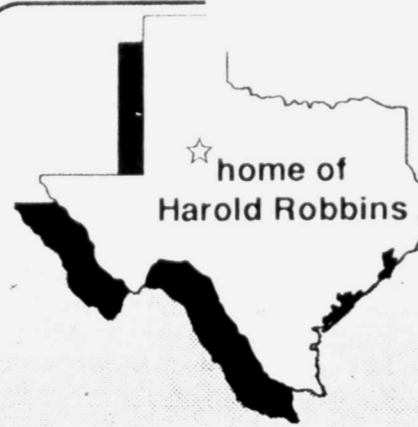


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## Ask Us

Q—How do Snyder ISD administrative salaries compare to other schools in the area?

A—According to the Texas Research League, the average administrative salary in 1988-89 for Snyder ISD was \$40,268. Some other schools: Andrews, \$52,201; Fort Stockton, \$46,522; Monahans, \$46,089; Sweetwater, \$44,532; Big Spring, \$42,736; Post, \$42,733; Colorado City, \$41,704; Ector ISD, \$40,626; Frenship, \$40,030; and Lamesa, \$38,410.

## In Brief

### F-16 contract

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The South Korean government has agreed to purchase 120 F-16 fighters from General Dynamics in a deal worth \$5.2 billion, a company spokesman said today.

South Korea announced it had selected the F-16 as the fighter jet for its air force over McDonnell-Douglas' FA-18 aircraft.

The Koreans plan to purchase the F-16s and associated equipment, with initial delivery to begin in 1994. A morning news conference was planned to discuss details of the deal, said company spokesman Joe Stout.

## Local

### Service set

Hermligh United Methodist Church will be having a Maundy Thursday service today beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited.

### Holy Week

Holy Week services will be held at 7 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Wylie E. "Buff" Hearn speaking.

A meal will follow the brief service.

### Work session

Members of Snyder City Council and Scurry County Commissioners Court will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at Western Texas College to discuss matters pertaining to their intragovernmental contract, including equipment and joint services.

### Cogdell board

Representatives from Mason and Warner Co. will present the 1990 financial audit of Cogdell Memorial Hospital during a 6:30 p.m. board meeting today.

The only other items of business are a medical staff report and a monthly financial report.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 74 degrees; low, 48 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 50 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 1.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly during the evening. Decreasing cloudiness toward morning. Low around 40. Northwest wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 60s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph becoming southeast late afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7 p.m. Sunrise Friday, 6:36 a.m. Of 86 days in 1991, the sun has shone 81 days in Snyder.

## House shoots down school finance bill; recesses for Easter

AUSTIN (AP) — Five days before a court order could cut off state school spending, the Texas House rejected a school finance reform plan and recessed for a long Easter weekend.

Sen. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, asked during a Senate meeting Wednesday whether lawmakers could rescind a resolution allowing the Legislature to be out of session until Tuesday.

That's the day after a Texas Supreme Court order for lawmakers to devise a reform plan.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, replied, "It would be a moot question, in view of the fact that the House has already abandoned the little children of Texas and gone off to have a long holiday."

The Senate on Thursday was scheduled to adjourn until Tuesday.

The House's 87-63 vote Wednesday against the school finance bill put lawmakers on a collision course with the Supreme Court, which twice has ordered

lawmakers to equitably fund poor school districts.

The bill would shift hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts within 183 newly created taxing districts.

One estimate put its state and local tab at \$13.9 billion over the next five years.

Parker, Senate Education Committee chairman, slammed the House's action as "irresponsible."

Senators had approved the bill, developed by a House-Senate conference committee, on Tuesday. Some supporters said lawmakers could later change the school funding law, but they needed to pass something to meet the court's deadline.

"The know-nothings combined with the do-nothings to defeat a bill that was in the middle of the road and responded to the court's mandate," Parker said.

However, Parker said senators may try a new maneuver on (see FINANCE, page 10)



ONE ACT PLAY — Members of Snyder High School's drama department were scheduled to present "She Stoops To Conquer" today as District 2-4A one act play and literary competitions began at Western Texas College. Debate preliminaries are scheduled for Friday and other events are slated for Saturday on the college campus. (SDN Staff Photo)

### One act today...

## WTC hosts district UIL meet

Some 40 Snyder High School students are scheduled to compete in the District 2-4A UIL literary meet starting today at Western Texas College.

One act play began at 1 p.m. and ready writing competition was to start at 4:30 p.m. today. Friday will see cross examination and Lincoln-Douglas debate preliminaries with the bulk of competition taking place on Saturday.

Local students will face competitors from Frenship, Lamesa, Levelland, Dunbar Struggs and Estacado.

Snyder's one-act play, "She Stoops to Conquer," was to be the third of six plays presented in the Fine Arts Theatre.

UIL literary events and Snyder High School students competing are as follows:

Speech and debate: extemporaneous informative speaking — Tom Galyean, Courtney Lowrance and Tonya Mauldin; extemporaneous persuasive speaking — James Beauchamp, Tyson Cromeens and Bill Vestal; poetry interpretation — Erin Rambo and Stephanie Hedges; prose interpretation — Emily King, Sara McDonald and Jennifer Purcell; cross examination team debate — Tasha Naegele and Cindy Potts; Lincoln-Douglas debate — Kurtis McCathern and Melissa Huddleston.

Journalism: editorial writing — James Beauchamp, Shawn Bogard, Lucy Bogard and (sub) Suzanne Holton; feature writing — Suzanne Holton, Shannon Canada, Lucy Bogard and (sub) Shawn Bogard; headline writing — James Beauchamp, Suzanne Holton, Lucy Bogard and (sub) Shannon Canada; news writing

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Ready writing: Amy Armstrong, Christy Christenson and Melissa Huddleston.

Spelling: Ben Wilson, A'Lise Lloyd and Michael Patterson.

Science: Chris Gober, Chris Cunningham, Jennifer Beard, Chris Sutherland and Dennis Dolliver.

## Jobless rate hits 5.3%

Scurry County's jobless rate jumped to its highest mark since February of 1990, according to statistics released by the Texas Employment Commission.

The TEC report said unemployment for February of this year was 5.3 percent — the first time it has risen above 5 percent since April of 1990 and its highest mark since February 1990's 7.6 rate.

The commission based its rate on an estimated county labor force of 10,722, of which 10,201 were employed. The remaining 521 persons unemployed but seeking employment represents 5.3 percent.

January's unemployment for the county was 4.5 percent.

Scurry remained well below the state and national unemploy-

ment rates, however. According to TEC, unemployment was at 6.2 percent statewide in February, and 7.2 percent nationwide.

Below is a list of area communities and their jobless rate for February.

—Andrews: 3.2 percent, based on a labor force of 6,992, of which 6,770 are employed.

—Borden: 6.1 percent, based on a labor force of 346, of which 325 are employed.

—Dawson: 6.8 percent, based on a labor force of 6,545, of which 6,103 are employed.

—Fisher: 6.0 percent, based on a labor force of 2,356, of which 2,215 are employed.

—Garza: 4.0 percent, based on a labor force of 1,917, of which 1,840 are employed.

—Howard: 4.2 percent, based on a labor force of 14,178, of which 13,588 are employed.

—Kent: 1.5 percent, based on a labor force of 528, of which 520 are employed.

—Lubbock: 4.6 percent, based on a labor force of 115,037, of which 109,703 are employed.

—Mitchell: 6.4 percent, based on a labor force of 3,540, of which 3,312 are employed.

—Nolan: 6.2 percent, based on a labor force of 7,712, of which 7,234 are employed.

—Taylor: 5.1 percent, based on a labor force of 50,274, of which 47,686 are employed.

—Tom Green: 4.6 percent, based on a labor force of 43,243, of which 41,254 are employed.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Few things in life are more pleasant than ignoring an alarm clock."

Our country's leaders have continually suggested that Americans invest in the future of this nation. In fact, some have said it is our duty to invest in America.

The problem is, however, how do we get the Japanese to agree to sell it back?

A guy in the coffee shop lamented that Japanese investors have purchased control of the movie giant, Universal Studios. The coffee shop wag fears they'll redo all the World War II flicks and change the ending.

For the past several years, economists in American have bemoaned the level of American workers' productivity, pointing to the Japanese labor market as the model in dedication and effi-

ciency. More recently, however, it's been noted that the Japanese are slipping in their ability to turn out work. The reason is an American business tradition—meetings and memos.

A recent study said that employees could work just 8½ months a year if time was better spent and labor energy was better focused.

The average worker in America is said to waste 3½ months a year waiting on the telephone, attending useless meetings and reading mindless memos.

Workers for the government and large corporations are the most wasteful, while smaller firms are better at avoiding time sink holes.

Small firms are forced to slash bureaucracy and plan ahead. In all this research and planning, we just hope somebody can come up with something more creative than "Mary is away from her desk right now."

## Budget falls short of funding programs

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of a House committee, frustrated by demands for state services without new taxes, approved a proposed 1992-93 budget that would fall \$4.6 billion short of funding current programs.

The House Appropriations Committee late Wednesday approved a \$52.3 billion budget that would stay within the state's projected revenue and would require no new taxes.

"It means criminals on the streets, it means uneducated children, it means mentally ill walking the streets," said Rep. Ric Williamson, D-Weatherford, vice chairman of the committee.

## Annual hunt set Saturday

Children are invited to hunt eggs, meet the Easter Bunny and have their picture taken during an annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Snyder merchants.

The activities begin at 2 p.m. Saturday in Towle Park.

Children will be divided into two groups — preschoolers and those kindergarten through the third grade.

There will be special prize eggs hidden for each age division. No child will be allowed to claim more than one prize egg.

Children are to bring their own sacks or baskets.

"But if that's the state of Texas we want, that's the state of Texas we're buying, that's the state of Texas we're paying for, that's the state of Texas we're going to get," Williamson said.

"I would hope the people of Texas can truly see... the truth of what this can do. But if they don't, they don't understand, then I don't know what will happen," said Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, chairman of the tax-writing committee.

In addition to falling \$4.6 billion short of maintaining current services, the measure, passed on for consideration by the House, would cost the state about \$4 billion in lost federal matching funds. The total shortfall below current spending would be about \$8.5 billion.

"Frankly, the vote today is a vote of frustration that the public feels and we feel," said Rep. Barry Telford, D-DeKalb. "We're hearing from our constituents that they don't want any additional taxes. At the same time, they don't want their services cut."

"Hopefully, the action today will begin a process of educating our colleagues on the floor and our constituents at home that state taxes buy state services. And state services serve the people, not just some nameless, faceless bureaucrat, but people — people at home," Telford said.



# Coded message stumps CIA agent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new \$250,000 sculpture decorating the inner courtyard at CIA headquarters contains a secret, coded message so difficult to unscramble that it's spooking the spy agency's smartest spooks.

Sculptor Jim Sanborn wrote the message but steadfastly refuses to divulge its contents. He

says the text is known only to himself and CIA Director William H. Webster, and neither is talking.

Sanborn's encrypted brain-teaser is etched in 2,000 letters on the curving copper plates of his outdoor sculpture, "Kryptos." The work was erected outside the mirrored windows of the CIA employee cafeteria, offering a tantalizing challenge to the lunchtime crowd inside.

"Everyone wants to know what it says," Sanborn says. "They're out there all the time. There are groups of dark-suited people pointing at it and getting down on

their knees trying to figure out what it says. Some take photographs. One guy copied the whole thing down with pencil and paper."

Months ago, as rumors of the mystery sculpture swept through the corridors of the CIA's wooded enclave in suburban Langley, Va., police caught two men climbing ladders outside Sanborn's

Washington studio trying to photograph the inscription through his windows.

Sanborn says "a friend of a friend" told him recently that frustrated CIA operatives sent a copy of the coded message to their arch rivals at the National Security Agency to run through their ultra-smart Cray super-computer.

"The last I heard, they hadn't gotten very far," Sanborn said. "They might have figured out one-fourth of it."

The sculptor, a big, bearded 45-year-old who wears aviator's sunglasses, talks freely about his other works, which have been exhibited at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington.

But when he discusses "Kryptos" — which is Greek for "hidden" — Sanborn retreats behind the cautious, elliptical speech of somebody who's trying to hide something.

He said the sculpture's message deals on several levels with the CIA's tradition of secrecy. He hints that it was a "collaborative project," possibly written with the help of a prominent spy novelist, but he wouldn't elaborate.

The inscription includes a Vigenere table, a system of ciphers devised by the 16th century French cryptographer Blaise de Vigenere, and a

Vigenere-coded message that Sanborn says an expert can decipher in a few hours.

But the rest of the message, contained in the lower-right quadrant, is "a whole different ball game" of multiple codes, Sanborn said. It was written by a retired CIA cryptographer whom the sculptor refuses to identify.

"He developed something that really stumped them out there," Sanborn said. "Parts can be deciphered in a matter of weeks or months, but other parts might never be deciphered without the knowledge that Webster has. He has the key to the code, and he can easily figure the whole thing."

Sanborn knew he'd have to share his secret with a CIA confidant.

"Their business is to gather information," he said, "and if they don't know what's going on in their own back yard, how would anyone believe they'd know what was going on in the rest of the world?"

So when the sculpture was dedicated in November, Sanborn handed Webster two sealed envelopes. One contained the translation of the message. The other contained the keywords required to break the code.

"Mr. Sanborn... you have captured much of what this agency is all about," the CIA director said. "We like to be tested and we enjoy a challenge."

**Astro-Graph**  
By Bernice Bede Osol



March 29, 1991

It looks like you might enjoy greater prestige and status in the year ahead in areas where you weren't previously acknowledged. Career improvements are also likely.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You're likely to fare better by working through trusted and competent intermediaries than by handling a ticklish development on your own today. Use your resources. Aries, get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Devote as much time as possible to what is your most meaningful objective today. You might not have the luxury of establishing your own agenda tomorrow.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Someone you've known for quite a while is much fonder of you than you've had reason to believe. This individual may personally supply the missing evidence.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Do not place too much significance on early developments today, even though they appear to be commanding. You get luckier as the day wears on, and it is the happy end results that count.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Someone with whom you're closely associated might be required to make a hard decision today that will have mutual reverberations. After the dust settles, its benefits will be obvious.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you're both prudent and practical in your financial involvements, this could be a profitable day for you. Use your head buying or selling.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** An endeavor in which you are presently involved could be substantially advanced today — if you're prepared to take a calculated risk. But, remember, a calculated risk is not a wild gamble.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Go about doing your good deeds quietly today, without drawing attention to yourself. Word of what you've done will reach others without you having to tell them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Something you've been wanting to accomplish isn't a given today, yet it isn't quite as difficult as you've imagined. If you tackle it head on, success is likely.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You are presently in a cycle where your past efforts are coming home to roost. In regard to making money, it looks like the hard work you've been putting in will not be in vain.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You could be in for an interesting experience today: having to deal with a similar matter that caused you a problem in the past. This time, however, you'll come out the victor.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** There are strong indications that you may resurrect an old enterprise which you once approached with great enthusiasm. You'll be glad you didn't toss it on the scrap heap.

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Less than five months before the telephone was patented, inventor Alexander Graham Bell's prospective father-in-law chided him for his tendency "to undertake every new thing that interests you and accomplish nothing of any value to any one."

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## Fish farms becoming popular

WASHINGTON (AP) — What began years ago as a tiny business has turned into a young giant called aquaculture, or fish farming.

The Agriculture Department, which still depends greatly on industry figures and sketchy reports for much of its information, says sales of farm-grown catfish continued to lead U.S. aquaculture expansion in 1990.

Industry figures put catfish sales at \$323 million, up almost 20 percent from 1989, the department said in its annual review. The quantity of catfish delivered by farmers rose 5 percent last year to 360 million pounds.

That was much smaller than the 16 percent growth in the amount of catfish delivered to plants in 1989, the report said. Deliveries are expected to gain further this year but still not match the 1989 increase.

Overall, U.S. aquaculture is expected to expand this year, but the growth will vary according to species, which range from other kinds of fish to oysters and alligators.

Production will be affected not only by consumer demand but by the wild harvest of the same species or substitutes, the report said. Foreign aquaculture, competition from red meat and poultry, resource constraints and marketing strategies also are factors.

"Despite these challenges, increasing research efforts favor continued expansion of the aquaculture industry," the report said.

Catfish expansion last year included a 7 percent increase in pond area to almost 162,000 acres. Most of the catfish sector is in the South, with Mississippi the leading producer.

Another growing enterprise is trout farming, which turned out an estimated 1990 sales total of \$76.9 million, up 7 percent from 1989. Idaho was by far the largest producer, accounting for more than \$33 million of the total.

No figures were available for farm-raised salmon in 1990, but the report showed 1989 production at between 8 million and 9 million pounds, live weight. Output was said to have been 3 billion to 3.5 billion pounds on the East Coast, and 5 billion to 5.5 billion pounds on the West Coast.

## Toastmasters help conquer one's fears

(Editor's Note: A Toastmasters Club meets in Snyder the first and third Tuesday of each month. For additional information, call 573-1486.)

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA, Calif. — Most people would rather die than give a speech, according to a survey reported in The Book of Lists. In this survey, fear of public speaking outranked the fear of death by a two-to-one margin!

Unrealistic as this may seem, the fact remains that while many people lack the training and stamina to effectively deliver a clear thought, today's fast paced, technological world is in desperate need of good communicators and leaders.

Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization, has been working for more than 60 years to provide for this need and help people conquer their pre-speech jitters.

Since the first club was organized by Dr. Ralph Smedley in October of 1924, nearly three million men and women benefited through Toastmasters membership.

A Toastmasters Club is a "learn-by doing" workshop. There is no instructor in the club. Instead, the members evaluate one another's oral presentations. This evaluation process is an integral component of the overall educational program. Through this method, members have the opportunity to give impromptu talks, develop their listening skills, conduct meetings, learn parliamentary procedure, and gain leadership experience.

Upon joining a Toastmasters Club, members progress through a series of 10 speaking assignments, which are designed to instill a basic foundation in public speaking, and then go on to

12 advanced programs geared to specific career needs.

New advanced manuals and success/leadership programs and seminars — designed to provide specific training in the areas of effective listening, thinking, evaluation, leadership, conducting productive meeting — are being developed and presented regularly.

## Cooperative plan to begin April 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new cooperative project soon will operate in 10 states to help establish education and assistance programs for farmers with disabilities.

The Agriculture Department has joined the National Easter Seal Society and other private, non-profit disability organizations in the project, which will begin April 1.

Myron D. Johnsrud, administrator of the department's Extension Service, said Wednesday that his agency has awarded \$920,000 in grants to help programs in 10 states, ranging from \$80,000 to \$115,000 each.

The states involved are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, New York, Wisconsin and Vermont. In addition, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming are sponsoring a joint project.

Johnsrud said \$150,000 also has been granted to Purdue University and the National Easter Seal Society to provide training and technical assistance for the programs.

He said the new grant program will help enhance the cooperative extension system's traditional farm safety program, which addresses prevention, emergency accident response and rehabilitation.

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## Altrurian programs educational

The Altrurian Daughters Study Club has held three luncheon meetings since the beginning of the year.

In January, the club met at the Willow Park Inn for a luncheon hosted by Nina Nesbitt, June McGlaun and Ruby Patterson.

As guest speaker, Sandra Robinson presented her program on the trip she and her husband, the Rev. Miller Robinson, made to Russia, Finland and Sweden. She related the observations the couple had made of the cultural aspects of these countries and showed slides of the churches and public buildings they had visited.

She noted that in Russia, most of these beautiful and ornate buildings dated back to the czars of Russia and had come to be used as museums, or were closed under the communistic government. She also noted that the churches were opened for worship under the "new order."

In February, the club held its regular meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club with Jean Sealy, Irene Smith and Nina Nesbitt serving as hostesses.

Joyce Cooper was guest speaker, telling of her life and showing a film concerning the Methodist endowed Curdy School of Espanola, N.M., where she taught for three years. This private school offers a Christian oriented education to families who desire such an education for their children.

At this meeting, the club voted to make a donation to help place a sign of identification on the Martha Ann Woman's Club building. The club also decided to take part in buying crepe myrtles to form a memorial hedge on the west side of the building.

Perry Westmoreland, owner and operator of Snyder EMS, spoke to the group in March. He said he had owned this company for almost four years, operating under a contract with the City of Snyder. With the city and county sharing expenses, the company is under the supervision of the city manager. The four ambulances owned by the city are leased to EMS.

Westmoreland said the state recognizes four levels of training for EMS employees, the highest being that of paramedic. Snyder EMS has seven paramedics.

He told the group he had become interested in this line of work in 1982 while working as a fireman. In one fire, he said, an elderly woman was burned and needed medical attention. None of the fire fighters had the training to care for her, and the ambulance was very late in arriving. After that experience, he said, 14 of the fireman decided to take EMS training.

A question and answer period followed the program.

During the business session, the president, Evelyn Davies, appointed Gussie Gray, Sadie Longbotham and Mary Beth Vestal to represent the club on the MAWC board of directors.

Hostesses for the luncheon were Beth Teal, Frances Thompson and Ruby Stinson.

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**MARCH PROGRAM** — Terry Hefner, standing, presented the program at the Snyder Garden Club's recent meeting held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Ms. Hefner, with the District Conservation Service, explained trees suitable for this

area and how to plant and care for them. She also said orders were being taken for trees to be used for wind break purposes for next year's planting. At left is LaVerne Hood, president, and Mary Beth Vestal, new member of SGC. (SDN Staff Photo)



**UNIVERSITY WOMEN MEETING** — Pictured above is Marge Mathis, Windham School teacher at the Price Daniel Unit, and Gayle Wittie, hostess. The president, Penny Perry, is shown in the background. Mathis spoke at the March meeting of the University Women and gave an overview of her work with the inmate students at the prison. The meeting was held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Club Photo)

## Sorority elects officers

On March 19 members of Xi Alpha Alpha Theta held their regular meeting at the Snyder Country Club.

President Lisa Rollins called the meeting to order. Jackie Buckland, service committee chairman, presented the Beta Sigma Phi International Scholarship to Courtney Lowrance, daughter of Jacalyn and Jeff Lowrance. She was one of 42 students receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. Recipients were selected from a field representing chapters internationally.

Nominating committee chairman, Brenda Hedges, presented a suggested slate of officers to the membership. The following officers for the upcoming year,

elected by acclamation, were Brenda Hedges, president; Jackie Buckland, first vice president; Patricia Warren, second vice president; Sue Sewell, recording secretary; Carolyn Limmer, corresponding secretary; Dena Ellis, treasurer; and Loretta Dodson, extension officer. The new officers will begin their duties at the second meeting in May.

Special guests included Miss Lowrance, Renata de Rezenda from Brazil and Jennifer Hardin. Ms. de Rezenda is an exchange student staying with the Jeff Lowrances.

Crazy bridge followed, with Barbara Bills making the prizes.

## Bridge

By James Jacoby

NORTH 328-31			
♦ Q 7 5	♠ Q J 5 4	♥ K 10 9 7 3	♣ A 10 9 7 4
♦ Q 8 5 2	♠ A J 10 9 7 4	♥ K 7	♣ A 8 3
♦ K 7	♠ K 6 3	♥ 10 9 8 2	♣ A J 9
♦ Q 8 5 2	♠ K 3	♥ K 6 3	♣ A J 9
SOUTH			
♦ K 3	♠ A K 6 3	♥ 10 9 8 2	♣ A J 9
♦ K 7	♠ K 6 3	♥ 10 9 8 2	♣ A J 9
Vulnerable East-West			
Dealer South			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead ♦ 2			

P. Hal Sims, one of the greatest and most colorful players of the '30s and '40s, always boasted that he had never misguessed a two-way finesse. But one day, when faced with a t.w.f., he thought for quite some time before exclaiming, "Damn it — both of you have the queen." And he was right! Someone had doctored the deck just to see how he would react to "misguessing" a two-way finesse.

The secret to improving your odds with a two-way finesse is to delay taking the finesse for as long as you can. Find out as much as possible about the other suit distributions first.

After West has led the spade two to East's ace and East has returned the spade jack, you as declarer have your back against the wall. You must run the clubs to bring home three no-trump. But before you attempt to play that suit, it is right to cash the heart tricks. Play off the A-K of hearts and then cross to dummy's queen. Here you learn that the suit is divided 3-3. Assuming the opening lead is a true card, you also know that West started with four spades and East with six. This means you know seven of West's cards and nine of East's. That leaves six spaces in West's hand for a possible club queen, whereas East has only four spaces. The percentage play is to cross to your ace of clubs, cash the 13th heart and run the club jack through West. With the given layout that works beautifully and you bring home an overtrick.

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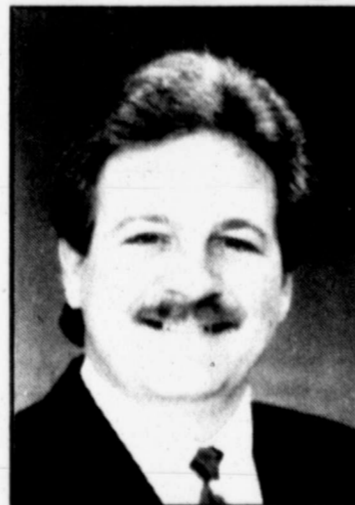
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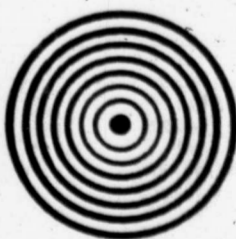
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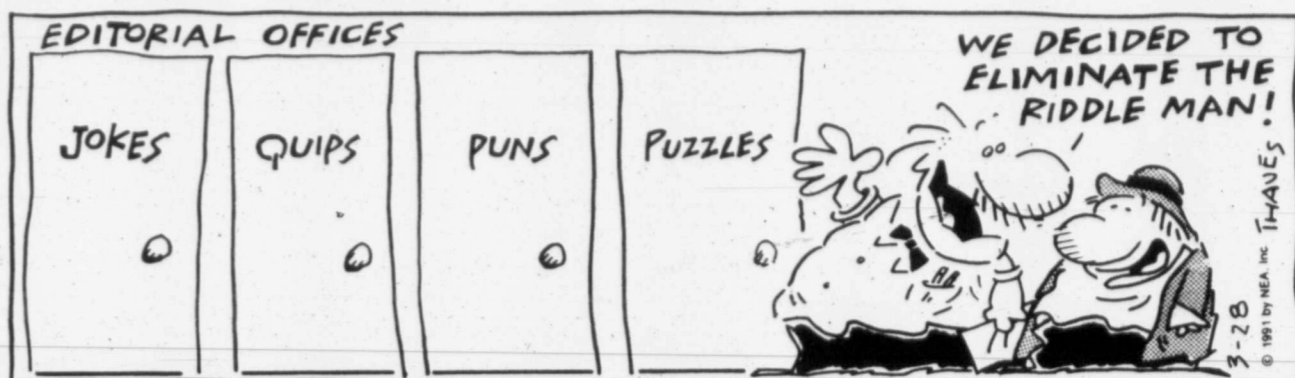
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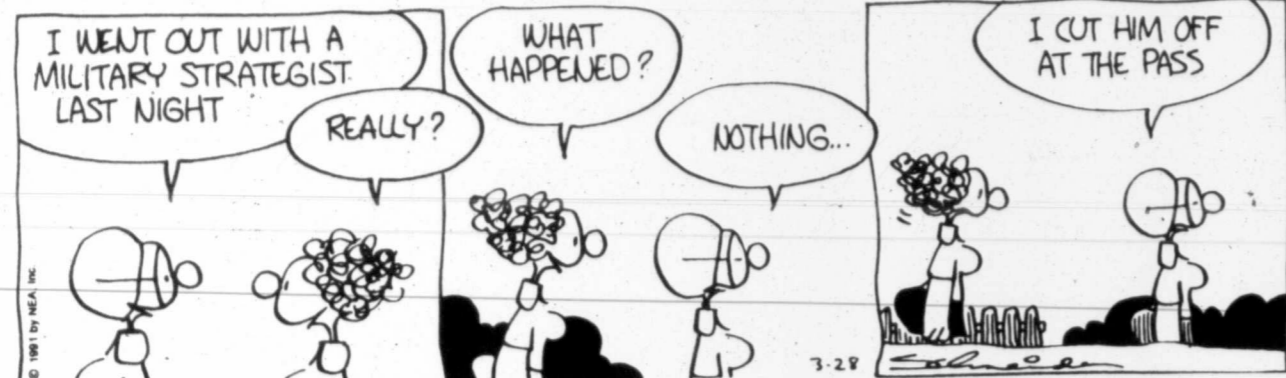
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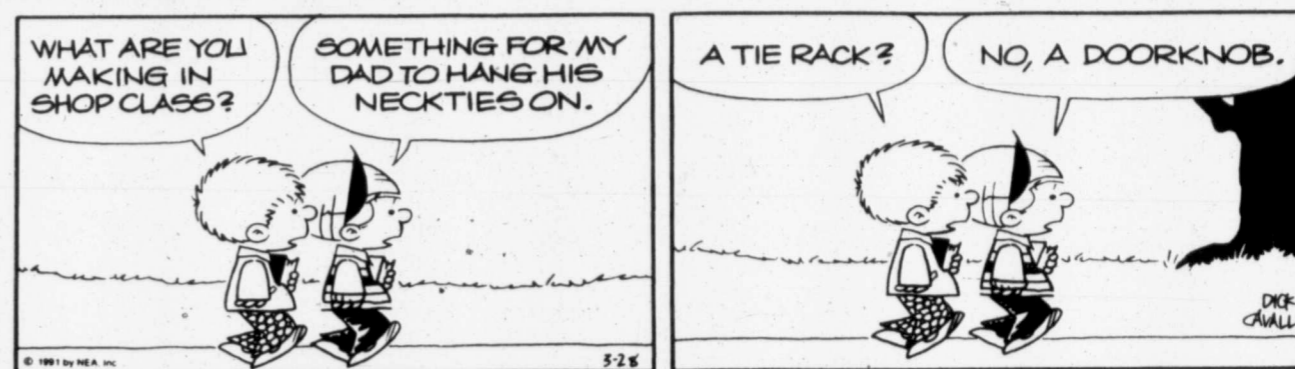
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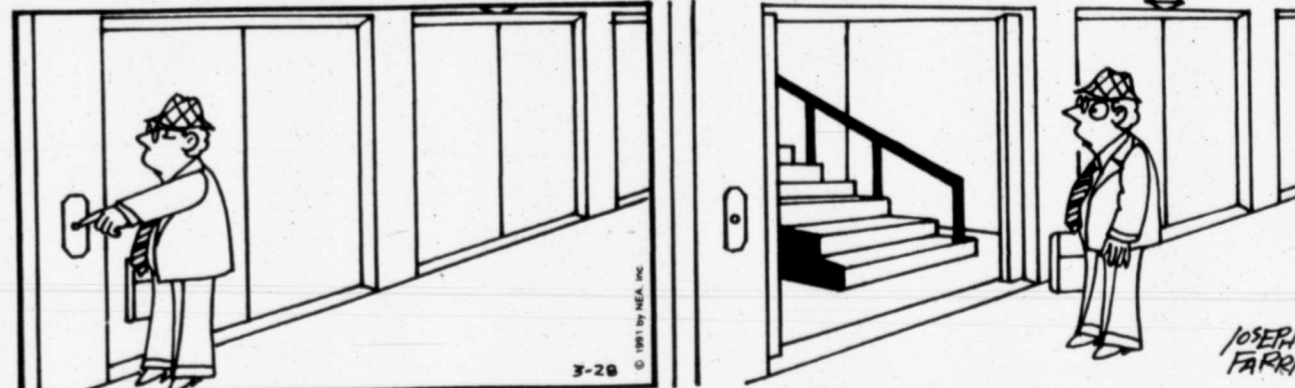
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Dear Abby



## Stepping Back in School Was Big Leap Forward for Dropout

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Many times I have read in your column, "Go back to school no matter how old you are." I took your advice.

Three years ago, I had a choice to go on welfare or go to school. Since I didn't want to raise my children on welfare, I chose school. It was hard for me to think of going to school, as I had dropped out at 16 and didn't want to go back with a bunch of younger people. I started college and worked on my G.E.D. at the same time. I also found out that people of all ages went to school. Going back wasn't as hard as I thought it would be because it was what I really wanted.

I'm proud to say that I will be graduating from the Mohave Community College on May 10 at the age of 36.

Please keep telling people to go to school. It's the best thing I ever did for myself. Thank you, Abby.

DEBI SMITH,  
LAKE HAVASU, ARIZ.

DEAR DEBI: Don't thank me — it was you who recognized good advice when you saw it, and you went for it! Congratulations.

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DEAR ABBY: Our problem is mainly our daughter — I'll call her Cheryl. Her husband walked out on her seven years ago and left her with their 3-year-old daughter.

Although our home is small and we are getting up there in years, we took Cheryl and our grandchild in. She has never paid one penny toward their keep.

Cheryl has started to date again,

and she expects my wife and me to take care of our grandchild. We don't mind, except that Cheryl comes in at 3 or 4 a.m., and when her boyfriend comes to our house she takes him upstairs to her bedroom. She also lounges around in her nightclothes and lets him put his hands all over her regardless of whether my wife and I are in the room. This goes on right in front of her daughter, too. What an example she is setting!

My wife's health is bad and she can't take much more of this. We have high morals and do not believe in sex outside of marriage. Cheryl says she's over 21 and can do as she pleases. We don't say much to her because it will only cause a fight. What do you suggest?

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DEAR PROBLEMS: Tell Cheryl that although you can't tell her what to do, as long as she is living under your roof she will have to abide by your standards — which means no entertaining her boyfriend in the bedroom.

If your demands will cause a fight, so be it. But unless you put your foot down now, nothing will change. Cheryl will not easily give up the free room and board for her and her daughter, so when you deliver your ultimatum, stand firm, and do not give an inch! I wish you well.

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## At least 22 injured in cafeteria explosion

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The floor of a cafeteria in Fort Worth's hospital district buckled like an earthquake, diners said, when an explosion rocked the building in mid-afternoon, injuring at least 22 people, one critically.

Irene Williams, 29, of Fort Worth said she was sitting in the lobby of Colonial Cafeteria, about one mile southwest of downtown Fort Worth, when the explosion about 3:30 p.m. CST Wednesday threw her to the floor.

"I thought it was an earthquake. Glass went everywhere," she said. "It shook me out of my seat. Something came from somewhere and hit me from behind. I have a knot on my head. I don't know how I got it."

Every window in the building was shattered. Glass and other debris were scattered down the block.

The cause of the explosion was

under investigation, but a worker at a nearby business said he smelled natural gas from 50 yards away immediately after the blast. Several diners said they smelled natural gas after the blast, but not before.

Lt. Kent Worley, public information coordinator for the Fort Worth Fire Department, said 22 people, including four children, were taken to nearby hospitals — 12 to John Peter Smith Hospital, 6 to Harris Methodist Hospital and 4 to Medical Plaza Hospital.

"Our initial reports from the scene were that three people were critically injured. It now appears we have only one critical, mainly because it was an elderly lady with open fractures of her leg, back injuries and a head injury," Worley said.

No injuries were reported outside the cafeteria, he said.

Alene Johnson, 74, of Boyd, about 25 miles northwest of Fort

Worth, was in critical condition with a fractured leg, Harris Methodist Hospital spokesman Tom Peck said.

Howard Matson, a spokesman for Lone Star Gas, said he was told the explosion occurred in the cafeteria basement.

Matson said his company sent workmen to the area around the cafeteria the day before the explosion after receiving reports of some type of gaseous odor.

While no natural gas was found in the area, an odor of sewer gas was detectable on the southwest corner of the block, not far from the cafeteria, Matson said.

Cashier Martha Hudson said she was thankful the blast occurred during a slow period.

"Otherwise, that place would've been full of people, most of them elderly," she said.

Evelyn Williams of Boyd said she and her husband, Royce, had

been to the doctor's office and were having a late lunch when the place "just blew up."

"My husband and I were sitting at a table facing each other, and suddenly there was this loud boom," she said.

Mrs. Williams said she "kind of came to" after the explosion "and I was lying on my back ... and there was debris everywhere. The tables, the chairs, everything had collapsed. I looked across at my husband ... and immediately we smelled gas."

Her husband described the scene after the explosion:

"Kuwait. Devastation. The floor is blown up. There was a big hole where part of the floor was. Chairs and everything are all turned over. ... There was no warning. ... The sensation I had is that we're flying, you know, everything is up in the air."

## Expedition members wind up preparations

LONDON (AP) — About a month ago, Peter Praine spent the night in the Arctic cold of a warehouse freezer with two friends and hundreds of fruit crates.

More than a stunt, it was part of a year and a half of preparations for a shot at becoming the first expedition to reach the north geomagnetic pole without help from dogs or snowmobiles.

"We spent a lot of time walking around and around and around with a pack on, to see how it felt, walking around in that sort of cold," Praine said Wednesday of the freezer experience.

Praine, 49, Ray Shaw, 43, and David Hempleman-Adams, 33,

will set out early next month from Cornwallis Island in Canada's Northwest Territories on the first leg of a 230-mile skiing expedition to the north geomagnetic pole.

The trip, on a shoestring budget of \$19,000, also is aimed at looking for signs of 4,000-year-old settlements set up by migrating Eskimos.

Since the Earth's magnetic field fluctuates throughout the year, magnetic north — the north a compass needle points to — changes slightly from day to day. The geomagnetic pole is a somewhat arbitrary point fixed every year by scientists, based on a year's worth of daily calculations, Hempleman-Adams said.

The plan, as explained Wednesday at a news conference, is for Hempleman-Adams and Shaw to cover about 10 miles a day skiing with 80-pound packs.

The three will fly from a base camp at Resolute Bay, Cornwallis Island, to Eureka, Canada. Hempleman-Adams and Shaw will travel across both Ellesmere Island and frozen sea ice to the pole.

Praine will return to the base and monitor their progress through radio contact and electronic tracking devices from the camp. At the end of their journey, Hempleman-Adams and Shaw will be picked up by plane.

For much of the journey, the two skiers will traverse frozen fjords and sounds. That is flatter and easier than going over land, although the possibility of the ice breaking makes it more dangerous.

While skiing along the coastlines, the two will be looking for ancient Eskimo settlements. The path Hempleman-Adams and Shaw have chosen may have been used by migrating Eskimos thousands of years ago.

## Insurance firms, state settle suit

AUSTIN (AP) — A three-year-old lawsuit involving some of the nation's largest insurance companies has ended in a settlement that Attorney General Dan Morales says is a major victory for Texas consumers.

"This is the most far-reaching antitrust litigation in Texas since the breakup of the Standard Oil trust at the turn of the century," Morales said.

"We have obtained major concessions from the insurance industry that will lead to broad reforms in the way the industry does business in our state," he said.

Morales said the settlement, combined with legal changes being proposed to the Legislature by Gov. Ann Richards, would result in lower prices and more competition in the Texas insurance business.

Under the settlement, approved Wednesday by state District Judge Pete Lowry, the state will collect \$1.1 million to cover its legal costs and \$3 million to establish new training programs for state insurance regulators.

Four defendants settled with the state earlier, paying \$2.5 million. The remaining eight agreed Wednesday, and the state received a total of \$6.6 million in the case, Morales said.

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New study says...

## Home radon monitors said inaccurate

PHOENIX (AP) — Americans are exposed to only about a third as much radon inside their homes as monitoring kits indicate, and many people have probably spent money needlessly to get rid of the gas, a study suggests.

The Environmental Protection Agency recommends that homeowners put radon monitors in their basements, where levels of the odorless gas are likely to be highest.

Now, a researcher has performed the first study to see how much radon people — rather than basements — are exposed to. She found human exposure was about 30 percent of the radon levels found in the basements.

"I don't think you should remediate a home based on basement levels," said Dr. Naomi H. Harley, a radiological health expert at New York University Medical Center. "A single basement reading is not representative of personal exposure."

She presented her findings Wednesday at a meeting sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Radon gas is released during the decay of radium, which is present in soils and rocks in many places. It seeps into homes from the ground and can reach dangerous levels in unventilated spaces.

Radon gas can cause lung cancer. The EPA estimates that radon gas causes 20,000 cases of lung cancer annually in the United States. The figure is based on lung cancer rates among miners who are exposed to high levels of radon.

The EPA recommends that vents and fans be installed in homes with high levels. This work costs about \$1,000. Based on basement readings, the EPA has estimated that perhaps 20 percent of U.S. homes should have radon vents.

"It's just not believable that there are that many homes that need remediation," said Harley.

Based on her study, the true figure would be about 7 percent, she said.

Dr. Randall E. Harris of Ohio State University said Harley's is the first study to attempt to measure personal exposure to radon gas in the home.

"This has implications for lung cancer epidemiology and amounts of radon as a risk factor," he said.

At the EPA, spokeswoman Martha Casey said officials there had not seen Harley's study.

"We certainly are very willing to examine these studies," Casey said. "And we may eventually revise our risk estimate numbers. We are still learning and gathering information on radon."

Harley's study was conducted in 52 houses in DuPage County in Illinois. Family members wore personal monitors, which were developed for the study.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the side effects of Mevacor? I use it to lower my cholesterol level, yet I understand it can affect the eyes.

DEAR READER: Mevacor (lovastatin) is a cholesterol-lowering drug that acts by interfering with the production of low-density lipoproteins, the "bad" cholesterol.

Although most patients tolerate Mevacor without difficulty, the drug causes the following minor side effects in a small percentage of patients: constipation, increased gas, muscle aches, headache, rash and blurred vision.

The major complications of Mevacor are liver inflammation and rhabdomyolysis (breakdown of muscle tissue).

In the first instance, the complication can be monitored by blood tests every four to six weeks. If the tests show persisting (or worsening) abnormalities, Mevacor should be discontinued.

In the second condition, the tissue breakdown causes muscle pain, tenderness and weakness. This can be serious because it can lead to kidney damage. The condition can be diagnosed by a blood test. Rhabdomyolysis is a particular problem if Mevacor is taken with other cholesterol-lowering drugs, such as gemfibrozil and clofibrate, and with erythromycin, an antibiotic. The reason for this dangerous interaction is unknown.

To my knowledge, Mevacor does not cause serious eye problems. However, if your doctor has recommended this treatment, you should question him or her about your concerns. Anybody taking a prescription drug, such as Mevacor, is entitled to complete information about its benefits and risks.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Cholesterol" and "Eating Right For A Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like copies should send \$1.25 for each report along with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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## House gives preliminary OK to liability bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Environmental and consumer groups sharply criticized the House for giving tentative approval to a bill limiting the liability of a manufacturer or seller when their products harm a customer.

On a 110-34 vote, the House passed the business-supported products liability bill. Another House vote is required before it is sent to the Senate for consideration.

"This is the height of arrogance on the part of the House," said Brigid Shea of the group Clean Water Action.

"I don't know what those people were voting on, except their allegiance to Gib Lewis," Ms. Shea said. House Speaker Lewis, D-Fort Worth, was a co-sponsor of the measure.

But Rep. Curtis Seidlits, D-Sherman, said the measure was a balance between consumer and business interests.

## Interest oil spill measure approved by Texas Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers have approved and sent to Gov. Ann Richards legislation that would allow Texas to quickly respond to oil spills.

Richards, who early in her election campaign toured environmentally sensitive areas along the Texas Gulf Coast, "is going to sign that bill," said deputy press secretary Chuck McDonald.

Senators adopted the final compromise plan Wednesday, 29-0, and the House OK'd it 144-0.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said that if the governor signs it into law, "We will have in place immediately a plan for quick response to protect our bays and estuaries."

The legislation would establish a \$25 million coastal protection fund through the assessment of a 2-cent per barrel fee on all crude oil moving through state waters.

The bill designates the General Land Office as the lead agency in responding to spills.

Parker said the land commissioner could double the tax temporarily if there is a disastrous spill.

Also, the first \$5 million in interest on the fund would be ear-

marked for plugging oil wells, "which is a critical need in the oil industry at this time," said Parker.

Senators also voted Wednesday to authorize higher retail credit interest.

The interest rate proposal would raise from 18 percent to 21 percent the maximum finance charge on retail credit accounts but would eliminate annual fees on retail charges or credit cards.

Sen. Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater, won passage of his interest rate proposal after the

Senate rejected his first attempt to suspend rules and consider the bill on final passage. Dickson rounded up three more votes from senators who switched, and the bill was finally sent to the House 19-8.

Dickson said higher interest rates would keep business in Texas.

"Credit in Texas is awful hard to come by. You really can't get a bank loan," Dickson said. "The only way to encourage people to extend credit is to make it a profitable venture for them."

## Scarce use for White House-backed 'training wage' plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Few companies pay the lower minimum "training wage" for teen-agers pushed by the White House, government records show, and some executives accuse Congress of hamstringing the program with red tape.

"It's an administrative nightmare," said John Meritt, senior vice president of public affairs for Hardee's restaurants, where none of the chain's 1,400 outlets use the training wage.

"There's so much bureaucratic registration and verification, you'd have to add three more employees just to do the paperwork. No one wants to do a minute with the federal government," Meritt said.

On Monday, the year-old training wage will increase 27 cents

per hour, to \$3.62, while the minimum wage climbs 45 cents to \$4.25.

Many major employers of young people, including McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken, say they don't use the training wage because it is too restrictive, requires too much paperwork or is irrelevant because competitors are paying the full minimum wage or more.

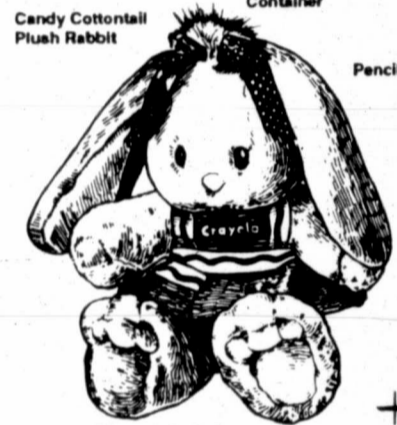
Thousands of businesses are eligible to pay the sub-minimum training wage to first-time workers under age 20.

But only 10 companies have sought Labor Department authorization to use it for the full six months allowed under the law, said Bob De Vore of the agency's wage and hour division.

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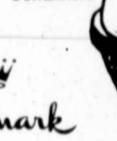
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## Tigers open loop campaign at FHS

The Snyder Tigers, fresh off a 12-6 upset win over Brownwood last Saturday, will begin the 1991 District 2-4A baseball campaign today at 4:30 at Frenship.

The Tigers scored nine runs in the third inning against the Lions, including three on a bases-loaded double by John Wright. "It was our best offensive attack this season," said SHS coach Albert Lewis.

Wright contributed four RBI on a single and a double in the battle, Les Rinehart punched a base hit and a triple and Mark King registered two hits for the Tigers.

In addition, the Tiger defense played without committing an error.

Daniel Espinosa went 2-3 in relief of starter Brian Crawford for the win.

Frenship's last contest was a 14-6 loss to Midland Lee Saturday. The top two FHS pitchers, Storm Murry and B.J. Krier, were touched for 15 hits as the Rebels cooled of the surging Tigers, who are now 14-5.

Krier is expected to take the mound against Snyder Thursday. Coach Lewis' Tigers, 4-13, will counter with Terry Stephens.

Stephens is the lone member of the SHS staff to turn in a complete game this year, beating Brownfield, 5-4, in the Snyder Baseball Tournament, recently.

In other loop games today, Lamesa is at Levelland and Estacado hosts Dunbar.

## SHS thinclads run in weekend meets

### Boys compete at San Angelo Relays

Snyder's boys track team will be one of 85 schoolboy thinclad squads competing in this weekend's 33rd Annual San Angelo Relays.

Also included in this season's field, is a team of 11 Russian high school athletes.

"The San Angelo Relays have long been known as one of the premier high school track and field meets in Texas," said Stormy Kirmey, chairman of the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee.

"The addition of these Russian athletes will further enhance the quality of this meet. We are very excited to welcome these athletes and their coaches to the United States and, specifically, to San Angelo."

The Russian team will represent several schools from Ryazan, a city of about 500,000 people located in Western Russia.

They will compete in Division I of the relays.

Snyder's last outing was an eighth-place finish at last week's Sand Hill Relays in Monahans.

Senior Ed Rios captured first in the high jump for SHS with a meet record 6-6 leap.

His 15.3 time in the 110 meter hurdles was good for third place, as well.

Other area teams slated to compete include Andrews, Big Spring, Brownwood, Frenship, Lamesa, Monahans, Pecos, San Angelo Lake View and Sweetwater.

The meet will run Friday and Saturday at San Angelo Stadium and will be capped off by a concert from country music star Lee Greenwood.

### Seminole slated to host Lady Tigers

The Lady Tiger track team of Snyder High School, fresh off last Saturday's second-place finish at the Monahans Sand Hill Relays, will participate in the Indian Relays at Seminole Saturday.

Snyder copped 126 points to trail just host Monahans' 147 a week ago on the strength of a good showing in field events.

Nicky Riggins took first in the long jump with a 16-4 effort, then turned in a 33-8 triple jump for fourth place.

In addition to Riggins' field event prowess, the SHS track standout was on the relay team that grabbed first in the 800 meters and second in the sprint relay.

The other three-quarters of the group includes Sonya Pennington, Liz Greathouse and Trina Thompson.

Regional qualifiers Vinnie Clay and Katina Brandon wound up taking the top two spots in the discus. Clay's 119-2 was good for the top spot in the meet followed by Brandon's 113-1.

Clay also nabbed third in the shot put with a 36-7 heave that was less than two feet behind Brandon's 38-1/4 second-place toss.

The Lady Tigers will travel to the Cotton Patch Relays in Wall next week before the District 2-4A meet in Levelland April 12-13.

## Sports Shorts

### Minnesota faces NCAA sanctions

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA banned the University of Minnesota football team from postseason play next season and stripped the men's basketball program of one scholarship next year for rules infractions.

The Committee on Infractions said it opted for milder penalties because of several mitigating factors, including the university's own investigation and its efforts to correct the problems on its own.

### Graf claims berth in quarterfinals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Second-seeded Steffi Graf defeated unseeded Monique Javier 6-3, 6-1 to advance to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Women's Hardcourt Championships.

In other second-round matches, third-seeded beat Isabelle Demongeot 6-2, 6-2, sixth-seeded Lori McNeil defeated Patty Fendick 6-4, 6-3, and Eva Vignier beat Pam Shriver 2-6, 7-6 (8-6) 6-3.

### Ladies Golf Association starts play

The Ladies Golf Association at Snyder Country Club will begin this year's activities Tuesday, April 2.

Any member of the country club interested in joining the LGA is invited to meet at 9:45 a.m. that day in the pro shop.

Play is scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

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# Stanford nudges OU for title

NEW YORK (AP) — Although Stanford won the National Invitation Tournament, the Cardinal had to share center stage with Oklahoma coach Billy Tubbs.

Stanford, surviving a 15-0 seven 3-pointers.

Afterwards, Tubbs blasted the three Big East officials who handled the game, sarcastically suggesting they should be required to take a drug test.

"This was one of the most disappointing things that's ever happened to me," Tubbs said of

his two technicals that caused his ejection with 4:38 left in the first half. "I don't think I deserved either one of the technicals. I didn't use profanity and I did not holler. I deserved a better fate."

Tubbs, upset over a no-call when he believed Stanford's Adam Keefe was traveling, was whistled for one technical by referee Mickey Crowley, and the second a few seconds later by Pete Pavia. Neither was available for comment on the first ejection of a coach in the NIT's 53-year history.

"The officials are becoming bigger than the game itself," Tubbs said. "You can control your players, but you have no control over what happens in the game."

The score was tied 26-26 before Stanford got nine points in nine seconds as a result of Tubbs' technicals. Andrew Vlahov hit two free throws for the foul call that stopped play just before Tubbs' ejection, John Patrick made the four technicals and Ammann made it 35-26 with a 3-pointer.

Then Oklahoma (20-15) scored the final 13 points of the first half and went on to take its biggest lead, 46-37, with 17:50 left.

Stanford (20-13) outscored Oklahoma 41-26 the rest of the way, including eight of 12 free throws in the final 1:15 to stay in front.

Ammann was 5-for-10 from 3-point range, while Vlahov had 14 points and 11 rebounds. Patrick scored 13 points and Deshon Wingate had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Keefe, Stanford's leading scorer at 21.8 per game, was held to 12 points, only two in the final 29 minutes. But he was the tournament's Most Valuable Player after scoring 24 points against Massachusetts in the semifinals.

Brent Price scored 26 points and Bryan Sallier had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma.

### Fishing report

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear, 54 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good in the 6-10 pound range in 20 feet of range on pigs and jugs and deep diving bombers; striped are picking up in the 15 pound range on shiny slabs; crappie are improving on live minnows in 6 1/2 feet of water around baited holes and boat stalls; white bass are good under birds on slabs; catfish are good to 12 pounds on rod and reel on Charley B Blood Bait; catfish are good to 30 pounds on trotline baited with cut bait and live bait.

PROCTOR: Water a little off color due to rains, slightly above normal level; black bass are good to 6.5 pounds on worms and spinners; striped are slow; crappie are slow with some males moving into shallow water to build nests; catfish are fair in the 2-3 pound range.

SPENCE: Water clear, 58 degrees, 38 feet low; black bass are slow; striped are fair to 14 pounds on cut shad or live bait; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are fair to 7 pounds on cut shad.

STAMFORD: Water murky, 57 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on worms in the coves amongst the cattails; striped are fair at the hot water outlet on white slabs; crappie are fair also in the cattails; catfish are slow.

TWIN BUTTES: Water clear, 56 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 10 pounds, a good number of 6 pound fish caught on spinners mostly in shallow water; striped are slow; crappie are beginning to hit, limits caught in the 2-3 pound range on minnows in 12 feet of water; white-bass are slow; catfish are good in the 25 pound range on trotlines baited with goldfish and black carp.



9-10 YEAR-OLD ALL-STARS — The Minor League Little Dribbler all-stars from Snyder will take on Levelland in the first round of the regional basketball tournament April 11-13 in Lamesa. Snyder's squad consists of, back row from left, coach Leon Ward, coach Evans Heaton and coach Lee McNair. Middle row from left, Sonny Cumbie, Aaron Stansell, Eric Gard, Jacob Smith and Cory Mandrell. Front row from left, Josh Ward, Justin McNair, Bandy Rollins, Tyler Warren, Sam Bedell, Clell Knight and Jacob Hodges. (SDN Staff Photo)

### Final Four...

## Good guys take on bad guys

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — It's the good guys, Duke and North Carolina, against the bad guys, Kansas and defending NCAA champion UNLV, with college basketball's most cherished prize on the line.

Duke and North Carolina come to the Hoosier Dome for Saturday's national semifinals with spanking clean basketball programs that have been among the most successful in the nation. Between them, the two Atlantic Coast Conference rivals have 19 Final Four appearances, two championships by the Tar Heels and no NCAA problems.

Kansas and top-ranked UNLV have 12 Final Four appearances and three championships. But, the Jayhawks and undefeated Runnin' Rebels, who arrive with a 45-game winning streak, have both had serious problems with those who enforce NCAA regulations.

Kansas has reached its ninth Final Four only three years after Roy Williams took over a program that was banned from defending its NCAA title. The Jayhawkers also were handed

other NCAA sanctions as part of its probation for rules violations under former coach Larry Brown.

"That first season it was difficult in the distractions that we had no control over," Williams said during Wednesday's teleconference of the Final Four coaches.

Williams is surprised the Jayhawks have overcome the sanctions so quickly.

UNLV, meanwhile, is here after the NCAA decided to reverse its decision banning them from this year's tournament while making them ineligible for the 1992 NCAA postseason bash. And there's also the possibility of additional sanctions coming against the Runnin' Rebels for other alleged violations of NCAA rules.

"The ongoing battles (with the NCAA) have been very hard,"

said UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, who is the winningest Division I active coach with a 22-year record of 564-114 (.832). North Carolina's Dean Smith is second with a record of 696-195 (.781) in 29 years.

"It's been very, very difficult, but I've got to the point where I've pretty much got used to it," Tarkanian said. "But it's had a real big effect."

"It's really hurt our recruiting."

"We are a better basketball team than last year," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has his team in the Final Four for the fourth consecutive year and the fifth time in six years. "We have changed our system to take advantage of our quickness. That improved quickness enables us to use more pressure on defense."

## JV Tigers rip Lamesa, 16-9

Snyder's JV baseball team ripped Lamesa, 16-7, in a slugfest Tuesday night at Moffett Field.

The Tigers scored three runs in the opening inning, two in the third, three more in the fourth, added three in the fifth and exploded for five in the sixth to nail down the victory.

Raymond Ware was the winning pitcher in the junior varsity matchup.

Offensive production came from Roland Martinez, who rapped a 3-run homer in the first frame and added a double, a third-inning RBI double and a three-bagger in the top of the sixth that drove in two more.

In all, Snyder pounded 23 hits against Lamesa.

Martinez is hitting .787 for the Tigers on the season trailed by Ware's .571, .500 from Wacy Parks, Brian Lickey's .406 and Jacob Rodriguez with a .400 average.

Five other JV Tigers are hitting over .300 on the campaign.

Snyder has won five games in a row, including 7-6 and 6-5 decisions over Big Spring Friday.

The young Tigers move to 7-5 on the season, thus far.

Their next game is set for Thursday at Sweetwater at 4:30 p.m.

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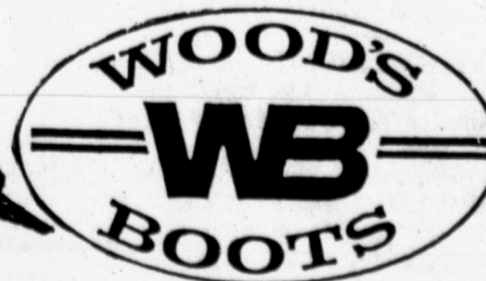
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## News briefs

### Member of New Kids said charged

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — New Kids on the Block lead singer Donnie Wahlberg denied charges he dumped vodka on a hotel carpet and set it on fire. "I didn't even rub two sticks together," the pop star said after his arrest.

Wahlberg, 21, was charged with arson Wednesday and freed on \$5,000 bail after turning himself in. He performed at a sold-out concert Wednesday night.

The singer, who has a reputation as the pop group's "bad boy," denied the charges at a news conference before the show.

"The report is that I ran down the hall pouring vodka all over the place trying to burn the hotel down. ... I never came across any vodka," he said. "I never came across any matches. ... I didn't even rub two sticks together."

He pleaded innocent and was ordered to appear in court on April 11. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years to life in prison.

Wahlberg wore a T-shirt with "Don't Believe the Hype" emblazoned across it at Wednesday night's concert.

"I'm really on top of the world right now. Why would I want to burn a hotel down?" he said. "Where's that going to get me except in jail?"

Fire Chief Russell Sanders said Wahlberg poured a flammable liquid on a rug at the historic Seelbach Hotel and set it on fire early Wednesday.

There were no injuries and only a small patch of a hall carpet was burned.

Sanders said several women hotel guests in their 20s called police to complain that Wahlberg and his entourage were partying with young fans, including pre-teen girls. The fire was in front of the women's room.

Officers arrived around 2:30 a.m. and found the lobby filled with young people, said Sgt. Carl Yates, a police spokesman.

Police said they interviewed 11 girls, 14 to 18 years old, and found no evidence to charge the group members or their crew with any crimes.

Teen-age girls chanted, "Donnie, Donnie. We Love You" after the news conference and shouted obscenities at the police.

Lydia Sherwood, a spokeswoman for Susan Blond Inc., the New Kids' publicity firm, said all New Kids performances will continue as scheduled.

"Donnie Wahlberg has cooperated fully with Louisville, Ky., authorities," she said in a statement. "We feel confident that any charges of wrongdoing will soon be dismissed and that Donnie will be vindicated."

### Police say victim is robbery suspect

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Police Department said the motorist who was beaten on videotape is a suspect in a holdup and the investigation has been turned over to the state attorney general "to avoid any conflict of interest."

Rodney King, who was severely injured by police March 3, is suspected in the Feb. 21 robbery of a San Fernando Valley electronics store in which an employee was shot and wounded, police Cmdr. Rick Dinse said Wednesday.

The holdup occurred in the Foothill Division, the jurisdiction where King, a 25-year-old paroled armed robber, was pulled over for speeding and beaten with nightsticks, kicked and shocked with a stun gun.

Dinse would not say how King was implicated in the armed robbery. He said the Police Department asked the attorney general to investigate.

"In all fairness to Mr. King, we want to avoid any conflict of interest here," Dinse said.

King's attorney, Steven Lerman, said: "My client has not told me of any involvement in the case. We don't know about it."

Meanwhile on Wednesday, Police Chief Daryl F. Gates announced a program to prevent brutality in the department.

Four officers charged in the beating were to appear in court today to receive a trial date. Sgt. Stacey Koon, 40, and Officers Laurence Powell, 28, and Timothy Wind, 30, and Theodore Briseno, 38, were charged with assault and police brutality.

Gates' plan calls for a review of use-of-force policies by a citizen panel headed by former California Supreme Court Justice John Arguelles, whom Gates called "a tough guy."

It also calls for appointment of a senior commander to investigate virtually all uses of force by the department, and development of psychological profiles of all 21 Los Angeles police officers present at the beating, which was videotaped by a bystander and sparked outrage when it was broadcast nationally.

"There is unanimous consensus that there must be a thorough and diligent search for any underlying reasons why those officers engaged in such lawlessness," Gates said.

He also called for "non-lethal alternatives to supplement or perhaps replace the club and pistol." He said a hot line would open Friday to take reports of police abuse.

King and his wife are seeking \$83 million in a claim filed against the city on Tuesday. If the city does not respond within 45 days, King is free to file a lawsuit.

The beating prompted an FBI investigation of the department's Foothill Division and a nationwide Justice Department probe of police tactics.

### High court to consider Dallas case

DALLAS (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider the Dallas redistricting dispute, city officials said.

The full court will consider the case, with a ruling expected by Monday, the city announced Wednesday.

A closed session was scheduled for Friday for the nine justices to consider whether a federal appeals court acted properly in blocking elections under a single-member district plan ordered by U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer.

Voters in Dallas approved a plan allowing 10 council members to be elected from single-member districts and four from quadrants.

A 14-1 election plan, under which council members would be elected from single-member districts and the mayor at large, was ordered by Buchmeyer, who scheduled May elections.

But a panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans cancelled the elections until the court could consider the merits of the case.

Tom Pauken, a proponent of 10-4-1, predicted the Supreme Court would uphold that plan because the majority favors allowing legislative bodies to make such decisions.

However, Roy Williams, a 14-1 advocate, predicted the high court would rule for individual districts, based on the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1965 and racial turmoil in Dallas.

Williams is a co-plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the Dallas city election system. He had taken the appeal first to Justice Antonin Scalia, who oversees the 5th Circuit.

### 'Through Flood and Fire' nominated

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — Rock Album of the Year.

Somebody down in Nashville, Tenn., or up some place else, must have taken Greg and Rebecca Sparks' joking seriously.

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Cease-fire decision...

# Bush disputes Schwarzkopf's account

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says it's up to the four-star general who ran the Gulf War to back up his claim that he had argued for "a battle of annihilation" rather than a cease-fire with Iraq.

"There was total agreement in terms of when this war should end," Bush insisted Wednesday, referring to his Feb. 27 announcement of a conditional halt in the fighting.

Yet, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, the allied commander of Desert Storm, told an interviewer, "Frankly, my recommendation had been, continue the march."

The embarrassing difference of opinion between the commander-in-chief and one of his top commanders was a jarring footnote in the triumphant conclusion to the war against Iraq. Whatever his intent, Schwarzkopf raised pointed questions about Bush's judgment in halting the fighting before Iraqi forces were vanquished.

"It's one of those ones that historians are going to second-guess, you know, forever," Schwarzkopf said in a public television interview. "Why, you know, why didn't we go for one more day versus why did we stop when we did when we had them completely routed?"

In a clear rebuke to Schwarzkopf, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney disputed the general's account.

Cheney said Schwarzkopf and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, were consulted on Feb. 27 and "made the recommendation to me and to the president that we had achieved our military objectives and agreed that it was time to end the campaign."

Further, Cheney said, Schwarzkopf "raised no objection to terminating hostilities."

Asked to explain Schwarzkopf's statement, Bush said, "Go ask him. Go ask him. ... I have such high regard for Gen. Schwarzkopf

that I'll let him explain what he said.

"All I'm talking about is the facts, and Secretary Cheney put the facts out very clearly. It is totally accurate," the president said.

The White House sought to minimize the controversy.

"It's just one of those Washington flaps," presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, adding that Schwarzkopf was not in trouble. "Still a good man, just said the wrong thing."

"He's a great general. He did a great job. But we want to set the record straight," Fitzwater added.

Asked whether the flap would dampen Schwarzkopf's chances of promotion to a fifth star, Fitzwater replied, "That's never been discussed, anyway."

Fitzwater said that on Feb. 27, both Powell and Cheney recommended a cease-fire to Bush.

"The president said, 'Fine, but what does Norm think about this?'" Powell walked over to the president's desk in the Oval Office, picked up the phone and called Schwarzkopf in Saudi Arabia ... and asked if he thought that was feasible and appropriate, and he said 'Yes.' Powell turned around to the president and said, 'Norm says he can handle it,'" Fitzwater said.

In his interview, Schwarzkopf said he had wanted to "continue the march."

"I mean we had them in a rout and we could have continued to, you know, reap great destruction upon them. We could have completely closed the door and made it in fact a battle of annihilation."

The general said Bush's decision "did leave some escape routes open for them to get back out and I think it was a very humane decision and a very courageous decision on his part, also."

In addition, he said, "There were obviously a lot of people who escaped who wouldn't have escaped, if the decision hadn't been made, you know, to stop us where we were at that time."

# Rebels fear famine more than Saddam

ZAKHO, Iraq (AP) — Kurdish rebel leaders in northern Iraq are pleading for the U.S.-led allies to send food, saying they are more worried about starvation than the government's offensive against them.

The rebels also said Wednesday they have asked the allies to allow them to use captured Iraqi warplanes against pro-Saddam forces who they say are massing to retake the northern oil center of Kirkuk, 150 miles north of Baghdad.

Last week, the U.S. military shot down two Iraqi warplanes that were violating the temporary cease-fire agreement that ended the Persian Gulf War.

Saddam loyalists are widely reported to have retaken southern Iraq's major cities from Shiite Muslim rebels and are said to be moving reinforcements northward to confront Kurdish fighters.

Helicopter gunships have been credited with spurring their successes in the south and Kurdish rebel leaders say the gunships are a prime concern.

The rebels in Zakho, a town near the Turkish border, said Saddam Hussein's government is refusing to deliver U.N. food supplies to them and that Turkey and Iran were blocking shipments over their borders.

They said the Iraqis were shelling remaining supply routes from Syria.

"The food situation is very serious. We will face starvation if we don't receive supplies within one month," said Jalal Talabani, who heads the Popular Union of Kurdistan rebel group.

Talabani said messages have been sent to the allied coalition that forced Saddam's forces from Kuwait, pleading that they allow supplies to reach the northern Iraqi region that is part of the Kurd's traditional homeland.

The mountainous homeland extends into Iran, Turkey and Syria, which have in the past joined Iraq in resisting Kurdish separatist movements.

Hunger is also reported severe in southern Iraq, and food riots broke out Wednesday at food distribution points in allied-held Safwan near the Kuwait border. Thousands of refugees were involved.

No major fighting was reported Wednesday in Kurdish-held Iraq, a broad swath across the northeastern mountains that drops down to Kirkuk.

But a statement from the rebel Kurdistan Democratic Party said the Iraqi army was massing forces in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit to launch an attack against Kirkuk, which is 75 miles to the northeast.

The statement, telexed to Nicosia, Cyprus, said more than 1,000 people were killed in the past week in air attacks on the northern cities of Kirkuk, Kefri, Dohuk, Kalar and Tuz Khormatu.

Kurdish and Shiite Muslim rebels have accused the government of using mustard gas and napalm in such attacks in a bid to stifle the insurrection by terrorizing the population.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted refugees as saying scattered clashes continued in southern Iraq, but it appeared the government had the area under control.

Ahmed Barmani, a Talabani aide, said the food and medicine situation in the rebel-held Kurdish region is especially bad because of the U.N. embargo on trade with Iraq ordered by the United Nations over Saddam's seizure of Kuwait.

# Finance bill fails

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Tuesday: reconsidering their earlier rejection of a House school finance plan and adopting it this time. That would send a bill to Gov. Ann Richards for her signature or veto.

The final conference committee plan was similar to the House bill. But the House bill included a lower minimum local property tax rate when the bill is fully implemented, and it allowed more leeway for school districts to enrich their programs.

"We don't like it, but it's better than ... playing chicken with the courts," Parker said.

Rep. Paul Colbert, D-Houston, said, "I think for some of the members, it would fall into the category of you have to be careful of what you pray for, because you might get it."

House Speaker Gib Lewis said he would like to see another try at reform before Monday's Supreme Court deadline, but Parker said lawmakers are "pipe-dreaming" if they think they can quickly come up with a new plan.

Regardless of the court order, Lewis said the state should keep schools open. The next school payments are due near the end of April.

"I am not for schools shutting down, regardless of what the circumstances might be ... I would certainly encourage the controller or anyone else to take whatever measures and whatever steps are necessary to prohibit that from taking place. Even if it means defying the court order, I would say yes," said Lewis, D-Fort Worth.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said he would ask Attorney General Dan Morales to file a motion asking the court for more time. Morales said it would be premature to do that before Monday.

The Texas Supreme Court unanimously ruled unconstitutional the current \$14 billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

Differences in local property wealth now lead to wide disparities in education funding, and the court said poor districts must be equitably funded.

# Arrests recorded by local police

Snyder police made three arrests and worked a minor accident Wednesday.

At 12:31 p.m., a 25-year-old male was arrested at police headquarters on a warrant from Tarrant County and later transported to Big Spring State Hospital.

A 31-year-old male was arrested in the 1400 block of 28th St. for public intoxication and taken to Scurry County Jail.

At 8:19 p.m. in the 2100 block of 9th St., a 45-year-old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated and taken to the county jail.

The day's only accident was reported at 3:13 p.m. in the 1400 block of Ave. I. Involved were a 1983 Ford driven by Argentina Maldonado of 1409 Ave. E and a parked 1985 Oldsmobile owned by Teodora Gutierrez of 1112 14th St.

# Mischief report filed by SO

Scurry County sheriff's office took a report of criminal mischief Wednesday.

At 9:55 a.m., Alefonso Ramos of Hermleigh reported that some criminal mischief had been done to the front door and a window of his residence.

# Fire extinguished

An early morning gas stove fire sent units of Snyder Fire Department to Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

The call came in at just after 1 a.m. today and sent firefighters to the Hwy. 180 business where the small fire was extinguished. No damage to the building or injuries were reported.

# Gulf update

Latest developments in the aftermath of the Persian Gulf War:

□ Troops loyal to Saddam Hussein are reported moving reinforcements into northern Iraq for a confrontation with Kurdish rebels. Pro-Saddam forces are said to have retaken major cities in the south.

□ Rebels opposed to Saddam are pleading for the U.S.-led allies to send them food. Some say they're more worried about starvation than the government's offensive against them.

□ In Safwan, on the Kuwaiti border, refugees in a makeshift camp went on a rampage Wednesday when trucks carrying food arrived from Saudi Arabia.

Elderly women were screaming and children were wailing as hundreds of people stormed the trucks and fought for meal packages thrown into the streets.

"We tried to be organized," said a Saudi military officer, "but the people are just too hungry. They see the food and they go crazy."

□ President Bush says he doesn't think Saddam Hussein will survive the turmoil in his country. He told reporters Wednesday, "We'll wait and see how it plays out, but I think we'd have to put him down as fairly doubtful at this point."

The president added: "People are fed up with him. They see him for the brutal dictator he is."

# Once called firetrap...

# Fire destroys U.S. embassy in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Fire engulfed most of the U.S. Embassy today, forcing more than 400 diplomats and other employees to flee the 10-story building that a congressional delegation once called a firetrap.

One Marine guard was treated for smoke inhalation, according to embassy spokesman James Bullock. Several Soviet firefighters apparently also suffered respiratory problems. But no other injuries were reported.

Flames emerged from the building's eighth floor and antennae-covered roof, and the top six floors appeared heavily damaged. A dense cloud of black and gray smoke rose above the building, which is less than a mile from the Kremlin.

Eight hours after the blaze began, Bullock said the fire had been put out.

The embassy is an ornate brick-and-plaster building on Tchaikovsky Street. It adjoins a new U.S. Embassy and apartment compound whose diplomatic offices have never been used because U.S. officials say they have been unable to remove electronic listening devices the Soviets planted there during construction.

The structure, which has housed the U.S. Embassy since 1953, has been the scene of two previous fires — a minor blaze in one room in 1988 and a serious fire that ravaged the top floors of the embassy building in August 1977.

The 1977 fire was particularly bad, officials said, because then-Ambassador Malcolm Toon refused to permit Soviet firefighters to enter the top-security embassy communications centers and some of its most sensitive work areas.

In today's fire, Bullock said the alarm sounded at 10:15 a.m. and that everyone inside the building was quickly evacuated. Soviet firefighters were granted immediate access to the interior, Bullock said.

Several embassy employees said the fire began in an elevator shaft that was being renovated by American workers.

Although U.S. officials declined to comment about how embassy operations were affected, the fire appeared serious and likely to close sections of the building for a long time.

Smoke was seen coming out of the residential wing of the building, but the extent of damage there was unknown. Bullock said emigration documents in the north section of the embassy were not damaged.

The structure has been the

source of controversy for several years.

Two members of Congress said in April 1987 that the building was "a firetrap and unsafe by accepted standards for general working conditions."

A major renovation was under way when the fire broke out. Embassy employees have described difficult conditions trying to work in the deteriorating structure during the overhaul.

The blaze occurred during a tense standoff outside the Kremlin.

Police deployed by the central government faced demonstrators supporting Russian republic leader Boris N. Yeltsin, who was being challenged in the Russian legislature by supporters of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Bullock said the cause of the fire had not been determined, but an employee, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it appeared to be an electrical fire that broke out near the elevator shaft.

# Deer Park ISD trims a third of its teachers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Deer Park school district, fearing it will be the biggest losers in a school finance plan, has told 28 percent of its teachers that they won't have jobs next year.

Just before spring break, school officials notified 176 of its 632 teachers, including all first- and second-year teachers with one-year contracts, that their contracts would not be renewed, said Allen Lewis, spokesman for the Deer Park Independent School District.

Extensions for administrators and teachers with two- and three-year contracts were withheld in case further reductions are necessary, he said.

Although the state House rejected a school finance plan Wednesday, Lewis said teachers won't immediately be rehired.

The vote "was wonderful news, but the question of school equity funding is still up in the air," he said. "We won't know what to do until the Legislature is through."

Lewis said the district hoped to tell teachers "something definite" about their futures before the school closes for the summer.

State law requires teachers to be notified by April 1 if their contracts are not to be renewed.

Under the plan rejected by the House, Deer Park would have lost \$1,483 of the \$5,321 now being spent per student when the plan was fully phased-in by 1995.

Even if the district had raised its tax rate from 91 cents per \$100 valuation to \$1.50 — the maximum allowed under the plan — it would have still generated \$1 million less than the \$52 million in the current budget, officials said.

Deer Park, a suburban Houston school district, pays the highest average teacher salary in the state. But the \$32,000 is the national average salary, educators said.

# Obituaries


## Johnny Harry

1939-1991  
SLATON — Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at the Englund's Funeral Home Chapel for Johnny L. Harry, 51, who died Wednesday in Lubbock's West Texas Hospital. Burial will follow in Englewood Cemetery.

He was a former resident of Snyder, moving to Slaton in 1962. He was born in Sulphur Springs.

Survivors include his stepfather, J.M. Breland of Slaton; and a brother, Ray Harry of Lubbock.

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# First City names C. Ivan Wilson chairman

HOUSTON (AP) — Longtime Corpus Christi banker and civic leader C. Ivan Wilson is assuming the chairmanship of First City Bancorporation of Texas today after the board voted to oust A. Robert Abboud from the slot.

The First City board on Wednesday determined "a change in senior management would best facilitate the company's ongoing capital program and operating needs."

Abboud, the former chairman of First Chicago Corp., had been touted as the savior for the troubled Houston-based holding company when he assumed command in 1988. He headed a \$1.5 billion recapitalization of the

company, the largest investor-led bailout in U.S. history.

But the company has stumbled badly in recent quarters and critics have blamed Abboud for the troubles.

Wilson, who has a 35-year history with First City, is known for his levelheaded fiscal conservatism and his community pride. Banking analysts say he faces "an impossible task" in his

new role as chairman and chief executive officer. But Wilson, 63, remains undaunted.

"I wouldn't be there if I felt I couldn't make a difference," Wilson told the Corpus Christi

Caller-Times.

Wilson, who most recently served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of First City, Texas-Corpus Christi, will retain his position with the Corpus Christi bank and plans to commute between Corpus Christi and Houston.

Wilson said he was surprised when board members proposed Monday that he take over because "it is well known in the company that I am a Corpus Christian." But he said it didn't take long for him to accept.

Wilson, immediate past chairman of the Texas Bankers Association, has served in leader-

ship roles on various American Bankers Association committees. Among his many civic leadership roles, Wilson is a past chairman of the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, past president of Del Mar College Board of Regents, United Way chairman and even played King Alonso XXXVI during the 1989 Buccaneer Days celebrations.

In December, the board increased Wilson's responsibilities to include First City's San Antonio and McAllen operations in addition to overseeing its Corpus Christi and Alice banks.

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## Police say fibers link man to Dallas mutilation slayings

DALLAS (AP) — Blanket fibers link a 57-year-old carpenter to the mutilation slayings of at least two prostitutes whose faces were slashed and eyes removed, officials said.

Police officials said during an examining trial Wednesday that fibers on the bodies of Mary Lou Pratt and Shirley Williams matched fibers from a blanket found in the back of Charles F. Albright's pickup truck.

Albright remained at Lew Sterrett Justice Center in lieu of \$250,000 bond on an attempted murder charge, a Dallas County sheriff's officer said. Albright was arrested Friday on the charge of trying to kill a prostitute.

Albright also faces two capital murder charges in the deaths of Ms. Pratt and Ms. Williams, said a spokeswoman for the Dallas County district attorney's

records section.

Ms. Pratt was killed Dec. 13 and Ms. Williams died on March 19.

Detective Stan McNear also said hairs that appeared to be Ms. Williams' were found on the blanket and Albright's hair was found on the woman's body.

Brad Lollar, Albright's attorney, called the evidence against Albright "weak," adding that his client is innocent.

"He has steadfastly denied any involvement in the deaths of any of these women," Lollar said.

Detectives said both women — along with Susan Peterson, whose body was found Feb. 10 — were shot in the back of the head and mutilated with "surgical skill."

"The victims' eyes were all removed," McNear said. "They all had cuts on their faces and there were cuts on the sides of

their eyes."

The women's bodies were found dumped on residential streets in the southeast Oak Cliff section of Dallas.

Dallas County sheriff's officers said a third capital murder charge was expected against Albright, 57, in connection with Ms. Peterson's slaying when the detective assigned to the case returns from vacation next week.

Albright was identified as a suspect in the series of mutilation-slayings after investigators Friday searched his home.

Albright was arrested Friday on the allegation he tried to kill Veronica Rodriguez on the same day and in the same vicinity that Ms. Pratt's body was found.

Some neighbors said they were surprised by the arrest of Albright, a carpenter. Lupe Camero, one neighbor, called Albright a "sweet person" who often cooked in his back yard and tended his flower garden.

## Reserve homeport backed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon plans to recommend soon that a reserve fleet be berthed at Naval Station Ingleside, ending months of speculation about the future of the Texas homeport, an official says.

Construction to complete the homeport near Corpus Christi has been stalled for more than a year as the Defense Department considers base closings and realignments nationwide to meet its shrinking budget.

Although a reserve facility would draw far fewer people to the Corpus Christi area than a strategic homeport, a decision on its role as part of a scaled-down Navy would end months of uncertainty in the community.

Brad Arvin, homeport coordinator for the Homeport Steering Council in Ingleside, said Wednesday that he expects a decision on the naval station when Defense Secretary Dick Cheney announces a list of bases to be closed and realigned.

Cheney's recommendations are to be submitted to the independent, bipartisan Base Closure and Realignment Commission by April 15.

"We feel reasonably confident that the Defense Department will announce a mission for Naval Station Ingleside (at that time) and that mission will be primarily reserves," Arvin said.

## Chairman testifies against new train

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed "bullet train" could jeopardize the state's airline system without presenting a transportation alternative to carry Texas into the future, Southwest Airlines Chairman Herb Kelleher said during hearings on the proposed \$5 billion rail project.

"The high-speed rail applicants in this case propose a system which would threaten to devastate Texas' intrastate transportation system," Kelleher told the Texas High Speed Rail Authority on Wednesday.

More air flights at lower cost are offered in Texas than anywhere else in the world, Kelleher said.

But if the "bullet" train system succeeds, Dallas-based Southwest might be forced to move elsewhere, causing a loss of jobs and facilities "far in excess of what high-speed rail might bring," he said.

"It runs contrary to the entire 20th century thrust of transportation, which is faster and cheaper, rather than slower and more expensive, and would make Texas a train state instead of an airplane state," Kelleher said.

## Officials investigating calls from Iraqi-owned building in America

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities are attempting to determine if a Houston company owned by an Iraqi family attempted to find out about the U.S. response to the invasion of Kuwait, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

In a copyright story, the newspaper said the company made telephone calls to the U.S. Air Force counterintelligence headquarters and other military bases.

Officials say they don't know why telephone calls were placed from the offices of IBI Industries to the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, but they suggest that someone was trying to find out about the U.S. response to Iraq invading its neighbor.

IBI Industries was established by Ihsan Barbouti, who U.S.

authorities said was involved in the design of a chemical weapons plant at Rabta, Libya.

Barbouti and his eldest son, Haidar, have been accused of exporting technology with potential military applications to Libya and possibly Iraq.

Ihsan Barbouti reportedly died in London in July, before the Aug. 2 invasion. Haidar Barbouti continued to operate IBI.

On Aug. 1, a 6½-minute call was made from IBI offices to OSI headquarters at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C., according to Southwestern Bell records, the newspaper reported.

A 13½-minute call was made to the same location from the IBI office on Aug. 3. It was followed on Aug. 17 by a 9½-minute call, and on Aug. 21 by a 26-minute call, the newspaper reported.

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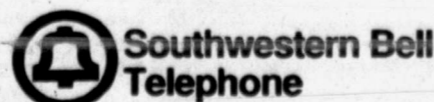
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("Southwestern Bell") submitted an application on January 4, 1991 to the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") requesting that the central office-based PBX/type service market be declared subject to significant competition pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule §23.27. If this proposal is approved, Southwestern Bell intends to provide service to this market segment via its PLEXAR-Custom service, which provides for contractual rates and charges to be based on an individual customer-specific basis.

PLEXAR-Custom is a central office-based service which provides switched voice and/or data communications similar to a customer-premises PBX. PLEXAR-Custom service is currently being provided on an individual customer-specific basis via Southwestern Bell's Customer Specific Pricing Plan Tariff for central office-based telecommunications systems of 200 stations or more. If Southwestern Bell's application is approved, the PLEXAR-Custom service tariff will be revised to also include central office-based telecommunications systems which require between 75 and 200 stations.

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Persons who wish to intervene, protest, or comment on this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by June 21, 1991 at 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. You may also call the Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf. Please refer to this matter in all correspondence as Docket No. 9960.



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# Walter Mears: an issue in one word — quotas

WASHINGTON (AP) — When a complex, controversial issue can be boiled down to a single word, the politicians who can use it to advantage have a powerful campaign weapon.

In 1992 the word may be quotas, and the people using it would be Republicans.

That tactic got a start in the last campaign, after President Bush vetoed the 1990 civil rights bill on grounds it would lead to minority quotas in job hiring and promotions. His veto was barely upheld, by one vote in the Senate.

Now the bill is back. Democratic leaders say it will pass the House this spring and Senate approval is likely later. That points to a rerun of last year, since the administration hasn't budged. There has been talk of a compromise, but no real effort to fashion one.

The Democrats say the civil rights measure doesn't involve job quotas but affirmative action, and that the measure is

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essential to undo six 1989 Supreme Court rulings limiting job bias cases.

"It isn't a quota bill; it wasn't last year and it won't be this year," said Senate Majority Leader George J. Mitchell, D-Maine.

But a Democratic pollster said his research shows that to many voters, there's no difference between affirmative action and reverse discrimination. Geoffrey D. Garin said that poses a problem for progressive candidates any time the issue is raised.

"Quotas ... are illegal, but if you can characterize it that way,

you can turn public opinion against a piece of legislation," said Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, D-Mo., the House majority leader.

To counter that disadvantage, Garin said, Democrats need to demonstrate that they are aggressively supporting the interests of middle-class Americans.

He based his assessment on a survey of Louisiana voters who supported David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klansman, against Democratic Sen. J. Bennett Johnston in the last election.

Garin said the survey found that Duke was able to capitalize on the resentment of Democrats who felt that their party had forgotten the interests of middle-class working people on matters like taxes, costly welfare programs, education and health

costs. "But progressive politicians must take seriously the breadth of perceptions in Louisiana that affirmative action has become the functional equivalent of reverse discrimination," Garin said. "... Even the strongest supporters of racial inclusion and the strongest opponents of racial discrimination must be forthcoming about their distaste for reverse discrimination."

That's doubly difficult when the debate is reduced to political

shorthand, as it is likely to be on the civil rights measure being readied for House action.

One reason is the bill's complexity. Drafted to deal with Supreme Court rulings, it is in the language of lawyers. It deals with questions of motivation, business need, punitive damages, hiring criteria and the burden of proof for showing job discrimination against women or racial minorities.

The court held that a person charging discrimination would

have to show that a requirement they could not meet, such as an employment test or a high school diploma, wasn't directly related to the work involved.

Mitchell said the bill would impose no unfair burden on employers. "It puts workers and employers on an even legal basis before the courts when they are disputing the facts of the workplace," the Senate leader said when he put the measure on his priority agenda.

## New technology expected to aid INS' next century

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A new computer system operated by the 100-year-old Immigration and Naturalization Service will help Texans trace their roots through the nation's second largest immigration site.

Galveston, considered the gateway to the Southwest, at the turn of the century was second only to Ellis Island in the number of immigrants passing through the port. On Wednesday, local, state and federal officials turned out to mark INS' centennial, induct 86 new citizens and unveil the computer database at the Texas Seaport Museum.

"We go through life dealing with government agencies in this day and time, some pleasant and some not," said U.S. District Judge James DeAnda, chief of the Southern District of Texas who presided over the citizenship ceremonies.

"But the Immigration and Naturalization Service is the first government agency with whom our new immigrants have any

dealings, and the last agency they deal with when they obtain their citizenship further along in their lives. I think it's an agency that's efficient, but with that efficiency has a degree of compassion and understanding. People are left with feeling very comfortable about the way our government operates."

The INS was created 100 years ago this month with the signing of a law by President Benjamin Harrison.

Galveston is among several ports this year being cited for important roles in the history of immigration of people into the United States. In particular, INS Commissioner Gene McNary said the agency was hoping to recognize the importance of seaports that subsequently have been displaced by airports as entrances into the country.

"The subject of immigration is rapidly rising on the world's agenda," McNary said. "People are on the move, and the INS is going to have to be efficient.

"Because our nation is this melting pot, we kind of have an edge going into this 21st century. We're already a nation of different peoples."

"I'm proud to be in this nostalgic setting," McNary told the new citizens as he spoke to them from the deck of the refurbished tall sailing ship Elissa, moored at the Galveston waterfront.

"We think it's significant because of the Galveston tradition as a seaport for thousands of immigrants into this country."

The new computer database, located at the museum where the Elissa is docked, holds the names of 50,000 immigrants who came through Galveston beginning in the 1840s. When historians finish the project later this year, they hope to have some 150,000 names on file in computers.

"It will provide significant tools to those interested in researching family histories, the history of this great state of ours and this country," said U.S. Rep. Jack Brooks, D-Texas.

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