

AJRA National Finals Rodeo opens tonight

Yates and Hampton named world champion team ropers Monday

Break out the banners and the flags, its rodeo time again in Snyder.

The 38th AJRA National Finals Rodeo officially opens tonight at Scurry County Coliseum, kicking off five evenings of youth rodeo activity that ends with Saturday's telecast.

Boys and girls in three age groups will compete in traditional rodeo events such as barrel racing, bull riding, calf roping, ribbon roping, goat tying and more. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and \$6 for box seats. Shows begin at 8 p.m. today through Saturday.

Tickets are half-price tonight for anyone wearing a 1990 AJRA cap.

Slack competition began Monday and is held each morning at 9 o'clock through Friday. There is no charge for spectators during the slack.

Monday's slack witnessed the

naming of the association's first 1990 world champions in team roping. Stephenville cowboy J.W. Hampton is the world champion team roper in the age 13-15 division with \$1,738.75 in winnings. Trevor Brazile of Krum is reserve champion.

Corsicana's Marty Yates won

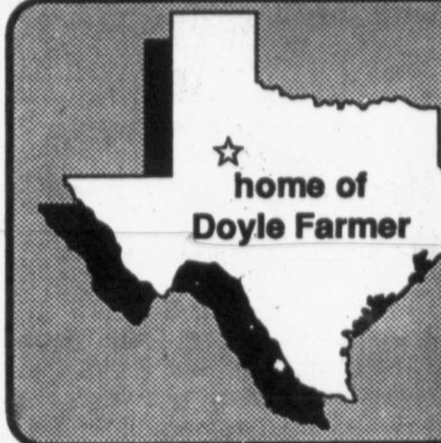
the age 16-19 division with \$2,072.80 in earnings. Turtle Powell of Alpine came in a close second with \$2,042.30 for reserve champion.

World champion status is based on yearly earnings.

Winners of the AJRA National Finals team roping Monday were

Jim Locke of Miami and Melissa Brillhart of Slaton who posted a 26.29-second time on two head in the 13-15 year-old age group. Abilene's Lari Dee Guy and Hobbs, N.M.'s Kirt Jones registered a 16.18 time to win first in the 18-19 division.

(see AJRA, page 8)



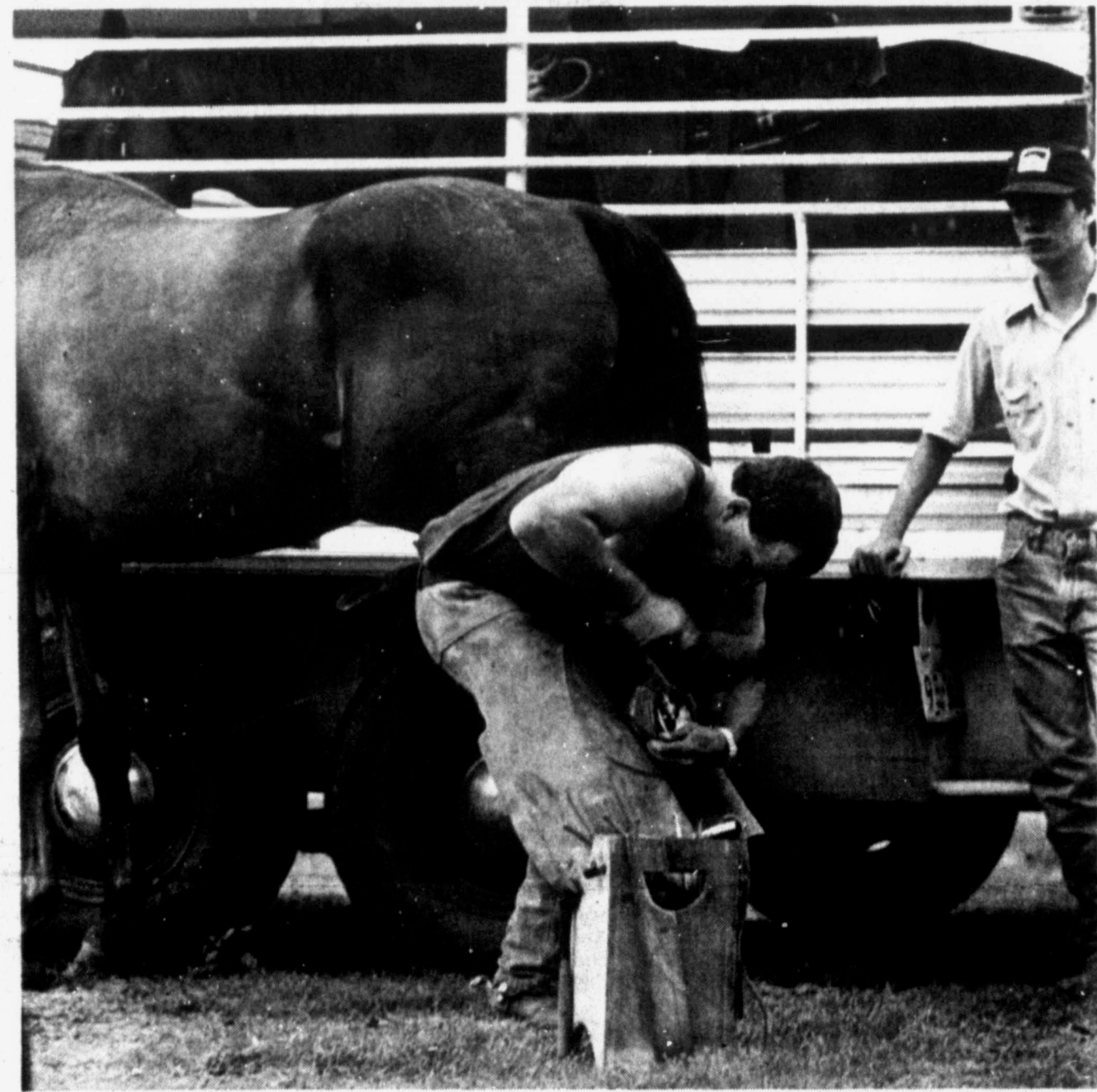
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Ask Us



NEW SHOES — Coke Hopping, Snyder High School FFA instructor and a farrier, is shoeing a horse owned by Robin Jones of Midland at Scurry County Coliseum Monday in preparation for the

AJRA National Finals Rodeo. Jason Russell is ready to lend a hand. (SDN Staff Photo by Howard Bigham)

Boards okay new budgets SISD trustees adopt budget, set tax rate

Snyder public schools board of trustees approved a \$13.1 million budget and set the tax rate at 97 cents per \$100 valuation during Monday's board meeting.

Trustees also approved recommendations to hire two teachers and accept the resignations of two others, okayed amendments to the 1989-90 budget, rejected a parent's transfer request and accepted bids on gasoline, lunchroom equipment and vehicles.

The tax rate set by trustees Monday is seven cents below the current tax rate of \$1.04, but 7.9 percent above the effective tax rate of .8955. The budget indicates \$13,086,178 in revenues and \$13,120,966 in expenditures. The difference of \$34,788 can be taken from the district's surplus, if necessary. SISD officials noted that last year's budget called for a \$700,000 deficit but it appears that amount will actually be about \$300,000 when the final figures are tabulated at the end of this month. The district currently has about \$4.1 million in surplus funds.

Business Manager Lee McNair noted that 1990-91 budget (see SCHOOL, page 8)

WTC okays budget, sets special meeting

Western Texas College board of trustees formally adopted the 1990-91 budget Monday night following a public hearing attended by only staff and media representatives.

The board then scheduled a 5:45 p.m. special meeting Monday to adopt the tax rate to finance the \$5.9 million budget. The anticipated tax rate is \$1.887 cents per \$100 valuation which is expected to generate \$1.7 million in tax revenue. Other revenue to balance the budget comes from the state, student fees and tuition.

The new budget calls for a three percent across-the-board salary adjustment and a one-percent merit raise for WTC personnel.

In other business, trustees ratified several bids and heard a report concerning WTC's growing role in providing services to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education, told the board that WTC had been approved to offer four classes of auto mechanics at the Price Daniel Unit beginning this fall. (see COLLEGE, page 8)

Ranch Breakfast slated Wednesday

The annual Scurry County Ranch Breakfast, sponsored by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, will begin at 7 a.m. Wednesday on the W.C. Hart Ranch south of Snyder.

Beginning the program will be Gene Miller, a biologist with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. He will discuss the impact the recent drought has had on lowering the populations of quail and white-tailed deer and how producers may work to help in-

crease the numbers of those game animals. Following Miller will be Dalton Maddox of Colorado City, who will talk about holist resource management - a concept of managing natural resources in a way that not only continues their renewal, but also generates an optimum economic return.

Joni James, Miss Rodeo America, will also give a brief talk.

Ezell-Key Grain Co. will be providing the breakfast.

Rates to rise 10.2%...

TU Electric announces hike

TU Electric announced Monday that it will implement an average annual 10.2 percent increase in rates, under bond in accordance with state law.

The increase means an additional \$7 to \$8 per month on the average residential bill. The first bills to reflect the increase are expected to reach customers about Aug. 4.

This is TU Electric's first general rate increase in more than six years. By taking advan-

tage of declining fuel costs, the company has been able to lower its rates twice since 1984. The increase announced Monday will bring rates back to about their 1984 level.

TU Electric's present rates are sixth lowest among the nation's 25 largest cities and are second lowest among the investor-owned electric utilities in Texas.

"The new rates are necessary at this time to prevent further deterioration of the company's

financial integrity," said Erlie Nye, chairman and chief executive of TU Electric. "The increase we requested and are placing into effect is the minimum necessary to allow us to continue providing reliable and competitively priced electric service."

TU Electric filed a request on Jan. 16 with local regulators and the Public Utility Commission of Texas for an annual revenue increase of 10.2 percent, which would raise the company's annual revenues by \$442 million. Hearings on the request began before the PUC on April 26 and are continuing.

The Public Utility Regulatory Act authorizes a utility to place its proposed rates into effect under bond if the PUC fails to make a final decision in the case within 185 days of the filing. TU Electric was authorized to implement new rates under bond in this case on or after July 21. The (see RATE HIKE, page 8)

Healthcare contract discussed at Cogdell

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers was updated on discussions concerning the prison healthcare contract renewal during a noon board meeting Monday.

The board later adjourned to a Foundation meeting where it approved \$5,500 to renovate five rooms in the hospital's clinic area.

Hospital Administrator Tom Hochwalt told the board that Fri-

day's meeting with officials from the Texas Tech University Health Science Center in Lubbock went well.

"All in all, it was a real good meeting...We opened the channels of communication between ourselves and Texas Tech," he said.

The contract in question is Cogdell's agreement to provide healthcare for inmates of the Price Daniel Unit. The agreement, which expires Aug. 31, is a subcontract through Texas Tech University, which works directly with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Hochwalt told the board that TDCJ is asking Texas Tech to reduce the capitation figures by about \$15 per inmate, from \$1,517 to \$1,502. In turn, Tech is considering passing that cost, or some of it, to Cogdell. Under the present agreement, Cogdell is paid \$1,224 per inmate.

The administrator told the board he estimates Cogdell is saving TDCJ at least 10 percent in healthcare services under the present rate and he would hope (see HEALTHCARE, page 8)

Blood drive here today

Towle Park Barn is the setting for a blood drive which began this morning and will continue to 8 p.m.

Donors who gave blood during the June 19 drive are reminded to bring their cards which can be redeemed for a specially inscribed T-shirt. Also, first-time donors will receive a "Chug-A-Mug" from UBS.

Every other donor will receive (see DRIVE, page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "When you think you have something eating out of your hands, you'd better count your fingers."

Concerning last Saturday's half-cent sales tax election for economic development — the majority of the minority has spoken. Apathy was the clear victor.

With 15 percent of the eligible voters going to the polls, persons against the sales tax took advantage of the Democratic method of being heard.

We don't like to lose, but we respect those with a different opinion. The apathetic 85-percent is cause for alarm for those who try to envision and plan for Snyder's future.

Lack of concern and involvement will stifle future initiative on the part of civic leaders. We could, in fact, lose some workers who are willing to spend their own time and money for the better-

ment of us all.

There seems to be a general distrust of anyone in any position of authority. Should this trend continue, we may soon have difficulty finding persons willing to donate their energies in volunteer efforts. For years, Snyder has been the pride of West Texas in rallying the necessary troops to see a project through to a successful conclusion.

A fellow from Sweetwater was in the office Monday. Sweetwater passed the sales tax last May, but voted against joining the CRMWD on Saturday. The man observed, "We have the money to do an industrial project, but not the water. Snyder has the water, but doesn't have the money." It's sad, but true.

The sales tax to fund future jobs and growth was only an idea — the only idea at the time. Now it appears incumbent on those voting against to lay a better idea on the table — and please hurry!

In Brief

Troops sent

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Aircraft and troops from Kelly Air Force Base have been sent to support the U.S. military effort in the Middle East, U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez says.

"Some of the crews have been placed on standby and some have already moved out of San Antonio — that could mean to West Germany or Turkey," Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, said in today's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Gonzalez said he did not know exactly how many troops or aircraft have been deployed from Kelly to take part in Operation Desert Shield.

Local

Autopsy

An autopsy report said an inmate who died on July 31 at the Price Daniel Unit died from a heart attack.

Roberto Barrera Teran, serving 15 years for cocaine possession and carrying a weapon on a licensed premises, became ill in the unit's recreational yard following a game of handball.

Peace Justice Dan Callaway pronounced Teran dead, and the body was sent to a forensics lab in Dallas for autopsy which revealed the death was due to natural causes.

Counts visits

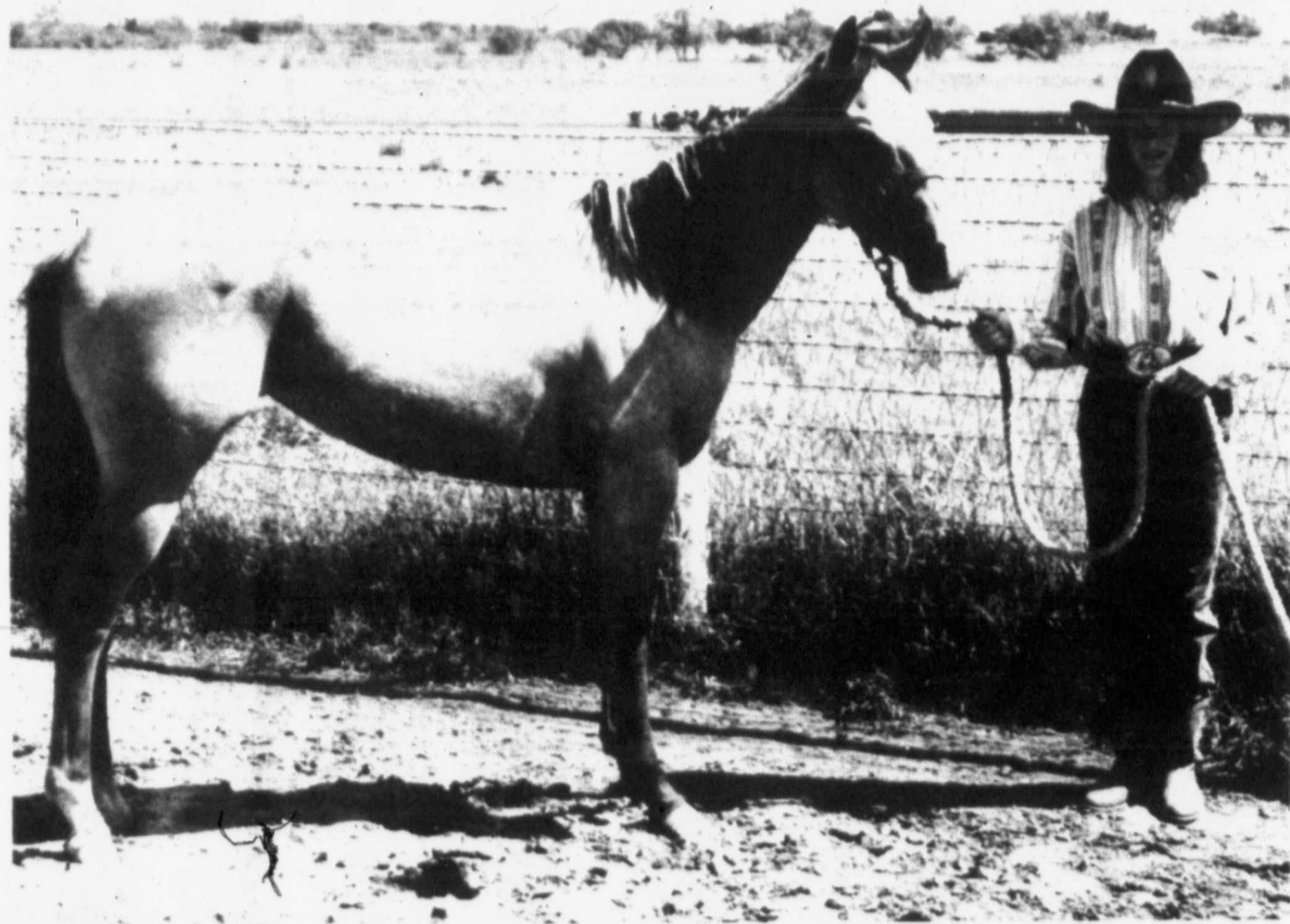
State Rep. David Counts, seeking re-election in November, will be in Snyder this evening and Wednesday.

The Democratic incumbent will attend the AJRA National Finals Rodeo this evening, the Ranch Breakfast Wednesday morning at the W.C. Hart Ranch, and will address senior citizens at the senior center at about 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 89 degrees; low, 67 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 70 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 17.51 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low near 70. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High around 90. South wind 10 to 20 mph.



FUNDRAISER — This yearling filly colt donated by Doyle and Shirley Newton will be given away during Thursday's 8 p.m. performance of the AJRA National Finals Rodeo at the coliseum. The effort is a fundraising project by Scurry County 4-H Horse Club for its year-end awards. Tickets for

the give-away are \$1 and may be purchased from 4-H Horse Club members or at a booth in the coliseum. Ezell Key Grain Co. has donated feed for the colt, which is pictured with Darla Blackwell, Scurry County 4-H Horse Club member and AJRA participant. (Private Photo)

Former police chief pleads guilty to one drug charge

ATHENS, Texas (AP) — The former police chief of the Seven Points community, a town of 210 people about 45 miles southeast of Dallas, pleaded guilty to delivery of a controlled substance and is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 27.

His plea, the result of a plea bargain worked out between Henderson County district attorney Billy Bandy and defense attorney Ray Andrews of Athens, was made on Monday before

State District Judge Jack Holland.

Guymon Oscar "Bub" Hudson is expected to be sentenced to 20 years in prison, officials said.

Hudson was the victim of a Department of Public Safety sting operation. He admitted giving a Tyler-based DPS narcotics officer one-eighth ounce of amphetamines in exchange for a triple-necked flask, a piece of equipment associated with the illicit manufacture of amphetamines.

Hudson was arrested on March 28, 1989. The agent said Hudson was in uniform and in his police car when the transaction occurred in a parking lot.

"He was going to go into the amphetamine manufacturing business. I was supposed to sell his product for him," the undercover operator said Monday.

Hudson was arrested later on two counts of aggravated sexual assault involving children.

Icy Foree is SDN winner

Icy Foree of 605 34th St. is the July winner of a free year's subscription to the Snyder Daily News. Each month a drawing is held from the names of those who have either subscribed or renewed for six months or more.

Insurer promises prompt payments

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee says he fears doctors and hospitals will be reluctant to take Medicaid patients because of uncertain funding.

"Medicaid providers are questioning whether to continue doing business with the state," said Sen. Chet Brooks, D-Pasadena.

"Whether these financial concerns are real or perceived, we stand to lose much of the progress we have made in encouraging participation in the Medicaid program," he said.

The insurance company that administers Texas Medicaid payments refused to make payments for services after July 25 because Department of Human Services funds ran out.

But National Heritage Insurance Co. promised at a Monday committee hearing that checks owed doctors and hospitals will be mailed promptly if state leaders make the money available.

The Legislative Budget Board on Aug. 24 is to consider a \$76 million fund transfer that DHS Commissioner Ron Lindsey said would cover the fund shortage for this fiscal year, which ends Aug.

31. The state, NHIC's only client, owes the insurance company \$117 million for August. Its premium for fiscal year 1990 is \$1.37 billion, with 1.2 million Medicaid clients.

NHIC spokesman John Cryslar said if the fund transfer is approved Aug. 24 — a Friday — changes to allow payments to be made would be put in place over the weekend.

Checks could be mailed to doctors and hospitals the last week of August, said Cryslar, who testified before the Senate committee. Cryslar is vice president of the state operations division for EDS Federal Corp., NHIC's parent company.

DHS also is predicting a deficit of \$314 million in state funds for fiscal year 1991.

Some senators said they were told in May that the welfare agency's fiscal year 1991 budget deficit would be \$178 million. The Legislature, which met in special session this year, approved an emergency funding measure for welfare services.

"I just still am having a hard time understanding" why the estimated shortfall for next fiscal year has increased to \$314 million, said Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Waco.

Lindsey said the agency was directed by lawmakers to maintain welfare services, and that it also spent money to ensure workers' caseloads would not increase.

He said there have been 16 changes in welfare eligibility in the past two years, and that the welfare caseload grew more than anticipated over that time period.

Kent County Fun Fest set this Saturday

The 1990 Kent County Fun Fest on the Town Square in Jayton will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with the ice cream freeze off.

The fifth annual Rolling Plains Arts and Crafts Show and Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, there will be a truckload fabric sale in the hallway of the courthouse.

The Dolly Parton Look-a-Like contest will be at 10:30 a.m. Frog races will follow at 11 a.m. and the Appliance Box Roll Game and the Dizzy Bat Run take place at 11:30 a.m.

Food booths will be set up around the square and the "Vic Macy" detectives will have solved the crime of who stole the Fun Fest account by picking up clues through the week at businesses in town. The winner will be awarded \$50,000 and the villain will be arrested by the local sheriff.

A dance, featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, will begin at 9 p.m. on the old tennis courts at Jayton School.

Slaton's Athenian Study Club sets annual bazaar

SLATON — The Athenian Study Club of Slaton is again sponsoring its 14th annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 10 at Slaton Junior High School.

Each booth will operate independently through a booth rental fee. Booth reservations and further information may be obtained by contacting Barbara Aycock, 806-828-6275 or 806-796-1365 after 6 p.m. Or write 3511 97th St., Lubbock, Tex. 79423 for more information.

Athlete Jim Thorpe died in 1953 in Lomita, Calif.



MICHAEL D. BRASHER

Brasher assigned to California base

Fireman recruit Michael D. Brasher graduated from basic training at RTC-San Diego last Friday. Following two weeks of leave in Snyder, he will be stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif., for disaster control training.

Brasher is a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David and Terri Herring of Snyder and the grandson of Lou Bales of Snyder Nursing Center.

Astrograph by Bernice Bede Osol



August 15, 1990

Ideas you conceive in the year ahead as to how to improve your material security will be feasible and have profitable potential. Be sure to put them to use.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're likely to be more astute in commercial and financial affairs today than for which you'll give yourself credit. Be mindful of the ideas of associates, but don't discount your own. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VINGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might have to be a bit firmer than usual today in situations where you are supervising the efforts of others. Be sure to praise the worthy, but don't be afraid to reprimand the slackers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Success in your endeavors is a strong possibility today because of your mode of operation. Before your competition realizes what's happened, you'll achieve your objectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A friend who puts great stock in your opinions may take you into confidence today. Fortunately, your pal will be putting trust in the right person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pay special heed to the sound business advice given to you recently by a successful friend. This person has sized things up rather well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your thinking is ambitious today and if you can match it with appropriate action, the results could be impressive. Merely thinking alone will net you nothing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might have to be a bit more assertive with an associate today than you hope would be necessary. It's important this individual understands you mean what you say.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partnership arrangements look promising for you today, provided your counterpart is productive. It's imperative you have someone who can match your own mettle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might have to make some difficult decisions today where your work is concerned that affect others as well as yourself. Fortunately, your reasoning powers are very astute.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If there is a serious subject you'd like to discuss with another today, try to conduct the exchange in convivial surroundings. It will make it easier for both parties to express themselves freely.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Managing complex developments is your strong suit today. If your major thrust is rectifying matters for others, your efforts will also produce benefits for you as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In serious deliberations involving both you and your mate today, don't tune out the other's opinions. Each can make constructive contributions of mutual benefit.

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The names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed in 1930 to Istanbul and Ankara.

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NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Scurry County Junior College District conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 8 percent over the effective tax rate on August 13, 1990, at 5:45 p.m.

The Scurry County Junior College District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate at a public meeting to be held on August 20, 1990, at 5:45 p.m. in the administration building on the campus of Western Texas College.

Berry's World



CHIROPRACTIC ARTS CENTER Announces

The Chiropractic Arts Center of Snyder bids a fond farewell to Dr. Leslie Butler and his wife Bekky. At the same time, we would like to welcome Dr. James Hanks and his wife Cynthia. Dr. Hanks pledges to continue the tradition of quality chiropractic care set forth by Dr. Butler.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.
Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
Canyon Gun Club; 3201 Ave. M; 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; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.)

WEDNESDAY

Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; noon.
Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Scurry County Penwomen; 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.
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

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Board Room; all members urged to attend; 10 a.m.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 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.
Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.
Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District; SCS office; 7 p.m.
Snyder Charter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 8 p.m.

Polar Day

All past and present Polar community residents are invited to "Polar Day" Sunday, Aug. 19, at Polar Barn.
Everyone is asked to bring a lunch to be eaten at noon.
For further information contact E.E. Ford at 573-6005.

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IRA REUNION — Ira High School Classes of 1954-56 recently gathered for a reunion. Pictured front row are Mabin Richardson, Leon Huddleston and Jim R. Brown. Second row are Donna Chapman Gray, Anita Echols, JoAnn Brooks Martinez and teachers Betty Burrow, C.J. Smith and Forrest Fox. Third row are Anna Marie

Clements Rhodes, Nan Cooper Lampson, Fora Turner Stephens, Don Smith, Carolyn Smith Cox, Dixie Lee Kimmel Burns, Mary Nell Mosley Young, Lawton Taylor, Joel T. Robertson, Franklin Bryant and C.D. Gray Jr. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

by James Jacoby

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2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		
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CHAPTER OFFICERS — Pictured are officers for Scurry Charter Chapter of ABWA. They are Carol Young, president; Jessie Scarborough, vice president; Leona Wiggins, secretary; Genetha Payne, treasurer. (Club Photo)

Club gives attendance pins

The Scurry County Charter Chapter of ABWA met at Martha Ann Woman's Club.
Barbara Williamson gave the invocation to 17 members and 2 guests, Sharon Appleton and Janet Brown.
Carol Young, president, presided over the business meeting.
In other business, perfect attendance pins were presented to Judy Bynum, one year; Maxie McNew, six years; Genetha Payne, six years; Inez Teaf, six years; Grace Bryant, seven years; Ruby Deavers, 12 years; and Barbara Scrivner, 11 years.
Inez Teaf was recognized as member of the month.
Judy Bynum, co-owner of Harley Bynum Photography, gave the vocation program. Bynum told the group that the business opened in 1979, and she has been working there full-time since 1983.
Sharon Appleton of Gentle Dove Ministries was the program speaker. She outlined the ministries' non-denominational work including the soup kitchen and its extensive prison inmate project.
Workers of the prison ministry write letters to inmates in 15 states and they now have an 800 number that the inmates can call.

Store features 'mail-order' brides

NEW YORK (AP) — J.C. Penney has given new meaning to mail-order brides.
Through its spring and fall bridal catalogs, it claims to sell more bridal gowns and attendants' dresses than any other retail or catalog source in the country.
The company offers 12 to 15 gowns and headpieces each season with coordinating dresses for honor attendant, bridesmaids, flower girl and ring bearer. Adult sizes range from petite size 3 to misses' size 20. Some styles are available for tall

women to size 20 and large women to size 24.
Apparel suitable for mothers and mothers-in-law is also available.
Retail prices range from \$130 to \$395 for bridal gowns and \$80 to \$110 for other dresses.
Fabric swatches and alterations are available, as well as fashion consultants trained to answer questions about size, color and style.
Orders are toll-free.

Scurry Library News and Views

FEATURE

JACK THE RIPPER, by Paul Begg. By concentrating on the complete facts of the case, Begg has produced a definitive book on Jack the Ripper. He offers the strongest evidence to date for a solution to the mystery of the killer's identity. He follows the events in chronological order, and makes extensive use of contemporary testimony. Thus the reader can assess for themselves whether he has solved the 100-year-old mystery.

NON-FICTION

"When You and Your Mother Can't Be Friends," by Victoria Secunda.
"The Air and Space Catalog: The Complete Sourcebook to Everything in the Universe."
"The World's Wide Shores."
"Great Vacations with Your Kids," by Dorothy Ann Jordan.

FICTION

"Cambio Bay," by Kate Wilhelm.
"Castleview," by Gene Wolfe.
"The Hanged Man in the Garden," by Marion Halligan.

Library Hours

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tuesday and Thursday.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States, died in Washington in 1969. He was 78.

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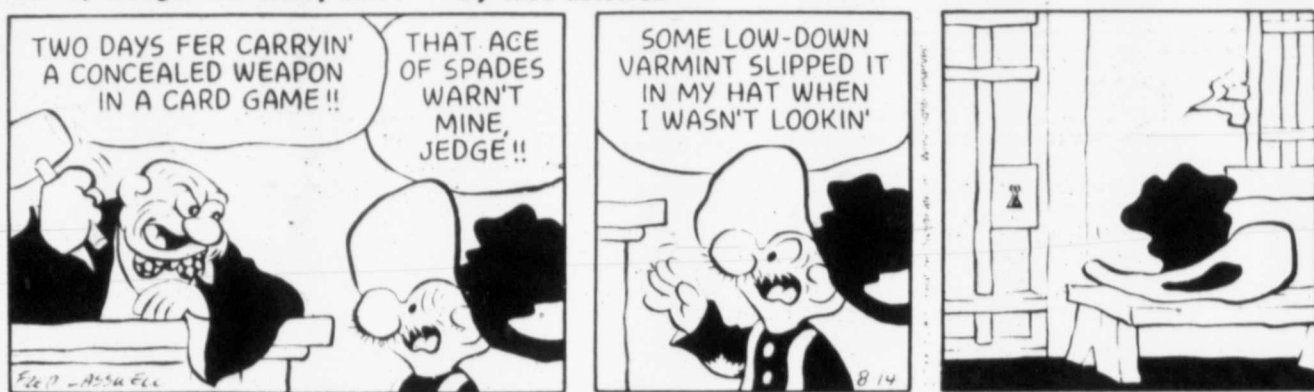
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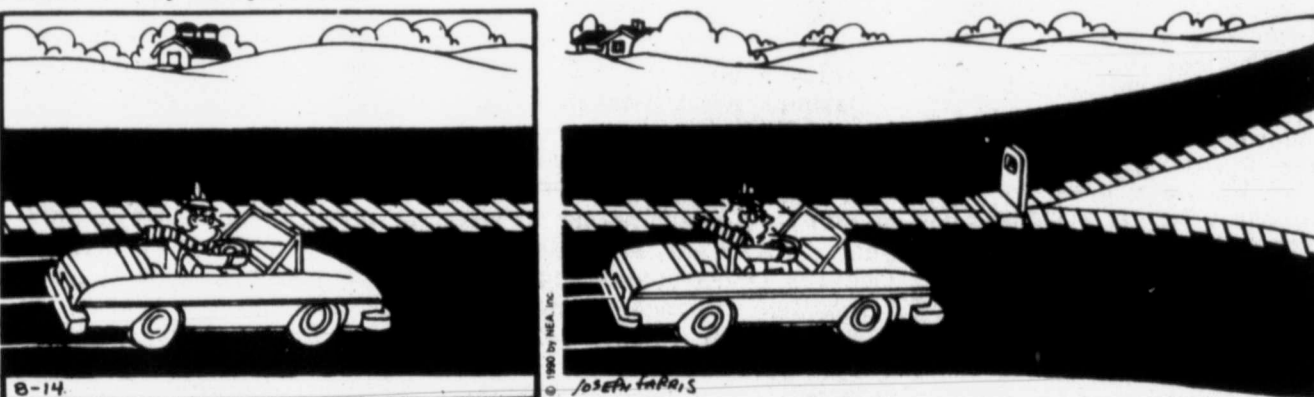
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ACROSS

- 1 Woman's jacket
- 5 Plant fiber
- 9 Sailor (sl.)
- 12 E pluribus
- 13 Fixed quantity
- 14 Actress Balin
- 15 Soapstone
- 16 New York City stadium
- 17 Gamble
- 18 Terrific
- 20 Slander
- 22 Pertaining to dawn
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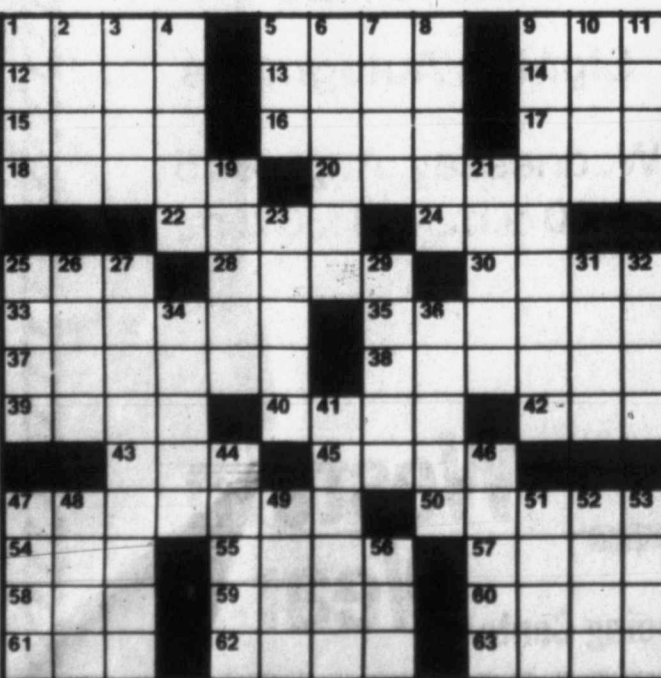
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- 38 shrub
- 39 Granular snow
- 40 Actress
- 42 Soak (flax)
- 43 Greek goddess
- 45 Pronounced
- 47 Submarine, e.g.
- 50 -
- 51 - cologne
- 54 Those in office
- 55 Part of the eye
- 57 Triplet
- 58 Tibetan gazelle
- 59 Decorative
- 60 Citrus fruit
- 61 Salt (pharm.)
- 62 Pay one's share
- 63 Merge

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 1 Sticks out
- 2 Two-toed sloth
- 3 Edible part of fruit
- 4 Ed Sullivan, e.g.
- 5 Roast beef au
- 6 Relinquish
- 7 Knots
- 8 Storehouse
- 9 Site of famous Rock
- 10 Singletons
- 11 Reduce
- 19 Awaken
- 21 Spritlike
- 23 Vertically
- 25 Fed. agent
- 26 Leak out
- 27 Act of crossing
- 29 Nebraska city
- 31 Author Gardner
- 32 Direction
- 34 Margarines
- 36 Little Orphan
- 41 Phase
- 44 Football coach Don
- 46 Piece of information
- 47 Toupees
- 48 Wild ox
- 49 Tennis player - Lendl
- 51 Incite
- 52 Aromatic herb
- 53 Novelist Bagnold
- 56 Yes



300 arrive home after leaving Saudi Arabia

HOUSTON (AP) — About 300 weary wives and children of oil workers are spending their first full day back in America today after flying here from their adopted Saudi homes.

They were concerned about their safety with the heightening tensions in the Middle East, where Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait Aug. 2 and began a massive military buildup along the Saudi Arabian border.

The group that arrived Monday evening on a 20-hour flight from Riyadh via Amsterdam included 8-year-old Nathan Gildersleeve, who said he left his father behind in Saudi Arabia "because I missed my mother."

"It's good to be home," said Linda Gunter of El Paso. "We just wish our husbands were with us."

Aramco Services Co., a petroleum services firm, arranged for the flight to return children home for the fall school term and to allow others concerned for their safety to come home.

"I was trying to get out and I didn't think I was going to get out in time," said Tracey Andrews, who is eight months pregnant.

She arrived with her two daughters, Sydney, 4, and Madeleine, 2. But her husband, a computer programmer, stayed

behind. "We just felt we were in the grip of this thing," said her mother, Carol McGregor, who waited for nearly five hours at the airport for her daughter's arrival. "We've been really anxious to see them come through that door. We've been anxious for their safety since this whole thing began."

The flight was one of several scheduled by Aramco for the coming days. More than 40 family members aboard Monday's flight left the plane at Amsterdam for adjoining flights to their homelands in Europe.

In Houston, Aramco workers hugged returning friends and shuffled the families through hordes of reporters to waiting buses and a trip to a nearby hotel for the night.

Nathan's mother, Britten Gildersleeve, held back tears and talked nervously with her two small children as she anxiously awaited the arrival of her 8-year-old son who had stayed in Saudi Arabia with his father while the others returned for a scheduled holiday.

"You worry from day to day," Mrs. Gildersleeve said after Nathan's safe arrival. "And we won't stop worrying until we can get Dad back."

"We're real worried about Dad, huh?" Her three children nodded.



OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS — Ann Stewart of Comfort browsed through one of the many booths available during Saturday's Trades Day. Stewart and her husband were traveling through town on

vacation and noticed the activity on the courthouse lawn and decided to check things out. "This is great. We are going home to Comfort and tell them to have one," Stewart said. (SDN Staff Photo)

Surgeons try new operation

NEW YORK (AP) — Surgeons have started using a new way to remove a gallbladder: They pull it out through a hole smaller than a dime.

Patients can leave the hospital in a day or less, and return to work much faster than after standard surgery, surgeons say.

The new technique also saves money and hurts less, they add.

Surgeons are scrambling to learn the procedure, and they may use it for a quarter of gallbladder removals by 1992 and 75 percent by 1994, Kenneth Abramowitz, a health care market analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., predicted.

"Right now, patients are flocking to the physicians" to get the new operation, said Nashville, Tenn., surgeon Douglas Olsen, a pioneer in the technique.

Gallbladder removal, used to treat gallstones, is one of the nation's most common surgical procedures, done more than 500,000 times a year.

The new procedure is called a laparoscopic or endoscopic cholecystectomy. As with a regular gallbladder removal, the patient is put under general anesthesia.

Standard surgery has then called for an incision of 4 to 6 inches in the abdomen, although recently some surgeons have reduced that to 2 or 3 inches, Olsen said.

The new procedure avoids any such incision. Instead, the surgeon makes two quarter-inch punctures and two half-inch punctures. One hole goes in or near the navel, one below the breastbone and two below the ribcage on the right side.

The surgeon slips surgical instruments into the body through sleeve-like tubes in the holes. One instrument contains a tiny video camera so the surgeon can watch his progress on a screen.

Using the instruments, the surgeon grasps the bag-like gallbladder, cuts it free with a laser or electric cauterizing device, and performs other follow-up procedures. Then he pulls the gallbladder out through the navel puncture.

Olsen said he usually concludes by putting a single stitch in the navel and a few absorbable stitches in the other puncture sites. Once the holes heal they resemble minor skin blemishes rather than a surgical scar, so women "can still wear their bikinis," Olsen said.

The surgery avoids the injury to muscle and associated tissues that comes from a standard incision, so recovery hurts less and proceeds faster.

Rather than spending five to eight days in the hospital, most patients go home in a day or less, said Olsen. He said he does it as an outpatient procedure; some surgeons hospitalize the patient overnight.

And rather than waiting four to six weeks to return to work, the average patient needs only five days to a week, Olsen said.

"I've had people go back to work the following day after their operation, and that's not unusual," said Olsen.

"Patients almost immediately feel their energy return" because the body need not spend energy on healing tissues from the standard surgical incision, said Minneapolis surgeon Leonard Schultz.

"This is a patient-led revolution in health care," Schultz said. Insurance companies "are now being deluged by patients saying, 'I want this operation.'"

For his patients, insurance companies that require pre-surgical authorization usually grant it for the new procedure, he said.

About half the nation's 74 independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans cover the procedure, although the national association has made no recommendation on coverage, a spokeswoman for the national association said.

Some other insurance companies cover the procedure, too, said spokesman Donald White of the Health Insurance Association of America. "It is in fact a widely accepted technology."

Schultz said the cost of hospitalization plus the surgeon fees may come to about \$7,000, or about \$1,000 less than for standard gallbladder removal. The faster return to work cuts disability payments, he said.

While people talk about high technology boosting health care costs, "here technology is helping to bring down costs," he said.

Who's in charge in the Gulf?

WASHINGTON (AP) — American soldiers are used to training with foreign troops, but fighting Iraq with the multinational force taking shape in Saudi Arabia would pose staggering problems in command and control, military experts say.

"The first problem to solve is communication — a combination of language and the technical means of passing messages," said Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, a retired former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and NATO naval commander.

A more sensitive question is how to assign control of forces, Moorer and others said Monday.

For reasons of national pride the Saudis will want at least nominal control over the U.S. and other foreign forces on their soil. But Pentagon planners say actual combat operations, if required, would be mainly under U.S. direction.

"It's probably the biggest problem we can see right now," said an Army strategist who discussed planning for Operation Desert Shield — the American deployment of warplanes and ground forces to Saudi Arabia — on condition he not be identified.

At least 50,000 U.S. troops have been committed to the Saudi operation, including Marines, Army air assault forces, paratroopers and infantry. They are part of a multinational effort to deter Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from invading Saudi Arabia, which is the United States' largest supplier of imported oil.

The lead elements of an Egyptian combat force, expected to total at least 4,000 men, arrived over the weekend at a Saudi air base near the Iraqi border. Morocco is expected to send roughly an equal number of ground forces this week; Syria is committing troops; and Pakistan voted Monday to send forces.

In the seas surrounding Saudi Arabia, a large U.S. naval armada is complemented by warships from Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and other nations.

For the Americans on Saudi soil, cultural barriers are a special concern.

The Islamic kingdom strongly disapproves of unmarried women and men associating with each other in public, and Islamic law prohibits the possession or use of alcohol. The kingdom also shares the Arab world's hostility toward Jews.

The Pentagon, however, is making "no special arrangements" for the women and Jews who have arrived in Saudi Arabia as part of the American force, said spokesman Capt. Sam Grizzle.

American forces have trained with foreign troops for decades. Most of the training has been with the West European and Canadian allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Over the past 10 years the Army also has held field exercises with various nations in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia.

Buffalo Mafia investigation relying on two informants

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Two Mafia "canaries" raised the FBI's hopes of bringing down Buffalo's mob bosses — until one informant stopped singing and the other didn't know the song law enforcement agents wanted to hear.

John C. Sacco Jr., a reputed top mob enforcer, allegedly returned

Director's ouster is advocated

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A former Miss Texas characterized the chairman of the Miss Texas pageant as a man who takes advantage of young, naive contestants and pressures them to perform actions against their wishes.

Jonna Fitzgerald, who was Miss Texas of 1985, told the Tyler Courier-Times on Monday that she decided to join other former Miss Texas contestants in speaking out against Don Magness of Fort Worth in the hope that the national committee will oust him.

She urged more pageant participants will come forward. Someone probably will have to be a martyr to create a big enough disturbance to bring about a change, Ms. Fitzgerald said.

She is a former resident of Flint, a town of 155 people about 10 miles south of Tyler.

In a Life Magazine story appearing this week, Magness said he asked Ms. Fitzgerald to model a swimsuit for him and kissed Michelle Royer, Miss Texas and Miss USA of 1987, because "some of these girls just need to be dirtied up a little."

"I was put in uncomfortable positions several times as Miss Texas and before. I shut my eyes to so many things," Ms. Fitzgerald said.

Pageant contestants comply with Magness' wishes because they are afraid they will lose the opportunity to fulfill lifelong dreams, she said.

"If I had told him what I thought of him at the time, I never would have been Miss Texas," she said. "There are many emotional scars as far as I'm concerned and as far as many contestants I know of are concerned."

Board members are aware of Magness' actions, but they have "turned their heads for many, many years," she said. Magness has been associated with the pageant for 29 years.

The Life Magazine story quoted Magness as saying his actions were "just kind of fun." He added: "You can be too clean and pure. Some of these girls just need to be dirtied up a little. It's just a continuance of their education."

Ms. Fitzgerald marveled that Magness made the comments.

"If he's that brazen with a national reporter, it only leaves to your imagination what he would say alone to a 17- or 18-year old girl," Ms. Fitzgerald said.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 20-year-old female and plan to be married soon. I've been with my fiancé for three years and used some type of contraception for the first two. It seems very peculiar to me that I haven't become pregnant this last year, since I haven't taken any precautions. I want children and need to know before my marriage if I might have any problems. Would the fact that I've been treated for gonorrhea four times play any role?

DEAR READER: Sexually transmitted diseases can affect fertility. Gonorrhea, a bacterial infection of the reproductive tract, is one of the most common. As a consequence of a severe gonorrheal infection (or multiple, treated episodes), the Fallopian tubes (which transport the ova from the ovaries to the uterus) may become blocked, effectively sealing the openings. This prevents sperm from reaching the ova.

You should see a gynecologist who can determine if your Fallopian tubes are open by performing certain tests — such as a salpingogram, a type of special X-ray examination. If one or both tubes are blocked, they may have to be opened surgically. The type and extent of surgery — and its potential success — are issues best left to the specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a problem with my skin. Even though I shower daily, I feel that I have a thousand insects crawling up my body. This dreadful feeling never goes away.

DEAR READER: The medical term for your symptom is "pruritis," an unpleasant itch that may or may not be associated with a rash. Pruritis can be caused by several diseases, including jaundice (yellowing of the skin due to liver malfunction) and uremia (kidney failure). When these conditions are treated, the itch is relieved.

In my experience, the most common cause of pruritis (without rash) is neurodermatitis, a poorly understood ailment caused by anxiety and nervousness.

I suggest you see a dermatologist who, after examination and testing, should be able to diagnose your condition and suggest treatment, in the form of lotions, pills or counseling.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Ever since I was a small child, I craved dirt and the lead in pencils. While I no longer crave dirt, I still chew the lead out of pencils regularly. Will the graphite harm me in any way? I realize this is a dirty habit, but since I go through a number of pencils, it's quite costly, besides.

DEAR READER: You describe "pica," the craving for unusual, inedible substances, including dirt, clay, laundry starch and so forth. Although pica may indicate iron deficiency, it is a habit usually associated with emotional maladaptation. Graphite (a form of mineralized carbon) will probably not harm you. However, eating pencils seems to me to be inappropriate behavior and, as you mentioned, is expensive.

I recommend you see a doctor to make sure you don't have a nutritional deficiency. If your physical health is good, you may wish to seek counseling to overcome your habit. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

Dear Abby



No Waiting Period Slowed Hinckley Handgun Purchase

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR READERS: Re my July 16 column in support of James Brady's gun control bill: As many readers pointed out, John Hinckley did not purchase the handgun he used against President Reagan and his press secretary, James Brady, on March 30, 1981. Hinckley purchased the gun five months earlier. However, had there been a waiting period in order to check Hinckley's record, he would not have been able to purchase that gun because he lied on the form about his address, and lying on a federal form is a felony.

In September 1980, three weapons were confiscated from Hinckley at the Nashville, Tenn., airport, but because Tennessee has a 15-day waiting period, Hinckley didn't try to buy replacement weapons in that state. Instead, he went to Texas where there is no waiting period or background check, and he was able to walk out with a gun.

James Brady's letter published in *The New York Times* inspired my column. He did not state that Hinckley purchased the gun the day of the shooting; it was my error for which I take full responsibility.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, a high school freshman, was recently invited to a 16th birthday party. The event was carefully planned — D.J., buffet, decorations, chaperones, etc. The RSVP invitations said 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

I drove my daughter and three other girls who asked for rides to the party, then later returned to pick them up. Only my daughter came out! The others had left two hours earlier with some older friends who drive!

It seems that quite a few of the guests decided the party was "boring," so they left in groups to crash another party. When they couldn't get in, they ended up doing other things around town. Some even returned to the first party. My daughter didn't take part in any of this because she knew I'd be furious. I'm glad to say that she also expressed concern for the girl who was giving the party.

I thought the kids who left showed an appalling lack of manners. What really shocked me was the attitude of the parents I discussed this with. They didn't take it too seriously. "This kind of thing is normal," I was told. "They're really good kids who don't take drugs, so everything is OK." One of the girls I had driven had

even called home to say she was leaving the party at 9:30 to go to a second party. Her mother thought it was commendable that she "stayed in touch." Please comment on this, Abby. I'm so frequently out of step with other parents that my daughter finds it hard to fit in.

OUT-OF-IT

DEAR OUT-OF-IT: You have put your finger on a problem that gives caring parents nightmares: minor children who are driven to a chaperoned party, then decide to go "somewhere else" without letting their parents know where they're going, with whom and who's driving.

You may be "out of step" with other parents, but you rate "Mother of the Year" in my book.

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago, you had a letter in your column from someone who asked, "Which is hardest, growing up as the youngest in the family, the oldest or the middle child?"

I am the baby of the family, and my mother always used to read that article to me and my two older brothers.

If you can find it among your columns, would you please run it again? My wedding is coming up soon, and I would like to frame it and give it to my mother. Thank you.

DANA W., LAKE WORTH, FLA.

DEAR DANA: It wasn't hard to find, and here it is:

If you ask the eldest, he'll say, "It's hardest to be the firstborn because you're expected to set a good example for the younger ones. And if a fight breaks out, you get blamed because you're the oldest and should know better."

Ask the middle child, and he'll say, "Being the middle child is the hardest because you get none of the advantages of being the youngest or the oldest."

Ask the youngest child, and he'll tell you that being the youngest is hardest because "your parents try to keep you 'a baby' as long as possible, and you have to wear all the hand-me-downs."

Most teen-agers do not know the facts about drugs, AIDS and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy. It's all in Abby's new, updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill.

Lawyer fined and given jail term for anti-Semitic remark

HOUSTON (AP) — A lawyer who threatened to burn a cross on a Jewish judge's lawn has been sentenced to six months in jail and ordered to pay a \$1,500 fine.

The court action may lead to his disbarment, said Jack Love, before he was led to jail Monday. "The trouble is, we have 17,000 lawyers in Houston now," Love said.

State District Judge Michael McSpadden assessed the maximum punishment for contempt and refused to allow Love to go free on bond during his appeal.

Defense lawyer Ed Wheeler said he would go to Austin today to ask the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to set a bond.

McSpadden described Love's behavior as "inexcusable and reprehensible" and his remarks

Museum will receive grant

Rep. David Counts, D-Knox County, announced recently that the Scurry County Museum will receive a grant in the amount of \$990 from the Texas Historical Commission.

Counts said, "This grant will enable the museum to better serve the local population as well as attract visitors to Scurry County and the surrounding area."

"The Scurry County museum should be applauded for making application for this grant. Funds appropriated specifically for this museum grants program are enabling all sizes of museums in Texas to become more responsible, more professional, and more attractive to their local visitors as well as tourists."

about County Court-at-Law Judge Sherman Ross as "obscene, hateful and filthy."

The judge also said he will ask a grievance committee of the State Bar of Texas to look into Love's behavior. If Love is not permanently disbarred, McSpadden said, "then our profession is without standards of conduct."

Court personnel testified that Love became impatient June 21 when he had to wait to confer with the chief prosecutor about a client's trial date.

Love left without notice to handle cases in several other courts and did not return until shortly after noon, they said.

By then, docket call had been completed and Ross was having lunch in chambers.

Prosecutors and Love's client were also gone, testified court coordinator Cindy Bernd, since she had advised them to come back the next day.

Bernd and clerk Raymond Sanchez testified that Love became infuriated. Sanchez said Love remarked that he didn't understand why a judge making \$90,000 a year had to leave court early.

"He went on to note that, 'That little Jew is not going to get away with this,'" Sanchez said. "He went on to say that there was a time when Jews were not allowed to serve on the bench."

"That little Jew is going to get it. I will burn a cross on his lawn tonight," Sanchez quoted Love as saying.

Love did not testify, and Wheeler called no witnesses. He argued that Love's remarks, however offensive, were protected by the First Amendment guarantee of free speech.

Homeless test Santa Monica's patience

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — A backlash against the homeless has hit progressive Santa Monica, a city so tolerant it serves street people free meals on the City Hall lawn.

Grumbling over the city's benevolence toward the homeless erupted into a revolt after a vagrant with a pair of scissors mugged an 89-year-old woman in a grocery store in March.

Although the man was convicted and sentenced to 14 years in prison, community activists in this city of 96,500 launched a campaign to oust City Attorney Robert Myers, blaming his policy against prosecuting nonviolent

homelessness-related crimes. "It's an outrage," said activist Leslie Dutton. "These policies have encouraged the criminal element to stay in our community. People are prisoners in their apartments. They're even afraid to go shopping."

Residents complain families and the old people can't go to the parks. Businesses worry about tourism. Some say the city should toughen up on the homeless.

"We fund over \$2 million in social service programs for the homeless," said Councilwoman Christine Reed, a member of the council's conservative minority. "The bums and the aggressive

vagrants are people who are coming here to live this lifestyle by choice. We are making it too comfortable for them."

Santa Monica, jokingly called Soviet Monica, has been known over the years for rent control, limousine liberals and compassion for everyone but landlords and developers.

When the homeless population grew in the 1980s, the city responded with food, referral programs and other services. Every afternoon, as many as 300 homeless people eat free meals outside City Hall.

Meanwhile, Myers chose not to prosecute nonviolent crimes such as public drunkenness and camping in parks. Instead, he referred such arrests to social workers. "Jail does nothing to solve homelessness," Myers said. "When someone is released from jail, they're still homeless, they're still on the street."

The homeless population here, as in other cities, has risen — some say because Santa Monica has made itself so inviting. The parks have become havens for the homeless who sleep under the palm trees, drink cheap booze from paper bags, beg for change and defecate on the grass.

Crime also is on the rise, with a large percentage of rapes and robberies blamed on vagrants.

In 1985, 6 percent of rapes were by transients, compared with 42 percent in 1989 and 46 percent for the first five months of this year.



BRIAN W. SPENCER

Spencer graduates basic training

Airman Brian W. Spencer has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

He was a basic training honor graduate.

Spencer is the stepson of Danny L. Chaney and the son of Nita G. Chaney of Snyder.

He graduated from Snyder High School in 1988.

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