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# Snyder Daily News

## Ask Us

Q—When is the Snyder Junior-Senior Prom and where will it be held this year?

A—It has been tentatively set for April 8 at the National Guard Armory.

## Local

### VFW

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

### Video series

"Genesis: A World In Turmoil" will be shown on Snyder Cablevision Channel 2 at 7 this evening.

### All-Sports

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school student center.

### West PTO

West Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria. All parents, teachers and students are invited.

### Revival

The First Assembly of God will be in revival with evangelist Reed Gipson through Friday. Services are at 7 p.m.

The church is located at 1809 College Ave.

### Coronation

Snyder High School coronation will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Worsham Auditorium. The public is invited.

Mr. and Miss SHS will be named and sweethearts of various clubs and organizations will be presented.

### Black History

Snyder's NAACP chapter will close out Black History Month activities Saturday with its annual banquet to begin at 7 p.m. at The Shack. For ticket information, call Florida Collins, president, 573-7566 or Sedalia Malone, 573-2285.

### Tax help

Dot Stokes, AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, is offering free tax help to low or moderate-income taxpayers age 60 and older Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M., through April 15.

Those interested should bring their current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 70 degrees; low, 28 degrees; high Sunday, 65 degrees; low, 37 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 45 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation; 1.38 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low near 40. Northeast wind 5-15 mph. Tuesday, sunny. High in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:35. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:19. Of 50 days in 1995, the sun has shone 47 days in Snyder.

## 3 incumbents declare intent

This morning marked the first day for citizens to file for candidacy in the May 6 city council and school board elections, and three people took advantage.

Filing were at-large city council incumbents Dayton Robertson and Ron Shaw, and at-large Snyder ISD school board trustee Charles Anderson. Shaw and Anderson had earlier announced their intent to seek re-election.



ROBERTSON

In filing this morning, Robertson announced he will be seeking his second full term. He has served one and a half terms, including a portion of an expired term. Robertson, 33, is an engineer with Y-Z Industries, Inc.

Robertson said there are many projects going on with the city at this time that he would like to see to completion. These include the landfill addition and conversion to Sub-title D, the widening of 30th Street and the annual seal coating and water line improvements. He added that one of the biggest projects is the decision on the renovation at the city's water treatment plant.

"The decision we have to make is not only to meet the TNRCC's requirements but to serve the city's water needs in the future," said Robertson.

He and his wife Bettsey have two children — a daughter, Blake, who is in the second grade at Stanfield and a son, Craig, who will start kindergarten next year.

In addition to city and Snyder ISD board positions up for election, seats are up for election May 6 on the Hermleigh and Ira ISD boards of trustees.

The filing period runs through March 22. Potential candidates may file at the appropriate business office weekdays during normal business offices.

On the municipal ballot, open are the two at-large seats held by Robertson and Shaw, and the mayor's post, held by Paul Zeck. The mayor's post is also at-large, meaning all citizens residing within the city limits and possessing a valid voter's registration certificate may run for the office and vote in the election

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## Man leads police on long chase

A 27-year-old Snyder man was arrested and placed in Scurry County Jail after leading local law enforcement officers on a chase through the city early Sunday evening.

Raymond Allen is currently being held in Scurry County Jail on charges of evading arrest and aggravated assault with a motor vehicle. Bond has not been set.

According to police reports, the chase began about 6:25 p.m. in the 900 block of 17th Street when Police Officer Terry Snyder spotted a Chevrolet Impala with no inspection sticker. The driver fled in the vehicle through residential areas around Avenue E, south to 25th Street and across College Avenue. The pursuit extended to El Paso Avenue and back to Avenue Y, where the vehicle pulled behind a residence in the 2600 block.

The vehicle was spotted again and the pursuit continued through a yard at 2312 26th Street. Other vehicles joined the chase, which moved west across El Paso Avenue, south on Irving to 37th Street, and west on 37th to FM 1611.

"He was going down alleys, across yards at a high rate of speed, driving without regard for anyone's life or well-being, not just officers', but folks in their yards who were out watching what was going on," said Police Chief Lannie Lee.

The vehicle turned north and traveled to U.S. Highway 180, turning back east toward Snyder. About a quarter mile on Highway 180, the vehicle left the road into a plowed field and the driver fled on foot. He was apprehended near a vacant mobile home.

At least six law enforcement vehicles were involved in the pursuit. Officers included Officer Snyder, Sgt. Patrick Coggins, Officer Terry Luecke, Chief Lee and Texas Ranger John Billings.

Chief Lee said Allen was charged with aggravated assault because he drove his vehicle toward at least two officers' vehicles — Lee and Billings.

"I know he came at me and I took evasive action, and I know he drove right at John Billings (Billings' vehicle). There may have been others," said Lee.



BLACK HISTORY OBSERVANCE — Towle Park Barn was the site of a talent show Saturday night as part of the celebration of Black History Month in Snyder. Combining on a spiritual song at the event were R.J. Nelson, Margiree Terrell, Gloria Peppers, Vernest Tippens, Lillian Durst and Sedalia Malone. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

## Rural response unfavorable for proposed education bill

By Bill McClellan  
SDN Managing Editor  
Shutting their doors or raising taxes — that's what many small school districts believe will happen if Senate Bill 1 passes.

The education reform bill calls for school districts with 1,600 or

fewer students, and with less than 300 square miles of territory, to receive less state funding.

Districts in this area which fall under those guidelines include Hermleigh, Ira, Loraine, Roscoe, Anson, Hamlin, Eastland, Cisco, Albany, DeLeon and more.

Ira has an enrollment of 185 students and 121 square miles of territory, but would not be immediately impacted if Senate Bill 1 became law.

"We don't get any funding from the state, so they can't take that away from us," said Ira ISD Superintendent Rick Howard. "With our values declining, at some point and time we might fall under this — that's, of course, if this version of the bill passes."

Howard sees a lot of opposition to the proposed bill and said "It's way too early to worry about this, yet."

Hermleigh, with an enrollment of 170 and 155 square miles, does receive state funding. Superintendent Jerry Church said today that he has not received the funding formula, and isn't sure what the impact would be on his school district.

"But it would not be good," he said.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, who sponsored Senate

Bill 1, calls it "fairness" and said he objects to the state providing substantial funds to districts that are "small by choice."

But many superintendents are calling Senate Bill 1 another attempt to shut down small schools.

"They've got X number of dollars and they're trying to fund what is an 'adequate' school. They don't have enough funds," said HISD Supt. Church. "This is a valiant attempt to solve this problem which they've been addressing in one form or another for the last 20 years."

"There are some areas, particularly in East Texas, where they may have 11 or 12 schools in one county, maybe a school every six or so miles. And you can understand why they (legislators) feel that may be too many. But that's not the case out here and they don't understand that," said the Hermleigh superintendent.

Church defended rural schools, and what they mean to small communities.

"If you take the school out of almost any of those communities...in Loraine, or Hermleigh, in five years, the community will be pretty well gone," he said.

Church also noted that closing down rural schools would cause increased busing and less time for students to participate in extracurricular activities.

"In a small school, every kid has an opportunity to participate in everything. It kind of broadens their education, I think," he said.

Because Ira ISD receives no state funding, Supt. Howard is more concerned with other points in the proposed bill, which would:

—Make school board trustees subject to recall by voters.

—Change teacher days from 183 to 185 and student days from 180 to 175.

—Shift total control of textbook selection to local school districts.

—Have the state certification board appointed by the governor.

—Eliminate the exit-level TAAS test.

Howard said increasing teacher days and decreasing student days would cause districts more money (in payroll) and allow for fewer in- (See FUNDING, Page 8)



SATURDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE — Rochester resident and up and coming country western performer Sheila Helton presented her show Saturday night at the Snyder Senior High Auditorium. The event was a fund-raiser benefit for the Snyder Day Care Center. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Ritz reservations are due

Non-season ticket holders can begin making reservations today for "Broadway Review," the Ritz spring musical which opens Friday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The show will run this Friday, Saturday and Sunday and March 10-12. The two Saturday shows will be dinner theatre performances.

To make reservations, call the

Senior Center between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. The number is 573-4035.

Dinner theatre reservations should be made in person and tickets picked up at the chamber of commerce during regular business hours.

Prices for non-season ticket holders are \$7 for Friday evening and Sunday afternoon perfor-

mances. Dinner theatre tickets for non-season ticket holders are \$15.50 for adults and \$11 for children under age 10.

Music from "Broadway Review" will include numbers from "Les Miserables," "Chorus Line," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "West Side Story," "Cats" and "Sweeney Todd," plus others.

## County faces short agenda

A short agenda awaits Scurry County Commissioners Court at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Monthly reports from the library, welfare boards and extension offices will be considered for approval.

The court will also consider bids for the county's depository and a resolution in support of Scurry Youth Center.

# Skydiving center operator faces manslaughter charges

SHERIDAN, Ore. (AP) — A sense of adventure inspired Lee Perry Sr. to try skydiving at age 85. He'd learned how to scuba dive just seven months earlier and was looking for a new conquest.

On his first jump, the retired metalworker fell 4,500 feet to his death. "We'd rather see him flame out than rust out," Richard Perry said after the accident a year ago.

The Perry family is less philosophical in public now that Ted Mayfield, the owner of the Pacific Parachute Center, has been charged with manslaughter in their father's death and that of Charles Schaefer, a veteran skydiver whose chute also failed to open.

The two fatalities are only the latest in a string of 13 fatal accidents over the years at the center, also known as Sheridan Sky Sports.

After it opened in 1972, Mayfield's center became one of the biggest centers for the sport in the Northwest, with 50,000 jumps a

year in the 1980s. But Mayfield closed shop about a year ago amid investigations by the Federal Aviation Administration and county authorities.

Today, there's just an abandoned warehouse with broken windows and a collection of junked planes about halfway down the dirt air strip at Sheridan Airport.

Mayfield was indicted Jan. 5 by the Yamhill County grand jury, which charged him with "unlawfully and recklessly" causing the deaths of Perry in February 1994 and Charles Schaefer in September 1993.

Mayfield's lawyer, David Kuhns of Salem, said he probably plead innocent.

"Ted truly doesn't think he's responsible for these folks' unfortunate deaths," Kuhns said. "He believes that they were trained well and equipped well. He doesn't see that he did anything that would cause their deaths."

Schaefer, 33, a veteran skydiver, was killed when his parachute failed to open. While he hadn't jumped in nine years, he had made 53 recreational jumps, and his family said he'd been a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne.

The U.S. Parachute Association decided to suspend Mayfield's instructor's rating in January 1994. But he stayed in business. And on Feb. 12, 1994, Perry plunged to his death.

The FAA revoked Mayfield's rigger license six days later after determining that he had packed Schaefer's parachute with an auto-

## Bride takes plunge in pond

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Bride-to-be Joann Gary got cold feet — and hands and everything else — when her car plunged into a pond just hours before her wedding.

Gary was driving to the church about 2:30 p.m. Saturday when her car slid on wet pavement, bounced off a tree and landed in the water, said Lance Cpl. Larry Cleveland of the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Gary, who can't swim, was able to roll down a window and climb to safety with the aid of a tree limb as her car sank more than 10 feet to the pond's bottom.

She wasn't hurt, but lost the shoes she was wearing, a groomsmen's cummerbund, the flower girl's dress and her wedding shoes. She also was charged with driving too fast in the rain.

Luckily, her bridal gown was being brought to the church by her mother.

"I'm happy to be alive, but ... I've got less than two hours to find new shoes," Gary said as she raced to the wedding in a borrowed pair.

From there on, Gary's wedding to Glenn Lovell III apparently went off without a hitch. The couple left late Saturday for a honeymoon in the Bahamas.

matic activating device he knew had failed its last calibration test.

A subsequent probe into Perry's death found that he had been given a parachute designed for experienced jumpers, that a line linking him to the plane failed to deploy the main chute, and that a line connecting to an emergency chute was missing.

According to FAA records, most of the 13 deaths occurred after the jumpers' parachutes malfunctioned or failed to open in time, said spokeswoman Laurie Sugihara in Seattle. One jumper landed on power lines.

Jerry Purvis, whose farm is next to the Sheridan Airport, said he has witnessed several botched jumps, including at least one that ended in death.

"You can't concentrate on your daily work because you're constantly looking up to see what's going to fall on you," he said.

# Candidates bring different perspectives

DALLAS (AP) — Despite Gov. George W. Bush's preference for a Texan to succeed outgoing Texas education commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno, four of the nine finalists for the job are from out of state.

The nine candidates announced Saturday include five Texas superintendents, one Hispanic and two women, one of whom is black.

Dr. Jack Christie of Houston, chairman of the State Board of Education, has said interviews with the finalists would begin Friday and likely go through Sunday. The board will recommend a new commissioner to Bush, who will nominate Meno's successor for Senate approval.

Meno will step down March 1. Appointed by Democratic Gov. Ann Richards in 1991, Meno was told by Bush that he would not be reappointed.

Some finalists are versed in the state's ongoing education debates, while others would bring an outsider's perspective.

Finalist Lynn Hale, superintendent of the Arlington Independent School District, told The Dallas Morning News for today's editions that it was a "privilege" to be selected as a finalist, but she could not say whether she would accept the job until after interviews are completed.

"I think there has to be a match between the finalist and the board. That's critical," Ms. Hale said.

Chad Woolery, superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District, said it was "an honor to be nominated by my peers."

Woolery, who is in his 27th year with DISD, said he discussed state education issues during a meeting with one of Bush's aides a few weeks ago.

Lois Harrison-Jones, 60, superintendent of Boston schools, is the only black candidate among the finalists. She was the first black woman to be associate superintendent of the Dallas school district,



SPANISH CLUB — Ira Spanish Club members front row, Tye Shirley, president; Lindsey Josey, vice president; Amber Martinez, treasurer; and Billy Dan Stone, secretary. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-3-9 (nine, three, nine)

## Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press  
One ticket bought in the Amabillo area correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot is worth \$11 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 1, 3, 10, 18, 19 and 46.

There were 322 tickets that correctly matched five of six numbers to win an \$826 prize, 10,914 tickets correctly matched four of six numbers for an \$88 prize and 196,788 numbers matched three of six numbers for a \$3 prize.

Lotto officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$4 million.

## Falling peso leads to more arrests

SUNLAND PARK, N.M. (AP) — Almost 1,000 more illegal immigrants were arrested in the Sunland Park area outside of El Paso last month than in January of the previous year. Officials agree that devaluation of the Mexican peso is the reason.

"It has to be the devaluation," said Sunland Park Police Chief Lalo Medina, whose office plays a role in tracking and arresting illegal immigrants. "Nothing else has changed within the last two months."

Officials at the El Paso border station, which includes Sunland Park, said they arrested 5,109 illegal immigrants in January compared to 1,151 the previous month and 4,155 in January 1994.

# Oil Patch News

Fisher County  
R.L. Adkins has completed the No. 1 Johnnie Wickham in the Raven Creek field, seven miles northeast of Eskota. The well was finaled to produce 102 barrels of 40.4 gravity oil and a trace of water. Perforations were from 4,848-859 feet, and location is in the George Creath Survey No. 221.

Centaur Petroleum Corp. will drill the No. 3-C Headrick, a 6,700-foot wildcat located seven miles south of Longworth. Location is in Section 16, Block 21, T&P survey.

Nolan County  
Enrich Oil Co. has competed the No. 4 McDonald in the MFM field, three miles northwest of Maryneal. The venture was completed to produce 40 barrels of 48

gravity oil and 20 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,122-168 feet, and location is in Section 195, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Gemini Exploration Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Brooks, seven miles southwest of Trent. Drilled to a depth of 6,264 feet, location was in Section 2, Block X, T&P survey.

French N. Robertson Oil Co. has completed the No. 1 Ross, two miles northeast of Herndon. The well was finaled to produce three barrels of 45 gravity oil and eight barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,004-046 feet, and location is in the John Clark survey No. 287.

Sams Energy Inc. has completed the No. 1 Jessie Little in the White Flat field, 20 miles east of Sweetwater. The venture was completed to produce 82 barrels of

42 gravity oil and 25 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,782-790 feet, and location is in Section 25, Block 20, T&P survey.

Howard County  
Chevron USA will drill the No. 91 Dodge in the Iatan East Howard field, 17 miles east of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 4,000 feet, location is in Section 1, Block 29, T1S, T&P survey.

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UNESCO is the abbreviation for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

from 1988-92, before leaving to take the Boston superintendency. "I'm very impressed that they're interested in me," Ms. Harrison-Jones told the Morning News, "but I didn't even know you all were looking for an education commissioner."

She said it would be "premature" for her to say whether she would accept the Texas post.

Richard Middleton is superintendent of San Antonio's Northeast Independent School District, one of Texas' fastest-growing school systems. The system has built three magnet schools during his tenure, and as many as four more are on the way.

"We are dealing with some big issues in Texas now," Middleton said. "I think the biggest is how do we work with the governor and the Legislature? How do we give the districts a proper balance of accountability and responsibility?"

Robert Schiller, Michigan's state superintendent, said he re-

ceived a call last month from a Texas Board of Education member asking whether the board could consider him for the post. He said no one had told him he was a finalist.

"Robert has shown himself to be pretty shrewd and politically savvy," said Michael D. Addonizio, an education adviser to Michigan Gov. John Engler. "He tends to meet regularly with state legislators. Most school superintendents don't do that."

Alan Morgan has spent the last 10 years as state superintendent in Mexico. Morgan said he believed he may have been nominated by Texas colleagues.

"I'm honored to be considered. ... Aside from Texas having a lot more people, New Mexico and Texas actually have a lot in common. The demographics are very similar," Morgan said.

Thomas C. Boyesen resigned last week from his post as state superintendent in Kentucky after

4 1/2 years. He said the move was a coincidence.

Supporters say Boyesen streamlined the state's Education Department and helped poor school districts overcome disparities in funding. But Boyesen said some legislators opposed what they considered his micromanagement style, officials said.

Jerry Barber, superintendent of the Socorro Independent School District near El Paso, said he would take the position if it is offered.

"I'm very pleased to be one of the nominees, and I'm very interested in being commissioner of education," Barber said. "I think I can help Governor Bush achieve his goals of decentralization."

Michael Moses of Lubbock did not return calls to The News seeking comment. Since 1989, Moses has headed the Lubbock Independent School District, which has about 30,000 students.

# Should neo-Nazi view air on public access television?

CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. (AP) — Ernst Zundel would have people believe that the Holocaust was a hoax. That there were no gas chambers. That "no systematic killing of Jews just because they were Jews" occurred in Nazi Germany.

He is not some random crank. The German immigrant to Canada is a well-known Holocaust denier, spreading his revisionist message in books, pamphlets, videotapes, on the Internet, even by satellite.

And on a recent sunny winter's day, wearing a bulletproof vest and a tan Afrika Korps cap, the publisher arrived in this Finger Lakes town to assert his right of admission on American public-access cable television.

Two dozen protesters held up

gruesome photographs of Auschwitz victims and tried to drown him out with angry chants of "Tell the Truth!"

"We Germans want to clear our name and we'll do it nicely, kindly," said Zundel, whose Samisdat publishing company in Toronto is one of the world's biggest suppliers of neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic propaganda.

Now Zundel, 56, is taking on Finger Lakes Television, a cable company that in December pulled his weekly program "Another Voice of Freedom" off the air after two months when a resident complained. The series portrays concentration camps as summer retreats and gas chambers as delousing units.

Another upstate community access channel dropped the program in January and at least two others refused to screen it.

When Ursula Graf introduced herself as a fellow German immigrant whose niece was killed by the Nazis because she was disabled, Zundel brushed past her, muttering "You're not German, you're Jewish!"

"I'm glad I don't have cable; I would not watch that station anymore," Mrs. Graf, a 61-year-old Catholic, said after the December protest. "That's really misusing the freedom of this country."

Since he began shipping out his program in summer 1993, TV and radio stations in Denver, Lancaster, Pa., Nashville and El Paso, Texas, also have pulled the plug on the program in response to complaints.

Calling New York "our line in the snow," Zundel is asking supporters to request that local cable stations air the show. He says it has appeared in recent months on more than 30 cable stations serving hundreds of towns from Rhode Island to Hawaii.

Finger Lakes Television based its decision to cancel on a state Commission on Cable Television rule stating that cable companies aren't obliged to air programs submitted by out-of-state residents.

To get around the rule, a Zundel associate who lives 40 miles from the station, Jack Wikoff, submit-

ted the videotapes and filed a complaint against the commission.

Countering the move is the Holocaust Survivors & Friends Education Center in Albany, which wants the commission to tighten the rules further by limiting cable access to people living within the immediate viewing area.

Zundel's views are protected by constitutional guarantees of free speech in the United States, but "there are rules for control of the airwaves and that's what we're trying to exercise," says center director Shelly Shapiro.

"We have to find our remedy to hate television," Shapiro said. The commission said a ruling may be a few months away.

Local governments typically require cable companies to offer a public access channel before granting them licenses. Cable operators cannot exert editorial control, and only programs judged to be obscene, libelous or slanderous can be excluded, said commission spokesman Steve Shaye.

"Technology makes it easier for hate mongers to get their message out," said Steven Shulman of the Canadian Jewish Congress. "He uses this as a vehicle to get people to send more information. Ultimately, these things can pay for themselves."

"It's incumbent upon responsible broadcasters to bar him," he said.

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## DATE BOOK

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Today is PRESIDENTS' DAY. It is the 51st day of 1995 and the 62nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1868, Adelaide Barbin committed suicide when a French court ruled that she was actually a man.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ansel Adams (1902-1984), landscape photographer; Gloria Vanderbilt (1924-), designer, is 71; Robert Altman (1925-), producer-director, is 70; Sydney Poitier (1927-), actor-director, is 68; Bobby Unser (1934-), auto racer, is 61; Phil Esposito (1942-), hockey great, is 53; Charles Barkley (1963-), basketball player, is 32; Kurt Cobain (1967-1994), musician.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, despite a fall in the first run, American skier Andrea Mead Lawrence won the women's slalom gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Oslo, Norway.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I wish I was like you / easily amused." — Kurt Cobain

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, despite a 40-inch snow covering, Caribou, Maine, warmed to 59 degrees, its warmest winter temperature of record.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Feb. 15) and last quarter (Feb. 22)



# 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, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.  
 Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.  
 Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; members will participate in panel discussion about reading whole language; hostesses, Jamie Hall, Kaye Carter, Carolyn Derouen, Betty Henderson, Carolyn Limmer, Melanie Smith and Kay Hopper; 7 p.m.  
 Overeaters Anonymous; board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital; for information, call 573-8322; 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

The United Blood Services Council will have a Dutch Treat luncheon at noon Tuesday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board room. The cost will be \$3. Representatives of United Blood Services in Lubbock will be here to train volunteers for the March 7-8 blood drive.  
 Family Communication and Encouragement, SISD; "Encouraging Motivation in Children;" Stanfield Elementary; 2:30 p.m.  
 TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.  
 Family Communication and Encouragement, SISD; "Communication About Sexuality Within the Family;" West Elementary; 6:30 p.m.  
 Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.  
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
 Beta Sigma Phi; community room at Snyder National Bank; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 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

Family Communication and Encouragement, SISD; Central Elementary, bilingual session; 9 a.m.  
 Martha Ann Woman's Club Luncheon/Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; \$6.50 per person; serving at 11:30; games of choice will follow.  
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0900 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Boys and Girls Club; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
 Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.  
 Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.  
 SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 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, 573-0900 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 Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
 Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

# Clinton: I'm misunderstood by Christian conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says some religious conservatives need to show more charity in their opposition to him, and he called himself "much more humble" in his faith than many of those critics.

In an interview with CBS's "This Morning" scheduled for broadcast today, the president was asked about "Christian conservatives" who question his morality.

"If they could look into my soul, they would see someone whose belief in God and of faith is as sincere and deep and genuine as theirs is," Clinton said.

"And they would probably see someone who is, perhaps rightly or wrongly, much more humble in his Christian faith than many of them are."

Clinton, in the interview taped last week, said he has encouraged the involvement of religious people in public life. He noted that he signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which made it harder to restrict religious practices.

"And I don't see any conflict between a person having deep religious convictions and being an active citizen," said Clinton. "But I do think that it calls for a little more humility than we sometimes see in condemning the motives and character of people with whom you disagree."

Clinton, a Southern Baptist, has been attacked by some religious groups for supporting abortion rights and gay rights, as well as for his personal life.

"I don't think it's... so good for the country to have people polarized," Clinton said. "I think it's OK for people to feel passionately about their political positions, and it's OK for them to say they think they have to do it because they think it's the right thing to do, but I believe that Lincoln was right, and we should have malice toward none and charity for all."

The space shuttle is a reusable winged aircraft capable of carrying people and cargo into Earth orbit. It is designed to take off vertically with the aid of booster rockets. After an orbital mission, re-entry begins with the firing of engines that send the craft back into Earth's atmosphere. The final leg of the return trip is a powerless glide to a landing strip.

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# GOP candidate defends draft record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm, defending the fact that he did not serve in Vietnam, says his actions are different from President Clinton's because he supported the war instead of joining anti-war protests.

Clinton's avoidance of the draft was an issue during the 1992 presidential campaign.

Gramm, who is seeking the Republican nomination for the 1996 campaign, was asked Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation" why he did not serve in Vietnam. He has voted for high military spending, criticized Clinton's draft record, and received five draft deferments from 1965 to 1970.

"It's an easy answer," he said. "My dad was a career soldier, sergeant in the Army; my brother was a career soldier — a colonel, served with distinction in

Vietnam. I had the standard student deferments when I was in college. I got my Ph.D. five years and nine months after I entered the university as a freshman, even though I worked a year. So you couldn't say I was just hanging around the student union."

"When I got out of graduate school I turned 26. I had a Ph.D. in economics... I figured if I quit my job at A&M and joined the Army, I would end up working in some library in the bowels of the Pentagon. And given what I was doing at A&M, I preferred it. I thought I was doing something important."

Gramm said Texas A&M "has a very active ROTC corps. I was an academic adviser to the corps. I supported the war effort."

The Texas Republican said he complained about the war on grounds the proper commitment

was not being made to win it but did not disagree with the policy behind waging it.

"The difference between Bill Clinton and me is I wasn't out protesting against the war — either in this country or anywhere else. I was supportive of my brother when he was there, I was supportive of my students when they were there. So it is true I could have quit my job at Texas A&M and joined the Army. I didn't," Gramm said.

"I never saw if I joined the Army that I would have gone to Vietnam. I would have been working in some library or some research institute in the Army. I

thought what I was doing at Texas A&M was important."

Clinton received a draft notice but arranged an appointment to the ROTC program at the University of Arkansas law school and subsequently wrote a letter thanking an ROTC colonel for helping him avoid the draft. He did not follow through on the commitment to join the ROTC but briefly made himself liable for the draft, as it would down, and subsequently drew a high lottery number that virtually assured he would not be called.

He openly opposed the U.S. war effort and participated in demonstrations against it while a student in England.

# Iwo Jima war heroes saluted

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — President Clinton, saluting the heroes of the bloody battle at Iwo Jima, says the best way to honor them is to help build a better nation.

"We must work to create a nation worthy of the generation that saved it for our freedom," the president said Sunday in commemorating the battle's 50th anniversary.

He made the remarks at the base of the Iwo Jima memorial, a 78-foot bronze statue depicting the famous photograph of U.S. soldiers hoisting a flag atop Mount Suribachi at Iwo Jima. Several aging heroes of the World War II

battle were in the crowd of 3,000.

One of them, Medal of Honor winner Col. William E. Barber, shared his memories of "that eight-mile chunk of rock and volcanic ash." In a halting voice, he told dozens of fellow veterans: "I am older now, as are you, but I can still see the colors of that February morning. The sky. The island. And sometimes I think I can still hear the noise of battle."

In 36 days, U.S. casualties numbered 26,000, including 6,821 dead. For the Japanese, the toll was even more gruesome. Of the island's 20,000 defenders, only 1,083 survived. Thousands of the dead are still missing, their bones hidden in the volcanic island's intricate web of tunnels.

"To be worthy of that sacrifice, we must determine in this time to remain the strongest nation in the world so that our freedom is never again threatened," said Clinton, who avoided the draft during the Vietnam War.

The president, who was welcomed warmly by the crowd, joined four Iwo Jima veterans to place a wreath at the base of the memorial after his speech.

# Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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SOUTH			
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♦ K 3			
♣ A 9 7 2			
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Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
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5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♦	Pass	6♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♦ J			

# The odds were long

By Phillip Alder

On New Year's Day, my wife and I watched the football matches with a group of friends. We called in Chinese food. When it came to fortune cookie time, I picked two, neither of which contained a fortune. What are the odds against that? Must be enormous. Luckily I'm not superstitious; otherwise, I would consider it a very bad omen for the year.

Declarer complained about the long odds against his fumbling — going down — on today's deal. But as is so often the case, better handling would have seen him score a touchdown.

In Blackwood, if you follow four no-trump with five no-trump, you guarantee that your side has all the aces. So West, knowing there was no chance of a club ruff, led the diamond jack.

South won with dummy's queen, drew two rounds of trumps ending in hand and took the spade finesse. East happily won with the king and returned a spade. South turned his attention to clubs, but the 4-1 split meant a second loser.

South started to say something about how unlucky he had been, but North intercepted. He had noticed South's useful club spots.

"Not so unlucky," he said. "After catching the diamond lead and drawing trumps, cash one of dummy's top clubs and your second diamond trick. Now instead of finessing the spade queen, exit with the ace and queen of spades. If clubs are 3-2, you are always home. But here, after East wins with the spade king, he must return a club, which allows you to pick up his holding without loss."

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# Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1995

**Your Birthday**

In the year ahead, there's a good chance that you can accumulate the material goods you've been wanting, provided, of course, that you are not wasteful or complacent.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Persons usually receptive to your suggestions could be turned off today if you act like a know-it-all. Leave ample room for their egos and thoughts. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.50 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Strive to be financially realistic today. You mustn't pin your hopes on situations that will probably never happen.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** When negotiating a critical agreement today, don't hesitate to back off if the terms make you uncomfortable. It is better to face this now instead of later.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Your progress could come to a screeching halt today if you depend too heavily on others. Do not ask anyone else to do things you can take care of yourself.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Business and pleasure won't mix well today. It would prove wise to temporarily forego trying to promote a commercial matter in a social setting.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Although you may think you're working for the general good today, others might see it differently. Clarify your intentions to avoid being perceived as selfish.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Make it a point to take your work seriously today. If you don't, your boss might have some choice comments regarding your value to the organization.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Do not treat your budget like an interesting array of numbers that can be conveniently ignored today. You could later regret the resources you waste.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Although you're usually astute at determining the real value of merchandise, today there's a chance this faculty might not be operative. Use caution when purchasing.

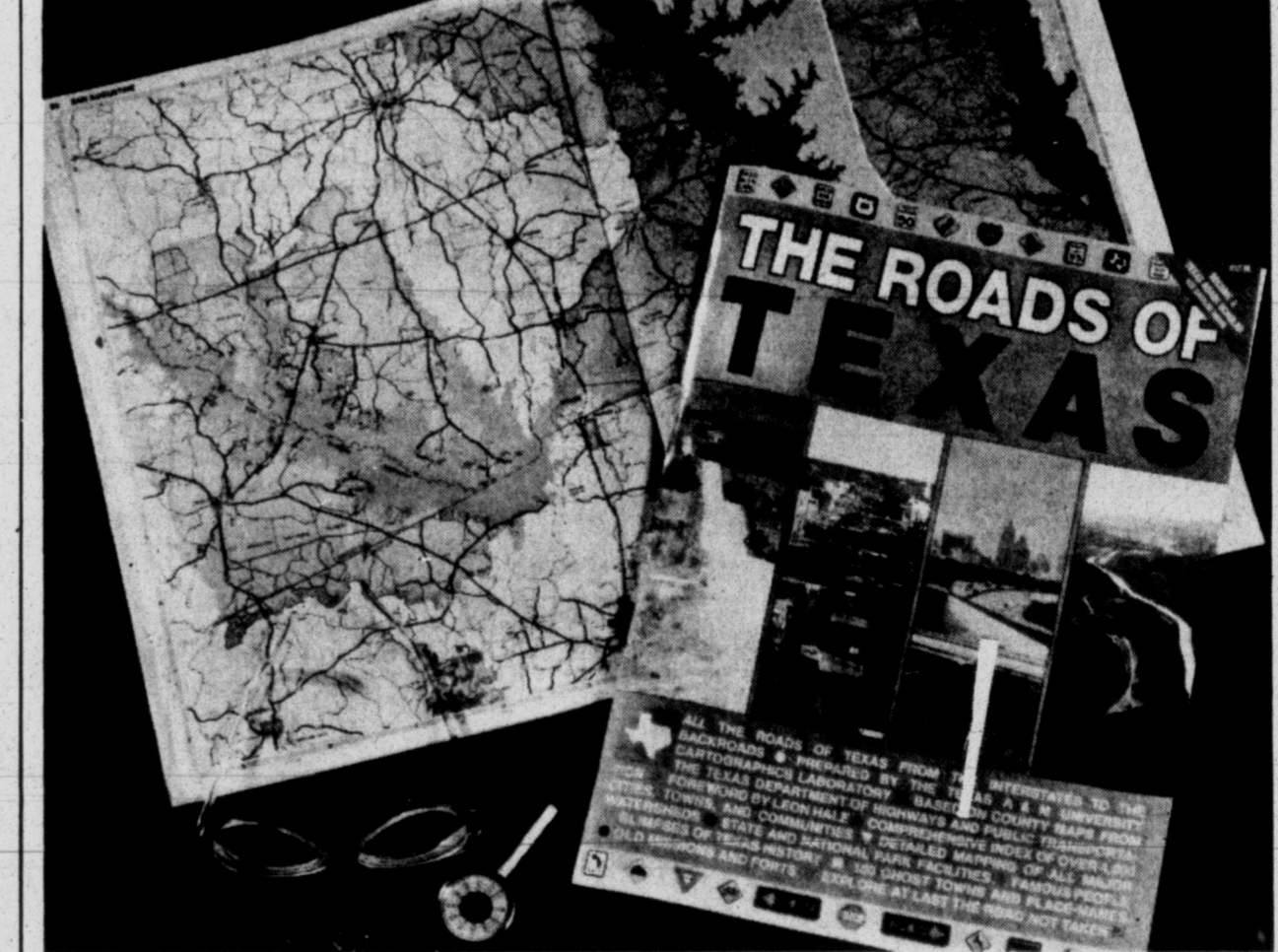
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Unfortunately, this is not a day when you can take promises at face value, especially from an individual who has let you down in the past.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Try to stay optimistic about your commercial dealings today, but don't expect big returns from unprofitable arrangements.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Remain modest and honest today when describing your achievements, even when you converse with people whom you know for a fact grossly exaggerate their own.

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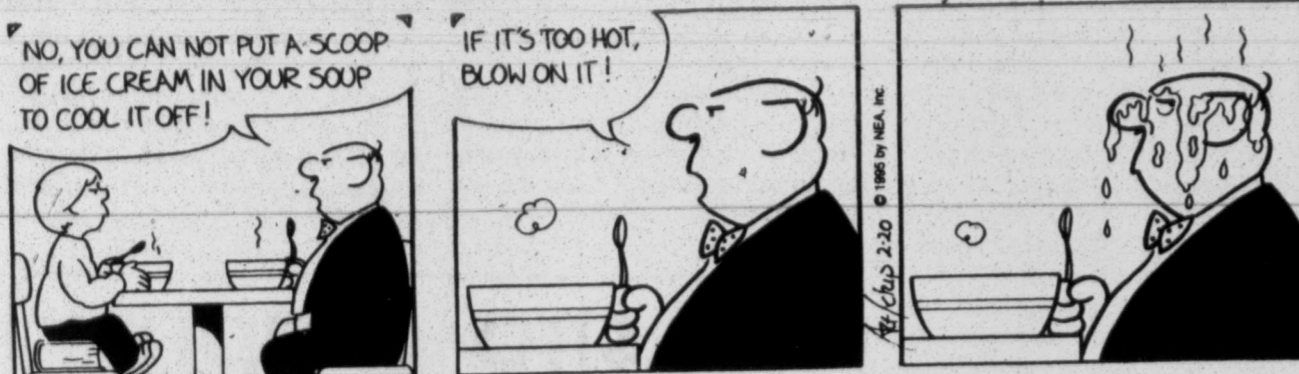
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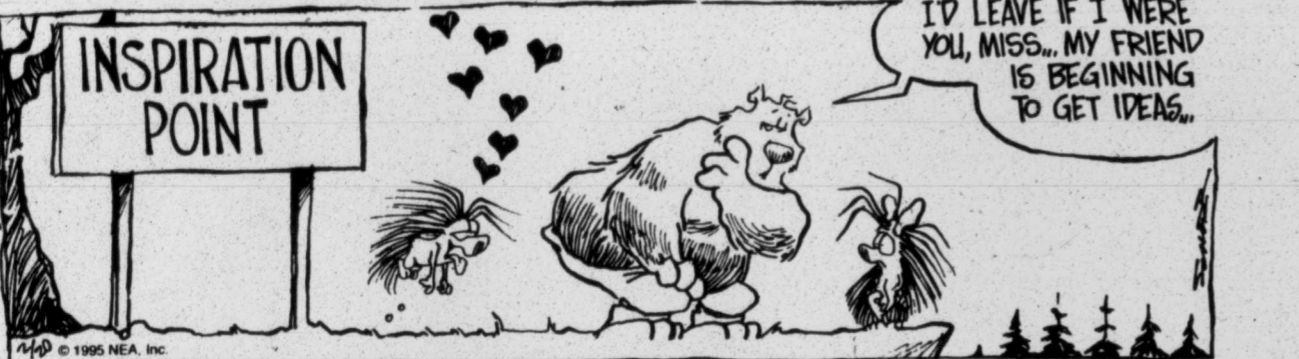
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Answers: 1) It's a reference to the 1963 movie **Silver Streak** and **Ford** with the likes of **Spencer Tracy** and **Mickey Rooney**?  
2) Which film starred **Ford**, **Carl Reiner**, **Eva Marie Saint** and **Alan Arkin** in a tale that centered on a Soviet submarine in New England waters?  
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## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- 1 Not the same
  - 6 Aquatic mammal
  - 11 Specters
  - 13 Rut
  - 14 Narrow band
  - 15 Alighted
  - 16 Grafted (heraldry)
  - 17 Fragrant
  - 19 Draft agcy.
  - 20 British machine gun
  - 21 Egg-shaped
  - 25 Second of a group
  - 26 Workers' assn.
  - 27 Bush's V.P.
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  - 33 Supported
  - 34 Rip
  - 35 Fuss
  - 36 Crazy (sl.)
  - 37 Child's toy
  - 39 Danish island

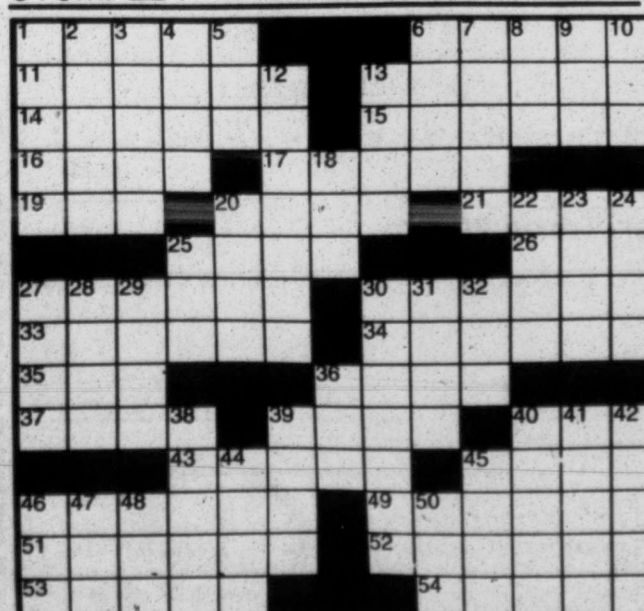
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  - 5 Map abbr.
  - 6 Algerian seaport
  - 7 Lone Ranger's friend
  - 8 Bushy clump
  - 9 Adam's wife
  - 10 Primary color
  - 12 Having slits
  - 13 Secluded valley
  - 18 Meadow
  - 20 Trade for money
  - 22 Trailing plant
  - 23 Utah ski resort
  - 24 Clayey earth
  - 25 Unplayed golf hole
  - 27 Wharf
  - 28 Hair style
  - 29 Nautical call
  - 30 Argument
  - 31 Preposition
  - 32 Beast of burden
  - 36 Buzzing insect
  - 38 Hatred
  - 39 Pilaster
  - 40 Electric units
  - 41 Zodiac sign
  - 42 Bear
  - 44 Not outwardly
  - 45 Mexican coin
  - 46 Can. prov.
  - 47 Fancy vase
  - 48 Peer Gynt's mother
  - 50 Sweet potato

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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# Sports

## Westerners square off against FPC

### Reigning IBF super middleweight champion will be in their corner

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

The Lady Westerners have been searching for something or someone to step up and put an end to their troublesome season.

So, they went out and enlisted a person who has never been beaten.

Tonight, Western Texas will look to knock out Frank Phillips in its final game of the season with the assistance of honorary coach Roy Jones, Jr.

Jones is the reigning IBF super middleweight champion and holds a record of 27-0 with 23 KOs. "It'll be great for us to have him (Jones) on the bench," WTC head coach Brenda Welch-Nichols said. "He is a personal friend who vowed to come see the girls play. It just so happens it is the last game of the year."

The Lady Westerners (10-19, 3-8) are looking to end the season on an up note after a disappointing conference run.

"It would be nice for us to be able to play our best tonight," Ni-

chols said. "I am hoping the sophomore step up their play and end the season with a win."

Nichols will be looking for her squad to step up its defensive effort against a strong Frank Phillips team.

"We need to play good defense and stay with our game play," she said. "We can't allow them to dictate the tempo of the game."

In the last meeting between the two teams, Frank Phillips (13-14, 5-5) was able to stay in control of the tempo en route to a 89-73 loss in Borger.

A big part of that game was the ability of Frank Phillips to continually get to the free-throw line and make their shots.

The Lady Westerners were whistled for 27 personal fouls in the contest resulting in a 21 of 31 night from the line. In contrast, the Lady Plainsmen had only 18 fouls.

One aspect that did work out for Western Texas was its 3-point shooting. The Lady Westerners

nailed nine three balls in the contest and trailed only 37-36 at the half.

A stellar effort of 20 points and 16 rebounds on the part of Jackie Wright was overshadowed by FPC's Tammy Yelton.

Yelton, the tenth leading scorer in the nation at 21.7 points per game, was responsible for 24 points against the Lady Westerners.

"She (Yelton) is a talented player, but we have the players to counter her offensive attack," Nichols said. "On any given night we can light it up with the best of them."

After a thirty point loss to South Plains Thursday, the Lady Westerners were a little banged up.

Numerous WTC players came away with nagging bumps and bruises, but Nichols insists that her team is ready to go.

"All of our players are in tip top shape, except for Tammy (Wilson) who is still feeling the effects of a shoulder injury, but that shouldn't effect her defensive

play," Nichols said. "We had a great practice yesterday and I expect that to carry into tonight's ballgame."

All Western Texas fans wearing blue and green to tonight's game will be admitted free of charge.

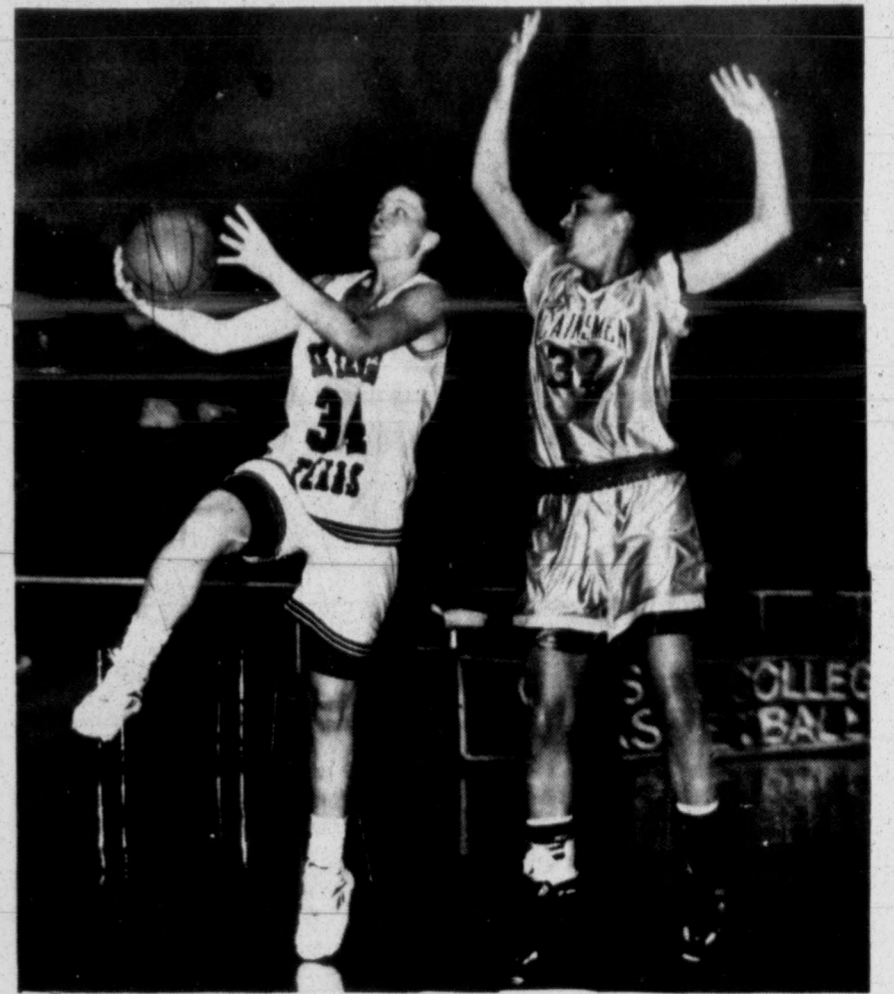
### WJCAC standings

Team	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Howard	8	2	.800	24	3	.889
South Plains	7	4	.700	19	10	.655
Midland	6	4	.600	21	7	.750
FPC	5	5	.500	13	14	.481
NMJC	5	5	.500	14	14	.500
WTC	3	8	.273	10	19	.345
Odesa	2	9	.182	12	14	.462

Monday's results: Howard 78, Western Texas 49; South Plains 79, Midland 71; New Mexico J.C. 69, Frank Phillips 67; Odesa (bye).

Thursday's results: South Plains 94, Western Texas 64; New Mexico J.C. 92, Odesa 87, 20T; Frank Phillips 69, Howard 59; Midland (bye).

Monday's games: Frank Phillips at Western Texas, 7:30 p.m.; Midland at New Mexico J.C., 6:50 p.m.; Odesa at Howard, 5:50 p.m.; South Plains (bye).



IN CONTROL — WTC's Christy Cates takes the ball to the basket against Frank Phillips' Tammy Yelton. Cates and the Lady Westerners face off against the Lady Plainsmen tonight at 7:30. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Snyder outlasted by AHS

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

It was a valiant effort, but the Lady Tigers came up short in their comeback attempt against Abilene High Saturday, as they fell 6-5.

Trailing 6-4 going into the bottom of the seventh inning, Snyder (1-2) was able to get in position to win the ball game with two outs.

Second baseman Jodi White led off with a line drive to right field and advanced to second on an interference call on the Abilene High first baseman.

White was injured on the play and gave way to pinch-runner Sharon Gulseth, who scored when Connie Payne grounded to the second baseman making the score 6-5.

Payne reached first safely and moved over to second on a pass ball.

With two outs and the tying run on second freshman Amanda Huff ripped a grounder to the left side of the infield just as Payne started down the line. The result was a collision in the basepath that ended in the game's final out.

"Anytime you lose a close game like this it's disappointing," Snyder head coach Billy Hicks said. "What makes it worse is the circumstance on which the game ended."

For the third straight contest, Snyder was unable to get on the board in the first inning and fell



WAY TO GO — Snyder's Amanda Huff leans off third base to give teammate Edwina Brooks a handshake during the Lady Tigers' 6-5 loss to Abilene High. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

behind 2-0 when Abilene High's Kelly Armbruster crushed a home run over the left-center field fence with two outs in the second inning.

Armbruster was the equalizer in the game, allowing just four hits and scoring two times to go along with her two RBIs.

Snyder was led by Payne, who went one for two on the day with a RBI and a run scored.

The Lady Tigers host Abilene Cooper, a playoff team a year ago, tomorrow at 6 p.m.

ABILENE 6, SNYDER 5

	A	R	E	R	H	E
Abilene	0	2	0	4	0	6-9-6
Snyder	0	2	1	0	0	11-5-4-4

Amanda Huff and Raechele Wenk. Kelly Armbruster and Laura Martinez. 2B — AHS: Williams, Av. Sosa. SHS: White. HR — AHS: Armbruster. WP — Armbruster (3-0) LP — Huff (1-1). Records — Abilene (3-0); Snyder (1-2).

### NBA Glance

By The Associated Press  
All Times EST

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	39	12	.765	-
New York	33	17	.660	3 1/2
Boston	20	30	.400	18 1/2
New Jersey	21	32	.396	19
Miami	18	32	.360	20 1/2
Philadelphia	15	36	.294	24
Washington	12	37	.245	26

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	32	19	.627	-
Cleveland	31	19	.620	1/2
Indiana	30	20	.600	1 1/2
Chicago	25	26	.490	7
Atlanta	24	27	.471	8
Milwaukee	20	31	.392	12
Detroit	18	32	.360	13 1/2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	37	15	.712	-
San Antonio	32	16	.667	3
Houston	32	18	.640	4
Denver	21	29	.420	15
Dallas	19	29	.396	16
Minnesota	13	38	.255	23 1/2

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	40	11	.784	-
Seattle	35	14	.714	4
L.A. Lakers	31	17	.646	7 1/2
Sacramento	28	20	.583	10 1/2
Portland	26	23	.531	13
Golden State	15	34	.306	24
L.A. Clippers	9	42	.176	31

#### Saturday's Games

- Cleveland 82, New Jersey 75
  - Philadelphia 95, Denver 89
  - Charlotte 110, Detroit 88
  - Milwaukee 118, Chicago 111
  - San Antonio 111, Atlanta 97
  - Utah 108, Boston 98
  - Sacramento 109, L.A. Clippers 92
  - Seattle 129, Golden State 117
- Sunday's Games
- New York 122, Houston 117
  - Indiana 106, Miami 87
  - Minnesota 100, Orlando 95
  - Denver 94, Washington 92
  - Phoenix 110, Utah 107
  - L.A. Lakers 93, Portland 83
- Monday's Games
- Miami at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
  - Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
  - Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
  - Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
  - L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
  - Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

### NHL Glance

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#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	6	6	2	14	37	43
N.Y. Rangers	6	7	2	14	38	39
Florida	6	9	1	13	39	47
Philadelphia	6	8	1	13	37	44
Tampa Bay	6	8	1	13	42	45
New Jersey	5	6	3	13	31	33
Washington	3	8	2	8	26	36

##### Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	12	1	2	26	66	42
Quebec	13	2	0	26	56	29
Boston	8	5	1	17	42	36
Montreal	5	5	4	14	36	37
Buffalo	6	6	2	14	28	30
Hartford	4	8	3	11	37	39
Ottawa	2	9	2	6	27	42

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	9	4	1	19	56	30
Detroit	9	4	1	19	54	30
St. Louis	8	5	1	17	55	44
Toronto	7	6	3	17	46	46
Winnipeg	4	8	3	11	45	56
Dallas	3	8	2	8	36	42

##### Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	7	5	2	16	46	35
San Jose	7	5	2	16	32	40
Edmonton	6	7	2	14	41	50
Anaheim	5	8	1	11	32	53
Los Angeles	4	7	3	11	41	48
Vancouver	3	5	1	7	37	47

#### Saturday's Games

- Hartford 4, Pittsburgh 2
  - Washington 4, Quebec 2
  - N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2
  - Montreal 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
  - Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1
  - Toronto 3, St. Louis 1
  - Calgary 3, Dallas 2, OT
  - Anaheim 6, San Jose 3
  - Vancouver 6, Los Angeles 2
- Sunday's Games
- Chicago 4, Edmonton 1
  - Quebec 4, Florida 1
  - Buffalo 3, Pittsburgh 3, tie
- Monday's Games
- New Jersey at Washington, 1:30 p.m.
  - N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
  - N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
  - Detroit at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
  - San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
  - Edmonton at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
  - Dallas at Calgary, 10:30 p.m.
  - Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

## Martin wins second straight Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt tried his best to convince everyone he wasn't hurting. The intimidator even managed a smile and some self-deprecating humor after his latest Daytona downfall.

"Hi there," he said, shaking hands with a stranger. "I'm Dale Earnhardt and I've never won the Daytona 500."

How can that be? How can the world's greatest stock car driver fail time and time again to win his sport's greatest event? How can a racer who's won nearly everything be saddled with such a gaping void in his career?

Sunday, it looked like Earnhardt was finally going to make it to Victory Lane. His car was fast, his tires were fresh and he had Sterling Marlin in his sights after

a dramatic, yet typical, late-race charge. With two laps still to go, he was on the verge of exorcising all those demons.

"But this is the Daytona 500," Earnhardt said bitterly. "I'm not supposed to win the damn thing. I don't reckon."

Marlin, whose only previous Winston Cup victory was the 1994 Daytona 500, was simply too strong. His Chevrolet Monte Carlo had not been passed on the track all week, and he wasn't about to let anyone — not even Earnhardt — do it now.

"Any time you beat Dale Earnhardt in one of those late-race deals, it's real special," said Marlin, who held for a two-car-length vic-

tory Sunday in the first NASCAR Winston Cup race of the year. "It meant a lot to me to beat him coming down to the end."

Marlin's victory must have stung Earnhardt even more. The son of former Winston Cup star Clifton "CooCoo" Marlin has won exactly two Winston Cup races in his career — both in the sport's Super Bowl. In the process, he became the first repeat winner since Cale Yarborough in 1983-84.

"He's won a lot of races, but he hasn't won this one," Marlin said of Earnhardt. "He's won seven (Winston Cup) championships, and I know he wants to win the Daytona 500."



LAYING DOWN THE LEATHER — Snyder third baseman Nathan Zalman applies a tag to Midland Lee's Britt Harper during the seventh inning. Harper was ruled safe and proceeded to score on a sacrifice fly to tie the score 6-6. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

## Tigers put away by Midland Lee

### Late comeback falls short 9-8

By TODD STANLEY  
SDN Sports Editor

In their final scrimmage of the season, the Snyder Tigers proved something both to themselves and to their coach.

"Our eyes are starting to open and we are starting to hit the ball well," Snyder head coach Roland Herrera said. "Anytime you get fourteen hits off a good club like Midland Lee, that says something."

Snyder was able to comeback from an early 5-0 deficit in the fourth inning to get three runs in both the fifth and sixth to take a 6-5 lead.

The Tigers were able to rack up 14 hits on the day, including back-to-back home runs from Bryant Roberson and Chris Mitchell in the sixth inning, but were plagued by errors and mental mistakes.

"I was proud of the way these boys came back after being down five runs," Herrera said. "That really shows me something. We did, however, run into some problems with errors. Those errors let Midland Lee back in the ballgame."

With a 6-5 lead going into the top of the seventh, the Tigers had shifted the momentum of the game in their favor. However, two fielding errors by Mitchell and third baseman Nathan Zalman let the Bulldogs right back into the contest.

Snyder had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the ninth when with two outs and two runs already scored, Jeremy House lined a shot into shallow left-center field which was caught by a diving center fielder. The nice catch ended the game at 9-8.

The Tigers travel to San Angelo to take on Central High at 4 p.m. in the first game of the season today, while the junior varsity hosts Big Spring at 4.

#### MIDLAND LEE 9, SNYDER 8

	M	R	H
Midland	0	1	1
Lee	0	1	1
Snyder	0	0	0

Jeremy House, Lee Idom and Curt Rinehart.  
2B — MHS: Harper, Phillips, Walters. SHS: Pollard, Key, HR — MHS: Jordan. SHS: Roberson, Mitchell. LP — Idom. Record — Snyder (0-0), Midland Lee (0-0).

### College Basketball Scoreboard

#### By The Associated Press

Team	Score	Team	Score
N. Carolina St.	88	N. Carolina	86, 20T
No. 10 Washington	85	Oregon	78
No. 11 Penn State	87	Minnesota	73
No. 12 Georgia	78	Auburn	56
No. 13 W. Kentucky	85	New Orleans	63
No. 15 Purdue	66	Illinois	52
Oklahoma	103	No. 20 Kansas	83
Washington St.	84	No. 21 Oregon St.	79
SOUTHWEST			
Southwestern Texas	79	Seawac	55
Texas Woman's	72	E. New Mex.	70

#### By The Associated Press

Team	Score	Team	Score
Boston U.	76	Delaware	72, OT
Drexel	75	Northeastern	57
Iona	84	Canisius	58
Loyola, Md.	78	Niagara	68
Massachusetts	91	Louisville	76
St. Bonaventure	71	West Virginia	69

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Team	Score	Team	Score
DePaul	66	St. Louis	64

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# Controversial radio announcer loses his job

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cross-dressing pseudo-nuns? No problem, say San Franciscans. Politicians who lean determinedly to the left, while gale winds blow to the right? Commonplace in the City by the Bay.

But J. Paul Emerson — a man who looks like Santa Claus and sounds like Attila the Hun — was a different story.

KSFO-AM listeners heard him urge a quarantine of AIDS patients. They heard him report (against all evidence) that the disease can be spread by coughing and sneezing. They heard him say homosexual acts are "repulsive."

It is not surprising that Emerson finally crashed in a city that boasts an active and large gay community and laments an ever-growing roll of AIDS afflicted souls. He was fired last week, six weeks into a 26-week contract.

But don't look for progressive or moderate voices on KSFO — he was replaced with another con-

servative personality.

Several months after it discarded its progressive format, KSFO remains defiantly all right-wing, all the time, to the dismay of many in a town known for liberalism, tolerance and Democratic hegemony.

"What you have in the Bay area is a hijacked media. The fact is, they don't speak for the majority of the people," said Michael Savage, a station personality. "We have a huge, family-oriented conservative base in the Bay area and that includes San Francisco and they're responding to us."

Others scoff at the suggestion that KSFO is engaged in some sort of altruistic crusade.

"It's all about making a buck," said Tom Ammann, a gay comedian and member of the city's Board of Supervisors. "It's all about ridiculing people when they're suffering — all for a market share, all for ratings."

In the early '70s, KSFO ruled the air locally and morning show host Don Sherwood's congenial utterances became dinner conversation each night.

But its ratings declined, and last year the station canned its mostly progressive, female and minority hosts, hired a bunch of syndicated personalities Pat Buchanan and Michael Reagan.

Leading the way was Emerson, who had been fired late last year by another local station after using the term "stinking Japanese" on the air.

Others include Ken Hamblin, a black conservative based in Denver; Savage, aka "The Compassionate Conservative"; and Art Bell, broadcasting from "The Kingdom of Nye" — sprawling Nye County, Nev.

It was a risky move in a city that has given serious thought to legalizing prostitution and has offered Latin American refugees sanctu-

ary in opposition to federal policy.

The station claims 250,000 regular listeners now, though the Arbitron books listing market share won't appear until April.

There is no question that KSFO has had dramatic effects, including threats of violence, protests and a debate over how far radio should go for ratings.

Emerson was in the middle of a lot of it. In response to his comments about homosexuals and AIDS, the Board of Supervisors requested an investigation by the city's Human Rights Commission.

Emerson called board members "stinking butt-heads," and threatened to storm a meeting and make them "shake in their silk panties." He told listeners to call board members and "scare the hell out of them."

At least two members have been receiving threatening calls since.

Emerson also suggested a bounty to shoot illegal immigrants and called Democratic U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein "Senator Slimstein."

One typical on-air exchange went like this:

Caller: "When you get upset at some of these people, don't tell us you'd like to take them out and shoot them. I prefer hanging."

Emerson: "Let me tell you something, rope costs more than bullets."

Homosexual groups picketed and called for boycotts. They registered complaints with the Federal Communications Commission and owner ABC-Capital Cities. Operations Director Jack

Swanson claimed his station is not homophobic and offered airtime to rebut Emerson.

The California Lottery and AT&T, among others, pulled ads either from the station entirely or from Emerson's show. Finally, he was let go.

"It hasn't worked out and he is not returning," said Julie Hoover, a spokeswoman for ABC-Capital Cities. Emerson did not return calls from The Associated Press.

Art Bell, his colleague, called Emerson's positions bad for business.

"AIDS in San Francisco — it's the wrong place to be making statements like that," he said. "You only have free speech as long as the people paying the rent and the heat bill see fit to give you that pulpit."

## NASA 'white paper' spells out ideas for reorganized agency

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA officials say a proposal that would shift space shuttle program management from Houston to Florida is preliminary and should not cause panic among workers.

The so-called "white paper," a closely held, five-page, cost-cutting plan, is one of several reviews being discussed as the space agency evaluates all 12 of its facilities. The goal is to focus the centers on various areas of expertise to save money.

Officials stress that the plan, a copy of which was obtained by The Houston Post, is designed only as a start to discussions and not as a blueprint.

The Clinton administration has ordered NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin to trim \$5 billion from the budget over five years. The agency now receives \$14.2 billion annually.

The white paper was prepared recently for Goldin in a two-day meeting of top managers.

Under the plan, the Johnson Space Center would lose management of the shuttle program and other engineering work while taking on several other major NASA programs.

Johnson would become almost

entirely an operations center with tasks like Mission Control. Operations related to the planned international space station, relocated from Virginia nearly two years ago, apparently would remain.

The white paper does not specify whether Johnson would lose or gain jobs from its current total of 15,200. Thousands of people, however, could be forced to move to other NASA centers around the country to keep their jobs, the newspaper said.

Under the proposal, shuttle program management would be given to Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., where shuttles are launched. Kennedy eventually would be run by shuttle contractors.

One proposal is to turn Johnson's spacecraft engineering duties, which include more than

2,200 jobs, over to the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

In return, Johnson would take over space station science operations, including several hundred jobs, from Marshall. Johnson also would take over operations of the satellite network used to communicate with orbiting spacecraft, a job now conducted from the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

The plan's introduction is careful to stress that the ideas were "intentionally left ambiguous" and designed to "stimulate radical thinking" on how to trim the NASA budget.

Johnson spokesman Jeff Carr expressed concern that workers would panic as the report was made public. He cautioned that it almost certainly won't be implemented in its current form.

## Three men killed in apparent robbery

DALLAS (AP) — Three factory co-workers were gunned down in a nightclub parking lot early Sunday in an apparent robbery-homicide, police said.

Jesus Gomez, 39, of Grand Prairie; Ismael Cordova, 41, of Garland; and Eduardo Reveles, 32, of Dallas were shot and killed in the parking lot of The King Lounge, just northwest of downtown, said police Detective Ken Wigington.

Another man saved himself by playing dead on the parking lot pavement, the detectives said. Police were withholding the man's identity for his own protection.

Police were looking for three male suspects in the shooting, investigators said.

"It is totally senseless. This is not an incident where there was a fight. These are individuals who believed they shot and killed four people simply for their wallets," said Lt. Ron Waldrop.

Investigators were checking into possible links between the 1:43 a.m. shooting and the separate shootings of two women, the detective said.

Police suspect the same men shot and wounded a woman about 2:30 a.m. during an apparently unrelated abduction attempt at a Dallas apartment complex north of Love Field, about seven miles north of the homicide scene. Lisa Kocurek struggled free but was shot in the right elbow while fleeing, investigators said.

Investigators suspect a connection because of similar descriptions of the assailants' vehicle in both cases, Wigington said.

He also said police were probing "certain similarities" about those two cases and the slaying of a Planet Hollywood waitress outside her North Dallas apartment last weekend. Wigington declined to elaborate.

No arrests have been made in any of the cases.

## Fullbright's ashes buried

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — In a family plot under an oak tree, the ashes of J. William Fulbright were buried Sunday along with four dozen daffodils and handfuls of dirt thrown by mourners.

About 50 people attended the graveside service under brilliant sunshine at Evergreen Cemetery, two blocks from the University of Arkansas, where Fulbright served as president for two years before being elected to Congress.

Fulbright died Feb. 9 of a stroke. He was 89.

Earlier, about 500 people attended a memorial service in the

university's Old Main building.

"Hundreds of places are appropriate for a memorial for Sen. Fulbright ... but no place is more appropriate (than here)," said university Dean Bernard Madison.

Fulbright attended the university and won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford. After finishing law school, he became a law professor at Arkansas and, at age 39, was named university president.

Fulbright was fired in 1941 after a political dispute with Gov. Homer Adkins. In 1942, Fulbright won election to Congress, and in 1944, he won the first of five Senate terms.

## Judge refuses to dismiss charges in friendly fire case

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A federal judge has refused to dismiss charges against the only officer who faces a court-martial in the friendly fire attack that killed 26 people in two helicopters over Iraq.

Air Force Capt. Jim Wang is charged with three counts of dereliction of duty in the April 14 shootdown of two U.S. Army helicopters carrying an international delegation.

On Friday, military judge Lt. Col. Howard R. Altschwager at Tinker Air Force Base denied the request from Wang's lawyers to drop the charges.

Wang was in charge of officers aboard a radar plane who were monitoring the no-fly zone over northern Iraq when two fighter jets

mistakenly shot down the helicopters.

He is accused of failing to warn the fighter pilots the helicopters were in the area and of not ensuring the helicopters properly identified themselves. He also is accused of not properly supervising the controllers under his command.

Charges were dropped against crew members aboard the AWACS radar plane. Charges were also dropped against one of the fighter pilots after hearings last fall. The other pilot, who was never charged, testified under immunity in hearings on charges against the AWACS crew.

Wang's court-martial is scheduled to begin March 13.

## Mother charged with arson deaths

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A mother who sobbed uncontrollably at the funeral of four of her children in December was charged Sunday with murdering them and two other girls in an arson fire.

Tracey Shaw was arrested at her sister's home and was being held without bail pending arraignment. Fire officials had found traces of a gasoline-like liquid in the house.

"This is two months of investigation," Homicide Capt. Patrick Dempsey said. "It was just a long, drawn-out process."

Shaw, 26, and her 5-month-old son escaped their row house the morning of Dec. 23. The fire killed her four other children, ages 2 to 8, and two next-door neighbors, ages 15 and 11, who had spent the night. All six died from smoke and soot inhalation.

After she escaped, Shaw was heard screaming "My babies. My babies" and was later taken to the hospital for psychiatric care. She sobbed hysterically at her children's funeral.

Police initially considered several suspects, including Shaw's former boyfriend, Shaw, who has previously maintained innocence, made no statement on the advice of her lawyer, Dempsey said.

Police wouldn't say exactly what led to the arrest, but did say there were no eyewitnesses.

"I can't speculate on why she would have done this," Dempsey said.

Shaw was charged with six counts of murder, two counts of reckless endangerment and one count each of arson, causing a catastrophe and aggravated assault, police said.

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Obituaries



ESTELLE SWAN

Estelle Swan

1913-1995

Service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Mary Estelle Swan, 81, of Snyder. The Rev. Syl Moore, pastor of Anton's First Baptist Church, and the Rev. Keith Prather, pastor of the Morningside Baptist Church in Snyder, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Sept. 17, 1913, in Panola County, she married Turber Taylor Swan on April 22, 1933, in Colorado City. He died on Aug. 28, 1987. Mrs. Swan, a Scurry County resident most of her life, was a housewife and a longtime member of Morningside Baptist Church.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Carla Smith in 1993.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Weldon and Connie Swan of Anton; one daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and Ray Herring of Fluvanna; one sister, Evelyn Fields of Snyder; one brother, Cliff Thomas of Snyder; 10 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Johnnie Kirksey

1905-1995

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Allen Methodist Church Chapel for Faye Lee "Johnnie" Kirksey, 89. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. Officiating will be the Revs. O.J. Archie and M.L. Goffney.

Mrs. Kirksey died at 6:25 a.m. Saturday in Snyder Oaks Care Center.

She had moved to Snyder at an early age and lived in Snyder most of her life where she was employed as a housekeeper.

Born in Waskom, Tex., she married Will Clay Sr. who preceded her in death. She then married W.L. Kirksey who died in 1955.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs. Willie Faye Clay Davis in 1988.

Survivors include six sons, Will Clay and Kris Clay, both of Stockton, Calif.; Hayward Clay of Snyder, Vernon Clay of Sherman, and Curtis Clay and Eric Clay, both of Houston; five grandchildren, Veronica Floyd of Dallas, Norman Davis of Tulsa, Okla., Anita Peavy of Snyder, and Retha Anthony and Debra Lawrence, both of Midland; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Underwood

1925-1995

Graveside service was to be held at 2 p.m. today in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Lela Elvira Underwood, 69, who died at 11:15 p.m. Friday in Hurst Care Center in Hurst. Arrangements were under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

A former Snyder resident, Mrs. Underwood was born on April 22, 1925 in Cameron.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Lula B. Duncan and Jackie Underwood.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Frank Yount of Hurst; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Caperton of Payson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

Don Blassingame

1915-1995

COLORADO CITY — Service was set for 2:30 p.m. today in the First United Methodist Church for Don Blassingame, 79, who died Saturday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

The Rev. Howard Quiett was to officiate with burial to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Blassingame was the father of Carol Davis of Snyder.

Born in Bonham, he married Lucille Wells on Dec. 28, 1936 in Colorado City. A resident of Mitchell County since 1922, Mr. Blassingame was a retired farmer and a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Blassingame of Colorado City; a son, David Blassingame of Fort Worth; another daughter, Emma Ward of Kemp; two sisters, Doris Hooks of Odessa and Martha Hamilton of Friona; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Court records document Smith abuse

UNION, S.C. (AP) — The stepfather of the woman accused of drowning her two young sons admitted seven years ago that he molested her, according to court records unsealed this morning.

The four-page report says Beverly Russell admitted fondling Susan Smith's breasts, kissing her and putting her hand in his genital area when she was 16 years old. The reports does not indicate how often Mrs. Smith was molested or over how long a period.

Mrs. Smith, now 23, faces murder charges in the Oct. 25 drowning deaths of her sons, 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex. She is being held in a Columbia prison awaiting a trial scheduled for July; authorities have said they would seek the death penalty if she is convicted.

The 1988 petition from the Union County Department of Social Services indicates a Family Court judge ordered Russell and her stepdaughter to live apart. Family members also agreed to undergo therapy, the report says. The report does not indicate what kind of counseling they received.

Family Court Judge Lee Alford agreed last month to release the records after two newspapers, The (Columbia) State and The Greenville News, sued to see them.

Russell decided on Friday not to appeal the order opening them. His attorney said at the time that his client would have no comment on the file's contents. Reach at home this morning, Russell's wife, Linda, who is Mrs. Smith's mother, said she would not comment on the matter.

Funding

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He is concerned about giving local districts total control of textbook selection because smaller districts don't have the manpower to screen all of the available books. Under the proposed bill, the state would send textbook funds to the districts. Howard noted that in recent years, the state has said it might have enough funds to adopt all of the textbooks being considered. "What's to keep the state from not sending enough funds?" for the textbooks, he said.

Church voiced the same concern, and brought up another point. "Right now, Texas drives the (textbook) market, because we buy so many. If you have local control and all the districts go out on their own, then in a few years, California will drive the textbook market and California will decide what goes into our textbooks. I'm not sure we're ready for that."

Both superintendents said they are anxious to see the House version of the education bill, which is due sometime in March.

Judge separates identical twins

WAREHAM, Mass. (AP) — Identical twin sisters have been separated by a judge in an unusual custody ruling, with one going to the father and the other going to the mother.

"They shouldn't be separated," said James Raymond, the girls' paternal grandfather, adding that they were crying over being apart. "There is something different about twins. There seems to be a bond."

The 10-year-old girls, Sheena and Tara Raymond, were temporarily separated last week by Plymouth County probate Judge James R. Lawton. Another hearing was set for June 30.

The parents, Dana and Jean Raymond of Wareham, about 45 miles south of Boston, were di-

U.S., Mexico eye stabilizing peso

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and Mexican negotiators met for a fifth day today in an effort to put the finishing touches on a \$20 billion package of U.S. loan guarantees aimed at stabilizing Mexico's currency crisis.

The talks began last Thursday when Mexican Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz arrived for face-to-face negotiations with Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin.

The discussions continued Friday and over the weekend and resumed today at the Treasury Department, officials said.

"The United States and Mexican officials have been making progress toward finalizing the economic support package," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said today.

Since the talks began, U.S. officials have refused to discuss the types of guarantees they were seeking as conditions for the U.S. loan guarantees.

In extensive testimony before Congress, Rubin and other U.S. officials have stressed that they would seek constraints on Mexico's money supply as a way of halting the steep slide in the peso, which has lost nearly 40 percent of its value since Dec. 20.

Officials refused to comment specifically on a published report today that Mexican officials had agreed to shrink Mexico's money supply even if it meant charging interest rates of 50 percent or more on bank loans to businesses and consumers.

The published report in The New York Times also said that the draft agreement would toughen conditions whereby the United States would take control of revenues from the sale of Mexican oil to foreigners in the event of a default on the loans.

"We have talked about the need for a tight money policy and the

need for an assured repayment through oil revenues. Those really aren't huge surprises," said one administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Word that the negotiations were under way helped to strengthen the peso late last week.

Clinton administration officials have insisted recently that anything less than severe fiscal control would compel foreign investors to continue pulling money out of the country.

But by agreeing to the plan, Zedillo runs the risk of angering many Mexicans who feel their government already gives the United States too much control over Mexican economic policy.

Interest rates, meanwhile, are already running above 40 percent; maintaining or increasing them could touch off a recession and social unrest, analysts said.

"This is scary," said Jonathan E. Heath, a Mexican national who is a Mexico City economist. "A recession is already unavoidable. The concern for the United States government is probably that if you start pursuing a very restrictive monetary policy, and things start to get bad, the Mexican government will want to let up."

As word of the plan, but not its details, spread late last week, Mexico's peso stopped declining in value against the dollar for the first time in four days. The peso has plunged about 40 percent since Dec. 20, when the Mexican government announced it would no longer prop up its currency.

Filing

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All of the three school board elections also feature at-large seats. Citizens need only to reside within the particular school district to seek office or to vote.

On Snyder ISD board, there are two seats up for election — those held by Anderson and Luann Bureson. Filing takes place in the school administration building. The SISD office opened at 9 a.m. today but was to close at noon, in recognition of President's Day.

The two at-large seats up for election on the Hermleigh ISD board are those held by Carole Haynes and Neil Beeks. Filing takes place in the HISD office during normal business hours.

At Ira, there are three places up for election, including one to fill out the term of Darryl Calley, who has resigned as Place 1 trustee. The others, both full terms, are Place 6, held by Keith Clements, and Place 7, held by Doug White.

Candidates filing in the Ira ISD election must designate which place they are seeking. They may reside anywhere within the district boundary, however.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Mildred Lefevre, 5400 College #121; Terrie McWilliams, 3101 33rd; Thelma Bishop, 3007 Beaumont; Edna Daniels, Rotan; Kathy Fowler, 11496 CR 3132; Melvin Travis, Snyder Healthcare Center; Florence Adams, 3012 Ave. V; Edgar Ashley, 4515 Garwood; Laura Casey, 609 N. Ave. R; Mary Horn, 2434 Sunset; Eva Scott, Snyder Healthcare Center; Opal Smith, Snyder Oaks Care Center.

DISMISSALS: Maria Cabrera and baby, Starla Kubena and baby, Rita Dowdy, Don Stephenson, Pamela Maresh, Mary Palomaki and baby, Florence Adams, Kathy Fowler.

Census: 52 (Med-14, Long-term Care-32, OB-3, Nurserv-3).

Births

Mikel and Terrie McWilliams announce the birth of their daughter born at 9:26 p.m. on Feb. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 10.5 ounces.

Laura Casey announces the birth of her seven-pound, four-ounce son born at 6:45 a.m. on Feb. 19 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Edna Daniels announces the birth of her daughter born at 11:33 p.m. on Feb. 18 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH PARTICIPANT — Veana Clay prepares for her reading Saturday night at the Towle Park Barn in observance of Black History Month. She is a senior at Snyder High School. (SDN Staff Photo)

Officers kept busy; 14 weekend arrests

Fourteen arrests were recorded over the weekend by local law enforcement agencies.

A 42-year-old male was arrested at 1:02 p.m. Saturday from the 3300 block of Avenue J and charged with assault/family violence.

Officers arrested a 37-year-old male in the 3900 block of College Avenue at 7:42 p.m. Saturday. He was charged with driving while license suspended, no insurance and expired auto registration.

An 18-year-old male was arrested in the 3400 block of College Avenue at 9:04 p.m. Saturday for disorderly conduct/language.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male at 10:08 p.m. Saturday at 19th Street and Avenue N and charged him with driving while intoxicated. The man was released after passing an intoxilyzer test.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old male at 12:12 a.m. Sunday at Cogdell Hospital following a disturbance call from the emergency room at 10:56 Saturday night. Arrested on two Nolan County indictments for delivery of a simulated controlled substance and a motion to revoke warrant was James Ornet Haden.

Three juveniles were arrested at 12:17 Sunday morning from the 3600 block of Avenue R. A 16-year-old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated, a 15-year-old male for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and a 15-year-old male for consumption of alcohol by a minor. All the juveniles were later released to their parents.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old male at 2:02 a.m. Sunday from the 2300 block of Avenue I following a disturbance call at 1:45 a.m.

A 29-year-old male was arrested at 2:48 a.m. Sunday from the 400 block of 34th Street. The man was arrested for disorderly conduct/noise following a complaint made for a loud music disturbance.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 2:58 a.m. Sunday from the 2800 block of 37th Street following a report of someone trying to enter the back door and window of a residence. He was charged with public intoxication, misdemeanor possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and harassment.

Officers arrested a 40-year-old male at 12:01 p.m. Sunday from the 2600 block of 26th Street. He was arrested for Class C assault/family violence, failure to appear and public intoxication.

Raymond Allen, 27, was arrested at 6:57 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of FM 1611 and Highway 180 for evading arrest and aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.

A 16-year-old male was arrested at 11:10 p.m. Sunday at the Snyder Cemetery for possession of a prohibited weapon. He was later released to his parents.

A 37-year-old male was arrested at 11:26 p.m. Sunday from the 1500 block of 27th Street for public intoxication.

In other action over the weekend, officers were notified of criminal mischief in the 1900 block of Scott at 8:12 a.m. Satur-

day in reference to someone damaging two tires on a vehicle. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

An offense report for felony criminal mischief was filed at 9:11 a.m. Saturday following damage to a new vehicle at Big Country Chevrolet.

Officers were called to the railroad crossing on the Old Post Highway at 10:44 a.m. Saturday in reference to a woman's vehicle stalling on the tracks and the crossing arms coming down. Two officers were dispatched and did assist in getting the vehicle off the tracks.

Snyder Fire Department responded to a call at 1:57 p.m. Saturday at 1902 Coleman. Trash in a utility trailer was set fire by children playing with matches and very little damage was reported.

A resident in the 2500 block of 23rd Street reported a noise disturbance from dirt bikes at 3:40 p.m. Saturday.

An offense report for an animal bite was submitted at 5:24 p.m. Saturday in reference to a female being bitten by a prairie dog.

Officers were notified of a fight in the parking lot of McDonald's at 10:48 p.m. Saturday.

An offense report for assault/family violence was made at 9:11 p.m. Saturday in reference to an incident in the 440 block of Avenue U.

Officers investigated a report of criminal mischief at 9:12 p.m. in reference to someone putting shaving cream and lotion on a vehicle in the 100 block of Milburn.

A report of a prowler was made at 4:01 a.m. Sunday in the 600 block of 19th Street. Investigation resulted in finding a male juvenile trying to sneak back into his residence.

A report of criminal mischief was made at 7:27 Sunday morning in reference to damages to a vehicle parked near the U.S. Highway 84 underpass on North College Avenue.

A theft report was made at 10:38 a.m. Sunday from the 2900 block of Avenue V.

A report of a juvenile shoplifter was made at 11:56 a.m. Sunday from the Town and Country convenience store on North College Avenue.

Another report of a juvenile shoplifter was made at 4:16 p.m. Sunday from the Skinny's on Coliseum Drive. An offense report for Class C theft was made and the juvenile was released to his mother.

A complaint was received at 7:41 p.m. Sunday from the 500 block of 31st Street in reference to a subject burning trash.

Peace plan falters

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.N. special envoy failed today to persuade one of the most powerful forces in the country's civil war to join a proposed multiparty governing council.

Mahmood Mestiri traveled to the southern outskirts of Kabul to meet the leaders of the Taliban, the surging organization of militant religious students.



# GOP candidates OK making affirmative action an issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Republican presidential hopefuls are making affirmative action an early campaign issue, saying they want to end such programs as they now exist.

"If I become president, by executive order I will overturn quotas, preferences and set asides," conservative Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas said Sunday.

"In case he doesn't make it," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said in reference to Gramm, "I'd be happy to help in that effort. I think we need a color-blind society."

With a year to go before the primary season, affirmative action already looms as an issue that could dominate the 1996 campaign. In California, a referendum is planned for next year that would eliminate quotas for contracts or government benefits.

The Clinton administration says affirmative action is still needed to reverse past racial and sex-based discrimination.

"The vestiges of racism are still here, and it's being exploited,"

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said on NBC's "Meet the Press." He said Republican attacks on affirmative action are an attempt "to scapegoat minorities, immigrants and poor folks."

One Republican who decided not to run for president, former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp, agreed on NBC that Republicans can't use affirmative action as a wedge issue and still try to reach out to all Americans.

"We've not made enough progress," Kemp said, emphasizing that affirmative action should be based on economic need rather than race. "There are people in our community, in our country, in our family, who need special

help." But those still in the race stressed that help should not come at the price of equal opportunity.

"I'm for equal and unlimited opportunity in America, but I'm for special privilege for no one," Gramm said on CBS' "Face the Nation." Gramm, who plans to formally announce his candidacy on Friday, said he was not trying to win supporters by picking out a divisive issue. "I see this as a uniting principle."

Dole, currently in the lead among early presidential contenders, said he was carrying out a review of current affirmative action programs to determine if any should be eliminated. "I have a good civil rights record," he said.



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS — Hermleigh students recently entered the U.S. Savings Bond Poster Contest with Billy Lambaren, left, winning first place; Sheena Callaway, second; and Salvador Luna, third. Local winners have mailed their entries to Austin for state competition. State winners will participate in the national contest in Washington D.C. All artwork was original and the theme was "Invest In Your Future Today — Buy U.S. Savings Bond." (SDN Staff Photo)

# Scientist: first horseman was in Ukraine

ATLANTA (AP) — Six thousand years ago, a brave, unknown Ukrainian stuck a piece of bone in the mouth of a horse, attached a bridle, sat astride the animal and invented horseback riding.

That's the conclusion of David Anthony, an anthropologist who searched for the origins of horsemanship by studying marks on the teeth of ancient horses in museums around the world.

Learning to domesticate and ride horses marked a revolution in

human civilization, enabling humans at a time before the wheel to travel great distances and find new ways to live, Anthony said Sunday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The ancients who first rode horses were a "scruffy people" who were forced to live in the river valleys of the Ukraine. Beyond the rivers, they were trapped by vast grasslands that defied easy travel on foot, Anthony said.

"There were huge herds of horses then and the first use of those horses was to eat them," he said. "Horses to them (early Ukrainians) were like the buffalo to the American Indians."

Anthony began searching for the origins of horseback riding by studying the teeth of modern horses, both wild and tame. He found that under an electron microscope the use of a bit — a bar placed in the teeth of horses — left a distinctive mark on the teeth.

The scientist from Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y., then began studying the teeth from ancient horses that were in museums around the world. It was in a Russian collection that he found the earliest evidence for the use of a bit. Carbon dating placed the age of the horses at 4,000 B.C.

Anthony said he experimented on modern horses with a number of materials that could have been used for that first bit, and determined that bone most closely matched the teeth marks found in the ancient specimens.

"I'm sure the bit was used for riding," he said. "A bit is used to

direct a horse from behind and this was before the invention of the wheel."

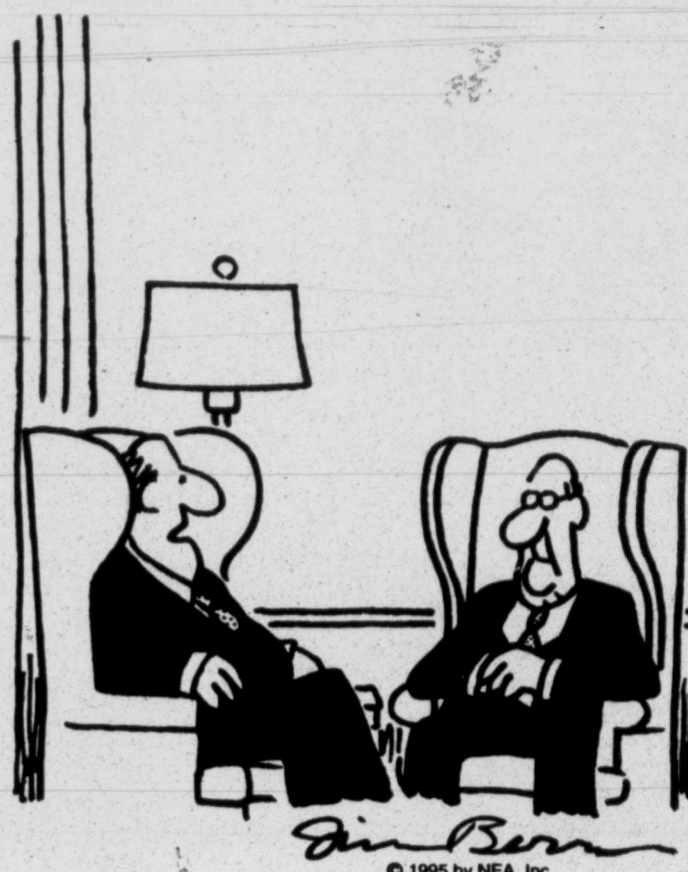
Eventually, the horses allowed people to leave their river valleys and roam across thousands of miles of grasslands, from the Carpathian Mountains to Mongolia, Anthony said.

A similar revolution later occurred in America when the Plains Indians captured and domesticated horses brought to the New World by Spanish explorers.

The most powerful tribes had been those living along river valleys, "but the horse turned that upside down," Anthony said. The horse enabled the Plains Indians to more easily hunt buffalo and create fast and mobile war parties.

"It completely reorganized the cultural relationships between tribes that had existed for centuries," Anthony said.

## Berry's World



"Mother tells me you've been sticking pins in an Alan Greenspan doll."



## Dogs Who Lick Dinner Plates Are Harmed More Than Helped

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Holiday Dilemma," whose husband refused to eat at a friend's house because they let their dog lick the plates after dinner.

You said it was perfectly OK for Mr. and Mrs. Dilemma to bring paper plates. How rude! This couple would be shown the door and never invited back to my home again.

Abby, The Dilemmas were guests in that house; the dogs live there! The only possible harm would be to the dogs; table scraps are unhealthy. Can Mr. and Mrs. Dilemma say in all honesty that they never took a tongue-dampened tissue to a child's smudged face? Or sucked on their own needle-pricked or hammer-whacked thumb? We're talking germs here!

A friend once left our swimming pool, saying it was "unhealthy" because our dog jumped in. By the way, this same friend lets her dog lick the plates after dinner.

DOG OWNER AGAINST RUDE DINNER GUESTS

P.S. Abby, my dogs asked if they could add these few words:

"Don't let us lick the plates after dinner. People food tastes good, but it isn't good for us. It's a proven fact that a human's mouth is dirtier than a dog's mouth."

SHMOO AND CHANG SLINGBAUM, BRANDON, FLA.

DEAR SHMOO AND CHANG: My veterinary experts have verified your statement. Should you ever get to Washington, D.C., I know a couple of attractive huskies named Amelia and Kemo who could show you a doggoned good time.

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DEAR ABBY: How well I remember the letter in your column from a 36-year-old reader who wrote, "I have been thinking about going to medical school, but it will take me seven years to finish — and in seven years, I will be 43 years old!"

You responded, "And how old will you be in seven years if you don't go?"

Abby, in 1991, at the age of 38, I was looking for an alternative to a career in college teaching. I considered applying to medical school, but I had no background in any of the sciences at all — I had never taken a college course in calculus, general chemistry, organic chemistry or

biology.

A month from today, I will be 42 years old. I am currently a second-year medical student at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Abby, please keep telling 'em! MIRIAM H. KLAIMAN, PH.D., MAPLEWOOD, MINN.

DEAR MIRIAM KLAIMAN: Thanks for the reminder. I will keep "telling 'em" until my typewriter falls apart. Read on for another inspirational letter in support of my "you're-never-too-old" philosophy:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Unfulfilled in Philly" she's not too old to get moving on her dream to go to medical school. I'm 53 and am in my first year of medical school at Michigan State. I will be 57 when I graduate, and 60 before I finish the shortest possible residency.

I, too, had to go back to undergraduate school and take courses I hadn't taken when I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees many years before.

It took me two years of applying, and 17 interviews before a medical school would take a chance on a person my age. I didn't give up, and neither should she!

GOING FOR IT IN MICHIGAN

DEAR GOING FOR IT: Congratulations. Let me hear from you when they put that diploma in your hands.

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## Employers do not trust U.S. schools

NEW YORK (AP) — Employers are worried that American schools and colleges aren't preparing young people for the workplace, according to a report in today's New York Times.

A nationwide survey produced for the Federal Department of Education found that employers often disregard grades and school evaluations in choosing workers. Instead, they look at job applicants' attitude, behavior and work experience.

The employers also said they consider one-fifth of American workers to be not fully proficient in their jobs. Only one in five employers said they consider more than 95 percent of their employees fully proficient.

Experts said they find the survey results troubling and in contrast with those from countries like Japan, where employers and schools have common strategies and goals.

"We were surprised at just how much animosity there is toward young people in the employer community," said Robert Zemsky, director of the Institute for Research on Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He co-directed the group that developed the study.

The results are based on responses of plant or site managers at 3,000 locations nationwide, including offices, factories and construction sites.

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# Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

## Get a diagnosis for neurological ailment

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son is in his early 40s. He's gradually losing the use of his arms and legs and suffers from general weakness. Tests for Lyme disease and MS have come back negative. His doctors are unable to slow down or stop the progressive weakness. Can you advise us?

DEAR READER: Your son appears to have a progressive neurological affliction that defies diagnosis. In my opinion, he should be examined and tested by super-specialist neurologists, because there is no definitive test for MS in its early stages.

Ask your doctor to refer him to a university hospital or teaching center. In such a setting, specialists are particularly trained to diagnose puzzling ailments and should be able to clarify what's going on.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Multiple Sclerosis." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433,

New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a diet for people with chronic pancreatitis? My husband underwent gallbladder surgery two years ago and suffers a great deal of pain. He's had a CT scan and biopsy to rule out cancer, and is presently on a complete liquid diet. Even rice cereal is no longer tolerated. His weight has dropped and he's weak and despondent.

DEAR READER: Chronic inflammation of the pancreas (chronic pancreatitis) has many causes, ranging from alcohol abuse to gallstones. Regardless of cause, however, the symptoms are the same: abdominal pain, poor digestion, diarrhea, and eventually — diabetes.

The diagnosis is made by blood tests and other special examinations.

In general, patients with chronic pancreatitis are helped by diets low in fat and protein that are given in small, multiple feedings. Alcohol is prohibited. Enzyme supplements (to aid digestion) are often useful. Drugs, such as Tagamet, which reduce the

formation of gastric acid, are also appropriate. Vitamin supplements are necessary. If diabetes is present, pills to lower blood sugar are indicated.

Because your husband continues to have serious complications of pancreatitis, he should be under the care of a gastroenterologist. Such a specialist will test your husband to determine if a treatable cause is present; for example, perhaps one or two gallstones were inadvertently missed at the time of surgery.

Also, the doctor can suggest a suitable diet that your husband will tolerate without becoming malnourished.

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### DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

## Science likely will be ready to search for other earths

ATLANTA (AP) — Astronomers will have the technology before this century is over to start a full-scale search of the universe for other Earths orbiting other stars and, perhaps, harboring other life, scientists say.

Such a search is in pursuit of an answer to "one of the most intriguing questions of the human mind," Robert Brown of the Space Telescope Science Institute said Sunday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Are we alone in the universe? Is Earth the only place like this?" said Brown. New instruments placed on the Hubble Space Telescope will finally give science the tools to seriously address these questions, he said.

In 1997, NASA will add to the Hubble Space Telescope a high-resolution spectrograph and camera that will be able to take unprecedented pictures of the space surrounding two stars less than 15 light years from Earth, said Steve Maran, a NASA astronomer.

The stars, called Tau Ceti and Epsilon Eridani, are much like the sun, average-sized, relatively cool and of about the same age, said Maran.

Using the new instrument, he said, "we calculate that if the stars have a Jupiter-like planet, at about the distance from the star that Jupiter is from the sun, we should be able to detect it."

David W. Latham of the Center for Astrophysics at Harvard said that the key to finding a second Earth is to first find a second Jupiter.

Planets the size of Jupiter, the largest in the solar system and almost 100 times the size of Earth, would be much more easily spotted, said Latham. And they would suggest that the target star has other planets.

"If you find a big one, then you can assume that there will be little ones," he said.

Three planets already have been

found, but they are in orbit of a pulsar, a distant, rapidly rotating star that sends out powerful radio signals, but little light.

Aleksander Wolszczan, a radio astronomer at Pennsylvania State University, found the planets three years ago by measuring changes in the 160-per-second bursts of radio signals coming from the pulsar.

It is extremely unlikely that there is life on these planets. "Being on those planets would be like standing in front of an X-ray machine and getting X-rayed 160 times a second," said Wolszczan.

Wolszczan said there is strong evidence of other planets about other pulsars, and this, in turn, supports the idea that there could be planets about more normal stars.

"The meaning of this discovery is that there should be planets elsewhere," he said. "If you can find planets around a weird object like a pulsar, then you should find them elsewhere."

Brown said the search for planets will concentrate on what

he calls "the life zone" around stars. These orbits would be where the heat from the central star is enough to warm a planet, but not boil away water.

"Our understanding of life would require liquid water," Latham explained.

More advanced cameras to aid in the search will be placed on the Hubble in 1999 and still other instruments will be attached in 2002 and 2005.

Eventually, said Brown, the search could involve instruments placed in libration points — areas in deep space where the gravity pull of the Earth is neutralized and objects stay in one place. He said two or more instruments could be teamed to act as one massive infrared telescope capable of taking images of small objects near distant stars.

It may take such instruments to remove any doubt about the existence of other planets, said Latham.

"To prove it," he said, "we'll have to take a picture of it."

## Survivors celebrate life 50 years later

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Fifty years after enduring the torture of Nazi concentration camps, Holocaust survivors from across the nation gathered to celebrate love.

"We are not here only to commemorate, to remember the misery," said Benjamin Meed, director of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

"We want today to show the world what did we do with the 50 years, that we did not pick hatred, we did not pick vengeance."

The two-day reunion, which attracted 4,000 Holocaust survivors, featured computers participants could use to search for family and friends who disappeared under the Third Reich.

Nobel Peace Prize winner and death camp survivor Elie Wiesel was among the speakers. Israel's ambassador to the United States,

Itamar Rabinovich, and U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry also spoke.

The terrors of the Holocaust are never far from the minds of Meed and other survivors, but he wants the world to know they haven't dwelled on the past.

"We did just the opposite, we created love, we married, we built families, homes and became an integral part of the Jewish and the American communities," Meed told fellow survivors Sunday.

Born as Benjamin Meedzyr-

zecki in Czeslów, Poland, Meed survived the Warsaw ghetto, the Warsaw Uprising, and the concentration camps where six million Jews died at the hands of the Nazis.

Jacob Kohn of Marlboro, N.J., said the reunion helped heal old scars.

"That's why they have the gathering," he said, "to remind ourselves that it really happened and bring back the memories and the emotions that can't get out."

### Don't try to label current actors

NEW YORK (AP) — In the 1980s it was the Brat Pack. Don't even try to label the newest generation of actors.

"People like me and Brad Pitt and others are making completely different kinds of movies," says

24-year-old Uma Thurman, who earned an Oscar nomination for her role as a mod junkie Mob wife in "Pulp Fiction."

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## Sick Texas boy meets Clinton

HOUSTON (AP) — A weekend visit to the White House was a dream come true for a 6-year-old boy dying from an illness doctors can't diagnose.

Not only did Blake Renfroe, a first-grader from Cleveland, Texas, get to meet President Clinton on Saturday, his visit coincided with that of his favorite team — the NBA champion Houston Rockets and their star, Hakeem Olajuwon.

"It was neat," Blake, holding a basketball autographed by the Rockets, said on his big day. Blake said he felt just fine and

managed a smile during the visit. The only sign of pain was from the shyness that comes from grown-ups asking too many questions. It was a respite before another round of medical procedures.

The boy was to begin four days of grueling tests today at the National Institutes of Health to see if doctors there can discover his unknown sickness.

Doctors around the country so far have been unable to explain why Blake has trouble breathing, suffers fevers and night sweats and often shrieks in pain for hours. Blake has undergone 12 spinal

taps and 11 bone marrow biopsies — so many that afterward he gets up and walks away "as if it's a breeze," said his mother, Joyce Renfroe.

He has been treated for benign lymphoma and cancer, only to discover later that he didn't have either disease.

Researchers at the NIH agreed to examine Blake because he may fit into a special study to treat a rare immune deficiency disorder known to afflict only seven other children in the world.