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IN A HURRY — Snyder High School junior Mark Palacios and senior Michelle Garza Tuesday afternoon were hurrying through the rain that pelted them when school let out. The city water treatment plant on Ave. M recorded .64 of an inch during several hours of rainfall. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Appraisal firm says increase in oil prices could aid values

Representatives of the Fort Worth oil property appraisal firm that has been doing Scurry County's valuations said Tuesday that a recent increase in oil prices should help with overall values this year, although they said it is too early to know how much.

Thirty people from the county's various taxing entities listened at City Hall as Thomas Y. Pickett Co. officials Bill Smith and Grant Hammond outlined price and production levels since 1978, saying there is probably "less than four percent" of the recoverable oil that was here 40 years ago.

Smith said, however, that 35 to 40 percent of the original oil pools remain underground and the four percent mentioned is the amount recoverable under current economic conditions.

"Let us get \$70 or \$80 a barrel oil, and you wouldn't believe what they could do," he said, referring to oil producers.

The men said SACROC production has fallen from 11.8 million barrels a year in 1987 to 10.6 million in 1988 and 9.5 million last year. But they said there was an increase in the Sharon Ridge Unit from 1.3 million barrels in 1988 to 1.6 million last year.

They said they hope the price of oil will stabilize at least at the level to which it has recently risen, to more than \$20 a barrel.

Local certified public accountant Jerry Vestal, who does outside audits for the city, county and Ira and Snyder public

schools, told Pickett representatives that some discussion in a hearing last month on a county operational audit raised a question in some citizens' minds if there could be "collusion" between the appraisal company

and Chevron USA, the county's largest taxpayer.

Hammond came forward and said his professional ethics as an appraisal engineer would prevent any such collusion and that

(see APPRAISAL, page 8)

## Magazine will tout Snyder, chamber directors are told

Snyder Magazine, a publication highlighting the city's key assets, has arrived at the chamber of commerce, directors learned during Monday's regular board meeting.

The board also discussed the chamber's cultural affairs program, and several recently-held events, including Ag Day, "Meet the Candidates" night and the seminar "Scurry County: Good Government for the 90's and Beyond."

Chamber Manager Bill Moss also discussed ticket sales for the annual chamber banquet and strategy by the Texas Chamber of Commerce which emphasizes education.

The magazine, with a full-color front, has sections on educational facilities, the hospital, housing, recreation and culture, business and industry, retirement and a history of the community. It also lists figures on population, climate and other items of interest and includes a map of the

city.

"I think it certainly speaks well for the community," said Director Harry Krenke.

The chamber ordered 20,000

For March 13 primaries...

## Absentee voting period begins at clerk's office

Absentee voting began today in the county clerk's office for the March 13 primary elections, and Secretary of State George Bayoud was urging a better voter turnout than in recent years.

The absentee voting period will continue through March 9.

"This 'no-excuse' voting period, which the state legislature approved in 1987,

literally leave. Texans no excuse to stand on the sidelines and watch others decide who to

nominate for governor and the many other statewide and local offices that will be filled in the Nov. 6 general election," said Bayoud. "I am hopeful that the 'extended' voter registration campaign and the 'get out the vote' efforts by political parties and their candidates will make a difference in 1990."

Bayoud noted that in 1986 and 1982, voter turnout in the primaries was less than 27 percent (see ABSENTEE, page 8)

## Three more file for local boards

Three more incumbents have filed for office in the May 5 city, college and school board elections.

Original board member Bill Wilson Jr. has filed for another term on the college board of trustees while Ralph Williamson and Ernest Tippens have filed for second terms as city councilmen.

Wilson, current president of the WTC board of trustees, will be running for Place 1. Williamson is running for District 2 and Tippens for District 1 in the city council election.

Earlier this week, District 4 incumbent Billy Bob McMullan and District 5 incumbent Ann Walton filed for second terms on the Snyder public schools board of

trustees. Ygnacio Benitez, who represents District 1 — the only other position on the board coming up for re-election — has not filed as yet.

Monday was the first day to file in the board elections. The filing period ends March 21.

Two board positions are up for re-election on the college board. They are Place 1, currently held

(see BOARDS, page 8)

## Spelling bees are continuing

Spelling bee activity continues as three more schools have determined their top winners.

Central Elementary students began their spelling competition at 8:30 this morning and in less than one hour Luis Silva, a fourth grader, emerged as the top speller. He is the son of Mike and Hope Burns.

Runner-up is Steven Thompson, a sixth grader and son of Hiram and Vernelle Thompson.

Central also chose to name a top speller for each grade. Amanda Gutierrez, daughter of John and Mae Gutierrez, is the sixth grade winner. Top speller for the fifth grade is Patricia Vanous, daughter of Rocky and Carol Vanous. Crystal Lee, daughter of Allen and Patricia Lee, is the fourth grade winner.

Snyder Junior High's spelling bee got underway at 8:25 a.m. today and after two hours of competition Tiffany Jones and James Graham were declared co-winners. Jones, a seventh grader, is the daughter of Joe Dan and Linda Jones and Graham, an eighth grader, is the son of Clifton Yocom.

Hermleigh Elementary School held its spelling bee on Tuesday afternoon with Brandi Bates, a fifth grader, winning the top slot and Jennifer Mireles, also a fifth grader, coming in second. Bates is the daughter of Randy and Kathy Bates and Mireles is the

(see SPELLING, page 8)

## Snyder dodges snow; enjoys half-inch rain

From local, wire reports While the Panhandle shoveled snow today and the southern portion of the state braced for possible flooding, Scurry County citizens could be thankful they missed the worst of the weather and picked up over a half-inch of rain during the past 24 hours.

Snyder recorded .64 of an inch of moisture Tuesday, bringing the year's total to 2.08 inches. A 20 percent chance of more rain was forecast today, though weather officials said that chance would dwindle as the day progressed towards nightfall.

A high today was expected in the 55-60 degree range with winds from 10 to 20 miles per hour. Tonight's low has been projected in the lower 30s.

Meanwhile, flash flood watches

and warnings were posted for a large portion of Southeast Texas today while the Panhandle dug out from up to a foot of snow as a large storm center centered in New Mexico moved into Texas.

Scattered thunderstorms, some intense, moved through South Texas this morning, prompting the National Weather Service to issue severe thunderstorm warnings for a large section of the area.

A flash flood watch issued for most of the Texas Hill Country was cancelled early today after heavy rains moved out of the area, although additional rain was expected.

A flash flood watch is in effect for the eastern third of North Texas for this afternoon and

(see WEATHER, page 8)

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You can tell what a man stands for by what he won't sit still for."

We're watching with interest a new publishing endeavor. The first speciality publication appeared in December, and the second issue of the quarterly tabloid is scheduled next month.

The speciality newspaper is named Homesick Texan, an international publication targeted for Texans who have the misfortune of living outside the Lone Star State.

The publisher is Kirk Dooley, 35-year-old Dallas writer and entrepreneur. His previous creations included the Texas Trivia board game and four books about the state.

Dooley had the idea for the publication while living in the San Francisco area. "It was a beautiful place to live, but I missed the Texas state of mind. I missed visiting with other Tex-

ans. I couldn't get any good Mexican food, nobody cared that Texas Tech beat Texas, the people simply weren't as friendly and open. I was flat homesick."

Dooley says thousands have been forced to leave Texas due to the downturn in the economy. The publication will carry updates on what's happening back in Texas, as well as features about the state and its people. "It's sort of like a 'Texas Fix' four times a year." A year's subscription costs \$15.

The premiere issue included advertising for the Aggie Jokebook and one by the Dallas Mavericks where readers can order by mail t-shirts, caps, etc. from the professional basketball team.

It's an interesting concept. We hope the publishers of Homesick Texan have a better grasp of Texas geography than the slick Texas Monthly publishers who obviously believe that the western border of the Lone Star state is I-35.



Q—Is it illegal to burn trash inside the city limits?  
A—Yes, according to the fire department, it is illegal to burn trash in the city limits.

### In Brief

#### Speech starts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States can best help Czechoslovakia, one of Eastern Europe's "wayward children," by keeping the Soviet Union on the road to reform and democracy, Czechoslovak president Vaclav Havel told Congress today.

"The more quickly and the more peacefully the Soviet Union begins to move along the road towards genuine political pluralism" and economic reform, "the better it will be — not just for Czechs and Slovaks, but for the whole world," the playwright-turned-president said in a speech to a joint meeting of the House and Senate.

#### Law upheld

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today upheld a federal law that allows abandoned rail lines to be used for nature trails.

The court, in a case from Vermont, unanimously rejected arguments that the 1983 law, known as the "rails-to-trails" act, unconstitutionally deprives property owners of use of their land without just compensation.

The ruling could affect a large number of property owners.

#### To lift ban

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — In the first major dent in international sanctions against South Africa, Britain has defied the rest of the European Community and will unilaterally lift a ban on new investment.

#### Local

#### Century II class

Century II: Leadership Scurry, County class will meet in room 2C104 instead of the board room at Western Texas College for its 2:30 p.m. Thursday meeting.

#### Banquet

In observance of Black History Month, the Scurry County chapter of NAACP will have its annual banquet Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Johnny Meads, linebacker for the Houston Oilers since 1984, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for students age 6 through 12. They may be purchased from any NAACP member or at the door.

#### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 52 degrees; low, 42 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 43 degrees; .64 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 2.08 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Today: considerable cloudiness this morning, decreasing by afternoon. A 20 percent chance of showers, mainly this morning. High 55-60. Northwest to north wind increasing to 10 to 20 mph. Tonight: partly cloudy. Low in the upper 30s. North wind 10-15 mph. Thursday: partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. North wind 10-20 mph.

# Judge owes delinquent taxes

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Hays County Judge Don Rains owes more than \$43,000 in delinquent property taxes, penalties and interest — most of it resulting from his ownership of a failed downtown San Marcos business, tax records show.

Both the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District and the City of San Marcos have suits pending in state District Court seeking payment of taxes owed by Rains Tire and Service Center. Rains bought the business out of bankruptcy in 1982, when he left the Legislature after serving two years.

Rains, 47, seeking re-election to a second term as county judge,

told the Austin American Statesman his tax troubles were "terribly embarrassing."

"It's no secret I'm in a financial wreck down there, and there isn't anything I can do about it," he said. "I was telling somebody yesterday that politics and Marine Corps boot camp are the two most humbling experiences anyone can have."

Rains said he sold the business in 1987 and had to take it back a few months later when the new owner couldn't turn a profit. After closing the store in 1989, he leased the building to a Wimberley tire store that closed it Jan. 31.

Rains said the 36,000-square-

foot property was posted for foreclosure in December by the bank that is holding his 1982 mortgage, but the foreclosure has been delayed while he tries to renegotiate the loan.

The school district's suit is set for trial March 19 and could lead to a public auction of the property to pay \$13,877 in taxes owed for 1985, 1987 and 1988, plus \$6,325 in penalties and interest.

The city's lawsuit seeks \$6,009 in 1987 and 1988 taxes and \$2,967 in penalties and interest.

Rains owes 1989 taxes, interest and penalties of \$8,779 to the school district, \$3,214 to the city and \$2,527 to Hays County. The 1989 taxes were due Feb. 1, but

the taxing agencies wait until July 1 to turn the previous year's delinquent accounts over to a lawyer for collection.

Rains' opponent in the Democratic primary, Eddy Etheredge of Kyle, said Tuesday he was not sure if Rains' tax bill would become an issue in the campaign.

"For someone holding an elected position I think it's very crucial that you keep your laundry clean," Etheredge said. "I guess we will be asked a lot about it and I'm not exactly sure how I'll handle it. That's pretty tough for anybody. I like Don and I hate to see it happen."



## Tall Woman's View of Short Men Falls Wide of the Mark

By Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR ABBY: "Tall in California" insisted in her letter that short men had a tendency to come on too strong in order to compensate for their shortness.

I was recently watching the TV special "Gandhi," which left me quite puzzled. Why was this short guy doing all these wonderful things for humanity?

Then I recalled the letter from "Tall in California," and it all became crystal clear to me! Gandhi was overcompensating out of frustration from being unable to date tall California girls.

And then there was Einstein, of course! I had always wondered why this little man of underaverage height bothered to completely revolutionize modern scientific thought with his theory of relativity. It should have been done by someone big and tall — like John Wayne. What a tragedy that we can no longer reach Gandhi and Einstein with this deep new understanding of human behavior and relieve them of their personality problems.

On the other hand, what wonderful news to find that if short men behaved just right, they may earn the privilege of dating tall girls. I'm sure Einstein and Gandhi, not to mention Picasso and Freud, would be drooling at the prospect of dating girls taller than themselves.

Really, if shallowness has any relation to height, how tall is "Tall in California?"

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interested in having these medals, so if you will suggest a manner of disposal, I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

LT. COL. THOMAS DICKINSON,  
ARMY RESERVE,  
GEORGETOWN, OHIO

DEAR COL. DICKINSON: I went right to the top for a solution to your unique problem and consulted Gen. R.G. Stilwell, whom I recently met through my involvement with the Korean War veterans.

Gen. Stilwell said: "I can attest that only a handful of Americans have served in all three wars, and those who are still living are very few indeed. Thus Col. Dickinson is a genuine American hero! In reviewing his service record, I learned that Col. Dickinson is, in fact, due two more medals — for a total of 15!"

"If, as he says, his relatives are not interested in his medals, I am sure the people of Georgetown, Ohio, would be proud to acquire them. Although he may be too modest to propose it, those medals should be prominently displayed in his hometown to inform present and future citizens of Col. Dickinson's patriotism."

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "RICHARD": Take it from Benjamin Franklin, who appropriately enough wrote in "Poor Richard's Almanack":

"Where there is marriage without love, there will be love without marriage."

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# Americans concerned about vision

DALLAS (AP) — While most working Americans think eye care is important, few take the time to have their vision checked annually, according to a national survey that found almost two-thirds of adults willing to swap a day of vacation for a free eye exam and pair of glasses.

"We found a disparity between the level of importance Americans place on their eyes and the conscious efforts made to maintain healthy eyes," said Nick Tortorello, chairman of Research & Associates Inc. which conducted the survey for Pearle Inc., the nation's largest eyeglass retailer.

"Although 70 percent are very concerned with potential blindness, only one-third of the population has their eyes examined at least once a year."

"When you first ask people about eye care generally, people don't think about it right away," Tortorello said. "But once you start talking to them about it, all of a sudden they realize they shouldn't play as much Russian roulette" with their eyes.

The random telephone survey of 1,005 working Americans — 64 percent of whom wear glasses — was conducted last fall and released Tuesday. Research & Associates said the findings can be projected to the entire adult population. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Sixty-nine percent of the respondents said an annual eye exam should be covered by their health insurance; 35 percent said their own plans cover exams and 31 percent said eyeglasses are covered.

Tortorello said he was most surprised by the results which showed workers were willing to give up other health care benefits to get the vision protection: 64 percent said they would swap one day of vacation, 58 percent would exchange two days and 36 percent would forego mental health coverage.

In addition, 69 percent said they would be very likely to take advantage of routine eye exams if they were covered by insurance, compared to 67 percent who would have a comprehensive physical.

Sixty-three percent said yearly exams should be encouraged by employers and 53 percent "strongly agreed" annual exams would reduce costs in the long run.

The most feared cause of blindness is the sun: 71 percent said prolonged exposure to the sun presents "a great deal of danger" and another 24 said it carries "some danger."

Other worries were excessive exposure to smoke, 88 percent combined; excessive exposure to smog and prolonged exposure to computer screens, 85 percent each; prolonged exposure to television screens, 84 percent a great deal of stress and prolonged exposure to video games, 79 percent each; and depletion of the ozone layer, 78 percent.

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# Genetically engineered trees are important step forward

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Development of the first genetically engineered trees is an important step toward creation of energy plantations on which forests would be grown for fuel, researchers say.

The trees, engineered from a species of poplar, were altered to make them resistant to a widely used herbicide, says Bruce E. Haissig of the U.S. Forest Service laboratory in Rhinelander, Wis.

Haissig reported on his work at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Tuesday.

A mutant gene from a species of bacteria called salmonella, which commonly causes food poisoning, was introduced into the trees, making the trees resis-

tant to glyphosate, a herbicide marketed as Roundup.

Growing poplars on plantations has been difficult because the young trees can be crowded out and killed by weeds. Herbicides that are used to kill the weeds often kill or damage the poplars, Haissig said.

The genetically engineered trees offer the hope of plantations in which a herbicide like Roundup can be used to kill the weeds without harming the trees, Haissig said.

That would lower the cost of producing the trees, which grow rapidly and could be burned to provide energy or converted into ethanol to run automobiles, he said.

The research has been partly supported by the U.S. Depart-

ment of Energy, Haissig said. Scientists in Minnesota are working on the feasibility of the energy plantations.

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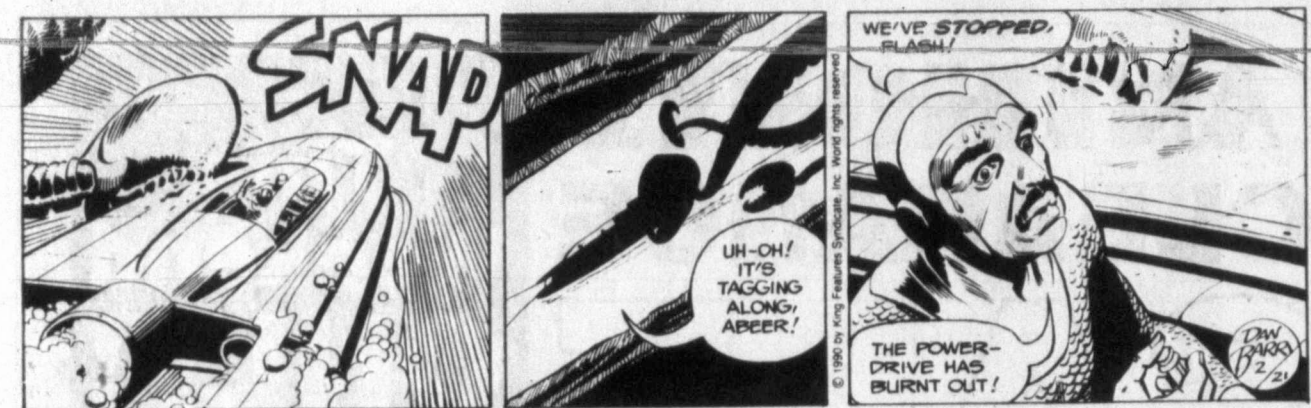
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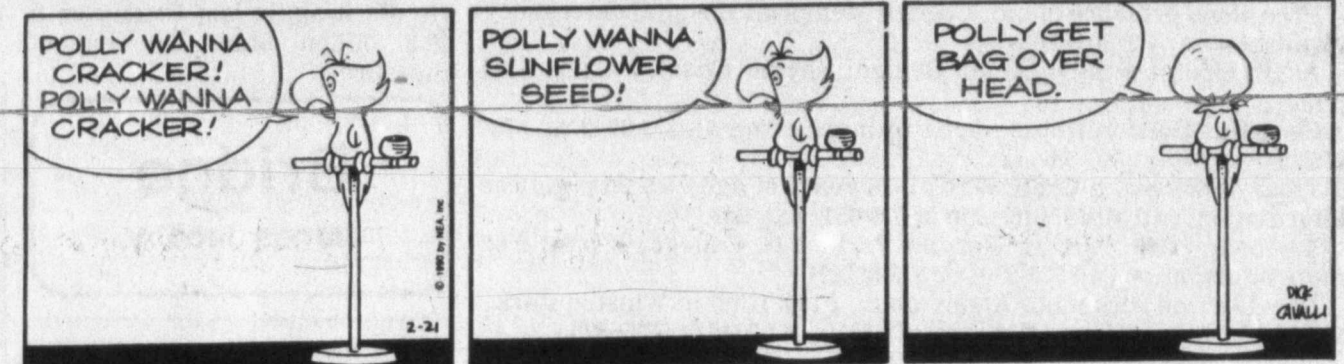
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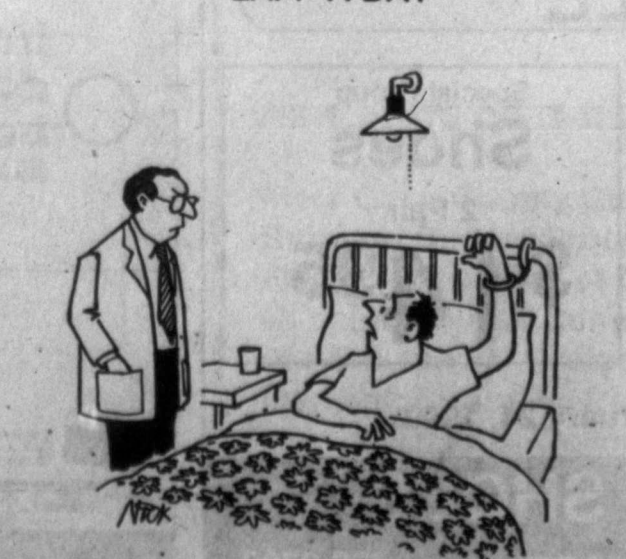
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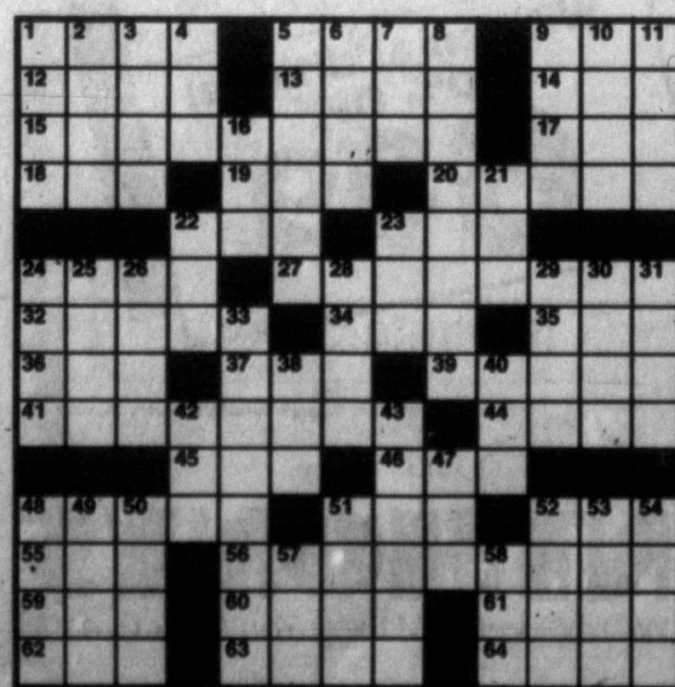
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  - 12 Acquire by labor
  - 13 Equal
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  - 15 Small chapels
  - 17 -- standstill
  - 18 Calligrapher's concern
  - 19 Actor -- Ferrer
  - 20 Puts keen edge on -- Francisco
  - 22 -- Mrs. in Madrid
  - 24 Constellation
  - 27 Represented
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  - 3 Type of horse

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- 4 Explosive
- 5 Didn't exist
- 6 Vice
- 7 Dakota
- 8 Indian
- 9 Make temple to
- 10 Look over
- 11 Ancient
- 11 musical instrument
- 16 Cheers
- 16 Medical suffix
- 21 Lout
- 22 Droop
- 23 Fashionable resort
- 24 Heave
- 25 Non-profit org.
- 26 Display stand
- 28 Cry of pain
- 29 Two words of understanding
- 30 Nobleman
- 31 Small spots
- 33 Mileage indicator
- 38 I possess (cont.)
- 40 Collar shape
- 42 Snake-like fish
- 43 Guns
- 47 Caviar
- 48 Snake's sound
- 49 Land measure
- 50 "Do as --"
- 51 Chimney dirt
- 52 -- Pop
- 53 Raise
- 54 Sand lizard
- 57 Basketball league (abbr.)
- 58 Pearl, e.g.













## City of Snyder hosts water analysis classes

The City of Snyder hosted a Water Laboratory Analysis Class Feb. 6-8.

The class was part of the training required for anyone involved with water treatment operations and/or maintenance of community or public water utilities.

Laboratory tests are part of the routine for all water utilities. More tests are required in surface water treatment, however.

The class studied procedures and then conducted tests on samples of water brought by each student. Part of the training includes performing tests not usually conducted by all treatment plant operators.

These tests include: ammonia nitrogen, nitrogen, sulfates and sulfites, iron, fluorides, copper and others. Routine tests such as alkalinity, hardness, chlorine and residual and pH are revised. Lab safety and equipment available and/or needed was covered as

well. Those attending the class, had the opportunity to use some of the recently purchased equipment used to monitor the quality of Snyder's water and planning to meet future states and federal requirements in lab tests.

The most recent changes in requirements include testing for ammonia nitrogen. Tests will soon be required for copper and lead.

Many new chemical compounds are added to the list of substance to test for each year, although most substances are checked for annually.

Members of the classes also received information about many subjects during the three-day class.

Those attending included representatives of Snyder, Colorado City, Vealmoor, Amarillo, Midland, Sweetwater and Big Spring.



LABORATORY WORK—These persons attended a Water Laboratory Analysis Class held earlier this month in Snyder. The City of Snyder sponsored the event. From left are a chemical

salesman; Bill Rainey, Brenda Gressett, Shannon Warner of Snyder, Ricky Boiles of Sweetwater, Wade Gemilton, Red Hargrove of Snyder and Eddie Edwards. (Photo By Howard Bigham)

## Court considering man's execution

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is expected to rule today whether to halt the scheduled execution Thursday of a Waco man convicted in the slaying of a convenience store clerk whose body was tossed over a cliff.

Attorneys for Carl Kelly, 30, contend psychological evidence that could have swayed the jurors was not introduced at his trial.

Kelly faces lethal injection for the 1980 robbery, abduction and

murder of Steven Pryor, 18, also of Waco. Also killed was David Wade Riley, a transient who had been asleep in Pryor's car.

Pryor and Riley were taken to Waco's Cameron Park in Pryor's car and shot to death. Their bodies were then tossed over a 60-foot cliff known as Lover's Leap to the banks of the Bosque River below.

Kelly's companion, Thomas Graves, also of Waco, pleaded guilty to both killings, as well as to the slaying of a third man the previous day. Graves, who was 20 at the time, received a life prison term.

Kelly insisted on a trial, was convicted and received the death sentence.

Graves was arrested the morning after the killings driving Pryor's bloodstained car. Kelly's

billfold was found in the car.

Limestone dust detected on the floor of the car led police to the park, where they found the bodies at the base of the cliff.

Kelly and Graves got about \$30 in the robbery. Kelly, who has said he was on drugs at the time of the incident, said he likely would have used the stolen money to buy more drugs.

Kelly would become the 34th Texas inmate executed since the state resumed executions in 1983. The total is the highest of any state.

The U.S. Supreme Court last

July refused to hear an appeal of Kelly's case. Lawyers for Kelly could ask the court for another hearing.

Two other Texas death row inmates — Ronald Keith Allridge and Mikel Derrick — also had executions scheduled for early Thursday, but were delayed. The Court of Criminal Appeals earlier this month granted Allridge a stay while State District Judge Michael McSpadden of Houston moved Derrick's execution to March 22, according to appellate court spokesman Rick Wetzel.

## Skinheads trial gets underway

DALLAS (AP) — As a jury was being selected for the trial of five white supremacists accused of violating the civil rights of blacks, Hispanics and Jews, all visitors were made to pass through a metal detector and empty their pockets for inspection.

The six men, six women and two alternates — all white — were allowed to go home Tuesday, but U.S. District Judge Barefoot Sanders ordered them to return at 9 a.m. today for opening statements in the trial. In the meantime, he instructed them not to discuss the case or read anything about it.

Nine members of the 60-person panel were excused by Sanders for various reasons.

The "skinheads," white supremacists characterized by their closely shaved heads, are accused of vandalizing a synagogue and Jewish community center and chasing blacks and Hispanics out of a Dallas park in the fall and summer of 1988.

The Skinhead group first appeared in Dallas about two years ago when Sean Christian Tarrant, one of the defendants, formed a spinoff group called the Confederate Hammerskins, officials have said.

The indictment names Tarrant, 20, of Dallas; Jon Lance Jordan, 19, of Garland; Michael Lewis Lawrence, 22, of Tulsa, Okla.; Christopher Barry Greer, 25, of Irving, and Daniel Alvis Wood, 20, of Dallas. They are charged in the temple vandalism.

Greer, Tarrant and Jordan are named in a separate count of violence against blacks and Hispanics at Robert E. Lee Park in August of 1988. The men allegedly intimidated several Hispanics into leaving the park and also assaulted two black men.

Barry Kowalski, an attorney with the Justice Department Civil Rights Division, said after the indictments were handed up that the park attacks occurred because the skinhead group believed the park was a symbol of white supremacy that should not have been frequented by non-whites.

Each of the federal charges carries a maximum fine of 10 years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Federal prosecutors refused to discuss the case before trial, but U.S. Attorney General Richard Thornburg said after the indictments last fall that prosecutions of racial hate crimes "are major priorities" of the Justice Department.

## Smokers told to take nap

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smokers on smoke-free airlines would be well-advised to do breathing exercises, doodle or take a nap, say groups who pushed for the 99 percent ban that takes effect Sunday.

The American heart and lung associations and the American Cancer Society said Tuesday they are offering free advice to air travelers who will have to do without cigarettes on all but about 28 of the 17,000 daily domestic flights.

Only flights of more than six hours to Alaska or Hawaii will have smoking sections beginning Sunday.

A wallet-sized tip card printed by the Coalition on Smoking or Health advises smokers to take along low-calorie snacks and to focus on positive thoughts of "clean air and a clear head."

It suggests: "Hold your breath while you count to four, and exhale slowly letting out all the air from your lungs. Slowly repeat these steps five times."

It also offers doodling or doing crossword puzzles as a means of keeping fingertips busy and proposes, "As a last resort, lean back and sleep."

The coalition unveiled its campaign to help smokers cope at a news conference with congressional sponsors of the new law and the Association of Flight Attendants, which pushed for the change.

"Chronic lung inflammation, respiratory and sinus problems, dizziness, nausea and severe headaches will no longer plague our members, their colleagues or the passengers who share their environment," said Juliette D. Lenoir, representing flight attendants.

Increased cancer risk, estimated in a Transportation Department study released last week, also would be eliminated, Ms. Lenoir said.

Rep. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said he would move to ban smoking on trains and buses. He said although a majority of Amtrak passengers say they like the railroad's rules separating smoking passengers by car, some complain that they have to pass through the smoking areas on their way to the dining car.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the smoking ban should be an incentive for smokers to "kick the habit."

"I think smoking ought to be done in the privacy of one's home or one's business where it doesn't affect others," he said.

## Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Feb. 22, 1990

Many new interests and involvements could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Opportunities you've never previously experienced will develop through these fresh channels.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Strive to visualize important events today ending in a positive manner. Your imagination is a vital factor in determining the bottom line. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Material motivation will supply you with the incentive you need today in order to be an achiever. If the stakes warrant your interest, it will enhance your surge for success.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You're not apt to be afraid to make snap decisions today, because you'll have faith in your judgment. Your first thoughts aren't likely to require too much revision.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You have a real aptitude today for sorting out the problem of others and helping to restructure their affairs in a positive fashion. You're able to unravel what appears to be unsolvable to them.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Involve yourself in activities today that stimulate you mentally, but also give you a chance to move around physically as well. Don't push yourself too hard, however.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you feel conditions can be improved where your work is concerned, implement these changes yourself instead of waiting on co-workers to do so.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Temporarily set aside your material desires for today and focus your intentions on your social life. Surprisingly, this will be where your greatest opportunities reside.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Don't let any situations that are meaningful to you financially hang fire today. These can be concluded to your satisfaction if you'll put forth the effort.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your greatest attributes today are your leadership qualities. You'll instinctively know how to get what you want for yourself and others without creating chaos.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Heed your hunches today if you come up with some bright thoughts regarding ways to add to your resources. Your instincts in financial matters are better than usual.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your possibilities for fulfilling your aspirations and hopes today look very promising, because you'll view situations realistically and not through rose-colored glasses.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** In competitive developments today you'll have a bit more reserve upon which to draw than those who will compete against you. This is a critical difference that gives you a slight edge.

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**Dr. Gott** Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 54-year-old white female recently diagnosed with scleroderma. Can you provide information on this collagen vascular disease, since so little is available in my public library?

DEAR READER: Scleroderma, a chronic disease of unknown cause, is marked by the formation of scar tissue (fibrosis) in many organs, including skin, joints, esophagus, lung, heart and kidney. The disease varies in its severity and progression. It usually causes the CREST phenomenon, an acronym for: • Calcinosis (calcium deposits in body tissues); • Raynaud's phenomenon (cold-related vascular spasm of fingers and toes); • Esophageal dysfunction (difficulty swallowing because of disordered muscular movement of the esophagus); • Sclerodactyly (taut, shiny skin, particularly of the fingers); • Telangiectasia (permanent prominence of capillaries in the skin).

Many authorities believe that scleroderma is related to a class of disorders, called mixed connective tissue disease, caused by an allergy that develops to normal tissues.

The prognosis varies. Many patients experience minor symptoms for long periods; serious consequences may not appear for years. Eventually, heart disease or kidney failure may appear, necessitating treatment with cortisone or renal dialysis. Follow your doctor's advice.

Because scleroderma resembles lupus, a similar disease of connective tissue, you can obtain more informa-

tion by writing the Lupus Foundation of America at 1717 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Suite 203, Washington, DC 20036. Also, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Lupus: The Great Imitator." 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 interested in getting a tattoo. How would I go about locating a reputable tattooer, and what features should I look for to ensure health safety?

DEAR READER: Before committing yourself to something as permanent as a tattoo (they're impossible to remove, except by plastic surgery), think twice. Except for a few patients, I've never met a person who didn't regret being tattooed. This regret usually occurs years later when the reasons for the tattoo become as obscure as the fading and blurred lines of ink.

I don't know how you would go about finding a reputable tattoo artist. The procedure itself is usually performed with unsterilized instruments, and there is no way to determine beforehand whether you might be allergic to some of the coloring agents. Red is the worst.

Further, because needles are used, and you have no control over who preceded you, there is a risk of hepatitis, AIDS or other infection.

I'm probably opening Pandora's box by asking other readers to comment on your rational, but unusual, request. Any advice out there?

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**'Treasure Makers' will run March 1-4 at WTC**

Tickets will go on sale Thursday for the Western Texas College production of "The Treasure Makers." The show will run March 1-4 in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

"Treasure Makers," an hour-long musical, is slanted toward children and audience members will be called on stage to help the actors. Matinees are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. on March 3 and 4, a 7:30 p.m. performance on March 1 and a 7 p.m. performance on March 3. The show will be performed in the Anson Opera House on March 2.

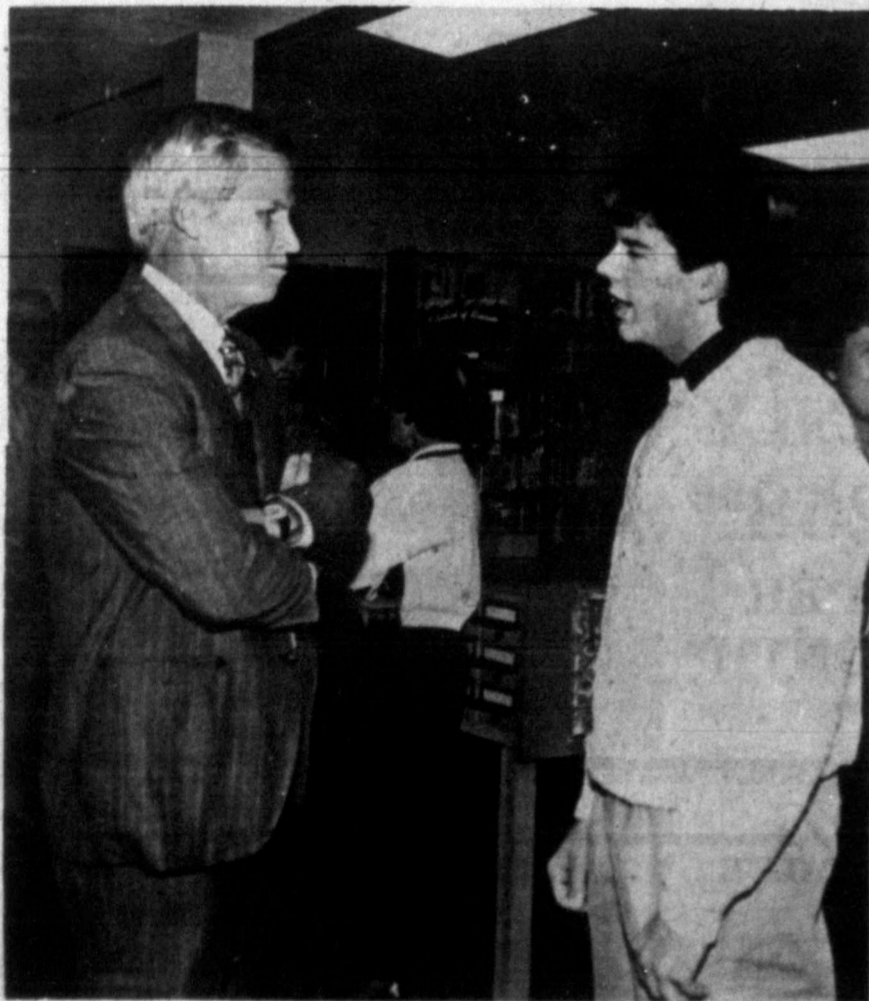
"Treasure Makers" is set in Sailor Mike's Recycling Center and Mike shows everyone how to use "the muscle" (his term for imagination) to turn trash into treasure. Mrs. Zee and her art committee call the recycling center a junk yard and want it condemned and turned into a parking lot. Mike is jailed and the center is scheduled to close until the trash pickers come up with a unique idea to save Mike and the center. They show Mrs. Zee

"there is treasure in trash if only you know where to look."

"The Treasure Makers" set is very simple, actually a junk yard," Jim Rambo, director, says. "We want to thank Moody Thomason and Art Feinsod for letting us use a Model A frame and some old Buick and Mobil signs along with other items to make the set unusual and interesting. We've got everything including a parachute on stage."

Jane Womack, WTC music instructor, is providing the musical background for the original songs in the play, recording the music on the college's Kurtzweiler keyboard. Steve Warner is serving as sound technician. Galen Price is stage manager and Brian Hamrick is lighting technician.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and can be reserved by calling the box office at 573-8511, ext. 234. Proceeds from the show will go to the drama department's scholarship fund.



RECEPTION FOR STENHOLM — The Student Government Association of Snyder Junior High sponsored a reception for Congressman Charles Stenholm Monday. Above, Stenholm speaks with Snyder High School senior Sam Shifflett who was recently nominated to a military academy by the congressman. (SDN Staff Photo)

**Customs inspector dies in El Paso**

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A U.S. Customs Service inspector died Tuesday night, a day after he was dragged several hundred feet by a van that charged through a border checkpoint.

Timothy McCaghren, 36, died at 8:30 p.m. at Thomason Hospital in El Paso, a nursing supervisor said. He had been in a coma since shortly after the incident Monday.

The inspector was dragged and thrown by the speeding van at

about 4:45 p.m. Monday when the driver accelerated after being asked to open the van's rear doors at a Zaragosa Bridge inspection station.

McCaghren grabbed the passenger-side door as the van sped by, and hung on until the van turned from Zaragosa Road onto Border Highway in El Paso's Lower Valley, police said. He suffered multiple head injuries in the fall.

**Little impact expected from agreement**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The year-old Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Canada is having little national impact on farmers, according to an Agriculture Department report.

One reason is that the U.S.-Canada agreement was negotiated at the same time agriculture had the international

spotlight in the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, said Alan Webb of the department's Economic Research Service.

The U.S.-Canada pact went into effect Jan. 1, 1989 and was designed to remove all tariff and some non-tariff barriers to agricultural trade between the two countries within 10 years.

"The GATT talks probably caused both countries to restrain the scope of their bilateral agricultural negotiations," Webb said in the February issue of Farmland magazine. "Neither side wanted to make major concessions that would have reduced their bargaining chips in the larger multilateral GATT talks." But the looming presence of

GATT did help spur some progress on agriculture in the U.S.-Canada agreement, largely because it would have appeared as bad form not to have some favorable results.

Webb said the U.S. view was that the small size of the Canadian market did not justify large concessions.

**Smithsonian acquires wide variety**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last year the Smithsonian Institution acquired an old Pullman railroad car spittoon, Ray Bolger's scarecrow costume from "The Wizard of Oz," a giant Pacific octopus, 14 condom vending machines (with 108 condoms), 50 parking meters and 1,272 dry-mounted specimens of lice.

These and more than 700,000 other objects joined the vast collections of the Smithsonian, a sort of large national cigar box

where Americans stuff their odds and ends, mostly odd.

Also carted into the Smithsonian's complex of museums and art galleries in 1989 were a sculpture made of grapevine roots, an Air Force C-130A Hercules cargo plane, a satin Chinese hanging scroll from the Ming dynasty and several thousand world's fair souvenirs dating to 1850.

The list includes 75 original paving bricks from the In-

dianapolis Motor Speedway, the original propeller nose cone removed from Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" airplane because of a crack, and 2,500 fossils containing imprints of ferns, crabs and trilobites which lived in a northern Illinois swamp more than 300 million years ago.

Officials said the Smithsonian's holdings grew to nearly 138 million objects with last year's acquisitions, many of

which came from private collectors like Clifford Krainik of Alexandria, Va., whose passion was ballooning.

The National Air and Space Museum bought Krainik's 400-item collection of balloon memorabilia, including Matthew Brady photographs of Civil War balloons, a balloon-shaped perfume bottle and valentines, greeting cards, handbills and sheet music about balloons.

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