckline a unique touch of elegance. The straight skirt was complimented with a deep applique of hand stitching in a lotus pattern and the lattice work. A full cathedral train was fastened at the waistline and billowed forth. The same delicate hand stitching appeared on the train as well. The bride wore a fingertip veil of illusion attached to a pearl tiara. The bride's bouquet was a full cascade of calla lilies, white roses and variegated holly.

For something old, the bride carried a Bible given to her mother and in turn to her from their namesakes, the late Granny and Uncle Jim Lane. Something new was her dress. Something borrowed was a handkerchief from her special grandmother, Gaye Nelle Greene; and something blue was her garter.

Leslie Ontiveros of Pecos was maid of honor. She wore a midnight blue organza tea-length dress with a full skirt and short puffed sleeves. It featured a fitted bodice adorned with pearls along the slightly scooped neckline, open to the waist in back, and accented with a large bow. She carried a small cascade of calla lilies and white roses with greenery, accented with burgundy satin rope.

Bridesmaids were Missy Resa, cousin of the bride from Austin;



MRS. ADAM BENCOMO MORALES  
(Contributed Photo)

Delma Mays, sister of the groom of Birmingham, Ala.; Misti Welch and Lisa Rucznik of San Marcos; Tobi Wheelless of Menard; Lisa Salas of San Antonio; and Amanda Stickle, stepdaughter of the bride from Pecos. The bridesmaids' dresses were identical to the maid of honor's; and were designed and made by the bride's mother. A trio of calla lilies and greenery, tied with burgundy satin rope, completed the ensemble.

The groom was attired in a black pin-striped, full dress tuxedo designed by Christian Dior, complete with a white vest. His boutonniere was a white rose, accented with baby's breath.

John D. Henderson of Lubbock was best man. Groomsmen included Steve Mays, brother of the groom from Ft. Davis; John D. Bencomo, cousin of the groom from Levelland; Tavi Vasquez of Marfa; Abel Ortega of Seminole; Mike Heath of Lubbock; and Steven Boyett of Monahans. They also wore black, pin-striped tuxedos. Boutonnieres were single burgundy roses with sprigs of baby's breath.

Ushers were Justin Wells, brother of the groom from Ft. Davis; Michael Patterson, brother of the bride of Snyder; and Jack Stickle, stepbrother of the bride of Pecos.

The flower girl Jacqueline Ontiveros of Pecos wore a burgundy velvet tea-length dress, accented with an antique ivory lace collar. She carried a basket of white roses.

The ring bearer was Ben Castro,

## MAWC will have 'black-eyed pea' luncheon Jan. 25

The Martha Ann Woman's Club planned a game day/black-eyed pea luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25 in the clubhouse located south of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The luncheon, catered by Shirley McMillan, featuring several black-eyed pea dishes, is open to the public with reservations by Jan. 24. Those wishing to eat lunch and not stay for games are welcome. Also, carry-outs will be available. The charge is \$6 per plate and serving will begin at 11:30.

cousin of the groom. He wore a tuxedo identical to the groomsmen's.

The guest registry was attended by Jill Henson of Dallas. An arrangement of calla lilies, burgundy roses and holly graced the registry table.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor. Music was provided by mariachi guitarists as guests enjoyed a buffet of assorted meats, breads, cheeses, vegetables, fruits and condiments.

The bride's table was draped with an ivory cloth and an overlay of midnight blue heavy moire taffeta, accented with silk tassels at each corner. The three-tiered Italian creme cake, adorned with a cascade of ivory roses and greenery, was the focal point of the table. Punch, biscochos made by the groom's grandmother, Esparanza Bencomo, and mints were served from silver appointments. The bride's bouquet and silver champagne flutes, engraved with the names of the bride and groom, enhanced the table decor.

The groom's table was draped identically to the bride's. An arrangement of calla lilies and burgundy roses in a crystal vase accented the table. Coffee and cheesecake, marbled with caramel and nuts and surrounded by chocolate curls, were served from silver pieces.

After the reception a country and western dance was held, featuring the Tommy Hooker Band.

Following a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, the couple will reside in Odessa. The bride is a certified court reporter for Ector County in the office of district Judge Joseph Connally. The groom is employed by the Texas Youth Commission at the West Texas State School in Pyote.

## Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-14-95			
♠ 8 4			
♥ 6 5			
♦ A K Q J 4			
♣ Q 6 5 3			
WEST	EAST		
♠ K Q 10 9	♠ A J 5 3		
♥ J 10 9	♥ Q 4		
♦ 9 2	♦ 8 5 3		
♣ J 9 7 4	♣ K 10 6 2		
SOUTH			
♥ 7 6 2			
♠ A K 8 7 3 2			
♦ 10 7 6			
♣ A			
Vulnerable: Both			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♠ K			

haven't got the guts to bite people themselves."

Bridge is a dogfight for every trick. Look upon defeat in a contract as a catastrophe. Against today's four-heart contract, West leads the spade king and switches accurately to a trump. How do you continue?

That trump switch is annoying because the defenders are threatening to take three spades and one heart. With, say, a spade continuation, you could have ruffed a spade in the dummy.

One thought is to take your two top trumps and start on the diamonds. If the defender with the last trump has at least three diamonds, you can discard a spade loser and get home.

However, there is a much safer play available. Just duck the second trick. Let the opponents have their trump winner while there is still a trump in the dummy to keep spades under control.

If you didn't spot that play, your partner would catapult you to the doghouse. And he might start doggedly cataloguing your errors. Also, without fear of catcalls from my readers, I can dogmatically state that this duck is the cat's whiskers, doggone it!

## Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY  
Dot Casey directed eight tables for Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

- N-S
1. Charlie Blakey, Dora Blakey.
  2. Louise Thompson, Billisue Stuard.
  3. TIE: Sue Reed, Sue Mize and Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.

- E-W
1. Shirley Stewart, Barbara Yorgesen.
  2. Polly Ballard, Verdi Kimbro.
  3. Sue Carter, Martha Fagin.

SUNDAY  
Three tables were directed by

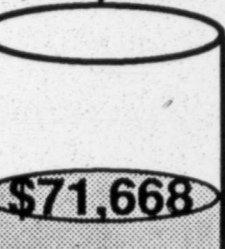
Rube McKinley.

1. Polly Ballard, Nona Morrison.
2. Lucille Joyce, Mippy Brownlee.
3. TIE: Charles Blakey, Dora Blakey and Frances Stevenson, Mal Stevenson.

TUESDAY  
Five tables were directed by Dot Casey.

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Polly Ballard.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
3. Charlie Blakey, Dora Blakey.
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- David & Lisa Tate - Shower January 14  
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## Community Calendar

### MONDAY

Storytime for 4- and 5-year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.  
AARP, Chapter 2063 board will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Senior Center; the regular meeting will be held at 12 with Chaplin Smith of the Price Daniel Unit will speak; visitors are welcome.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; Snyder Chamber of Commerce; visitors welcome; 6-7 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma meeting is rescheduled for Jan. 23.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

### TUESDAY

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in and meeting from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Jean-Yearwood at 573-9444.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; community room of Snyder National Bank; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956, 573-2101, 573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Penwomen; Sherry Bryant, hostess; Dorothy Cox, program; 1:30 p.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; Snyder Country Club; fellowship; hostess, Frances Stevenson; 7 p.m.

Altrurian Daughters; MAWC; Reid Johnson, magic program; hostesses, Nina Nesbit and June McGlaun; 11:30 a.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.

SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

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

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

### FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 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.

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

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



MR. AND MRS. JASON ANDREW MAI  
(Contributed Photo)

# Schlegelmilch, Mai married

SAN ANTONIO — Theresa Elaine Schlegelmilch and Jason Andrew Mai exchanged wedding vows in a 7:30 p.m., June 11, 1994, ceremony in the St. Helenas Catholic Church. Father Krieger officiated the double-ring rites.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tye Schlegelmilch of San Antonio and the groom's parents are Daryl Mai of San Antonio and Mrs. Pamela Maresch of Snyder.

Complementing the altar area were two multi-colored, predominant in peach, flower arrangements. The pews were marked with white bows.

Vocalist Miss Jennifer Conarke, and organist Mrs. Susan Ryan performed "Wedding Song," "In This Very Room," "Ave Maria" and the "Wedding Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a white full, floor-length gown with a four-foot train. Off-the-shoulder long sleeves were sequined and adorned with pearls and iridescent sequins. Her train had three tear-shaped insets.

Her veil, displaying white flowers and pearls, was worn at the back of her head. She carried a bouquet of ocean roses, peach carnations and co-ordinating mixed flowers, tied with peach ribbon.

The maid of honor, Elizabeth Schlegelmilch, sisiter of the bride from San Antonio, wore a floor-length, jade green gown of morre and satin.

Bridesmaids were Jenae Mai, sister-in-law of the groom from College Station; Lauren Dowd of Colleyville; Deandra Walters of San Antonio; Liliana Suarez of St. Louis, Mo.; Monica Aguilera, her cousin from Torreon, Mo., and Jennifer Below, of Knoxville, Tenn. Junior bridesmaid was Tamara Maresch of Snyder, her sister-in-law.

Flower girls were Clair and Sara Lavender of San Antonio. They wore knee-length, green dresses. Ring bearer was Blake Lavender of San Antonio.

Best man was Nathan Mai, the groom's brother of College Station. Groomsmen were Scott Colard of Garland; Greg Garteiser of San Antonio; Eddie Ortiz of Dal-

las; Myron Maresch, her stepfather of Snyder; Tye Schlegelmilch, her brother-in-law of Boston, Md., and Curtis Mai, his brother from San Antonio.

Male attendants wore single breasted, shawl collar tuxedos and jade green cummerbunds.

The reception was held at the Valero Energy Corp. in San Antonio. The bride's table was covered with jade green cloths decorated with a three-inch ribbon runner and candles, centered with a ring of potpourri.

The three-layered wedding cake, made by the groom's mother, was decorated with peach flowers and featured a staircase from the top to the bottom which held candles. Serving were Debbie Walters and Lisa Vasil, both of San Antonio.

The groom's red velvet cake displayed "A&M" and was trimmed with flowers and an A&M outhouse. Serving were Barbara Collard of Garland and Jennifer Boyn of Houston.

Following the seven-day honeymoon Pacific cruise to Mexico and four days in California, Mr. and Mrs. Mai are at home in Houston.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Texas A&M, with a bachelor of science in biomedical science and will soon receive her master of science degree in physical therapy at Texas Women's University. The groom is also a 1994 A&M graduate, receiving degrees in environmental design and intern architecture.

### Elvis' fans party

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Elvis had quite a birthday party for someone who's been dead 17 years.

About 1,500 fans gathered Sunday at Graceland for what would have been Elvis Presley's 60th birthday, many more than at most of his birthdays.

"The birthday to me is really, really special," said Jill Bugg of Colchester, England. "It's a special birthday for anyone, but for Elvis it means everything."

Presley died at Graceland on Aug. 16, 1977, at age 42.



ENGAGEMENT REVEALED — The parents of Melissa Hodges and Eric Olson, both of Lubbock, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Miss Hodges is the daughter of Camille and David Fisher of Snyder and Jerry and Karen Hodges of Roby. The future bridegroom's parents are Carolyn and Clarence Olson of Carlsbad, N.M. The couple set their wedding for 6 p.m. on May 27 in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

### Hermleigh School Menu

<b>BREAKFAST MONDAY</b>		Baked Beans Hot Rolls Blueberry Crisp Milk
Juice Toast & Jelly Milk	<b>TUESDAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>		Sloppy Joes Macaroni & Cheese Buttered Spinach Hot Rolls Pink Applesauce Milk
Fruit Blueberry Muffins Milk	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Chicken & Dumplings English Peas Carrots Sticks Hot Biscuits Pineapple Pudding Milk
Juice Kolaches Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		Chili Dogs French Fries Relish Cup Chocolate Chip Cookies Milk
Fruit Dry Cereal Toast Milk	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>		Teacher In-Service
<b>LUNCH MONDAY</b>		Grilled Pork Rib Patties Potato Salad

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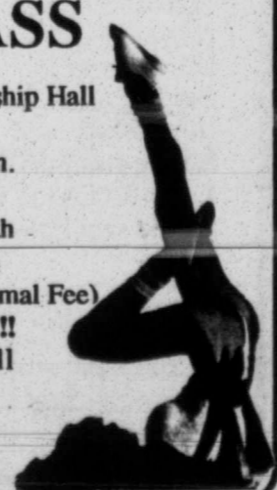
### Senior Citizens Menu

<b>MONDAY</b>		Spanish Rice Lettuce Salad Chocolate Chip Cookies
Boneless Barbecue Ribs Black-eyed Peas Cream Style Corn Tossed Salad w/French Dressing Baked Apple	<b>FRIDAY</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>		Fried Fish Parslied Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Raw Vegetable Salad Spice Cake
Chicken & Dumplings Green Peas Sliced Buttered Carrots Pickled Beets & Onions Chocolate Brownie	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		Pepper Steak w/Rice Potatoes Au Gratin Tomatoes & Green Beans Peaches & Cottage Cheese Coconut Pudding
<b>THURSDAY</b>		Tamale Pie Refried Beans

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# "Family Focus"

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



**QUESTION:** I have a horrible time getting my 10-year-old daughter ready to catch the school bus each morning. She will get up when I insist, but she dawdles and plays as soon as I leave the room. I have to goad and push and warn her every few minutes or else she will be late. So I get more and more angry, and usually end up screaming insults at her. I know this is not the best way to handle her. Tell me how I can get her moving without this emotion every day.

**DR. DOBSON:** You are playing right into your daughter's hands by assuming the responsibility for getting her ready each morning.

A 10-year-old should definitely be able to handle that task on her own steam, but your anger is not likely to bring it about. We had a very similar problem with our own daughter when she was 10. Perhaps the solution we worked out will help you.

Danae's morning time problem related primarily to her compulsivity about her room. She will not leave for school each day unless her bed is made perfectly and every trinket is in its proper place. This was not something we taught her; she has always been very meticulous about her possessions. (I should add that her brother, Ryan, does not have this problem.)

Danae could easily finish these tasks on time if she were motivated to do so, but she was never in a particular hurry. Therefore, my wife began to fall into the same habit you described, warning, threatening, pushing, shoving and ultimately becoming angry as the clock moved toward the deadline.

Shirley and I discussed the problem and agreed that there had to be a better method of getting through the morning. I subsequently created a system which we called "Checkpoints." It worked like this:

Danae was instructed to be out of bed and standing erect before 6:30 each morning. It was her responsibility to set her own clock radio and get herself out of bed. If she succeeded in getting up on time (even one minute later was considered a missed item), she immediately went to the kitchen where a chart was taped to the refrigerator door. She then circled "yes" or "no," with regard to the first checkpoint for that date. It couldn't be more simple. She either did or did not get up by 6:30.

The second checkpoint occurred 40 minutes later at 7:10. By that time, she was required to have her room straightened to her own satisfaction, be dressed and have her teeth brushed, hair combed, etc., and be ready to begin practicing the piano. Forty minutes was ample time for these tasks, which could actually be done in 10 or 15 minutes if she wanted to hurry. Thus, the only way she could miss the second checkpoint was to deliberately ignore it. Now, what meaning did the checkpoints have? Did failure to meet them bring anger and wrath and gnashing of teeth? Of course not.

The consequences were straightforward and fair. If Danae missed one checkpoint, she was required to go to bed 30 minutes earlier than usual that evening. If she missed two, she hit the "lily whites" an hour before her assigned bedtime. She was permitted to read during that time in bed, but she could not watch television or talk on the telephone.

This procedure took all the morning pressure off Shirley and placed it on our daughter's shoulders, where it belonged. There were occasions when my wife got up just in time to fix breakfast, only to find Danae sitting soberly at the piano, clothed and in her right mind.

This system of discipline can serve as a model for parents who have similar behavioral problems with their children. It was not oppressive; in fact, Danae seemed to enjoy having a target to shoot at. The limits of acceptable performance were defined beyond question. The responsibility was clearly placed on the child. And it required no adult anger or foot stomping.

There is an adaptation of this concept available to resolve other thorny conflicts in your home, too. The only limit lies in the creativity and imagination that you bring to the situation.

**QUESTION:** If we are to believe the statistics we read today, infidelity has become extremely common in the Western culture. Why do people do it? What is the primary motivator that would cause a husband or wife to cheat—to even risk destroying their homes and families for an illicit affair?

**DR. DOBSON:** Every situation is different, of course, but I have observed the most powerful influence to emanate from ego needs.

Both men and women appear equally vulnerable to this consuming desire to be admired and respected by members of the opposite sex. Therefore, those who become entangled in an affair often do so because they want to prove that they are still attractive to women (or men).

The thrill comes from knowing "someone finds me sexy, or intelligent or pretty or handsome." That person enjoys hearing me talk—likes the way I think—finds me exciting.

These feelings flow from the core of the personality—the ego—and they can make a sane man or woman behave in foolish or dishonorable ways.

*This column is brought to you courtesy of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c) 1982, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.*

# More time apparently needed for Henry Cisneros inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department apparently wants more time to look into payments Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros made to a former mistress.

Justice officials were required by the independent counsel law to tell a three-judge court in secret by the close of business Thursday the results of the inquiry they began last October.

The department had three options: close the case for lack of evidence, ask for up to 60 more days for its inquiry or ask the court to name an independent counsel to conduct a full criminal investigation.

But the law prohibits Justice officials from revealing their decisions, or even whether they have filed papers with the special court, without court permission. Attorney General Janet Reno and spokesmen Carl Stern and John Russell issued "no comments" Thursday.

Cisneros' lawyer, Cono Namorato, said that, based on presentations he made to criminal division attorneys in December and to Assistant Attorney General JoAnn Harris this month, he had thought the criminal division officials were leaning toward closing the case without further inquiry.

But department sources, demanding anonymity, said officials of the deputy attorney general's office were not completely satisfied with the criminal division's work.

The officials said it appeared likely that more time would be sought for criminal division lawyers to pursue loose ends rather than seeking an independent counsel for a full investigation.

Investigators have been looking at whether Cisneros understated the amount of the payments to Linda Medlar during background interviews with FBI agents before his nomination to be secretary of housing and urban development. They also have looked at what role he may have played in help Medlar received from wealthy San Antonio businessman Morris Jaffe. Jaffe told the San Antonio Express-News in late December that the FBI had not questioned him.

The inquiry centers on taped conversations between Cisneros and Medlar in which they fretted over whether his nomination would be derailed by the payments.

Medlar sued Cisneros in July, alleging he reneged on a verbal agreement to pay her \$4,000 a month until her teen-age daughter graduated from college. She sought \$256,000 and punitive damages.

Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor, denied having an agreement with Medlar, a former political consultant who lives in Lubbock, Texas. He said he gave her money out of compassion because she was unable to find work after he revealed their affair in 1988.

Medlar contends Cisneros paid her about \$200,000, a figure he has not disputed. But he says he did not keep accurate records and can't say precisely how much money Medlar got.

Cisneros' wife, Mary Alice, filed for divorce in October 1991, citing cruel treatment and adultery by her husband. But she dropped the action a month later, and the couple reconciled before Cisneros joined the Clinton administration.

Namorato argued to Justice of-

ficials that any mistakes Cisneros made in telling the FBI the amounts he paid were not criminal because the relationship and payments were disclosed and the actual amount was not a material fact that would have prevented Cisneros from being nominated or confirmed.

Medlar says Jaffe sent her a check for \$5,000 marked as a loan. In a December 1993 telephone transcript that Medlar released, Cisneros was quoted as saying "this guy's a savior" when told about Jaffe's check.

Last September, Cisneros said the loan from Jaffe "was not at my request."

Cisneros added, "Mr. Jaffe has no relationship with HUD whatsoever. He's just a friend who's been helpful over the years."

Namorato contended there was no bribery because Jaffe does no business with HUD and that a federal law that prohibits giving gratuities to federal officials requires that the money be given to the official, not some other party.

# McDorman completes U.S. Navy basic training camp

(FHTNC) — Navy Seaman Recruit Robert T. McDorman, son of Thomas D. McDorman of Snyder, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lake Ill.

The 1994 graduate of Snyder High School of Snyder joined the Navy in August 1994.

During the eight-week program, McDorman completed a variety of training which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction, and an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, McDorman learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

McDorman and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values — honor, courage and commitment; and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional con-

duct. McDorman joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore bases around the world. To reinforce the team concept, McDorman and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like McDorman are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they become part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities, most of which include guaranteed training.

# '42' will be featured at Senior Citizens Center

Surplus commodities will be distributed through the Senior Citizens Center Wednesday from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Senior citizens give volunteer time in distributing the food items and can also help fill out the forms required.

'42 will be the feature of the Game Day on Monday. Games will begin at 9:30 a.m. The Scurry County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet in the center's conference room at 12 noon on Monday. The executive committee will meet at 11:15 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis Club will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday.

Hoss Clayton and his band will be performing at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Healthcare Center for a program at 10 a.m. Friday. The choir now has about 25 members and the Kitchen Band has about 20. Senior citizens interested in performing with either group are invited to contact Pamela Fenton, activities director for the center.

The Tri-Chem textile painting class will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday. The women's aerobics class meets at 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

Quilting is a year-round activity in the center and more quilters are needed. Quilters do not have to be senior citizens. Quilts are set up and ready for quilting every day and anyone interested in helping

# Dallas commissioner jailed

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price was sent to jail Thursday with modified work-release privileges, a move his attorneys called punishment for his role in the black community.

Price was sentenced to 75 days in jail after he pleaded guilty in September 1990 to a misdemeanor mischief charge of painting over billboards advertising cigarettes and liquor in poor neighborhoods earlier that year.

The probation was revoked after Price was convicted on another

with this project is invited to contact Mrs. Fenton for information.

A 55 Alive defensive driving course is scheduled in the center on Feb. 1 and 2. Senior citizens who wish to take the course are to pre-register by calling the office at 573-4035. There is a charge of \$8 for the course and this will be paid at the first class meeting.

misdemeanor charge for damaging a van's windshield wipers during a protest in 1990. He's already served 24 days in jail for that conviction.

He remained free while he appealed both convictions. His conviction in the windshield-wiper case was affirmed in September 1993. The other conviction was upheld last month and he was jailed at Lew Sterrett Justice Center Thursday.

Price's attorneys had sought work-release for Price, saying most inmates with jobs are eligible.

But County Criminal Court Judge Jim Pruitt granted him leave only on Tuesdays, when the Commissioners Court meets.

# Three convicted in loan scheme

FORT WORTH (AP) — Three people have been convicted in a bogus loan scam that cost some 2,000 victims more than a half-million dollars, federal officials say.

Convicted of mail fraud and conspiracy to commit mail fraud were Michael Eric Satz, 32, of North Miami Beach, Fla.; Shandra Leilani Gray, 33, of Euless, Texas; and Scott Andrew Luchkowec, 25, of Atlanta.

The convictions came Wednesday after a three-day jury trial in Fort Worth, U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins and Barry Smith, Fort Worth's Postal Inspector in Charge, said Thursday.

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Thanks, Cogdell

Dear Editor,  
I take this means to convey my thankfulness and gratitude to the doctors and nurses and management who make up Cogdell Hospital. Perhaps we take them for granted sometimes.  
I'm very grateful to Dr. Thompson and Dr. Bursleson and the Medical 3 staff for all they did to help me.  
I'd like to especially commend the emergency room staff. When I needed a quick response, I got it. They were a very efficient "team." I'm grateful.  
I don't know who puts these "teams" together; I just know they're there for you.  
Last, but not least, thank you, Wilma.  
Jean Howell  
Snyder, TX



## Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

I am in full agreement with Erma Bombeck when it comes to the subject of those Christmas letters. You know the ones I mean: they're printed up on computer paper adorned with Santa's little elves or mistletoe or whatever, and they go something like this:  
"Well, we're just winding up another terrific year. Jack got that promotion we've all been waiting for and we all celebrated by going skiing at Angel Fire. My job is going great; my boss tells me that supervisor's job is as good as mine. We've already hired an architect to start on plans for the new house."  
"We're real proud of Skip this year. Captain of the football team, (undefeated, GO DONKEYS!!!), he maintains a 99.999 average in all his classes and has made first string varsity basketball. College recruiters are swarming; he can't decide whether to choose Stanford or Harvard. He has also been

elected president of the student council, president of his senior class, and Leader of the Year. Now if we can just get him to make up his bed!!!  
"Muffy is doing great too. This is her third year as head cheerleader and she maintains a 98.989 average in all her classes. Her boyfriend is so cute; he's valedictorian this year. Muffy is also active in choir and drama, (she was the lead in the musical 'Oklahoma,' the lead in the one-act — they went to state AGAIN — GO DONKEYS!!!), and she got a solo in the UIL final concert. What with tennis and basketball, we hardly see her anymore!!  
"This year, for our annual vacation to Disneyworld, we let each of the children take a guest, and boy did we have fun! But I think the kids might like to try something different next year — keep your fingers crossed for Paris!!  
"Well, gotta run. It's time to

bake fifty dozen cookies for the homeless shelter again — the kids love to help!! Then we'll do our own traditional Christmas baking — even Jack gets in on the act!!!  
"Love and kisses to all of you, Fluffy"  
Yeah, well, as I said, I'm in full agreement with Erma. I'm dying to write one that goes something like this:  
"Well, welcome to another crappy year at the Smith house. Harvey's entering his third year of unemployment. I keep telling him to try the Burger Barn but he's 'too good' for that. He'd rather sit around on his butt all day, watch soap operas and blame his problems on the President. I told him, I says, one of these days, those bill collectors are going to get SERIOUS.  
"They say all these comedians like Roseanne and that lady on Grace Under Fire all got their start as waitresses by wisecracking cus-

tomers. Yeah well, I tried that, and I almost got my butt fired. Seems most people just can't take a joke.  
"We're real proud of Butch because he's stayed out of jail a whole year!!! I told his parole officer, I says, Good thing that guy didn't press charges when Butch took his car for a joyride. Boys will be boys, ya know. Grand theft auto, my — well, never mind.  
"Sissie's doing pretty good. The high school lets her bring the baby and leave him in home ec class. He's like, the mascot or something. Not that I planned on being a Grandma at 34 but hey, you can't be in the back seat of those Fords on EVER date, now can you?  
"Well, I gotta go. They're running blue light specials on gift wrap and if you get there first, you get one of last year's rolls free. Ever little bit helps, I always say. Stay out of trouble, "Bernice"

## The plain truth about the flat tax

Joseph Spear  
Forget Bill Clinton. Forget Phil Gramm. Forget Robert Dole and Newt Gingrich. Forget Lamar Alexander, whom I kind of like, and forget even William Weld, whom I like a lot.  
I say Dick Arney for president. I know the House majority leader is very conservative, and my salutary words for the amiable Republican from the Dallas suburbs will surely disorient a few of the right-wing yo-yos out there who regularly accuse me of being a closet liberal.  
To be honest, there are things about Dick Arney that disturb me. He can be nasty, although he's quick with an apology. He is so anti-government that he once

argued for the abolition of Social Security, although he now says he wouldn't touch it with a fully grounded pole.  
But what Arney has in abundance is a keen intellect and some bold ideas for solving the nation's fiscal problems.  
One of them is a flat-rate income tax system, a concept that regular readers will recognize as one I have touted many times over the past six years. It would work like this:  
Every taxpayer would be granted a generous personal allowance and additional ones for dependents. All remaining wages, salaries and pensions would be taxed at a flat rate — pick your percentage — with no deductions for anything. A business tax at the

same rate, after deductions for legitimate expenses, would cover all the rest of the income produced in the nation.  
The advantages of such a system are so extensive that I haven't the space to mention them all. But just for starters:  
—Because of the personal allowances, the poor would be protected and the system would be rendered mildly progressive. The more money you earn, the more taxes you pay.  
—Every citizen would pay the same rate and the tax system would be fair at last! No more loopholes for the rich.  
—It would be simple, so mind-bogglingly simple that you could compute your taxes on your lunch

break and file them on a 10-line form the size of a postcard.  
—Tens of thousands of tax accountants and lawyers would be forced into more productive toil.  
—Members of Congress, who spend half their time diddling with tax laws and trying to figure new and devilish ways to reward their fatcat pals with tax breaks, could wrap up their work around the Fourth of July and go home for the rest of the year. You want a real benefit? Contemplate that one.  
—We ordinary folk would be able to understand the budget process much better because we could clearly see where our money was going and we wouldn't have to worry about it being given away in cleverly hidden and hard-to-comprehend tax favors.  
—The economy would finally be free of tax-break induced warps, and capital would flow where natural forces direct it.  
—Just as economic engineering would be extinct, so would social engineering. We could enjoy our God-given right to expend our own money as we wish and not have spending decisions forced upon us by stupid tax laws.  
Arney's plan calls for an initial 20 percent rate which would drop to 17 percent as the newly stimulated economy grew and tax revenues increased to cover deficits. He would allow exemptions of \$13,100 for each taxpayer and \$5,300 for each dependent. I personally think his rate is too low and his allowances too high, but those are details to be worked out. He would also exempt interest, dividends and capital gains as a way of inducing savings. I've always opposed that notion as a break for the rich, but I am lately beginning to see the wisdom of it.  
I would suggest two more things: (1) Keep the tax rate at 20 percent even after the budget is balanced and use the excess revenue to pay down the national debt, and (2) once the flat tax becomes law, make it a capital offense to tinker with it.  
Get rested, tanned and ready, and run, Dick, run.

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## Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

Here it is a Friday, almost mid-January and I'm still trying to decide my New Year's resolution.  
And when to begin.  
Picking the actual date is crucial.  
At least that's the thinking of Dr. James Prochaska, a University of Rhode Island psychology professor.  
Dr. Prochaska says most people fail at resolutions because they're not adequately prepared. Dr. Prochaska, by the way, is a knowledgeable man. He also directs the University of Rhode Island's Cancer Prevention Research Consortium and is an author. So listen up.  
He says there are six stages people go through on their way to stopping addictive behavior. The first is **precontemplation**, and can take up to three years. Basically, you sit around thinking of all the reasons you need to quit smoking, or exercise, or lose weight, or take out the trash regularly, or give up caffeine, or clean out the closets, or pick up after yourself, or...  
Come to think about it, that's pretty much my ordinary, everyday thinking.  
I think **precontemplation** is a copout. A time for excuses. Well, for me, that is a part of the past. I'm going to do this, and do it soon.  
Dr. Prochaska says the next step is **contemplation** — action is still more than a month away. You just think about it more, I guess. Third on the list is **preparation**.  
I think I'm in the preparation stage. I've got my mind made up that I'm going to do something; I just don't know what or when. Maybe that's still contemplation, though. I guess I'll have to ask the doc.

The stages get tough from here on in. Fourth is **action**, you know, actually *doing* something. This is when the huffing and puffing, the starving, the sweating, the pain starts.  
It gets even more intense though. The next step is **maintenance**. Most people never get to this point. I've tried to quit smoking. I've taken action. I've been in maintenance. Some maintenance. A little maintenance.  
Mostly, I've been in contemplation.  
Maintenance is pure work. You've got to keep after it. Pride and willpower kick in.  
"One-two-three-four, get that belly off the floor."  
Finally, you reach the sixth step. **Termination**. That's when you've beaten the habit, or you're dead.  
So here I am. No more excuses. No more kidding myself. This is it.  
Well, not on Friday the 13th of course. Even a psychology professor such as Dr. Prochaska would back me up on that.  
And, I'll probably need to hold off until after the NFC and AFC playoffs Sunday, of course. Oh, and the Super Bowl. Big party, too easy to fall off the wagon.  
Probably sometime in February. After Valentine's Day. Chocolates can undermine any number of resolutions, you know.  
Tell you what... I'll get back to you on this one.

## Editorial Comment

Sentenced to life in prison — again

They've taken Johnny Meadows off the streets again. That's the good news. The fact that he was ever back on them is more than bad news — it's deplorable.  
You'll recall that Meadows was the man who once confessed to the rape-strangulation deaths of seven women in the Odessa area in the 1970s. He was sentenced to life in 1972. His punishment might have been worse, but he was convicted on just one murder charge. Some of his confessions in other cases were eventually thrown out when the judge ruled they may not have been made voluntarily.  
Just 18 years later, in 1990, Meadows was back on the streets again, this time in Houston. Claiming to be an attorney, he lured a 35-year-old woman to a Houston law office in 1993 where he sexually assaulted her at knifepoint.  
He wasn't the only woman he assaulted in the few years he was out of prison. He's also been charged with trying to sexually assault another woman four days after the assault in Houston. Prosecutors won't try him on that case; they say that this time — hopefully — Meadows will be behind bars for a long time. He's 58.  
He's been sentenced to life — again.  
"Hopefully, he won't ever be paroled," the prosecutor said.  
We can't help but wonder if the families of the seven women killed near Odessa had the same thoughts in 1972.

## Wary of House TV coverage

This past week, cameras began whirring in the Texas House of Representatives. The resulting programming — which, incidentally is funded by your tax dollars — is being offered to television stations throughout the state.  
The purpose, supporters say, is to allow Texans to keep in touch with what their lawmakers are doing.  
While the idea has merit, it deserves serious scrutiny.  
The problem is one of trust. The salary of the key correspondent will be paid by the state. Each 30-minute broadcast will be produced, narrated, written, filmed and edited by the House communications staff. That's perhaps not an ideal setup for unbiased reporting.  
"It's going to be a public relations exercise for the purpose of trying to make the legislators look better than they should," says John Downing, communications professor at the University of Texas.  
No, counters John Bender, director of the House communications division. "We're looking for straight, basic facts, with no point of view, for no other purpose than to provide what's going on in the state legislature," he says.  
If Bender is right, then such programming definitely has merit. Citizens have long felt they don't know what goes on in state government, have no say in it, and have no control over it. There have been any number of misunderstandings, not the least of which was the public perception a couple of years ago that state lottery funds would be earmarked exclusively for education. If the TV clips can prevent such problems, while at the same time giving citizens a ground-level view of the legislative process, we'll vote 'aye.'  
But the programming will have to be monitored to ensure Texans are getting the nuts and bolts of the session and not simply being channeled information lawmakers want them to hear.



## Public Records

**New Vehicle Registration**  
Daryl L. and Deborah Stroud, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Nathan and Debbie Brooks, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Eric Whitmore, 1995 Ford from Ford Motor Credit Corporation.  
Kenneth and Shirley L. Minyard, 1994 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Shirley Pavlik, 1995 Ford from Wilson Motors.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1994 Ford pickup from Big Country Ford in Clovis.

Randy Williams, 1995 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Dale Yeary, 1995 Chrysler from Snyder Chrysler.

Wayne Jones, 1995 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Gordon Crawford, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Lucio M. and Elizabeth Vasquez, 1994 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Michael D. Miller, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James P. and Edna Anderson, 1994 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co. 1995 Ford flatbed from Wilson Motors.

### Marriage License

Mickey Wayne Benitez of Snyder and Amy Rachelle Anderson of Hermleigh.

Mark Dewayne Wilson and Carolyn Michelle Wardlow, both of Snyder.

### Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. William N. Melott, et al, order of dismissal.

Joseph L. Elam and Carolyn Elam, individually and as next friend and legal guardian of their minor daughter, Karen Elam, vs. Dr. Sherman Merritt, agreed judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Velma Diann Davis and Richard Calvin Davis, divorce granted.

### Deed Records

Larry Jack and Glenda Nell Fry to Elizabeth Michelle Fry, the southeast 40 acres out of the southeast one-quarter of the west one-half of Section 34, Block Y, T&P survey.

Manuel M. Avila to Peter L. and Evelyn D. Hagist, all of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the Batsridge Addition.

Lajsa Osorio Balbuena to Blas Suarez, Luis Suarez, Luisa Osorio Balbuena, the west 40 feet of the south one-half of Lot 12, Block 49 of the Wilmeths Addition.

Eddie Don Floyd to Pat L. and

Venona Gilstrap, all of Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Park View Addition.

Erma Devers to Robert and Margaret Molina, all of Lots 8 and 9 in Block 21 of the Boothland West Addition.

Jackey Grimmett and Earlene Grimmett Gray, co-independent co-executors of the estate of Billy Earl Grimmett, to Libby Ruth Grimmett, tract one being 5.22 acres in Section 124, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being 4.8 acres in Section 124, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Henry G. Cisneros, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Fernando and Mary Romero, all of Lot 17 in Block 1 of the Morning-side Subdivision of Blocks 9, 10, 16, 25 and 26 of the Adams Addition.

Jimmie Joe Key and Delores Key to Scott Jerrald Key, tract one being Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract two being Tract 42 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands.

Odessa Wood, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Aubrey Lee Krop, et al, to David and Kay Shifflett, tract one being 74.33 acres in the north one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 204, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being a 30-foot easement in the southeast one-quarter of Section 204, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Billie Alpha Nunn, attorney-in-fact for Lamoine Elenor Lacy, to James E. and Edna L. Merrell, all of Lot 3 in Block 2 of the North Towle Addition.

Henry G. Cisneros, secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Carmen Trice Carpenter, all of Lot 1 in Block 6 of the Towle Place Addition.

## Coffee enlists in U.S. Air Force

ARLINGTON — Calyn Dale Coffee, a resident of Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Coffee, enlisted in the Air Force on Dec. 7, 1994.

Calyn, a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School, will be earning credits toward an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, he is scheduled to receive technical training in the mechanical area apprentice career field.

# Wolves come home to Yellowstone

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — After two decades of debate and days of last-minute legal wrangling, the grey wolf returned Friday to America's oldest national park.

"That's music to my ears," said Mollie Beattie, director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is leading the \$6.7 million effort to restock the Northern Rocky Mountain states with a predator wiped out 60 years ago for the benefit of ranchers.

"Now we don't have to say to our kids that we used to have something called the wolf, and there used to be something called the Yellowstone ecosystem," Beattie said.

The once-vilified wolf was given a hero's welcome back Thursday. Crowds lined up by the massive stone arch at Yellowstone's north entrance; wolf advocates howled and schoolchildren waved as a large horse trailer carrying eight wolves captured in Canada passed.

But the animals stayed in a cramped limbo inside tiny travel kennels until evening, when a federal appeals panel lifted an emergency stay blocking the restoration effort.

The stay had been requested by two groups representing ranchers who are worried that the wolves will attack their cattle and sheep.

Biologists rushed Thursday night to the remote sites where the wolves were being held and opened the kennels. By 10:45 p.m., all eight were free to roam one-acre pens made of 10-foot-high chainlink fence.

The plan calls for the wolves to stay in the pens for at least a month to get used to their new surroundings, then be released into the wild.

They are the first wave of a plan to release 30 wolves a year for the next five years, 15 each in Yellowstone and central Idaho. Biologists hope to build a breeding population of about 100 wolves in each location by 2002.

"It's a joyful day," said Renee Askins, director of the Wolf Fund, an environmental group that has worked toward restoring wolves to Yellowstone for years. "So many people have worked on this for so long."

But not everyone was happy. Rancher Chris Bakwin, tending his cattle about 35 miles north of the park, said he expects wolves to start attacking his cattle within a few years or even sooner. He said ranchers have spoken out against the program for years, but the government has ignored their concerns.

"It's going to happen regardless of what I have to say about it — and we're going to pay the

quest for a stay was denied, but their lawsuit challenging the program continues and, if successful, could result in the radio-collared wolves being rounded up.

The wolves were trucked 25 miles east to the Lamar Valley, where a mule-drawn sled carted them in their boxes up to pens. Beattie and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt grabbed the front handles of the first wolf kennel, helping to haul a large female wolf the final 100 yards to her pen.

The wolf, alert but quiet, lay curled up inside the 2-by-3-by-4-foot kennel for the last few yards of its 500-mile journey from western Alberta.

## Singer Vicki Carr establishes scholarship

SAN ANTONIO — International recording star Vicki Carr, who has wooed audiences worldwide with her captivating ballads and pop songs including her perennial hit, "It Must Be Him," has formed a Texas branch of her Vicki Carr Scholarship Foundation, it was announced by Dalila Corral, President of the Foundation.

The Vicki Carr Scholarship Foundation (VCSF) eligibility requirements are: Students must be legal U.S. residents and also Texas residents. Their age must be between 17 and 22 and they should be of Hispanic heritage. To receive an application, please write to the Vicki Carr Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 780968, San Antonio, Texas, 78728. Deadlines for submission are April 1, 1995. Please send applications between February 1 and April 1 only. Applications received after April 1 will be ineligible.

The Vicki Carr Scholarship Foundation was established 22 years ago in the state of California to provide higher level education scholarships to Hispanic-American youths. To date, the Foundation has awarded more than 200 scholarships. These students have attended schools such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Princeton, Berkeley, UCLA, USC,

young people and their families as they strive to better themselves and achieve their goals."

Vikki, who is of Mexican-American descent, lives in San Antonio, where she moved in 1993. She just released her 52nd album, "Vikki Carr Recuerdo A Javier Solis," which is her 15th Spanish language album. The album is a marvelous collection of music that made Javier Solis a legend. The first single is "Amaneci En Tus Brazos," which features a digitally mastered duet with Javier of the classic bolero ranchero. Her previous two albums, also Spanish, were nominated for Grammy's as "Best Latin Pop Album," and her "Cosas Del Amor" won the grammy in 1992. Her previous Grammy was for "Simplemente Mujer" which she won in 1985.

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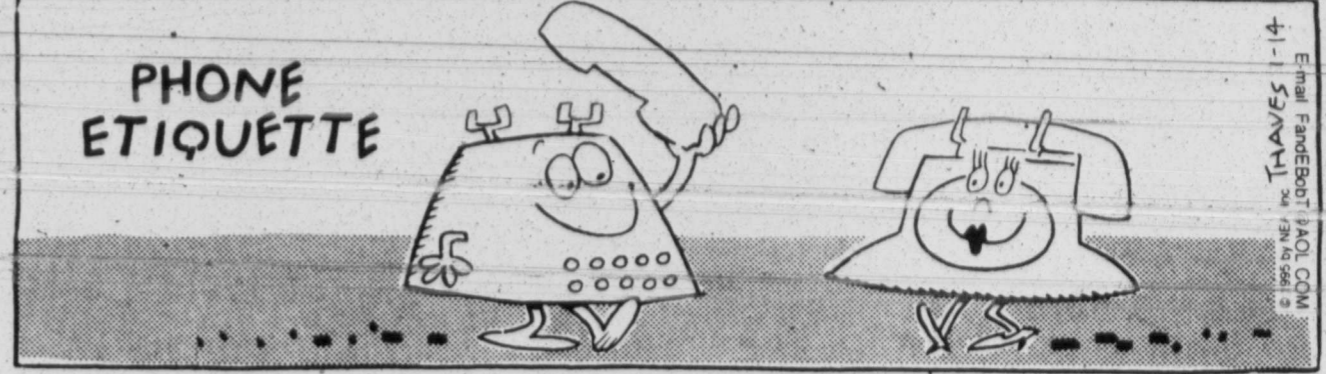
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Siblings **Richard and Karen Carpenter** were once part of a jazz trio that featured **Richard** on keyboards, **Karen** on drums and a friend on tuba. The brother and sister went on to form a rock band called **Spectrum** that once opened for **Steppenwolf**, before trimming down to a duo and finding multi-platinum stardom as **The Carpenters**.

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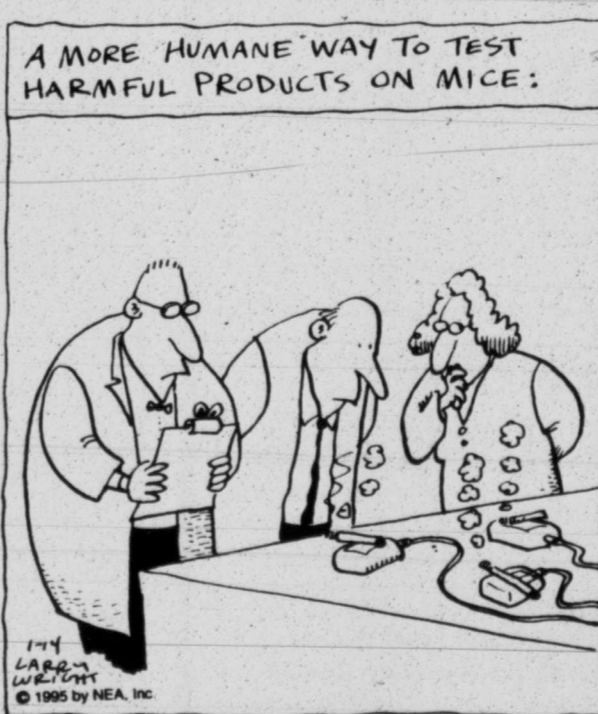
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- 1 Resident of Ankara
  - 5 Racetrack surface
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  - 13 Capable of (2 wds.)
  - 14 Kind of curve
  - 15 Freshwater porpoise
  - 16 Adolescent
  - 17 Cong. member
  - 18 Cooling device
  - 19 Large container
  - 20 Milk cattle farm
  - 22 Swiss river
  - 24 1944 invasion date
  - 26 — valve
  - 29 Vim
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  - 36 Guido's high note
  - 37 Chinese philosophy
- DOWN**
- 1 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
  - 2 Arm bone
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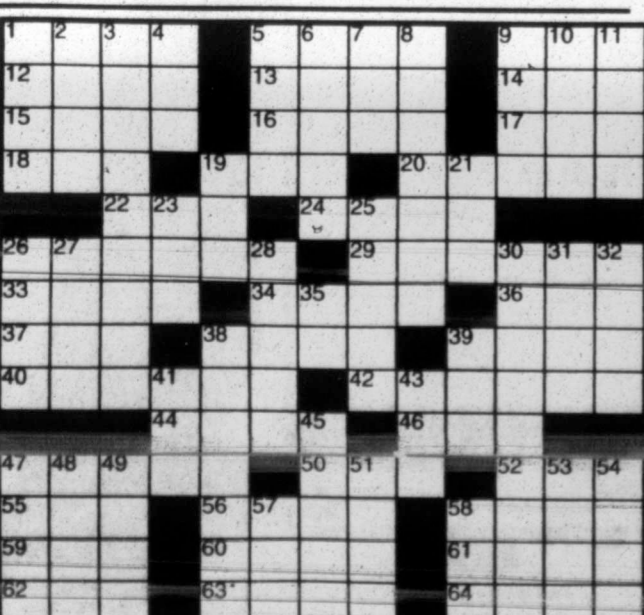
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- 30 Say again
- 31 Merriment
- 32 Play area
- 35 Football pos.
- 38 Like a bull
- 39 Explosive (abbr.)
- 41 Parisian season
- 43 Same (comb. form)
- 45 Retains
- 47 Apportion (out)
- 48 Writing fluids
- 49 Quit
- 51 Indian
- 53 Male sibs
- 54 Electrified particles
- 57 Tech.
- 58 Southeast Asian holiday

LAFF-A-DAY



"He watches all the do-it-yourself shows, then he calls Al to do it."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Oh, boy! It must be Dad's turn to cook tonight."



# Both parties racing to reform welfare first

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Before, and more emphatically after the Democrats' fall, President Clinton was told that if his pledge to "end welfare as we know it" had been a priority instead of an afterthought, they wouldn't be in this fix.

Now the Republican winners say they'll vote that slogan into law.

The White House shares the re-

form goal, while disputing specifics in the GOP proposal, which they're now trying to convert from a campaign promise into a workable program.

"It's very easy to say we're going to end welfare as we know it and everybody jumps up and claps," said Rep. Bill Archer, the Texas Republican who now heads the pivotal House Ways and Means Committee. He's aiming to have an overhaul bill ready by late February or early March and to get

it to a House vote by mid-April, within 100 days as promised.

A Clinton administration task force spent most of his first year on the problem, and when the bill was finally ready, it was too late for a real chance of action in the last Congress.

House Republicans have promised to do it in a sprint. "We've

put on ourselves a terrible chore of doing this within 100 days," said Rep. Clay Shaw of Florida. Then, with a smile, "I've often wondered if we would have done that if we knew we were going to win."

The GOP plan is outlined in their campaign Contract with America, along with the same pledge Clinton made in 1992: "We are pledging truly to end welfare as we know it."

Both sides agree that the new system must require able welfare

recipients to go to work within two years or forfeit benefits. From that point, the GOP plan would permit another three years of assistance, then end it.

Republicans also would deny cash benefits to unmarried teenage mothers. But the administration argues that innocent children would suffer for the conduct of welfare parents, Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala saying that the GOP plan would drop about 1.3 million of them within a year.

That's always been a dilemma for welfare reformers. But Shaw argues that cash benefits have become an inducement to teen pregnancies because they're a way out of the house, a sort of ticket to independence, and thus continue the cycle of dependency.

Republicans want to turn responsibility, and funding, back to state governments, with some guidelines still to be set.

They also would end the entitlement status of food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. That means they would no longer be automatic, paid by formula, but subject to a ceiling set by Congress and to annual appropriations.

GOP leaders said Republican governors are willing to accept a cap on welfare spending in exchange for more authority to shape their own state programs. But Democratic Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont, who heads the National Governors Association, dissented and said some moderate GOP governors did, too.

Next time there's a recession, Dean said, the states would be forced to "raise taxes through the roof" or deny benefits to the needy.

The Republican proposal also aims to save about \$21 billion over five years by denying benefits to immigrants who are not U.S. citizens, though that aspect is in some doubt since Speaker Newt Gingrich said last week it should be reviewed yet it send negative signals on legal immigration.

All told, according to Archer, the Republican plan would save about \$40 billion by the end of the century, and produce a better system at the same time.

But there's a mine field in trying to swiftly reshape a system that had its origins in the New Deal, 60 years ago. Presidents since John F. Kennedy have been trying to change the system.

Ronald Reagan said he had, with a program called workfare that included work or job training requirements. But it faltered for lack of both jobs and money. Archer said he'd seen that coming from the start, in 1988, because the plan was to spend more money on training and public jobs at the start in order to curb welfare later.

"It didn't work," he said. "We've got more people on welfare now than we did then."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

## Imposter uncovered at Dallas hospital

DALLAS (AP) — Parkland Memorial Hospital has beefed up security because an imposter worked for months as a medical assistant in the emergency department.

"I assure you that since this guy was found out that we have absolutely cracked down on badge identification," said Parkland spokeswoman Esther Bauer.

The alleged deception by James Kenneth Bailey, 24, of Austin, was revealed in a presentencing report released Thursday in Atoka, Okla., where he was awaiting sentencing on burglary and

perjury charges, according to a copyright report from KXII-TV in Sherman, Texas.

Parkland has no record of how long Bailey worked there, Ms. Bauer said, although officials believe it was several months. "He was a great imposter," she said.

Bailey disappeared right before Thanksgiving after being challenged by an ER nurse as he tried to do her job, Ms. Bauer said.

"He was in our trauma unit as an imposter and one of the trauma nurses challenged him and he said he could do whatever he wanted

because he was a physicians assistant," Ms. Bauer said.

Until then, Bailey had been working every three days as a medical assistant, fetching records and assisting with procedures, she said.

"The degree of his endeavors in the ER was all supervised," Ms. Bauer said. "(But) he had excellent knowledge of medical protocol and procedures."

Since it was determined in December that Bailey was not an employee, Parkland has cracked down on security and has prepared

a report for the Dallas County District Attorney's office, Ms. Bauer said.

"We're going to be trying to prosecute if we have a case," she said. The final decision would rest with the DA, she added.

Bailey did not appear Thursday in court in Atoka, and his sentencing was delayed, according to KXII-TV. He remained at large.

Prosecutors in Oklahoma told the station that Bailey is suspected of posing as a medical assistant in McKinney and Whitesboro, Texas.

"I would caution all hospitals because this fellow apparently has a history of doing this," Ms. Bauer said.

"This is not a common thing that occurs from what I can determine, but it is the kind of thing that could give you the heebie-jeebies," she said.

## Council adopts rules to protect Edwards Aquifer from pollution

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — City Council unanimously has adopted historic new regulations limiting building on the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone to prevent pollution of the city's only drinking water supply.

Council members also voted unanimously Thursday to change zoning rules to prohibit or require council approval for 37 types of businesses to be allowed to locate on the recharge zone.

The recharge zone is a strip of land in northern Bexar County where surface waters refill the aquifer, a natural underground reservoir that San Antonio relies on for drinking water.

Council members drew a standing ovation for adopting the building limits. The council also stood and applauded audience members, many of whom helped craft the new ordinance.

"In the eight years I've been here, I've never seen that," Mayor Nelson Wolff said after the exchange of applause.

Wolff hailed the 29-page ordinance as "a major step" toward ensuring "the nondegradation of the city's water supply."

Under the rules, property own-

ers within the city limits and within the city's five-mile extrajurisdictional may not pollute waters entering the aquifer and can be fined up to \$2,000 for violations.

In the city limits, the new rules limit how much land can be covered with buildings and paved areas, known as impervious cover. The limits range from 30 percent for single-family developments to 65 percent for commercial developments.

In areas outside the city that are claimed by the city, impervious cover is limited to 15 percent for all types of development.

Landowners may apply to the water utility for permission to build over the limits. The variance will be allowed only if the landowner proves scientifically that the

project won't pollute the runoff.

"This is an ordinance that will help protect the quality of the city's water supply and that of other aquifer users, as well, and I urge other entities to enact similar measures," said Howard Peak, a council member who helped write the ordinance.

Councilman Lyle Larson predicted legal challenges.

"I don't want anybody to leave this room and think we're not going to be challenged, and we're all going to pay to defend this," Larson said.

**Statistics higher for black women**

ATLANTA (AP) — Black women are three times more likely to die from pregnancy complications than white women, mainly because they have more trouble getting good, affordable health care, federal health officials say.

"This gap has not narrowed. It's not going away," said Myra Tucker, a nurse epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Overall, the government reported Thursday, more U.S. women survive childbirth than ever. In 1940, 363.9 women of both races died per 100,000 pregnancies. In 1990, the number of deaths plunged to 8 per 100,000 — a drop of 98 percent.

Among blacks, 781.7 women died per 100,000 pregnancies in 1940 compared to 18.6 in 1990. For whites, 319.8 women died per 100,000 in 1940 compared to 5.7 in 1990.

Statistics for other ethnic groups or races were not examined.

While three-fourths of all pregnant women get prenatal care in their first trimester, blacks are twice as likely not to receive the care as whites. Only about 60 percent of expectant black mothers seek prenatal care.

## Sheriff does not think death penalty is answer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The sheriff who charged Susan V. Smith with drowning her two sons says a plea bargain, not a potential death penalty, would best serve the community.

"The people of Union have been through a lot and the families involved have been through a lot," Union County Sheriff Howard Wells told The (Columbia) State in a story published Thursday. "My stand is, what may be best for Union to move on is go beyond this and negotiate a plea bargain."

Prosecutor Tommy Pope said Thursday he would take that into account when he announces next week whether he will seek the death penalty for Mrs. Smith.

"I respect the sheriff's contention and certainly he has a right to make that statement," Pope said. "Unless something else sways me, I've pretty much settled on a decision." He refused to say what that decision was.

Mrs. Smith is charged with killing her sons, 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex, in October. In a signed confession she said she strapped the boys into their car seats and let the vehicle roll into a Union County lake.

She had originally claimed that a black man had hijacked her car and kidnapped her sons. Her tearful televised pleas prompting a widespread search and nationwide concern.

Pope said he had talked to Wells and also had taken into account how people in Union County feel. "Anything you can imagine that hinges on the Smith case ... I would like to think that I have thought of," Pope said.

Mrs. Smith's lawyer, David Bruck, refused to say whether a plea bargain was in the works or if such a settlement would even be considered.

## Newborn stork dies in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The first saddled-billed stork born in captivity has died despite life-saving efforts that included a blood transfusion and a round-the-clock watch.

The 26-day-old stork, which put up a "valiant fight" since it first began to show signs of weakness Jan. 4, died Tuesday, the Dallas Zoo announced Thursday.

Zoo officials speculate septicemia, a blood-borne bacterial infection that affects the entire body, probably caused the death of Ekini, which was born Dec. 15 to parents Adam and Eve.

Zookeepers helped hatch the chick, which weighed about 3.5 ounces — amounting to a handful of gray and white feathers. A zookeeper holding a puppet resembling the mother bird fed the newborn a mixture of smelt fish and mouse parts.

Ekini weighed 3.2 pounds when he died.

Chuck Siegel, the zoo's bird curator, said many positive factors emerged from the stork's short life.

"We know that the data we've gathered moves us closer to being able to successfully raise this special species, as well as even more endangered ones," Siegel said in a statement. "Our object has never been to raise just one chick, but to create a self-sustaining captive population."

It had been impossible to breed saddle-billed storks in zoos because the clipped wings that kept them in open aviaries also prevented successful mating, officials said.

Nets put over the aviaries now keep the birds in while allowing breeding.

## Perot receives 'Gringo' honor

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It doesn't carry the same weight as "Mr. President," but Ross Perot is Hispanic magazine's "Gringo of the Year."

The magazine said it chose Perot because he stands to profit from the North American Free Trade Agreement — the same deal that he said would cause a "giant sucking sound" of jobs moving to Mexico.

The magazine also honored Hector Elizondo of the TV show "Chicago Hope" as Best Hispanic Playing a non-Hispanic. The reverse award, Best non-Hispanic Playing a Hispanic, went to Nicholas Turturro (who's Italian) of "NYPD Blue."

The Worst Hispanic Playing a Hispanic was Eric Estrada for his role on a Spanish soap opera.

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<p><b>Third Grade</b>  <b>A-B Honor Roll</b>                      Jake Barnes                      Franki Briseno                      Vanessa Espinosa                      Chad Everton                      Brandon Graves                      Stephan Kirk                      Phil Payne                      Bubba Walker</p> <p><b>Fourth Grade</b>  <b>A Honor Roll</b>                      Michael Allen                      Colter Brown                      John David Chandler                      Tyler Frey                      John Gainer                      Geoffrey Pinkerton                      Candace Sanchez                      Celeigh Sterling</p> <p><b>Fourth Grade</b>  <b>A-B Honor Roll</b>                      Kali Clements                      Jeffrey Garner                      Ryan Higgins                      Kayla Krop                      Elizabeth McMillan                      Michelle Nettles                      Lindsey Wilson</p> <p><b>Fifth Grade</b>  <b>A Honor 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Jessica Williams</p> <p><b>Tenth Grade</b>  <b>A-B Honor Roll</b>                      Amanda Darnell                      Adam Davis                      Rikki Wilkes</p> <p><b>Eleventh Grade</b>  <b>A Honor Roll</b>                      Jeremy Howard</p> <p><b>Eleventh Grade</b>  <b>A-B Honor Roll</b>                      Misty Chance                      Tucker Collier                      Karen Elam                      Renee Payne                      Jody Rankin                      Jennifer Rigsby</p> <p><b>Twelfth Grade</b>  <b>A Honor Roll</b>                      Brian Garmer                      Kristi Sorrells</p> <p><b>Twelfth Grade</b>  <b>A-B Honor Roll</b>                      Justin Donelson                      Billy Mebane                      Jay Nettles                      Jennifer Northcott                      Debra Perez                      Jennifer Rankin                      Jessica Clark Reeves                      Judy Sanchez                      Susan 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Lopez                      Adrienne A. McJimsey                      Nickolas N. Means                      Alicia A. Peoples                      Renee D. Trevino                      Troy J. Whetsel</p> <p><b>Eighth Grade</b>  <b>A-B Honor Roll</b>                      Stephanie E. Alderete                      Banks L. Alexander                      Jessie Alonzo                      Tamra J. Anderson                      Erica Arrellano                      Lawrence Arrellano                      Juan F. Arizmendi                      Dusty W. Ashby                      Steven W. Ashley                      Samuel A. Bedell                      Stephanie D. Bell                      Felsha E. Biggers                      Matthew B. Biscoe                      Allison N. Bowden                      Jessica I. Brown                      Josh R. Burney                      Jami R. Burrow                      Britney D. Canada                      Eric B. 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