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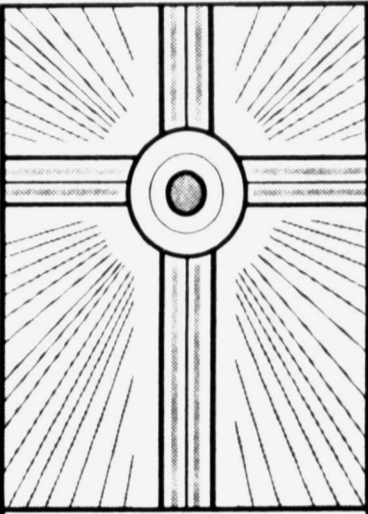
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## Ask Us

Q—What is the status of the situation at the old Texaco station at 37th and College? Are they still getting gasoline from the test well?

A—City officials say they are still waiting to hear from the Texas Water Commission. Meanwhile, they continue to take pure to near-pure gasoline from the test well on a daily basis.



# HAPPY EASTER

## Local

### Band boosters

Band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

### Grand Jury

A Scurry County grand jury is expected to hear some 16 cases as it meets at 9 a.m. Monday for its April session at the county courthouse.

### Teaff here

Grant Teaff, Baylor University head football coach and a native of Snyder, will be at First Baptist Church Sunday to teach a children's class and will give his testimony during worship service at 10:45 a.m.

### Commissioners

Scurry County commissioners will accept bids for a copy machine for the county clerk's office and approve an insurer for liability insurance on county vehicles during their 10 a.m. meeting Monday at the county courthouse.

### Jaycees

The Snyder Jaycees Installation and Awards Banquet will be held Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Special guests will be Larry Latham and Marvin Longabaugh.

Tickets are \$10 per person and include a meal and dance.

### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 62 degrees; low, 39 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 39 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 1.64 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday: becoming mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms. High around 60. East to southeast wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Saturday night: decreasing cloudiness becoming fair by midnight. Low in the mid 30s. East wind 5-15 mph. Sunday: mostly sunny and warmer. High in the mid 50s.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 7:02 p.m. Sunrise Sunday, 6:34 a.m. Sunset Sunday, 7:02 p.m. Sunrise Monday, 6:33 a.m.



# SUNDAY

# Snyder Daily News

## WTC announces cutbacks Budget crunch prompts personnel moves

Western Texas College has responded to an anticipated budget crunch at both the state and local levels by planned budget adjustments for 1991-92.

A predicted drop in state funding and continuing decline in Scurry County oil values, coupled with new expenditures expected in next year's budget, have led WTC administrators to make cutbacks involving some personnel, Dr. Harry Krenek, president, said Friday.

The moves involve several faculty contracts and a proposed cut in salary monies allocated to the county museum. Law requires the college to inform those affected by April 1.

"There are several reasons we've decided to do this," said Dr. Krenek. "House Bill 10 has passed the appropriations committee and gone to the full House. It is our understanding that under this bill, WTC would lose approximately \$175,000 to \$200,000 in state funding next year. The second factor is the report we heard the other day (from Thomas Y. Pickett, mineral valuation firm) that values would probably drop back to near the 1989 values. At best, this means that we will not have additional funds for new costs."

The expected new costs include \$150,000 to \$200,000 for a central computer system; \$100,000 to \$120,000 for a "hoped-for" cost of living raise; and approximately \$50,000 toward the expected expansion of the college into the prison unit near Abilene in the summer of 1992.

"We also anticipate an increase in our adult vocational department as we begin in May to teach correctional officer classes in Abilene," Dr. Krenek noted.

Western Texas will receive income in the form of tuition from the officer classes and college classes at the prison unit, but will not receive state money from those endeavors until the 1993-94 school year.

With those expenses in mind, administrators have decided to make the following cutbacks for 1991-92:

—Consolidate into fewer instructional divisions by having Social Science absorb the Science Department and combining the Agriculture Department into the vocational division. The Health and Physical Education Department will be consolidated with Fine Arts. The two division

chairs affected by the changes — Science and H/PE — will become classroom positions, teaching.

—Reduce the length of contract for five faculty members and one student services staff member from 10 months to nine months.

—Discontinue the positions of director of publicity, men's assistant basketball coach, and assistant superintendent of grounds maintenance, positions where current staff members have in-

dicated they will retire or resign at the end of the school year.

—Change the status of one person in the music department from full-time to part-time.

—Limit the number of classes to be offered in the summer semester.

—Limit the number of extension centers the college will attempt to serve.

Those moves are expected to (see CUTBACKS, page 12A)

## Coach search ongoing

A committee to interview candidates for the vacated men's basketball coaching position at Western Texas College has conducted one interview and has scheduled several others, Gay Hickman, vice president of business and finance, has said.

The committee has interviewed Dave Shepherd, an assistant at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, and will be talking with other candidates Monday and Tuesday.

The committee has been asked to make its recommendation to the board of trustees during an April 8 meeting.

Other candidates include Kelly Green, head coach at Frank Phillips College; Jeff Menday, former head coach at Salt Lake Community College; and Phillip Taylor, an assistant coach at Belleville Area College in Illinois.

In addition, the committee is in the process of contacting a junior college coach in Michigan, an NIAA coach in Missouri and a junior college coach in Alabama to schedule interviews.

Hickman, a member of the committee, said that the candidates were pared from a list of about 30 who applied for the job.

"We have had some good inquiries, including some strong contenders from high schools. But we felt we had enough who have had good college experience and we wanted that experience if we could get it," Hickman said.

Western Texas began seeking applicants when Tony Mauldin resigned March 12 to accept the men's position at Abilene Christian University.

Mauldin had directed the Westerners for four years.

Also on the selection committee are Dave Foster, athletic director; Dr. Duane Hood, dean of student services; Carl Williams, a member of the board of trustees; and Dr. Gil Fleer, chairman of the college's athletic committee.



EASTER BUNNY VISITS — Children from Kids Kampus were treated to an Easter egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny last week in Towle Park. Pictured with the famous hare are Jessica Odom, left, and Stephanie Grant. (SDN Staff Photo)

## 'Spring Roundup' set at local schools

The Snyder elementary school Spring Roundup is scheduled for April 8 through 10, allowing pre-registration for kindergarten and the four-year-olds program for the 1991-92 school year.

Parents are encouraged to bring their child, since screening of students is part of the procedure. Children currently enrolled in the program for four-year-olds do not need to pre-register at this time.

Children may be eligible for the program for four-year-olds if they reach four years of age by Sept. 1, 1991. They must also qualify for free/reduced lunches or speak a language other than English. Children who will be five by Sept. 1, 1991, are eligible for kindergarten. Also, any child

who has not previously attended public school, but who will reach six years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1991, should pre-register at this time.

Screening tests will also be given to any three-year-old child suspected of having a delay in the areas of motor development, language development or intellectual development.

In accordance with state law, a valid birth certificate must be presented during pre-registration. Hospital certificates and baptismal records are not acceptable. An immunization record should also be presented. All children must be immunized for polio, DPT, Rubella, mumps and measles (see ROUNDUP, page 12A)

## Junior high orientation set Thursday

Orientation for sixth grade students who will be entering seventh grade at Snyder Junior High School during the 1991-92 school year will be held Thursday.

Orientation will begin at 7 p.m. at the junior high school building. A brief overview of the junior high program and registration procedures will be discussed. Also, teachers from each elective department will discuss their respective departments.

Administrators will be available to answer questions and students and parents will be able to tour the building and view the facilities.

All students and parents are encouraged to attend.

## In South...

# Thunderstorms kill 23

by The Associated Press

Violent thunderstorms that raged through the South, and bad weather elsewhere, were blamed for at least 23 deaths and the presumed drowning of a North Carolina man swept away by a swollen creek the night before he was to be married.

Georgia and Alabama were among states hardest hit by storms that stretched from eastern Texas, across Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi and northeast into North Carolina and Virginia late on Thursday and early Friday.

In North Carolina, 28-year-old Saul White Jr. disappeared after a car his fiancée was driving slid off a wet road in Davidson County Friday night.

Authorities were searching for him early Saturday.

Three deaths were blamed on high wind in Alabama. In Arkansas, seven children and a driver died when a vehicle skidded off a dirt road made slippery by heavy rain. In Mississippi, one person was killed on a highway in blinding rain and two crewmen died when a tugboat capsized in high wind.

In South Carolina, two people were killed when their car hydroplaned on a wet road and slammed into a tractor-trailer truck near Great Falls, authorities said. A 66-year-old man and his 21-year-old son were killed when winds toppled a tree onto their car as they traveled along a highway near Ridgeland.

A twin-engine Cessna plane crashed Friday into a mesa at Mesa Verde National Park south of Cortez, Colo., during a snowstorm, killing a couple and their three daughters ages 12, 8 and 3, Montezuma County officials said.

Thunderstorms packing winds up to 74 mph made two passes over central and northern Alabama before dawn Friday, killing three people, injuring at least 20 and leaving a trail of wreckage.

At Munford, Ala., three members of one family were killed when the wind tore up mobile homes.

Alabama Power Co. reported 47,000 customers without electricity because of trees and power lines knocked down, and a company spokesman said it was impossible to say when most of the service would be restored.

In Mississippi, two crew members on a tugboat disappeared Friday in the Biloxi Ship Channel when their vessel capsized while moving a ship to safe harbor during turbulent weather, authorities said. Diving teams found the bodies later in the day.

Elsewhere in Mississippi, a highway bridge buckled and gave way early Friday, said Claiborne County Sheriff Frank Davis.

In rural north-central Arkansas, a four-wheel-drive vehicle crowded with teen-agers on a fun ride after a family cookout slid off a curve late Thursday on a rain-slickened dirt road and overturned in 6 feet of water in a ditch.

Eight of the 11 people on board — the driver, 33, and seven children ranging in age from 11 to 15 — were killed.

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The trouble with giving advice is that people want to repay you."

The first quarter of 1991 is just about over, and the economy has run only second to the Persian Gulf war in terms of topics of conversation.

Shirley Carthel, a former SDN advertising representative, brought us the following article. It's been around for a long time, but its message about a hot dog vendor remains timely.

"There was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold hot dogs. He was hard of hearing so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes, so he read no newspapers. But he sold good hot dogs.

"He put signs on the highways telling how good his hot dogs were. He stood on the side of the road and told about his tasty hot dogs.

"People bought. The hot dog vendor increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his increased business. He finally got his son home from college to help out.

"His educated son informed his father about

the big depression. He was told the European situation was terrible, and the domestic situation was worse.

"Since the son had been to college, was well-read and informed, the father concluded that the son should know about the future of their hot dog stand.

"So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and he no longer bothered to stand out on the highways to sell his hot dogs.

"His hot dog sales fell almost overnight.

"You are right, son, we certainly are in the middle of hard times."

It's true that we often make our own hard times.

A lawyer told us this one, but you can insert any occupation:

Do you know what a lawyer uses for birth control?

His personality.

# Gen. Schwarzkopf apologizes to Bush

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — There are no disgruntled bears in Saudi Arabia, only at the Kuwait Zoo.

That's a scoop, said Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of allied forces in the Gulf War whose resemblance to the large lumbering animal earned him the nickname "Bear."

Roused from his well-defended lair in the Saudi capital on Friday, the 6-foot-3, 240-pound architect of the allied victory over Iraq gave the Bear's definitive version of how the war ended and tried to crush the first serious controversy over its conduct.

With faxes from Friday's U.S. papers calling him everything from a warmonger to a political opportunist rattling his cage, Schwarzkopf apparently had enough.

He denounced media mudslingers who "come climbing out from under the rocks" after every war "and try to dishonor the great job that everyone's done."

The blunt-speaking general gave a four-star public apology to President Bush for his inappropriate choice of words in a TV interview, which made it seem like he was second-guessing him on Gulf War policy. Schwarzkopf said he backed his commander-in-chief 100 percent.

Schwarzkopf had already apologized privately to the president in a telephone call Thursday. Bush told him to forget the controversy.

"Since he's my boss ... I'm going to forget it," Schwarzkopf said.

But will the flap fade into the footnotes of history?

It stems from Schwarzkopf's suggestion during an interview with David Frost that Bush halted offensive operations prematurely, a sensitive issue because of the continuing attempts by Iraqi rebels to topple President Saddam Hussein.

The general said history would second-guess Bush for calling a cease-fire on Feb. 27, which opened an escape route for retreating Iraqi forces.

"Frankly, my recommendation had been to continue the march," the general told Frost in the interview broadcast Wednesday on public television stations.

On Friday, Schwarzkopf said if he could do the interview over again he would change the word "recommend" to "we initially

planned" because "we initially planned to do one thing."

That was the only tantalizing reference to another plan.

The general had been talking to Frost about making the Iraqi rout "a battle of annihilation."

But he sped out of the hotel before anyone could ask where the march would have ended.

## 85-year term given in death of man's son

HOUSTON (AP) — A 29-year-old Houston man was sentenced to 85 years in prison for failing to get medical care for his 5-month-old son, who fell or was placed in a tub filled with scalding water.

Jurors also fined Patrick Wayne Babers \$10,000 in the death of D'Angelo DeWayne "D.D." Washington.

The baby died on Sept. 29, 1989, 39 hours after he suffered burns over 40 percent of his body in the scalding water. He never was taken to a doctor for medical treatment.

Babers claimed the child never cried in pain or showed signs of being badly injured.

Police detectives said Babers told them his son somehow pulled a pot of hot water onto himself.

On the witness stand Babers gave a different version. He said he was about to wash linen in the bathtub and had his son in a car seat on the lid of the commode next to the bathtub. He said he left to talk on the telephone and returned to find the baby in the water.

### Senior Center Menu

- MONDAY**  
Closed for holiday.
- TUESDAY**  
Braised Ham w/Cherry Sauce  
Cabbage Wedge  
Great Northern Beans  
Celery-Carrot-Raisin Salad  
Oatmeal Cookies
- WEDNESDAY**  
Barbecued Chicken  
Potato Salad  
Pinto Beans  
Coleslaw  
Apricot Pudding
- THURSDAY**  
Beef Fritter w/Cream Gravy  
Whole Kernel Corn  
Blackeye Peas  
Tomato Wedges  
Apple Turnover
- FRIDAY**  
Fried Fish  
Parslied Potatoes  
Peas & Carrots  
Lettuce Wedge  
Spice Cake

### Activities listed at Senior Center

Senior citizens born in April are invited to celebrate their birthdays at a party in the Senior Center at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The party is hosted by McDonald's each month and the refreshments and games are provided by the host.

The center will be closed all day Monday for the Easter holiday.

Hoss Clayton and his band will provide musical entertainment in the center in a program starting at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Kitchen Band will perform at Snyder Nursing Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Sunshine Choir will meet for a rehearsal at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The Sing Along, featuring favorite songs, starts at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Senior citizens who have accumulated volunteer honors during the past year will be recognized at a banquet planned for April 12. A record of volunteer hours is kept in the office and volunteers need to check with the office to be sure their records are up to date.

Call 573-4035 for more information.

### Public Records

**Warranty Deeds**  
American Federal Bank FSB of Dallas to Lyndia S. Allen, et al, Lot 2, Block 1 of Highland Terrace addition.

John Keachey Jr. to Russell Jones Jr., Lots 11 and 12, Block 11 of Boothland addition.

Gloria Ruth Chaney, as individual executrix of the estate of William C. Sheldon, to Ruth Sheldon, Tract One: Lots 21-24, Block 26 of Belmont Park Heights addition; Tract Two: Lots 1-4, Block 26 of Belmont Park addition.

Helen Tate, et al, to Teresa L. Smith Phillips, Lot 12, Block F of Highland addition.

James Phillip Tate, et al, to Helen Tate, Tract One: the south one-half of Lot 2, Block 10 of Blakenship addition; Tract Two: Lot 7, Block G of Highland Park addition; Tract Three: Lot 4, Block G of Highland Park addition.

Lois B. Leech to William H. Blagg, et ux, Lot 39, Block 2 of Park Place addition.

Irene C. Preuitt to H.F. Clark, et ux, a tract of land in Survey 184, Block 3 of H&GN survey.

### Back surgery was free

GRETNNA, La. (AP) — Louisiana rhythm and blues legend Clarence "Frogman" Henry received an unusual gift from a fan — free back surgery.


During Mardi Gras, Henry's ruptured disc worsened to the point that he had to sing and play the piano from a wheelchair.

Neurosurgeon Frank Culicchia volunteered to help when he learned the Frogman had no health insurance.

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## FmHA seeks eligible persons as area committee nominees

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is inviting eligible farmers in Fisher and Scurry Counties to become nominees for election to the FmHA area committee. The committee assists the county office in determining the eligibility of applicants for certain types of FmHA loans.

Farmers who have their principal farming operation within the county or area in which the election is being held, who derive the principal part of their income from farming and who are not FmHA borrowers, are eligible to be nominated.


If you are personally interested or want information on how to nominate someone, call the FmHA office at 915-735-3609.

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# Prosecutor reviews evidence in case

DALLAS (AP) — Facts under review in the disabling attack on a prominent minister's wife may help prosecutors either bring charges in the case or close the file, a newspaper reported Friday.

FBI agents and police asked prosecutors this week to re-examine all evidence in the 1987 attack on Peggy Railey and conclude whether a criminal case can be made against anyone, The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story.

Mrs. Railey suffered permanent brain damage in the attack April 21, 1987. She is unable to

talk, work or take care of herself and her two young children.

Her husband, the Rev. Walker Railey, then senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dallas, is the key suspect, police have said.

No criminal charges ever have been filed, and Railey has denied wrongdoing. But Mrs. Railey was awarded \$18 million in a civil lawsuit against her husband.

"I'm considering all of the evidence to see whether or not there's a case," said Norman Kinne, first assistant district attorney, adding that he saw a 2½-hour presentation by the FBI and

police on their investigations.

"Everything ... I saw or heard (in the presentation), I had seen or heard before, but not necessarily in the order in which it was presented," Kinne told the newspaper.

The presentation by authorities Wednesday included charts, graphs, timelines and photo layouts of the crime. Kinne said he will review the results and respond "probably within a week."

Railey, who is living in California and has left the ministry, said he is unable to pay the civil judgment. A divorce proceeding instituted by Railey was thrown out

in 1990 by a California judge on technical grounds.

Deputy Police Chief Ray Hawkins said he did not specifically ask Kinne to file charges against Railey. But he said it's time to take definitive action in the case or move on.

"I don't believe that there's anyone affiliated with this case that has any reasonable doubt as to who attacked Peggy Railey," Hawkins said.

"The bottom line is that there was an expectation on the part of the public that we'd do everything from an investigative standpoint that could be done, and we have attempted to do just that," he said.

Two witnesses in the case have already died and all the evidence possible has been gathered in the investigation, he said.

Kinne said he was impressed that neither police nor federal officials have abandoned the case and that "they went to a lot of work in putting this together in a nice, presentable manner."

# New book store opens here

Bibles and More Book Store, located at 1912 College Ave., is owned and operated by Doug and Kathy Scott, also owners of Snyder Safety Services which is located in the same building.

Mrs. Scott, manager of the book store, says they stock various religious books, including Bibles, study help material, miscellaneous items and educational books. Also included,

is a section of used books and sheet music.

She noted that they also have available a variety of unique gift items for all ages. From microfiche services, Spring Arbor, she can receive a special order within 24 hours for videos, music, Bibles and books.

Also available is a line of seasonal greeting cards, and Mrs. Scott said she is expecting

her first shipment of Sound Trak accompaniment cassettes.

An added service at Bibles and More is recovering Bibles.

Many Precious Moments Children's Bibles and story books are on display along with Helen Steiner Rice devotional calendars, mugs, bookmarks and many other items.

Bibles and More is open for business from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



RELIGIOUS BOOKS — Kathy Scott holds a popular item sold at Bibles and More, located at 1912 College Ave. She and her husband, Doug, own and operate the new store. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Nova Shalom groups will form in area

Nova Shalom Ministries will have an outreach night Tuesday, April 9. Groups will be forming in the Snyder area.

Nova Shalom is a marriage ministry open to all married couples who "desire God's blueprint for their marriage."

Nova Shalom in the Greek and Hebrew languages means "new peace." For more information call 573-7471.

# Country music stars to appear

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Country music stars Garth Brooks, Vince Gill, Joe Diffe and Restless Heart are coming home to Oklahoma to help the state's farmers.

The musicians have agreed to perform at a May 26 benefit organized by the state's Rural Crisis Task Force. The group was formed in 1989 after a study of suicide among Oklahoma farmers.



BONNET WINNERS — Muriel Hayne, left, and Lois Black were winners of the Senior Citizens Center's Easter bonnet contest held Thursday at the center. Other activities included an Easter egg hunt and basket contest. Judges for the contest were Dr. Harry Krenke and Mike Thornton of Western Texas College. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Shreveport Journal ceases publication

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The Shreveport Journal ended 96 years of existence Saturday. Saturday's editions were announced as its last.


The Journal was once regarded as a segregationist beacon, but had come to be hailed as one of Louisiana's most progressive voices.

The newspaper's demise fits into a number of well-documented trends in the industry: Afternoon papers are dying, and fewer cities have managed to sustain two newspapers.


The paper's owner since 1976, Charles Beaird, 68, announced on Jan. 29 the plans to shut down the newspaper. He cited loss of daily circulation, which declined from 40,000 to about 16,000 in just over a decade, and the need for expensive capital improvements.

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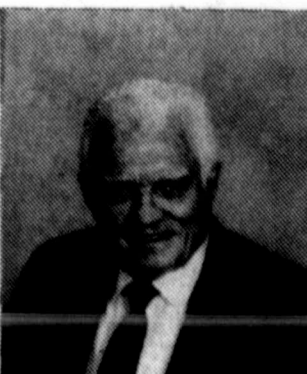
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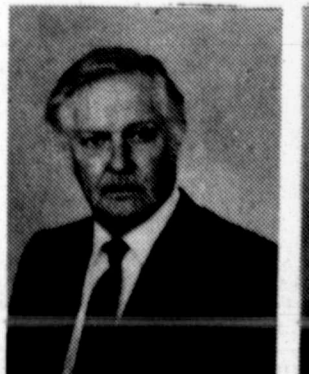
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## Do You Know....

**How Snyder Teacher salaries rank in comparison to other area schools in the state?**

SCHOOL DISTRICT	RANKING
Jayton.....	60
Andrews .....	64
Midland.....	71
Odessa (Ector Co.) .....	71
Post .....	101
Ft. Stockton .....	106
Monahans .....	134
Lubbock .....	145
Ira .....	145
Levelland .....	187
Gail (Borden Co.) .....	205
Big Spring.....	309
Lamesa .....	311
Sweetwater .....	334
Frenship .....	347
Colorado City .....	459
<b>SNYDER .....</b>	<b>472*</b>

\*of 974 School Districts in Texas

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# Patriot missile veterans relive Persian Gulf heroics

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — After a Patriot missile made history in mid-January by shooting down an Iraqi Scud missile headed for the air base in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, the soldiers in charge of the Patriots exploded in a raucous celebration.

It was the first time the Patriot missile system had ever shot down a missile in combat. Soldiers cheered, and high-five hand slaps were plentiful in the Saudi Arabian night among members of Alpha Battery, which is based at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"People were coming out of bunkers celebrating. You defied death," said Warrant Officer Terry Hall, 26, in charge of keeping the battery's Patriot system in working order. "It's the most incredible feeling. I hope I don't have to do it again."

Hall and two other members of Alpha Battery described their war experiences on Friday at Fort Bliss' McGregor Range, about 35 miles northeast of downtown El Paso. It's where Patriot batteries go through desert training.

The Saudi celebrations, they said, were repeated several times during the 42-day Persian Gulf war as Alpha Battery shot down five other Scud missiles and hit debris from two other Scuds knocked out by Bravo Bat-

tery, another Fort Bliss Patriot battery in Dhahran.

The Patriot's first war success came Jan. 18, just after 4:30 a.m., Saudi Arabia time.

The Scud attack caught the battery by surprise, Hall said. It occurred just as the battery was about to go out of its highest alert status.

"He'd (Saddam Hussein) fired on Israel, and we thought it was over," said Hall, who was inside the cramped van housing the Patriot's computers and the soldiers who operate them.

"We knew when he was getting ready to fire (a Scud), and we knew when he fired, but this one snuck in on us," Hall said.

Suddenly, the Patriot computer picked up the Scud missile and automatically fired a Patriot missile.

"When the missile was launched, I was hoping it took the thing out. But it wasn't combat-tested — there was that doubt."

Debris from the 37-foot Scud missile fell only about 1,000 feet from Alpha Battery's compound.

"It took three to four days to sink in that we could've died" if the Patriot hadn't worked, Hall said.

"We're history makers, but we could've been toast," added Spec. Susan Mueller, 34, who did maintenance on a Patriot launcher. She was standing near the

entrance of a bunker when she saw the Patriot take off, she said.

"I stood there for a split second with my mouth open. I wondered if chemicals were on it (Scud). I put my (gas) mask on," Mueller said. "I saw it explode in the air. It (Patriot) came almost straight up, arced and took that thing out."

Running to bunkers for cover became an every-night occurrence for Alpha Battery's 85 soldiers. The soldiers call it "Scud running." And it happened during "Scud time" — 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. in Saudi Arabia, when Iraq launched most of its Scud missiles.

Sirens sounded whenever a Scud was launched, even if it wasn't aimed at Dhahran. When sirens sounded, soldiers had to grab their guns, gas masks, chemical-defense suits and water canteens — and run for cover.

As the Patriot's successes multiplied, the missile system and the soldiers operating it became war heroes.

Alpha Battery members made their own Scudbuster emblems that marked a Scud hit.

Ms. Mueller got to put an emblem on the launcher she maintained after a Patriot missile from the launcher hit a Scud on Jan. 26. It was the last time Alpha Battery shot down a Scud.

But it wasn't the last Scud attack. A deadly Scud got through the Patriot defense on Feb. 25. It hit a military barracks in Dhahran and killed 28 soldiers.

Hall said he was told that the Scud broke up as it headed for Dhahran and that the Patriot system wasn't able to detect it as a missile.

"It was like a handful of scrap metal in the air, and we (Patriot system) didn't process it as a real target," Hall said.

Photographers using Autochrome in the 1920s carried into the field not only bulky cameras but steamer trunks full of chemicals and a supply of colorplates that alone weighed as much as 150 pounds.



UIL DISTRICT WINNERS — These Hermleigh students recently placed during the District UIL meet. Students pictured are, from left, standing, Lance Price, Monica Verdine, B.J. Claxton and

Angie Mireles. Seated, from left, are, Rebecca Ramey, Andrea Smith, Mandy Olsen and April Blair. See accompanying story for individual results. (SDN Staff Photo)

Regional next...

## HHS UIL winners advance

Four Hermleigh High School students will advance to regional UIL competition, including Rebecca Ramey, Andrea Smith, Mandy Olsen and April Blair.

Each won the right to advance by placing in the top three at the district contest.

Ramey earned a first place in editorial writing. Smith and Olsen each placed second in prose reading and news writing, respectively. Blair finished third in literary criticism.

Ramey and Olsen, along with Lance Price, will also serve as first alternate to regional in those events in which they placed fourth.

Those events for Ramey, Olsen

and Price included, headline writing, feature writing and persuasive speaking, respectively.

Ramey also finished fifth in prose reading and sixth in spelling.

Blair took sixth place finishes in both ready writing and editorial writing.

Other students who placed at district include Monica Verdine, fifth in informative speaking; B.J. Claxton, fifth in feature writing; and Angie Mireles, sixth in literary criticism.

Verdine, Claxton and Ramey will also serve as second alternate to regional in the events in which they placed fifth. That included prose reading for Ramey;

informative speaking for Verdine and feature writing for Claxton.

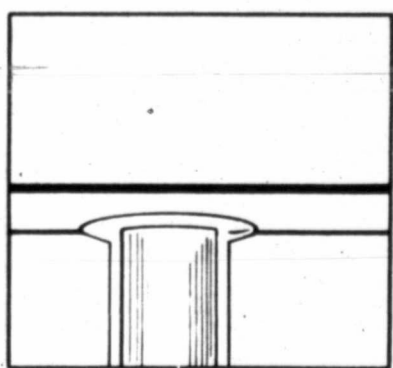
Other students from Hermleigh who competed in district events were Chris Lambaren, Melinda Estrada, Eric Romero, John Harty, Chris Velasco, Bill Breitweiser, Renee Matthews, Alison Beeks, and Felix Martinez.

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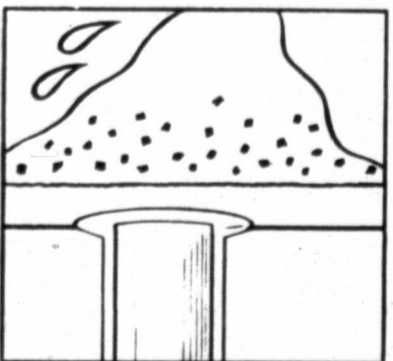
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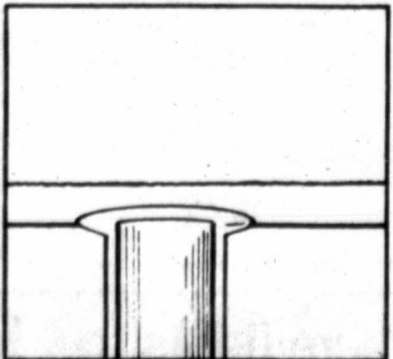
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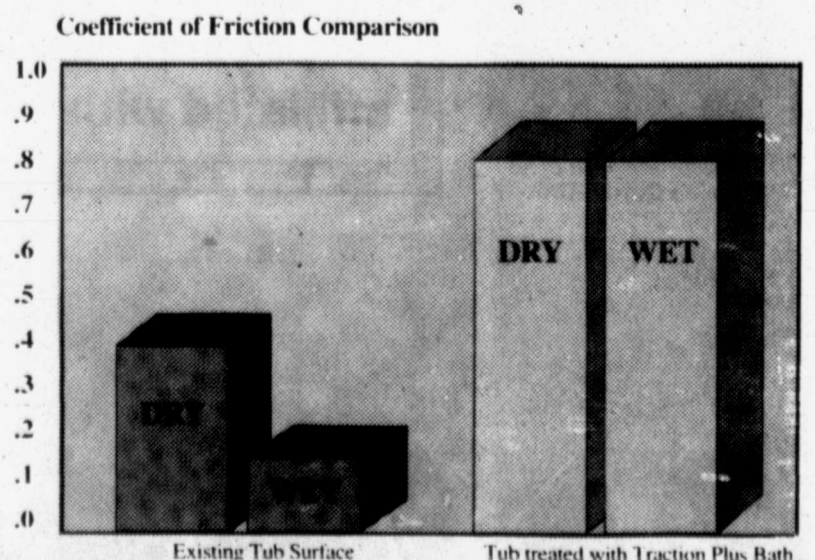
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# Plot to kill soldier hatched while he fought in gulf war

DETROIT (AP) — Toni Riggs and her brother, Michael Cato, began plotting the murder of her boyfriend, Army Spc. Anthony Riggs, while he was manning a Patriot missile battery in the Persian Gulf, a newspaper said Friday.

Cato, 19, and his 22-year-old sister face a preliminary examination in 36th District Court next Friday in the March 18 shooting-death, originally believed to be an act of random street violence on Detroit's north side.

They are being held without bond in Wayne County Jail on first-degree murder charges, which carry a mandatory penalty of life imprisonment without parole upon conviction.

Toni Riggs had been thought to be Riggs' wife, but court records revealed this week showed she was already married to someone else when they exchanged vows.

The records showed she married Marvin Butler in El Paso, Texas, in 1987. They still were married when she and Anthony Riggs had a wedding ceremony

in Las Vegas on Oct. 2, 1989, making the second marriage attempt invalid under Michigan and Nevada laws. She divorced Butler a year later.

Authorities told the Detroit Free Press she and her brother began plotting the murder in February while Riggs, 22, still was working on a Patriot missile unit in Saudi Arabia.

Riggs returned from the gulf one week before the shooting and had been in Detroit only one day before his death.

Cato allegedly told witnesses his sister promised to split Riggs' life insurance money — Riggs was eligible for \$50,000 in military life insurance — if he would kill her husband, the Free Press said, quoting unidentified police sources.

Witnesses told police Cato talked about killing Riggs in late February, the newspaper said.

Cato's attorney, James O'Connell, said he hadn't seen the police reports on the case "so I really don't know what police are saying. But if that is what they

are saying about the case, that does surprise me and I don't accept it."

Toni Riggs' attorney, Athina Siringas, didn't immediately return a telephone call Friday seeking comment. In court Wednesday, she said the evidence against her client was slim.

Friends and family members of Riggs said he and Toni Riggs

were experiencing serious domestic problems, and she asked him for a divorce as soon as Riggs got off the plane returning to Fort Bliss, Texas, from the Middle East.

Meanwhile, friends say Riggs became attached to Toni Riggs' baby girl while she was living with her husband in Texas.

Riggs often cared for the infant while the Butlers went out.

## Malibu now a city

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — It's going to be tougher for homeowners to move in next to Johnny Carson, Sylvester Stallone and Cher now that Malibu has finally become a city, opponents of growth say.

This star-studded enclave along the Pacific coast became Los Angeles County's 87th city on Thursday, ending its long struggle

to break free of county control.

Malibu's 20,000 residents overwhelmingly approved an incorporation measure last June. The county Board of Supervisors was dead set against it, however, and relented only last month.

The supervisors had wanted to build a new sewer system in Malibu.

## Art agency chief balks at showing film

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal arts chief John E. Frohnmayer abruptly canceled a screening of an avant-garde movie allegedly including graphic scenes of homosexual activity, leaving the agency to produce a variety of reasons for his action.

A screening of the movie, "Poison," which got a \$25,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, had been touted in advance as the featured attraction of a Frohnmayer news conference Friday.

The conservative Rev. Donald Wildmon, president of the American Life Association, had

warned members of Congress last week that taxpayers' money had helped finance a movie that "includes explicit porno scenes of homosexuals involved in anal sex."

On Friday, Frohnmayer summoned reporters and congressional staffers to NEA headquarters to declare that the movie "is neither prurient nor obscene" but is "the work of a serious artist dealing with a serious issue in our society."

He said the movie by New York director Todd Haynes "makes a very strong, moralistic statement that violence destroys society."

Frohnmayer said the movie, which he has seen, includes a segment showing a young inmate being "brutalized, raped and ultimately shot" while trying to escape from a French prison in the 1940s.

"Taken as a whole, the film illustrates the destructive effect of violence," he said. "It is neither

prurient nor obscene. There are parts of the film that are cruel but in no way is violence glorified."

Even though a large movie screen was mounted on the wall behind Frohnmayer, the arts endowment chairman ducked questions about why he wasn't rolling the projector.

"We're not in the business of showing movies," he said.

"We have the film, but we prefer that you see it in a commercial setting, as it was intended to be shown," he said.

Later, however, the endowment arranged a special screening of "Poison" in an NEA auditorium Monday afternoon for reporters who want to see the film before its New York premiere April 2. The movie is scheduled to open in Washington theaters April 19.

Julie Davis, the endowment's general counsel, said a problem had arisen — and was unresolved Friday — about showing a com-

mercial movie in a public building. Spokeswoman Kathy Christie said the film wasn't shown Friday because the NEA didn't have a suitable projector.

But Wildmon scoffed at the endowment's explanation.

## Snyder High graduate receives alumni award

Bob Covey of Houston, a 1964 graduate of Snyder High School, was recently presented with Southwest Texas State University Alumni Association's Key of Excellence Award.

The award was presented March 9th at Strahan Coliseum.

Covey, vice president and general manager for sales for Alloy Steel, Inc. of Houston, graduated from SWT in 1969.

He has been an active and integral part of the SWT Alumni Association since 1984, serving as alumni president during the 1988-89 school year.

Through the years he has served on the homecoming, finance, gala, campus relations, executive nomination, alumni awards and alumni services committees of the SWT Alumni Association.

Currently, Covey is spearheading organizational efforts for a "baby-boomer" alumni chapter in Houston and has worked to start a chapter in the Seguin area.

In addition to his contribution to the Alumni Association, Covey is also president of Lambda Chi Alumni Association and has served on various university committees.

He has been a member of the Seguin Rotary Club, the Seguin Chamber of Commerce, the parish council of St. James Catholic Church in Seguin and

director of the church choir, the parish council of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Tomball, the Pleasanton Jaycees and the Lions Club of El Paso.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Covey of Snyder.



BOB COVEY

## Judge holds fake lawyer in contempt

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas lawyer used the lure of a civil case settlement to trap a suspicious courtroom opponent.

Attorney Darrell Minter said he became suspicious of a fellow lawyer after the man made "dumb" statements in court and "silly" objections.

Minter said that Michael D. Knable bragged of representing singer Willie Nelson, suggested that he once worked for the CIA and was late for a hearing because he couldn't find the courthouse.

After three weeks, Minter called officials at the State Bar of Texas in Austin — who had never heard of a lawyer named Michael D. Knable.

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# Movie could improve Sioux conditions

WHITE RIVER, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Indians hope the movie "Dances With Wolves" will help them erase the poverty, racism and spiritual malaise they've endured since being forced onto reservations more than 100 years ago.

"When I walked out of that movie, I had a big lump in my throat. I looked around and a lot of white people had a sad look on their faces too," said Alex White Plume, a member of the Oglala Sioux executive committee. "Side by side, I couldn't believe it when they walked out like that."

The film, which captured seven Academy Awards including best picture, shows Indians as real people protecting their land rather than as savages, they say.

"I think it portrays the Indians the way it should. In other Western movies, they portrayed the Indians as the bad guys, as scary people," says Nathan Chasing His Horse, 15, who played a young Sioux named Smiles a Lot in the film.

"We were just people trying to live our lives. ... We were nice and kind people," said Nathan, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe whose family lives outside the town of White River in south-central South Dakota.

Because of the movie, "I think white people who are prejudiced will change a little bit what they think of us," he says.

Nathan's elders agree that Kevin Costner, who directed and starred in the movie, shot on location in South Dakota, has helped correct misunderstandings about Indians.

The film is about an Army lieutenant assigned to a deserted post in Dakota Territory soon after the Civil War who makes friends with a band of Sioux.

"In the Hollywood movies, John Wayne would always fire one shot and four Indians would fall," says Harold Salway, president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. "It always gave the reflection that we were incompetent, savage and violent."

The movie will help revive Indians' pride in their culture, tradition and spiritual beliefs and

give them a better chance to solve their own problems, the leaders say.

The Sioux reservations in South Dakota are scenic, with rolling grass-covered hills dotted with pine trees. But they are far from major transportation routes, so most efforts to attract industry have failed.

Young Indians face the choice of staying on reservations with no jobs or leaving their families and culture for the city.

Many reservations in South Dakota have some of the lowest average incomes in the nation. Federal officials estimate unemployment on some reservations exceeds 80 percent.

And Indian babies are far more likely than white children to be born with fetal alcohol syndrome,

which causes retardation and birth defects. Sen. Tom Daschle, Democrat of South Dakota, said last year that the rate of the syndrome on Indian reservations is seven times the national average.

Salway says white people have tried for more than a century to get Indians to embrace the white way of life. But Indians traditionally had no need to use the money, power and greed that can lead to success in white society, he says.

"We had never known that, so it was hard for us to be integrated in those principles," he says. "The average American does not understand the philosophy of the Indian way of life, being one with nature, being equal with each other."

# Vietnam Vets' Day in one state was hardly noticed

BOSTON (AP) — A state holiday honoring Vietnam veterans only reminded some men of what they missed and paled next to the affection showered on soldiers returning from the Persian Gulf War.

Gov. William Weld set Friday aside as Vietnam Veterans' Day in Massachusetts.

A brief Statehouse ceremony was followed by a modest banquet at the New England Homeless Veterans Shelter in Boston. Cots were moved aside and tables were bedecked with American flags. Special guests included soldiers who fought in Panama and the Persian Gulf.

"Vietnam Veterans' Day is an opportunity for America to begin to right some of the wrongs of the Vietnam War by recognizing that there's a day set aside for us," said Ken Smith, the shelter's co-founder.

"We're not asking for much," he said.

About 250 people attended,

most of them veterans, he said.

The holiday fell on the anniversary of the American military withdrawal from South Vietnam. The last U.S. troops left March 29, 1973. Troop strength peaked at 543,400 in 1969.

Veterans said that despite the day in their honor, they felt largely ignored compared with soldiers who served in Operation Desert Storm.

"They don't care," Glenn Lilljander, a Vietnam veteran from Boston, said with a shrug. "They just don't care about us."

But Smith said post-Gulf War celebrations helped make up for indifference and scorn heaped on veterans who fought in Vietnam.

# Evans elected Region I vice president

Angela Evans, a junior at Coahoma High School, was elected Region I FHA/HERO, vice president of achievements, for the 1991-92 year. Region I takes in schools from El Paso to the Panhandle of Texas.

She is a former student of Borden County ISD.

Evans is the daughter of

Richard and Sandra Bloom of Coahoma and Rickey Evans of Fluvanna, and the granddaughter of Norman and Bonnie Sneed, Gail and Opal Evans and Bunyon Evans, all of Snyder.

Shayne Sayles, Region I Parliamentarian for the 1990-91 school year is also from Coahoma High School.



ANGELA EVANS & SHAYNE SAYLES



TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SPEAKER — Randy Mercer of Austin, director of member benefits for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, spoke to approximately 90 persons associated with the local school system, at East Elementary Tuesday afternoon. For the past seven years, Mercer served as legal counsel for the Texas Retirement Service. Currently a major in the Air Force Reserves, he flew over 200 missions in B-52s during the Vietnam conflict. Mercer received his bachelor of arts from the University of Texas at Austin, with a major in English and history and his doctorate of jurisprudence from UT. The workshop was hosted by Scurry County TSTA. Mercer was introduced by TSTA president Carole Haynes. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Financial Focus

If you're a shareholder, here's something you could probably do without - a reverse split. In most cases you have been handed some bad news.

Before you panic and sell your blue-chip stocks, hear this: There has never been a reverse split in a stock of the Dow Jones Industrial Average since the index was created in 1928.

How does a reverse split work? Suppose you own 1,000 shares of \$1 stock, the market value is \$1,000, and you have a 1 for 10 reverse split. You now own 100 shares of a \$10 stock with the same \$1,000 market value. The reverse split has (1) reduced the number of company shares outstanding and (2) raised the value of those shares to attract more investors.

Most reverse splits happen among low-priced "penny" stocks. These smaller companies often enter the corporate world with more shares outstanding than major NYSE companies. In order to achieve additional financing, they must first consolidate their swollen capitalizations by reducing the number of outstanding shares. Investors are reluctant to invest more capital in a "penny stock" with 30 million shares or more already outstanding. Management can remedy the situation with a reverse split.

For example, in June 1987 a stock that was \$1.06 a share had a 1-for-8 reverse. One thousand shares were worth \$1,060. Today you would own 100 of these \$4 shares, and the market value of your holdings would be \$400. The shares would have to increase to \$10 a share, a whopping 250 percent, before you would break even. All this, even with the company reporting increased revenues, earnings and an improved outlook.

Some reverse splits can work to your favor, at least temporarily. Another example shows how a stock with a 1-for-2 reverse split in 1983, at \$4.13 a share, traded as high as \$12.63 in 1989. That's good. What's bad is that at this writing, it's back to \$4 a share.

Many investors sell immediately when a company announces a reverse split. That does not, of course, eliminate the possibility of future reinvestment. Once the dust settles and the price of the stock stabilizes, buy back in—if the fundamentals look good and you think the stock has a reasonable future. With the money you received from selling the shares before the reverse split, you can almost always buy more shares at the lower post-split price.

Generally, any stock split must be approved by the shareholders. With reverse splits, however, the legal structure of the corporation could authorize the board of directors to authorize the split without stockholder approval. This makes it doubly important to carefully monitor your investments if you own low-priced stocks.

Although this won't make you an expert on the subject, you should now be aware of the consequences if one of your holdings ever suffers a reverse split.

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# Christians fill the pews to celebrate Christ

**by The Associated Press**  
Fifty-one Sundays a year, seats are easy to come by in most churches. But on the 52nd Sabbath, the pews are filled for what has become the major spring festival of American culture — Easter.

There are elements of the sacred and the profane in the decisions of millions of church-avoiding Americans to fill houses of worship this Sunday. To some, church attendance is just one more Easter ritual, along with egg rolling on the White House lawn and the Easter Parade in New York City.

"I think ... it's a manifestation of people's relation to religion as a kind of insurance," said the Rev. George Timko of St. George Orthodox Church in Buffalo, N.Y.

Pay a premium by coming on special occasions, and "they somehow have their entrance into the Kingdom of God guaranteed," he said.

But Timko and others say Easter also is something more than a cultural touchstone for many people, and it is the church's responsibility to welcome and nurture what may be only a vague recognition of the importance of the central event of Christianity: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

"The church is not a museum of perfect people. It's a hospital where we're all sick, all trying to get well," said the Rev. Frank Pollard of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss. "It's one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread."

If people only come on Easter and Christmas, he said, "We consider that more our fault, rather than theirs."

The earliest Christians, for whom Christ's death and resurrection were embedded in recent memory, would not have recognized all the fuss over Easter.

"Every Sunday was Easter Sunday," said the Rev. David Sweeney, a theology professor at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y. "That was the teaching: If Christ be not risen our preaching be in vain."

The Age of the Martyrs did little to promote a casual attitude toward religion. Church members had a living memory of relatives suffering for the faith, and Christ's suffering, death and resurrection in many ways paralleled what Christians themselves experienced.

Facing penalties "like hanging — that tends to clear the head," the Rev. Aidan Kavanagh, liturgy professor at Yale Divinity School, has dryly observed.

It wasn't until the fourth century, when Christians who once risked death to profess their faith suddenly were given social cachet by the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, that churches began to draw crowds on Easter.

The formal end of Christian persecution came in 313 with the Edict of Milan signed by the Emperors Constantine and Licinius. For largely political reasons, Constantine tried to forge close ties between the church and the state, even summoning the First Council of Nicaea when the date of Easter was fixed.

Suddenly, it was non-Christians who faced possible barriers to their careers or social standing. And historians believe this was the beginning of the first large numbers of Easter Christians.

For many of their descendants nearly 17 centuries later, Easter remains one of two days — Christmas is the other one — when they attend religious services.

In a 1990 survey by the Na-

tional Opinion Research Center, 12 percent of Americans said they attend religious services about once or twice a year. In a 1988 Gallup Poll, 42 percent of the respondents said there had been a period of two years or more in their lives when they did not attend church or synagogue apart from weddings, funerals, or special holidays such as Christmas, Easter or Yom Kippur.

Clergy joke among themselves about taking advantage of the large crowds to "fleece the flock" at Easter or wishing certain congregants Merry Christmas because that's the next time they will see them. Sometimes, to gently gain the attention of infrequent churchgoers, ministers promise in church mailings to fill the church with Easter lilies on a fall Sunday if that will make them more comfortable.

But Easter is also viewed as a time of opportunity.

"My basic approach is to say how happy we are to have anyone that comes through our door," said the Rev. W. Frank Harrington of Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. "We think the good Lord took people where they are."

On a normal Sunday, Peachtree will house approximately 5,000 worshippers. Last Easter, he said, there were more than 7,500 people at the three worship services.

Harrington tells his regular congregants to attend the less convenient early services, and his sermon will not reproach people for skipping church most Sundays.

"I think you win more people by love," he said.

Many people do return to the fold. In the 1988 Gallup Poll, nearly half of the people who reported

attending religious services no more frequently than on special holidays said they later began to attend more regularly.

Forty percent of the respondents who resumed regular attendance reported they felt an inner need to go back to church. The next most important reason — cited by 27 percent of the respondents — was to res-

pond to an inner need to rediscover their religious faith.

Sweeney said sociologists may conclude that Easter Christians come to church out of custom or habit, but he also believes there is something more when people "wittingly or unwittingly" attend church on Easter.

"The Christian church in general rises and falls on the

Easter message: that Christ is risen. That's why Easter has in it the seeds of greatness," he said.

Sweeney views the millions of Easter Christians as indicative of the enduring strength of the faith.

"People keep trying to bury Jesus, but he keeps rolling back the stone. He keeps popping up in our lives."

## Hermleigh honorees



**MR. & MISS HHS** — Felix Martinez and Melissa Anderson have been named Mr. and Miss HHS at Hermleigh High School for the 1990-1991 school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

**BEST ALL-AROUND** — Andrew Sanchez and Andrea Smith have been named Best-All-Around at Hermleigh High School for the 1990-1991 school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

**MOST POPULAR** — Jon Don Grimmer and April Blair have been named Most Popular at Hermleigh High School for the 1990-1991 school year. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Hollywood movie makers say it's time to tighten belt

**EDITOR'S NOTE** — Shaken by a series of enormously costly films that bombed at the box office, Hollywood movie makers say it's time to tighten the belt. But is this just a ploy, an attempt to negotiate smaller paychecks for high-priced talent, actors who collect millions of dollars per picture? Here's what some film industry insiders have to say.

**By John Horn**  
AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A year ago, an unknown 9-year-old actor was happy to get \$100,000 to star in a simple comedy about an abandoned child.

Now that "Home Alone" has zoomed near the summit of the all-time box office charts, Macaulay Culkin is demanding \$4 million — and 10 percent — of all revenues for his next project — a film based on the Richie Rich comic books.

The salary leap made by young Culkin dramatizes how huge piles of money are thrown around Hollywood in pursuit of what are thought to be sure-fire hits. But this expensive poker game is riskier than ever, and several studios now say they want to play for smaller stakes.

Rattled by a series of costly, superstar-laden bombs, a worried film industry is re-thinking its blank-check philosophy. No longer, the studios insist, will they throw money at the screen expecting a box-office hit to rebound. Thrift, executives say, is at a premium.

The budgetary bickering may be just a cynical industry attempt to tighten negotiating screws through the media. Or it could be that Hollywood, working either independently or in unison with a price-control agenda, is on the verge of war against talent and other expenditures.

Paramount, Warner Bros. and Disney all have said in recent weeks that free spending must be curtailed. Several producers report these and other movie companies are rebuffing expensive stars that several months ago they would have wooed.

"The companies are now passing on stars, negotiating down and making concept movies instead," said one experienced producer, who spoke only on condition of anonymity. "Salary scales have escalated beyond any bound of reason and I think everybody is trying to pull back."

The economizing buzz was prompted in part by a memo written (and apparently leaked) by Jeffrey Katzenberg, chairman of the

Walt Disney Studios.

In the 28-page "get back to basics" dispatch, Katzenberg wrote: "I strongly believe we are entering a period of great danger and even greater uncertainty. A tidal wave is now hitting Hollywood... a tidal wave of runaway costs and mindless competition... We should now look long and hard at the blockbuster business, and get out of it."

Katzenberg said there is a "frenzy among actors, writers, directors and their agents as they try to claim their share of the big budget pie."

According to the Motion Picture Association of America, the average price of the 169 movies released by major film companies in 1990 leaped to \$26.8 million, 14 percent higher than in 1989.

That cost excludes duplicating and advertising the film. That latter expenditure jumped 26 percent from last year to an average of \$11.6 million a movie.

Meanwhile, domestic movie attendance is not up — with about 1 billion tickets sold every year for the last 20 years. International markets offset much of that stagnation.

The industry is certainly profitable — the Walt Disney Co. reported a 28 percent earnings leap for its movie unit in the first quarter of its current fiscal year. As earnings climb, so, too, do expenses: It now costs about \$100,000 a day and more to film a studio movie, not counting payments to the cast, director, writers and producers.

Unbridled spending for top talent used to make sense. It doesn't as much anymore.

Formulaic star vehicles, triumphant several years ago with the likes of "Top Gun" and "Lethal Weapon 2," are perishing at the box office unlike any time recently. Carolco Pictures is reeling on Wall Street, and it might have something to do with the company's "Terminator 2: Judgment Day." It

will cost at least \$60 million, perhaps as much as \$90 million, according to published reports.

Robert Redford's "Havana," Jack Nicholson's "The Two Jakes" and Bruce Willis' "Bonfire of the Vanities" each cost about \$50 million to make last year. All three intensely promoted releases failed miserably, making just \$34.6 million combined at North American movie theaters.

Francis Ford Coppola's "The Godfather Part III," costing \$58 million, won't make much or any money for Paramount, and the studio took a write-down on last summer's heavily hyped "Days of Thunder."

Even a moderate hit like "Dick Tracy," made on a budget of more than \$40 million, will struggle to bring a windfall to Disney.

Yet for all the hand-wringing about thrift, Hollywood's new frugality has been hard to locate: Stars such as Tom Cruise, Michael Douglas and Arnold Schwarzenegger still are cashing \$10 million-a-movie paychecks.

Some prominent talent agencies say they have had no trouble securing lavish contracts for their clients, and a list of new covenants proves their point. "Talent prices are going to go up," said one prominent insider, who didn't want to be identified.

"Take a careful look at what people do rather than what they say," added the insider, who suggests studios continue to spend freely.

Angry memo and all, Disney hasn't become a Scrooge.

No sooner was the ink dry on the Katzenberg epistle than Disney hired two of the most expensive producers in town, "Days of Thunder" makers Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer, whose lavish spending habits are legendary. Disney believes the two will be able to make movies affordably, but former colleagues are skeptical.

Disney works closely, too, with (see FILM, page 13a)



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## Pack 177 holds annual Blue and Gold banquet

Pack 177 out of Stanfield Elementary held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet March 2 at First United Methodist Church.

Awards and achievement recognitions were presented. Ham was donated by Furr's, IGA and Everybody's and the Water Shop donated the ice.

This banquet marked the 81st birthday of the Boy Scouts of America.

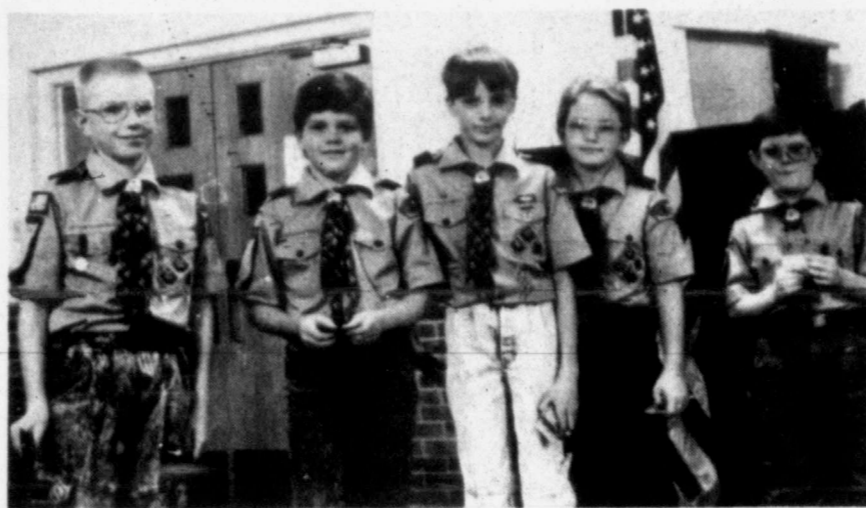
Leighton "Doc" Griffin was the guest of honor. He has donated many years of volunteer service

to the Boy Scouts. He was a member as a boy and in later years both his son and grandson were members also.

Upcoming Boy Scout activities include the Pinewood Derby Race slated to begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Stanfield gym. Judge Bob Doolittle will present the awards.

The Scout-O-Rama is planned for April 20 at the National Guard Armory from 1-4 p.m.

A week of day camp activities will be held in July.



**ACTIVITY BADGES** — These webelos, with Crystal Sutter as their leader, received activity badges during the annual Blue and Gold banquet. From left are, Wil Hardin, Blake Bell, Ryan Greenwood, Michael Hensley and Brandon Sutter. (Pack Photo)

## Film makers may 'tighten the belt'

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independent producer Andrew Vajna, whose extravagance has driven talent prices into the stratosphere. A Carolco founder, Vajna runs Cinergi Productions, which is making "The Stand." That movie, to be distributed by Disney, pays writer Tom Schulman, director John McTiernan and star Sean Connery a reported \$20 million combined.

On the lot, several top Disney executives have taken home more than \$10 million a year. The studio's upcoming "Billy Bathgate," which went into production before the memo was written, will cost somewhere between \$40 million and \$46 million.

Disney's "Scenes From a Mall," which some might think is a small, modestly budgeted film, isn't. It was made at a price of \$32 million, including \$5 million apiece for stars Woody Allen and Bette Midler and \$3 million for director Paul Mazursky, according to sources close to the film.

Warner Bros., whose "Bonfire of the Vanities" was perhaps the biggest disaster of 1990, hasn't slashed all of its budgets, either. Despite its tough talk on salaries, its forthcoming drama "The Last Boy Scout," starring Willis, will come in around \$40 million.

Steven Spielberg's "Hook," an adaptation of the Peter Pan story, is being made under a contract so astonishingly freehanded that the film may have to gross about \$300 million worldwide before it becomes profitable for Tri-Star Pictures, according to sources familiar with the deal.

The industry's reluctance to practice what it preaches can be linked in part to the town's "greater fool" theory. That doctrine holds that if one studio declines a property or star to save a few bucks, a competitor, some "greater fool," will fork out the extra money and snatch a runaway success.

Warner Bros. passed on "Home Alone," thinking it too expensive at \$14 million. A less-stingy Fox agreed to the film's \$18 million budget. For its additional outlay of \$4 million, Fox now expects to earn \$300 million for the gamble.

These days, films that recently were viewed as safe bets are failing, and longshots are raking it in.

Indeed, the three most successful 1990 films — "Pretty Woman," "Ghost" and "Home Alone" — had lean budgets of around \$20 million and relatively mid-priced, low-profile actors such as Demi Moore and Richard Gere.

Released during traditionally slow box-office periods, all of the three movies galvanized au-

## Songs receive mixed reaction

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — The children's songs of Barry Polisar review the sometimes bumpy terrain of childhood — underwear, nose-picking and sadistic big brothers.

His irreverent and satiric material has had mixed results: Polisar's been censored in some Maryland schools but invited to perform on the White House lawn.

Polisar, who was banned from Anne Arundel County schools last fall, will sing at the annual White House Easter egg hunt Monday.

Isn't it amazing what a difference six months makes?" Polisar said this week from his Silver Spring home in suburban Washington, D.C.

Neither a White House spokesman nor an executive for the production company was aware of Polisar's troubles with Anne Arundel County. The school board deemed his material "unsuitable for use as instructional material."



**BEAR BADGES** — These scouts received bear badges during the annual Blue and Gold banquet. From left are, Clay Graves, Thomas West, Kevin Taylor, Jace Foreman, Steven Cockerell, Justin Parker and Jeremy Border. Judy Border is their leader. (Pack Photo)



**WOLF BADGES** — Steven Crain and Dustin Wood received wolf badges during the annual Blue and Gold banquet. Also pictured are Becky Crain, Mark Crain and Wendy Wood. (Pack Photo)



**SKIT** — Tiger Club scouts with Linda Scalf as leader performed a skit during the annual Blue and Gold banquet. From left are, Damen Wood, Ryan Sutter, Dustin Whitson, Wes Hardin, Paul Overhulser, Jimmy Cockerell, Jonathan Scalf, Craig Bowen, Brice Autry and Mark Fields. (Pack Photo)



**WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGES** — Parents presented Webeles activity badges to their sons during the annual Blue and Gold banquet. From left are Brandon Sutter, son of Alton and Crystal Sutter; Michael Hensley, son of David and Kay Hensley; Ryan Greenwood, son of Dalton and Brenda Greenwood; Blake Bell, with his mother Christie Thompson; and Wil Hardin, son of Richard and Rhonda Hardin. (Pack Photo)



**BEARS** — These bears received arrow point achievements during the annual Blue and Gold banquet. From left are, Steven Cockerell, son of Phillip and Floradean Cockerell; Clay Graves, son of Greg and Carol Graves; Kevin Taylor, son of Michael and Noreen Taylor; Jace Foreman, with his mother, Dian Foreman; and Jeremy Border with his mother, Judy Border. (Pack Photo)

## Mercury found in Pecos River fish may be elsewhere, too, scientist says

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Anglers can continue fishing and swimmers can keep taking dips. Boaters shouldn't be deterred from paddling around, nor should campers worry about pitching their tents.

But a word of warning: Exercise caution when it comes to eating the fish.

High levels of mercury found in fish in the Santa Rosa Reservoir along the Pecos River have prompted the state Environment Department to issue guidelines to help people decide which fish to eat and which to toss back.

And scientists are concerned that mercury discovered in fish at Santa Rosa could contaminate the Pecos as far south as Red Bluff Reservoir, which straddles the New Mexico-Texas state line.

Jim Piatt, chief of the Environment Department's Surface Water Quality Bureau in Santa Fe, says every reservoir along the main stream is potentially at risk.

Although the department has not officially issued guidelines for eating fish from reservoirs downstream from the Santa Rosa Reservoir, Piatt says he believes prudence is a wise move, especially given the unknown mercury levels in the other reservoirs.

Water from the Santa Rosa is routinely transferred to other reservoirs downstream for irrigation, opening the door for what he calls the real possibility of additional contamination in the Fort Sumner, Brantley and Red Bluff reservoirs.

For that reason, Piatt has recommended that the same consumption guidelines issued for Santa Rosa Reservoir be used in deciding whether to eat fish from the other reservoirs downstream.

"Mercury is not an element that we tend to play games with," Piatt says. "This is a nasty one."

Mercury, which builds up in

living tissue, becomes concentrated over time. Ingesting too much of the heavy metal can cause kidney disease and damage to the eyes, respiratory tract or brain. Symptoms include shakiness, tunnel vision and loss of coordination.

The Environment Department advises people to steer clear of eating walleye or bass from the Santa Rosa Reservoir that are 17 inches or longer, catfish 23 inches or longer and carp 24 inches or longer. Pregnant women are discouraged from eating any fish from the reservoir.

"I strongly recommend that people follow those guidelines for all the reservoirs," Piatt says. "We simply don't know what's out there."

The source of the mercury has not been determined, but some scientists figure it's a naturally occurring phenomenon.

Bob Jenks, assistant chief of the Habitat, Environment and Lands Division at the state Department of Game and Fish, says he believes the mercury is tied to the region's geology.

Piatt agrees. New Mexico, he says, does not have the industrial sources that would generate high levels of mercury in the man-made reservoirs.

"I think it's important to note that it's not something that just appeared this year," Jenks says. "It's probably existed as long as the impoundments have existed."

Meanwhile, state agencies plan to conduct additional tests on the fish in all the mainstream reservoirs to determine mercury levels, but officials say lack of money could slow the process.

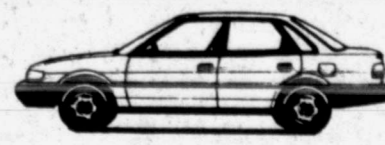
Piatt says the Environment Department could easily spend \$1 million on testing alone — but no money was budgeted for such use.

"It's very expensive, very involved," he says.

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**Elderly patients...**

# Vienna nurses aides convicted of murder

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Four nurses aides were convicted Friday and sentenced to terms ranging from 15 years to life in the deaths of at least 20 elderly patients killed by drug overdoses or by forcing water into their lungs.

The four, dubbed "The Angels of Death" in Austria's newspapers, initially admitted to

## Autopsy says man was shot in back

DALLAS (AP) — A man killed during a drug raid at his Garland home last month was shot three times in the back by a police officer, an autopsy by the Dallas County medical examiner's office shows.

Garland police contend Kenneth Wayne Baulch, 26, was shot Feb. 14 because he was trying to attack officer Robert C. Johns with a large ashtray.

Baulch's mother termed her son's death "murder."

Jisela Baulch said that reading her son's autopsy report "just made me sick."

"People need to be aware of the Garland police," she told The Dallas Morning News in Saturday's editions. "This was plain murder and nothing else."

Baulch was two to three feet away from Johns when three of the shots were fired from the officer's .45-caliber revolver, autopsy results show. A fourth shot hit Baulch in the left wrist from a distance greater than three feet, medical examiners determined.

Garland police would not comment on the autopsy results.

"The case has been filed with the grand jury," said police spokesman Allan Peck. "We have given what we have up to this point to the grand jury for their disposition."

being involved in the deaths of 42 old and chronically ailing patients at Vienna's Lainz Hospital between 1983 and 1989. They later retracted most of their confessions.

A three-judge panel sentenced Waltraud Wagner, 32, and Irene Leidolf, 29, to life in prison for murder. Stefanija Mayer, 51, received a 20-year term on attempted murder and manslaughter charges. Maria Gruber, 29, drew 15 years for attempted murder.

Lawyers for Wagner and Leidolf said they would appeal. Counsel for Mayer and Gruber reserved the right to appeal.

Wagner, who appeared in a daze through most of the four-week trial, slumped over as sentence was pronounced. She was given first aid. The jury of six women and two men found her guilty of 15 murders, 17 attempted murders, and two cases of aggravated assault.

Mayer collapsed after her conviction for seven attempted murders and one case of manslaughter. She was taken from the courtroom on a stretcher.

Leidolf was convicted of five murders and two attempted murders, and Gruber of two attempted murders.

Presiding Judge Peter Straub condemned the "ingenious and malicious methods" used by the defendants.

The elderly patients were given intravenous overdoses of drugs or killed by forcing their tongues aside and pouring water down their windpipes.

The case was a sensation in Austria, not only because of the mass murder disclosures, but because it pointed to major shortfalls in hospital care in a nation that prides itself on its socialized medical system.

Wagner testified she had almost unlimited access to drugs in an unlocked medicine cabinet

and began administering them on night shifts when doctors were absent. Nurses aides had no such authority, but overworked nurses paid no heed.

Her lawyer argued she acted out of pity and wanted only to help her patients.

Other medical personnel told the court that doctors on overnight duty often left orders not to be awakened except in extreme emergencies. Incontinent patients were left unwashed for hours. Overworked staff regularly yelled at or ignored other patients.

The revelations prompted widespread outrage and recriminations toward others higher in the hospital hierarchy.

Wagner and Leidolf would be eligible for parole after 15 years.



**EASTER BONNETS** — West third graders in Faye Cook's class are wearing the special Easter bonnets they made for the holiday. Students pictured are from left, first row, Deidra Goebel, Prissy Reyes, Jason Billingsley, Michael Gibson, Janice Justiss, Stephanie Price, Danny Early and Mandi

Chambers; second row, Justin Rosson, Lora Turner, Jon Hensley, Brandy Berkley, Josh Levens, Lacey Kidd and Erica Arnold; third row: Jared Hester, Ben Rollins, Brady Hackfeld, Freddy Brown, Corey Knipe and Jay Doty. (SDN Staff Photo)

**Justice Department...**

## Drug testing for job seekers upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department's testing of new employees for illegal drug use was upheld Friday in an appellate court ruling, that the dissenting judge said could allow checks of all federal job seekers.

The 2-1 ruling by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld a program under which people tentatively hired by the Justice Department must provide a urine sample that is tested for illegal drugs.

The split panel held that the Justice Department's interest in screening illegal drug users from the people it hires outweighed individual applicants' constitutional rights to privacy.

"Drug use among its employees would undermine the department's credibility as the nation's leading law enforcement agency," Circuit Judge A. Ray-

mond Randolph wrote in the opinion joined by Circuit Judge Laurence Silberman.

"To the Justice Department, like any other employer, an applicant is a stranger," the court said. Drug testing is just another tool, like interviews or background checks, to gather information about an applicant's "suitability for employment."

The opinion by Randolph, appointed last year to the court by President Bush, drew a sharp dissent from another recent Bush appointee, Circuit Judge Karen Henderson.

"Simply applying for federal employment is too slim a reed to support mandatory drug testing," wrote Henderson.

Past court decisions have allowed testing of federal employees based on a "reasonable suspicion" of illegal drug use.

Other rulings also allow random testing of employees whose impairment by illegal drug use might endanger public safety or national security.

But Henderson said the other judges were ignoring a requirement of these rulings that "the testing be reasonably calculated to avert some harm that a drug-impaired employee is likely to cause."

"Taken to its logical end, the majority's reasoning sanctions a blanket requirement for all federal job applicants," she said.

She noted that the applicant who challenged the requirement, attorney Carl Willner, now works in a division of the Justice Department not subject to random drug testing.

The same court in 1989 restricted random drug testing at the Justice Department to employees who handled

classified information or who were involved in prosecuting drug cases. That ruling specifically exempted the antitrust division, where Willner now works.

The decision on Friday lifted a May 15, 1990, injunction issued by U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell that barred the antitrust division from testing Willner or other people offered jobs there.

Gesell's injunction did not stop applicant testing elsewhere in the Justice Department. But Friday's reversal of his decision could blunt other challenges to applicant drug testing at the Justice Department and other agencies.

A young lawyer recently hired by the civil rights division dropped a court challenge to the urine-test rule after another federal judge refused to enjoin the test.

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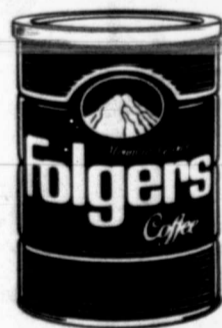
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# THRIFTWAY

# Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

Two words may best describe Stephen Cook of Snyder — caring and involved. He cares about the planet Earth and he is as involved as he can be in trying to save it for future generations.

Cook is an environmentalist. He's not a crackpot or a rabble rouser. But he is dedicated to doing his part — no matter how small it may appear.

He recycles motor oil and plants and nurtures a garden every year, sans the use of fertilizer and pesticides.

He keeps abreast of current environmental issues and, whenever he has the opportunity, he likes to tell people how he feels. Cook has learned though that most people are too busy with daily life to let themselves be concerned about the future and/or environmental issues. That doesn't deter him though. He sincerely believes that "the answers will be found when people begin to look for them."

Cook takes an approach to gardening which does not include the use of fertilizer or pesticides. And judging from last year's efforts, he has had a great deal of success, especially with tomatoes which "grew more like bushes than plants," he said.

His garden is about six feet by 15 feet in size.

He hasn't planted this year's garden yet, but expects to do so within a few weeks. He sets no timetable but rather depends on "instinct" to determine the correct time to plant.

But when he does plant a garden he nurtures it naturally. Last year six of seven eight-inch tomato plants survived and grew to be quite hardy, some six to seven feet in diameter and about three feet high. He had some tomatoes which grew as late as

November.

Cook's philosophy is "Grow the soil first and then the soil will grow the plants. If you create your own ecological system in the garden then plants will grow and thrive."

As plants in his yard died, Cook left them where they were. When he gets ready to plant again he said he will chop them up and mix them with garden soil which he will turn and plow.

He likes to use this natural fertilizer because "it aerates the soil and allows water to pass through it more quickly."

Cook said that because plants are "highly oxygenated" the roots become damaged if they sit in water too long.

He also leaves the leaves in his yard and by springtime they have decomposed so he rakes them up and applies them to the garden as he readies the soil for planting.

He will use some seeds saved from last year's garden to help get his new garden started. He explained that plants have to be acclimated to their environment.

Since they need to be protected from direct sunlight, he said he puts boxes around them at first and then when they get about two feet high they are capable of growing on their own then.

These boxes help to hold water for the plants at first.

Besides tomatoes, Cook will probably plant yellow acorn squash, green beans, lettuce and jalapenos, just to name a few. But he may avoid carrots, since they "are hard to grow."

Since Cook doesn't like to use pesticides he intends to try his mother-in-law's solution to the bugs in the garden problem. The bugs, once caught in the garden, will be mixed with a little water, blended in a blender and sprayed back on the garden.

The solution will contain a particular smell which will in effect keep other bugs away because they will be warned off, so to speak, by the "smell of danger."

Earlier this year, some of Cook's ideas were broadcast on the Tumbleweed Smith radio pro-

gram which he had taped last August. Cook interviewed Smith for a program which aired on KSNY, where Cook works, and out of a conversation which took place then, some of Cook's environmental views were also recorded for later use.

Cook prefers his method of gardening because its more economical, doesn't use chemicals and works better.

Though he has always questioned the use of chemicals in gardening, he did not begin to seriously study environmental issues until about five years ago. He reads Omni magazine regularly and contacts within the field of radio have put him in touch with various environmental organizations which help keep him informed.

Cook applauds the use of biodegradable and recycled products. And for the 20th anniversary of Earth Day he, along with Charlie Dee, helped to put together a special program which aired on the local radio station.

He believes in recycling oil because "oil poured on the ground will eventually seep into the earth and contaminate the water supply."

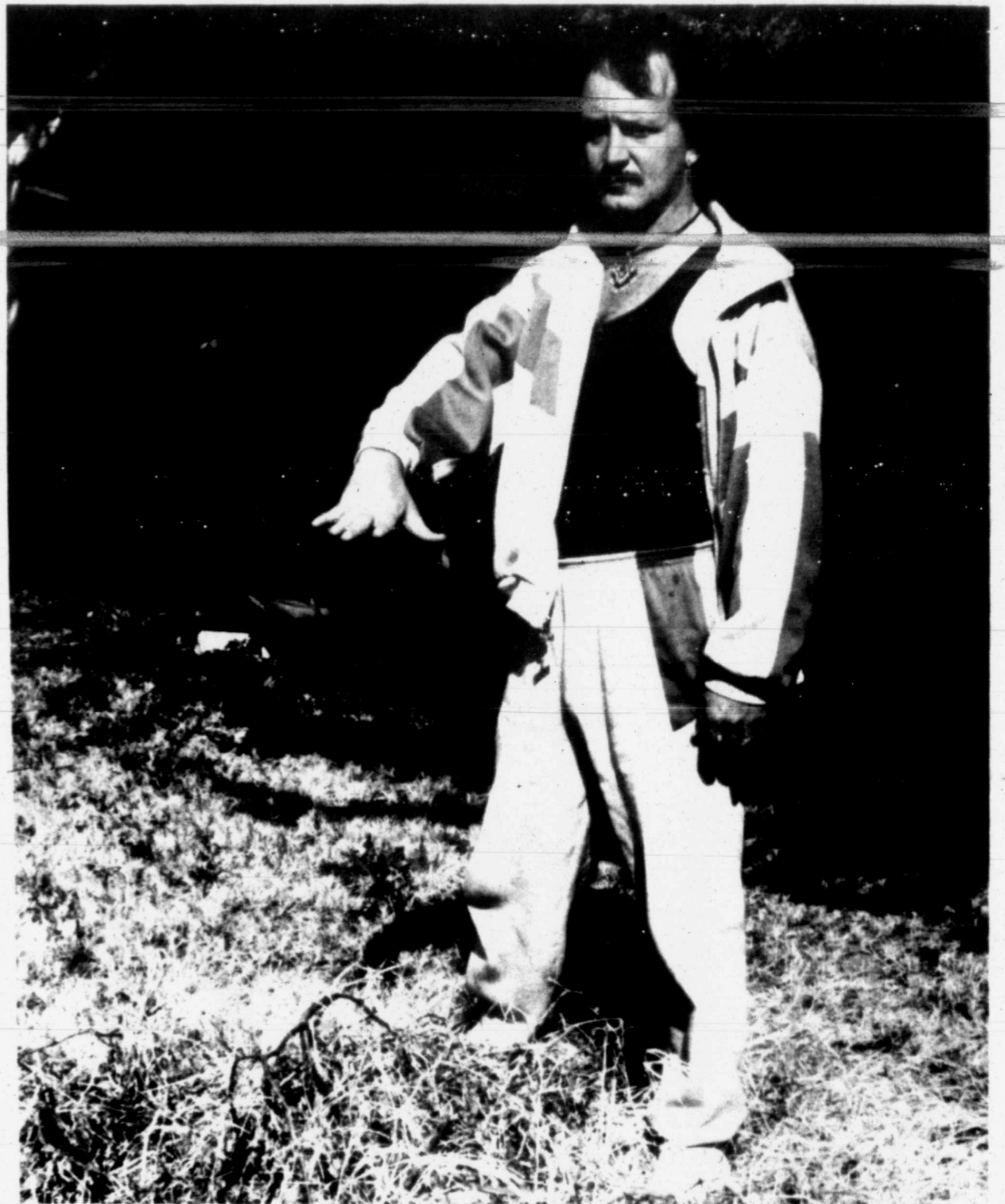
He believes it is important to start doing something now, and often asks this question: "What happens when my kids get to be my age if I don't do something now?"

Cook believes "everyone has to be responsible if the earth is to change." Everyone should get involved even if it something simple to start with. He also said the Scurry County Library is filled with a lot of information about the environment.

Though it can be a very unpopular stand, Cook said he believes that people have to become aware of environmental problems and start doing something about them.

To Cook, being an environmentalist is part of being a parent. He wants to help make the earth a safe place for his children to live.

Cook moved to Snyder from



**ORGANIC GARDNER** — Stephen Cook of Snyder is standing in his back yard where he will plant this year's garden, without the use of either fertilizer or pesticides. With a hand, he shows how tall the tomato plants grew last year. He let them grow

naturally and they spread out more like "bushes" than the traditional tomato vines which are made to grow upward rather than outward. (SDN Staff Photo)

## The SDN Section B

March 31, 1991



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# Couple marries in Haskell

HASKELL — Becky Jo Medford of Anson became the bride of Troyce Leon Renfro of Snyder at a 2 p.m. March 9 ceremony in the Haskell Church of Christ.

Jim Renfro of Latrobe, Pa., Mt. View Baptist Church and brother of the groom, officiated.

The couple's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Burl Medford of Haskell and Mrs. James Renfro of Abilene and the late James Renfro.

Wedding music was provided by the Haskell Church of Christ Singers.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Linda McDaniel of Cedar Hill, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Jill Tate of Abilene, Belinda Heller of Avoca and Julie Peel of Rule.

Ashley Medford of Haskell, sister of the bride, was flower girl.

Richard Renfro of Mesquite, served his brother as best man. Groomsmen were Ricky Long of San Angelo, James Sanders of Coahoma and Rudy Hinojos of Snyder.

Seating guests were Keith Medford and Rodney Medford, both of Haskell and brothers of the bride, and Clark McDaniel of Cedar Hill, cousin of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Haskell Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, hosted by the bride's parents.

The couple will make their home in Snyder following their honeymoon trip to New Mexico.

The bride is a graduate of Paint Creek High School and Abilene Christian University with a bachelor of science in education,



MR. AND MRS. TROYCE RENFRO  
(Private Photo)

and she is employed by the Anson Independent School District.

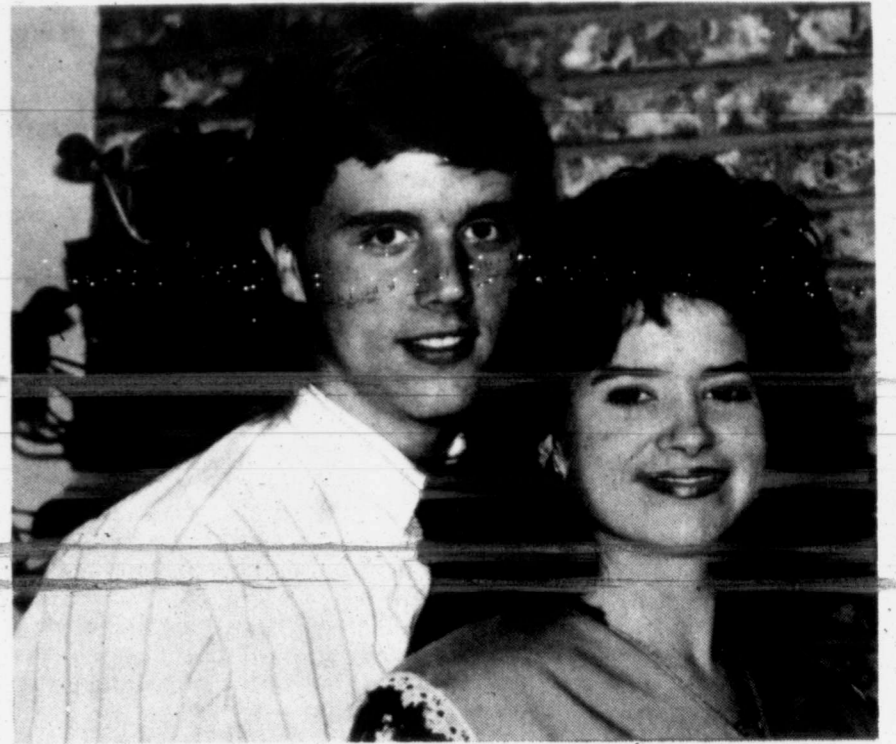
The bridegroom is a graduate of Coahoma High School and

Angelo State University with a bachelor of science in mathematics, and he is employed by the Snyder ISD.

## Bridge

By James Jacoby

NORTH 3-30-91			
♠ Q 5			
♥ Q 7 6 3			
♦ A Q 10 4			
♣ K 10 2			
WEST	EAST		
♠ J 9 7 6 3	♠ A K 10 8 2		
♥ A 5	♥ K 2		
♦ 2	♦ 9 6 3		
♣ J 8 6 5 4	♣ 9 7 3		
SOUTH			
♠ 4			
♥ J 10 8 8 4			
♦ K J 8 7 5			
♣ A Q			
Vulnerable: East-West			
Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	All pass
Opening lead: ♠ 2			



JUNE WEDDING SET — Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pate announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Lea, to Kenny Ray Gambrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Gambrell, all of Snyder. Vows will be exchanged at 2 p.m. June 29 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Private Photo)

## Who was wrong?

By James Jacoby

For today's hand, you need your analytical skill. Against four hearts, West led the two of diamonds, covered by the queen, three and five. Dummy's heart queen ran to West's ace, and West switched to a club. Declarer won with the ace and led another trump. East won with the king and cashed a top spade, but declarer had the rest. How many errors were made?

While you are thinking, let's run through the auction. South opened a little light, but if a fit is found, a hand with two five-card suits will be worth more tricks than the point-count suggests. North's two-no-trump response was the Jacoby forcing major-suit raise, and the opener's three-spade rebid showed a singleton or void in that suit. With a minimum, North signed off, and South had no reason to go higher.

There were two errors. Even the bartender knew that the lead was a singleton. In this position, East should have given a suit-preference signal, indicating where his entry lay. At trick one he should have dropped the nine of diamonds, not the three. When he played the three, West assumed South had the singleton ace of spades and not the ace of clubs.

The other error was South's. He should have anticipated the diamond ruff. After winning the first trick, he should have played a club back to his ace, overtaken the club queen with dummy's king and led the club 10. When it isn't covered by East, he makes a loser-on-loser play, discarding his spade four. This scissors coup leaves East without an entry, and the contract is safe.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1991, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.



MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED — Jimmy Lee Rodriguez and Victoria Lynn Carreon wish to announce the marriage of their parents, Jesse Carreon and Christina Rodriguez at 1 p.m. on March 30 at Victory Baptist Church. A reception was held following the ceremony at the church hall hosted by family and friends. (Private Photo)

## Ira School Menu

<b>MONDAY</b> Spring Break	Corn Black-Eyed Peas Jello Cake Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk
<b>TUESDAY</b> Burritos w/Chili & Cheese French Fries Shredded Lettuce Vanilla Cookies Choice of Milk	<b>THURSDAY</b> Pinto Beans Fried Okra Spinach Peach Cobbler Cornbread	<b>FRIDAY</b> Steak Fingers w/Gravy Cream Potatoes Green Beans Jello w/Fruit Rolls Choice of Milk
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Chicken Casserole		Classified Ads Call 573-5486

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## Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

**FRIDAY**  
Coleen Palmer directed 22 tables at the Swiss Team, winners picture shown on page 4B.

**SUNDAY**  
Dot Casey directed four tables.  
1. Ann Davis, Joyce Bass  
2. Mary Beth Vestal, Barbara Yorgesen  
3. Tie: Nona Morrison, Margaret Birdwell and Dot Casey, Louise Thompson

**TUESDAY**  
Dot Casey directed five tables.  
1. Margaret Birdwell, Bessie Collins  
2. Louise Thompson, Julie Sentell  
3. Rosie Floyd, Dorothy Rosson  
4. Mary Beth Vestal, Nona Morrison

Odessa two years ago. He has been the music director at KSNY for a little more than a year.

His wife, Kathleen, works the night shift at Cogdell Memorial Hospital as a medical lab technician.

A native of Brownfield, Cook has lived in many places. He loves to travel and to meet people. One passion is digging for crystals in mines throughout the U.S. Last summer he and his wife spent time in Hot Springs, Ark. digging for crystals.

Crystals fascinate Cook, who said that some people consider them to have "magical properties."

While in the Air Force he traveled extensively in the U.S. and a favorite place was Myrtle Beach, S.C. where he saw cottonwood trees which completely covered a four-lane highway.

Cook took basic training in San Antonio. He has traveled throughout the deep South and one of his most precious memories occurred some 15 years ago in a small cafe in Macon, Ga.

He doesn't have a strong Texas accent, but while there he said he

sounded like a "hick." The waitress was fascinated to learn he was from Texas. She was quite convinced that Texans still wore six guns, rode horses and fought Indians. She thought Texas was a "real outlaw land" and, of course, he said he "strung her along and had fun telling her wild tales."

Cook is also partial to Fort Davis, a restored fort located in the mountains. He especially likes a certain drug store which serves Cokes the old-fashioned way, by handmixing Coke syrup with carbonated water. That and a huge cheeseburger makes for a nostalgic meal.

He said that stepping into that drug store was "like stepping back in time some 30 years."

Cook admits to being "amazed at the changes made during the last 30 years."

"I remember when the telephone was a novelty. My grandmother thought it was bad luck because the only time it was used then was to convey bad news."

As a boy growing up, Cook said his grandmother was his best friend. She taught him to play checkers and he remembers "wanting to turn the board around when she started to win."

But trends — so popular today — aren't for Cook who still considers the Frisbee the greatest invention because "it's the one thing invented in the last 30 years which requires both skill and interaction with people."

## Gentle Dove Menu

<b>MONDAY</b> Vegetable Beef Soup
<b>TUESDAY</b> Turkey Noodle Casserole
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Macaroni and Cheese
<b>THURSDAY</b> Sausage/Egg Casserole
<b>FRIDAY</b> Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice and Homemade Tortillas
All meals served with dessert, bread, tea and coffee.



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## KID'S KAMPUS

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## Community Calendar

### MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
 Family Council; Snyder Nursing Center Council Room; for information call 573-6675.  
 Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.  
 Ladies Auxiliary of VFW; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.  
 Overeaters Anonymous; fellowship hall of Morning Side Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.  
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.

### TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; Snyder Country Club; 10 a.m.  
 Sparklers-Chamber of Commerce Volunteers; The Shack; 12 noon.  
 Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Assoc; The Shack; 12 noon.  
 Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
 Twentieth Century Study Club; 3 p.m.  
 Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.  
 Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God Church; 3:30 p.m.  
 University Women; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.  
 Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m.; For more information call 573-8885 or 573-9410.  
 Stanfield Elementary Parent Council; school cafeteria; 7 p.m.  
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.  
 Snyder Police Auxiliary; SNB Community Room; 7:30 p.m.  
 Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.  
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.  
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.  
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

### WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club's prayer coffee, at Melinda Earley's home, 3727 Ave. U; 10 a.m.  
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

### THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.  
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.  
 Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.  
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City Bridge Room; 1:30 p.m.  
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
 Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.  
 Deep Creek Cloggers, lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.  
 Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys Club, 28th & O; 7 p.m.  
 Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.  
 Operation Storm Support Group; National Guard Armory; everyone welcome; 7 p.m.  
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

### FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.  
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Guiden Corral.  
 Overeaters Anonymous; 1 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.  
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.  
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.  
 Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.  
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.  
 Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.  
 Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

### SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park. For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.  
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42aan dominos; 6:30 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.  
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.  
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.



**COUPLE SET MAY VOWS** — Mrs. Dorothy Savage of Snyder announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Harless, to Byron G. Smith of Fort Worth. She is the granddaughter of the late T.F. Savage. She is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Harless of Snyder. Her parents are Bill and Mary Ann Harless of Midland and the future groom's parents are Carolyn and Gary Smith of Murchison. The couple plans a 2 p.m. May 18 wedding in the Calvary Baptist Church in Athens. (Picture by Harley Bynum)



**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT** — At right, Courtney Lowrance, is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Funds, sponsored by the members. Beta Sigma Phi is the world's largest women's organization of its kind, with 250,000 members in 21 countries. Lowrance was sponsored for this scholarship by the local Xi Alpha Alpha Theta and was one of 42 grants given this year. Recipients are chosen based on their scholarship as well as community involvement, future plans and financial need. Members of Beta Sigma Phi and their sons and daughters are eligible. Presenting the award is Jackie Buckland, local sorority's service committee chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Snyder ISD School Menu

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**  
 Buttered Toast w/Jelly  
 Pineapple Juice  
 Milk

**TUESDAY**  
 Biscuit w/Sausage  
 Grape Juice  
 Milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
 Blueberry Bar  
 Apple Juice  
 Milk

**THURSDAY**  
 Breakfast Taco  
 Orange Juice  
 Milk

**FRIDAY**  
 Cheerios  
 Grape Juice  
 Milk

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**  
 Hamburgers  
 Burger Fixins'  
 French Fries  
 Apple Wedges  
 Milk

**TUESDAY**  
 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce  
 Green Beans  
 Diced Peas  
 French Bread  
 Milk

**WEDNESDAY**  
 BBQ on a Bun  
 Blackeyed Peas  
 Cole Slaw  
 Happy Birthday Cake  
 Milk

**THURSDAY**  
 Turkey Pot Pie  
 Tossed Salad w/Ranch Dressing

**FRIDAY**  
 Diced Peaches  
 Tiger Cookie  
 Milk

**FRIDAY**  
 Beef-n-Cheese Nachos  
 Pinto Beans  
 Pineapple & Bananas  
 Cornbread  
 Milk

Special Event: Happy Birthday Party Wednesday at all schools to celebrate students having birthdays this month. Featuring—birthday cake for dessert on the menu.

## Bread pudding winner

**BANANA-BREAD PUDDING**  
 2 eggs or 1/2 cup egg substitute  
 2 egg whites  
 1 cup skim milk  
 4 tablespoons brown sugar or honey  
 1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 3 slices whole-wheat bread, diced

4 very ripe bananas, mashed  
 Grated lemon rind (optional)  
 In a large bowl, whisk together the egg and egg whites until well blended. Add the milk, sugar or honey, nutmeg and cinnamon. Add the bread and let stand for 5 minutes. Add the bananas.  
 Coat a 1- to 1 1/2-quart casserole with non-stick spray. Add the bread mixture. Place the dish in a larger baking pan and add enough hot water to come

halfway up the sides of the inside pan.  
 Bake in a 350-degree F oven for 50 minutes. Remove the casserole dish from the water and allow to cool on a wire rack for 10 to 15 minutes. Serve with sprinkled lemon rind. Makes 4 servings.  
 Nutrition information per serving: 271 cal., 4 g fat (13 percent calories from fat), 4 g dietary fiber, 10 g pro., 108 mg chol., 215 mg sodium.

## Bridge Winners

1. Verna Foree, Clara Tate
2. Sadie Longbotham, Thaba McMillan
3. Hattie Phillips, Helen Hood
4. Shirley Drum, Lou Meadows

## Strawberry festival

**NEW YORK (AP)** —The 8th annual California Strawberry Festival will be held May 18-19 in Oxnard, Calif. Strawberries will be featured in blintzes, funnel cakes, pizzas, crepes, breads, shortcakes and kebabs. The weekend event will include a strawberry shortcake eating contest.



**MARRIAGE SET IN JUNE** — Lisa Gaye and David Mark announce their engagement and approaching marriage set for June 22 at the First Baptist Church Chapel. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Loyola and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Tate of Snyder. (Photo by Ted Bigham)

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Have your child's immunization record prepared and up to date prior to registration.

Clinic dates for immunizations before Spring Round-Up will be:

March 28	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
April 2	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
April 4	8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED** — Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lamb of Colorado City and Velma Ward of Snyder and Billy A. Ward of California announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter and son, Sandra Annette Lamb and Michael Alan Ward. Wedding vows will be exchanged at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 27, in Oak Street Baptist Church in Colorado City. (Private Photo)



**CHARITY BRIDGE GAMES** — Snyder Duplicate 2-Session Swiss Team was held at the Snyder Country Club March 22. Rosie Floyd, seated, and her partner, Dorothy Rosson, back to the camera, beginning their hand of bridge with two players from Lamesa, were one of 22 tables playing bridge March 22. Others in the background included entries from Abilene, Haskell, Big Spring, Lamesa, O'Donnell,

Stephenville, Loraine, Sweetwater, Colorado City, Stamford and Hamlin. The proceeds will go to the ACBL charity. Shown below are winners of the event, from left, Mary Tecson, captain, Ruth Wellhousen, Betsy Duncan and Howard Wilkins, all of Abilene. (SDN Staff Photo)



**Scurry County Library News and Views**

Are you a collector? If so, you may want to check out the new books at the Scurry County Library. We have recently received several new books on collectables of many kinds. The subjects include baseball cards, Disneyana collectables, teddy bear and toys. Some of the new books are "Hake's Guide to TV Collectables," "Tomart's Price Guide to Character & Promotional Glasses," and "Hancer's Price Guide to Paperback Books."

**NON-FICTION**  
 "Healing Your Aloneness: Finding Love and Wholeness Through Your Inner Child," by Erika Chopich.  
 "The New Money Masters: Winning Investment Strategies...." by John Train; "Know Your Sewing Machine," by Jackie Dodson; "Flea Market Handbook," by Robert Miner.  
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**BOOK REVIEW**  
 "Bouncing Back: How a Heroic Band of POWs Survived Vietnam," by Geoffrey Norman. In 1967, a navy pilot was shot down over North Vietnam and was captured. Nothing he had been taught could have prepared him for survival as a POW in Vietnam. The torture he endured was gruesome, and the humiliation unbearable. He survived because he was not alone. The prisoners in each camp made contact, and their secret communication saved them. This is a powerful account of their experience and an inspiring testimony to the human spirit.

**Prose and poetry will be program**  
 The University Women's organization will meet Tuesday, April 2, at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Kay Hopper as hostess.  
 The program begins at 6:30 and will feature UIL Prose and Poetry participants from Snyder High School.  
 Anyone interested in attending is welcome for part or all of the evening which includes a dinner with a cost of \$5. Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling Penny Perry.

**Hermleigh ISD Menu**

- BREAKFAST MONDAY**  
 Juice  
 Buttered Oatmeal  
 Toast  
 Milk
- TUESDAY**  
 Fruit  
 Cheese Toast  
 Milk
- WEDNESDAY**  
 Juice  
 Buttered Rice  
 Toast  
 Milk
- THURSDAY**  
 Fruit  
 Cinnamon Rolls  
 Milk
- FRIDAY**  
 Juice  
 Dry Cereal  
 Toast  
 Milk
- LUNCH MONDAY**  
 Corn Dogs  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Twister Potatoes  
 Lemon Squares  
 Milk
- TUESDAY**  
 Barbecue Hamburger Patties  
 Potato Salad  
 Relish Cup  
 Hot Rolls  
 Applesauce Cake  
 Milk
- WEDNESDAY**  
 Lasagna  
 Glazed Carrots  
 Fried Squash  
 Hot Rolls  
 No Bake Cookies  
 Milk
- THURSDAY**  
 Pinto Beans  
 Creamed Potatoes  
 Buttered spinach  
 Corn Bread  
 Rice Pudding  
 Milk

- FRIDAY**  
 Sausage Pizza  
 Buttered Corn  
 Shredded Lettuce  
 Fruit Jello  
 Milk

**Recent top ten books**

- FICTION**
- "The Druid of Shannara," Terry Brooks
  - "Heartbeat," Danielle Steel
  - "Cold Fire," Dean R. Koontz
  - "The Eagle Has Flown," Jack Higgins
  - "The Plains of Passage," Jean M. Auel
  - "Forgiving," LaVyrle Spencer
  - "The Firm," John Grisham
  - "The Witching Hour," Anne Rice
  - "Love & Desire & Hate," Joan Collins
  - "Battleground," W.E.B. Griffin
- NON-FICTION**
- "Homecoming," John Bradshaw
  - "Wealth Without Risk," Charles Givens
  - "Financial Self-Defense," Charles Givens
  - "Riders on the Storm," John Densmore
  - "You'll Never Eat Lunch in This Town Again," Julia Phillips
  - "And the Sea Will Tell," Vincent Bugliosi
  - "Iron John," Robert Bly
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# Quayle voted to cut Patriot funding in 1983

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle once voted to slash spending for the Patriot missile that he has so effusively praised since the Persian Gulf War.

As a senator, Quayle was among several Republicans who voted to cut funds for the Patriot. Now the vice president is embracing the missile-defense system — an overall success in intercepting Iraqi Scud missiles aimed at Israel and Saudi Arabia.

All Patriot military crews are trained at Fort Bliss near El Paso, Texas.

"To those who say it won't work, that you can't hit a bullet with a bullet, I say go ask (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein that question because Saddam has seen many of his Scud missiles blown out of the air by an American weapon system known as the Patriot," Quayle told workers at the Kennedy Space Center recently.

In 1983, while representing Indiana in the Senate, he joined other Republicans in opposing an effort to restore \$177.6 million that was being cut from the Patriot program.

Also voting against the funds were then-Sen. John Tower, R-Texas, who chaired the Armed Services Committee; Sen. John Warner of Virginia, now the ranking Republican on the panel; and Sens. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and William Cohen, R-Maine, both still members of the committee.

But a Quayle spokesman said Thursday, "This was not against funding of the Patriot." The spokesman, who asked not to be identified, contended that Democrats sought to add money above what President Reagan had requested, and that Quayle voted for the spending level the president wanted.

The Republican glee over the Patriot's success in the Persian Gulf was evident on Feb. 15 when President Bush went to Andover, Mass., to speak to employees of Raytheon Co., maker of the missile.

"Thank God that when the Scuds came, the people of Israel and Saudi Arabia and the brave forces of our coalition had more to protect their lives than some abstract theory of deterrence," Bush said. "Thank God for the

Patriot missile." House Republicans have been researching lawmakers' records on the Patriot in hopes of finding members who opposed the weapon, but neither the full House nor Senate has voted strictly on the missile, according to officials at Raytheon and congressional sources.

However, money for the Patriot was a point of contention in a June 22, 1983, vote of the

Senate Armed Services Committee.

At the time, Reagan had called for buying 525 Patriots and spending \$1.27 billion on procurement and spare parts.

An Armed Services subcommittee cut \$233.6 million from the request while slashing the number of Patriots to 287. The Senate was controlled by Republicans that year.

When the full Armed Services

Committee met to approve a final Pentagon budget, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., sought to restore \$177.6 million for the Patriot program. He failed by a vote of 9-8, largely along party lines, and Quayle was among those voting against the measure.

Quayle's spokesman said that at the time, the Patriot was intended to be an anti-aircraft system and Quayle later was

"instrumental" in pushing for it to be changed to an anti-ballistic missile system.

Other Republican senators who opposed the restoration of Patriot funds were Barry Goldwater of Arizona, Roger W. Jepsen of Iowa, John East of North Carolina and Pete Wilson.

The issue didn't die there, however. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., now the Armed Services Committee chairman, sought on July 14, 1983, to restore money for the Patriot and other conventional weapons systems by cutting the fiscal 1984 allocation for the B-1B bomber by \$888.7 million.

## Actor's master plan?

# Stay away from series TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Go ahead. Go on. Ask Daniel J. Travanti to go back to series TV and create a character as enduring and endearing as his Capt. Frank Furillo of "Hill Street Blues."

Aw... save your breath. "I'll tell you something: If I were doing a series, I couldn't have done that," he says, gesturing toward his mantel and the 6-by-4-foot photo from his 16-week stint on the London stage in "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," where he played the rascal Valmont.

He then rattles off a string of plays and films and TV movies that have kept him busy since 1987, when "Hill Street" ended in its seventh season.

Next up is Sunday night's "Eyes of a Witness." The CBS made-for-TV movie, shot entirely on location in Kenya's vast and

beautiful Rift Valley, is "all right — not bad — tough to find good stuff on television," Travanti said.

So don't ask him. He really doesn't want to do another series.

"I'd be stuck, you see," he said. "You really go away when you do a series. You're away. You go to the factory every day." Travanti isn't remotely like the the slow-fused, contained, deliberate Furillo.

Far from it. The actor is joyful and animated, and fully capable of holding up both sides of any given conversation. He speaks his mind at the speed of thought, with occasional dialogues with people not in the room.

He's also a skilled, highly technical actor.

"I love it when they say,

## 'Family restroom' proves hit in Montgomery Mall

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — The Montgomery Mall looks like any other in America. Department stores. Victoria's Secret. Cute little gadget shops. A music store where the guy plays "On A Clear Day" on the organ.

But back behind the food court, here known as the Boulevard Cafes, at the end of a freshly tiled corridor is something they're proud of. Customers gush with enthusiasm over it. A couple have even written letters to the editors of the local papers to praise it.

It's the toilet. Down the hall from the doorways marked "Men" and "Women" there's a third choice: "Family Restroom."

Not since Thomas Crapper put one in Queen Victoria's Sandringham Castle (Victoria's other secret), has porcelain plumbing attracted such attention.

"This type of comprehensive facility hasn't been done anywhere in the country," explains Steven W. Nicklin, assistant general manager for marketing at the mall. "We've actually done some pretty good research on that."

Inside is a softly lit, three-room suite with piped-in music, cheery framed illustrations from children's stories and a park-style wooden bench for the weary to sit and pass the time.

In one room is an itty bitty toilet with a little sink and mirror. Everything is close to the floor. The room next door has grown-up-size stuff. Both have big doors that lock.

In the anteroom, where the bench is, there is also a changing table, a sink and a machine that dispenses diapers, moistened wipes and (mercifully) a plastic bag to dispose of the old one.

"They get all of this for 50 cents," Nicklin says.

The mall, located in this upper-crust suburb of Washington, D.C., is being renovated. In the process, someone got the idea of sparing parents the occasional awkward moment of a dad taking a little daughter into the men's room or a little boy going in there alone while his mom waits in the hallway biting her nails.

"Look at that. Isn't that cute?" said Norma Goodman of Rockville, Md., who was taking her 5-year-old granddaughter, Alyssa, into the kiddie potty.

## Seven arrested in sting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Six workers at Kelly Air Force Base and another man were arrested on charges linked to stolen government property after federal agents conducted an 18-month sting operation.

The property, including jet engine parts, tools, computer and electrical equipment and telephones, was valued at more than \$50,000, authorities said. The property reportedly was sold at only 5 percent of its value to federal agents.

The seven men were arrested Thursday. Six are civilian employees at the base and another man is a subcontractor.

Mike Wilson, special agent-in-charge of the San Antonio FBI office, said undercover agents set up a bogus subcontracting company called "Airprop Associates" to ferret out the loosely-knit theft ring.

"They (the suspects) are independent operators that knew one another and occasionally did business together," Wilson said. "They were greedy enough to make use of our bogus operation. We were a conduit for stolen property."

Air Force Col. Robert Lukens said none of the stolen property posed a threat to national security.

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# SDN Opinion Page

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## Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

I went to visit Uncle Elber about a week ago. You know Uncle Elber.

While I was there, Crazy Joe Hettermeyer blew in. Literally. Seems he was tacking a piece of four-by-eight plywood to his shed, the wind came up and it just took off on him. Only problem was, Joe didn't have the sense to let go.

We saw him coming, about 30 feet up in the air, but it took maybe five or six seconds to determine that it was Joe. It looked sorta like a little experimental aircraft with a siren. As it got closer, we could tell it was Crazy Joe, hanging on to this board and hollaring "Whoa-a-a-o-o-o!"

Fortunately, the wind only carried him about a quarter-mile, and he landed with a SMACK in the middle of the yard, bounced twice and ended up in an azalea bush right by Elber's porch — about three feet left of a rose bush and four feet right of a stand of cactus. But then, Joe always was lucky.

For a minute, he just lay there, under the plywood. All you could see were his fingers still clutching either side of the board.

Elber, who is used to Joe dropping in at strange times and strange ways, didn't even blink. He just took a sip of his beer and said, "Well, Joe, it flies good, but the landin' looks a mite rough, I'd say."

"Shut up and give me one of them there beers, Elber," moaned Joe, as he pushed the board off himself and sat up.

"Can't do that, Joe. Regulations."

"What you mean regulations?"

"Pilots ain't allowed to drink before flyin', Joe."

"Real funny," spat Joe, who stood up, walked over to the cooler and helped himself. "Real funny. I coulda' been killed and you're makin' jokes."

"Killed? Killed? You mean the man that survived the great wind storm of '32 killed by a little ol' breeze?" Elber questioned. "Or was you stretchin' the truth a little the other day just to impress Widow Jones, now maybe?"

Naw, naw," said Joe. "It happened jes' like I tol' it. Jes' like I tol' it."

And so began Crazy Joe Hettermeyer's story of the Great Wind Storm of 1932. And you'll hear it. But it'll have to wait until next time around...

## GOLF ON EASTER DAY



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## Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

**FIVE YEARS AGO**  
Scurry County Producers Association met with featured speaker Rep. Charles Stenholm. County Entomologist Deana Myers made a report, and recognized were directors whose terms expired: Melton Stephens, Carl Williams, Morris Head, David Kattes, Leon Sterling, Bob Pollard, Morris Light and Donald Tate.

Josh Ortegon, the 21-month old son of Mike and Cherie

Ortegon, competed in the Camelot Emerald Pageant at WTC. He placed first in photogenic, fashion and modeling, and was awarded the overall winner trophy.

Seven cast members of "A May For All Seasons" were awarded honors for their performance. Brad Vincent and Shannon Lunsford won best actor and actress. All-star cast recognition went to Missy McIntire, John Hamlett, Lance Aldridge, Richard Lack and Jamie Cofer.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
The Historic Dodson House, constructed in 1883, was moved from 3007 College Ave. to

the Scurry County Coliseum grounds.

The cast of "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" won district one-act play honors in UIL competition held at the Midland Community Theater. Jack O'Banion was named best actor, and Barry Tubb and Mark Robertson were named to the all-star cast.

**FIFTEEN YEARS AGO**  
Rose Nell Walker, Worthy Matron, spoke on "The Eastern Star" at an area meeting held at New Hope Baptist Church.

Texas Railroad Commission announced that Scurry County

retained leadership in oil production with 91,625,726 barrels, although it was a slight decline from the preceding year. Second in Texas was Yoakum County with 82,814 barrels.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
Members of the Lamar eighth grade volleyball team, coached by Joyce Elrod, were Ruth Ann Fagin, Kellye Crenshaw, Susan Neves, Donna Cornett, Elsie Garza, Shirley Hessler, Becky Pitts, Lesa Minor, Kathy Williamson, Laura Lee, Cydney McDonald, Susan Eime and manager Karen Lambert.

## Week In Review

### MONDAY

March 25

Lubbock State Sen. John T. Montford challenged West Texans to help the state achieve an "A" report card in education, noting "education is not an expenditure; it is an investment" during the Snyder Chamber of Commerce banquet, held Saturday.

Ira's performance of "Dark of the Moon" was one of two one-act plays to advance from District 13-A competition.

### WEDNESDAY

March 27

Representatives from the mineral valuation firm of Thomas Y. Pickett said although they had no specific numbers to point to, they predicted a gloomy

outlook for Scurry County taxing entities and local taxpayers.

### FRIDAY

March 29

Snyder High School drama department's production of "She Stoops to Conquer" was one of two plays to advance from District 2-4A UIL One Act competition at Western Texas College.

West Texas State Bank President Bill Parker praised "team effort" for the bank's excellent year during its annual shareholders meeting.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital showed positive income for 1990 and should stay aggressive to continue the upswing, according to a year-end audit.

## Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

I never thought it could happen to me. I always assumed that it would hit someone else. Usually, I'm pretty cool in emergencies. Give me a house fire, a car wreck, or a death in the family and I'm able to put my emotions on hold and handle the situation. You know, get through the myriad details.

But THIS, I mean, there just is no way to prepare for it. And so, I fell apart. Just crated. If it hadn't have been for the level head of my friend, Karen, well, I just don't know what would have happened. I shudder to think.

My daughter's usually not one to instigate a family crisis. She's a bookworm and a movieholic, like me. Keeps to herself. It's my son who's more likely to do something like step on a rattlesnake, or run around on a pitched roof, just for fun. But this time, it was Jessica who plunged

her mother into blind panic.

Just walked right in the door and said it: "Mamma, I need a dragon costume for the school play."

Talk about feeling the blood drain from your face. This was big time. They wanted a tail and EVERYTHING.

If I could have done it on a computer, hey, it would have been great. But no-o-o-o. This required—I break out in hives just thinking about it—a sewing machine. I ranted. I raved. I shook. It didn't help. The stupid costume still had to be made.

At first, I thought I could handle it. I mean, I CAN manage a needle and thread, so I went downtown and bought up a bunch of stuff I thought a person might need for that sort of thing: shimmering green fabric, green thread, some needles, hem tape, a dragon costume pattern (They

only had one half her size, but it was better than nothing.), a thimble, some green felt, some green pipe cleaners (What the heck, right?), stuffing stuff for the tail, and about a thousand hooks and eyes (You can't buy just one.)

Then I came home and cut out some stuff from the pattern I thought might come in handy, like the tail. None of it made any sense whatsoever.

Then I made my somewhat horror-struck daughter stand up like a scarecrow and I started draping and pinning. Eventually she resembled a large green pretzel, but hey, it was better than nothing, right? Then I picked up the scissors. My hand shook. I considered getting drunk, but I didn't think that would help much.

Finally, I went to the phone and called Karen, who pieced

together, through the hysteria, that I needed help. We went to her house, carrying huge wads of pattern and bunched-up, pinned-up green stuff. She said, "That green lame (accent on the 'e') is going to need reinforcement." Oh. It was lame. Now I'll know what lame is when I read it somewhere.

She sent me to the store. I bought more stuff.

She smiled but she did not laugh. She is my friend.

She pulled out a big board with a grid on it, measuring tape, happy little pins in a magnetic holder—doodads of every kind. She got newspaper. Like pioneer woman, she made her own pattern, custom-fitted to my daughter. She whipped it up on her sewing machine and she did not cuss once. I was in awe. She

(see COUNTRY LIFE, 10B)

## SDN letters to the editor

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all the fine and friendly people who came out to Wal-Mart last Saturday and made my book-signing a success. Many of you had such wonderful things to say, and I assure you they will keep me going on those days when a chapter isn't going well and I'm looking for a cliff from which to fling my body.

I'd especially like to thank Wayne and Jan Buchanan for that splendid flower arrangement, which is still beautiful.

(Didn't I say he was the most wonderful man in the world to whom I was not married?) And I'd like to mention, especially, Ricky Blackwell, manager of Wal-Mart, and all the hard-working associates who made the signing possible and made me feel so welcome.

I couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,

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

## Will the public go for low-fat food?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

As much as it may disappoint us lovers of rib roast, Hollandaise sauce and egg custard, today there is no longer any doubt about the relation between cholesterol and arteriosclerotic heart disease. Few experts claim that high cholesterol is the exclusive cause of arteriosclerosis, but it certainly is central to the problem. For this reason, many people are modifying their diets: reducing fats, avoiding tropical oils and eliminating high-cholesterol foods, such as egg yolks and organ meats.

About 84 million U.S. adults are estimated to have elevated cholesterol levels, exceeding 200 milligrams per deciliter (5.15 millimols per liter). A large percentage of these people could lower their cholesterol levels by prudent dieting.

Because physicians usually have neither the time nor the training to provide nutritional counseling, they — and their patients — are increasingly turning to dietitians for help. There are approximately 50,000 registered dietitians in the United States; four-fifths practice in hospitals. These professionals have become a valuable part of the medical team; doctors frequently collaborate with them to teach patients how to consume healthful diets.

The attention to dietary cholesterol is also spilling into the public arena where Phil Sokolof, the millionaire investor who directs the National Heart Savers Association, has confronted giant food processors, such as McDonald's and Kellogg. Through an effective advertising campaign, headlined "The Poisoning of America," Sokolof charged that the food industry sold products unnecessarily high in saturated fats, thus contributing to high cholesterol. The huge firms were initially enraged but recently made major changes in their food formulations to reduce fat and eliminate cholesterol from their products. To date, Nabisco is the only national food processor that has refused to stop using lard, a cholesterol-rich fat, in their baked goods, such as Oreos and Ritz crackers.

Sokolof and his NHTSA are now taking aim to eliminate surplus butter, cheese and dairy products that are supplied to school children; such school lunch programs subsidize farmers but may be unhealthy for youngsters.

This new orientation may become important. In a recent paper presented at the American Heart Association Meeting in Dallas, researchers from the University of California School of Medicine reported an "amazing correlation" between television watching and high blood cholesterol levels in young people aged 2 to 20. The children with the highest cholesterol levels watched more than two hours of television a day. This habit led to less exercise and more snacking on cholesterol-rich junk foods.

In addition, because doctors have traditionally been educated about the biochemistry of cholesterol but not about practical dietary matters — such as what to buy at the grocery store — medical students in Chicago are about to embark on a new curriculum, funded by the H.J. Heinz Co. Foundation, to help them understand how to advise patients about healthful diets.

Based on these observations, you can understand why I am perturbed about the food served in our hospital cafeteria. You'd think that hospitals ought to be setting an example by offering food to their employees that is both nutritious and low in fat. However, in our cafeteria, the reverse is true: chili, fried entrees, stews, greasy sauces and cream puddings are the rule. Employees in size 48 stretch pants load up their trays with fat-rich high-cholesterol foods and, except for salads and sandwiches, there are no other hot-meal selections.

I pointed out this anachronism to the food-service director. "Look," I said, "why not serve low-cholesterol dishes? A hospital should be the very resource that encourages consumption of a low-fat diet."

"Because it won't work," he replied. "If we serve low-cholesterol food, no one would buy it." End of discussion.

Maybe the recognition of health problems from cholesterol has yet to filter down to a community level. This is too bad. It shows that doctors and nutritionists still have a long way to go. However, I hope dietary re-formulation soon becomes universally accepted because it's counterproductive for patients to see us do one thing and say another.

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**DEAR DR. GOTT:** Please explain lumbar canal stenosis. I've had severe leg pain for over a year and was diagnosed with osteoporosis and sciatica with no treatment except pain medication. Now after CT scanning, they mention stenosis.

**DEAR READER:** Low back pain due to pressure on spinal nerves can result from a ruptured disc (which squeezes out of position between the vertebral bones and pinches the nerves), a fracture of one of the spinal bones (as occurs in osteoporosis, when one or more vertebrae collapse), spondylolisthesis (overriding of one vertebra or another) and spinal stenosis (narrowing of the spinal canal).

In this last affliction, the narrowing may be congenital (present since birth) or it may develop slowly as a consequence of calcium deposits around the vertebral bones. The end result is the same: As the encroaching bone (and calcium) pushes against the soft, sensitive nerves that exit from the spine, sciatica appears. The condition usually worsens with age and can lead to constant excruciating pain, numbness in the legs and weakness of the feet.

Although many patients can temporarily be helped by rest, analgesics and physical therapy, in my experience surgery is frequently necessary to remove part of the bone and decompress the nerves.

Your case appears to be complicated by osteoporosis; as I mentioned, this can alter bone structure, which will produce (or aggravate) spinal stenosis.

I believe you should be under the care of a neurosurgeon, who will advise you whether surgery is indicated. Certainly if you are experiencing uncontrolled pain or weakness, you

need an operation. However, if your pain can be controlled by rest and physical therapy, the surgery can be postponed. The neurosurgeon can advise you.

To give you additional information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach To Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I have food-related migraine headaches. They are triggered by the flavor enhancer monosodium glutamate, chocolate or salt. Is there something better than Cafergot suppositories or injections at my local hospital for control?

**DEAR READER:** Food-related headaches are best treated by avoidance of the offending food. You must make every effort to keep clear of MSG, chocolate and excess salt. Nonetheless, you may still suffer an occasional migraine. This can usually be treated with rest and analgesic drugs, such as ibuprofen or codeine.

Cafergot — which contains ergot, an antidote for migraine — is often useful (as are ergot injections) for relieving symptoms. Should your headaches continue despite dietary restrictions, you might be helped by taking the prescription medicine Inderal, a beta-blocker that prevents migraine. Ask your doctor about this.

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## Plantings of corn up, beans down

**WASHINGTON (AP) —** Farmers are boosting corn plantings this spring and cutting back on soybeans, the Agriculture Department says.

Based on surveys during the first two weeks of March among 75,000 farmers, corn plantings are expected to be at a five-year high of 76.1 million acres, up 3 percent from last year, the department said Thursday.

But soybean plantings are expected to decline 1 percent, to 57.1 million acres, the department's Agricultural Statistics Board said in its latest survey report.

If farmers carry out their plans, that would be the smallest U.S. soybean acreage since 1976, when 50.3 million were planted. It would be the largest corn acreage since 76.7 million acres were planted in 1986.

Officials cautioned that the actual acreage may differ from intentions expressed in the survey because of weather, costs, changes in the market outlook and other factors.

A special survey in January showed that farmers intended to increase 1991 corn plantings by 4 percent, to 77.5 million acres, and boost soybeans 1 percent, to 58.5 million acres.

Some uncertainty about 1991 plantings springs from farmers' reaction to the new farm law Congress passed last year. The five-year law includes cutbacks in direct payments to farmers, along with more flexibility on what to plant.

Farmer sign-up began March 4 and will continue through April 26 at county offices. The special survey in January indicated that about one-fourth of those who participated in last year's program were undecided about the 1991 version.

## Central authority is further eroded by defiance of ban

**MOSCOW (AP) —** Tens of thousands of demonstrators supporting reformer Boris Yeltsin surged peacefully against police lines deployed by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, further eroding the authority of the central government.

The non-violent show of people power in Moscow on Thursday seemed certain to strengthen the movement among the 15 Soviet republics to take greater control over their own economies and introduce democratic and market reforms.

"Yeltsin, da! Gorbachev, nyet!" chanted tens of thousands of backers of Yeltsin, chairman of the Russian Federation's parliament. They defied Gorbachev's three-week ban on demonstrations in Moscow and demanded his resignation and that of the national parliament he controls.

"We are a peaceful people, but we want freedom," said teacher Sergeyeva Vasilyeva, 37, who marched arm-in-arm with her mother, Natalya Bogoslavskaya, 58.

Yeltsin, riding the crest of popular and parliamentary victories, was expected to introduce a new economic reform package for the Russian Federation during a Kremlin congress that was to resume today.

Yeltsin supporters also want a directly elected president of the federation, who could challenge the legitimacy of the Soviet president elected only by the Parliament.

Gorbachev, who emerged six years ago as a reformer, has tried to slow reform in the past six months, backing away from a market economic plan last fall, cracking down against the separatist Baltic republics in January, and trying to muzzle elected legislatures and the press since then.

After the demonstration Thursday, Gorbachev seemed more dependent on force to effect his will. The 50,000 police and soldiers deployed in the capital to enforce his ban on rallies rivaled the protesters, estimated by the

state news agency Tass to number as many as 100,000.

Police cordoned off the inner city, however, making impossible to form a comprehensive estimate of the number of people on the streets who had intended to march on the Kremlin.

A crowd of 50,000 gathered just under a mile from the Kremlin in a square named after the poet of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Vladimir Mayakovsky.

In addition to the demonstration in Moscow, Soviet coal miners nationwide defied the Kremlin by ignoring an order by the national legislature that they end the strike they began March 1.

The miners are demanding higher wages and better living and working conditions. They have embraced Yeltsin's demand that Gorbachev resign.

Most mines in Vorkuta in the Soviet Arctic were on strike, 21 out of 122 pits were striking in the largest coal field, the Donetsk Basin of the Ukraine, Tass reported. Thousands of miners also were striking in the second-largest field, the Kuznetsk Basin of western Siberia.

Miners in the third most important region, Karaganda of eastern Kazakhstan, suspended their strike last week on a promise from the president of that republic, Nursultan Nazarbayev,

that his government would take control of the mines from Gorbachev's government and improve conditions.


Yeltsin, as head of the largest and wealthiest Soviet republic, has been leading the struggle to transfer control of the nation's natural, industrial and agricultural resources from central ministries.

All the Soviet republics have declared some form of independence or sovereignty from the central government. And the second and third-wealthiest republics, the Ukraine and Kazakhstan, are pushing hard for greater control of their economies.


Yeltsin appeared in control Thursday of an extraordinary session of the Russian Federation Congress of People's Deputies, which had been called by Communist Party hard-liners seeking a vote of no-confidence in him.

"In the days preceding the congress, I predicted the worst," Yeltsin told reporters after the vote on the demonstration ban. "Today we saw the ideal."

The congress, meeting in the Grand Kremlin Palace, approved by a 532-286 vote with 93 abstentions a resolution rejecting as unconstitutional the three-week ban on rallies in Moscow ordered Monday by Gorbachev's Cabinet.



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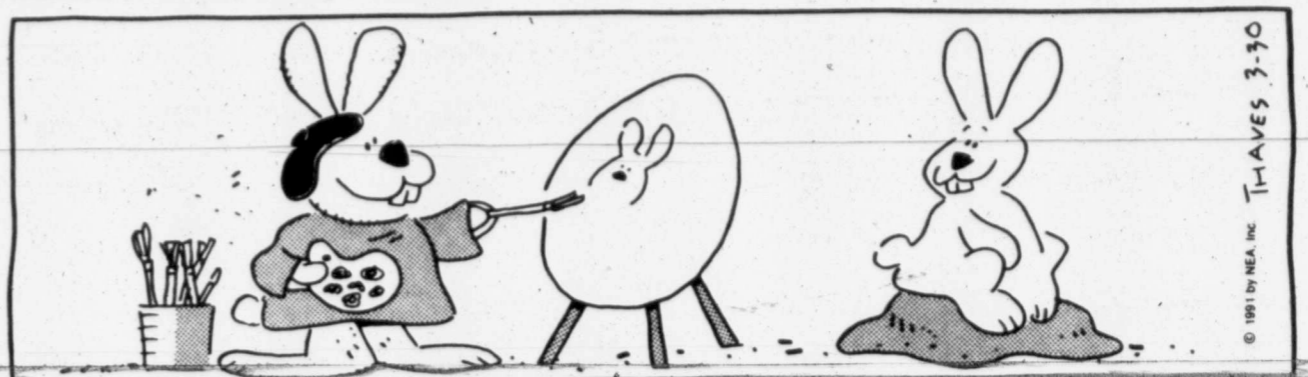
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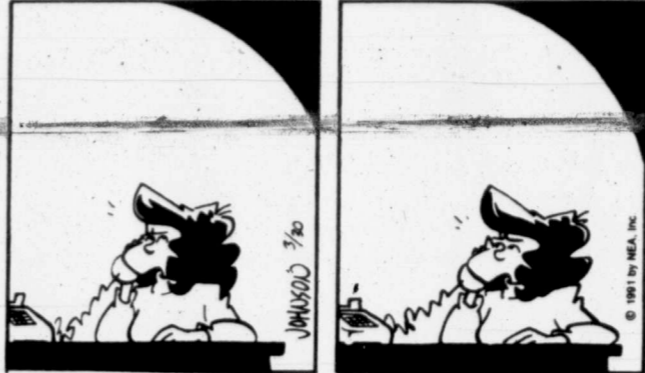
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# Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

never given, and the writer never says, "Please don't print this."

DEAR ABBY: I am married, but I am very much in love with a man who is 20 years older and also married. I believe he cares very deeply for me. Neither of us has any intention of divorcing our spouse. We are extremely close, share intimate moments when we meet, speak to each other two or three times a day, but we do not sleep together.

When we meet clandestinely we hug, talk, hold hands and kiss passionately. We respect each other deeply and have a very unique relationship. My question: Can two people who do not have sex with each other be considered to be having an affair? We are physically attracted to each other, but for a host of reasons, we do not have sex together.

I think we are having an affair, and he thinks we are not. Is there such a thing as an "emotional" affair? When two people are having an affair, is sex always involved?

"GLADYS"

DEAR "GLADYS": You are emotionally bonded. And since you care deeply for each other and express that caring in physical ways — holding hands, hugging, kissing, even though you have never slept together, but meet to carry on clandestinely — I would say you are "having an affair," which could be more appropriately called "an unfertilized romance."

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DEAR ABBY: I am from a large family — all teetotalers and non-smokers. We all get together for reunions and celebrations, and alcohol is never a part of it.

Our daughter is engaged to a young man who also has a large family here in town. Most of them drink and smoke. (The women even drink beer straight from the can!)

Our daughter and her fiance plan to be married this summer. We knew they wanted a home wedding here in our home, and we were planning the reception (no alcohol); we have lots of room and were looking forward to it. But recently, they casually mentioned that they would like to have everything at his parents' home. I know what the reception would be like — lots of drinking and smoking.

Abby, if they insist on doing this, I don't think I could bring my family — especially my elderly parents — who would be horrified at a reception of this kind.

If I don't invite my parents, they will be very hurt. Do you have any suggestions on how to get through this and keep everybody happy?

IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: There is no way you can mix non-smoking teetotalers with smokers and drinkers, and "keep everybody happy."

Whoever hosts the celebration has the privilege of doing it their way. You could compromise by having a smokeless, non-alcohol wedding at your home, followed by a reception at the home of the groom's parents, where there will be no restrictions.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been reading your column for years. Some of the letters you get sound so far out, I wonder if people make them up just to see them in print. How can you tell if a letter is for real or fake?

CAMDEN, N.J., FAN

DEAR FAN: Fake letters usually sound like soap operas with verbatim accounts of conversations, and the writer goes on and on — "creative writing" isn't hard to spot. A name and address is

DEAR ABBY: Please warn women not to carry a purse with a handle to the market, or to any mall (open or closed), or anyplace where people shop.

Recently, in the parking lot of my favorite supermarket, a young man who had been hiding behind a van jumped out and grabbed my purse. I resisted and pulled as hard as I could; then he gave my purse a very hard yank. I lost my balance and fell backward on the cement, damaging my shoulder, legs, back and the left side of my face!

Abby, I was only a few feet from the entrance of the store. The man jumped into a waiting car nearby. One courageous woman chased them in her car and wrote down the license number on the back of her hand — but she missed one number. Meanwhile, he had my purse containing my wallet, all my keys, credit cards, address book, etc.

From now on, I am going to carry only a change purse or a credit card when I go marketing — never will I give anyone a chance to do this again.

My car had to be towed to a garage, the locks changed, the keys changed and our house locks changed — a very expensive and painful lesson.

IRIS H. IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR IRIS: Thank you for some valuable advice. Because you took the time and effort to warn others, many may be spared the costly and frightening experience you endured.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently got turned down for a credit card because of bad credit. Since I am only 18, just started my job a year ago and still live at home, I had never applied for credit before.

I contacted the credit bureau and was shocked to discover that a string of judgments, bad debt write-offs, etc. are on my report. To make a long story short, my mother, who is a compulsive shopper, had credit cards under my Social Security number.

When I confronted her, she shrugged and said I should use my brother's Social Security number. She had messed up her own Social Security number years ago.

I don't want to use another person's Social Security number. I just want to clean up my own Social Security number and get credit the honest way. But how can I do this without getting Mom in trouble?

BAD CREDIT IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR "BAD": You have done nothing wrong and defrauded no one, so do not start now by using your brother's Social Security number.

Contact the credit bureau showing that you have a poor credit rating under your Social Security number. These companies have procedures set up to correct their records whenever the wrong person is listed with bad credit. They will advise you what documents will be needed in order to clear your listing on their credit records.

Social Security will not enter the picture unless the mess with the credit bureau can't be straightened out, and even then, it is unlikely that your mother will "get into trouble."

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## Monorail approved in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority narrowly has approved construction of the nation's first urban monorail mass transit system, a \$1.27 billion project patterned after one at Walt Disney World.

The 22-mile project, slated to begin construction in 1993, was awarded Thursday to The Houston Monorail Team. The team, headed by Kiewit Construction Group Inc. and The Transportation Group Inc., is negotiating a formal contract with Metro authorities to build the system.

"People are going to begin to rally around this project," Metro Board Chairman Anthony Hall said. "I am convinced that the monorail is proven enough to meet the needs of Houston."

But the measure barely passed the nine-member body. Metro board members first approved pursuing a rail system on a 5-4 vote and then opted for the monorail system by another one-vote margin over a faster, slightly less expensive light rail system similar to San Francisco's BART transit system.

The only other monorail system in the country spans the Walt Disney World resort in Orlando, Fla., where some 200,000 tourists ride it daily.

"I think their selection of monorail is a good choice for Houston and will help our futuristic view of the city," said Mayor Kathy Whitmire, a rail supporter who ousted the previous Metro chairman because of his opposition to rail.

But others disagreed. "I don't want to be Disneyland 3," said board member P.J. Lionetti, who opposed the monorail system. "I want a system that will be uniquely ours."

The Metro board also rejected several proposals Thursday to take the rail system back to the public for a referendum vote and agreed to study a commuter rail plan along existing freight rail tracks.

Every vote was 5-4, split between Mrs. Whitmire's five appointees and the four appointees of the Harris County Commissioners Court, who represent the suburbs. Supporters say opponents are led by suburban developers who fear the rail will curtail their business.

Houston has been debating the need for a rail system for 13 years.

Washington today...

## Schwarzhopf is no McArthur

WASHINGTON (AP) — The dustup between President Bush and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf over the timing of the end of fighting against Iraq added a titillating touch to the Gulf War post-mortems.

But as conflicts between civilian presidents and military commanders go, this one deserves little more than a small footnote.

It was downright tame compared to what happened precisely 40 years ago when Harry Truman was the president and Douglas MacArthur was commander of an allied coalition fighting in Korea.

Like Schwarzkopf, MacArthur felt he had the enemy on the run and wanted to carry the fight further than did Truman. Like Bush, Truman felt pressures both domestically and internationally to keep the conflict contained — and not to tempt a political backlash by widening it.

On March 20, 1951, Schwarzkopf told interviewer David Frost: "My recommendation had been ... continue the march. We had them in a rout ... We could have ... made it in fact a battle of annihilation."

On March 20, 1951, MacArthur wrote to House Minority Leader Joseph Martin: "My views and recommendations with respect to the situation created by Red China's entry into the war ... follow the conventional pattern of meeting force with maximum counter-force ... Here in Asia is where the communist conspirators have elected to make their play for global conquest ... If we lost this war to communism in Asia, the fall of Europe is inevitable."

Martin read MacArthur's letter on the House floor on April 5, provoking outrage from Truman. As Truman saw it, MacArthur forgot who was boss. Truman felt that if the allies became bogged down in a ground war in China, that might be an incentive for the

Soviets to move against Europe. The MacArthur letter, Truman said later, constituted "open in-

## No evidence yet in explosion at cafeteria

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Two insurance companies are conducting engineering studies of the downtown cafeteria that exploded Wednesday, the owner of Colonial Cafeterias says.

"Everybody has speculation and it seems to me that people are starting to point fingers at each other," Colonial president John Horan said Thursday evening.

Twenty-two diners were hurt in what has been theorized as a natural gas explosion, sewer gas explosion or structural failure of the building.

"There's no evidence of any specific cause," Horan said.

Large sections of the cafeteria's first-story concrete floor, about 18 inches thick, collapsed into the basement in a V shape.

"I thought it was an earthquake. Glass went everywhere," said Irene Williams, 29, of Fort Worth.

"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."

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subordination to his commander in chief."

Six days after the letter was made public, Truman fired MacArthur.

The differences between 1951 and 1991 outweigh the similarities. When Schwarzkopf spoke out, the cease-fire in the Persian Gulf had already been in effect for three weeks. The Iraqi military had been routed at astonishingly low cost to the allied forces. America is still savoring its victory.

In contrast, the Korean conflict was still in its infancy at the time Truman sacked MacArthur. The war didn't end for another 2½ years and the death toll of American soldiers alone was more than 33,000.

The media seized on Schwarzkopf's comments because they seemed to puncture the notion that civilian-military coordination throughout the gulf operation was one of lockstep harmony.

Schwarzkopf said he recommended against the cease-fire; Bush replied that the general had said nothing of the kind and was in "total agreement" with the decision to end the fighting on Feb. 27.

Bush sought Thursday to defuse the dispute by calling Schwarzkopf to tell him that, despite those Page One headlines trumpeting a rift, they are still on the "same wavelength," according to White House deputy press secretary Roman Popadiuk.

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# Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday



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Your possibilities for generating income from sources other than your usual ones look rather promising in the year ahead. Look for solid investments or joint ventures that could be profitable.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** If at all possible today, try not to make suggestions to friends as to how they should handle their financial affairs. Even well-intentioned advice could be harmful. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead 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)** An opinion which you feel strongly about may not be popular with your companions today. It might prove wise not to try to impose your views on a hostile audience. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If you've been feeling sluggish lately, it could be due to your neglect of exercise. The longer you put it off, the more difficult it will be to get back on your program.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Overindulgence financially, physically or where food and drink are concerned is a general inclination you may have to deal with today. Try to be disciplined. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Springing unannounced guests on your spouse could evoke a chilly response today. Your mate might have plans that do not include entertaining a house full of people.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone with whom you're closely involved might supply you with information today that cannot be substantiated by facts. Before passing it on to others, get it verified. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** This could be one of those days when you're not too adroit at managing your resources. In addition, you might even be less capable of managing the resources of others.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you put on pretentious airs in order to impress others today, you'll be doing yourself a disservice. Remember, if someone does not accept you as you are, it's that individual's loss, not yours. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Resist temptations to embellish the facts a bit more than you should today. Instead of making others sit up and take notice, you're more likely to have the opposite effect.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** There is a possibility that the larger portion of expenses you incur today will be a result of others. Be prudently watchful. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If there is something important you want to achieve today, it might be wise not to wait on others to assist you. A team effort may not be as effective as an individual one.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Be careful today about telling little white lies. You may have to fib again later in order to cover your tracks, and your memory may not be up to the assignment.

It looks like you'll form an interesting and constructive alliance with an extremely productive individual in the year ahead. Contact might be established for you by a friend who lacks this quality.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** A career opportunity that you weren't counting on could suddenly develop for you today. You'll have to move swiftly, because it will be of a fleeting nature. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for Aries' Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$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)** People you'll be involved with today could supply you with suggestions and solutions that may be extremely helpful in making a decision you cannot elude. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Something you've been wanting to change that is outside your realm of influence can be altered by another who is supportive of your position. This individual may help you today.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You may receive essential cooperation from the least likely source today. Therefore, it's important that you acknowledge what transpires in front of others. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You could be luckier today than you may be tomorrow in finalizing a complex financial matter. Don't let time insulate you against probable success.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** An involvement in which you are participating — and one that hasn't been managed up to everyone's expectations — needs an infusion of new leadership today. You're the one who fits the bill. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** There are financial opportunities surrounding you today, but they could be hard to discern. In order to capitalize on events, you must be extremely watchful.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** If you're going to be running around today, leave word as to how and where you can be reached. There's a possibility someone you're eager to contact might try to get a hold of you. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Think for yourself in matters that are materially meaningful today. Just because another's efforts were unsuccessful doesn't mean the same fate will befall you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Someone with whom you're involved socially may ask you to participate in a situation that could have unique benefits. It might be just the opportunity you've been looking for. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** You could be a trifle slow getting off the blocks today, but by the time others begin running out of steam, you'll just be getting your second wind. Remember, it's breaking the tape that counts.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** You already know what you know, so be a good listener today if you're talking to someone whose ideas you admire. What this individual says may be applicable to your interests.

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# Rooster fancier raises fowl for fights

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A young rooster with a tuft of blond hair around his neck struts freely in Johnny Zobac's back yard, teasing the other penned roosters.

"The rooster is just trying to be a big shot," Zobac said as the young rooster and several others begin a midday crow. "Roosters don't crow just in the morning," he said. "They crow all the time. It's just like a dog barking."

These roosters are not your typical white-feather, red-comb roosters. These fancily colored roosters — in Zobac's terminology — are trained to "disable" other roosters in the fighting ring.

"Most people condemn what I do," he said. "But I can't see anything wrong with it."

Zobac keeps more than 100 roosters on about an acre of land in North Lubbock. A 10-foot high tin fence keeps his prize roosters hidden from view.

Zobac bought his property near the airport in 1965 while it was still part of the county. The city has since annexed the property, but a "grandfather clause" allows him to continue raising roosters as long as the property is used as it was prior to annexation.

"One rooster can cost as much as \$1,500," said the 45-year-old Lubbock resident. "It's just like a bull for a herd of cows — the foundation fowl costs more than the battle cocks."

In a recent statewide publication for fowl breeders, two roosters and a hen were advertised for sale. The price: \$1,000.

But friends have helped Zobac avoid paying such high prices for his cocks.

"The most I've ever paid is \$100," he said. "I've gotten most of my good roosters through friendships. But some guys don't want to do business with you. Their attitude is that, 'You're the competition and I don't do business with the competition.'"

Some breeders make a living from cockfighting, but Zobac considers himself a part-timer. "It's mainly just a hobby," said Zobac, who operates the Clover Leaf Game Club, a cockfighting pit in Clovis, N.M. "There's not much money in it. Sometimes I break even or come

out a little ahead." New Mexico's cruelty to animal statutes specifically excludes cockfighting, said Deputy Don Burdine of the Curry County, N.M., Sheriff's Office.

"But watching or promoting a dog fight is a fourth-degree felony," Burdine said. "Gambling on a cockfight is also illegal." Money can be made in cockfighting, Zobac said, noting that the most money he has ever won was \$2,500 in a single fight. The winner takes all in most matches. An entry fee of \$50 to \$100 is charged per rooster.

As the young rooster struts across the back yard, it should enjoy its freedom while it can because, in another month or two, it won't be able to walk freely. The roosters will start to fight with each other, and Zobac will be forced to hobble the rooster's feet to keep it safely away from its cohorts.

Zobac only has enough pens for 80 roosters and hens. The cords tied to the roosters' feet will keep them near their temporary quarters — a barrel lying on its side with a board in the middle for them to roost on.

In preparing the roosters to fight, Zobac will "dob," or cut off, the rooster's comb with scissors. Combs are removed to keep blood loss to a minimum during a fight, he said. It will take about two weeks for the rooster's head to heal from the incision.

"A true rooster fighter takes better care of his chickens and feeds them better than a commercial producer," he said. The pens are cleaned out and disinfected regularly.

They are fed a blend of grains — such as corn, milo and wheat — during the fighting season. During the winter, they're fed vitamin-rich alfalfa and fish oil.

Training consists of building up the rooster's endurance by tossing it into the air about 20 times twice a day and feeding them special vitamins.

"I more or less baby them," he said.

As boxers train for the next bout, roosters also spar against leather-filled pouches called muffs. The roosters' thorn-like leg spurs are covered for protection.

"The sparring muffs cushion

the blows so a rooster's eye is not accidentally knocked out," Zobac said.

Fighting comes naturally to cockfighting roosters.

"It's their nature," he said. "They are similar to a pit bulldog in that respect. It's not necessary to tease them or to dope them up to get them to fight."

In an actual fight, the spurs are covered with gaffs — upwardly curved metal spikes approximately 2 inches long.

"The object is to disable your opponent," he said.

"Fighting tactics include staying above the opponent and coming down with spurs and gaffs on the other rooster," he said. "The rooster's don't fly — it's more like hopping."

Roosters are matched by weight. Most average about 5 pounds, he said.

The matches last from three to 10 rounds with 20-second rests between rounds. A referee in the pit controls the fight and the roosters' handlers (usually the owners) are also in the pit.

The duration of the round is determined by the referee. The referee determines the winner, but handlers can end the match by picking up their rooster and calling it quits.

If his rooster is not beaten up too badly in a match, Zobac will nurse the rooster back to health so it can fight again someday.

But if it's in bad shape, "then I'll go ahead and wring its neck," he said.

"That's the only humane thing to do," he said. "It's better to do that than to let it suffer."

Although various animal rights groups have criticized cockfighting, Zobac remains adamant in his support.

"In my opinion, cockfighting is no worse than boxing. A rooster is going against an equally smart combatant. It's not like bullfighting where a stupid bull is going against a man with far superior intelligence.

"The sport is no crueler than the animal shelter killing dogs and cats. At least a rooster has a chance, whereas dogs and cats at an animal shelter don't have a chance," he said.

"People associate cockfighting with low-life people, but that's not true," he said. "We have doctors and lawyers participating in

it. "A small group of people with little influence condemn it without knowing all the facts," he said. Bobby French, an investigator with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Dallas, said that cockfighting is illegal in Texas because it's "inhumane."

"It's no different than (organized) dog fighting," French said. "The animals are trained to fight to their death. Chickens bleed and feel pain. I consider a chicken an animal and so does the law."

Zobac noted that some of this country's presidents were avid cockfighting proponents. "Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln participated in cockfighting and, at one time, it was proposed that the national seal be a gamecock instead of a bald eagle."

## Country Life

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even found a use for the pipe cleaners.

Once in a while, she'd let me cut. And I got to stuff the tail.

Oh, it was a dandy green dragon, that it was.

I said, "What do I owe you?" I offered her my first-born son. She declined. I said she could have my husband, and I'd just take him back when she was done. She said no. "Just a copy of your new book will be fine," she said.

Oh, no, I said. It's nowhere near a comparable value. She gave me a wise smile. And then I understood.

She, more than anyone outside my family, knows the blood, sweat and tears that go into those books of mine. She was saying, "My talent for yours, my friend."

Like John Dunbar said to Wind In His Hair in "Dances With Wolves," when they exchanged a U.S. Army uniform jacket for a Sioux battle vest... "Good trade."

In 1909, Einar Dessau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away. It is believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.

## Administration wants to deal on gun control, other issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is showing a willingness to cut a deal over gun control legislation to win passage of its crime package, but so far, Democrats aren't interested.

A leading supporter of the so-called Brady Bill, which would require a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases, rejected the White House overture that came just after former President Reagan endorsed the measure.

Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said Thursday he opposed linking the Brady Bill and crime legislation, which has not been reviewed by the House Judiciary crime subcommittee that he chairs.

"The president's crime bill is new; it should not hold up the Brady Bill," said Schumer. The gun control bill was named after former White House press secretary James Brady, who was left disabled by a gunman who wounded Reagan in 1981.

The bill, which President Bush has opposed, would require

record checks to determine if the would-be purchaser was a convicted criminal.

The White House offer, which came right after Reagan announced he backs the Brady Bill at a ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the attempt in his life, "shows the administration is in a box," Schumer said.

A vote by the full House is expected by June, and Schumer said the membership now is evenly split. Three years ago, the House defeated the bill by about 40 votes.

Reagan's support "puts a great deal of pressure on President Bush" and gives political cover to lawmakers who are feeling the heat from the National Rifle Association, Schumer said.

Democratic aides on Capitol Hill said it would be difficult to trade gun control for crime legislation because of the complexity of the issues and diversity of views.

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