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Ask Us

Q—What is a balloon payment?

A—A balloon payment is usually the final payment on a loan. It is usually substantially larger than previous payments, which is why it is called a balloon payment.



In Brief

Hunger strike

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — An Army flight surgeon who has been on a hunger strike to protest U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf said his scheduled deployment to Saudi Arabia today was delayed by an airplane's mechanical failure.

Capt. David Wiggins, stationed at Fort Hood, said he was told about 8:30 a.m. CST today that the deployment was delayed because the transport plane "broke down in New York." The deployment tentatively was scheduled for later today, he said.

Wiggins stopped eating on Nov. 30 after the Army and a judge rejected his application for conscientious objector status.

Local

Best Christmas

Snyder High School drama department will stage an hour-long Christmas presentation, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," at Worsam Auditorium this evening and Tuesday.

The presentation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. both days. Tickets are \$2 at the door.

The play, which is put on by beginning drama students, is a "heart warming comedy, entertaining for all ages."

Alzheimer

The Alzheimer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Trinity United Methodist Church parlor. Martha Knowles, medical eligibility worker with the Department of Human Services, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 573-8626.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 52 degrees; low, 36 degrees; 81 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 56 degrees; low, 38 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 55 degrees; 60 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for December, 1.41 inches; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 30.45 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear and colder. Low in the mid 20s. North wind 10 to 20 mph. Tuesday, sunny and mild. High in the upper 50s. West wind 15 to 20 mph and gusty. A lake wind advisory may be required.



PLAQUE PRESENTED — Tom Hochwalt was presented a plaque of appreciation by Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary during a tea last week at the hospital. Hochwalt will be leaving the hospital's

CEO position at the end of this month. Also pictured are his wife, Becky, and auxiliary member Dora White. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush hopes for peace talks but holds firm on deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he still hopes for talks with Iraq on resolving the Persian Gulf crisis, but said Iraqi forces must be out of Kuwait by Jan. 15 "and that means entirely."

In remarks to reporters after introducing two new Cabinet nominees, Bush said he was disturbed by Saddam Hussein's weekend comments that there should be a holy war if necessary to permit Iraq to keep Kuwait.

Iraq's invasion of that oil-rich country on Aug. 2 touched off an international crisis, and led to a United Nations deadline of January 15 for Iraq to leave Kuwait. The U.N. resolution permits the use of force if Iraq has not withdrawn its forces.

Bush said he has heard from many people who say Saddam may believe the United States is bluffing, despite the deployment of up to 400,000 troops into the Middle East.

"A lot of people who think they understand him don't feel that he believes we are serious. They don't feel that he thinks we will use force."

"Some tell me, as recently as yesterday... that he feels that Saddam Hussein simply does not understand the debate in this country. He thinks it means our country is divided and we can't go forward... and he's just as wrong as he can be."

His demeanor seemed muted this morning and Bush said in response to an inquiry that he was "calmer" than last Friday when he lambasted Saddam for rejecting U.S. proposals for a date to meet with Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

Bush's comments came after several days of international

jockeying over dates for direct talks between American and Iraqi diplomats. Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz had been due in Washington today to meet with the president. But that visit was put off when the two sides could not agree on a date for Baker's visit to Baghdad.

"I hope these talks will take place," he said. But he repeatedly sidestepped questions on what

he would do if there were no talks and if Iraq did not comply with the withdrawal deadline.

Bush accused Saddam on Friday of refusing to see Baker until too close to the Jan. 15 deadline set by the United Nations for a withdrawal from Kuwait. He repeated his accusation today, saying again that the United States had offered Saddam 15 separate dates for Baker's trip.

To Persian Gulf...

85,000 pounds of mail sent daily from Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The sudden deployment of 250,000 Americans in the Persian Gulf is presenting an interesting challenge to the U.S. Postal Service.

From Dallas alone, 85,000 pounds of packages are mailed daily to the troops.

To help with the deluge of mail addressed to soldiers participating in Operation Desert Shield, a special facility costing \$100,000 a week has been set up in Dallas.

Persian Gulf-bound packages from the southern half of the nation are processed here, one of six separate facilities set up for mail to American troops in the Middle East.

From Dallas they are trucked to Tinker Air Force base near Oklahoma City and then flown to the Middle East.

Other processing centers are in Washington, D.C.; Chicago, New York City, San Francisco and Jersey City, N.J.

According to Art Shealy, spokesman for the Postal Service, unlike the Vietnam War, the military buildup occurred almost overnight. For post office workers it was like setting up an address the size of San Diego in the blink of an eye.

"We're not strangers to having mail dumped on our docks," Shealy said. "But I can't think of any time in our history when we've had this influx of mail over such a short period of time."

But Shealy says there's no need to worry. With the buildup comes a unique challenge for the beleaguered agency to show what its made of, especially as Christmas nears.

Most of the 120 workers who staff the leased warehouse are temporary hires. But their efforts will enable the postal service to process the usual Christmas rush efficiently, Shealy said.

Dulaney opposes melding auditor, treasurer offices

District Judge Gene Dulaney today voiced strong opposition to a proposal to combine portions of the auditor's office with the county treasurer's office.

The objection was logged during this morning's meeting of the Scurry County commissioner's court.

The agenda item had come on the heels of a recent announce-

ment last Tuesday that the 132nd District Court judge would not re-appoint county auditor Linda Franklin. The next day, Dulaney announced the appointment of Eddie McHaney, effective Jan. 1.

The commissioners court, concerned about the expense of training new personnel, sought an attorney general's opinion and placed the consolidation item on today's agenda for discussion.

County Judge Bobby Goodwin said the law says that the treasurer should prepare the payroll. Goodwin and Treasurer Rita Staton said some counties place all check writing, both payroll and accounts payable, in the treasurer's office, leaving the auditor time for actual internal auditing. Goodwin said two previous AG opinions support such a change.

Jerry Vestal, a member of the Mason, Warner and Co. accounting firm that conducts the county's outside audit, said the heart of internal control are well-trained, qualified people.

Vestal said the statutory caps placed on the salary of the auditor's office makes experience factor important. "Changing personnel in the auditor's office every two years is a problem that was addressed in the Cooper and Lybrand's audit," Vestal said placing those accounting functions would give four years instead of two.

Dulaney said he was opposed to

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Tuesday marks deadline for lighting contest

Entries to the annual Jaycees Christmas Lighting Contest must be turned in by Tuesday. There is no entry fee for the contest, which is limited to outdoor residential decorations.

First and second place gift certificates will be given for lighting theme, and general lighting. First place awards are \$50 gift certificates, donated by Haney's Jewelry and Cox's Jewelry. The two second place awards are gift certificates donated by Friendly Flower Shop and Travis Flowers.

Judging will be held Dec. 20.

Entry forms, or an entry letter listing name, address, phone number and type of entry (theme or lighting), should be sent to Sylvia Engle, project chairman, P.O. Box 851 in Snyder. Residents may also enter by calling Danny Engle at 573-6389.

Daniel Unit notes several promotions

Four promotions to sergeant have been announced by Les Woods, warden at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Price Daniel Unit here.

Promoted to sergeant were Fernando Sevier, Jerry Elliott, Paul Morales and Billy Ransburger.

A native of San Angelo, Sevier has been with the department for five years, and he has been assigned to the Snyder unit since it opened last year. He previously worked at the Ellis I unit in Huntsville.

After graduating from Central High School and attending Angelo State University for two years, Sevier served in the Air Force for eight years. He is single and is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Sgt. Elliott has been with the department for 3½ years. He moved to Snyder when the Daniel unit opened after having worked at the Coffield and Michael units at Tennessee Colony in Anderson County. He and his wife, Christine, have an eight-week-old son, Casey.

Sgt. Morales also came to Snyder when the Daniel unit opened. A native of Jayton, he was in the first correctional officer class at Western Texas College. Prior to his assignment in Snyder, Morales worked at the Ramsey III unit at Rosharon.

Morales is single and attended college at Angelo State University and at WTC.

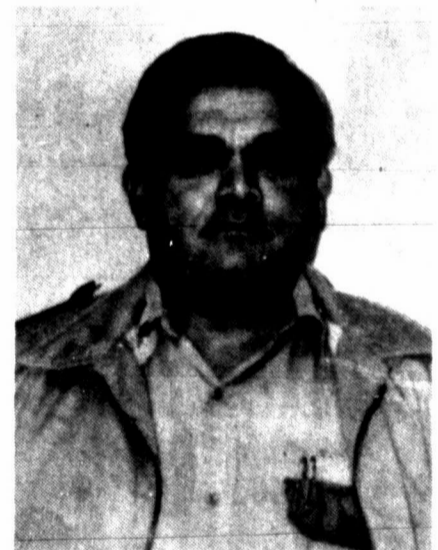
In promotions and assignments made earlier, Mike Levens was named head of the unit's necessities department and Robin Smauley was named warehouse supervisor.

Also announced were substance abuse counselors John Bruneau and Frank Holtz.

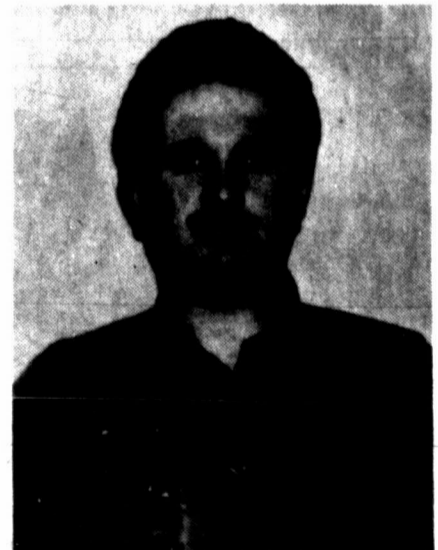
Woods had also announced that Orlando Perez was promoted to major and assigned as the third ranking officer at the Snyder unit. Perez is the unit's only major, serving under Wardens Woods and Charlie Streetman.

Also, the warden had announced that Eddie Wheeler was promoted to lieutenant, Leonard

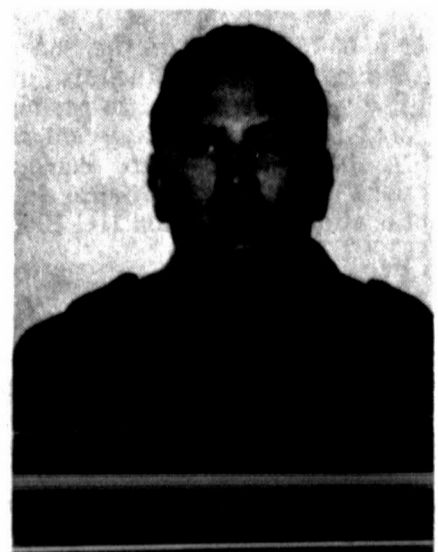
Dodgen was named internal affairs lieutenant and Marie Boone was named personnel lieutenant.



FERNANDO SEVIER



JERRY ELLIOTT



PAUL MORALES

Class, breed winners named from Snyder FFA stock show

Walter Wright, Jennifer Trevey and Kristi McGuire were top winners in the Snyder Future Farmers of America stock show, held Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum ag annex.

Wright, whose entries won both the light weight and heavy weight class steers, took Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.

Miss McGuire won Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in the Lamb show. Her entries also won top honors in the medium wool light weight and heavy weight classes.

Miss Trevey's entry into the heavy weight OPB class of hogs

won Grand Champion of the show. She picked up breed champion honors as well.

Showmanship honors went to Shawna Stipe, hogs; Barbara Beck, lambs; and Terry Leatherwood, steers.

Robert Kimmel took home top place in the commercial steers division.

Other awards in the lamb show went to Alicia Kubena for her entry in the fine wool class, and to Barbara Beck, for her entry in the fine wool cross division.

Among the breed and class winners in the hog show:

—Chea Norwood won breed champion honors and Jennifer

Latham took reserve among Hampshires. Norwood's entry won for the heavy weight class; Latham's for light weight.

—Miss Stipe took home breed champion among Durocs while Tommy Henderson was reserve champion. They placed 1-2 in the heavy weight division. Jennifer Latham topped the light weight class.

—Miss Trevey won OPB breed champion while Miss Stipe took in reserve honors. Miss Trevey won the heavy weight class and Miss Stipe placed first in the light weight class.

—Reagan Key and Robyn Key

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Alleged health scam shocks victims

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Ronald Gilmore got a shock when he returned home after his heart transplant operation.

Like thousands of other victims of a \$21 million fraud scheme, Gilmore learned his health insurance policy was worthless and couldn't cover the cost of the \$200,000 procedure.

The hospital has been pretty good through it all. They haven't pushed me for the money. But this whole thing's been pretty bad," said the 49-year-old retired brewery worker from Robbins.

A federal grand jury last week charged six officers of a Charlotte company with bilking

Gilmore and more than 1,350 other families and individuals out of their insurance benefits and pocketing \$21 million.

CAP Programs Inc. and several associated businesses never paid millions in medical claims for workers at 120 small businesses, the indictment charged.

To Gilmore, the first hints of trouble came when he was recovering at Duke University Medical Center after receiving his new heart in October 1989. His coverage was provided by his wife's employer, a small textile company.

"The bills started coming in right away. I called them (CAP) and they kept giving me the runaround," he said. "Finally, it came out that they just weren't going to pay."

All the while, prosecutors say, the defendants were living the high life, using the premiums to buy lavish homes, beachfront condominiums and luxury cars.

"I'd like to see them serve a long hard time in prison," said Gilmore, who retired from Stroh's Brewery in Winston-Salem after a heart attack in 1981. "I'd like to see them spend their time making little rocks out

of big rocks."

Gilmore has been unable to get health insurance now because of his medical condition.

"They took advantage of people who had no reason to suspect a thing," he said, explaining that CAP had paid \$14,000 in bills when he had an earlier hernia operation.

Federal officials said that was typical of a "Ponzi" scheme, a fraud in which money taken in initially by swindlers is used to make early payouts and lure in more money.

Julian De La Rosa, inspector general of the U.S. Labor Department, said the health insurance scheme was one of about three dozen now under investigation. He estimated the victims of such frauds numbered in the tens of thousands.

"What is especially frightening is that we all can be victimized by this type of criminal enterprise

because each of us has a very fundamental need for a health insurance policy that will assure us and our families that we can afford the health care we may need," he said.

The indictment said CAP told customers their medical bills would be covered by the Travelers Insurance Co. But Travelers was responsible only for processing claims.

In an agreement with North Carolina officials, Travelers has paid some medical claims. The company also is suing CAP.

The 120 companies that used CAP are in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

The issue of such health insurance scams was the subject of hearings last spring in the Senate. Lawmakers heard numerous tales like that of Gilmore.

Astro-graph

By Bernice-Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Dec. 18, 1990

The year ahead could be a lucrative one for you where your monetary affairs are concerned. There are indications you may get involved in several profitable enterprises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be able to do well for yourself today materially, but the results won't be due to luck alone. If you generate a profit, it'll be because you'll use your abilities to get what you want. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Instead of waiting for things to happen today, take active measures to head them in the direction you desire. Once you gain a little momentum, you should be able to roll over your opposition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Don't suffer in silence today if you're stymied by something you can't handle alone. You have several friends who'll do all they can to make things easier for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you find yourself involved with negative people today, don't let them put limitations on your thinking. What you can envision, you can accomplish, even if they can't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be a trifle slow in getting your important plans formulated to your satisfaction today, but once you decide upon a course of action, the results should be impressive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you might find yourself in an unusual position where it will be necessary for you to make a critical decision for someone who isn't present. Fortunately, your judgment is good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The rewards from two endeavors in which you're presently involved will be predicated upon the contribution you make. It behooves you to do your very best.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Conditions in general are rather favorable for you today, but your greatest benefits are likely to come from a partnership arrangement in which your cohort is more active than you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you are rather cozy socially might be in a position to pull a few strings for you today regarding a matter that could be meaningful to you in a material way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Greater progress in an important involvement can be made at this time if you reorganize your procedures in ways that will make them more effective. Start improving methods today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be quite lucky today in being able to finalize three matters you have left hanging. Each is of significance to you financially.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Much of importance can be accomplished today if you use your imagination and initiative. Don't wait on others, even in partnership arrangements.

NOVEMBER (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You could be quite lucky today in being able to finalize three matters you have left hanging. Each is of significance to you financially.

DECEMBER (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be quite lucky today in being able to finalize three matters you have left hanging. Each is of significance to you financially.

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Vandals topple 20-foot Santa

DALLAS (AP) — The vandals who toppled the 20-foot tall Santa Claus a Dallas company has displayed for the past 10 Christmas seasons left behind a "pitiful" scene.

They left Santa face down in the mud outside Marshal Moody Display. The vandalism was discovered Sunday.

"That's like taking a Bible from a motel room," Mickey

Moriarity Sr., operator of the display firm, "It's pitiful."

"Somebody just unscrewed the turnuckle," Moriarity said. "We've had some vandalism before but not like this."

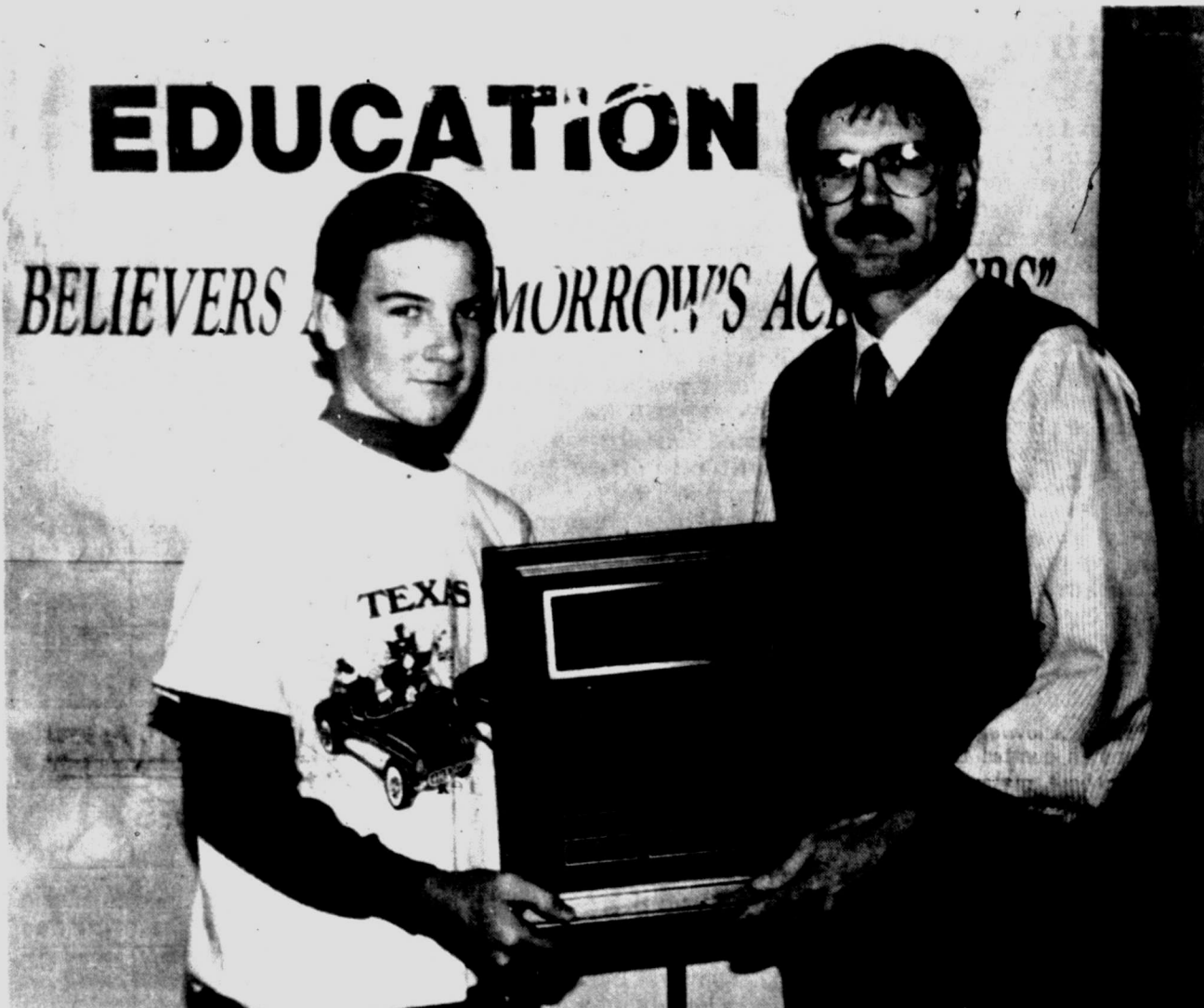
Moriarity said the company, which sells retail display materials and decorations, uses the bigger-than-life Santa to advertise to drivers on the highway

"It's kind of a trademark out here," he added.

Moriarity said he was not certain how much damage Santa Claus, valued at \$5,000, had suffered.

But the company will put Santa back on his feet.

"We'll try to set it back up," Moriarity said. "It's so late, maybe not this year but next."



EXCELLENCE AWARDED — Nathan Zalman, eighth grader at Snyder Junior high School, recently received the Council for Educational Ex-

cellence Award, presented by Gary Patterson, principal. (SDN Staff Photo)

Indians, whites join together for concert

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — aimed at bringing Indians and whites closer together.

Boonie Raitt, Jackson Browne and Kris Kristofferson held a Sunday's Concert for Reconciliation stemmed from Gov.

George Mickelson's declaration of 1990 as Year of Reconciliation between whites and Indians. Between 150 and 400 Indian men, women and children were killed Dec. 29, 1890, by cavalry gunfire at Wounded Knee.

"We're here to raise funds and consciousness for the Lakota people," said Raitt, a Grammy-winning blues singer and guitarist. She referred to the name by which the Sioux Indians call themselves.

An Indian group performed a welcome song with traditional drums and chants to start the event.

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MEDICAIDE & MEDICARE WELCOME



Scurry County
Deminex U.S. Oil Company has completed the No. 59-51 Ira unit in the Sharon Ridge field, three miles south of Ira. The well produced 41 barrels of 29.2 gravity oil and 69 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,720-770 feet, and location is in Section 102, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Deminex has completed the No. 54-08 Ira unit in the Sharon Ridge field, 1.5 miles south of Ira. The venture produced seven barrels of 29.2 gravity oil and 33 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,720-774 feet, and location is in Section 115, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Deminex has completed the

No. 33-15 Ira unit in the Sharon Ridge field, 1.2 miles south of Ira. The well was finaled to produce six barrels of 29.2 gravity oil and 143 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,786-826 feet. Location is in Section 116, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County
EP Operating Company has completed the No. 1 Canon-Whitley in the Jo-Mill field, 10.5 miles southwest of Gail. The well produced 154 barrels of 39.1 gravity oil and 317 barrels of water.

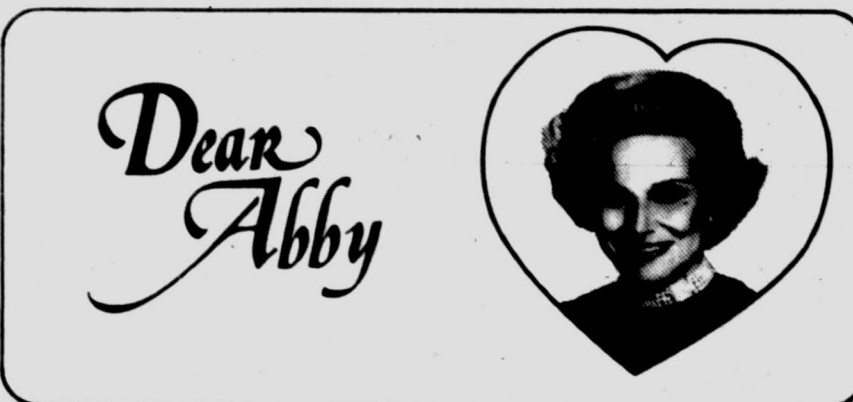
Gas-oil ratio was 1,299-1 with perforations from 7,150-175 feet.

Location is in Section 24, Block 33, T5N, T&P survey.

Garza County
J.M. Huber Corporation has completed the No. 93-2 Post estate in the MWH field, six miles northeast of Post. The well produced 196 barrels of 37 gravity oil and two barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 204-1 with perforations from 8,277-300 feet. Location is in Section 93, Block 5, FH&H survey.

The first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published in 1828.



No Happy Ending for Accused In Children's Stories of Abuse

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Some months ago, you published a letter from "Anonymous, Please" regarding her 4-year-old child's experience with child molestation. She said she had taught her daughter about her private parts at age 4, and "within five months she was molested."

That letter was not the first you have published on the "horror stories" of child molestation. I have been waiting for some letter giving balance to the near hysteria that is gripping our society on the subject.

As a lawyer who has handled many cases involving children who were said to have been sexually abused, may I share the following observations:

Children do lie. They don't call it lying — they call it "making up stories." And with encouragement from a parent and "professionals," these children will eventually believe their own stories. On the basis of an accusation alone, the accused parent may be denied access to his child for months — or even years.

For years children have been sexually abused by neighbors, baby sitters, trusted friends and relatives. Teaching them to scream, kick, hit and run will not protect them. The best protection is to watch your children closely and keep the lines of communication open.

I was in court recently on a child molestation case. The judge stated that more than 80 percent of such cases that had come before him had been frivolous — the accusation has been made for the purpose of gaining an advantage in other actions. I have every reason to believe that what the judge said was true.

One prospective divorce client said to me, "My husband is a sexual deviate — a pervert — and I want you to see to it that he has no unsupervised contact with our children!"

When I pressed her for an example of her husband's perverted sexual behavior, she replied, "He hides Playboy magazines in his underwear drawer."

A WOMAN LAWYER FROM MISSOURI

DEAR LAWYER: Thank you for an excellent letter to illustrate the other side of the story.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter on behalf of my father who died last week of lung cancer. He was very smart about so many things, but he wasn't smart enough to quit smoking before it killed him.

I want you to know that my father loved you and your column for as long as you've been writing it. I used to tell him that I always read Dear Abby last because I wanted to save the best for the last, then he'd say, "I can't wait that long. I read her first."

My father loved The Houston Post and he taught his children to love it, too. Anyway, Abby, I just want you to know that you brought a lot of joy into the life of a wonderful man whose name was Charles Elton. We buried him with his beloved newspaper — your section being on top. He would have wanted it that way. With love ...

ERICA ELTON NEHLS, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS

DEAR ERICA: My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of a loving father. Thank you for giving me permission (on the telephone) to publish your name. You said you "knew" your father would have loved seeing your letter in The Houston Post. Who knows? Perhaps he can.

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064. (Postage is included.)

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna 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.
Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 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 (open); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626 or 573-9410.

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.
Adult Children of Alcoholics; Park Club in Winston Park; 6:30 p.m.; For more information call 573-8885 or 573-9410.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444 or Mae Cole at 573-8628.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 573-3308 or 573-5867.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

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 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tea; Cogdell Hospital; 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
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FRIDAY

Storytime; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.; 4 and 5-year olds.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Overeaters Anonymous; 1:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park; For more information, call 573-8322, 573-7705 or 573-9839.
Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Al-Anon; Park Club at Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 573-3657 or 573-3956.
Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9410. (Last Friday of the month is open birthday meeting).

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; 2:00 p.m.; Park Club at Winston Park. For more information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.
People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-8626 or 573-9410.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

American Airlines to buy TWA routes

DALLAS (AP) — American Airlines gained a gateway to London by agreeing to pay \$445 million for six of Trans World Airlines' seven U.S. routes there. The seventh route, not included in the deal, is being negotiated separately, American spokesman Al Becker said Sunday.

At the same time, TWA Chairman Carl Icahn renewed his effort to acquire Pan American World Airways, which agreed last month to sell its London routes to United Airlines for \$400 million.

If the route sales are approved by the federal government, Pan Am and TWA, which built their reputations through overseas travel, will no longer fly to London; United and American, the strongest U.S. carriers, will compete.

The routes TWA is selling are between London's Heathrow and Gatwick airports and six U.S. cities: New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Icahn said TWA has lost money on the London routes for two years.

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8-year-old won't cut his hair...

Standoff continues at Bastrop school

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — Zachariah Toungate's refusal to get a haircut, and the 8-year-old's banishment to his own private classroom, has turned him into a national celebrity.

For more than 2½ months, Zach has been kept apart from his third grade classmates while at school, and taught in a small room by order of school officials, who say his 7-inch ponytail violates the dress code.

The plight of Zach and his ponytail has appeared nationally, in print, on television and on radio.

A Denver radio station heard in 38 states has encouraged listeners to write the school in a "Free Zach" campaign, and KOA talk show host George Weber has promised to attend a school board meeting Tuesday to lobby for Zach's release.

He has also received cards and letters from supporters across the country.

A first-grade class in Albany, N.Y. wrote Zach a letter, saying, "We feel you should have your hair anyway you want it. It's not fair that you should be locked in a room by yourself."

But the standoff continues. Every school day, Zach gets off

the bus and says goodbye to his friends before entering the 11-by-13-foot room dubbed "an alternative education setting" by school officials.

He eats by himself, plays by himself, and, for \$35 a day, is provided a substitute teacher. He has no physical education or music classes.

School officials say Zach's grades haven't suffered because he is receiving individual instruction and is not distracted easily.

But the isolation is wearing on him, his mother said.

"He's still in the room. It's getting real hard on him now," his mother, September Toungate, said. "He's real frustrated, but he says, 'I want to keep my tail.'"

Two weeks ago, about 15 students from the University of Texas at Austin protested in front of the elementary school and submitted a petition with about 1,000 signatures in support of Zach.

But Bastrop school superintendent Paul Flemming said Friday that Zach will be separated from his classmates indefinitely.

"The question is not hair. The question is, are you going to allow a student to willfully violate a

rule," Flemming said.

He said most of the criticism of the school comes from out-of-state. He said his office has received 228 letters from outside Texas and all but 10 supported Zach.

From inside Texas, he said the mail is running about half in favor of Zach and half in favor of school officials.

But in Bastrop, he said, "I have not had one citizen come up to me personally and say, 'We are opposed to the rule.' I have had numerous people say, 'We think

you're right.'"

The issue of Zach's hair also is the subject of a lawsuit by the Toungates. The lawsuit claims the school's hair policy discriminates because it doesn't apply to females.

A state district court judge has denied a temporary injunction that would have allowed Zach back into class. On Tuesday, that court has scheduled a hearing in which the school district attorneys seek to have the entire case dismissed.

Foreign students fill void on U.S. campuses

HOUSTON (AP) — A growing number of foreign students attending U.S. graduate programs are helping American colleges keep their doors open. But observers say the trend could be hazardous to the nation's technological community.

"The U.S. technological lead is disappearing, and I can't help but think this will show up in the economic situation in the next few years," said Graham Glass, director of graduate studies at Rice University in Houston.

Glass, a British native, said when he emigrated to the United States 27 years ago, the United States had superior technological training.

"If you wanted some electronic apparatus, you could only get it in one place: the United States," he said, adding that is no longer true.

The National Science Foundation reports about 40 percent of U.S. engineering graduate students are from other countries. And about 50 percent of all doctorates awarded in engineering each year go to foreigners.

At Rice, 30.3 percent of the graduate students are from foreign countries and 25 of the 30 graduate students in civil engineering are foreign. Over the last decade, Rice has seen a 50 percent jump in the number of foreign graduate students.

At The University of Texas-Austin, where foreign students make up 23.2 percent of the

graduate student body, 205 of 355 civil engineering graduate students are non-American.

"They're really saving our bacon," said Michael Carroll, dean of engineering at Rice. "If they weren't here we would have huge shortages."

But the National Science Foundation predicts a shortage of 700,000 engineers in the United States by 2010, as the foreign graduates return to their homelands to continue their research and discoveries.

Educators say the problem is twofold: the foreign students are the best their countries have to offer the scientific research community while their American counterparts are being lured away from studies to work at chemical companies, law firms and investment banking houses.

"What we're seeing is the top percentage of their people who are getting advanced degrees here," said Jane Dunham, international adviser at Rice, adding the largest portion of the foreigners now come from India and southeast Asia.

Mike Scott of Houston was the only National League pitcher to win 20 games in 1989.

Bridge By James Jacoby

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 Dealer: South

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*Both major suits, weak hand

Opening lead: ♠ A

sel the opportunity to score a coup in the World Open Pairs in September.

After ruffing the opening lead in dummy and playing one high trump, declarer Sussel correctly analyzed that West was short in clubs and was 5-5 in the majors. So declarer cashed dummy's heart ace and then played on high spades from dummy. When the last high spade was led, East shed a diamond. (If he had ruffed, South would have overruffed, played a club to dummy's jack, ruffed the last low spade and drawn the remaining trump.) Declarer now discarded the good king of hearts, ruffed the low remaining spade and cashed the K-Q of diamonds. A club to the jack left the lead in dummy with declarer holding Q-9 of clubs over East's 10-7.

Without the diamond ace lead, a careful declarer might still make the grand slam. Knowing from the weak two-diamond cue-bid that West held length in both majors, South would have a chance to hit upon the right line of play. Sorry — there's not enough room today to explore all the possibilities. But in several of the play scenarios, it would be impossible for West to keep both the ace of diamonds and the Q-x-x-x of hearts.

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. © 1990, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Coup as in beaucoup

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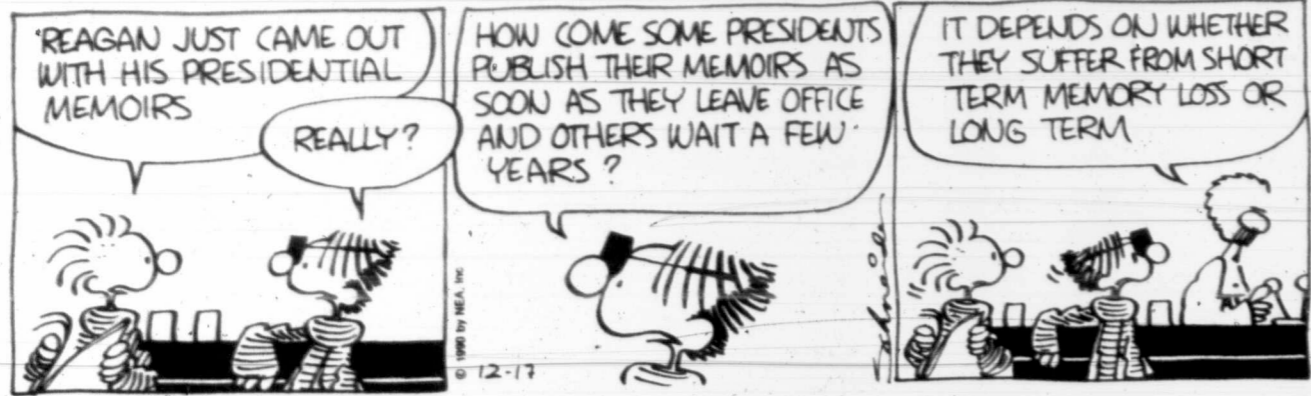
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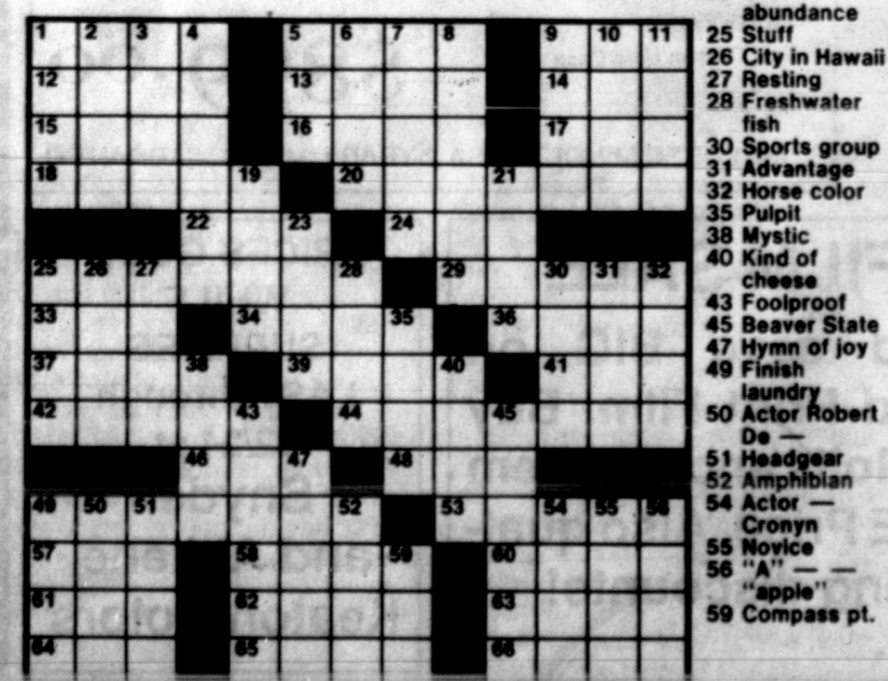
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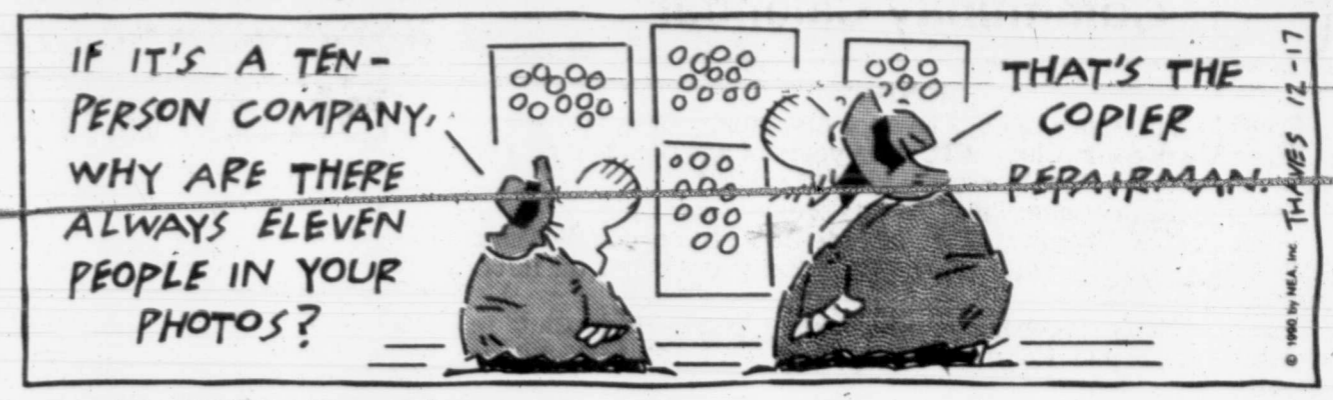


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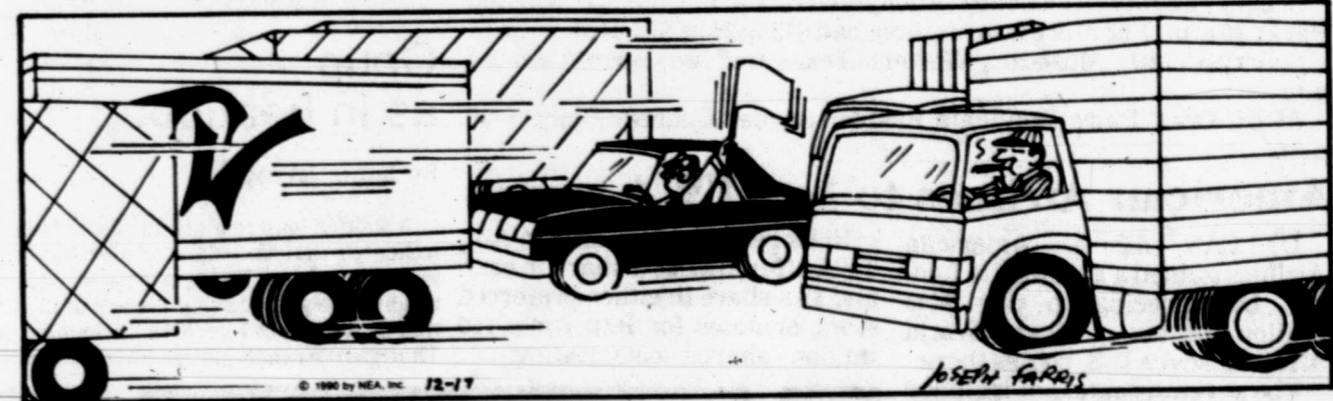
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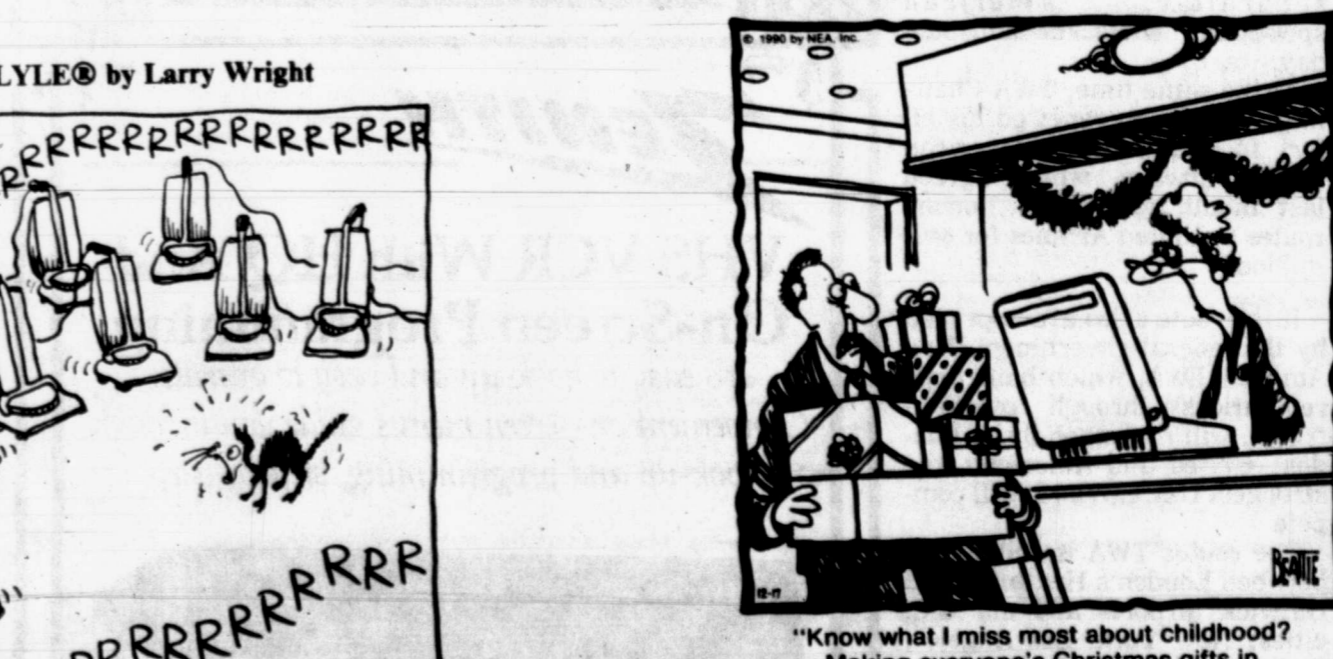
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Study questions whether Iraq used chemical weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — A military study says the United States had no conclusive evidence when it accused Iraq of using chemical weapons against its Kurdish minority in September 1988.

The report, written by three analysts at the U.S. Army War College before Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2, also says that "contrary to general belief, Iraq's rulers enjoy significant popular support."

The study examines Iraq's performance in the Iran-Iraq war that ended in July 1988.

"Claims that they (Iraq) won simply by using massive amounts of chemical weapons cannot be substantiated," concludes the study titled "Iraqi

Power and U.S. Security in the Middle East."

Leif Rosenberger, one of the authors, said in a telephone interview from Carlisle, Pa., that the writers concluded that Iraq's win over Iran "was pretty much an armor victory."

Although both Iraq and Iran used chemical weapons during their eight-year war, Iraq's chemical superiority "was overstated, we thought," Rosenberger said. Iraq used chemical weapons as a defensive measure against Iranian "human wave" attacks, the study said.

"The fundamental point to keep in mind, we feel, is that Iraq won the war with Iran because of its greater sacrifice," said the study.

U.S. officials have repeatedly cited Baghdad's possession of chemical weapons as the reason for taming Iraqi President Saddam Hussein even if he were to leave Kuwait.

"Imagine his (Saddam's) ability to blackmail his neighbors, should he possess a nuclear device," President Bush said at a news conference earlier this month. "We've seen him use chemical weapons on his own people."

The war college report, which was declassified and released to the public in the summer, raises questions about whether Saddam used chemical weapons against the Kurdish minority in Iraq in fall 1988.

"Having looked at all of the evidence that was available to us, we find it impossible to confirm the State Department's claim that gas was used in this instance," the authors said.

"To begin with, there were never any victims produced. International relief organizations who examined the Kurds... failed to discover any," the report said. It said the claims rest solely on testimony of the Kurds, who have long sought autonomy from Iraq.

"Conclusive evidence on the attack was never produced," the study said.

Johnson said the authors did not visit Iraq or interview Kurds to reach their interpretation.

Meeting highlights divergent positions

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A weekend conference of the African National Congress highlighted divisions between moderates eager to hold talks with the government and hard-liners who want first to force more concessions.

The nation's largest black opposition group ended its first public conference in 30 years with a 40,000-strong rally Sunday.

The overall consensus during the three-day meeting was to maintain ANC support for international trade sanctions and to urge protests and other pressure to ensure that President F.W. de Klerk indeed dismantles apartheid.

The European Community on Saturday lifted its ban on new investment in South Africa, the first major crack in the wall of sanctions the ANC has worked hard to build.

"While opposition to apartheid remains, European governments have decided that the best way to end it is by supporting de Klerk's initiatives rather than the ANC's hard line," said Business Day, the country's leading financial daily.

De Klerk wants to open negotiations early next year with the ANC and other opposition groups on a new constitution that will allow the 5 million whites and 30 million blacks to share power.

"The overwhelming majority of our people, and the delegates here, support negotiations between the ANC and the government," said ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, considered a moderate.

But Joe Slovo, who also heads the South African Communist Party and is considered a hard-liner in the ANC, said: "It seems to be the clear view of the conference that in order to get negotiations proper going, much, much more has to get done" by the white-led government.

The rally in Soweto, the huge township outside Johannesburg, marked the official homecoming of ANC President Oliver Tambo, who returned last week from 30 years in exile to attend the conference.

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Dr. Gott
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Army probes fatal helicopter crash

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would appreciate knowing more about neuromas that occur in the feet.

DEAR READER: A neuroma is a growth, made up of nerve cells and nerve fibers, that forms on a nerve. It is benign and can affect any nerve, especially the acoustic nerve (in the ear) or nerves in the feet (Morton's neuroma). No one knows what causes neuromas to appear; however, they often grow at the sites of previous nerve injury.

As neuromas enlarge, they exert pressure on the nerves, with resulting malfunction. For instance, acoustic neuromas lead to deafness, headache, disturbances in balance, facial numbness and tinnitus (ringing in the ears). On the other hand, Morton's neuromas cause pain, numbness and tingling in the affected toes.

Neuromas can occur anywhere there are nerves: the skin, the ear, muscles and so forth; they are diagnosed by the various neurological symptoms they produce. Depending on the location of the growths, medical therapy — such as cortisone injections — may relieve symptoms for weeks. In cases that don't respond to this therapy — or where the neuroma cannot be injected (such as the ear) — surgery is necessary to remove the growth and allow the nerve to recover.

As a general rule, Morton's neuroma responds to cortisone injections and orthotic appliances worn in the shoes. Surgery is rarely necessary and when needed, is almost always successful. A podiatrist or orthopedic surgeon can advise you.

DEAR DR. GOTT: As a registered pharmacist in Pennsylvania, I feel you have mistakenly advised your readers on the use of Actifed as an antihistamine that does not affect blood pressure. It is a combination over-the-counter medication that contains both an antihistamine (triprolidine) and a decongestant (pseudoephedrine) and can raise blood pressure and stimulate heart rate.

DEAR READER: I appreciate your comments. In my experience, however, Actifed rarely, if ever, worsens hypertension because it is such a mild medicine. Therefore, I recommend it to my patients with high blood pressure, if they need a decongestant, because it seems safer than similar other over-the-counter or prescription drugs. As always, I'll add the crucial caveat: Patients should not take any medicine, no matter how common it is or how "harmless," without first obtaining approval from their physicians.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips On Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

Mayor turns 80

NEW YORK (AP) — Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem celebrated his 80th birthday a few months early by sticking his fingers into a 6-foot-long cake shaped like the ancient holy city he has run since 1965.

He licked the frosting off and cut the cake Sunday after receiving an honorary doctorate in philosophy from Yeshiva University, America's oldest Jewish-run university.

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CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) — An Army safety team today is continuing to sift through the rubble of a helicopter crash that killed three members of the Missouri National Guard.

"There are still people they need to talk with and things they need to look at," said Maj. Mike Milner, Army spokesman for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "I'm not sure how long a process it could take."

Reporters and photographers got their first look at the site Sunday. Journalists trudged through thick underbrush about 500 yards behind the Tarkington Volunteer Fire Department in a hazy

rainstorm to see debris spread over a 50-yard area.

The site was closed on Saturday while investigators from the U.S. Army Safety Center in Fort Rucker, Ala., made their preliminary observations of the area.

The UH-1 "Huey" helicopter slammed into the heavily wooded area some six miles north of Cleveland late Friday, killing all three crew members.

The crew was part of a 12-helicopter convoy from Fort Leonard Wood traveling to Ellington Field in Houston. The helicopters, which traveled in groups of four with three-

member crews, were to be shipped through the Port of Houston to Saudi Arabia for deployment in Operation Desert Shield.

Killed in the crash were 1st Lt. Peter J. Rose, 26, of Lincoln, Neb., the pilot; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Carol L. McKinney, 36, of Leslie, Mo., the co-pilot; and Staff Sgt. Dallas R. Cooper, 35, of Russellville, Mo., the crew chief, Milner said.

All three were members of the 1267th Medical Company, a National Guard unit based near Jefferson City, Mo., which includes a Nebraska Army National Guard detachment.

Nolen Everitt, chief of the

Tarkington Volunteer Fire Department, said the crash occurred about 9:45 p.m. Friday, sparking a flurry of calls from local residents in the unincorporated town some 45 miles north of Houston.

"A lot of people heard it and felt it," Everitt said Sunday. "We had calls coming in for hours."

Fred Richard owns the property near a catfish farm where the crash occurred. Richard heard the helicopter fly over his house and went outside in time to see the aircraft drop out of a bank of fog.

"He was having engine problems, it was cutting out on

him," Richard said. "I thought he was going to land on my house."

Everitt said a team of up to 200 neighbors, military personnel, law enforcement officials and other volunteers immediately began searching the area for survivors. The four-hour search was conducted on foot, on horseback and in all-terrain vehicles, but heavy fog and thick brush hampered efforts until 4 a.m. Saturday.

The helicopters had left Fort Leonard Wood about 9 a.m. Friday to begin the six-and-a-half-hour trip, which included three refueling stops.

Friends recall dead guard soldiers

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Tears and fatigue showed on the faces of four soldiers in the operations room of the Missouri National Guard's helicopter flight facility in Jefferson City.

They had been at the center since before midnight Friday, helping pass information along the radios and phone lines of the military's communication web.

And they were recalling memories of friends killed early Saturday when their helicopter crashed in fog north of Houston.

The three were flying a UH-1 "Huey" utility helicopter from Fort Leonard Wood to Houston. The helicopters are to be ferried to Saudi Arabia to be part of

Operation Desert Shield.

Killed in the crash were: Chief Warrant Officer Carol L. McKinney, 36, the co-pilot. McKinney lived in Leslie, Mo., and was a native of St. Louis.

Staff Sgt. Dallas Ray Cooper, 35, from Russellville, Mo. He was the crew chief, and a full-time mechanic with the National Guard at the Missouri National Guard Army Aviation Support Facility in Jefferson City.

First Lt. Pete Rose, 26, from Lincoln, Neb., the pilot. Rose joined the 1267th when it was formed about two months ago. It was made up from units in Missouri and Nebraska.

Three years ago, Cooper was

crew chief to Warrant Officer George James.

"Dallas kept everything ship shape. Dallas really ..." James said, blinking back tears.

He recalled a meal with Cooper. "Dallas kept talking about what he needed to do to the helicopter. Even in his off-duty time, he was always concerned about the helicopter," James said.

Soldiers described Cooper as a thin man of few words who had a sharp, often sarcastic, wit. He often wore a cowboy hat with the brim pulled down in front and back. And he loved tinkering with engines.

Cooper is survived by his wife

and two children.

James said he had been impressed by the way Rose had "fit right in" even though he was new in Missouri. "We were fortunate to have someone like Pete," James said.

Specialist Jay Luebbert, who is in charge of flight operations at the facility, said McKinney always earned outstanding grades in her training missions.

She was "easy to get along with, dedicated and an aggressive, professional pilot," Luebbert said.

McKinney worked for Southwestern Bell in St. Louis for 10 years. She joined the Army in 1983, "to learn to fly

whirlybirds," said her mother, Erma McKinney.

"She loved to fly," McKinney said. "She liked being up there in the sky."

McKinney left the Army last year and went back into the National Guard, her mother said.

James is the facility's safety officer. "We train for flying in fog, and even fly into clouds," he said. "The training is there, but I suppose some little something can go wrong, in spite of years and years of experience."

"You train to avoid and handle an emergency, but you can't train for everything," said Lt. Col. Michael Schuster, commander of the support facility.

Conscientious objectors seek to avoid combat

by The Associated Press

When Eric Hayes joined the Marine Reserves four years ago he thought it was the macho thing to do. Now he's in the brig for refusing to join his anti-tank unit when it was called up for Operation Desert Shield.

The lance corporal didn't report because he filed for discharge as a conscientious objector, one of a number of reservists and military personnel to take that step since the Persian Gulf crisis began in August.

"If you would have caught me in 1986 right after boot camp, I'd have probably been in Saudi Arabia right now," Hayes, 24,

said in an interview hours before his arrest early Thursday at Southern Illinois University.

But Hayes, a psychology student from St. Louis, said he now believes "there are really no just wars." He said he tried, and failed, to get a transfer to a unit that wouldn't be involved in combat.

Members of the military who decide they oppose war can seek an honorable discharge as a conscientious objector or a transfer to non-combatant duties. The process can take up to three months, and applicants must comply with active-duty or transfer orders in the meantime.

"Conscientious objection is not

having vague feelings about war because everyone has vague feelings that war is a terrible thing,"

said Robert A. Seeley, executive director of the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors in Philadelphia.

"Being a conscientious objector is much more focused. ... You have a strong feeling that not only is war a terrible thing but you can't take part in it."

The Pentagon says the number of CO applications hasn't changed much since the troop buildup

in the Middle East. The Army had 77 applications through November this year, said Pentagon spokesman Maj. Doug Hart. In 1989, there were 74 applications and 22 soldiers were discharged.

"There do appear to be a few more but nothing that would make me believe that vast throngs are heading for the legal office to file for conscientious objector status," Hart said. "It's not a bigger problem. It's got the spotlight on it now."

However, groups that counsel CO applicants insist there has been an increase based on the applications they've handled and the queries they've fielded.

"A lot of people think that sounds naive," he said. "But it's very easy in a post-Vietnam context to think, 'Well we'll never do anything like that again.' It doesn't come home to you until you're really up against it sometimes."

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Government ok'd Connally's loan despite debt

DALLAS (AP) — John Connally's ability to complete a \$600,000 deal for a plush Houston condominium raises questions for Congress and the federal agencies supervising the cleanup of the savings and loan industry, a report says.

Although the Dallas Times Herald reported Sunday in a copyright story that the former Texas governor has done nothing illegal, Connally's ability to secure the mortgage two years after seeking protection in bankruptcy court was challenged.

The 1989 savings and loan bailout law blocks individuals

directly involved in the thrift industry's collapse from benefiting from the \$500 billion bailout.

But problem borrowers such as Connally have not been addressed as to whether they should be restricted in future relationships with federally insured or assisted financial institutions.

"I don't know of any specific regulation on the government's part that can deny the sale of a particular asset or financing to an individual because of recent losses due to other financial institutions," said David Barr, a spokesman for the FDIC.

"Can you discriminate against an individual legally ... because

he filed for bankruptcy and that bankruptcy has a potential of causing losses to institutions that have failed? We may be getting down to a moral question.

The Times Herald reported Connally's real estate ventures left taxpayers with at least \$65 million in bad loans from now-failed savings and loans.

Since Sept. 26, 1989, Connally and his wife, Nellie, have occupied the one-bedroom, 3,076-square-foot condominium on the 24th floor of the Huntingdon, an exclusive 34-floor high-rise.

"I would say it's probably one of the nicest condominiums and the most luxurious high-rises,

without a doubt," said Cheri Broussard, vice president and sales director for Howell Properties, the real estate firm that sold Connally the condominium.

In May 1989, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. approved the sale of the condominium for \$750,000 and First Gibraltar Bank's proposed \$600,000 jumbo mortgage to Connally, who put \$150,000 down, the newspaper reported.

The move came despite the government's status as the largest unsecured creditor in Connally's bankruptcy proceeding.

Thrifts and banks that lent

Connally money and subsequently required taxpayer-financed bailouts account for nearly half of \$166.7 million in unpaid debts.

The FDIC was involved with the condominium purchase because the government has guaranteed against losses on the Huntingdon under the terms of the First Gibraltar sale agreement.

The government continues underwriting potential future losses on the condominium in hopes of saving money, according to an FDIC official.

Jim Weaver, and FDIC regional manager, said Connally's interest rate is higher

than the subsidy the government must pay First Gibraltar on its money-losing assets.

The arrangement benefits the government as long as Connally makes his monthly mortgage payments, Weaver said, adding that he is unaware of any delinquency.

Lori Hildreth, at North American Mortgage in Houston, said the monthly payment should be \$5,452.20, based on a 10 percent rate.

The company routinely handles jumbo loans. Ms. Hildreth estimated Connally would need a monthly income of about \$22,000 to qualify for the loan.

Camps for famine victims discouraged

EL-OBEID, Sudan (AP) — Like thousands of others suffering the effects of a worsening drought and threatened by famine, Awadalla Bakheit and his family straggled across western Sudan seeking help.

Yet, like other refugees streaming into this regional capital, they may merely be given some food and money and shipped back to the countryside.

The government is trying to discourage a large permanent camp in el-Obeid, which is proving to be an uphill battle.

"I walked four days to reach here. We're just waiting for the will of God and what the government will decide," said 35-year-old Bakheit at the Rukub camp for displaced persons 10 miles north of the city.

Weary-looking men, women and children cluster under the few trees, seeking shade. Tents are not provided, a tactic by the military government to prevent settlement.

Across Sudan, Africa's largest

nation, two consecutive years of drought conditions have led to fears a serious famine may loom.

In the Kordofan region of which el-Obeid is the capital, nearly a third of the 3.5 million inhabitants have been affected.

Authorities in el-Obeid, about 200 miles southwest of Khartoum, have declared the region a disaster area, but the central government refuses to officially acknowledge the crisis.

Famine has struck most of the country, affecting up to 7 million

of its 25 million people, and much worse is expected within six months. Relief professionals say a million tons of food are needed to avert disaster.

The United States and other Western donors have condemned the government for refusing to acknowledge that an emergency exists, thus preventing the international relief operation needed to head off mass starvation.

Ahmed Omer, deputy director of the Rukub camp, said 9,000 people recently arrived from the

nearby countryside.

"We will supply them with a month's food and pocket money," he said.

They are then sent packing in trucks, either back home or to areas where they can find work.

Omer said turning people away from the camp was part of the policy of Lt. Gen. Omar Hassan el-Bashir's government not to encourage large settlements.

In 1984-85, thousands died in Sudanese camps from lack of adequate food and medicine.

judge, has fixed dozens of traffic tickets for police, their friends and relatives.

Matias, briefing attorney for San Antonio Municipal Court Judge Albert Pena, serves as one of the city's administrators of its traffic ticket system.

Pena says he gave Matias authority to handle the disposition of the tickets.

Candidate wanted on speeding warrants

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio attorney and key figure in a police ticket-fixing scheme is wanted for outstanding speeding tickets, the Texas Department of Public Safety says.


State troopers ticketed Edwin "Eddie" Matias for speeding July 4 in Fayette County. Matias never paid the ticket and failed to appear for his July 16 court date, according to DPS records.

Matias was fined \$102 for driving 77 mph in a 65-mph speed zone and \$152.50 for failing to appear for court. Two warrants were issued for his arrest and bonds totaling \$400 were set.

DPS officials say the warrants are outstanding and can be served anywhere in Texas.

The San Antonio Light has reported that Matias, the leading candidate for a municipal court

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NATO chief: Europe ready to fight in Gulf

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner today emphasized the European allies' willingness to go to war with Iraq if peaceful efforts to resolve the Persian Gulf crisis fail.

"The brutal aggression and violation of international law committed by Saddam Hussein ... will not be allowed to stand," the NATO chief said in a speech opening a two-day foreign ministers meeting.

"The solidarity of all allies and their determination to implement in full the (U.N.) Security Council resolutions against Iraq remain firm," he said.

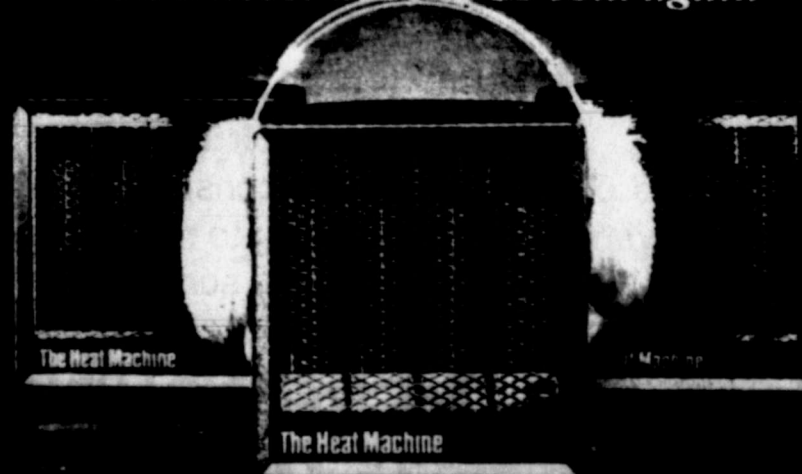
Secretary of State James A. Baker III, flying to Brussels for the meeting, told reporters Sunday night that he still hopes to speak with Saddam to settle the crisis.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz was to have met with President Bush in Washington today, but the meeting was scuttled by a disagreement over when Baker would hold the subsequent meeting with Saddam.

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