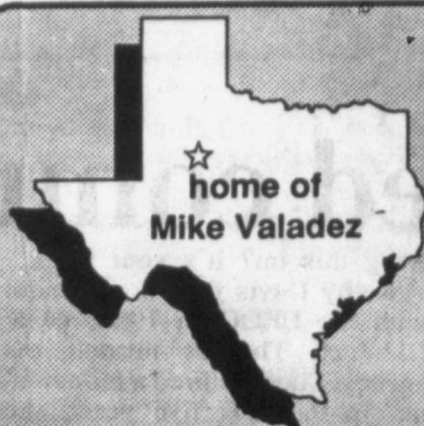


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Ask Us

Q.— Did the legislature address redistricting for judicial districts?
A.— According to State Rep. David Counts' office, the legislature did not address judicial districts (district courts) last session. A staffer for the redistricting committee said the task of redrawing judicial districts would not be considered until 1993.

In Brief

AIDS drug ok

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration, saying many lives hang in the balance, today approved a second AIDS drug despite having less information than usually required about its long-term safety.

"There are still many unanswered questions," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

However, Fauci said studies testing the long-term safety and efficacy of didanosine, or DDI, are continuing.

"The overriding importance of today's action is that it offers a new means of defense against the AIDS virus, and thereby brings hope to those who cannot benefit from AZT," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

"It is the victims of this dreaded disease who are uppermost on our minds as we make today's announcement," he said.

Local

Ira pep rally

Ira's homecoming pep rally will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11.

Pancake feed

Snyder FFA is sponsoring a pancake supper from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday in the high school cafeteria. Cost is \$2.50 at the door.

AL Post 181

American Legion Layne-Kite Post 181 will hold elections to fill three vacancies on the executive board at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

All members are urged to attend.

Special guest

John Dennis, biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will give a talk on area lakes during the Snyder Bass Club meeting, 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Snyder National Bank board room.

All area fishermen are invited to attend.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 50s. Light northeast wind. Thursday, sunny. High around 80. Southeast wind 5-10 mph.

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 85 degrees; low, 51 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 56 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 20.86 inches.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:43 p.m. Sunrise Thursday, 7:43 a.m. Of 281 days in 1991, the sun has shone 273 days in Snyder.



TURGRASS CONFERENCE — Western Texas College GLT student Jason Chapman assists Gerry McDowell of Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird with registration information as the fifth annual West Texas Turgrass Conference began today at WTC. Some 175 GLT professionals and students are expected to attend the two-day conference. (SDN Staff Photo)

New hearings to determine fate of Thomas confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clarence Thomas, stalled just shy of confirmation to the Supreme Court, faces an uncertain future in the Senate as lawmakers investigate charges that he sexually harassed a former assistant. Both Thomas and accuser Anita Hill pledged cooperation with the probe.

"This is not going to be an easy hearing," Judiciary Committee Chairman Joseph Biden said Tuesday after a day of drama in the Senate in which Thomas "totally and unequivocally" denied the allegations, Democratic sup-

port for the nomination eroded and the Senate agreed to a one-week delay.

With the vote put off until next Tuesday, Biden, D-Del., said the FBI would be called to investigate, and witnesses would be subpoenaed if necessary for a hearing.

President Bush and Senate Republicans rallied around Thomas, a black, conservative federal appeals judge — and sought to limit the scope of the renewed confirmation proceedings.

"This is a test for Clarence Thomas," Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas said. "It's a

test of his character, and I believe he's up to the test."

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., Thomas' chief advocate in the Senate, said he hoped there would be no "fishing expedition" or chance for "people to come forward with whatever they want to dump on Clarence Thomas."

Interviewed today on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," Danforth, still angry at the sudden turn of events, said Thomas wished the "torture" of the delay was over but wanted a chance to (see THOMAS, page 8)

Kiwanians present officers for '91-92

Snyder Kiwanis Clubs named their Kiwanians of the Year, gave service awards and presented officers during their annual installation banquet, which featured State Rep. David Counts as guest speaker.

Ceremonies were conducted Tuesday at Willow Park Inn.

Raymond May was chosen Golden K Kiwanian of the Year. Joe Ellington was presented as the Noon Kiwanis Club Kiwanian of the Year.

Kiwanis Division 22 Lt. Gov.

Gene Grisham conducted installation ceremonies for Golden K president L.E. (Doc) Griffin and Noon Club president Gary Sisson.

Other Golden K officers are Otis Crumley, immediate past president; J.B. Tate Sr., first vice president; Ben Odorizzi, second vice president; and B.J. Bartels, secretary-treasurer. The club's board of directors are Buster Starne, Mildred Pevehouse, Ruth West, R.V. Williamson, Rhea Bowlin, Lois Leech, Wayne Eu-

(see KIWANIS, page 8)

Officials stress fire prevention

Snyder Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell, along with fire officials across the state, urges residents to emphasize fire prevention year-round in the home.

Gov. Ann Richards has proclaimed this week National Fire Prevention Week.

Last year, the 94,000 fires reported in Texas claimed 271 lives, injured 2,500 people and destroyed an estimated \$341 million in property. It takes only a brief look at the numbers to realize that fires have a devastating effect.

The first Fire Prevention Week was declared in 1922 by President Warren Harding in memory of the "Great Chicago Fire" of Oct. 9, 1871. The fire killed 250 people and destroyed 17,430 buildings, valued at the time at \$168 million.

Special caution is urged when cooking or heating the home as the temperatures drop in the fall and winter months.

Careless cooking was the lead-

ing cause of fires and fire-related injuries in the home last year. These type of fires resulted in 252 reported injuries, 10 deaths and property damage estimated at \$13 million.

Among known causes of fire in the home, heating equipment ranked second in fire-related injuries and property damage. These 1,756 reported fires caused 23 deaths, 110 injuries and \$14 million in property damage.

According to the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Texas Department of Health, children under five years old and senior citizens over 65 years old are more likely to become victims of a fire. Some 45 percent of the 1990 fire deaths were in these two age groups although they make up only 18 percent of the population.

Residential fires accounted for 18,000 of the fires, almost 200 deaths and 1,000 injuries. Recognizing the effectiveness of fire (see FIRE, page 8)

Voting underway for 'Ms.' Buffalo contest Saturday

"Campaign jars" have been placed at various businesses in the community for citizens to cast their votes in the Ms. White Buffalo Beauty contest.

It's all part of White Buffalo Days, which takes place Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum.

The 11th edition of the celebration promises food and fun for all ages. Featured are games, races, historical presentations and tours, a bean and cornbread supper and a melodrama.

Ms. White Buffalo contestants have placed jars at the chamber of commerce and other locations around town. Voting is by monetary donation — one cent per vote. All donations will go to the United Way fund. The contestant generating the most money will be the winner.

Contestants are Charles Church, Keith Hackfeld, Rudy Garza, Cliff Smith, Jeff Poland, Charlie Streetman, C.D. Gray Jr., Ricky Fritz and Shawn Ragland. Ms. White Buffalo contestants will be presented on the coliseum stage at 5:30 p.m.

Arts and crafts booths will open at 9 a.m. in the coliseum, followed by food and activity booths at 10 a.m. They will remain open all day.

The historical impact of White Buffalo Days begins at 10 a.m. with tours of the Dermott School and Dodson House on the coliseum grounds.

Entertainment will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the Local Yokels performing. Other groups include the Deep Creek Cloggers at 1 p.m. and a band from Ira at 2:30 p.m.

Events include a buffalo toe toss at 11 a.m., a tortilla toss at noon, a judge's race at 1 p.m., a remote control car race at 2 p.m., a turtle race at 2:30 p.m. and a stick

horse rodeo at 3:30 p.m. An awards ceremony will be held at 5 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m., Ray Hernandez will present a program on the heritage of the Indian. A Tonkawa Indian, Hernandez has traveled throughout the state presenting programs. His presentation, to be held on the coliseum stage, will include a brief history of the white buffalo and its significance to the Indian.

White Buffalo Day goes on to fill up at a bean and cornbread supper scheduled for 6 p.m. in Room A, then enjoy an encore performance (see VOTING, page 8)

White Buffalo contest entries

Contestants may register 30 minutes prior to the event Saturday, however, officials urge pre-registration by calling the chamber of commerce at 573-3558.

Buffalo Toe Toss

Time: 11 a.m., annex. Fee: \$3 for doubles. Rules: same as washer pitching. Divisions: Open only. Awards: plaques for first and second place.

Tortilla Toss

Time: noon, annex. Fee: \$2. Divisions: Men's, Politician and Children. Awards: First through third place ribbons in each division.

Judge's Cup Race

Time: 1 p.m., annex. Fee: \$10 per four-person team. Divisions: Open, Snyder Merchant's and Industry, Public Officials and Independent (see ENTRIES, page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "No matter how it turns out, there's always someone who knew it would."

School has been in full swing just a few weeks, and a retired educator told us about a history professor who was amazed at how much history he could learn from his students. In spite of being well read, the professor found such interesting tidbits from his students, that he began a collection.

Here's a sample: "The Constitution of the United States was adopted to secure domestic hostility. Under the Constitution, the people enjoyed the right to keep bare arms."

"Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Bach died from 1750 to

the present. Handel was half-German, half-Italian, and half-English."

"Gravity was invented by Issac Newton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when apples are falling off the trees."

"Samuel Morse invented a code of telepathy." "Charles Darwin was a naturalist who wrote Organ of the Species."

Some people have all the luck. One fellow commented, "If it weren't for bad luck, he'd have no luck at all."

Still, if you look around, you can find worse situations. Take for example the 12 jurors who got stuck in a courthouse elevator for more than 20 minutes.

The jurors were enroute to hear a case in which the elevator company was the defendant.



CHECKING EQUIPMENT — Local firefighter Darrell Craig checks an air pack. Air packs are checked daily at the fire station so that firefighters are prepared for fire-related calls. In obser-

ance of National Fire Prevention Week, Fire Chief Terry Don McDowell is asking all local residents to be prepared in case of a fire. (SDN Staff Photo)

In sexual harrassment cases...

Victimization of victims is called common

by The Associated Press
It began with a touch. A wink. A smile. An offhand remark. Kathy Davis' boss rubbed the back of her neck and grabbed her around the waist. Her skin was so soft, he said. Her hair smelled so nice. He loved her perfume. Davis wanted to keep her job. She also wanted to keep her dignity. She realized she could not have both. "I knew if I blew the whistle, he would terminate my employ-

ment," she said on Tuesday. "He had so much power. I knew what would happen." It is no mystery to Davis why Anita Hill waited so long to come forward with allegations that she was harassed by Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas when they both worked for the U.S. Education Department and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the early 1980s. "This is going to ruin her life," said Davis, who has been dis-

missed from a number of jobs by employers who learn of her harassment lawsuit, which was settled last year. "She is a very strong and courageous lady. I believe every word she says." Many others apparently do not. Thomas vehemently denied the charges. The White House dismissed them as a smear. Hill came forward only after other associates at the EEOC brought the allegations to the Senate, and much has been made of the timing.

But women who have had similar experiences, or work with women who have, understand completely. "We hear from women every day, women whose lives are destroyed by sexual harassment," said Barbara Otto, spokeswoman for 9 to 5, an advocacy group representing working women. "Not only does the woman have the potential to lose her job, but once she comes forward, she could lose her relationship with her spouse or other loved ones. She loses her self-esteem. She is degraded and shamed." "Society still points the finger at the victim: What did you do to

bring this on? It's your fault." Kathy Davis filed a complaint with the EEOC in 1985, while Clarence Thomas headed the agency. She was fired a month later. In the next five years, she nearly lost her husband and her health. "Physically and mentally, I had taken all I could," said the Atlanta woman, now 39. If she had it to do again, Davis is not sure she would, and that reaction is typical. A recent survey showed that 42 percent of women say they have been harassed on the job, but only one in 10 chooses to file a complaint. Lois Robinson was one. She

complained to every level of management at the Jacksonville Shipyards Inc. about 30 pictures of nude and semi-nude women displayed at the shipyard. In return, she was ridiculed and humiliated, said Alison Wetherfield, one of her attorneys and director of the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund. Early this year, a federal judge ruled that the pictures constituted sexual harassment, further broadening the definition. It was an important victory, Wetherfield said. But such litigation has a price, and the women are the ones who pay.

Senator Bentsen comes out against Thomas nomination

WASHINGTON (AP) — The senior senator from Texas says his decision to vote against the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas has nothing to do with allegations of sexual harassment. "There are far more qualified individuals the President could

have chosen," Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said Tuesday. Bentsen, D-Texas, said he initially was inclined to confirm Thomas, but changed his mind because of evidence presented during Capitol Hill hearings. "I decided to vote against Judge Thomas because of my dis-

appointment in the obvious contradictions between the strong views he had previously expressed in speeches and articles, as compared with his answers to questions during the Judiciary Committee hearings," Bentsen said. "It was an obvious case of confirmation conversion." The Senate late Tuesday postponed by one week its vote on Thomas' nomination to investigate allegations of sexual harassment raised by law professor Anita Hill. Thomas has strenuously denied the allegation. The embattled nominee requested a delay to "clear my name" as several crucial Democratic supporters said they could not vote for him until the allegations were aired. "The decision to postpone the vote may well help clear the air, but I have decided to vote against Judge Thomas for reasons that have nothing to do with the charges made over the weekend," Bentsen said. The junior senator from Texas, Republican Phil Gramm, had earlier indicated his "strong support" for Thomas.

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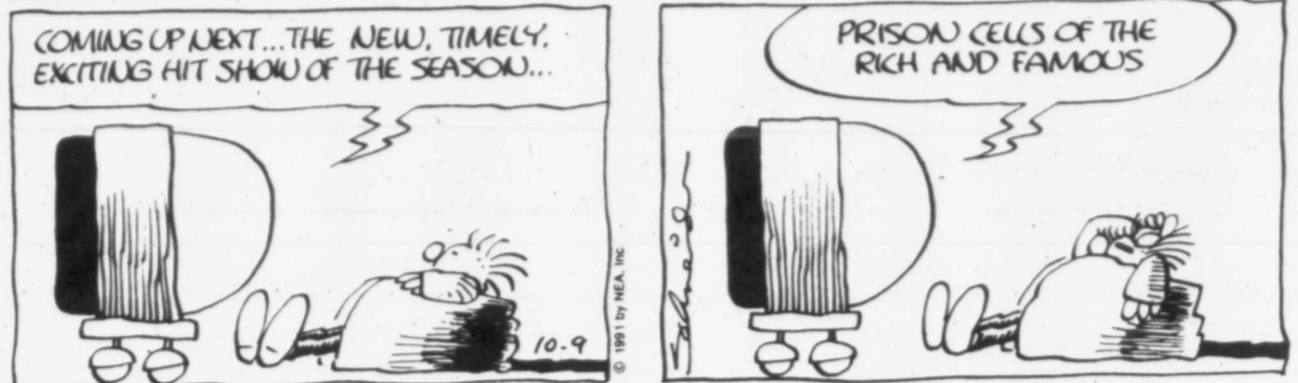
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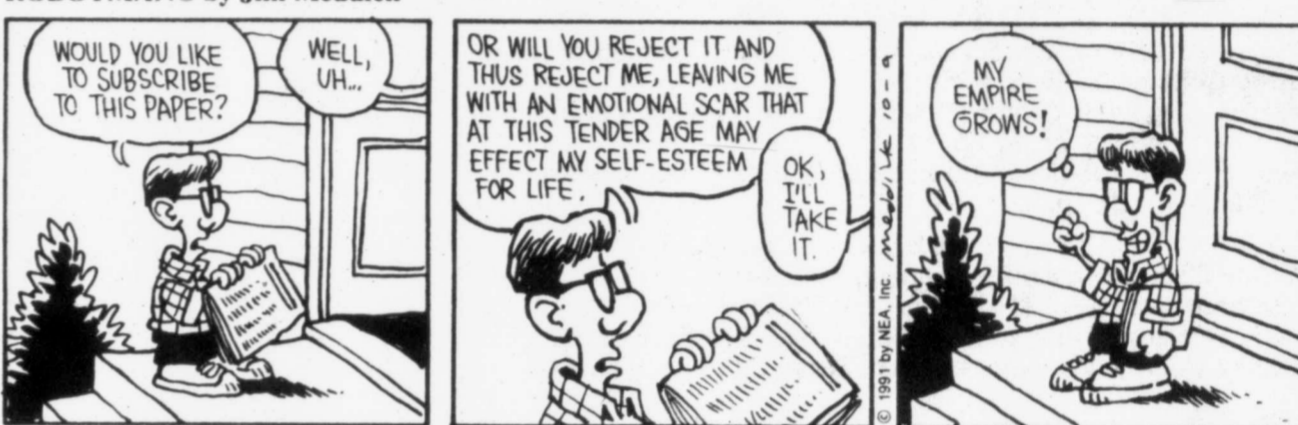
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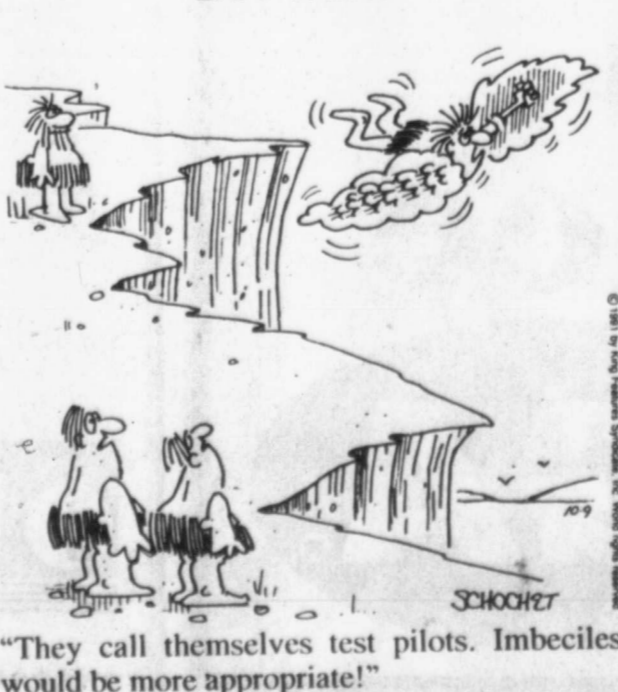


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Dear Abby



Daughter's Search for Dad Ends Happily With His Call

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: About 20 years ago my parents divorced. My mother kept my father's whereabouts unknown, and eventually all contact was lost. When I turned 18 and left home, I tried to no avail to locate my father. I gave up after six years, until I read a letter in your column. You gave the address for the Salvation Army, which has a Missing Persons Service to help find close relatives. I contacted them, and yesterday I received a telephone call from my father!

Many years have passed and he has a new family, but I hope we can build a relationship now.

Thank you, Abby, from the bottom of my heart, for making this possible. Please publish the information about the Salvation Army at least once a year. Maybe there can be other happy endings.

YVETTE
IN NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR YVETTE: No need to thank me. That's what I'm here for.

Readers, the Salvation Army operates a Missing Persons Locator Service in 90 countries throughout the world. This service is available to the public. Those interested should be aware of the following basic guidelines:

1. The inquirer should be searching for a near relative. Please do not request a search for old classmates, sweethearts, wartime buddies, friends or neighbors. And do not ask to find runaway adult children or someone owing you money.

2. The inquirer must be able to provide essential information about the missing person.

3. The Salvation Army reserves the right to accept or reject any request for services based upon consideration of reasonableness, feasibility or notice.

4. The inquirer is asked to forward a \$10 non-refundable donation.

5. The inquirer may secure information and/or a missing persons inquiry form by contacting the nearest Salvation Army office in his area or by contacting the nearest Territorial Headquarters.

Addresses: P.O. Box C635, West Nyack, N.Y. 10994; 1424 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, Ga. 30329-2088; 30840 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. 90274; 10 W. Algonquin, Des Plaines, Ill. 60016.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have no children, but we plan to try in the near future. If we have a son, my wife wants to name him after me.

The problem is I already have a son named after me from my first marriage, and I don't think it would be right to have two half-brothers with the same name. It could cause them both problems in the future with bank accounts, charge accounts, loans, wills, etc.

My wife seems to think these would be only minor inconveniences. I don't see it that way.

Am I wrong for saying no to naming another son after me? And can you offer a possible solution to this problem?

H.J.K. Jr.

DEAR H.J.K. JR.: You are not wrong. If that's the way you truly feel, why not reverse the first and middle names? Instead of "Henry Joseph Klophammer" (not your real name), name him "Joseph Henry Klophammer."

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Fetal disorders detected from test

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new method to detect fetal disorders with simple blood samples from pregnant women could allow inexpensive testing for younger mothers who are not now tested, doctors say.

The new technique allows doctors to sift fetal blood cells from a pregnant woman's bloodstream and analyze them to identify genetic disorders such as Down's syndrome, a form of mental retardation.

Researchers said Tuesday at the Eighth International Congress of Human Genetics that they had

successfully diagnosed a case of Down's and two other similar chromosomal abnormalities using the test.

"This is important. ... It opens up prenatal diagnosis to the whole population, because there is no risk to the fetus," said Dr. Sherman Elias of the University of Tennessee in Memphis.

"What we're looking for is the needle in the haystack," said Dr. Mitchell Golbus of the University of California, San Francisco. Elias and Golbus are among the researchers who have had initial success with the new technique.

The researchers emphasized that the technique requires much more testing before it can be made widely available. "The technology is going to be possible; it's certainly not ready to apply," Golbus said.

The technique ultimately could be a substitute for amniocentesis, in which fetal cells are obtained by inserting a needle into the womb to remove some of the fluid that bathes the fetus.

Amniocentesis has a very small chance of causing a spontaneous abortion. The new technique would eliminate that risk, the re-

searchers said. Because of the risk of amniocentesis, younger mothers, who are less likely to have children with genetic disorders, are not routinely given genetic testing.

Even though a younger mother has less chance of having a baby with Down's syndrome than does an older mother, most babies with Down's are born to younger mothers because younger mothers have most of the babies, Elias said.

Seventy percent of Down's cases occur in women under 35, who are not routinely screened for the disorder. If the new test is perfected, screening those women would be safer and cheaper than amniocentesis, Elias said.

"I think the cost is going to be quite reasonable because you can do a large number of samples at one time," said Golbus. "You might be talking about \$100 instead of \$1,000."

Elias and his colleagues reported diagnosing a fetus that carried three copies of chromosome 18, one of the 23 human chromosomes that normally occur in pairs.

Elias's group has also identified a fetus with an extra copy of the X chromosome.

Dr. Diana Bianchi of Children's Hospital in Boston reported the diagnosis of a case of Down's syndrome, caused by three copies of chromosome 21.

Medical license of cancer center doctor is suspended

AUSTIN (AP) — The medical license of an M.D. Anderson Cancer Center physician has been suspended by the state medical board for incompetency he displayed at an Army hospital when called to active duty during Operation Desert Storm.

Officials said Tuesday the Texas medical license of Dr. Thomas Kain, 62, a board-certified anesthesiologist, was suspended over the weekend on an emergency basis by the executive committee of the state board.

"Our evidence was he was totally deficient in anesthesiology," Sandra Fitzpatrick, a staff attorney for the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, said.

In the complaint against Kain, a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves, the medical board said his hospital privileges "were suspended (on March 20) by the Uniformed Services of the United States due to incompetency."

Kain, who declined comment,

has worked at the renowned University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston since 1974, Paula Gray, a hospital spokeswoman, said. Kain has been on paid administrative leave since May 1 and has not been treating patients, she said.

Army records show that Kain was called into active duty August 1990, when the 4005th U.S. Army Hospital Reserve from Houston was mobilized.

The medical board complaint said that when Kain arrived at Fort Hood, "the Army believed that (his) anesthesiology skills were not up to date, so his initial privileges were restricted to his being able to practice anesthesiology only under direct, qualified supervision for those procedures and patients (i.e., obstetrics and pediatrics) with which he had become unfamiliar."

After several months of supervision at Darnall Army Commu-

nity Hospital at Fort Hood, Kain failed to show adequate skills to practice alone, the board complaint said.

Army documents show that on March 10, Kain had trouble administering a general anesthetic to a woman undergoing gynecological surgery even though he was being supervised. His hospital privileges were suspended 10 days later, according to the military records.

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Conditions in general look rather favorable for you in the year ahead. There's a good chance that both your material and social goals will be gratified.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Beneficial forces are at work behind the scenes today, but you might not be aware of them stirring. When things come out in the open, you could be showered with impressive, material benefits. Libra, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Libra's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The best things that happen for you today are not likely to be of your own making, even though you may think they are. Others tend to treat you better than you treat yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your instincts regarding ways to improve your lot in life will be on target today. Don't ignore their messages; they could lead you to something that will make you very happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Establish communication today with that special someone who will know how to expedite a plan you've been contemplating. This individual may now have time to help you properly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your possibilities for achieving desired objectives at this time are better than usual. However, don't be discouraged if victory doesn't come with your initial efforts.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to be open-minded and receptive today when talking to a respected adviser. The knowledge this individual imparts could be of enormous value to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might receive benefits today by way of an unexpected chain of developments that could advance your self-interests where work is concerned. Be watchful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) All types of one-to-one involvements could turn out rather fortunate for you today. The more numerous the encounters, the greater number of benefits are likely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your financial projections look encouraging today, especially in situations where you are working in close proximity with another for a mutually profitable purpose.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If there is an important arrangement you've been wanting to negotiate, this is a good day to finalize the matter. Make your move. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You are in a rewarding financial cycle; positive mea-

asures can be taken to increase your earnings or resources. Think growth and act accordingly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you don't take yourself — or life — too seriously today, you should be able to breeze through situations you thought would be impossible. Lady Luck is on your side.

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Two juries to hear same testimony

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Two separate juries will be in the courtroom for perhaps the first time in Bexar County history for the murder trial of a man accused of shooting to death his boss and a co-worker.

Jose Louis Guia, 40, is being tried on separate indictments accusing him in the deaths of his boss, Lytton Sherwood, 72, and co-worker Rafael Martinez, 51, at an upholstery shop on April 26, 1990.

Authorities said Guia became angry when he was sent home because his upholstery work had been criticized. He got a pistol, returned and shot the men to death, authorities say.

The first jury of eight women and four men will decide if Guia murdered Sherwood and the second panel of 10 women and two men will decide if he killed Martinez.

District Judge Susan Reed said Tuesday each jury heard separate opening statements and will hear separate closing arguments from prosecutors and defense lawyer Dick Ryman.

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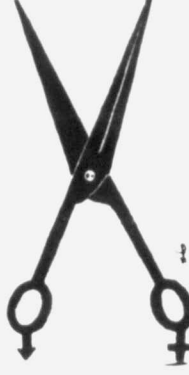



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