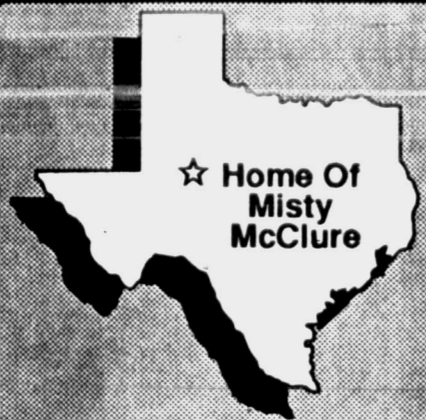


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MONDAY

Snyder Daily News

ASK US

Q—Sunday's story in the SDN about Adopt-A-School listed one of the participants as Scurry County Boys & Girls Club — the rest are businesses. Is this a mistake?

A—No. As the article stated, participation is not limited to businesses. Any group, club or organization that is interested is encouraged to call 573-7702 and discuss the possibilities.

Local

Car club

Snyder Wheels Car Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at The Shack.

Lodge 706

District representatives will be visiting Lodge 706 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Night out

East Elementary Family Night Out will be Tuesday at the Subway.

Band boosters

SHS Band Boosters will meet at 7 this evening in the high school band hall.

VFW

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

Junior high

Snyder Junior High Night Out is this evening at Pizza Inn. All parents and teachers are encouraged to participate.

Video series

A Bible survey study series continues at 7 this evening on Cablevision Channel 2 with "God's Plan for Redeeming Man."

Teen Center

The public is invited to an open house at the former Katherine Ryan School, which, upon renovation will become Scurry Teen Center. The event will be held today at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

County

Scurry County commissioners picked the name of William H. Milton this morning to serve as an alternate on the county's Salary Grievance Committee. Names are selected from those who had served on the grand jury last year.

Payment of bills was the only other agenda item. C.D. Gray Jr. presided in the absence of County Judge Ricky Fritz. All commissioners were present.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 70 degrees; low, 26 degrees; high Sunday, 54 degrees; low, 30 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 31 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .81 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing high clouds, becoming mostly cloudy after midnight. Low in the upper 30s. Light wind. Tuesday, mostly cloudy and colder. High in the mid 50s. Light wind becoming north northeast 10-20 mph by noon.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:22. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:32. Of 36 days in 1995, the sun has shone 34 days in Snyder.

Congress sent \$1.61 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton sent Congress a \$1.61 trillion budget today, offering voters a modest middle-class tax cut financed by chopping hundreds of the programs of "yesterday's government."

Acknowledging that Republicans, now in the majority, will work their will on his plans, Clinton said he was proposing "real discipline and honest numbers" and challenged those in control of Congress to do the same.

"Anyone can offer a tax cut, the hard part of course is paying for it," the president said.

At a briefing, Clinton was dwarfed by two huge charts listing more than 400 programs he said were either being eliminated or consolidated to pay for the tax cuts he proposes.

Clinton's drive to make govern-

ment smaller and more efficient would save \$144 billion over five years. He would apply \$63 billion of that amount to providing tax relief and the other \$81 billion would be used to reduce the deficit.

The budget, for the 1996 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, proposes to spend \$1.612 trillion. Despite the savings he proposed, federal spending would rise by 4.5 per-

cent over the current fiscal year, largely because of rapid-growing health costs, which Clinton leaves virtually untouched.

Clinton bragged that he had not touched popular middle-class benefit programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

Republicans attacked the budget as a pale imitation of their own "Contract With America" which promises far greater tax

cuts of \$200 billion and enough deficit cuts to bring the budget into balance by the year 2002. By some estimates, that will require \$1.2 trillion in budget cuts.

Clinton's \$81 billion in deficit reduction would make only a modest dent in the flood of red ink expected in coming years, a point that Republicans were quick to note.

(See CLINTON, Page 8)



WATCHING — Referee George Puricelli of Bedford oversees a match Saturday at the 9th Annual Tae Kwon Do Championship held here.

Snyder's Bradley Price, center, attempts to take down his opponent in the 8 and 9 year-old Red Belt division. (SDN Photo by Todd Stanley)

Discovery closes in on Mir; Russians to allow close test

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Russian space officials agreed at virtually the last minute today to allow Discovery to fly within 35 feet of their orbiting space station Mir in spite of the shuttle's jet leak.

With the two 100-ton spacecrafts less than 50 miles apart, Mission Control passed on the good news to shuttle commander James Wetherbee.

Police investigating burglary, theft cases

Snyder police are investigating three weekend crimes, one of which saw a man apparently nabbed in the act of burglary.

Police arrested 29-year-old male inside the Swap and Shop, 1207 25th St., at 10:04 p.m. Saturday following a report of a prowler in the area.

Police Lt. Steve Warren said that Juan Palatero, 1910 Coleman #1, has been charged with two counts of burglary. Police said Palatero had apparently broken into the business Friday night also.

Officers had been notified at 4 p.m. Saturday that the business had been burglarized. Taken at that time were a welder, an assortment of pocket knives and other merchandise.

Bond was set at \$2,500 on each charge and Palatero remained in

"To everybody who worked the issue, thank you very much," said Weatherbee, who was eager to test the shuttle's handling near the massive station.

The maneuver, planned as practice for the first shuttle-station docking this June, had appeared unlikely as time ran out for a decision.

Engineers from NASA and the Russian Space Agency huddled

throughout the night and into the morning to discuss a steering thruster leak near the shuttle's tail that has been spewing fuel since shortly after Friday's launch.

The Russian agency insisted that unless the jet stopped leaking, Discovery would have to stay at least 400 feet from Mir instead of closing to within 35 feet.

They had feared that small chunks of frozen fuel might damage critical optical sensors on a Soyuz capsule attached to the orbiting outpost. Mir's three cosmonauts need the capsule to return to Earth next month. There was also concern that Mir's solar panels might be contaminated.

NASA engineers didn't think the leakage would really damage the station, but said they didn't blame the Russians for being cautious.

The two sides reached a compromise three hours before the first convergence of American and Russian spacecrafts in 20 years.

The Russians agreed to the close approach on three conditions. Discovery's leaking jet and two others connected to it would be shut down during the final stage of the rendezvous, thereby eliminating the leak. Secondly, the shuttle would back away from Mir immediately if any one of six critical steering jets failed. The shuttle also was not to come closer than 35 feet, as previously agreed.

Proposed budget to combat illegal border crossings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$1.6 trillion federal budget for 1996 unveiled today by the Clinton administration would provide new money to combat illegal im-

SHS students qualify for state contest

Sixteen Snyder High School choir students qualified over the weekend for state choir competition.

The group includes 14 students who received a superior rating on a Class I solo as well as members of the Albarez Ensemble. The competition was held Saturday in Lubbock. Those qualifying for the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest will go to Austin on May 29.

Students who received a superior rating on a Class I solo Saturday were Holly Jones, Ellen Strayhorn, Jannica Northerns, Saby Albarez, Christa Rosson, Jimmy Hall and Jonathan Pennington.

Others were Sterling Cave, Mandy Baker, Richard Rodriguez, Amy Eicke, Shelly Englert, Amanda Gutierrez and Ammie Harrison.

The Albarez Ensemble which qualified for state includes Strayhorn, Eicke, Cave, Englert, Rodriguez, Albarez, Hall, Northerns, Jared Dennis and Katie Thornton.

Other SHS students received superior ratings in other classes in solo and ensemble. They were Sarah Pierce, Amber Bell, Rachel Haines, Sarah Knowles, Christina Bullard, Lila King, Melanie Kidd, Jocelyn Pinkerton and L.S. McClain.

More than 50 Snyder students participated in Saturday's contest, under the direction of Melanie Smith, SHS music instructor.

Targeting All Parents program begins Tuesday

Targeting All Parents, a parent support program sponsored by Snyder public schools, begins its third series of the school year this week.

The Practical Parent Education program starts Tuesday and will be in four parts, targeting "Family Communication and Encouragement." Giving the sessions will be Debbie Phillips, SISD elementary counselor; Sandi Wells, parent volunteer; and Mary Ann Juarez, SISD home/school/community liaison.

Anyone needing more information about TAP or the sessions may call 573-7702.

Family Communication and Encouragement
Sponsored by Snyder Independent School District
TUESDAYS

Stanfield Elementary, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 7: Choosing Effective Discipline Techniques

Feb. 14: Giving Children Responsibility For Themselves

Feb. 21: Encouraging Motivation in Children

Feb. 28: Resolving Homework Issues

West Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 7: Learning to Communicate With Children

Feb. 14: Understanding Feelings and Emotions

Feb. 21: Communication About Sexuality Within the Family

Feb. 28: Anger in the Family - Understanding, Expressing and Resolving

WEDNESDAYS

Central Elementary, 9 a.m.

Bilingual sessions only

Research gains help to feed poor people; it's not enough

WASHINGTON (AP)—Super high-yield rice, blight-resistant potatoes, corn bred for the tropics and other agricultural advances will help the world feed a billion more people in 1995 than 20 years ago.

The challenge for the next two decades is to feed twice that many more. In addition, U.N. agencies estimate that 700 million people still are going hungry.

It will take more than food aid or the transfer of food from rich countries to poor countries; it will take significant advances in agriculture to feed the world's population in 2015, according to a new U.N. analysis of world agriculture.

The analysis, made in preparation for a Feb. 9-10 agricultural research conference in Lucerne, Switzerland, is critical of non-crisis food aid, which it says "promotes dependence, undermines rural economies and keeps farmers trapped in poverty."

The conference aims to set the food research agenda for the future — an agenda that must increase productivity while protecting the environment and preserving biodiversity.

"We are in a race with time, to develop the appropriate technology and to bring it to poor farmers, while population growth in the poorest countries puts pressure on scarce resources and a fragile environment," said World Bank Vice President Ismael Serageldin, who is a key organizer of the conference.

Most of the 2 billion mouths to feed will be poor people, living in countries already overburdened with too many scrabbling to exist in hovels built on land that should be used to feed them.

"In theory, the use of genetic

engineering and molecular biology should produce sharply rising food output into the future," said Serageldin, who also chairs the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

"In practice, there are severe policy and practical obstacles to be overcome," Serageldin said.

The worldwide network of agricultural research operations funded under CGIAR has claimed major successes:

- Wheat resistant to leaf rust, the cereal grain's most destructive disease, which previously cost poor countries an average \$750 million annually.

- "Super rice," producing 25 percent more grain on the same land and helping to feed an additional 450 million people a year.

- Varieties of cassava, a starchy root that is the main staple for 200 million Africans and can increase yields by as much as 300 percent.

- Blight-resistant potatoes that cost just over \$60 million to develop and are producing \$10 million a year in increased yield.

- Corn bred especially for the tropics, capable of increasing harvests by 40 percent despite the hostile tropical environment of high temperatures and acidic soils.

Still, food production in the 1980s couldn't keep up with population growth in 75 poor countries. Less food was produced per person globally at the end of the 1980s than at the decade's start, and the drop was 20 percent or more in 15 developing countries. That trend only recently has been reversed.

In much of the Third World, farmers are among the poorest people. Primitive farming practices like slash-and-burn destroy land.

Flood irrigation wastes water.

"If we don't transform the nature of agriculture, population pressure will lead to tremendous destruction of the environment," Serageldin said.

CGIAR comprises 45 donors — countries including the Agency for International Development for the United States, organizations and charities — who finance projects in 16 centers after a technical committee of scientists approves them.

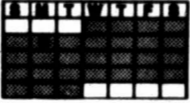
Government ministers from both rich and poor countries will be in Lucerne to press the message that agricultural research is essential to avoid the potential disaster that an exploding population will cause.

The consultative group's centers, located mostly in poor countries, are furthering the advances of the "Green Revolution" of the 1960s. That began in wheat fields around Texcoco, Mexico, with research by American Norman Borlaug that created a super-productive strain of wheat and won Borlaug the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize.

Serageldin said the grouping has spent \$3 billion for research over 20 years. He estimated the average return on the basis of increased yields at 20 to 140 percent.

DATE BOOK

Feb. 6, 1995



Today is the 37th day of 1995 and the 48th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1899, Congress ratified the peace treaty that ended the Spanish-American War.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Aaron Burr (1756-1836), U.S. politician; James Ewell Stuart (1833-1864), Confederate cavalry commander; Babe Ruth (1895-1948), baseball great; Ronald Reagan (1911-), U.S. president; actor, is 84; Rip Torn (1931-), actor, is 64; Francois Truffaut (1932-1984), filmmaker; Tom Brokaw (1940-), broadcast journalist, is 55; Bob Marley (1945-1981), singer; writer, Natalie Cole (1950-), singer, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1925, Passaic High School (N.J.) lost to Hackensack High, 39-35, snapping a 159-game winning streak that dated to Dec. 17, 1919.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you could add together the power of prayer of the people just in this room, what would be its megatonnage?" — Ronald Reagan

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1933, the Northern Hemisphere recorded its record low temperature of minus 90 degrees at Oimekon, U.S.S.R. The world record is minus 129 degrees, observed July 21, 1983, at Vostok, Antarctica.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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Rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City July 13, 1863. The violence resulted in the deaths of about 1,000 people over the next three days.



CLASS FAVORITES — Voted class favorites by the Snyder High School junior class were, from left, George Gallegos and Trisha McGrew. Senior favorites are Paige Gayle and Greg McA-

den. They will be recognized at the Feb. 16 coronation along with club sweethearts. The highlight will be the crowning of Mr. and Miss SHS. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



SOPHOMORE, FRESHMAN FAVORITES — Elected class favorites at Snyder High School were, from left, sophomores Jeremiah Johnson and Elyse Merritt, and freshmen Traci Eicke and

Chris Riggins. Class favorites will be recognized at the coronation Feb. 16 along with club sweethearts. Mr. and Miss SHS will also be crowned. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Four priests removed from posts for abusing altar boy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cardinal James Hickey removed four Roman Catholic priests from their ministries and sent them away for treatment after they admitted molesting the same altar boy in the 1970s, The Washington Post reported.

Churchgoers in five parishes where the priests had served learned the news at Mass on Sunday when priests read a letter from Hickey, the paper said in today's editions.

One of the four also admitted to abusing a second youth from 1988 until two years ago, according to the report.

Monsignor William Lori, chancellor of the Washington Archdiocese, told the Post it was the first time the archdiocese has dismissed so many priests for pedophilia.

The church contacted the Post before the announcements and arranged an interview with the paper and one of the victims as part of an effort to deal with the sensitive topic openly.

The Rev. Edward Hartell, 58, pastor at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville, Md., for the last several years.

The former altar boy, now a 34-year-old professional living in the Baltimore area, requested anonymity. He said he was 11 or 12 when Schaeffer, then pastor at St. Matthias Roman Catholic Church in Lanham, Md., gave him a job in the rectory answering telephones after school.

The victim told the Post that Schaeffer would take him to his bedroom in the rectory or to a classroom in the parish's school where they would engage in mutual masturbation and oral sex.

In 1974, according to Lori, Schaeffer was transferred to another parish and replaced by Smith, who also abused the boy until he was about 17. During Smith's tenure, according to Lori and the victim, the boy also was sexually abused on one or two occasions by Pritchard, then the church's associate pastor.

One evening in the rectory, the victim said, he was molested in Smith's bedroom by Hartell, a visiting pastor.

"It was very confusing," the victim said, "because part of it doesn't feel bad, but then you realize way back in your head there's something wrong here, so you kind of disassociate yourself while it's happening."

The former altar boy began having marital problems a few years ago and sought therapy. He contacted Lori last month and they met Jan. 19 for nearly two hours. The next day, Lori called all four priests into his office, one at a time, and confronted them with the allegations. All four admitted that they had abused the boy.

Lori said he asked each if there were other victims, and Smith admitted to having a five-year sexual relationship with a youth from Our Lady of Sorrows in Takoma Park, Md., beginning in 1988.

At the cardinal's request, Lori immediately asked the priests to resign.

Two days later, they were on their way to four separate treatment facilities at undisclosed locations. In a column to be published in the Catholic Standard this week, Hickey said, "I can never again place them in ministry."

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Berry's World

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"And so — the battle continues!"

Oil Patch News

Mitchell County

Parker and Parsley Development Co. has completed the No. 291 Mary Foster in the Iatan East Howard field, nine miles southwest of Westbrook. The well was finished to produce 41 barrels of 37 gravity oil and 17 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,377-917 feet, and location is in Section 16, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

Garza County

George R. Brown Partnership has completed the No. 11-C Post Estate in the Garza field, one mile south of Post. The well was finished to produce 17 barrels of 38 oil and 138 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,928-086 feet, and location is in Section 1230, Block 5,

K. Aycock survey.

J.M. Huber Corp. has completed the No. 5 King in the Buenos field, 10 miles northwest of Post. The venture was finished to produce 105 barrels of 38.5 gravity oil and 23 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,760-783 feet, and location is in the Seale and Forwood survey No. 301.

Fisher County

St. Clair Energy Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Martin in the Roby North field, two miles north of Roby. Drilled to a depth of 3,900 feet, location was in the Bastrop CSL survey.

K.A. Linn survey.

Primrose Operating has completed the No. 167 M.A. Fuller in the Dorward field, eight miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was completed to produce 31 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 147 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,936-2,545 feet, and location is in Section 690, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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.
Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.
Alatene; 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
Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.
Targeting All Parents (TAP); Stanfield Elementary; "Choosing Effective Discipline Techniques"; 2:30 p.m.
Alpha Study Club; MAWC; hostesses, Vondell King and Pearle Waller; 3 p.m.
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.
Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Golden Corral; 6:30 p.m.
TAPS; West Elementary; "Learning to Communicate With Children"; 6:30 p.m.
Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.
Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
Beta Sigma Phi; community room of Snyder National Bank; 7:30 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
TAP; bilingual sessions only; 9 a.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
Snyder Palette Club; West 37th in the airport terminal building; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30, regular meeting at 10.
Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.
Snyder Christian Women's Club guest night; Snyder Country Club; feature, Drew Bullard of Computer Solutions; music, Steve Marshall; guest speakers Melvin Ziegenbein, vice president of Blue Bell Creameries, and his wife, Karla; 7 to 9 p.m.
SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m.
Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.
Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.
FRIDAY
Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m.
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.
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.
ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder County Club; 1:30 p.m.
Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH			2-6-95		
♠ Q 3 2			♦ A Q 10 5 4		
♥ J 8 2			♣ 9 2		
♠ A 8 6 3			♦ K Q J 10 7 4		
♠ Q 10 5 3 2			♣ 9		
WEST			EAST		
♠ 9			♦ A 8 4		
♠ J 8 2			♥ 9 7 6		
♠ A 8 6 3			♦ K Q J 10 7 4		
♠ Q 10 5 3 2			♣ 9		
SOUTH			K J 10 7 6 5		
♥ K 3			♣ 5		
♠ J 8 7 6			♣ 5		
Vulnerable: North-South					
Dealer: West					
South	West	North	East		
2 ♠	4 ♠	4 ♠	5 ♠		
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass		
Opening lead: ♠ 2					

Want readers? Print bridge.

Americans are accustomed to having a bridge column in their daily newspaper. In England, these columns used to appear only weekly. But recently the quality dailies — The Times, the Daily Telegraph and the Independent — have been running a circulation battle. Two results have been a cut in cover price and an increase to daily bridge coverage.

Today's deal appeared in Robert Sheehan's column in The Times. East was Scotsman Irving Gordon, who made a bid that wouldn't occur to many players.

West's jump to four diamonds was pre-emptive. With a stronger hand he would have cue-bid three hearts or three spades. Then, over four spades, Gordon judged to sacrifice in five diamonds. However, first, Gordon prepared the defense should the opponents go on to five spades.

Reading his partner's five-club bid as lead-directing, West led the club two. He selected the lowest card to show that his entry was in diamonds, not hearts. Declarer won with dummy's king and immediately played a trump. But Gordon rose with the spade ace, led a diamond to his partner's ace and received a club ruff for one down.

Bridge clubs in London specialize in schoolboy humor. Gordon is known as The Haggis. And I guess that South is now known as The Lemming. East had announced club shortage and a ruff was clearly looming. After winning the first trick, South should have played on hearts, discarding his diamond on the third round. When that passes off safely, South can play trumps. West has no entry to give East the fatal ruff.

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Lotto Texas

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

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 4, 8, 20, 21, 36, and 47.

There were 138 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,839. There were 8,146 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$112. And there were 160,169 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

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

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-2-7 (five, two, seven)

No charges filed in Grammer case

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Television star Kelsey Grammer left "sexually suggestive" phone messages for the teen-age girl he's accused of having sex with, according to a published report.

The girl's lawyer said the messages left on her "Teen Line" voice-mail service at her home in Phoenix, Ariz., are the "strongest evidence" against Grammer, The Star-Ledger of Newark reported Sunday.

Dole says he has compassion & experience to be president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole says he's going to formally announce his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination around the 50th anniversary of the day he was seriously wounded in a World War II battle.

He said Jack Kemp and Colin Powell were possible running mates.

The Senate majority leader said Sunday that his injury on April 14, 1945, which left his right arm partially paralyzed, played a seminal role in making him more sensitive to the concerns of other people in difficulty.

The Kansas Republican, speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," described himself as a fiscal conservative who identifies with the theme of Kemp, a Republican leader and former cabinet secretary and congressman, who has urged his party to reach out more to blacks and other minorities.

Asked about his position on a

1996 California ballot issue to eliminate race as a criteria for discriminating for or against someone, Dole said Republicans are reviewing the whole issue of affirmative action.

"With my record, I think I can look at it with some credibility. Has it worked? Has it had an adverse, a reverse reaction? Why did 62 percent of white males vote Republican in 1994? I think it's because of things like this, where sometimes the best-qualified person does not get the job because he or she may be one color. And I'm beginning to believe that may not be the way it should be in America," he said.

Dole said Kemp, who recently said he would not run for the Republican presidential nomination, would be on any list he put together of potential running mates. He also mentioned former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman

Colin Powell and several Republican governors, including Pete Wilson of California and Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey.

Dole said he had recently talked with Powell but had not discussed teaming up for the presidential race or determined whether Powell was a Republican. Both parties are courting the popular retired general.

Joining Dole among the early front runners for the 1996 nomination are Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, former Vice President Dan Quayle and former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander.

Gramm this weekend was raising money in South Dakota, a state Dole carried in the 1988 GOP primary. Dole was President Ford's running mate in his unsuccessful 1976 race against Jimmy Carter, and has run for the presidential nomination twice, in 1980 and 1988.

Dole was an Army second lieutenant when he was wounded during a battle in northern Italy in 1945. He said announcing his presidential aspirations on the anniversary of that event was not meant to point out differences in the military records of himself and President Clinton, who avoided service in Vietnam.

"I assume some people might suggest that I picked it because I thought it was a fairly important experience in my lifetime, and it's not aimed at anyone else," he said.

Dole said his candidacy would appeal to people "looking for someone with experience and someone who's been tested in a lot of ways and somebody who gets up every morning and knows that people can have difficulties — because I have a little difficulty dressing, things like that."

He would be 73 when he took office, which would make him the oldest person starting a first term in the White House. He said he had made no decision and that he would confine himself to only one term in office.

Refugees try suicide as way to enter U.S.

MIAMI (AP) — A suicide attempt that resulted in freedom in the United States for a Cuban man held at Guantanamo Bay has prompted a string of copycat gestures in the refugee camps, U.S. military officials say.

The man tried to hang himself in November after learning that his wife had left him and moved into the tent of another refugee. He was treated at the camp hospital and then flown to Miami.

"It gave people the idea they could get a visa," said Carlos Gonzalez, a Cuban psychologist and refugee helping U.S. doctors in the camps. "They can't stand the situation here."

Since then, 41 other refugees have tried to drink bleach, swallow pills, ingest crushed glass, nails or razor wire, slash their wrists or hang themselves in hopes of getting paroled to the United States. The Miami Herald reported today. One refugee even set himself on fire.

In a medical report, doctors described 12 attempted suicides and 29 "suicide gestures" among the 20,000 Cuban refugees at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. No refugee has succeeded in killing himself.

Mental health counselors are telling the rafters that the airlift of the man was a mistake. In fact, he left the camps against his will,

since he said he would rather stay with his wife when she wasn't allowed to make the trip with him, they say.

To quash the rumors, counselors are warning refugees that people trying to commit suicide will be sent to a higher security camp reserved for trouble makers.

Aviary collapses, birds fly the coop

NEW YORK (AP) — Thirty-three birds were loosed into the wilds of New York City, forced to compete with local sea gulls and other worldly creatures for food after their historic aviary collapsed at the Bronx Zoo.

Zoo officials say their chance of survival is slim.

The birds got loose Saturday morning winds gusting to 50 mph blew down the snow-covered aviary. One bird was injured. The others — eight gray gulls, 12 Inca terns, 12 Andean gulls and one band tail gull — may have been blown as far as New Jersey.

"Most of them were hatched and raised in the aviary and have no experience outside," said Donald Bruning, the zoo's curator of birds.

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"I don't really have a good day. I have bad days and horrible days. I have to break it down to hour by hour or minute by minute," Smith said. "Sometimes I find myself on my knees."
After a nine-day search last fall, Susan Smith broke down and told police she sent her car rolling into a lake with 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex strapped inside.

Susan Smith's lawyer has until Feb. 23 to tell prosecutors whether she will claim insanity as her defense against murder charges. She could face the death penalty if convicted.

Smith, 24, told The (Spartanburg) Herald-Journal that he learned of his wife's confession — and his sons' deaths — from a television bulletin. The pain has been unremitting ever since.

"It's not getting any easier," he said. It was his first interview after more than two months of public silence.

Twenty-thousand letters, cards and gifts have been mailed to him since the ordeal, he said. Trips to the post office are now part of his

daily routine, though he has also returned to his job as a supermarket assistant manager.

He has received poems and paintings and picture frames for the boys. Some people tell him about how they lost children.

"I treasure them," he said. Though he doesn't have time to read them all, he said he tries to read as many as he can.

"To get a card that says, 'I'm thinking about you,' or 'You are still in my prayers,' is a boost that sometimes gets me to the next minute."

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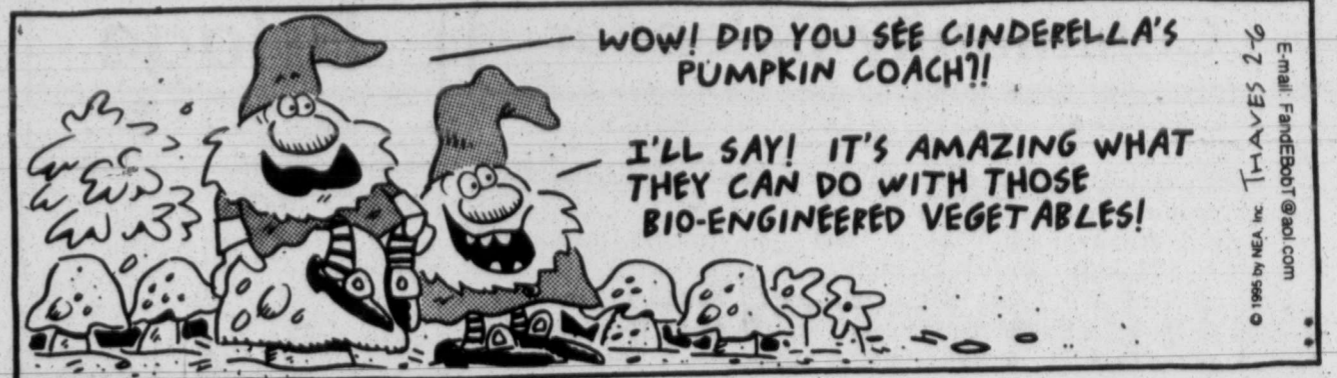
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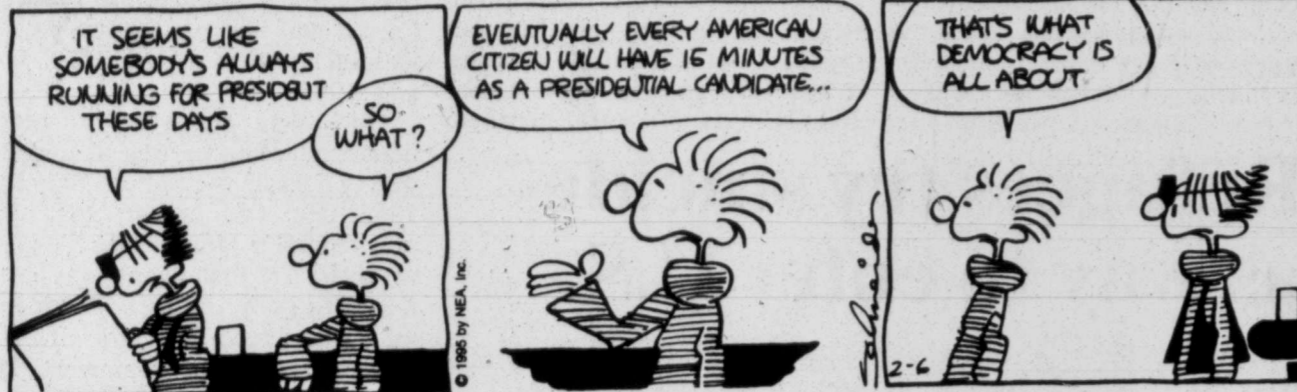
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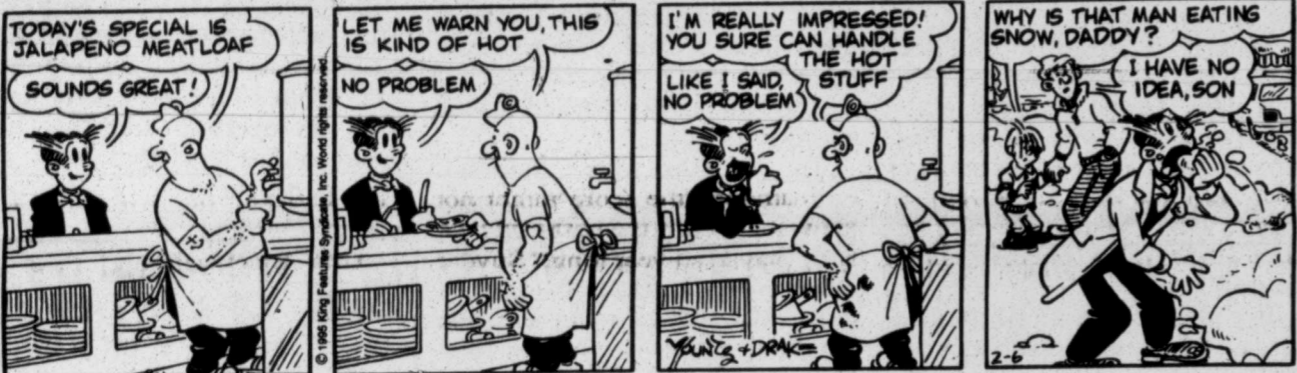
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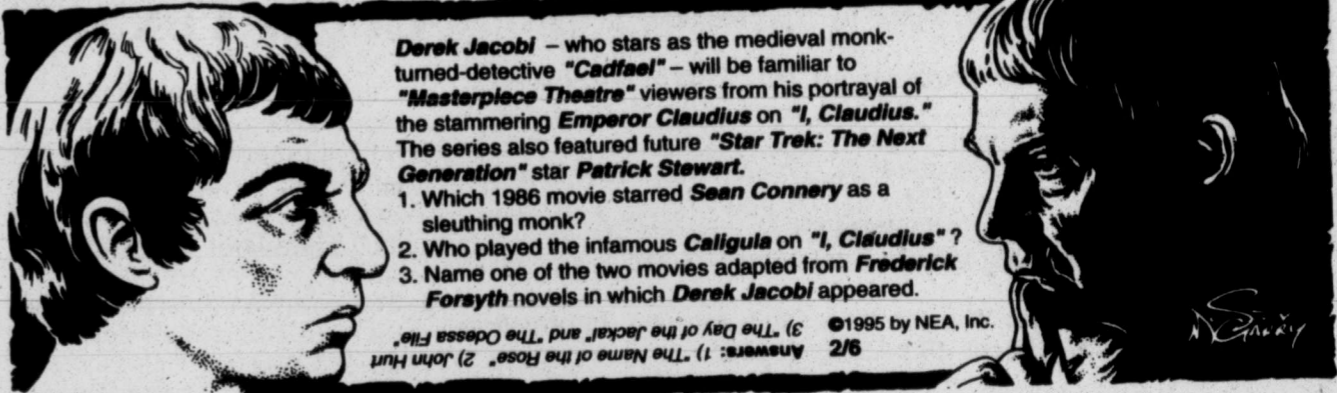
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- Before this time
- Female deer
- Stun
- Bank acct. profit
- Tropical nuts
- Excavates
- Young tree
- I say
- B. Anthony
- Grows in Brooklyn
- Tableland
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- Tours
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- Close securely

47 Ingrid Bergman's daughter

50 Remove the covering of

53 Appraising

55 Conceive

56 Come into view

57 Hurl

58 Actress Blythe -

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- Finnish first name
- Rattling sound
- Fruit drink
- Tennis player Ivan -
- Visions
- Actor Lorne -
- Corn-plant part
- Map abbr.
- Type of skirt
- of bricks

12 Mr. Gingrich

19 Actress - Caldwell

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22 Dentist's deg.

23 Sags

24 1944 invasion date

25 Greek letter

26 Senator Jake -

28 Two words of understanding

29 Space agcy.

30 Flying creature

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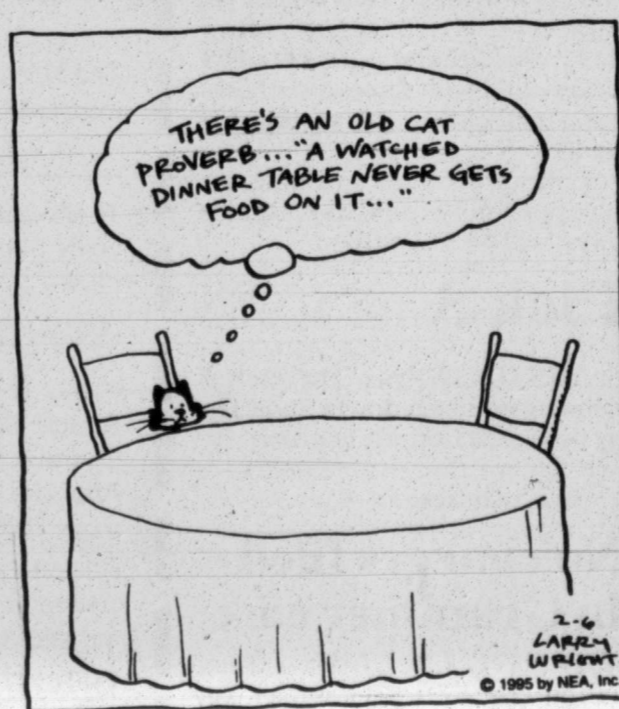
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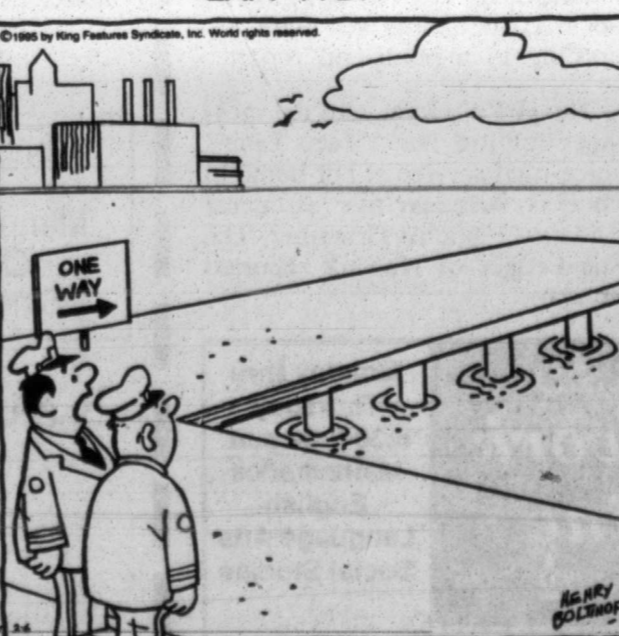
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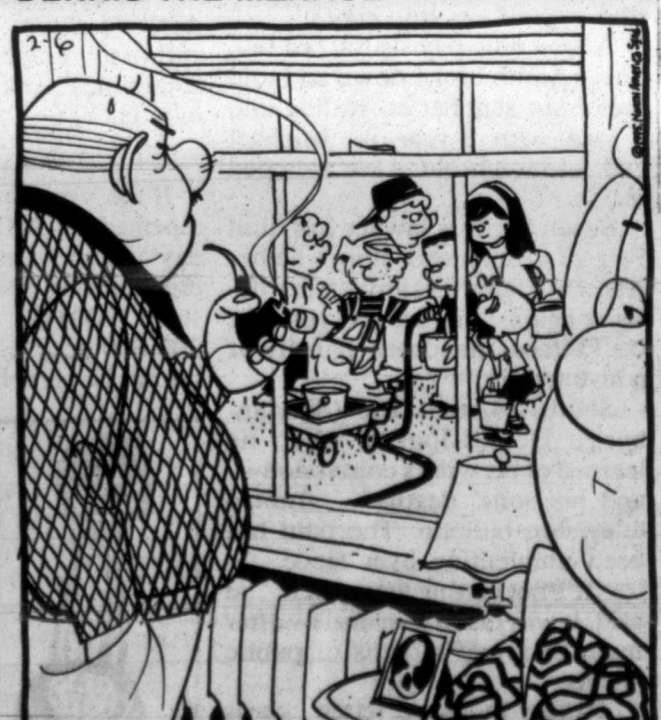
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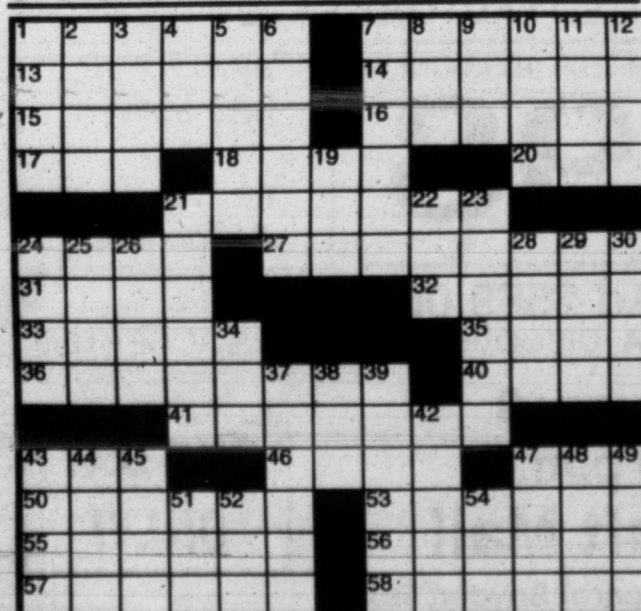
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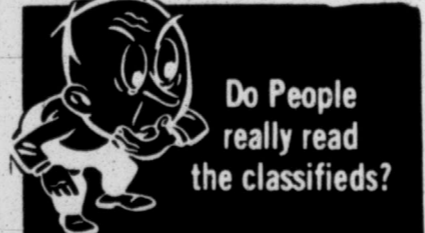
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Motorists fume over auto emission testing

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Cars used to line up for pollution checks at the CarTest auto emissions testing center here. Now, three testing bays are idle — and that has little to do with cleaner vehicles.

Public frustration over government regulations is threatening the federal effort to cut smog by reducing car pollution. In Maine and other states, many people would sooner have emissions tests disappear.

"At our peak we were doing 130 cars a day," said Phil Leibowitz, manager of one of Maine's seven CarTest centers. "Today,

four or five."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency required states to impose stringent tailpipe tests in smoggy areas under the 1990 Clean Air Act.

In December, after numerous complaints from states, the EPA relaxed the rules — to a point. Now, states can abandon the more sophisticated emissions tests — if they find alternative ways of reducing air pollution.

Vehicle emissions, when heated by sunlight, create ozone. Ozone can irritate lungs and is particularly harmful to young children, the elderly and people with

lung diseases and asthma.

But Maine was so swamped with complaints after it opened testing stations in seven counties on July 1 that it suspended the program in September.

People said the \$24 fees were too high; that it was unfair to require tests only in Maine's more densely populated southern half; that repairs would be too costly; and that the test computers were inaccurate.

Motorists can still voluntarily have their cars checked, and the state has dropped the fees to \$14 as an incentive.

"There will never be a more cost-effective way of achieving emission reductions" than a car-test program like Maine adopted, said Bob Judge of the EPA's Bos-

ton regional office.

But Judge acknowledged there will "never be a more difficult public acceptance problem, because for the first time, we are asking people to make a contribution" to clean air.

Other states also are fighting against mandatory emissions testing.

— In Pennsylvania, about 80 inspection stations remain idle while Gov. Tom Ridge's administration searches for ways to placate constituents who want more testing sites closer to home.

— Texas Gov. George W. Bush promised to sign a bill delaying emissions tests for three months in four areas with excessive air pollution. The EPA has agreed to the delay.

— Virginia Gov. George Allen has sued the federal government over its threat to withhold transportation funds if the state doesn't adopt an emissions testing program acceptable to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Those threats to withhold funds also could cost New Jersey \$217 million and Louisiana \$54 million for not starting a test program. Vermont also missed a deadline for a program.

Some states are going along with the emissions program without complaint. Testing is either underway or planned in 29 states — including Connecticut, Colorado and Washington — and the District of Columbia. The procedures range from simple tailpipe checks

to the "enhanced" procedure used in Maine.

A pilot program is underway in smog-plagued California, and Nevada is expected to follow California's lead, the EPA says.

In Maine, a legislative panel is to report Tuesday on what went wrong with the state's program and what the government needs to do before the suspension expires next month. Critics seeking a repeal of testing have turned in what they say are enough petition signatures to force a statewide vote in November.

State Rep. Richard Gould predicts lawmakers will abolish Maine's stringent testing program, but may replace it with a combination of tests, reformulated gasoline and other programs.

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Suspending child support deadbeats' licenses might be tough to enforce

FORT WORTH (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush's idea to suspend the licenses of parents who don't pay child support may be a logistical nightmare that could make only a dent in Texas' caseload, some observers say.

Bush has called for suspending all types of licenses "including commercial drivers' licenses, doctors' licenses, lawyers' licenses and, to show that I really mean business, even hunting and fishing licenses."

Some legislators — including Sen. Chris Harris and Rep. Toby Goodman, both of Arlington — already have proposed legislation giving the Texas attorney general and the courts the power to suspend licenses of child support deadbeats. Neither included recreational license suspensions in their bills.

"They were included last session and they were dropped when we found out it would cost probably three times as much to set up a database than the funds they would probably collect," Connie Johnson, Harris' administrative

assistant, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in Monday's editions. Karen Hughes, Bush's communications director, said the governor remains committed to his campaign pledge of suspending licenses, including recreational ones.

"Let's say we increased child support collections by 5 percent; that would be a dramatic increase," she said.

"And also, this kind of change would send a strong signal of responsibility, that if you bring kids

would aid in collecting at least \$10 million in the first year from about 25,000 of its 184,000 deadbeat parents.

Much of the money collected would go directly to the state and federal government, to repay child support already paid to unwed mothers, according to Cecelia Burke, head of the attorney general's child support division.

Ms. Burke, who also is president of the National Council of State Child Support Enforcement Administrators, says license suspension laws would help, but "it's not going to solve the problem."

The government paid out more than \$544 million in Aid to Families with Dependent Children grants last year. The attorney general's office, which handled about 647,000 child-support cases, collected \$435 million for its clients.

About 28 states have enacted laws or are considering bills that impose license suspensions for delinquent child support, according to Nancy Ebb, a senior staff attorney for the Washington, D.C.-based Children's Defense

Fund.

Maine is credited with having the country's most effective suspension law. Since it went into effect in August 1993, the state has collected more than \$20 million, said Thomas Mato, legal counsel for the Maine Division of Support Enforcement and Recovery.

Maine cross-references its list of deadbeat parents with the state's lists of drivers' and professional licenses. When it finds matches, it sends letters warning the parents that their license will be pulled if they don't pay in full, begin a payment schedule, or explain why they can't pay.

"For the most part, the key is having a law with enough teeth in it to persuade people there's a credible threat in terms of their ability to continue to operate with licenses and not pay child support," he said. "If they understand there's a way for a child support agency to move quickly and effectively against them, it's one hell of a motivator."

Cancer claims Doug McClure, age 59

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Doug McClure, who rode his way from teen-age bronco busting to starring roles in such small-screen westerns as "The Virginian," "The Overland Trail" and "The Men From Shiloh" has died. He was 59.

McClure died of cancer Sunday night at his suburban Sherman Oaks home, said McClure's friend and colleague, Dennis Morgan.

McClure began riding horses at age 8. As a teen-ager, he spent summers on a Nevada cattle ranch, where he was a bronco-buster in occasional rodeos. So his role as Trampas in "The Virginian" came as a natural.

"I'm back where I want to be," he told an interviewer in 1962. "I like doing outdoor shows. I'm out in the fresh air instead of being cooped up in a stage all day."

The blond, boyish actor joined the cast of "The Virginian" that year after making his name as William Bendix's sidekick in the short-lived NBC series "The Overland Trail" in 1960, and appearing in "Checkmate," a private-eye series set in San Francisco.

"The Virginian," McClure said, "gives you a chance to get a little color in the characterization. In a detective show, most of the dialogue is along the lines of 'Where were you on the night of Jan. 12?'"

"The Virginian" was an ambitious, big-budget NBC project, the first filmed series with 90-minute episodes. McClure played the role of the villain from the Owen Wister novel and the three movie versions. Trampas was rehabilitated in the series as a happy-go-lucky young cowpoke.

"Virginian" co-star James Drury was on hand last Dec. 16, when McClure received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. The star helped him feel better after fighting lung cancer for a year, he said.

"It gave me the incentive to get well, and I am well," he declared.

McClure continued acting in an episode of TV's "Kung Fu" in Toronto and with a theatrical film called "One West Waikiki." But on Jan. 8, he collapsed from an apparent stroke on the set in Hawaii, and doctors discovered the cancer had spread.

A muscular 6-foot-1 who quar-

terbacked his high school football team, McClure studied drama at Santa Monica City College and the University of California, Los Angeles, modeling and doing TV commercials on the side.

His first acting job came in a syndicated series, "Men of Annapolis." Movies followed: "The Enemy Below," "Gidget," "The Unforgiven."

Signed by Universal, McClure began his long career in TV. Dur-

ing vacations he appeared in such movies as "Shenandoah," "Beau Geste," "Nobody's Perfect" and "Backtrack."

In 1972-73, McClure appeared in a high-tech spy series "Search," then he went to London and did some theater. He returned to TV in 1975 for the one-season Western "Barbary Coast," co-starring with William Shatner.

He continued making guest appearances on TV, notably in the 1977 classic "Roots." His other film credits include "Cannonball Run II," "52 Pickup," "Omega Syndrome," "Dark Before Dawn," "Tapeheads."

Survivors include his wife, Diane, children Tane and Valerie McClure; his mother, Clara Clapp; and a brother, Reed. Funeral services were pending.

Leaders oppose plan to put violent felons in state jails

DALLAS (AP) — The 18 state jails being built in Texas were touted as places to house and rehabilitate criminals convicted of offenses such as burglary of a building, theft and forgery.

But the facilities are being built faster than there are the nonviolent felons to fill them.

Rather than have the lockups sit empty, state officials say they will use them to hold 20,000 convicted felons — including murderers and rapists — now backlogged in county jails and awaiting transfer to the penitentiary system.

The plan has angered some state and community leaders, who say they and the public were misled.

Former Dallas City Council member Mattie Nash, who successfully helped fight a plan to place a state jail in a West Dallas neighborhood, said one reason she opposed it was because she suspected something like this might happen.

"I felt from day one they would not discriminate about who was going to go into that prison," Ms. Nash said.

State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, filed a bill two weeks ago that would change the law to prohibit state jails from being used for anything other than their original purpose.

"They were built specifically for nonviolent offenders," she said. "I am concerned that, even temporarily, that they are not suitable to hold violent felons."

Andy Collins, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, acknowledged that state jails might be housing sex offenders and others convicted

of violent crimes.

But he said communities should not worry about their safety.

State jails probably will be used as transfer facilities for hard-core inmates only for six months to a year. By then, enough new penitentiary space will be constructed and the state jail program will begin to fill with nonviolent offenders, he said.

However, community leaders were told when state jails sites were being selected last year that they could be converted to house violent offenders, he said.

"We went to great lengths in informing communities that they were state facilities, and based on the needs of the state, they could be used for whatever we need them for," he said.

The state jail system, created two years ago by the Legislature, is intended as community-based punishment and rehabilitation for 24,700 inmates.

When operational, state jails will mandate that offenders take full-time literacy courses, job training or drug treatment. Inmates also could be made to work to earn restitution for their crimes, or participate in local projects, such as cleaning up graffiti or clearing debris along roadways.

The system was designed to separate nonviolent offenders and give them rehabilitation, while reserving penitentiaries for violent felons who will serve longer sentences.

Currently, only state jails in Beaumont and Houston are operational.

State Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the Senate Criminal

Justice Committee, said the state is paying counties millions of dollars to hold convicted felons who belong in Texas penitentiaries. So he considers it a wiser use of taxpayers' money to move the inmates into empty state jails.

"I do understand the issue that some neighborhoods were told that they would be for only non-violent offenders," said Whitmire, D-Houston. "I think it'll be held to a very minimum."

Ms. Shapiro said she understands the rationale to use empty state jails for backlogged felons, but she disagrees with it.

"If we have one felon who breaks out, or has a problem in there, then that's one too many."

Chameleon princess

TOKYO (AP) — Call her the chameleon princess.

Princess Diana wore a bold, slicked-back hairdo and sexy gown at a glitzy New York fashion awards show last week. But she was all pink suit and pearls when she arrived in Tokyo for a royal visit today.

With drier hair and without estranged husband Prince Charles, Diana is in Japan for a four-day visit designed to stress her more serious royal role.

Several hundred people turned out to see her at her first stop, Tokyo's National Children's Hospital, where she met with patients and gave a speech.

Here as patron of the British Red Cross, Diana is scheduled to visit several other Japanese public health institutions and make a brief stop at the headquarters of the Japan Red Cross.

Tanker explodes on highway

EMERYVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A tanker truck exploded into a huge mushroom cloud of smoke and flames, killing the driver, injuring at least seven people and damaging a section of freeway that carries 70,000 vehicles a day.

The tanker, loaded with 6,000 gallons of a butane-petroleum mixture, struck a divider about 9 a.m. Sunday, punching a hole in the tank and sliding along a metal railing. The friction ignited the fuel and blew the truck to shrapnel.

"It sounded like a bomb," said Tem Phitt of San Francisco, who suffered minor injuries. "My car was burning on the outside and I got out. I didn't want to die in my car."

At least seven people were treated for burns, including an Oakland family of four going to church in San Francisco. Five cars were damaged from flying debris.

The crash closed the highway, known as the MacArthur Maze, which is the main interchange between Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco.

Crews worked through the night on the ramp from westbound I-80 to eastbound I-580, but Caltrans spokesman Greg Bayol said today's morning commuters "shouldn't plan on it being open."

The driver may have been traveling too fast around the interchange curve, said CHP spokeswoman B.J. Whitten. The identity of the driver, whose body was found in bushes below the highway, wasn't released Sunday.

The truck belonged to Button Transportation of Dixon and was part of a five-truck convoy contracted to transport the fuel from the Chevron refinery in Richmond to Bakersfield, according to Chevron spokeswoman Bonnie Chaikind.

Joe and Marsha Washington were with their teen-age sons Kenneth and Jerold, approaching the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge when their car was engulfed by flames from the accident below.

They immediately fled their car, which was destroyed. All four were treated for minor burns.

"All of the sudden there was a great humongous ball of orange fire everywhere. It seemed like we drove through it forever. It was unbelievable, something you can't explain," Joe Washington told KCBS radio.



RETIREMENT EVENT — Many business associates and friends attended a retirement reception Wednesday at the TCA Snyder Cablevision for T.V. Early. He has worked in the cable industry for 31 years. The staff presented him a money

tree. From left are Larson Lloyd, general manager; Joyce Buchanan, office manager; Early and his wife, Joy. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Try physical therapy for hip pain

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

such as ultrasound and hot packs — may help return you to normal.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What treatment is best for the pain of bursitis in both hips? The pain followed left knee replacement. Cortisone injections have only provided temporary relief.

DEAR READER: Bursitis of the hips (inflammation of the joint covering) is a common disorder that may result from over-use of these joints.

Although it frequently affects people who have not had knee surgery, I have seen it in post-operative patients as well. I believe that there is a simple explanation for this.

Before surgery, pain in the knee may be quite disabling, forcing patients to restrict their activity. After surgery, however, when the pain is relieved, such patients exercise much more strenuously. This places added stress on the hip joints, which then become inflamed.

In my experience, prescription anti-inflammatory drugs (such as Indocin, Feldene, Lodine and others) usually reduce this inflammation and the pain of movement, walking or standing. Ask your doctor for a prescription.

In addition, physical therapy —

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband burps all the time and almost never stops. Spicy or bland foods all have the same effect. He's a very large man and won't have X-rays because he's afraid of what they will reveal. He also gets short of breath when walking only a few feet. I'd like some answers to what he denies might be a problem.

DEAR READER: If your husband is obese (more than 25 percent above his ideal body weight), as well as being "large," his overweight may be the basis for his symptoms.

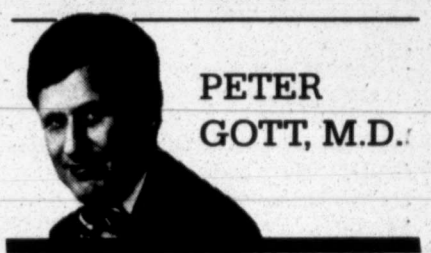
As the abdominal wall enlarges with fatty tissue, it can press against the stomach, causing poor digestion, heartburn, gas, and belching. In addition, the excess fat may make breathing more difficult, leading to shortness of breath, especially during exercise.

I'm sorry to learn that your husband is afraid of what medical tests might reveal. This seems a bit self-destructive to me, particularly if your husband has a weight problem that is causing symptoms and could be associated with hypertension, diabetes,

heart disease, and other ailments. I really think that he should see a doctor. While he's waiting for his appointment, he should get on a diet: no junk food, sugar or alcohol. Once he starts losing pounds, he may feel so much better that the doctor can minimize the testing.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Winning the Battle of the Bulge" and "Eating Right for a Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like copies should send \$2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title(s).
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PETER GOTT, M.D.

Study finds few good quality child-care centers in nation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most child-care centers, especially those that care for infants and toddlers, do not meet children's needs for health, safety, learning and warm relationships, according to a \$1 million study released today.

The 2 1/2-year study, conducted by researchers at four universities, found that most child care is mediocre and "sufficiently poor to interfere with children's emotional and intellectual development."

At one out of every eight centers, the study found, the children's health and safety are threatened. Only one in seven centers provides good quality care that encourages a child's growth.

The study comes as Congress considers welfare reforms that will heighten demand for child care as more single mothers are pushed from the welfare rolls to the work force.

Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., whose hearings last year revealed

quality shortcomings in child care, said centers that don't address the learning and developmental needs of children "very often are little more than warehouses."

"The ability to get it right is going to be fundamental to welfare reform," Wyden said.

The study was conducted by researchers from the University of Colorado at Denver, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of North Carolina, and Yale University.

The researchers studied 400 day-care centers, evenly divided between for-profit and nonprofit programs, in California, Colorado, Connecticut and North Carolina.

All of the centers were state-licensed. A total of 228 infant-toddler classrooms and 521 preschool classrooms were studied.

Funded by several foundations, the research involved classroom observation, individual assessments of 826 children, on-site interviews with center directors, and questionnaires by center staff, directors, teachers and parents.

The study said good quality child care supports a child's positive development. Learning is encouraged in many ways through interesting and fun activities, adults are warming and caring, and the center meets health and safety standards.

The researchers said child care for infants and toddlers is of particular concern. Of the infant and toddler classrooms observed, only 8 percent were considered good quality while 40 percent were rated less than minimal. The rest were mediocre.

"Babies in poor quality rooms are vulnerable to more illness because basic sanitary conditions are not met for diapering and feeding; are endangered because of safety problems that exist in the room; miss warm, supportive relationships with adults; and lose out on learning because they lack the books and toys required for physical and intellectual growth," the report said.

The report found that the quality of care is primarily related to higher staff-to-child ratios, staff education, and the administrators' prior experience. Good quality services cost more than mediocre care — but not a lot more.

The centers studied charged an average full-time monthly fee of \$450.80 for infants and \$371.50 for preschoolers.

The researchers' findings support earlier studies by federal and congressional investigators.

A December 1994 report by the Department of Health and Human Services described numerous health and safety violations at child-care centers in five states.

Among the problems listed were poisonous materials within reach of children, broken glass on playgrounds, nonworking smoke detectors, insects and raw sewage.

tree. From left are Larson Lloyd, general manager; Joyce Buchanan, office manager; Early and his wife, Joy. (SDN Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Dear Abby

Adults Who Lived in Orphanages Remember Them With Gratitude

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: I asked my readers who had been in an orphanage to share their experiences with me. Did I get letters? Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It was a hot day in August 1946 when I learned that my mom was sending me to a children's home. I was 10, scared to death, and puzzled as to why she was keeping my younger brother and sister. She told me I was a troublemaker and too hard to handle. I panicked and ran away, but was captured hours later, and a very nice caseworker took me to Cleveland.

Feeling unwanted, I withdrew, developed a severe stuttering problem and cried constantly. Seven years later, with the kindness and compassion of a thoughtful staff, I had developed a sense of values and an inner strength. My assigned "Big Brother" and his family greatly helped me develop these assets.

I left the home at 17 to make my mark and take on the world. I educated myself, overcame my stuttering, became a successful corporate CEO, and now enjoy multimillionaire status. I retired at 52. Thank you, Bellefaire and the Big Brothers organization!

IRWIN KAHN, FRANKLIN, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: When I was 7, my mother left me in the middle of the night. She never even said goodbye. I lived with my grandparents for a while, where I was molested by my father and my uncle. Then I was sent to an orphanage until I was 15. I learned to cook, sew and get along with other people. I went to a private Catholic school; the sisters loaned me money to get through nursing school. I shudder to think what my life would have been like if I had stayed with my father and grandparents.

LUCKY GIRL FROM NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: My father died when I was 3 years old, and I was placed in an orphanage in Philadelphia. It was surrounded by a stone wall 10 feet high. My two-year stint in the Navy was a breeze compared to that orphanage, but I have no regrets. It taught me how to cope.

RICHARD WINTERS, FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Newt Gingrich is not a nut living in a Boys Town fan-

tasy. When I was 4 years old, I was placed in an orphanage in New Orleans along with my sister who was 6, and my brother, 8. When I look back on those years, it wasn't so bad. We were in a safe place, and never mistreated.

I'm 64 now and feel lucky. It sure beats what's happening to some kids today.

MILDRED K., MISSISSIPPI

DEAR ABBY: My mother died at the age of 32. I was 6, the youngest of four. Our father was an alcoholic. My teacher had reported my poor school attendance to the juvenile authorities, who visited my home and found that I was neglected — there was little food, and the house was filthy. I was immediately placed in the Iowa State Soldiers' Orphanage in Davenport, Iowa, where I lived for 10 years.

There were 950 boys and girls living on campus, segregated, of course. We all dressed in uniforms and were served three healthy meals a day. There was no evidence of love, but I was lucky to have a clean, safe place to live.

ANOTHER ORPHAN

DEAR ABBY: My father must have had a premonition, because he told my mother that if anything happened to him, she should place their five children in the Masonic home in Indiana. At age 40, he died suddenly. I was 6 years old and lived in the Masonic home until I graduated from high school.

I received an excellent education, had piano and organ lessons, plus all kinds of musical exposure — including marching band, orchestra, jazz band — everyone played something. I met my high school sweetheart there, and in June, we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We have four children, all college-educated.

Abby, orphanages funded by private charities do not cost the taxpayer one dime.

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