

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Effective immediately...

County employee raises rescinded

Scurry County commissioners today concurred with Judge Bobby Goodwin to rescind a five percent pay increase for county employees in an effort to bring the budget in line with a rollback of county taxes.

"We cannot lower the budget by \$435,000 without taking away the five percent pay increase to county employees," Goodwin said in the 10 a.m. meeting. He also noted that the administrative decision made by the commissioners is effective immediately, and will be part of the budget package submitted for approval in March.

The county must trim an estimated \$433,000 from its budget in response to a rollback election held Jan. 20. In that election, county residents, by a 252-vote margin, directed the county to roll back its 1990 ad valorem tax rate from 39.80 cents to 34.75 cents per \$100 valuation.

Because the pay raise had been implemented on Jan. 1, County Auditor Linda Franklin said some \$113,000 will now be trimmed from the 1990 budget in contrast to the \$123,000 originally budgeted for the five percent pay increase.

Goodwin and Franklin plan to

begin meeting with department heads Thursday to discuss departmental budgets.

Goodwin had earlier said he

would try to keep the pay raise for county employees.

"We will make every effort to keep it intact but if the monies

can't otherwise be cut and revenue can't be increased effectively, then we will look at the (see RAISES, page 8)

County livestock show proclaimed a success

The 46th annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show ended Saturday after the most animals ever had been exhibited and premium sale participants had paid a total of \$63,000 in premiums, or cash bonuses, to county FFA and 4-H Club youngsters.

"It went real well," said Junior Livestock Board member Milton Stephens. "We had a good sale, as good as it was last year, and we had the most animals we have ever had."

Angie Robinson's grand champion steer brought \$1,500, Jessica Eicke's reserve grand champion steer \$1,150, Mario Sanchez' grand champion hog \$775 and Jason Withers' reserve grand

champion hog \$525.

Premium sale sponsors, who do not buy the animals, paid an \$850 premium for Kevin Holt's grand champion lamb and a \$600 bonus to Marcus Belew for his reserve grand champion lamb.

Three hundred people watched as auctioneer Tommy Marricle conducted the premium sale from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday in the county coliseum agricultural annex — about the same number that had turned out for the Friday night steer show.

The show had drawn 299 hogs, 165 lambs and 48 steers, and Marricle auctioned premiums for the top 50 hogs, 42 lambs and 26 steers.

Hess is triple winner at Borden County show

GAIL — Shayne Hess was a triple winner in the Borden County Junior Livestock Show as her hog and lamb both took grand championship trophies and her steer won that contest's reserve grand championship.

The grand champion steer was shown by Amanda Anderson, and the other reserve championship trophies went to Patrick Heridge for his hog and Kandy Belew for her lamb.

A large crowd attended the Saturday premium sale in the county show barn north of Borden School as auctioneer Monty Paxton auctioned the premiums, or cash bonuses, for the young exhibitors.

Show officials included Van York for the lambs, Lisa Ludecke for the hogs and Mike Stephens for the steers.

Lambs were shown Thursday night, hogs Friday morning and steers Saturday morning prior to a complimentary barbecue lunch for premium sale sponsors and other show supporters.

Borden County Junior Livestock Board members are president Kenny Hensley, vice president Ben Miller, treasurer Jerry Stone, secretary Scott Clayton and directors D.M. Parks, Monte Smith, John Anderson, Mike Herring and Danny Stone.



GAME FACES — Terri Robinson of Ira and her father, Bo, had their game faces on prior to her taking her steer into the show ring in the annual

Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Bo Robinson is president of the Junior Livestock Board. (SDN Staff Photo)

Headed to Congress...

Bush budget \$1.23 trillion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today sent Congress a \$1.23 trillion budget for next year that slows the growth in military spending and calls for no general tax increase as part of a plan to cut the deficit by half.

Bush proposed hefty spending increases for the 1991 fiscal year in space exploration, cleaning up

the environment and the Head Start pre-school program.

He recommended cuts in Medicare, college student loans and farm subsidies, among other domestic programs.

Bush's budget — the first one his administration has written from scratch — was certain to provoke sharp debate in the

Democratic-controlled Congress.

"With an eye toward future growth, and expansion of the human frontier, the budget's chief emphasis is on investment in the future," Bush said in a written message that introduced the 1569-page budget document.

"At the same time, the budget (see BUSH, page 8)

Includes Texas...

Proposed base closings noted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney today proposing closing or realigning 9 military installations in Texas, among more than 60 bases in the United States and 12 installations overseas, in a cost-saving effort.

"These proposed actions are

part of an ongoing effort to streamline Defense Department operations in keeping with changing requirements and future budget realities," Cheney said in a cover letter to the base closing list made available today to The Associated Press by congressional sources.

The Texas installations Cheney proposes to close are the Army ammunition plant at Karnack, Chase Field Naval Air Station at Beeville, Bergstrom Air Force Base at Austin, and the Defense Contract Administration regional office in Dallas. (see BASES, page 8)

Will be AmWest...

Olney to get name change

Olney Savings & Loan Association will announce it is changing its name to AmWest Savings during a Tuesday afternoon news conference at its headquarters in Bryan.

Don A. Adam, chairman of the board and CEO of Olney Savings & Loan, will introduce and discuss the name change, a new logo and the board of directors at the 1:30 p.m. conference.

Matt Landry, president, has said no cutbacks are planned as a result.

Olney Savings & Loan Association has 80 locations throughout West and Central Texas, including Snyder. The \$4-billion institution is based in Bryan with over 1,000 employees statewide and is a member of The Adam Corporation/Group.

"Our institution is changing to meet the demands of today's economy," Landry said in a press release. "For that reason, we are changing our name to AmWest Savings to reflect a new personality. We hope you like our

new name and come to know it well."

"We are trying to set the stage to go forward in a positive way," Landry was quoted as saying. "The Olney name is a very fine name, but it's sort of a regional name."

The savings and loan originated in Olney.

The name change is effective Feb. 1 and Landry said its customers would be able to continue using their Olney deposit slips and checks until they need new materials.



TRIPLE WINNER — Shayne Hess of Gail showed the grand champion lamb, in addition to the grand champion hog and reserve grand champion steer, in the Borden County Junior Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)

Q—Is it true you can substitute teach in the Snyder school system with a high school diploma and zero college hours?

A—A school administration spokesman said that those new to the system are required to have 60 college hours, but those who were substituting in the system before the 60-hour rule came to be will continue to work in the system.

In Brief

Soviet unrest

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet media today reported more arrests of nationalist leaders in Azerbaijan's capital, and Armenian and Azerbaijani fighters were withdrawing from some of their battles lines and preparing for peace talks.

The media said a semblance of normal life was returning to Baku, capital of the southern republic and a hub of nationalist unrest. It has now been occupied by Soviet troops for more than a week.

"The extremist strongholds with stocks of food and ammunition are being detected," Radio Moscow said today.

2 die in crash

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Investigators were to arrive this morning to look over the wreckage of a vintage plane that crashed when its single engine stalled, killing one man and injuring the pilot.

John Collins, 45, of Las Cruces, N.M., died in the Sunday accident. The pilot, West Texas Airport owner Phil Barrett, was in stable condition today at R.E. Thomason General Hospital, said Pat Morales, hospital spokeswoman. Barrett was airlifted from the crash scene by an Army helicopter and admitted to Thomason with a broken ankle, a broken arm, a dislocated hip and facial injuries.

Barrett's 1946 Aronca Champion went down on its belly at about 2:10 p.m. Sunday on one of the few level spots in a gravel pit about a half-mile east of the airport in Horizon City, an El Paso suburb.

Local

Noah Project

The Noah Project Advisory Council will have a called meeting Tuesday at noon at Reta's Texas Barbecue. All members are urged to attend the meeting.

SHS boosters

Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the school student center.

Anyone interested in high school athletics is encouraged to attend.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 55 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Sunday, 35 degrees; high Sunday, 52 degrees; low, 22 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 25 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 1.14 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Monday night clear, low mid-30s. South wind 5 to 15 mph shifting to north near sunrise. Tuesday sunny and cooler, high upper 50s. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Jan. 30, 1990

Your best opportunities in the year ahead are likely to come from your least suspected sources. People you know only casually could provide you with profitable tips.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't believe everything you hear today, especially if someone you don't know too well has unflattering things to say about a person with whom you're reasonably familiar. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your ability to spot a real bargain might not be up to par today, so be careful and prudent if you're on a shopping excursion. Be sure to compare prices and quality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Modify your self-interests today and try to fit into the will of the majority. Even though what you contemplate could be better, it might be severely resisted by companions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you lack faith in your own ideas today, it is likely that others will view them unenthusiastically as well. Think positive and don't be afraid of making mistakes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Be sure to stay on top of everything in an important commercial involvement today. If you're indifferent or careless, it could hurt you in your pocketbook.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You must guard against inclinations today to yield to pressure, especially where agreements are concerned. If your better judgment tells you it's a bum deal, revise it before it is too late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Co-workers might find you a very difficult person to please today and instead of lending you a hand where they can be helpful, they may let you fend for yourself instead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It might not be advisable at this time to invest in something about which you know little. Before making a commitment, continue to investigate and gather facts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Decisions you should be making for yourself might be made by others today if you lack the gumption to speak up on your own behalf. Don't be a doormat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your productivity and effectiveness will be severely diminished today if you have a poor attitude regarding some distasteful tasks you have to perform.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Extravagant whims of the moment must not be allowed to take precedence over your financial discipline today. Be prudent or be sorry later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Selfish inclinations might vie for expression today and you're apt to do your darndest to try to disguise your true motive from others. Unfortunately, your actions will be transparent.

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Contra blamed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. human rights group's investigation concludes that Contra rebel forces were responsible for the New Year's Day ambush and killing of two Roman Catholic nuns, including an American, in Nicaragua.

The private human rights group, Americas Watch, said in a 53-page report Sunday that its investigation, which included numerous interviews and other data obtained in Nicaragua, found that the ambush was conducted by Contra forces.



Borden County
Dakota Resources Inc. will drill the No. 2-A Washakie-Hamilton in the Half Breed field, 10 miles northwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 8,300 feet, location is in Section 36, Block 30, John H. Gibson survey.

Kent County
Sojourner Drilling Corp. has completed the No. 1-A Maben in the Maben field, 16 miles west of Girard. The well produced 120 barrels of 38 gravity oil and 20 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 80-1 with perforations from 5,602-652 feet. Location is in Section 141, Block 1, H&GN survey.

John L. Cox will drill the No. 12-B Godfrey in the Michelle Kay field, 18 miles west of Girard. Planned for a depth of 5,900 feet, location is in the J.E. Day survey.

Fisher County
Joe Gibson and Associates will drill the No. 1 L.C. Brown, a 3,500-

Bone-breaking experiments involving dogs questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — New questions are being raised about Army-sponsored research on animals following the removal of a review panel member who voiced concerns about bone-breaking experiments on retired greyhound dogs.

"The public would be outraged at the excessive amount of tax dollars that are being wasted on research which does not contribute to human health," Jan Polon said this month, shortly after her removal from the voluntary post on the animal use committee at California's Letterman Army Institute of Research.

Polon, an occupational therapist and the lone public representative on the review panel, had expressed opposition to several animal experiments over four years.

But she blames her dismissal on two letters she sent to officials at Letterman — one complaining about the inadequate time committee members had to review protocols and reference documents, the other requesting further review of the research protocol on the greyhound experiment.

The decision by officials at Letterman, located at the Presidio in

California, prompted Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., to question the operation at the research facility.

"It seems clear that LAIR does not want any questions asked about what is going on behind closed doors," Boxer said in a Jan. 5 letter to Army Col. Donald G. Corby, commander of Letterman.

The California Democrat urged Corby to reconsider his decision, "since it is certain to be perceived as punitive action which only elevates public concern about what is going on at LAIR."

A spokesman at the Presidio said Polon was simply let go, and Army officials, in letters to Boxer, have steadfastly defended the experiments.

"This research effort, even to an untrained observer, is not a waste of money or animals," Army Maj. Gen. Philip K. Russell, medical corps commander at the Army Medical Research and Development Command at Fort Detrick, Md., said in an Oct. 5, 1989, letter.

The removal of Polon is just the latest controversy surrounding the experiments on greyhounds which has drawn members of

Congress, animal rights activists, Defense Department officials and representatives from the scientific community into the fray.

The experiments are on hold the result of language in the defense spending bill for fiscal 1990 prohibiting money for the tests until the Army secretary certifies that the research has a military application, meets specific guidelines set by an animal use committee and is not duplicative.

The experiments involve removing a piece of bone from the hind leg of each dog and replacing it with a synthetic compound. After two months, the greyhounds are killed and their legs examined to determine the effectiveness of the compound.

The purpose of the experiments on 118 dogs, according to the Army, is to find better ways to treat battlefield wounds. Boxer argues that several physicians and veterinarians as well as the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine believe the experiments serve little scientific purpose and cause unnecessary suffering for the animals.

Number of poor increase but food stamp usage is down

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The number of poor Americans has swelled, but fewer people are using food stamps, a paradoxical decline that's no surprise to participants.

"It's the same old story," said Mildred Lee, 76, of Raleigh. "I had a hell of a hassle to get them. Ten dollars weren't worth the hassle I had to go through."

Mrs. Lee, whose monthly income is a \$406 Social Security

check, has been receiving about \$10 a month in food stamps for a year.

Analysts see many reasons for the food stamp decline — an economic rebound, Reagan administration regulations and an outcry against assistance.

Many also say Mrs. Lee is right: Red tape keeps people away.

"I think the declining rates have been a sign of the success of

the economy, but I think there are still plenty of people out there in need," said Phil Shanzholtzer, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

Participation declined to an average of 18.8 million in 1988 from 19.8 million in 1980, while the number of people living in poverty rose to 32.5 million in 1987 from 29.3 million in 1980, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a non-profit research group based in Washington.

"These figures are rather striking," director Robert Greenstein said. "Essentially, we now know that the program has effectively been tightened — and reduced in scope — considerably more than has commonly been recognized."

Food stamp usage has plunged in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Southeast during the 1980s.

Medicare reimbursement plan hurts rural hospitals

ALPINE, Texas (AP) — The administrator of Alpine's hospital says he believes it will fold within two years unless Medicare help improves for rural patients.

Brewster Memorial Hospital administrator Don Karl blames his hospital's predicament on the federal Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement programs, which pay less to rural hospitals than urban ones for medical procedures.

He said that two years ago he discovered Brewster was paid less than half the amount given Hermann Hospital in Houston for identical cases.

"The figures have changed since then, but the point holds true," he said. Karl said many costs to rural hospitals are

higher than to those in cities.

The Texas Hospital Association estimates 80 hospitals, half of them in rural areas, have closed since the current federal reimbursement plan took effect in 1983. More than 50 Texas counties now have no hospital.

"I take it personally," Karl said. "The rural populations are being cheated out of health care. The Medicare patient in Terlingua deserves the same care as the Medicare patient in Dallas."

If Brewster closes, residents of Alpine and the surrounding Big Bend area will have to go to at least 170 miles for advanced medical treatment.

The 31-bed hospital finds itself squeezed between the inadequate federal reimbursement and the poverty of its older, rural patients.

Board okays merger then voices familiar complaint

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — Members of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board voiced a familiar complaint last week when they approved the consolidation of West Texas State University into the Texas A&M system: that West Texas State and hardball politics are intertwined.

The coming months and years will show whether the charged political atmosphere surrounding West Texas State will abate after the dissolution of its board of regents, led by outspoken oilman T. Boone Pickens Jr. The board dissolves Sept. 1, when the 6,000-student university 15 miles south of Amarillo becomes part of the A&M system.

Brandley's supporters give teamwork credit

HOUSTON (AP) — Supporters of Clarence Lee Brandley credit teamwork and their constant public outcry as crucial factors in getting him released from prison.

The Coalition to Free Clarence Brandley demonstrated frequently in Austin and Conroe, where Brandley was sentenced to die almost a decade ago for the slaying of a teen-age girl at Conroe High School.

Montgomery County officials say the coalition's efforts were misguided and attempted to improperly influence the court review of the case.

State District Judge James Keeshan of Conroe, the former prosecutor who tried Brandley, is convinced the right man was found guilty. He said he is concerned about the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals' ruling that overturned Brandley's conviction.

"I suggest to you that judges, like other public officials, are



Dear Abby

Price of Hole in One Is Too High for One Golfer

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I don't know how or when it got started, but there's a custom at most golf clubs that I think is absurd. When a golfer makes a hole in one, the drinks are on him! (Or her.)

Some clubs have a "Hole in One Club" — it's a kind of insurance to defray the cost of the drinks when a guy makes a hole in one and can't afford to treat every guy in the club to a drink. (All the members have to contribute.)

I once heard a guy say, "Hey, John, you owe me a drink!" (It was for a hole in one John had made the previous year.) However, many golf clubs don't have a "Hole in One Club," so the "lucky" golfer gets stuck.

I would like to turn this custom around, and I need your help, Abby. Ask the golfers out there how they feel about this custom. I'm sure you will get a large enough response from golfers to get them to thinking about it and, let's hope, initiate some sort of action in their own clubs to eliminate this custom.

DOUGLAS WHITE, ORANGE CITY, FLA.

DEAR DOUGLAS: I asked my brother-in-law, Morey Rubin, who shot a hole in one at Canyon Country Club in Palm Springs last year (his feet haven't touched the ground since). He said, "It's a thrill of a lifetime; I've yet to hear a guy complain about having to buy drinks."

How do you other "hole-in-ones" out there feel about that custom?

DEAR ABBY: My son, his wife and their 3-year-old daughter are visiting me from out of town, which prompts my first Dear Abby letter.

The problem: My daughter-in-law is still breast-feeding the child! It just doesn't seem right that a 3-year-old child should be running after her mother, lifting her mother's blouse and asking to be breast-fed. Frankly, I find this behavior revolting, and I don't know how much longer I can keep my mouth shut.

The child seems too attached to her mother. I don't want to cause a

fight, but I really am concerned about the child. Abby, is it emotionally healthy for a child this age to still be nursing?

GROSSED OUT GRANDMA

DEAR GROSSED OUT: According to a spokesperson for the La Leche League International, it is not abnormal for a 3-year-old to still be breast-feeding. Generally, that is when most (but not all) children are finishing their breast-feeding cycle.

A child of that age needing to nurse more than twice a day may be experiencing a need other than physical hunger. Perhaps she wants more attention from her mother, and breast-feeding is the only way to get it.

DEAR ABBY: Will you please put in a good word for all the unfortunate children who were born in December? I am a grown woman, but I have always felt slighted because as a child, I would get a combination birthday-Christmas present.

I recall asking my mother if she would let me celebrate my birthday in June or July for this reason, but she laughed and tried to make me feel "special" to have been born on Dec. 23.

Please print this (no name, please) for all the other people who were born in December. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way. It might help.

A CAPRICORN

DEAR CAPRICORN: Here's your letter. I can't guarantee that it will help. But, like chicken soup, it can't hurt.

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— An independent committee hired by regents wrote a report concluding that "academic freedom is virtually nonexistent at West Texas State."

— The university, in an effort to boost prestige and attract more research dollars, asked to join the A&M system.

Both boards of regents approved the merger proposal. State Rep. John Smith and state Sen. Teel Bivins, both Republicans from Amarillo, co-sponsored a merger bill and shepherded it through the Legislature.

An unprecedented proviso — that the merger be contingent on Coordinating Board approval — endangered the plan during the last weeks. In early January, the Coordinating Board's advisory staff recommended against the merger, sparking intense lobbying from pro-merger forces.

After Friday's 10-7 vote in favor of the merger, some Coordinating Board members made it clear they resented having to make the final decision instead of the Legislature.

"This has become an emotional and political situation," board vice chairman Cipriano Guerra said. "This board was created to take politics out of the education system."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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.
District Boy Scouts; Boy's Club; 7 p.m.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Alateen; 12 Step Study; Charter Centre; 6 p.m.; Call 573-5164 for information.

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 or Kelly at 573-7705 for information.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Alzheimer's Support Group; 7 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church parlor.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.
Noah Project Advisory Committee Called Meeting; noon; Reta's Texas BBQ; All members are urged to attend.

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
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.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 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.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)

WEDNESDAY

Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

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.
Sparkle City Square Dancers; clogging; old Athletic Center building; 7-8 p.m.

Sparkle City Square Dancers; workshop; old Athletic Center building; 8-10 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; 9:30 a.m.; MAWC.
Al-Anon; Charter Centre, 4200 College Ave.; noon.

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

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.
Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; 6:30 p.m.; The Shack.

Boy Scout Roundtable; Boy's Club; 7 p.m.
Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.

Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

FRIDAY

Storytime for four and five year old children; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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; Charter Centre, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626. (Until further notice, the meetings will be held at this location, instead of at the Park Club, Winston Park.)

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Deaf potential juror causes courtroom stir

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Justice, they say, is blind. But Willie Howard has left courtroom observers pondering what to do if she is also deaf.

Howard, 25, who can neither hear nor speak, is the first person in Tarrant County to make use of a 1987 law requiring counties to pay interpreters so that hearing-impaired residents are not automatically dismissed from jury service.

Howard's appearance in court last week, accompanied by an interpreter, created a stir among county judges and lawyers, many of whom had been unaware of the 1987 law.

Howard never was seated on a jury panel to hear a case, but not because he is hearing-impaired. After two days on a panel of juror candidates, Howard was excused because a defense attorney considered him too strong an advocate of tough sentences for drug dealers.

District Judge Robert Wright, who empaneled the 300-plus jurors called Jan. 15, said he knew nothing of that law until an interpreter service asked him to appoint an interpreter for

Howard.

Wright said his main concern was that the interpreter's pay not come out of his small budget for the 325th District Court. Payment was later authorized from the central jury fund.

Other judges and lawyers were more concerned about the practical consequences of having an interpreter for the deaf present during jury deliberations, which previously have been limited by law to the 12 jurors.

"I'd worry about the interpreter being disruptive to the rest of the people in the courtroom," 48th District Judge William Hughes told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Prosecutor James McEntire and defense attorney William Harris echoed the worries of several criminal judges who said an interpreter might become in effect a 13th juror.

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Foreign minister warns...

Republics' secession might destabilize the world order

MOSCOW (AP) — Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze says secession by some independence-minded Soviet republics would cause military, political and economic problems for them, and also could "result in a major destabilization of the existing international structure."

"It is in no one's interest to see this happen," he said in a written response to questions submitted before a rare one-on-one interview.

Shevardnadze's home republic, Georgia, is among those with an active nationalist movement.

"The problems of inter-ethnic relations are so delicate and sensitive that one should avoid any outside interference in the process of their development," he said when asked if U.S. support

for the independence of the Baltic republics of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia contributes to separatist feelings there.

"I should say that on the whole we see that responsible politicians are aware of this," he said, noting the United States has reaffirmed its recognition of the territorial integrity of the Soviet Union.

The interview in Shevardnadze's wood-paneled office on Thursday and the text of the written exchange with The Associated Press were released by mutual agreement on Sunday.

The Soviet foreign minister acknowledged widespread concern in the West for the survivability of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev but ascribed it more to a popular desire that Gorbachev's reforms succeed than to any real threat to the Communist Party chief's political power.

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Zone ideas pop up in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Zoning is no longer the ominous "Z word."

Long the nation's only major city without zoning, Houston would have building regulations if voters were now asked, analysts say.

Periodic polling during the 1980s indicates that at least 60

percent of the city's population favors zoning, said Richard Murray, a University of Houston political scientist and pollster.

"There are enough people out there who want land-use controls," said political consultant George Strong. "These people are more likely to be voters, they

are better educated, they are more affluent.

"And you have to understand that in 20 years, a lot of people have come from places where they did have zoning, and they don't see this non-zoned city, with its rugged individualist syndrome, as necessarily good."

"If we had the referendum today, it would pass — no problem," Murray said.

University of Houston law professor John Mixon's concept of zoning within individual neighborhoods is being widely considered as a stopgap measure while city officials develop a comprehensive land-use plan that could include citywide zoning regulations.

Most officials believe a citywide zoning plan cannot be ready for at least five years because Patricia Knudson, the new city planning director, and her staff must first complete a comprehensive land-use map to serve as a blueprint for future growth.

Such a plan would allow city officials to direct development to areas where growth is predicted by placing roads, bridges and other capital improvements in them.

Bridge

James Jacoby

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Well-judged push to game

By James Jacoby

When North transferred to hearts, South's cards appreciated in value, justifying the jump to three hearts. North was happy to accept the game invitation, but making game was no cakewalk. Declarer had to choose well in the play.

East won the spade king, cashed the club ace and returned a spade. South won the queen and immediately cashed the ace of diamonds. Then came three rounds of hearts, followed by king of clubs (a diamond was pitched from dummy) and a club ruff. Declarer threw a diamond on the ace of spades and played a low diamond from dummy. The defenders were dead in the water. If East played the king, that would drop his partner's queen. If he played low, West would win the queen but have to give declarer a ruff and a sluff to take care of his remaining diamond loser.

Declarer might have tried for a different type of elimination, playing out the black side-suits and drawing trumps, then leading a low diamond from his hand to dummy's jack. That would succeed whenever West started with K-Q of diamonds.

As the cards lay, East could have defeated the game by switching to a low diamond at trick two, before cashing the club ace. But that would be the wrong play if declarer held A-10-x of diamonds and intended playing low to the 10 later.

Lesson: Don't be afraid to jump in partner's known long suit after a transfer bid if your hand gets better because you hold four-card support. You may reach a game contract that is a worthwhile risk.

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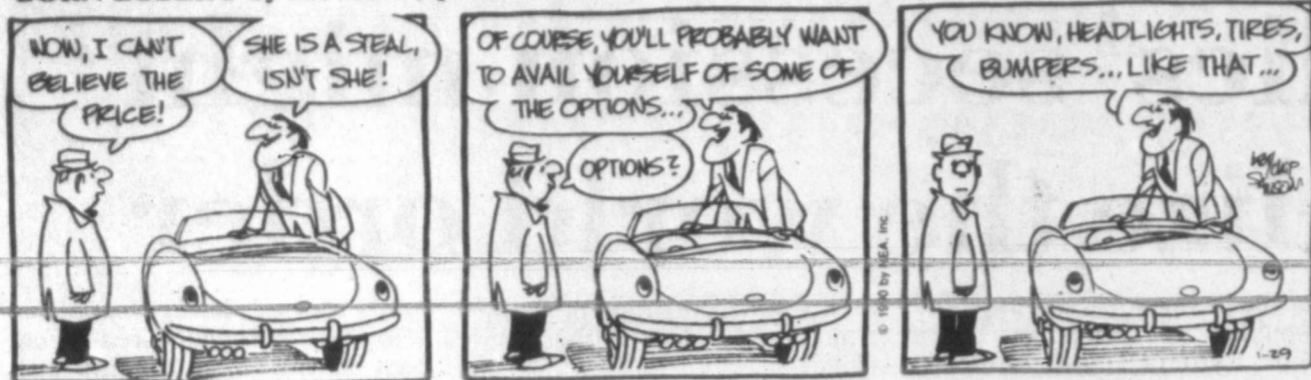
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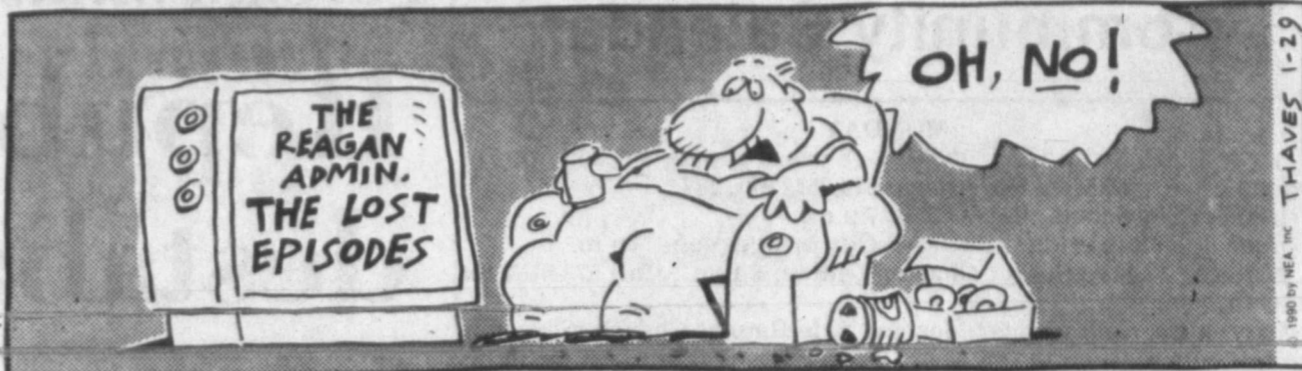
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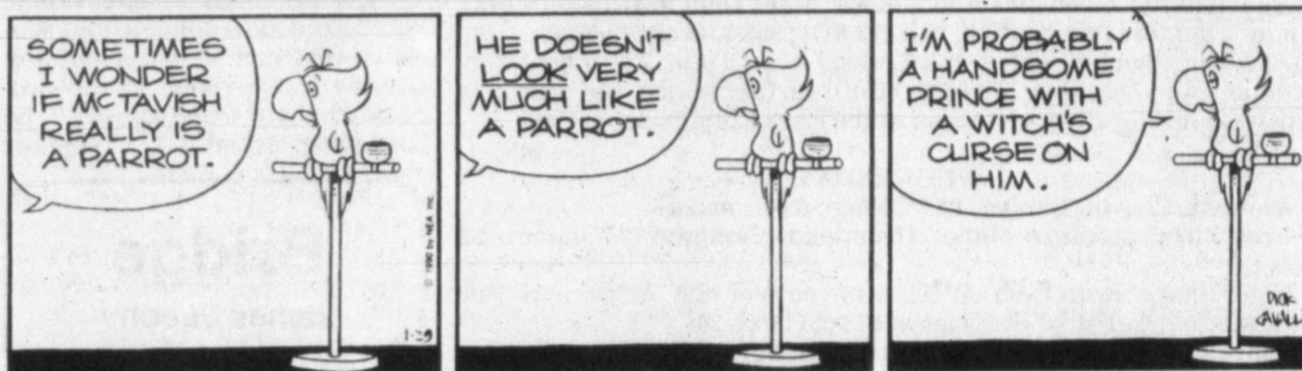
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Bush asks unspecified price support cuts in agriculture

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today proposed a nominal increase in total Agriculture Department spending in the 1991 fiscal year, including more money to cover farm price support programs and food stamps used by needy families.

Under existing law, the proposal could drive up Agriculture Department spending by as much as 4.1 percent in the 1991 fiscal year to about \$50.2 billion from \$48.2 billion in 1990.

But the increase could be held to 1 percent if Congress goes along with \$1.5 billion in commodity program cuts the Bush administration said it intends to work out later with lawmakers as a new farm bill is drafted this year.

The proposed \$1.5 billion in cuts, which were not spelled out, probably would mean lower guaranteed prices and reduced direct payments to farmers for major crops such as wheat, feed grains and cotton.

If Congress goes along with the reduction, total USDA spending in 1991 could be held to \$48.7 billion, a 1 percent increase from this year that would fall short of offsetting inflation, which is projected by the administration to rise 4.1 percent in the 12 months ending Sept. 30.

Meanwhile, the Bush budget for the budget year beginning Oct. 1 calls for elimination of the venerable Federal Crop In-

surance Corp., which provides subsidies to farmers who carry all-risk protection for crop loss.

The federal crop insurance program, which cost taxpayers nearly \$1.2 billion this year, would be phased down in 1991 in favor of a new disaster assistance program to be worked out with Congress.

Food stamps and other nutrition programs would account for \$23.4 billion, the largest general program in the USDA budget. Despite the increase for food stamps, reductions in some child-feeding programs would pull overall nutrition spending down slightly from the 1990 estimate.

Net outlays for USDA commodity programs — a wide range of subsidies for crops, dairy products, honey and wool — were projected at more than \$10.2 billion in 1991.

But that assumes Congress will approve the \$1.5 billion in unspecified cuts. If lawmakers reject the plan, commodity subsidies would rise to about \$11.7 billion in 1991.

That would be up sharply from the estimated \$8.17 billion for commodity programs this year but still far less than the record level of \$25.8 billion in 1986. The subsidy programs, provided by the department's Commodity Credit Corp., dropped to \$22.4 billion in 1987 and to \$12.5 billion in 1988.

Savings in CCC spending have been attributed to a number of

factors, including the 1985 farm law which allowed lowering of price support and "target prices" used to compute payments to farmers.

Under the system, the CCC payments mostly run a year behind the events, meaning that the 1991 budget proposed by Bush will be for crops grown in 1990, and so on.

The sharp drops in net outlays the last two years reflect the 1988 and 1989 droughts, which reduced production and drove up commodity prices. That meant less need for payments to farmers, thus reducing CCC outlays.

With farmers planting larger acreages this year and a probable continuation of normal yields for the major field crops, total spending on commodity programs is expected to jump in 1991.

The budget document projects a sharp reduction in Farmers Home Administration spending to around \$5.8 billion in 1991 from \$7.1 billion this year.

Most of the FmHA savings would be in farm loan programs, rural housing and the elimination of "business and industrial" programs to help improve local communities. The budget calls for a further shift from direct loans by the agency to guarantees for private lenders.

One new wrinkle is a proposed subsidy plan to help reduce the interest burden on FmHA borrowers and to help attract more

commercial lenders.

The \$15.4 billion proposed for the food stamp program is up about \$600 million from this year, mostly because of higher food costs and upward adjustments in monthly allocation to needy families.

But child nutrition programs, at less than \$5.2 billion, would be down \$156 million from 1990. The plan would allow an increase in school lunch subsidies for middle poverty children who now pay a reduced rate for meals. Children from the lowest-income categories get meals free.

Under the proposal, the reduced-rate meals would cost a child 20 cents instead of the current fee of 40 cents.

The budget plan also revives a controversial blueprint that has failed in the past: the elimination of school lunch subsidies for children from affluent families, those with an income of more than 350 percent of the federal poverty scale, or \$42,350 per year.

As it is now, all children, regardless of family income, can get school meals subsidized by the government. The Bush plan would require them to pay full price to eat at school, thus adding about 29 cents per meal.

Funding of the supplemental food program for women, infants and children, or WIC, would be rise slightly to \$2.21 billion, reflecting some increase in participation to about 4.7 million people each month.

American Indians

States with the most Native Americans

Oklahoma	171,200
Arizona	154,400
New Mexico	106,800
North Carolina	50,400
Alaska	64,400
South Dakota	45,600
Montana	37,000
Minnesota	36,700
Wisconsin	30,600
North Dakota	20,000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

NEA GRAPHICS

There are an estimated 1.5 million American Indians in the United States today — about the same total as when Columbus reached the New World. Currently, Oklahoma has more Indians — over 170,000 — than any other state. It is followed by Arizona, which has more than 150,000 Indians.

Study begins

AUSTIN (AP) — A study of the exact twists and turns of the state's oldest road is under way in hopes of making it a major tourist attraction, officials said.

The Old San Antonio Road, also known as El Camino Real, or the King's Highway, was created in 1691 and became the main path to Spanish colonization in Texas.

"There are roads and there are roads, but the importance of this road is the traffic that has been traveled on it for 300 years," said Archie McDonald, chairman of the state commission assigned to plan the King's Highway 300th

birthday festivities in 1991.

The 400-mile road was a direct route from Mexico to the Spanish missions which had been established among the Indians of East Texas. It stretches from Eagle Pass to near San Augustine in East Texas.

Although part of the road is designated by commemorative granite markers, other sections of the historic trail have been forgotten and abandoned.

State Highway department personnel are poring over old maps and county records to try and piece the puzzle together.

Lawman says wrong man jailed eight years

DALLAS (AP) — Prosecutors this week will ask the state parole board to request a pardon for a man who has spent almost eight years in prison for a grocery store robbery, the district attorney said here today.

New information in Michael Anthony Woten's case has prompted the move for his release, said Dallas County District Attorney John Vance.

He said police are furnishing information that will enable prosecutors to seek Woten's release.

"We will ask for it just as soon as the Dallas Police Department furnishes us information on the case, if they haven't already," said Vance. "Then, we will be in the process of doing that in the next day or two."

"I believe my prosecutor has already confirmed it with the

police. We are just waiting for the police to physically give it to us so that we will be knowledgeable enough to ask the governor and Board of Pardons and Paroles to pardon him."

The Dallas Times Herald reported Sunday in a copyright story that new evidence places Woten with a truck driver on the outskirts of Oklahoma City at the time a Dallas Safeway grocery store was robbed on April 16, 1982.

Vance said prosecutors' request will be in the form of a letter to the parole board "setting out the facts as we know them" and asking it to recommend to Gov. Bill Clements that Woten be given a full pardon.

"I wish that somebody in the process had found that evidence

in 1982 and convinced us not to file the case in the first place," Deputy Police Chief Ray Hawkins told the Times Herald.

Woten, 36, expressed disbelief when told by the newspaper that he might soon be a free man.

"Is this for sure?" he asked. "In all honesty, this has happened so fast, you know ... They're not going to change their minds, are they?"

The Times Herald's two-month investigation began after Woten wrote to the newspaper, claiming his innocence. He enclosed an affidavit from fellow inmate Russell Everett Chamberlain, which said Chamberlain committed the robbery.

Earlier this month, Hawkins ordered a detective to reinvestigate the case. But, he

told the Times Herald that Chamberlain's confession would not be enough to win Woten's freedom.

Then, last week a Times Herald reporter interviewed a crucial witness — in the presence of a Dallas police detective.

Former trucker Don "Kangaroo" Fainter remembers picking up Woten in Oklahoma City and confirmed much of Woten's alibi that he was hitchhiking to St. Louis the day two gunmen took \$5,200 from Safeway.

Fainter, who now runs a gift shop in Claycomo, Mo., recalls details of the nine-hour trip with Woten. "I gave him a ride. I'd swear to that," he said.

During his trial, Woten testified that at the time of the robbery he was hitchhiking with

a truck driver who introduced himself as Don and used the CB handle "Kangaroo." However, Woten's attorney couldn't find the truck driver.

Fainter came forward after hearing of an ad the Times Herald placed this month in a truckers' publication, searching for "Kangaroo." He said he doesn't understand why he wasn't found and asked to testify in 1982.

"I don't know why they couldn't find me. I was right here," Fainter said.

Evidence of the trip was found in the Centerville, Ky., office where Fainter's former employer stored company records.

The Woten case is latest in a string of dubious convictions in

Dallas County.

Randall Dale Adams, subject of the film "The Thin Blue Line," was freed last year after spending 13 years in prison after he was convicted of killing a Dallas police officer. He came within three days of the death penalty, and his conviction was finally overturned after his case gained publicity from the documentary.

Lenell Geter was cleared of armed robbery charges in 1984 after he spent 16 months behind bars.

And Joyce Ann Brown was freed in November after spending nine years in prison on an aggravated robbery conviction. After her conviction was overturned by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, prosecutors said they may try her again.

Thousands support provisional government

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Thousands of people shouting support for the provisional government converged on Bucharest today and urged leaders to stand firm against opposition demands that they resign.

It was the biggest pro-government rally in weeks and came one day after thousands massed in the largest anti-government protest since the December revolution.

Demonstrators marched down major city streets shouting support for President Ion Iliescu and his National Salvation Front, which has been accused of supporting the same totalitarian tactics as the ousted Communist regime.

"Iliescu, don't give up! The country is your army!" shouted one group as they marched past cheering shopkeepers and pedestrians.

Iliescu told the crowd the Front would not resign.

"The Front stands soundly on its own feet. The Front is not in danger ... We remain open to dialogue with the whole country (and) we stretch out our hands to all those who want to talk, to work and to rebuild the country," he said.

By late morning, more than 10,000 pro-Front forces had gathered in Victory Square, and thousands more were marching and even running toward the plaza where the Front's governing council has its headquarters.

It appeared the protest would attract more people than Sunday's anti-government rally, which drew about 15,000 people. It was the biggest such rally since the revolution that ousted dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

The national news agency

Rompres said "tens of thousands" of people, many of them just off night shifts in Bucharest factories, massed outside government headquarters and that many people had come

In Poland...

Communists dissolve beleaguered party

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — In disarray since ceding power to Solidarity, the Communists dissolved their 41-year-old party today and broke into two new groups that will seek roles in the East bloc's first parliamentary democracy.

Meeting in an ornate hall at the neo-Stalinist Palace of Culture in central Warsaw the main body of Communists created a new social democratic party.

But a breakaway reformer backed by Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, former Gdansk party chief Tadeusz Fiszbach, created another party he said he hoped would not be tainted by the remnants of the old one.

Poland has led the past year's whirlwind of democratic reform in the East bloc and its Communist Party became the second in the Warsaw Pact after Hungary to disband in an attempt to distance itself from a repressive past.

Hungary's Communists dissolved their party in October, a month after the Solidarity movement took control of Poland's government and ended more than four decades of Communist rule. Hungary is to hold free parliamentary elections on March 25. Poland did in June, when Solidarity-backed candidates won all but one of the

seats they contested.

The main body of Polish Communists voted 1,228-32 on Sunday to create a party called the "Social Democracy of the Republic of Poland." Their platform called for a multiparty system, respect for human rights and a market economy with some state ownership of capital.

However, it also said unemployment should not be accepted as a permanent part of the economy and that work is "a natural right of man" — a clear attack on the Solidarity-led government's crash transformation of a centrally planned economy to free market capitalism.

The platform's final resolution accepted responsibility for a legacy of failures during the four decades the party held absolute power in Poland, from the crimes of the Stalinist era to the country's current economic crisis.

The Communists' last stronghold in Poland is on the local level, where elections are slated for April, and their leaders acknowledged a fresh start was needed if they are to have any chance.

The new party inherits the disputed property and employees of its predecessor, formally known as the Polish United Workers Party.

A smaller pro-Front rally also was held Sunday, and one participant said he had been directed by superiors at work to attend.

The National Salvation Front,

a loose grouping of intellectuals and former Communists and dissidents, has been governing by decree since Ceausescu fled the capital Dec. 22. He was executed Dec. 25.

The trial of four men who were close Ceausescu associates resumed today before a military tribunal in Bucharest. The four went on trial Saturday on charges of complicity in the murder of anti-government protesters who were killed by security forces during the revolution.

The defendants are former Communist Party secretary Emil Bobu, considered the No. 3 figure in the Ceausescu leadership; former Interior Minister Tudor Postelnicu; and former Politburo members Manea Manescu and Ion Dinca.

Only Dinca has testified. When he took the stand Saturday, he said he had done nothing to stop the shooting of protesters in December.

Demands for the Front's resignation erupted Tuesday when the leadership announced plans to compete in national elections in May. Critics say the Front cannot fairly compete in an election that it also administers. Some accuse it of being a front for Communist rule, noting that it includes some former ranking Communists.

The protesters Sunday broke through a line of soldiers and rallied outside Front headquarters. Many demanded the opposition be given positions in the provisional government.

They booed Iliescu when he appeared on an upper floor of the building and chanted "Resign! Resign!" and "Get out, or we'll come get you out!" as he tried to speak.

Iliescu pledged later to renew dialogue with the more than 20 political parties hoping to compete in the May election, a promise he repeated today.

Mayor Barry urged Moore to seek city funding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Marion Barry personally urged Hazel Diane "Rasheeda" Moore in 1986 to seek city funding for a no-bid contract to teach self-esteem training to inner city youths, according to a published

report. Moore's former business partner, Carole Bland Jackson, was quoted by The Washington Post on Sunday as saying Barry came up with the idea at a Friday night party in June 1986.

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 7-year-old daughter has a perspiration problem. Is this normal? My doctor seems unconcerned.

DEAR READER: Hyperhidrosis (excessive sweating) often occurs in response to psychological and emotional stress. Sweating is controlled by the nervous system and by circulating substances, called catecholamines, which stimulate sweat glands. The amount of sweating also depends on skin temperature, blood flow to the skin and humidity. It varies greatly from person to person and is related to sex, age, activity and (possibly) diet.

Young children rarely exhibit inappropriate, pathological sweating; therefore, if your doctor is unconcerned, I believe you can adopt a "wait and see" attitude. Your daughter will probably outgrow what you

Poll shows gender gap

By The Associated Press

The difference in voting by men and women is playing a role in the March gubernatorial primary, a poll found.

The gender gap is largely responsible for giving Ms. Richards an early lead in the Democratic race, analysts say.

A poll for the Houston Chronicle and The Dallas Morning News found that among likely Democratic primary voters, almost half of the women support Ms. Richards — far outpacing her chief rivals, former Gov. Mark White and Attorney General Jim Mattox.

The poll says Ms. Richards is favored by 43 percent of the Democratic women voters and 27 percent of the men. White has 25 percent of the women and 33 percent of the men. Mattox has 6 percent of the women and 14 percent of the men.

Ms. Richards, seeking to become the first woman governor of Texas since Miriam "Ma" Ferguson a half-century ago, has tended to play down gender-based politics.

Voters will "judge us as people, not whether we're male or female," she said last summer.

perceive to be a problem.

On the other hand, if she truly has hyperhidrosis — and suffers from constant wetness of the palms, soles and underarms — you should obtain a second opinion. Patients with hyperhidrosis are often helped by medicine, such as phenoxybenzamine, that effectively reduces the volume of perspiration produced by the sweat glands.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A while ago, you had an article about irritable bowel syndrome, in which you stated the American Digestive Disease Society in Bethesda, Md., could give me additional information. I contacted the society, but they have refused to acknowledge my subsequent letters. I even wrote the Better Business Bureau, whose inquiries were also ignored.

DEAR READER: I am truly sorry for the inconvenience you experienced. In my column, I sometimes refer readers to special-interest or support groups. I do not know why the American Digestive Disease Society chose to ignore your letters. We also tried to reach the society recently, but were unable to locate it.

Therefore, I am herewith removing the organization from my referral list, and I urge my readers to do the same.

Because you are interested in irritable bowel, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 33-year-old female with fluid retention. I've been taking spironolactone 25 milligrams for the past four months, and it works well. This medication has caused cancer to appear in laboratory testing. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Spironolactone is a diuretic, a medicine that forces the kidneys to excrete excess fluid. It has been used for years and, to my knowledge, is safe. Specifically, I am not aware that it is associated with cancer in either humans or laboratory animals when used in the usual, prescribed dose.

In the studies I am familiar with, rats developed tumors in the testicles, thyroid gland and liver — but the test animals were given up to 250 times the usual human dose. Therefore, for practical purposes, spironolactone is not considered hazardous.

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New groups to help addicted lawyers

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — The Texas State Bar estimates up to 30 percent of the state's 52,000 lawyers are substance abusers, and the issue is raising thorny questions about the responsibility of law firms that employ addicted attorneys and the effect on their clients.

A recent Texas State Bar survey shows that substance abuse accounts for 15 to 20 percent of all grievance cases filed in the state.

"I've been here since '78," said Texas State Bar spokesman Larry Fitzgerald, "and in the

last few years, I've seen more grievances coming across that specifically refer to abuse problems."

Lawyers are aware of the possible legal ramifications that may accompany recovery. A malpractice suit pending in state district court in Houston contends a trial lawyer affected the outcome of his client's case because the attorney was abusing cocaine and alcohol during the trial.

Doug Looney filed the civil lawsuit in Kerr County last year against attorney Daniel Goforth,

who had represented Looney in a 1981 breach of contract suit for the Houston law firm Sewell & Riggs. The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages from Goforth and the firm for negligence, fraud and breach of trust, contends the firm knew of Goforth's addictions but concealed it from clients.

Sewell & Riggs issued a statement that Goforth had twice sought treatment for chemical dependency while working for the firm. Goforth has admitted seeking treatment but has denied abusing drugs while the trial was

in progress.

Impaired attorneys are primarily addicted to alcohol or drugs, though in 1989 the revamped Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program also helped attorneys suffering from senility, depression and sexual deviancy.

The Austin-based assistance program is doing big business. Program director Patrick Sheeran said the organization has helped treat 187 lawyers since its inception in March. Most were referred for alcohol abuse, though 18 were abusing other drugs.

Two districts fight for accreditation

HOUSTON (AP) — An area school district risks becoming only the second in the state to lose its accreditation while another area district hopes to upgrade its status.

The Texas Education Agency has recommended that the 150-student Kendleton Independent School District — serving about 91 families — lose its accreditation effective June 30.

The state Board of Education is scheduled to vote on revoking accreditation Feb. 24. Kendleton, a rural, mainly black, farming community, will be afforded a

public hearing before the board in Austin Feb. 9.

"This is the district's last chance," TEA spokesman Joey Lozano said. Westminster, north of Dallas, is the only Texas school district lose its accreditation.

The TEA in 1985 placed the district on a "warned" status, assigning it a monitor and later a master to oversee its operations.

But about 100 junior and senior high school students have been transferred to the Fort Bend County district because of curriculum, financial and governing problems.

District students' performance on the 1985-86 Texas Assessment of Minimum Skills test was in the lowest 5 percent. Education Commissioner William Kirby, in a letter to the state board, said 1988-89 TEAMS scores showed a nearly 50-percent decline from 1987-88.

"These results, together with deteriorating conditions in the governance structure within the district and community, make it highly questionable that Kendleton ISD can continue to function as a fully accredited school district," Kirby wrote.

Meanwhile, the North Forest

Independent School District in Houston is overcoming financial and instructional problems and should be ready to regain full accreditation in the spring, said Joe Randow, the master appointed by Texas Education Agency last year to run the troubled school system.

Auditors are scheduled to visit the district April 30.

The TEA stripped North Forest of its full accreditation almost two years ago when the minority school district was on the verge of bankruptcy.

Issue of partisan elections is revised

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Democrats and Republicans in El Paso have squared off in typical partisan fashion — over restoring partisanship to city elections.

Democrats, who are in the majority, favor partisan city elections, while Republicans generally favor non-partisan elections.

In the 1986 gubernatorial race, Democrats cast 26,092 votes in El Paso County's Democratic primary, while there were only 6,241 Republican primary votes.

The issue has been rekindled by a threatened lawsuit and a group of local Democrats who say the current system undermines their dominance.

Howard Neighbor, a political science professor at the Universi-

ty of Texas at El Paso, says he is suing the city to challenge non-partisan elections.

Neighbor said non-partisan elections hinder poor people from becoming politically active. The political parties provide an organization for involvement, he said.

"If you are down ... in the ghetto, you don't have a club. The party has the clout to get the candidates there (for a forum) as long as there are voters," he said.

But Terrell Blodgett, an urban management professor at the University of Texas at Austin, said contentions that non-partisan local elections disenfranchise poor minorities "don't hold water."

"The issues are very basic" at the local level, he said. "Individuals' concerns are about living day to day, of getting his garbage picked up and getting his streets paved. They don't worry about state-level or federal-level issues."

But Melvin Straus, another political scientist at UTEP, said local races can help create an organization for state and federal political activity.

"If you don't have a government by party, you have a government by pressure groups," he said. "A political party can be made accountable to the voters."

Harrel Davis, head of the county's Republican party, said he not only favors keeping the

non-partisan system at the municipal level, but wants it expanded to county elections.

Meanwhile, the El Paso Municipal Government League, a 2-year-old organization of Democrats, also is trying to establish partisan elections.

The group wants to circumvent the city charter, which has for decades prohibited party designations alongside the names of candidates for city office on elections ballots.

At least one organizer makes no bones about why he worked on the project.

"From my standpoint, I am seeking to elect liberal Democrats," said Adrian Armijo.

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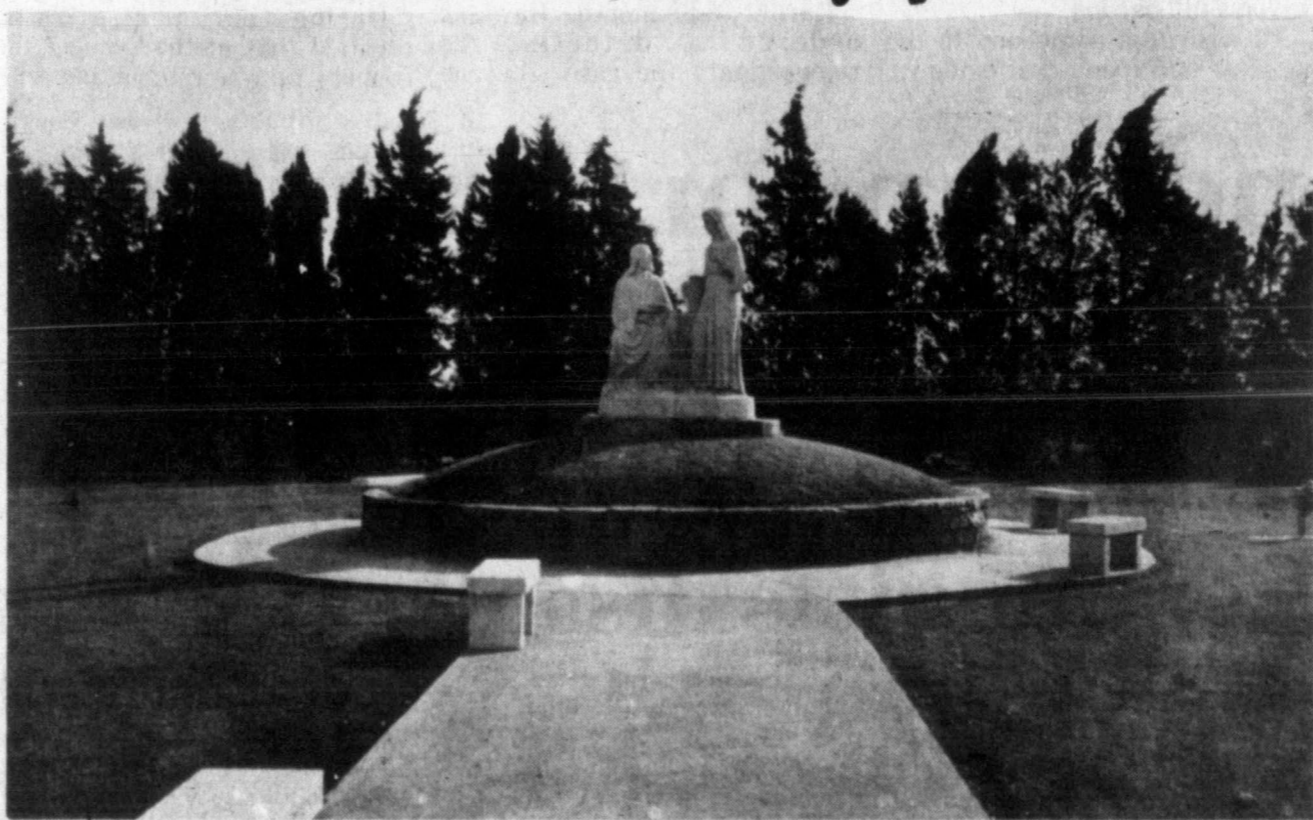
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Man charged with murder

NAVASOTA, Texas (AP) — Prosecutors say the shooting death of a Walker County sheriff's deputy isn't being treated as a capital murder case because the lawman was off-duty when killed.

Donnie Sullivan, 32, was charged with murder in the death of Deputy David Allen Stallings, 40, of Huntsville, who was shot once in the chest late Friday night.

Sullivan was ordered held in the Grimes County Jail on \$50,000 bail.

Stallings was shot while visiting the home of Sullivan's ex-wife in rural Bedias, near the Walker-Grimes county line, said Tracy Wright of the Grimes

County Sheriff's Department. Wright said Stallings and his friend, Rebecca Sullivan, were in Ms. Sullivan's kitchen when a gunshot was fired from outside the home through a kitchen window.

Sullivan was charged Saturday. Normally, the slaying of an officer draws a charge of capital murder, which carries penalties of either life in prison or death by injection.

But because Stallings was not on duty when he was shot, Sullivan was charged instead with murder, said Grimes County District Attorney David Barron.

"At this point, the investigation has not shown that the murder

was related to law enforcement," Barron said. "But the charge could change as facts develop."

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