

Statements reflecting county rollback are to be mailed March 21

Tax statements reflecting the rollback of county taxes to 34.75 cents per \$100 valuation are expected to be sent out March 21, contingent on approval of a revised county budget by commissioners.

County commissioners are expected to okay the new budget,

which is currently in the process of being finalized, in their March 19 meeting.

According to Section 2607 of the Property Tax Code, refunds must be mailed out within 60 days following a successful rollback election. March 21 is the 60th day (see STATEMENTS, page 8)

Commissioners give approval to sell tanks

County commissioners today authorized Winston Field airport manager Darrell Mize to advertise for bids to sell three 6,000-gallon underground fuel storage tanks.

Mize said the tanks became surplus with the recent installation of a new 12,000-gallon tank at the airport, which sells a large amount of fuel to out-of-county pilots who stop to take advantage of its competitive prices, currently \$1.65 per gallon.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Ted Billingsley said he has two

surplus 500-gallon fuel tanks and would like to include them in the bids.

Mize said he could use one of them at the airport, and Billingsley said Mize could have that one and that he would only put one tank in the sale.

Mize said after the 10 a.m. meeting that airplane fuel often is in the \$2-per-gallon range in other counties and that Scurry County is "in the bottom third" of West Texas airports with its rates.

Lions celebrate 65th anniversary

An estimated 300 people attended the 65th anniversary celebration of the Snyder Lions Club here Saturday, including 21 past presidents and representatives from 19 chapters.

John Schoenberg of New Deal was recognized as the only Lions Club Hall of Fame inductee present. Also recognized were Leighton "Doc" Griffin for his years of service. Griffin was president of the local club from 1945-46.

State Rep. David Counts was introduced for 27 years of perfect attendance with the Lions while Dr. Jack Nesbit was honored for 35 years of service to the club and for providing eyewear to underprivileged people in Scurry County.

Max von Roeder, master of ceremonies, presided over the evening of food and entertain-

ment. Making sure the event stayed on an upbeat note was "Chief Tailtwister" Cliff Smith.

Brud Boren recited highlights of Snyder Lions Club history, noting that the first pair of glasses for the needy were made in 1935 and that the first club sweetheart was chosen in 1941.

A number of past queens attended and were presented during the anniversary celebration. They included current sweetheart Jacy LaRoux and sisters Jetti Elkins Crenshaw and Juanita Elkins Hart. Crenshaw was sweetheart in 1942-43 and Hart was sweetheart from 1944-45. Others included Jeana von Roeder Duke, 1975-77; Donna West Huddleston, 1977-78; Cathey Cypert Clarke, 1980-81; Lisa Waller, 1982-83; Denise Merritt, 1983-84; Jennifer Goodwin, 1985-

(see LIONS, page 8)



HONORED LION — Dr. Jack Nesbit received a plaque for 35 years of service to the local Lions Club during its 65th anniversary program Saturday at Scurry County Coliseum. Making the presentation is Jene Steakley, club president. (Howard Bigham photo)

Council to discuss treatment plant in meeting this evening

Consideration of the engineering plan for a new city sewage treatment plant and a related application for funding to the Texas Water Development Board are among items on today's 6:30 p.m. city council meeting agenda.

Representatives of the Lubbock firm of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper are scheduled to attend to discuss the projected \$3 million-plus project.

Other business will include a discussion of the operation of the

east and west fire stations and consideration of adopting rules and procedures for council meetings.

Ordinances will be considered on second reading to re-zone 2113 College Ave. from light manufacturing to residential, to modify sign regulations, to update penalties for violations of city ordinances and formally to create a record-keeping system.

Bids will be discussed for

chlorine, liquid alum and hydrated lime for the city water treatment plant, and an ordinance will be considered on first reading to create a mail loading zone in the 1900 Block of Coleman Ave.

An application will be considered from Kerry Bredemeyer of 2312 27th St. for a special use home occupation permit to open a small gasoline engine repair shop.

School funding...

Foster predicts 50% chance issue will be back in court

AUSTIN (AP) — There's good and bad news as the second week of a special legislative session on school finance starts, says a spokesman for poor school districts that helped prompt the session with a court challenge to the public education funding system.

It is encouraging that

measures have been filed in the Senate to put significantly more money into public schools, said Craig Foster, executive director of the Equity Center. A bill co-sponsored by Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby would give education \$783 million more in 1990-91.

But Foster said most legislative proposals wouldn't make significant enough changes in the way money is allocated to meet the court ruling, but instead "basically put more money into the same system."

If sufficient funding and a fair

system aren't provided, he said, the Texas Supreme Court ruling that the current system is unconstitutional won't be addressed.

"I would say it's better than a 50 percent chance" that poor districts will wind up back in court, appealing whatever the Legislature does, Foster said.

Lawmakers may be betting that such an appeal will take until the 1991 regular session, getting them past the November general election, he said.

(see FUNDING, page 8)

Davis joins SPD; staff 2 men short

Former longtime Ector County sheriff's officer Jerry L. Davis has joined the Snyder Police Department, and Sgt. Dale Burns has resigned to become a sheriff's deputy in Midland.

Davis, 42, is an Abilene native who served three years in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam as an ambush patrol specialist, before working from 1971 to 1975 as a sheriff's deputy in Abilene.

He was an investigator with the Ector County District Attorney's Office from 1975 to 1980 and a sheriff's lieutenant in Odessa from 1981 to 1989, working in homicide, child abuse and narcotics in addition to internal affairs for all county agencies on an appointment by the county com-

missioners court.

Burns, 35, had been with the department since 1976, and he will begin work in Midland as a jailer.

A department spokesman said Davis' hiring still leaves the department two officers short of a full staff, with 14 currently in the department here, counting Chief Bill Stone and an officer who suffered a broken leg in a Wednesday traffic accident, Shane Scott.

City policeman William "Billy" Wallace also left the department recently and is seeking employment with another law enforcement agency.

Davis worked for Startex (see OFFICER, page 8)

In Snyder schools...

CTBS slated this week

Snyder public schools students from kindergarten through 11th grade will be taking the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills achievement test (CTBS) Tuesday through Thursday.

Results of the test are used as a means of determining student achievement growth during the year.

All students need to take the

test during the approved time schedule. If for some reason a child is ill and cannot be present on the day of testing, parents should notify the school so that a makeup day can be scheduled.

The results from the test will be available in early May. Parents will be notified when results are available, and a conference may be scheduled with the child's teacher.



LOOKING AT SNYDER — Lions Club Lt. Gov. Earnest Barbee, District 2A-i, studies "Snyder Magazine," a chamber of commerce publication, during Saturday's 65th anniversary celebration of the Snyder Lions Club. (Howard Bigham photo)

Q—How do teams qualify to participate in the junior college basketball tournaments that will be held here this week?

A—The teams must finish as one of the top four in their conference, based on conference won-loss records.

In Brief

Channel One

NEW YORK (AP) — Channel One, a news show with advertisements aimed at teen-agers, made its national debut in an estimated 14,000 classrooms today, including a handful in Texas, with paid pitches for two kinds of snack foods and a razor.

The show was airing in about 400 schools across the country, the producers said, even as critics continued to argue that its daily regimen of commercials is out of place in the classroom.

Atwater faints

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lee Atwater, chairman of the Republican National Committee, fainted while speaking at a fund-raising breakfast today and was rushed to a local hospital, a spokeswoman said.

Atwater recovered immediately after he collapsed at the podium, said Leslie Goodman, RNC communications director.

Local

No meeting

Snyder Lions Club has announced it will not hold its regular Tuesday meeting this week.

Open house

Ira school will hold open house this evening from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Parents and anyone else interested are welcome to attend.

Cookie sale

Girl Scout cookie sales continue through the week.

Anyone interested in buying cookies may contact Susan Stulheit at 573-3322. Calls may also be made to 573-6873.

Honor schools

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will host a pancake supper at 6 p.m. today in honor of Public School Week.

State Rep. David Counts will address those who attend the supper, which will be held at the Hermleigh school.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Snyder National Bank and West Texas State Bank to help defray expenses of Buck Layne, who is in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 62 degrees; low, 30 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Sunday, 47 degrees; high Sunday, 77 degrees; low, 47 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 54 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 3.05 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms. High in the lower 70s. South wind 20 to 30 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisory in effect.

Animal rights activists...

Criticize rattlesnake roundup

TAYLOR, Texas (AP) — Animal rights activists are hissing their disapproval of the National Rattlesnake Roundup, during which dozens of rattlers are caught and bagged.

"This is just like the abortion issue," said Jerry Frankeny, who has judged the competition at the Taylor Jaycees' annual competition for the past seven years. "It's very controversial."

Several hundred people watched hypnotically Saturday as snake handlers poked, prodded and played with a writhing pile of poisonous western diamondback rattlesnakes as a prelude to the

competition.

At one point, one of the snake handlers lay down in the middle of the ring. His partners placed a coiled rattlesnake on his face while other snakes slithered around on the floor near him.

But the bagging competition was what brought in the crowd.

The audience cheered as each of the seven two-man teams vying to break the world record attempted to grab 10 snakes and throw the vipers into a gunny sack in the shortest time.

The teams were attempting to better the world record of Mike Herzog of Clifton and Gary

Thrash of Dallas. The pair can bag 10 snakes in a little more than 20 seconds.

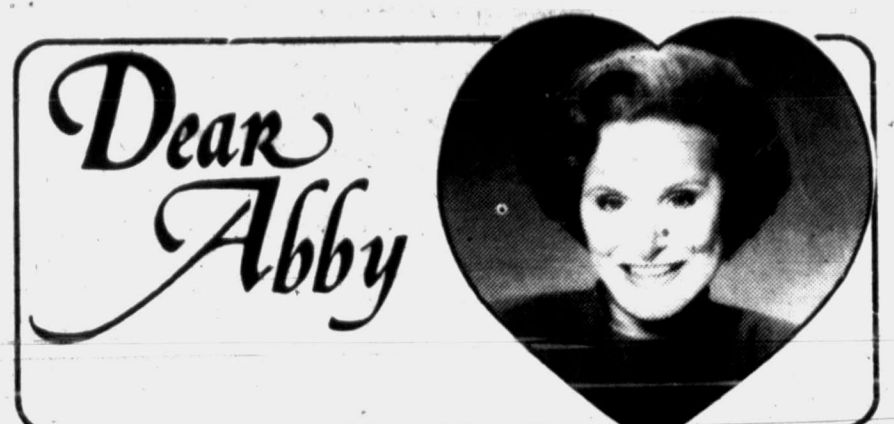
Outside, angry animal-rights activists passed out literature and held up placards that denounced the roundup as cruel. It is the third year they have protested the two-day event, which concluded Sunday night.

"We feel like the focus on trapping and killing snakes is not justified in any way," said Forrest Jackson of Austin, one of about 20 demonstrators. "The snakes are being mistreated. They'll tell you they are doing

this to educate and to help prevent snake bites," he said. "But most snake bites occur when people try to trap snakes, like they encourage here."

Kenneth Jirasek, one of the roundup's organizers, said none of the estimated 150 rattlers brought to the roundup would be mistreated.

"It's more of a benefit to farmers and ranchers than anything else," Jirasek said. "There may be rattlesnake shows in the past that didn't respect snakes and treat them right, but we're not one of them. We run a clean show."



Dear Abby

Future Female Soldier Asks If Woman's Place Is in Battle

By Abigail Van Buren
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STSU trying to clean up its reputation

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Southwest Texas State University wants to be renowned, but not for its partying.

The university gets more federal dollars for drug abuse research and prevention than any other school in Texas.

university began Sunday.

The school's programs include:

- A \$1.2 million five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide family counseling and peer leadership for San Marcos

High School students, who are considering dropping out.

- A \$378,000 Department of Education-funded project called Communities Against Substance Abuse, which trains community leaders across Texas to identify and attack drug abuse problems

in local school districts.

A \$325,000 grant, also from the Department of Education, which encourages parent and police involvement in creating alcohol- and drug-free schools in the Eanes Independent School District in suburban Austin.

1 Texas army soldier dies in grenade attack

SWT administrators say the university, which has a 20-year reputation for on-campus revelry, is addressing its image "like a recovering alcoholic."

"As long as you deny you've got a problem, you're going to keep that problem," said H.H. "Pancho" Howze, director of the SWT Alcohol and Drug Education Prevention and Training Center.

"I hope the 'party school' image is beginning to change. It's like being an alcoholic — it's hard to live down a reputation," he told the Austin American-Statesman.

Drug Awareness Week at the

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texan serving in the U.S. Army in Panama died from injuries sustained following a weekend grenade attack at a popular discotheque and another Texan remains hospitalized, officials said Sunday.

Army Spec. Anthony B. Ward, 21, of Houston, died at U.S. military's Gorgas Hospital in Panama City at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, the U.S. Southern Command announced. Ward suffered chest and abdomen injuries.

McKinney, 28, of Amarillo, remains in satisfactory condition at Gorgas Hospital. Twelve other American soldiers also remain in satisfactory condition while two were treated and released.

Ward belonged to the headquarters company in the 5th Battalion of the 87th infantry which is part of the 193rd Brigade in Fort Clayton, Panama, said Lt. Col. Jack Mooney with the U.S. Army public affairs office in Washington, D.C.

His parents, Juel and Albert Ward, both natives of Panama, headed for Panama on Saturday after being told their son was injured in the incident.

Ward was in the Army for three years and recently re-enlisted. He had been stationed at Fort Clayton, Panama for the past nine months

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Howze said he sees about 200 students a year for counseling.

He also has put together 60 presentations ranging from group counseling to the drug awareness weeks.

Howze said this week's theme is "Healthy Pleasures and Natural Highs," and will feature demonstrations of skydiving, physical fitness activities, massage and a bicycle race along with a "Hands Across Campus" memorial to drug abuse victims on Tuesday.

Ted Bigham
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Oil Patch News

Garza County
Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 65 South Huntley unit in the Huntley field, two miles northeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,750 feet, location is in Section 1,216, J. R. Galbreth survey.

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Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 67 South Huntley unit in the Huntley field, two miles northeast of Post. Also scheduled for a depth of 3,750 feet, location is in Section 1,402, J. R. Galbreth survey.

George R. Brown Partnership will drill the No. 16 Stoker in the Garza field, three miles south of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,100 feet, location is in Section 9, Block 2, GH&H survey.

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 64 South Huntley unit in the Huntley field, two miles east of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,750 feet, drill site is in Section 1,216, J. R. Galbreth survey.

J.M. Huber Corp. will drill the No. 1-30 Post, an 8,800-foot wildcat four miles northeast of Post. Location is in Section 30, Block 4, K. Aycock survey.

Bennett Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 4-19 John F. Lott in the Happy field, 12 miles south of Post. The well produced 156 barrels of 39 gravity oil. Gas-oil ratio was 267-1 with perforations from 4,918-960 feet. Location is in Section 19, Block 2, T&NO survey.

Bill C. Burns will drill the No. 1-A Exxon in the Post field, three miles east of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 2,550 feet, location is in Section 6, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 67

South Huntley unit in the Huntley field, one mile west of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,843 feet, drill site is in Section 2, C.W. Post survey.

Kent County
Mobil Producing will drill the No. 7-113 Percy Jones in the Salt Creek south field, five miles west of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 113, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 410-H Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Contracted for 6,700 feet, drill site is in Section 144, Block G, W&NW survey.

Mobil Producing will drill the No. 49-H Salt Creek unit in the Salt Creek field, nine miles northwest of Clairemont. Also planned for a depth of 6,700 feet, location is in Section 144, Block G, W&NW survey.

Dan A. Hughes Co. will drill the No. 3-B Mays Trusts in the Clairemont southwest field, six miles southwest of Clairemont. Planned for a depth of 7,500 feet, location is in Section 53, Block 4, H&GN survey.

Borden County
Saba Energy of Texas Inc. has completed the No. 1 Peg's Hill in the Peg's Hill field, 12 miles northwest of Gail. The venture was finished to produce 115 barrels of 41.4 gravity oil and eight barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 826-1 with perforations from 8,144-170 feet. Location is in Section 62, Block 10, GTRR survey.

Howard County
Oryx Energy will drill the No. 2 Ingram in the Buckwheat field, six miles west of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 10,500 feet, location is in Section 23, Block 34, T1N, T&P survey.

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 72 W. R. Settles in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles southwest of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 2,450 feet, location is in Section 133, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Mitchell County
Coalinga Corp. has completed the No. 22 J.D. Fuller in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles southeast of Ira. The well was finished to produce 18 barrels of 30 gravity oil and six barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,645-688 feet, and location is in Block 31, Kirland and Fields survey.

Coalinga Corp. has completed the No. 5-A E. B. Bolding in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles southeast of Ira. The well produced 15 barrels of 31.5 gravity oil and five barrels of water. Location is in Section 193, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Coalinga Corp. has completed the No. 16 E.B. Bolding in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles southeast of Ira. The well was completed to produce nine barrels of 31 gravity oil and 17 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,653-698 feet, and location is in Section 193, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Coalinga Corp. has completed the No. 17 E.B. Bolding in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles southeast of Ira. The project was completed to produce 10 barrels of 31 gravity oil and 125 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,640-672 feet, and location is in Section 193, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Polo was played for centuries in India, Tibet, China and Japan. It did not reach the United States and England until the 19th century.

Astrograph

by Bernice Bede Osol

March 6, 1990

Your hopes and what you aspire to in the year ahead will have excellent chances of being achieved, because you will be more pragmatic than usual in taking measures to make your dreams realities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be extremely selective regarding people you socialize with today. If you get mixed up with the wrong people, it might turn out to be a negative experience. 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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your image is a trifle fragile today, so be mindful of your behavior in public. Try not to do anything that could provide fodder for your detractors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People you associate with today could have a stronger than usual influence on your thinking. If you link up with those who view life negatively, you may judge the world from their perspective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Joint ventures might not be your cup of tea today, especially arrangements where an investment is required on your behalf. Be sure to test the water before plunging in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Independence is an admirable quality, but try not to carry it to extremes today. Be a team player where cooperation is required rather than a lone eagle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Guard against inclinations today to treat your duties and responsibilities with indifference. Serious matters should not be conducted in a cavalier fashion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Accept your friends today for what they are, faults and all. If you display intolerance, it will serve to call attention to traits you possess that need correction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Lead by example today if you hope to get a message across to your family or children today. If your attitude is "do as I say, not as I do," the results will displease you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Unless your associates are certain you know what you're talking about, they won't put much credence in what you have to say today. In order to sway your audience, you must be factual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though you're in a reasonably good financial trend, things could get a bit rocky from time to time. It looks like this might be one of those days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you're a rather decisive person, but today you could make those you're involved with nervous and impatient because of your inability to make up your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Under most conditions you're not adverse to helping others, but today you might lack your usual compassion and miss an opportunity to assist someone who truly needs your aid.

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DEAR FUTURE FEMALE SOLDIER

My first impulse is to say, "Women do not belong alongside men in combat." But, on second thought, perhaps a woman's place is where she wants to be.

In the provocative words of columnist Ellen Goodman: "Perhaps when 18-year-old girls start coming home in wheelchairs and body bags, we'll begin to wonder why we think it's acceptable for 18-year-old boys to come home that way." Readers?

DEAR ABBY: This letter is di-

Tennessee site ups the ante for museum

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An attempt to land an antique aircraft museum has Nashville competing against "wealth and big time Texas politics," an official working on the project says.

Still, the proposal to house the Confederate Air Force at Smyrna Airport apparently is being seriously considered, said Ralph Vaughn, executive director of the

Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

The Smyrna site — an old Air Force base — is among the top three sites to replace Harlingen, Texas, as the museum's location despite a decision two weeks ago by its board to review the six proposals received to date, Vaughn said.

"We have made the cut," he said. "We are still in the ballgame."

Calls to the Confederate Air Force by the Nashville Business Journal went unanswered last week.

Vaughn contends the Middle Tennessee site is in the running against San Antonio and Midland, Texas. A decision could come at the board's next scheduled meeting March 24.

But San Antonio is the top tourist destination in Texas and Midland is the home of museum president Joe Mabey. The cities are offering cash packages of more than \$3 million.

The board wants to move the museum because the Rio Grande airport is expanding, taking space needed for the exhibit to grow. That move would come only if the area wanting it can meet a long list of criteria to turn it into a "world-class museum."

The Confederate Air Force displays more than 140 operational World War II vintage aircraft and drew 125,000 visitors last year.

The Middle Tennessee offer includes \$16 million in incentives and construction of a 175,000 square foot building to be used as a museum and hangar.

Parents face fines and jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Truancy not only costs children an education, but in Texas it saps parents' pocketbooks and even lands them in jail.

Texas truancy law mandates that children must attend school from age 6 to 16, and must complete the school year in which they turn 17.

If they don't, their parents pay — at a rate of \$100 and more per missed school day. If parents can't pay, they go to jail.

In one of the most extreme cases, Nelda Payten, 41, of Houston, was charged with 84 counts of truancy and fined \$8,800 for the school days missed by her 15- and 11-year-old sons. When she couldn't pay the fines, she was locked in the Harris County Jail. She recently was released after promising to pay \$100 a month over the next 6½ years.

"The parent comes in thinking that the court is going to hold the child responsible, and take the child and put him in a home for delinquent children," said Harris County Justice of the Peace Betty Brock Bell. "But that's not the case."

Homework Hotline
Grades 4-12
Monday thru Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mathematics
English
Language Arts
History
Call 573-1987

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.
Alateen; 12 Step Study; Park Club at Winston Park; 6 p.m.; Call 573-5164 for information.
Family Council; Snyder Nursing Center; Council Room; 7 p.m.; For information call 573-6675.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.
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.

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.
Sparklers Chamber Volunteers; The Shack; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Twentieth Century Club; 3 p.m.
Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3:30 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.
University Women; MAWC; 6 p.m.; Deanie Francis Mills will give a book review of one of her own books.
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.
Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.
Snyder Police Auxiliary; SNB Community Room; 7:30 p.m.
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; Park Club at Winston Park, 4200 College Ave.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.)

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; 10 a.m.; To Be Announced.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park, 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 Palette Club; West 37th Street; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park, 4200 College Ave.; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
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.
Musical Coterie; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 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

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.
Oasis Overeaters Anonymous; 2-3 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Field; Newcomers Welcome! 573-8322 or 573-7705.
Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
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Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park, 4200 College; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101 or 573-8626.)
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348 or 573-6820.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$25; Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Absentee voting...

Urban Texans take advantage of law

DALLAS (AP) — While many city dwellers in Texas are taking advantage of a new "no excuses" absentee voting law by casting early ballots for the March 13 primary, turnout is lower than expected in rural areas.

A 1987 law that allows in-person absentee voting through Friday is being used for the first time in statewide and local elections.

In Dallas County, more than 6,000 people already have voted — 2,479 in the Democratic primary and 3,769 in the Republican primary, said Elections Administrator Bruce Sherbet.

In the first week of in-person absentee voting, turnout is already three times higher than it was in the March 1988 Super

Tuesday primary, Sherbet said. He predicted that as much as 25 percent of the county vote will come from absentee ballots.

According to reports to the secretary of state's office, 1,948 Democrats and 2,123 Republicans have voted in Tarrant County.

The new law is prompting heavy early voting in most urban areas, said Mark Toohey, executive assistant to Secretary of State George Bayoud.

Turnout is high in Travis County, where 2,129 Democrats and 1,422 Republicans have voted.

Bexar and El Paso counties are leading the way in early balloting.

In Bexar County, 5,705 Democrats have cast early

DALLAS (AP) — A 16-year-old boy who was counseled to stay in school by an "I Have A Dream" volunteer allegedly stabbed his benefactor during an attempted robbery, Dallas police say.

JoAnne Roosevelt, 51, whose husband is Elliott Roosevelt Jr., the grandson of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was stabbed 10 times in the face, chest and hand, authorities said.

A spokesperson for Parkland Memorial Hospital said Mrs. Roosevelt's family had requested no information be given on her condition. She was listed in serious condition Saturday.

The Dallas Morning News reported that Mrs. Roosevelt and her husband had invited the youth and a friend to their Dallas home Friday.

Killer Bees are expected next month in Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Africanized honeybees, better known as killer bees, are inching their way toward Texas and could have a \$800 million negative impact to the state's agriculture and beekeeping industries, researchers say.

The Africanized bees, now about 150 miles south of Brownsville, are due to arrive some time this month.

More aggressive than their U.S. cousins, the honeybees are rarely deadly, but could cost between \$85 million and \$135 million annually in the first five to eight years, say Texas A&M University researchers.

As many as 12 deaths in Mexico have been attributed to the Africanized bee in the past three years, but Texas health officials don't foresee a threat here.

"There's a fear that we're going to see a lot of scared people. It is not a panic situation," said Dr. Anita Collins, research leader at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Honey Bee Research Lab at Weslaco.

"But at the same time, we want to inform people that at some time, we are going to have Africanized honeybees, a small but real threat to people and livestock," she said.

Dr. Collins is leading research along the border, where crews have set up a line of about 300 traps from Brownsville to just west of Mission to detect the arrival of Africanized bees. The first killer bee colonies spotted will be eradicated, and surveys will try to detect more colonies.

The lower eight counties in the Valley will be quarantined,

According to police, the two teens spent the afternoon playing pool and visiting with the couple. Mrs. Roosevelt volunteered to drive the youths home and was choked with a rope or belt while driving her 1989 Chevrolet Suburban, police said.

The teen whom Mrs. Roosevelt had helped for three years then pulled a knife from his coat, stabbed Mrs. Roosevelt and grabbed for her purse, police said.

An arrest warrant charging attempted murder has been issued against the teen, who remains at large.

During the struggle Mrs. Roosevelt's car hit a pole. She escaped from the vehicle, but the teen she knew chased her and continued to stab her, authorities said.

As a crowd gathered, the two suspects fled. The second teen has not been identified, police said.

The Roosevelts have been volunteers with the "I Have A Dream" program since its inception in Dallas three years ago. The program is part of a national program to keep "high-risk" students enrolled in school.

Foundation president Walter Durham said the stabbing was the first crime among the hundreds of relationships volunteers have had with students during the past three years.

The program has 800 Dallas volunteers, each of whom works with two or three students, Durham said. Volunteers meet with students monthly and often invite them to movies, sports events and their homes, he said.

"This has been very upsetting," he said.

Detective J.A. Trevino, who spoke with Mrs. Roosevelt after

the stabbing, said, "I think she's more shocked than anybody else."

Furlough policy is changed

GRANBURY, Texas (AP) — Hood County Sheriff Edwin Tomlinson says he changed a policy that allowed unsupervised furloughs to felons awaiting transfer to the Texas prison system after he was rebuked by a state district judge.

The furloughs, granted for inmates convicted of crimes such as attempted murder, aggravated assault and burglary, ranged from a few hours to a weekend, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Although county authorities said records of the furloughs were either unavailable or non-existent, two inmates told the newspaper they had been freed several times without supervision in 1988 and January 1989.

One inmate also said he spent several furloughs at the home of a female Hood County Jail supervisor, a claim the woman denied.

Authorities say the furloughed inmates in Hood County did not commit additional crimes while free. But convicted burglar Billy Ray Ratliff failed to return to jail as scheduled in January 1989 — prompting a widespread manhunt and a stern rebuke to the sheriff from a state district judge.

"I seriously question the wisdom of any policy that allows a four-time loser to be released from jail on furloughs," former state District Judge Ralph Walton wrote Tomlinson Jan. 5, 1989, the same day Ratliff surrendered to a Hood County district attorney's investigator.

Six months earlier Walton had sentenced Ratliff to 25 years in prison for burglary. It was Ratliff's fourth felony conviction since 1984.

Walton told Tomlinson that any additional furlough of prisoners without court permission would be considered a "direct act of contempt of court."

"Until Judge Walton wrote me the letter, I thought when (the Texas prison system) kept prisoners up here under my supervision, that I had the right to do this," Tomlinson said last week. "Evidently, I don't have the right."

Unauthorized furloughs were discontinued after Ratliff's disappearance, Tomlinson said. "It's not good policy," he said.

Last week, Tomlinson said he had granted two furloughs to a third inmate in January but said those were authorized by a state judge.

Texas furlough policies were tightened last year after abuses were found.

Two of the three Hood County inmates released apparently would not have qualified for furloughs once they reached state custody under guidelines used by officials in the Texas Department of Corrections.

Bridge

James Jacoby

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♥ 8 2			
♠ A Q 9 5 4 3 2			
♣ 6 5			
WEST		EAST	
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♥ Q J 10 9		♥ 7 6 5 4	
♠ K 10 8 7		♠ ---	
♣ K 9		♣ 10 8 7 4 2	
SOUTH		Vulnerable: Neither	
♦ A J 7 2		Dealer: North	
♥ A K 3			
♠ J 6			
♣ A Q J 3			
South	West	North	East
3 NT	All pass	3 ♦	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ Q			

Too quick on the trigger

By James Jacoby

In sports, reflexes are quite important. But in bridge you should think twice before letting your reflexes rule your play. Look at the disaster created by West when he thought only once.

West led the queen of hearts. South won the ace and led the jack of diamonds. West automatically covered the jack, but declarer wisely allowed West to hold the trick. West continued hearts, but now South could take the marked finesse against West's 10 of diamonds and make his contract with an overtrick without even taking the club finesse. And what would have happened if West did not cover the jack of diamonds? Declarer would of course have played low from dummy, and East would have shown out. So declarer could take two more diamond tricks, but then he would surely try the club finesse. West would win and continue hearts. Eventually, declarer would fall short by one trick. It was wrong for West to cover, because he could anticipate that declarer would probably play low from dummy if he had another small diamond in his hand and would then see his way clear to subsequently run diamonds.

South had gambled that his partner would hold a diamond suit headed by the ace when he bid three no-trump. If that were a partnership agreement, that would be fine, but the East-West opponents would be entitled to know about it.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

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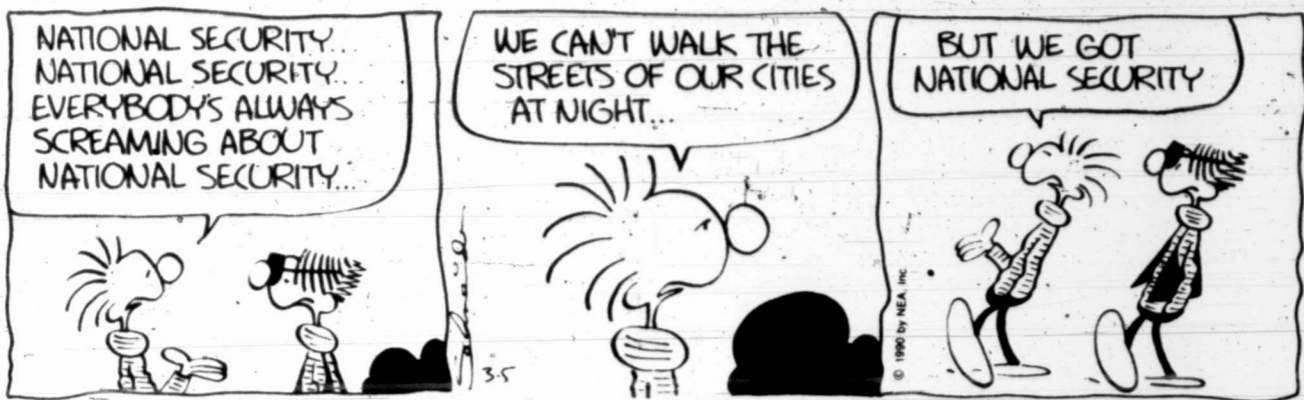
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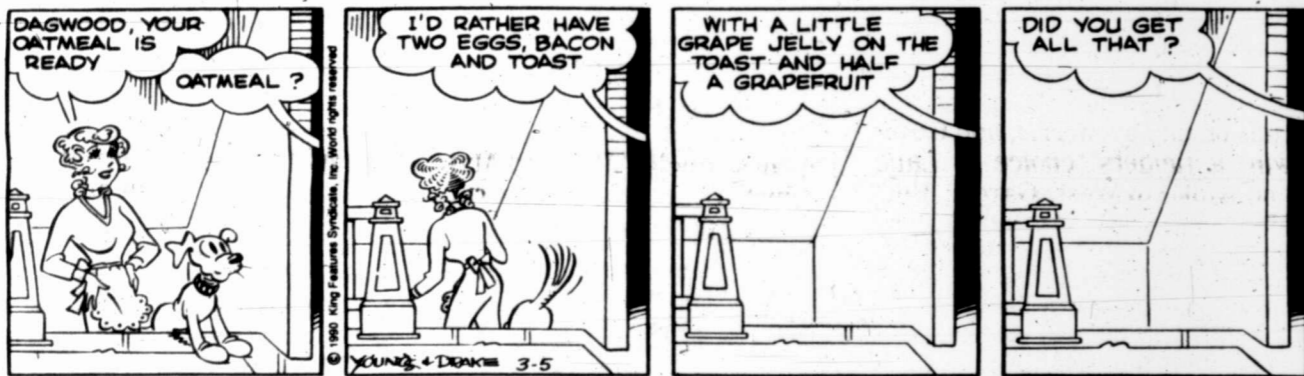
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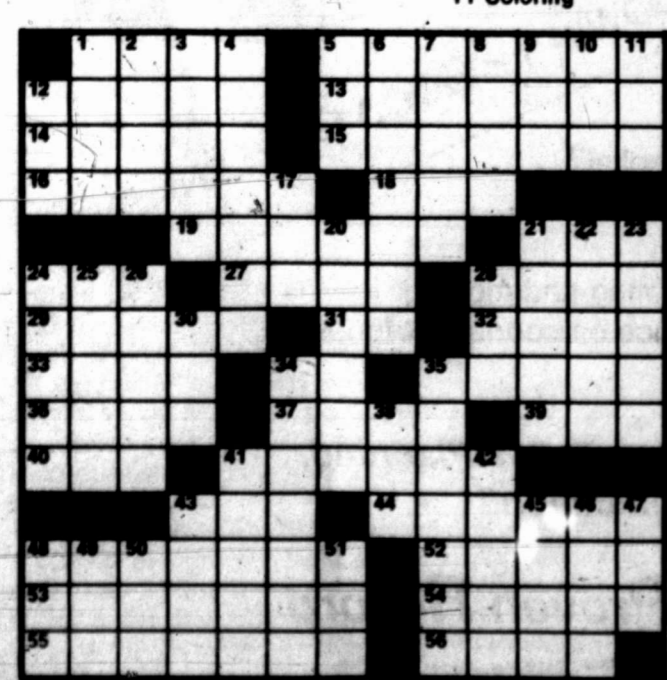


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 - Of eyelashes
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 - Musical syllable
 - Eastern priest
 - Leslie Caron role
 - Between MA and CT
 - Cooked in oil
 - English
- DOWN**
- Spreads out
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 - Musical group of nine
 - Cancellation
 - Wood sorrel
 - Childbirth
 - aid
 - Homeric poem
 - Tilts
 - Chinese philosophy
 - Bitter vetch
 - Coloring
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 - Theater sign (abbr.)
 - Long and tiresome
 - Leg bone
 - Brown pigment
 - Entices onward
 - Covered with ceramics
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 - Guardian spirit
 - Author Anais —
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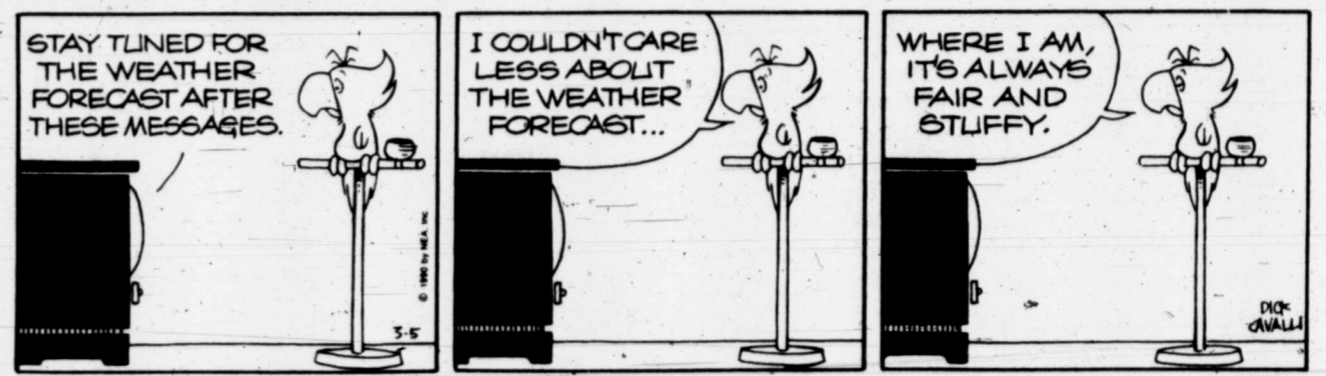
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BHS students test drug free

BENNINGTON, Okla. (AP) — Students at Bennington High School are 100 percent drug free and proud of it. But the peer pressure that has kept the school clean has taken away youngsters' privacy, a civil liberties expert says.

The entire student body volunteered for a countywide drug testing program, and all 75 students learned last month they passed. Now they wear special T-shirts, walk with their heads high and cash in on discounts at local stores.

"I just hope that they start doing this drug test all over," said 15-year-old sophomore Christie Wilson.

Rebecca Foster, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma, said the organization opposes testing without reason to suspect a student is using drugs.

"People right now seem to be willing to compromise their civil

rights if they think they can clean up the drugs in America," Foster said. "The ACLU's not for drugs, but we don't support drug testing."

Students at Bennington have their reasons, however, for participating in the program in this town of 300 people about 150 miles from Oklahoma City.

"A lot of people around here always said Bennington school has a drug problem," Miss Wilson said. "We wanted to prove that everybody here's not taking drugs. It feels good to say you're from Bennington now."

Other students said they, too, are proud Bennington is the only one of 10 Bryant County schools that tested drug free.

"We think it should be a big deal," said 17-year-old junior Jeff Henson.

Katy Morris, education coordinator for Bryant County Youth Services, said about 1,400 students in the county have taken the tests, and only about a dozen failed. Bennington, she said, is

the only school at which all the students agreed to give a urine sample.

"There's a lot of peer pressure for the kids to remain clean," said Olan Ispell, superintendent of the Bennington School District.

Ispell said students who pass receive a drug-free ID card good for discounts at restaurants, bowling alleys, video stores and other establishments.

Students who fail on subsequent, random tests, lose their cards and their discounts. The school's counselor is informed, and not parents, police or teachers. But when a student has to pay full price at one of the discount establishments, word will spread the student failed the test, Ispell said.

This, Ms. Foster said, is a violation of privacy. "The students are submitting to peer pressure to submit to drug testing," she said. "It's giving up their total right to any kind of privacy whatsoever."



LIONS SWEETHEARTS — Among those attending the 65th Snyder Lions Club anniversary Saturday were the current and former sweethearts. From left to right are, Michele Anderson (1988-89), Lisa Waller (1982-83), Jacy LaRoux (present), Jennifer Goodwin (1985-86),

Juanita Elkins Hart (1944-45), Jetti Elkins Crenshaw (1942-43), Kelly Walker (1987-88), Donna West Huddleston (1977-78), Jeana von Roeder Duke (1975-77), Cathy Cypert Clarke (1980-81) and Denise Merritt (1983-84). (Howard Bigham photo)

Shuttle...

Space telescope focus of next mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With Atlantis safely back on Earth, NASA turns its attention to the April launch of shuttle Discovery with the Hubble Space Telescope, the biggest observatory ever to be put in orbit.

The \$1.5 billion telescope, the most expensive unmanned spacecraft ever built, will offer a view of the universe with a clarity 10 times greater than what now can be achieved from the ground.

That's comparable to the impact of Galileo's telescope nearly four centuries ago, according to Lennard Fisk, NASA's chief scientist.

"Whenever you make that kind of leap in sensitivity and resolution, you suddenly are able to see parts of the universe that are only fuzzy to you at the moment," Fisk said. "That increase in clarity will give real insight into how the universe works which we don't now have."

The Hubble Space Telescope will be suspended in orbit 370

miles above Earth for 15 years, studying stars and galaxies as they existed 14 billion years ago. The universe is believed to have been formed 15 billion years ago with an explosion known as the Big Bang.

The 25,000-pound, 43-foot space telescope, named after the late American astronomer Edwin P. Hubble, who discovered the expanding universe, will peer into the heavens from above Earth's atmosphere. This will enable the instrument to detect light of all wavelengths from distant stars before it is absorbed or distorted by the atmosphere.

The first large optical telescope in space will look seven times more deeply into space and detect objects 50 times fainter than the best ground-based observatory. Its 8-foot primary optical mirror is the most precise ever made.

Astronomers hope to ascertain the size of the universe and uncover some of the mystery surrounding quasars, pulsars and black holes, among other things.

One of the more pressing questions — are there other solar systems and, if so, are they inhabited — may have to wait for an even more sophisticated telescope capable of detecting planets around other stars. Already, NASA is looking ahead to this so-called "Son of Space Telescope."

Scientific information should be forthcoming one to two months after Discovery's liftoff on a five-day mission April 12, said Bill Taylor, the telescope's chief engineer.

Crews at Kennedy Space Center planned to move Discovery to the mammoth assembly building today to be joined to the solid rocket boosters and external tank.

The space agency can concentrate on that mission now that Atlantis is back on Earth, having put a spy satellite in orbit. The shuttle landed Sunday in California's Mojave Desert.

Fisk said he expects interesting observations to be made "fairly early just to show

everybody it works." But, he said, "the real insight, the real in-depth study of astronomy will come back over a period of years."

The launch schedule for the rest of 1990:

May 9 — Columbia, which will deploy an ultraviolet astronomy laboratory called Astro 1 to examine hot stars, quasars and galaxy centers.

July 9 — Atlantis, with a secret Pentagon payload.

Aug. 29 — Columbia, with a life science laboratory that will conduct biological research.

Oct. 5 — Discovery, which will unleash the space probe Ulysses to explore the sun's polar regions.

Nov. 1 — Atlantis, to deploy the Gamma Ray Observatory, which will explore gamma ray sources throughout the universe.

Dec. 12 — Columbia, on the first International Microgravity Laboratory mission.

Eight shuttle flights are scheduled in 1991 and a record 12 in 1992.

Educators, politicians are on 'restructuring' band wagon

WASHINGTON (AP) — The huge blue-and-white banner behind the president of the National Education Association declared: "No More Reports, No More Speeches. We Want Action."

That backdrop signaled the group's intention to press for innovations it says are needed in the nation's schools.

"Over the past five years, we at NEA have launched program after program at the cutting edge of the movement to restructure America's schools," said Keith Geiger, NEA president. "We have helped launch educational improvement projects at the school, district and state level in almost every one of our states — more than 600 projects and programs."

Geiger's speech, delivered at the National Press Club, was hardly unusual for a labor leader trying to boost the standing of his membership. But it also illustrated the eagerness with which the NEA — along with hundreds of other education leaders and politicians — has endorsed the notion of "restructuring" the nation's schools.

The idea has gained attention and momentum as President Bush and the nation's governors set and promote education goals.

Geiger's speech was timed to coincide with the winter meeting of the National Governors Association this past week. The session focused on completing six national goals and agreeing on the restructuring needed to achieve them.

"These goals are ambitious, yet they can and must be achieved," said the NGA document. "However, they cannot be achieved by our education system as it is presently constituted. Substantial, even radical changes will have to be made."

The NGA defined restructuring as changing what is taught and how it is taught, to get away from an emphasis on low-level basics and instead make sure that students are involved in challenging learning activities.

The American Association of School Administrators said

restructuring might include changes in the curriculum; variations in federal-state-local relationships; reform in the way teachers are prepared and paid; dealing more effectively with at-risk students, or simply fostering changes in the way people think.

Gov. Booth Gardner of Washington told reporters at the NGA meeting, "All governors made a commitment to lead restructuring efforts in their states."

For example, Maine Gov. John McKernan Jr. pointed to a rural middle school which has been divided into teams of teachers and students who spend two years together. The teams have their own budgets and the flexibility to set their own schedules and goals within broad school guidelines.

Officials said discipline problems are down and student involvement in learning is up.

South Carolina Gov. Carroll Campbell said 328 companies in his state have been encouraged to open classrooms at plant sites. He said workers can take remedial education courses or

upgrade their skills. The program uses federal-state job training funds, he said.

Other examples given were of Vermont Gov. Madeleine Kunin's focus on services to at-risk 3- and 4-year-olds to ensure they enter school prepared for learning, and Connecticut Gov. William O'Neill's investment of state aid to cities and towns and a boost of teachers' salaries to the second highest in the nation.

Students at the Lassiter Middle School in Louisville, Ky., who turn in unsatisfactory work do not get a failing grade. Instead, the teachers work with them until the students' work is up to standard.

"The goals of these projects are almost identical to the national goals," said Geiger.

To share information on the projects, the NEA created a network called the National Center for Innovation in Education. Geiger said the center has the capacity to involve all of NEA's 2 million members, "working in schools in every community in America."

In Mexico...

Sewage treatment plant considered

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Mexican officials say a new sewage treatment plant is being studied because toxic chemicals in aging, rusted sewer lines are mixing with water used for irrigating crops.

Toxic chemicals, metals and oils, apparently from maquiladoras, are dumped into sewers. Those pollutants, along with garbage dumped into sewers by residents, have officials worried about the region's crops.

Sewer water here flows into a canal, where it's mixed with water from the Rio Grande. The mixture is used to irrigate crops in thousands of acres of farmland in the city's lower valley.

"We don't know that the crops are being tainted, but we should find out," said Ciudad Juarez utility President Santiago Nieto. "There's a strong drive now for all the city and federal agencies to get together and study the problem in depth."

Juarez farmers grow lettuce, cotton and alfalfa hay, among other crops.

Utility chemist Cecilia Grajeda said she's found readings of lead, mercury, chrome, nickel, chlorine and cyanide in the sewers feeding into the Rio Grande.

Chihuahua state officials and Juarez city leaders are considering building a sewage-treatment plant, Nieto said.

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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 62-year-old female diagnosed with a form of porphyria called hereditary coproporphria. My doctor says it was brought on by two medicines I was taking. What's your opinion on this rare disease? Just how serious is it?

DEAR READER: Hereditary coproporphria is one of several rare genetic diseases caused by a deficiency of an enzyme necessary for the normal metabolism of hemoglobin, the pigment in red blood cells.

Three more favor Luce

by The Associated Press
Republican gubernatorial hopeful Tom Luce gathered three more newspaper endorsements over the weekend, while Ann Richards and Mark White each got two on the Democratic side.

Luce, a Dallas lawyer, was endorsed for the March 13 primary election by the San Angelo Standard-Times, Wichita Falls Times Record-News and The Orange Leader.

Meanwhile, GOP candidate Jack Rains, former Texas Secretary of State, was endorsed by the Tyler Morning Telegraph and the Bryan-College Station Eagle. Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, a Republican, got the endorsement of The Hereford Brand.

The Eagle endorsed former Gov. White, for the Democratic primary, as did the Standard-Times, while Ms. Richards, state treasurer, was endorsed by the Record News and the Leader.

Luce has been endorsed by several of the state's larger newspapers.

The Standard-Times wrote that polls indicate Luce has little chance of winning the primary.

The formation of hemoglobin depends on a series of about eight biochemical reactions in the body. Each reaction requires a specific enzyme; thus, the type of porphyria depends on which enzyme is lacking or decreased.

Hereditary coproporphria, for example, is due to deficient amounts of the enzyme coproporphyrinogen oxidase. This results in an excess buildup of the natural product coproporphyrin, which cannot be converted to the next substance in the biochemical chain. The coproporphyrin is excreted in the urine and the stools, and can be measured to establish the diagnosis.

The disease causes nerve malfunction, leading to abdominal pain, vomiting, constipation, back and leg pain, weakness and tingling of the arms and legs. In rare but severe cases, hypertension, rapid pulse, sweating, seizures, hallucinations, paralysis, coma and death may occur. Patients also suffer from photosensitivity; they may develop severe blistering on exposed skin surfaces.

Like other forms of porphyria, hereditary coproporphria does not produce constant symptoms. Rather, the ailment causes periodic acute attacks that can be precipitated by infection, crash dieting, female hormone therapy and many medicines. Such drugs include barbiturates, sulfa, anti-convulsants and anti-hypertensives. Therefore, patients with porphyria must not take any medicine unless it has been approved by a physician because drugs can trigger symptoms of this hereditary disease.

Treatment of acute attacks involves pain control, a high-carbohydrate diet, management of specific symptoms (such as drugs to lower blood pressure) and — in severe cases — the intravenous administration of hematin, a medicine that lowers coproporphyrin excretion.

In all instances, prevention of acute attacks is preferable to treating attacks in progress. Therefore, you should follow your physician's instructions. Coproporphria can be serious, but the consequences of the disease are generally preventable.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Help I — Physical Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3669. Be sure to mention the title.

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Ill kids may lose special care

GLADEWATER, Texas (AP) — More than 100 children here — many of whom are terminally ill — will be deprived of specialized medical care if the state doesn't intervene in the next 30 days.

Truman W. Smith Children Care Center officials say the Gladewater facility will close its doors April 1 if the state doesn't come up with additional funding.

The children's center is the only nursing home-type facility in Texas and in the Southwest exclusively designed for children with severe disabilities who require 24-hour care.

"We have been operating in the red ever since we opened our doors some 15 months ago," said administrator Alan Loyd. "We are losing about \$50,000 per month, and although we don't want to close our doors, we can't continue to operate in the red forever."

Truco Properties, which owns the Gladewater center and nine other nursing home facilities, is asking the Texas Department of Human Services to increase

Medicaid payments for the 103 children at the center.

Loyd said it costs the home an average of \$85 per day to care for each child, but Medicaid only pays about \$50 per day, leaving a \$35 per child deficit per day.

Loyd has made numerous trips to Austin in recent weeks, seeking help from government officials. However, he said so far all he has received are promises that "they will look into the problem or study the matter."

"We are in the hole about \$1 million, with all our other nursing facilities helping to support this facility," he said.

Wedged in the middle of the financial turmoil are the children, who are using all their energies to fight their own battles.

"Virtually all of the children here are dying," said Upshur County District Attorney O.W. "Buddy" Loyd, whose 9-year-old daughter Jaelyn is a patient at the Gladewater center and is ter-

minally ill.

"They are caught in the middle, with no place to go if this center closes. If they do close, I will do whatever it takes to care for my daughter. I know that. But there are so many other children here who won't have any place to go, and we have to do something for all the children."

The district attorney is trying to garner support for the children's center, but said he has seen little action.

"I've contacted the governor's office to see if he could place this issue on the agenda of the special session," said Buddy Loyd. "It's going to take action by the Legislature to resolve this situation. But he hasn't responded, and neither has anyone else."

A group of parents plans to travel to Austin March 8 to give a personal plea to the Texas Department of Human Services.

With only seven open beds available in all the other centers operated by the state, Alan Loyd

said the future looks bleak for his patients.

"I don't know where they (the state) will put these children if we are forced to close," he said. "I just hope it doesn't come to that. But things don't look promising right now."

Two killed in accident

FABENS, Texas (AP) — Federal Aviation Administration investigators from Albuquerque, N.M., were called here to investigate a single-engine airplane crash that killed two people.

Another man was critically injured in the crash Sunday afternoon.

The pilot, Rufus Clifton Cain, 57, of Dublin, Texas, and a passenger, Robert Harrington, 62, of Corona, N.M., died when the plane went down at about 12:30 p.m. in a field just south of the airport runway, said trooper Todd Hester of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Reinhard Jung, 30, who was in the back seat of the Piper Comanche, was listed in critical condition at Thomason Hospital, where he was treated for head and internal injuries, a hospital spokeswoman said.

The aircraft swayed from side to side after takeoff, then slammed to the ground when the pilot tried to turn it around, said Fabens resident Albert Gonzalez, who saw the crash from his home. The engine was still running when the plane went down, Gonzalez told the El Paso Times.

The airport is about 28 miles east of El Paso.

The plane apparently was headed for Dublin, which is in Erath County about halfway between Abilene and Dallas, Hester said.

Jung, of West Germany, boarded the plane when it stopped in Fabens to refuel, Hester said.

Sunday's accident was the second fatal airplane crash in El Paso County this year.

River could run very dry

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — The San Marcos River, a popular outpost for tubing, canoeing and scuba, could go dry for the first time in recorded history, say scientists.

A continuing drought in Central Texas threatens to keep lowering the rain-fed Edwards Aquifer, which feeds the crystal-clear river, according to the Texas Academy of Science.

The San Marcos spring flow "is down quite a bit," said Jane Maler, a geologist at Southwest Texas State University where the academy held its annual meeting on Saturday.

The Edwards Aquifer, an underground river, is one of the most productive in the United States, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

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Cardinal calls some rock music Satanic

NEW YORK (AP) — Cardinal John O'Connor said some kinds of rock music help trap teen-agers into devil worship, and he disclosed that two exorcisms have been performed in the New York area within the past year.

"Diabolically instigated violence is on the rise," O'Connor said in his sermon Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral.
Divorce and abortion are two

examples, he told parishioners. O'Connor said heavy-metal rock music in particular "can help trap people, especially teen-agers," into devil worship. He

single out the song "Suicide Solution" by Ozzy Osbourne as an example.

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