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Ask Us

Q—Will the post office be open the day before Christmas?

A—Yes, but for the morning only. The post office will close at noon on Monday, Dec. 24.

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In Brief

Hair battle

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — School district lawyers will ask a state court judge today to dismiss a lawsuit that sought to end the banishment of an eight-year-old third grader who has refused to cut his 7½-inch ponytail to conform with the school's dress code.

Zachariah Toungate has refused for almost three months to get his 7½-inch ponytail hairdo changed to conform with the school's rules.

Recount set

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — A West Texas county commissioner's race finally may be decided Wednesday, a month and a half after the general election.

The race involves the Howard County Precinct 4 seat.

Republican Robert Crenshaw, who lives outside Big Spring, appeared to have beaten Democrat Bobby Cathey of Coahoma by 51 votes when votes from the Nov. 6 election were counted.

Local

BCD meeting

Snyder Board of County Development members will convene at noon Wednesday at Snyder Country Club for their monthly meeting.

Mini reunion

Snyder High School Class of 1970 will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at Spanish Inn for a mini-reunion.

All former students and teachers are invited to attend.

Best Christmas

The second performance of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in Worsham Auditorium on the high school campus.

Tickets for the hour-long comedy are \$2 at the door.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 61 degrees; low, 37 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 37 degrees; total precipitation for December, 1.41 inches; total precipitation for 1990 to date, 30.45 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low in the upper 30s. West wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Wednesday, sunny and windy. High near 70. West wind 20 to 30 mph and gusty. Lake wind advisory will be required.



RESOLUTION PRESENTED — State Rep. David Counts presents Roy Baze and his wife Geleska with a copy of the resolution passed by the state legislature honoring Baze for his contributions to the Snyder community. The presentation was made during a chamber board meeting Monday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Civic leader honored at chamber reception

State Rep. David Counts on Monday presented Roy Baze with a resolution passed by the state legislature, honoring the local civic leader for his accomplishments and service to the community. The presentation was made during the December meeting of the chamber of commerce.

"You are an inspiration to me," Counts told Baze as he handed him a copy of the resolution that was passed during the fifth special session of the legislature.

Baze was honored earlier this year as Volunteer Industrial Developer of the Year by the Texas Industrial Development

Council. Also during the chamber meeting, new directors to the chamber board were recognized. They are Betty House, Nelda Huddleston, Jerry Baird and Bobby Beard. They replace outgoing board members Gary Landes, Harry Krenek, Bill Davies and Billy Huddleston.

In other chamber business, the board heard a financial report from Susan Neves and a report from president-elect Eddie Williams that plans are underway for the chamber's annual banquet.

The meeting then adjourned to a reception honoring the outgoing and new directors.

Tensions mounting...

Iraqi reservists called up

by The Associated Press
Secretary of State James A. Baker III said today he would not object if European leaders hold talks with Iraq on the Persian Gulf crisis. NATO has pledged to shun any bid by Saddam Hussein for a partial pullout from Kuwait. Thousands of Iraqi reservists reported to army units today on call-up orders from their rulers for all able-bodied 33-year-old reservists.

Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council said "many heads will roll and many thrones will fall," if war breaks out in the gulf.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz had planned talks this week with Foreign Minister Gianni De Michelis of Italy, the European Community chairman. European leaders put the meeting on hold after talks that had been scheduled for Monday between Aziz and President Bush were canceled. But Baker said today he had no problem with a European meeting with Aziz, and the EC was considering the matter today.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry today criticized the EC's earlier refusal to hold talks, accusing the Europeans of trying to "appease" the United States.

Baker, speaking at a news conference after a two-day meeting of foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Belgium, said: "We support ... any diplomatic efforts that might result in a peaceful solution."

"The one thing we do discourage," he said, "are discordant messages, mixed messages or mixed signals."

The Bush-Aziz talks on Monday were scrubbed over differences on the timing of a subsequent trip to Baghdad by Baker.

Saddam has sought to hold the

meeting Jan. 12, which Bush says is too late. Bush has said Saddam's intransigence on the issue signals his lack of willingness to leave Kuwait as the coalition lined up against him insists.

NATO foreign ministers meeting with Baker issued a declaration Monday saying the Persian Gulf crisis can only be settled peacefully by a "complete Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait."

Baker said he thinks Saddam might announce a partial pullout just before the Jan. 15 deadline after which the United Nations has authorized the use of force to drive Iraq from Kuwait.

"We need to anticipate Saddam's possible moves, be prepared for a partial withdrawal ploy and coordinate closely our responses," Baker said.



SHS DRAMA PRESENTS YULE PLAY — "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson was presented by Snyder High School drama students of Jerry Worsham, in the Jerry Worsham Auditorium last evening. The comedy with a serious message will be done again this evening at 7:30 p.m. Performers shown from left, on front row, are Kiron Kemp, Stacie Wright, Jason Bynum; middle row, Todd Goodlett, Jodie Fitzgerald, Cindy Potts, Sara McDonald, Delana Whitson; and top row, Damon Kennedy, Mindy Miller. (SDN Staff Photo)

School board accepts audit

Snyder public schools board of trustees accepted the 1989-90 audit in an afternoon meeting Monday.

The audit report had originally been scheduled to be presented during the board's December meeting last Thursday, but was postponed in order to give trustees a chance to study the document.

Jerry Vestal of Mason, Warner & Company presented the auditor's report, which reflected studies of the school district's financial figures, internal controls and compliance with laws and regulations.

The audit showed that Snyder ISD had a fund balance of \$3,813,392 as of Aug. 31, 1990.

Auditor's figures showed that SISD had budgeted \$12,636,780 for the 1989-90 year but actual (see AUDIT, page 8)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "We humans are a strange species. We spend lots of time making money so we can spend lots of money killing time."

Joe Sentell takes seriously his job as president of the Snyder Rotary Club.

He recently announced that an important meeting of the club's board of directors would be held at his brother's law office on the south side of the square.

At the appointed time, directors started showing up at the office of Marvin Sentell. It was almost perfect attendance — everybody except Joe, the guy who called the meeting.

Municipal Court Judge Tommie Mills hears just about everything during his court sessions.

Recently, an elderly man appeared in his court because of a violation. Mills actually doubted the wisdom of the man continuing to drive.

The man carefully explained that he didn't venture many blocks from his home. He explained that he only went to the grocery store in a nearby shopping center, to church just a few blocks away—and oh yes, to the Dairy Queen.

He told the judge, "I especially like to drive to the Dairy Queen, 'cause they have those cement blocks that keep you from running into the building."

Another attorney, Dan Cotton, told about receiving a telephone call one night.

The young lady on the other end realized she had the wrong number, but she was resourceful.

"I'm at the movie. I called for my mom to come and get me, but I just used my last quarter. Will you please call my mom and give her the message."

It seems like that may just be another advantage of living in a small town.

Insurance increase promised if lawsuit knocks out new law

AUSTIN (AP) — The president of the Texas AFL-CIO blasted the State Board of Insurance for saying it would raise workers' compensation premiums if the new law is knocked out in state district court.

Insurance Board chairman James Saxton Jr. said the panel wanted to alert businesses that it will reverse its earlier decision to freeze rates if the court prevents the new law from taking effect Jan. 1.

"Our decision will depend on the outcome of the lawsuit," Saxton said Monday.

But Joe Gunn, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, said the Insurance Board was trying to pressure the Maverick County court, which is scheduled today to consider whether the new workers' comp law is constitutional.

"That's just another one of those carpetbagger statements. The insurance companies and Insurance Board, you can't tell the difference between them," Gunn said.

Saxton said he did not know how much the rates would be raised, but noted the board's staff recommended a 19.3 percent increase if the law was not in effect.

If the workers' comp overhaul is sidelined, he said the board will increase rates at a special meeting Dec. 28.

Employer-paid workers' comp premiums have increased about 200 percent in the past five years.

Lawmakers passed the workers' comp overhaul last year after two special sessions (see LAWSUIT, page 8)

Area schools set to close for holidays

Ira and Hermleigh public schools will dismiss students for the holidays this week.

Ira will dismiss classes at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Hermleigh students get out for the holidays at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Both schools will reopen for regular classes on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Snyder public schools and Western Texas College dismissed students last week. Snyder students will also return to classes on Jan. 2.

Registration for the spring semester at WTC will begin at 1 p.m. on Jan. 10 and classes will not resume until Jan. 14.

Offices at both the local school system and the college are closed and will reopen Jan. 2. In addition to the various schools, Scurry County Museum on the WTC campus is also closed until Jan. 2.



NEW DIRECTORS — Bobby Beard, Betty House, Jerry Baird and Nelda Huddleston are new members to the chamber's board of directors. (SDN Staff Photo)

Strategy planned against costly gnat

GOLDEN, Texas (AP) — Fears that farmers and ranchers in a four-county area of East Texas may face millions in losses from an impending buffalo gnat infestation have prompted a meeting to discuss ways of fighting the livestock pests.

Ranchers in Van Zandt, Wood, Rains and northern Smith coun-

ties estimate they lost \$3.5 million to the pests last year, but Grand Saline cattleman John Yarbrough said the loss was probably closer to \$10 million if all factors are calculated.

The tiny hump-backed blood-sucking insect, similar to a mosquito, irritates cattle and horses sometimes to the point of death. But it is different from the mosquito in that it is not known to carry diseases.

Cows, horses and some household pets lose weight and behave oddly during the gnat's

four- to eight-week life span. The female gnats swarm down on the animals and "blood feed" for 10 minutes and then fly to running water to lay their eggs.

They may make an animal anemic enough that it will die from pneumonia or some other disease, an entomologist says.

Some agriculture leaders last week discovered what one man

called "possibly billions" of buffalo gnat larvae in Sabine River last week.

The Sabine River Black Fly Committee, composed of three agricultural producers and extensions agents from each of the four counties will meet Wednesday night at Golden to discuss what they can do about impending swarm.

Judge gives former policeman stern lecture, 61-year jail term

HOUSTON (AP) — A former Laredo police officer got a 61-year prison sentence and a stern lecture from a federal judge for his conviction on charges of violating the civil rights of a Nuevo Laredo woman.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes Monday sentenced Juan Antonio Contreras to the maximum punishment on the civil rights convictions.

A federal court jury found Contreras guilty of using his police authority to arrest the women without due cause and to sexually assault her, threatening and attempting to kill a potential government witness, and using a firearm in those crimes in September.

Testimony revealed that the former officer allegedly abducted a Nuevo Laredo woman and sexually assaulted her in January and later attempted to silence her testimony.

"You are a disgrace to everything the United States and its ideals for government hopes to achieve," Hughes said. "Juries are frequently confronted with the argument that to convict somebody like you, however justified it may be, does a disservice to all law enforcement officers. I believe that to be completely and totally wrong."

"The best thing that can happen in law enforcement cases is that the occasionally defective human being who finds himself in that agency be removed," the judge continued. "Once citizens become convinced that you all are a bunch of crooks protecting each other, it breaks the whole system down."

Hughes also had harsh words for Contreras' friends in the Laredo Police Department who

tried to undermine the investigation, according to John Lenoir, chief of the civil rights division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston.

Raul Salinas, special agent of the FBI, said he was pleased with the verdict.

"I feel justice has been served. This was a long and difficult investigation. The sentence sends out the signal that the rights of all citizens will be protected," he said.

While he agreed that the sentence was stern, Lenoir said, "It's entirely justified given the violent nature of the rape and the attempted murder. These were crimes committed by someone entrusted to hold the laws."

Contreras also faces state charges of aggravated sexual assault, but Webb County District Attorney Joe Rubio said he has not decided whether to prosecute the former officer on that charge.

Prince Charles likes Buren's columns

PARIS (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles, a harsh critic of modern architecture, told French Culture Minister Jack Lang he admired columns installed at the Palais Royal in 1986.

Charles found the columns by Daniel Buren "very beautiful and very strong," Lang said Monday after he met with the prince.

The contemporary-style columns have generated lively praise and criticism.

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Berry's World



"Think of it as a patriotic gesture."

Astro-Graph

by Bernice Bede Gsoi



Your Birthday

Dec. 19, 1990

You could be extremely fortunate in the year ahead in an arrangement you'll have with an individual who is rather daring and progressive. He may help you rejuvenate a discarded interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Financial trends continue to look promising, provided you are willing to produce in order to receive a hefty remuneration. Good work spells good pay. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your leadership qualities might be put to good use today when you're called upon to help sort out a situation another has messed up. You can do it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You can best assist a person about whom you'll be concerned today by letting him know you're behind him. However, he must also be made aware of the fact, he has to do certain things on his own.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) New life and vitality can be infused into a project today that has been floundering. It looks like you have a winner on your hands if you don't toss the towel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Recognition and rewards long overdue pertaining to something on which you've worked very hard could be released at this time. It's likely to come in spurts instead of a constant flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Bold measures might be required now in order to advance your present plans. You must take the initiative yourself instead of waiting on others to start the ball rolling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Before involving yourself in a joint venture, be certain your counterpart can offer as much as you can. If there is parity, the endeavor has a good chance for success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Perceptions are extremely important in the negotiations of a critical matter. Be sure you are perceived as a person who will honor your commitments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Any extra efforts you expend today in being of assistance to someone who needs your help will not go unnoticed. It will create good will upon which you can draw later.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A limited risk might be required in order to advance a venture in which you'll be involved today. Be courageous if necessary, but don't be rash or foolish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something you've been wanting to change but have been unable to do might be altered today by forces over which you have no influence. What occurs should be to your liking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A person whose support you need for a current involvement can be swayed to your way of thinking today if you show him it serves his practical interests as well as your own.

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Community Calendar

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 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.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-8110 or 573-5867.

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.

Bridge By James Jacoby

NORTH 12-18-90			
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♥ A J 8 3 2			
♠ Q 10			
♣ 5 2			
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♥ K Q 10 7 4	♠ 9 6	♠ 9 6	♥ 9 6
♦ A 8 5 3	♣ K J 8 7 6 4 3	♣ K J 8 7 6 4 3	♦ 10
♣ 10			
SOUTH			
♦ 3 2			
♥ 5			
♠ K J 9 7 6 4 2			
♣ A Q 9			
Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: East			
South	West	North	East
2 ♦	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♦	Dbl.	All pass	
*pre-emptive, 9-11 high-card points			
Opening lead: ♦ 10			

By James Jacoby

At the highest level of competition, the mark of an expert is the ability to search out the unusual play that will ensure success. More often than not, even the expert will overlook what in retrospect seems so obvious. That is what happened to South playing today's doubled contract.

East-West's methods were different from what we call standard. East's opening two-club bid showed long clubs as well as moderate high-card values. West's two-heart response was simply a natural competing bid, not requiring East to bid again. So South was not inclined to sell out, and bravely bid three diamonds. That brought an ill-conceived double from West.

South won the queen of clubs and was picturing an overtrick when he tried to cash the club ace. West ruffed and played ace and a diamond. That left poor declarer with only eight tricks. You might think declarer could

succeed by playing diamonds right away. No. West would take the second diamond and lead a spade. East would win and play the king of clubs, ruffing out declarer's ace, and a subsequent club trick would still set the contract.

Instead at trick two declarer must simply play the nine of clubs from his hand. Sure, East will win the jack, but what then? With a heart back, declarer will take the ace and ruff a heart, and then play the club ace. West can ruff, but dummy's Q-10 will be there to overruff, and South will duly make his nine tricks.



Christmas
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3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS ART PROGRAM — Donna Simpson, standing, displayed numerous Christmas hand-made items in the home of Jeanne Cumbie (kneeling) at the Beta Delta Phi of Beta Sigma Phi's November meeting. (Sorority Photo)

Sorority plans gala affair

Beta Delta Phi of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Jeanne Cumbie at 7 p.m., Nov. 27.

Donna Simpson gave the program on home Christmas decorations. Members observed many decorations as Mrs. Simpson gave quick and easy instructions on how to make them.

Following the program, the group held their business meeting with the major focus on the ways and means committee's report on the upcoming dance.

"The Magic of Christmas" is the theme for the Christmas Ball to be held at the Snyder Country Club, Dec. 21, 8-12 p.m. Bareback will be performing for the formal dance. Members are selling

tickets, \$15 for couple and \$10 for single. Harley Bynum will take pictures at the dance, it was announced.

Lisa Hartzog gave the Pledge training lesson.

Canned goods were collected at the meeting to give to Goodfellows Food Drive.

The first inaugural ball was held in New York in 1789 in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington.

Polly's Pointers by Polly Fisher

DEAR POLLY — Keep a small safety pin in your purse or at home in a handy place in the bathroom. When you remove your rings to wash your hands, pin the rings onto your shirt or dress so you won't forget and leave them behind. In the kitchen, I keep a small box handy in which to place rings until my bread kneading or other cooking is done. — MRS. R.B.
 DEAR MRS. R.B. — It is so easy to leave rings behind on a sink or even to knock them down an open drain or into a trash basket and your pointer really safeguards them. Your pointer earns you the Pointer of the Week award, a copy of my book "Polly's Pointers: 1,081 Helpful Household Hints for Making Everything Last Longer." Others may order it for \$6.50. Make your check payable to POLLY'S POINTERS and send it to POLLY'S POINTERS, P.O. Box

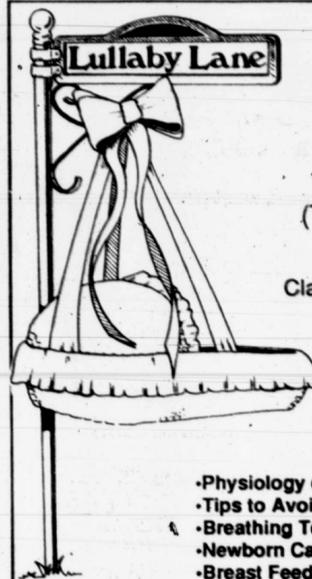
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McMillan, Bakeman announce wedding

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. McMillan of Snyder announce the approaching marriage of their son, Randy, to Donna Bakeman, both of Lubbock. They plan to marry Dec. 22 in the First United Methodist Chapel, Lubbock.

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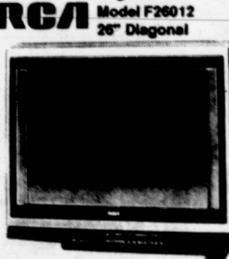
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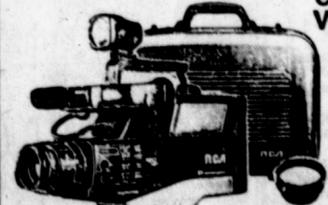
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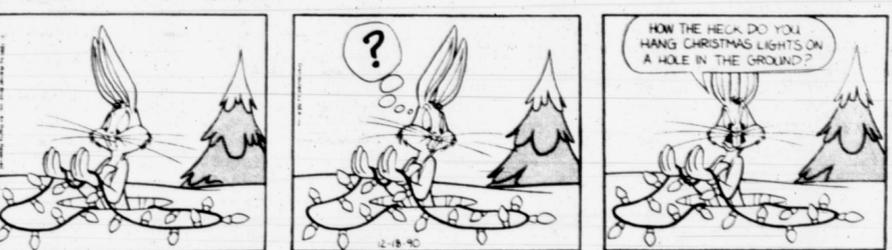
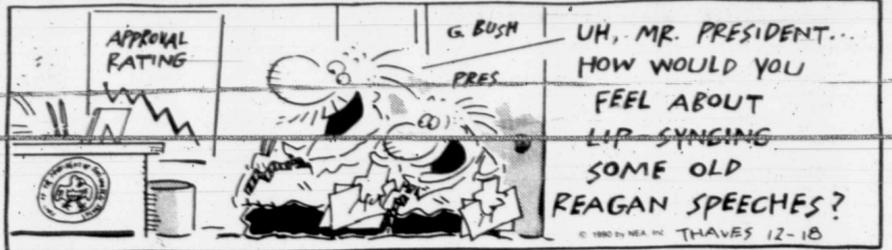
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Cowboys seeking final playoff spot

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson says the Cowboys have an NFC wild card playoff spot if they can just play like they have the last month.

"We are in the driver's seat for the third wildcard but we still have to play and perform," Johnson says. "If we keep our heads good things will happen."

Johnson says Sunday's 41-10 rout of the Phoenix Cardinals did wonders for the club's confidence.

"It was a fun day and we haven't had many like that around here," Johnson said.

The resurgent Dallas Cowboys are the winningest team in the NFL in the last four weeks.

Dallas can make the NFC playoffs for the first time since 1985 by winning its last two games against Philadelphia and Atlanta, both on the road.

If Dallas defeats Philadelphia on Sunday and the Detroit Lions whip Green Bay, the Cowboys will get the third wildcard berth.

The Cowboys can become the first team since the 1975 Baltimore Colts to go from last in the league into the NFL playoffs. Dallas was 1-15 in Johnson's rookie season after owner Jerry Jones' broom swept Tom Landry out the door.

Dallas, 7-7, has won four consecutive games for the first time since 1985. The last time Dallas won six straight to end a season was in 1978.

If Dallas should split its final two games, it would hold tiebreaker advantages over New Orleans and Tampa Bay because the Cowboys have already defeated those teams. The Cowboys also hold a tiebreaker edge over Green Bay in net points in conference games.

Rookie Emmitt Smith, who missed all of training camp in a contract holdout, scored four touchdowns to tie a club record and rushed 24 times for 103 yards.

Smith has 842 yards rushing and trails Johnny Johnson of Phoenix by only three yards for the rookie rushing lead.

"Everybody is coming together now as a team," Smith said. "We have learned how to adjust to things and block certain defenses. I think we can only get better. I feel a little more confident every game."

Smith tied Calvin Hill's club record of four rushing touchdowns in a game. On an 11-yard scoring run, Smith caused six Cardinals to miss him. On a six-yard score, Smith fell down and got back up and scored.

"Emmitt has been critical to our finally coming together as a team said Dallas linebacker Jack Del Rio. "He's just fantastic."

Johnson said it was the best game the Cowboys had played since he has been the coach.

"It's our most important win and we played hard and smart to get it," Johnson said. "I told our team that mules work hard but we want to work smart with no penalties and no mistakes."

The Cowboys lost to the Eagles 21-20 earlier in the year when Randall Cunningham drove Philadelphia the length of the field for the winning score.

"Playing and beating the Eagles on their home field is what this game is all about," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "We have so much on the line. But it's why everyone here is playing the sport. And now we have some confidence working for us."

Odds makers established the Eagles as seven-point favorites.

49ers now 13-1...

Montana and Co. drop Rams

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers seem to be back on a Super Bowl track.

Joe Montana threw a 60-yard touchdown pass to Jerry Rice and rookie Dexter Carter scored on a 74-yard run Monday night to cap a 26-10 victory over the Los Angeles Rams.

The victory gave two-time defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco (13-1) the best record in the NFL and the home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

Los Angeles (5-9) provided the 49ers with their only blemish, a 28-17 setback Nov. 25 at San Francisco. The 49ers then beat the New York Giants 7-3 in an over-hyped matchup and rallied last week to beat Cincinnati 20-17 in overtime.

"I think our approach was more businesslike than last week," linebacker Matt Millen said. "I got the feeling on the

sideline of, 'Let's just win this game and get out of here.'

"This doesn't feel any different than the first eight weeks of the season, which means that we're just methodically moving along."

"If you wanted to gauge it by the other 27 teams in the league, we're playing pretty well. If you want to gauge it by this team right now, we can still get better."

"Consistency is always the key. We just want to be more consistent," Millen said.

Millen recovered a fumbled snap by Ram quarterback Jim Everett to set up Mike Cofer's second field goal of the game, a 31-yarder for a 19-7 lead early in the third quarter.

If it weren't for some penalties by an aggressive 49er secondary, San Francisco may have had a shutout.

"There was no revenge factor," said fullback Tom Rathman, whose 1-yard plunge

on fourth and goal midway through the second quarter gave the 49ers a 9-0 lead.

"We seem to be a better road team," Rathman said. "We like going into someone's backyard and taking the crowd out of the game. We just want to try and prove something every week. We are not at the level yet that we want to be in the playoffs. We want the momentum, and that's the key."

Rice, who hadn't scored in the previous four games, teamed with Montana for a spectacular 60-yard scoring play late in the second quarter. Rice hauled in the throw at the Ram 15 and dragged safety Anthony Newman the last few yards into the end zone for a 16-0 lead.

"We have been able to give a little bit and go downfield when (defenses) will be sitting on us 10-15 yards out," Montana said.

"Now we have to stay sharp and win and not worry about injuries," Montana added. "I think it was important to come in here and win. They (Rams) beat us the last time, and we played pretty bad. In the first part of that game, we gave up the ball four of the first six times we had it. We

felt that if we played better, we'd win."

Los Angeles' only touchdown came on an 8-yard pass from Everett to rookie Derrick Faison — his first NFL score — to cut the margin to 16-7 at halftime.

Cofer and Mike Lansford traded field goals in the third quarter, and Carter scored his first NFL touchdown with a big play 1:16 into the fourth.

Carter blew through a hole in the middle and cut to the outside, turned up the left sideline and outraced the coverage.

"I saw a crease and I hit it," Carter said. "All I was thinking about then was to get my first TD."

NFL glance

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East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Buffalo	12	2	0	.857	380	220
y-Miami	11	3	0	.786	299	201
Indianapolis	6	8	0	.429	229	302
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	237	324
New England	1	13	0	.071	164	381
Central						
Pittsburgh	8	6	0	.571	243	206
Houston	8	6	0	.571	351	253
Cincinnati	7	7	0	.500	299	318
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	214	406
West						
y-LA Raiders	10	4	0	.714	292	232
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	324	226
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	259	264
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	282	240
Denver	4	10	0	.286	297	344

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x-N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	296	180
y-Washington	9	5	0	.643	324	226
y-Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	356	275
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	234	265
Phoenix	5	9	0	.357	216	349
Central						
x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	311	245
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	236	324
Green Bay	6	8	0	.429	241	301
Minnesota	6	8	0	.429	310	278
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	339	366
West						
x-San Francisco	13	1	0	.929	323	209
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	241	248
LA Rams	5	9	0	.357	315	373
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	302	345

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Buffalo 17, New York Giants 13
Washington 25, New England 10

Sunday's Games
Cleveland 13, Atlanta 10
Houston 27, Kansas City 10
Indianapolis 28, New York Jets 21
Tampa Bay 26, Minnesota 13
Dallas 41, Phoenix 10
Pittsburgh 8, New Orleans 6
Miami 24, Seattle 17
Philadelphia 31, Green Bay 0
Los Angeles Raiders 24, Cincinnati 7
Denver 20, San Diego 10
Detroit 38, Chicago 21

Monday's Game
San Francisco 26, Los Angeles Rams 10

Tigers host Slaton; girls visit Nazareth

Both of Snyder's high school varsity basketball teams will be in non-district action tonight before taking a nine-day break for the holidays.

The Tigers will be at home to face Slaton at 7:30 p.m. and the Lady Tigers travel to tangle with Class A power Nazareth at 6:30 p.m.

At halftime of the boys' battle with Slaton, the Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will give away a 51-inch big-screen television.

Chances for the drawing were sold by boosters as a fund-raiser for the club.

Snyder's boys, currently 9-6, finished third in last weekend's Brownfield Rotary Tournament, defeating Sweetwater Saturday, 57-50.

Senior Ed Rios and junior Hayward Clay paced the Tiger attack with 19 and 14 points, respectively.

The Lady Tigers, 5-5 on the campaign, came in second at the Greenwood Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

They fell to District 2-4A foe Lamesa, 56-28, in the championship game Saturday evening.

Betsy Taylor's seven points were tops for SHS in the loss.

Each team will resume play Thursday, Dec. 27 in area tournaments. The SHS girls will be in the Slaton event while the boys will participate in the Canyon Tournament.

Game times and opponents will be announced.

District play begins Jan. 4 in Levelland for the Lady Tigers while the Tigers host Estacado Jan. 11 to start loop competition.

Bulldogs win cage tourney

ROBERT LEE — Ira, behind James Sturdivant's 102 points in three games, claimed the Robert Lee Tournament championship Saturday.

The Bulldogs notched wins over Grady, 66-41, Miles, 70-54, and host Robert Lee, 71-43.

Sturdivant canned 43 in the Bulldogs' second-round win over Miles.

The 6-7 senior post hit for 18 in the title game to lead Ira. Corey Clark added 16, Justin Box nailed 12 and Chris Haynes wound up with 10.

Ira is now 8-1 on the campaign and will play Blackwell, there, today at 6:30 p.m.

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Cubs sign two relief pitchers

CHICAGO (AP) — If money really does talk, the Cubs are doing some serious talking about improving their pitching staff.

Chicago committed \$5.9 million Monday when it agreed to contracts with all-time Houston Astros save leader Dave Smith and left-handed reliever Paul Assenmacher.

Smith, a right-handed reliever and a two-time National League All-Star, agreed to a two-year, \$4.9 million deal with a club option for 1993.

Assenmacher will make \$1 million in 1991, a \$525,000 raise, and has the opportunity to earn more in incentive bonuses. He is the first salary arbitration-eligible player in the majors to sign since the end of the season.

Smith, 35, spent his 11-season big league career with the Astros until filing for free agency. He has 53-47 record with 199 saves

and a 2.53 ERA in 563 games.

Smith will receive a \$1 million signing bonus, a 1991 salary of \$1.4 million and a 1992 salary of \$2 million. For 1993, the club has the option at \$2.4 million or must pay a \$500,000 buyout.

Smith was 6-6 last season with 23 saves and a 2.39 ERA in 49 games for the Astros. In 60 1-3 innings, he allowed 45 hits, 16 earned runs and 20 walks with 50 strikeouts.

Smith tied for fourth in the

league in saves and was seventh in games finished (42). After the year, the Astros had exercised a 1991 option at \$1.1 million, but Smith became a new-look free agent Dec. 7 as part of the collusion settlement between the 26 clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Assenmacher, 30, was 7-2 last season with a 2.81 ERA.

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'Dogs' head coach to resign position

IRA — Ira head football and basketball coach, Don Jones, announced Monday that he will be leaving the school at mid-term and go into the restaurant business in Atoka, Okla.

"It's just something that kind of came up," said the Bulldogs' chief.

Jones has been in charge of Ira's athletic programs since 1987. He has coached IHS to a combined four-season 17-22 football mark with an appearance in the six-man post-season playoffs just this year.

He boasts a 57-17 record as a basketball coach, including an 8-1 start thus far in the 1990-91 season.

The Bulldogs, under Jones,

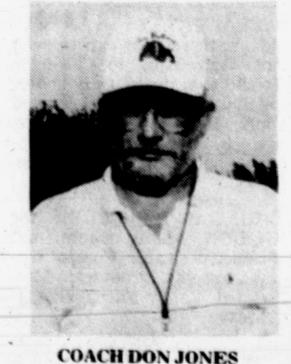
went to the cage playoffs following the 1987-88 campaign and again last season.

Assistant coach Steve Howard will take over the Ira cage squad for the remainder of the basketball season.

"They're interviewing people for the job right now," said Jones of the coaching vacancy.

"I understand that coach Howard will take the basketball team into district play and after that is just up in the air. It'll depend on who they find and when he can be released or take the job."

Howard has served for three years under Jones at Ira.



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DALLAS (AP) — If telephone companies do not take steps to curb consumer fraud among premium-charge phone services, they could face state or federal regulation, a group of attorneys general say.

Meeting in Dallas Monday, the state officials and telephone company officials presented vastly different viewpoints.

"There has been a virtual onslaught of fraudulent and deceptive marketers using 900 numbers in the last year," Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox said.

"We've seen ads that promise goods and services that are never delivered, fraudulent offers for credit cards, deceptive prize offers, charity scams and marketing aimed at children to prey upon their innocence."

The meeting was attended by about 100 industry representatives, government regulators and representatives of consumer groups.

Panel members said that despite ads declaring charges ranging from 25 cents to \$50 for calls to 900 numbers, which offer everything from dating services to job information, consumers often are not aware of the costs involved.

"We believe the scale of complaints is dwarfed by the number of satisfied customers," said Russell D'Italia, an attorney for American Telephone & Telegraph Co. He said the attorneys general should compile lists of suspected 900 number scams, then turn it over to the long-distance companies.

"AT&T represents a problem in the industry because it wants to put the responsibility for deceptive trade practices on someone else," Kansas Attorney General Robert Stephan said. "If the industry is not willing to cooperate, and is in effect satisfied with itself, then regulation is imminent."

More than 50,000 complaints about 900-number services were relayed to his office last year, Missouri Attorney General William Webster said. He said the complaints ranged from credit repair to sweepstakes.

At the federal level, the Federal Communications Commission reported about 1,900 complaints over the last two years, 167 of them last month, officials said.

Southwestern Bell lawyer Amy Hinderer said although ads for the service may mention a per-minute charge, they frequently don't tell a caller how many minutes the recorded message will last.

Sweepstakes numbers may require callers to listen to a lengthy message, then tell them to dial another 900 number to claim their prize, she said.

Telephone company officials say combating fraud is difficult

because of the complex billing arrangements among local phone companies, long-distance carriers and the 900-number service providers.

Local phone companies, which handle billing for the long-distance companies, bill consumers for 900 numbers but have no contact with the actual providers, they said.

Gregory Casey, general counsel for counsel for Telesphere Communications, a long-distance firm that is second to AT&T in 900-number contracts, said that companies such as his cannot police each ad for the hundreds of services offered.

Fear of war marring holiday for children

KILLEEN, Texas (AP) — For thousands of children who live in military households at the nation's largest military post, war is not so far away.

So far, 20,000 of Fort Hood's 38,500 soldiers have been sent to Saudi Arabia. But their children stay behind and worry like 9-year-old Ben Munyon, a third grader.

Both of Ben's parents are in Saudi Arabia. He now lives with a baby-sitter and keeps pictures of his mother in his school locker and at home, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday. In one, Ben's mother is in her tent in the desert. In another, she holds a machine gun.

"It sometimes gets sad and lonely," Ben said. "I just write them. I get my picture off the wall and hold it. Sometimes I fall asleep like that."

To cope with the stress of having a warrior parent, counseling has been set up for Killeen elementary school children. Some meet after school in a room decorated with a map of Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Tacked up beside it are the names of their fathers and mothers.

Loneliness is not the only fear for these children.

One child, recently transferred with his family to Killeen. He had never lived in a military community before, according to Sugar Loaf Elementary staffer Sharon Reid.

"He's afraid Killeen might be bombed and everyone will die," Ms. Reid said.

Teachers in this military town lend ears and sympathy to the children, especially as Christmas approaches.

Discipline problems are surfacing and tensions are high.

The recent Middle East crisis causes additional problems for some children like Danish Siddiqui, 11. Born in Saudi Arabia, Danish is the son of a Muslim U.S. soldier.

When the crisis first broke, other kids began calling him Saddam Hussein and punching him. But after meeting with a counselor at school and talking with his classmates, the teasing stopped.

Other children like Jamille Byrd, express anger at the Persian Gulf dilemma. The seventh-grader has written President Bush twice, voicing what many students here want most of all this holiday season, the return of their parents.

In one letter, she wrote: "Dear George Bush: We need our mothers, fathers and friends home for Christmas. Don't make the matter more difficult than it is. I know that we're doing something good for our country, but we don't need bloodshed, especially right before Christmas."

HBO sets Brady film

WASHINGTON (AP) — HBO Pictures has begun filming a movie about former White House spokesman James Brady and his fight for survival after being shot during the 1981 attempt on President Reagan's life.

Beau Bridges of "The Fabulous Baker Boys" plays Brady in the film, whose working title is "The James Brady Story."

Crews filmed the assassination scene Monday, and on Wednesday they're scheduled to simulate the presidential motorcade.

Franklin Pierce, the 14th president of the United States, died in 1869. He was 64.

Trade report marks biggest imbalance in almost three years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. merchandise trade deficit, hurt by a huge foreign oil bill and an unexpected surge in car imports, climbed to \$11.61 billion in October, the biggest imbalance in almost three years, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said both U.S. exports and imports hit all-time highs, leaving the October deficit a giant 24.5 percent higher than September's deficit of \$9.33 billion.

The country's October trade performance came as a shock to economists who had been predicting that the deficit would remain virtually unchanged from the September figure.

Much of the deterioration came from a 17 percent jump in America's foreign oil bill, reflecting the huge jump in world prices following Iraq's August invasion of Kuwait.

Oil imports rose to \$7.23 billion in October, the highest monthly total since April 1981.

The total trade gap widened to its largest imbalance since a \$12.56 billion deficit in February 1988.

U.S. exports climbed 8.6 percent, hitting an all-time high of \$34.77 billion.

This increase was viewed as good news that America's export boom, the source of much of the economy's strength in the past three years, was continuing.

But imports were up in October by an even larger amount, climbing 12.2 percent to \$46.38 billion.

The big jump in oil imports reflected a rise in price from \$24.31 a barrel in September to \$29.04 in October. The volume im-

ported actually fell slightly to 8.03 million barrels a day, down from 8.48 million barrels daily in September.

The other big increase in the import category came in shipments of new cars, which soared 39 percent to \$4.51 billion in October.

The Bush administration had been hoping that the trade deficit would drop below \$100 billion this year for the first time since 1983. However, October's big surge left the deficit for the first 10 months of the year running at an annual rate of \$103 billion, down only slightly from last year's \$109.4 billion deficit.

As usual, the biggest deficit in October was with Japan, a \$4.90 billion imbalance which was the largest since a deficit of \$4.91 billion in October 1989.

The deficit with Canada, America's largest trading partner, rose to \$1.4 billion in October while the deficit with China was \$1.2 billion and the deficit with Taiwan was \$1.1 billion.

Audit

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figures amounted to some \$12,448,361, or \$188,419 less.

The board's budget for 1989-90 had planned for \$887,406 to be taken from the fund balance. However, because the district came in under budget, only \$637,508 was needed.

Vestal answered routine questions from board members and pointed out some areas, noted as "minor," where varying methods might be better implemented.

Among those areas, the firm recommended that board minutes specify the exact total dollar amount of appropriations and that a person be designated as custodian of the key to the check writer signature machine.

At one point Vestal complimented the business administration staff, noting "some outstanding general procedures" and adding that "employees are well trained."

Vestal also asked that the board consider a multi-year agreement for the audit. He noted that the Texas Education Agency recommends a three-year agreement. Mason, Warner & Company prefers a five-year agreement, he added. He pointed out that first-year startup of an audit is the most costly time, and multiple-year contracts allow a better association between the firm and the entity requesting the service.

The board did not act on Vestal's request Monday, but did vote unanimously to accept the 1989-90 audit.

Present were board members Luann Burleson, Mike Jordan, Billy Bob McMullan, Sam Robertson, Glen Clarady and Ann Walton. Terry Martin was absent.

Priest elected

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — As international observers proclaimed a leftist priest the winner of Haiti's first democratic elections, a police attack on a celebration rally renewed fears of a backlash by right-wing thugs.

The Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a fiery champion of the poor, won as much as 70 percent of the vote in Sunday's elections.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Eunice Houston, 1611 28th St.; Atanacio Flores, Ave. J; LeRoy Miller, 2249 Sunset.

DISMISSALS: Katherine Redwine, Jack Gorman, Melanie Smith, Johnnie McNew, Patrick Earles, Dakota Blair.



CHAMBER RECEPTION — Dr. Gary Sisson and his wife, Debbie, visit with State Rep. David Counts during a reception at the chamber Monday afternoon. Counts was on hand to present Roy Baze with a resolution passed by the state legislature honoring Baze's service to the Snyder community. (SDN Staff Photo)

Army retirees are ordered to active duty for Gulf crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today's "volunteer" Army is looking for more than volunteers.

For the first time in nearly three decades, the Army is searching out military retirees — especially those with medical skills — and forcing them back into uniform.

As the buildup of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf surges toward the 400,000 level and the United Nations deadline nears for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, the Army is digging deep into its personnel records for help in supporting the force.

Lt. Col. Henry H. Hanrahan, an Army planner, said Monday that an initial callup of 15 retired physician assistants was approved last week, and about 200 other retirees probably would be involuntarily recalled for active duty over the next month.

It is the first involuntary use of Army retirees since the 1961 crisis over East Germany's erection of the Berlin Wall.

Hanrahan said in an interview that about 4,000 Army retirees have volunteered for duty in the Gulf crisis, but that involuntary callups were needed because there aren't enough volunteers with the skills needed most. The Army is especially eager to get more medical specialists in uniform.

About 150 volunteers have been put on active duty, and about half of those are performing medical duties in support of Operation Desert Shield, Hanrahan said. Approximately 300 more volunteers are likely to go on active duty over the coming month, he said.

Retired military officers aren't required to maintain any active association with the services. But a service secretary has the authority to force retired personnel back into uniform if it is deemed necessary for national security.

The Army's increasing need for medical skills reflects a broader trend within the U.S. military as tens of thousands more American troops are deployed to Saudi Arabia and the Jan. 15 United Nations deadline approaches for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.

The Navy last week disclosed that it is deploying two additional 500-bed mobile field hospitals in the projected combat zone in Saudi Arabia and that it plans to call up 8,000 reservists to increase Navy medical support.

The Navy announced Monday that 769 Navy Reserve members, including many medical specialists, are being ordered to active duty. Last week it called up about 2,300 medical reservists.

Hanrahan said that in addition to the retirees who have volunteered for duty, about 5,000

members of the Individual Ready Reserve have offered their services, and about 1,000 of those have been placed on active duty.

"These are not Rambo types. They see that their country has a need and they want to be a part of it," Hanrahan said.

The IRR is the second echelon of reservists, mostly former enlisted personnel and officers. They cannot be involuntarily called to active duty under the Aug. 22 reserve callup authority issued by President Bush.

Acid spill victims seek millions in damages

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Victims of a 1987 acid spill want \$100 million in punitive damages from Marathon Petroleum Co., but company attorneys say the claims are exaggerated.

A jury began deliberating the case today after seven weeks of testimony about the October 1987 hydrofluoric acid spill that sent thousands fleeing their homes near Marathon's Texas City plant.

The jury of seven women and five men had to decide whether Marathon or Houston's Westheimer Rigging and Heavy Hauling Inc., or both, were negligent in their use of a crane to dismantle a chemical plant structure.

A crane operated by a Westheimer employee toppled and the equipment it was lifting punctured a pressurized hydrofluoric acid storage tank.

Nearly 6,600 gallons of the deadly chemical spewed into the air above Texas City. About 1,000 people sought treatment at hospitals and another 3,000 reported health problems or property damage resulting from the caustic chemical's spill.

Westheimer attorney Reagan W. Simpson said the crane operator was following Marathon's plan when the accident occurred. Marathon attorneys blamed contractor firms

who are no longer defendants in the case for the disaster.

In closing arguments Monday before State District Judge Paul Ferguson, Houston attorney John Boswell asked jurors to punish Marathon for rushing to finish a plant refurbishing project without regard to safety.

"You have to make this award huge enough to get their attention," Boswell told jurors. "It's got to be large enough that no other oil or chemical company will ever do the things Marathon did."

Boswell and attorney A. Lee McLain represent nearly 600 people who have filed lawsuits connected with the spill. The jury heard evidence relating to 14 of those people.

The 14 were exposed to different amounts of the chemical. They claim varying degrees of temporary or permanent injuries. They represent a cross-section of the people who claim to have been affected by the spill.

Marathon attorney Walter Conrad of Houston told jurors that medical testimony proved that the 14 plaintiffs have suffered no permanent physical harm from the spill and that many of their problems stem from smoking, obesity and existing ills.

"They simply do not have a chronic, long-term lung problem," Conrad said.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	49 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2
ALLTEL Cp	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
Ameritech	68 1/4	67 1/4	68 1/4
AmStores	54 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4
Amer T&T	31 1/4	30 1/4	31 1/4
Amoco	51 1/4	50 1/4	50 1/4
AndarkPtr	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Arka	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Armcolnc	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4
ATIRichld	125 1/2	124 1/4	124 1/2
BakerHugh	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
BancTexas	7 3/4	7 1/4	7 3/4
BellAtlan s	55 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4
BellSouth	54 1/4	54 1/4	54 1/4
Beth Steel	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4
Borden s	29	28 1/2	28 1/2
Caterpillar	45 1/4	44 1/4	45 1/4
Centel s	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
CentSo West	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Chevron	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Chrysler	13 1/4	12 1/4	13 1/4
Coastal s	33 1/2	33	33 1/2
CocaCola s	48 1/2	48	48 1/2
Colg Palm	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
ComMetl	17 1/4	17	17 1/4
CyprusMn	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4
DallSemcn	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
DeltaAirl	56	55 1/4	55 1/4
DigitalEq	57 1/2	56 1/4	57 1/2
Dillard	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
DowChem	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/2
DresserInd s	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
duPont s	37 1/4	36 1/2	37
EstKodak	41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4
Enserch	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Exxon	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
FICityBcp	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
FlowerInd	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4
FordMotor	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
GTE Cp s	30 1/4	29 1/4	30
GmDynam	26 1/4	25 1/2	26 1/4
GenElec	56 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/2
GenMills s	48	47 1/2	47 1/2
GenMotors	34 1/4	34 1/4	34 1/4
GmMotRE s	38	37 1/2	37 1/2
GlobMar n	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
Goodrich	39 1/4	38 1/4	39 1/4
Goodyear	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4
GTATPac	43 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4
HaltStuIt	10 1/2	10	10 1/2
HaltBurin	46 1/4	45 1/4	46 1/4
HouInd	36 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4
IBM	112 1/2	111 1/2	112 1/2
IntlPaper	52 1/2	51 1/2	52 1/2
JohnsJhn	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4
K Mart	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4
Kroger	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4
vJLTV Cp	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Litton Ind	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
vLoneStar	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4
Lowes	23 1/2	23	23 1/2
Lubys s	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4
Maxus	9 1/4	8 1/4	9 1/4
MayDSt	42 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4
Medtronic	85 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4
Mobil	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4
Monsanto s	47 1/4	47 1/4	47 1/4
Motorola	51 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4
NCNB Cp	23 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
Navistar	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
Nynex	73 1/4	73	73 1/4
OryxEngy	37 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4
PacTelesis	46 1/4	45 1/4	46 1/4
PanECP	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4
PennyJC	44 1/4	43 1/4	43 1/4
PeppSys	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4
Phillips Dod	54 1/4	53 1/4	53 1/4
PhillipPet	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4
Polaroid s	22 1/4	22	22 1/4
Primerica	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
ProctGamb	86 1/4	85 1/4	86 1/4
PubS NwMx	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
SFEPCp n	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
Sarale s	32 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4
SearsRoeb	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
SherwinWm	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4
SmbBchm	60 1/4	59 1/4	60 1/4
SmbBch eq n	52 1/4	52	52 1/4
Southern Co	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
SwtAirl s	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4
SwtBell	56 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4
SterlingChm	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
SunCo	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
TNF Ent	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4
Tandy	29 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
Templnl s	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4
Tenneco	46 1/4	45 1/4	46 1/4
Texaco	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4
TexasInd	15 1/4	15	15 1/4
TexasInst	35 1/4	34 1/4	35 1/4
Tex Util	37 1/4	37	37 1/4
Text	25	24 1/4	24 1/4
Tyler	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4
USX Corp	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4
UnCarbde	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4
UnPacPp	69 1/4	68	68 1/4
US West s	38 1/4	38 1/4	38 1/4
UnitTech	49 1/4	48 1/4	48 1/4
Unicom	22 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
Unocal	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
WalMart s	30 1/4	30 1/4	30 1/4
WestHl s	27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4
Woolwh s	30 1/4	29 1/4	30 1/4
Xerox Cp	34 1/4	34 1/4	34 1/4
ZenithE	8 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Monday as compared with Friday's prices.

	Mon. Fri.
Refined Products	
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg fl bob	7490 7510
Gasoline uln prem RVP NY hbr bg fl bob	6660
Crude Grades	
Gasoline uln RVP NY hbr bg fl bob	6575 6550
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.	
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.	
Petroleum - Crude Grades	
Saudi Arabian light \$ per bbl bob	24.90 25.85
North Sea Brent \$ per bbl bob	27.25 27.85
West Texas Intermed \$ per bbl bob	27.05 26.55
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	25.05 24.75
Alask No. Slope del. US West Coast	24.80 23.05

Stockyards report given for Lubbock

Trading and demand were both good for 930 head of cattle sold on Dec. 13. Trading was good to excellent with cows doing \$3 or better. Demand was also good to excellent and yearlings were steady.

Slaughter cows: (high dressing, cutters, utility) \$50 to \$57.50

Canner and low cutters: \$45 to \$52.50

Slaughter bulls: \$60 to \$68

Feeder Steers Choice

300-400 lbs., \$100 to \$127.50

400-500 lbs., \$95 to \$115

500-600 lbs., \$88 to \$100

600-700 lbs., \$84 to \$95.50

700-800 lbs., \$84 to \$94.50

Feeder Heifers Choice

300-400 lbs., \$90 to \$107.50

400-500 lbs., \$85 to \$100

500-600 lbs., \$82 to \$92.50

600-700 lbs., \$80 to \$85

700-800 lbs., \$75 to \$82

Feeder Bulls Good & Choice

500-600 lbs., \$82 to \$97.50

700-800 lbs., \$75 to \$84

Cow and Calf Pairs

Good: \$700 to \$900

Grade: \$600 to \$725

Springers: \$600 to \$750

Baby calves: \$90 to \$200

Doodlers: \$185 to \$275



GINGERBREAD HOUSES — Ira food sciences students made gingerbread houses. Students pictured are, from left, Misty Locknane and Chabela Juarez, both seniors, Larry Baldock, junior, and Della Webster, senior. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lawsuit

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that pitted business interests against labor and attorneys representing injured workers.

Last month, the Insurance Board voted to freeze workers' comp rates for another year because of estimated cost savings from the new law.

On Nov. 30, the 215,000-member Texas AFL-CIO, filed its lawsuit, saying the workers' comp reforms would deny workers of basic rights, lower disability benefits to most injured workers, and restrict employees access to court.

The lawsuit contends the law discriminates against Hispanics because it reduces benefits for agricultural workers.

The law also has been attacked on another front. Labor representatives on a new administrative workers' comp commission have delayed implementation of new rules by refusing to vote on the measures.

Police see varied activity Monday

Snyder police reported one arrest and an assault Monday.

A 32-year-old male was arrested at 9:25 a.m. in the 200 block of North Beaumont on a warrant for public lewdness and taken to Scurry County Jail.

Terry Bowden of 2704 28th St. requested an officer at 2:00 p.m. in reference to his residence being burglarized and an undetermined amount of cash being taken. A report for burglary of a residence was filed.

At 6:39 p.m., police were called to the 3000 block of Ave. K where Rena Tippens said she had been assaulted by a female. An assault Class C report was filed.

Police were called to the scene of a one-vehicle minor accident in the parking lot at Anthony's. A 1990 Chevrolet driven by Crystal McCarter of 100 E. 37th St. had struck a light pole.

At 4:10 a.m. today, a subject came to the police department and advised authorities that he had taken a runaway to Rip Griffin's. Police took the 13-year-old female into custody and later released her to her mother.

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Former governor nominated

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Lamar Alexander, a former governor and president of the University of Tennessee, may well be the man who can make George Bush the education president, say those who know him.

Even detractors of his reform programs credit Alexander with generating interest in improving public schools and higher education in Tennessee, where as many as one in five adults is functionally illiterate.

Bush on Monday nominated Alexander, a 50-year-old lawyer and son of teachers, as education secretary. If confirmed by the Senate, he would succeed Lauro Cavazos, who was forced to resign last week.

"No governor in the country is so clearly identified with the imperative to improve education in America," the president said. He said the former two-term governor was "at the forefront of the movement to restructure our nation's schools."

Relzie Payton, president of the 42,000-member Tennessee Education Association, praised Alexander's education efforts — with some reservations.

Bush "evidently lacks the basic knowledge of what it takes to be education president," she said. "Lamar Alexander, I think, has a basic understanding. He made education a No. 1 issue and it became the discussion item on everybody's agenda."

"For that we can say, 'Hooray,'" she said.

Alexander said that as education secretary he will work to improve the nation's grade schools and training and adult education opportunities for American

workers who need new skills for the changing workplace.

Alexander entered politics as an aide to Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and later worked as an aide in the Nixon White House. He won the governorship on his second try in 1978, serving until 1986. State law prevents a third term.

Education was the cornerstone of his second term as governor. His \$300 million Better Schools program, outlined in 1983, gave teachers higher pay based on their education levels and performance, expanded basic education curriculum, put computers in junior high schools and added more math and science teachers.

Used car dealer told to quit

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Texas used-car dealer who admitted rolling back a van odometer has received a suspended sentence with the stipulation he must get out of the used-car business.

"I think this is a wonderful solution the judge has thought up," assistant U.S. Attorney Teresa Black said after Monday's sentencing. "This should, hopefully, prevent him from defrauding any more consumers."

Tony Leonard Cadle, 31, of

Wichita Falls, Texas, pleaded guilty in October to altering an odometer on a van he sold to B&B Motors in Duncan.

U.S. District Judge David Russell gave Cadle a three-year suspended sentence on the condition that he sell his used car business and not engage in any used-car sales for three years.

A violation could send Cadle to prison, Ms. Black said.

Cadle was accused of rolling the odometer on a 1985 Chevrolet van back from 75,451 miles to 40,000 miles, Ms. Black said. She

said Cadle operated Tony Cadle Auto Sales in Wichita Falls.

Cadle admitted to FBI agents that he had rolled back odometers on 50 to 80 cars since 1986, Ms. Black said. She said Cadle made between \$500 and \$1,500 profit from each sale.

David Butler, investigator with the state Used Motor Vehicle Commission, said heavy fines probably would have more of an impact on what he called a "huge problem" of odometer rollbacks in the state.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a student at a chiropractic college in Portland, Ore. When I told a friend that my microbiology instructor has a Ph.D. in microbiology, a master's degree in public health and has worked in Malaysia as an expert in tropical diseases, my friend said, "Why is someone with such outstanding credentials teaching at that quack medical school you go to?"

Abby, this brought home a popular misconception many people have about chiropractors. We take many of the same courses that are taught in medical school — with less emphasis on drugs and biochemistry, and more emphasis on nutrition, biomechanics, the nervous system and radiology.

I'm learning to recognize disease and dysfunction, to treat what's appropriate for chiropractic care and refer what is not. I must go to school for four years and pass the national and state boards before I can practice.

It bothers me to work this hard, learn so much and dedicate my life to patient care, and know that about half the population thinks I'm an untrained quack with a one-year degree! Please let people know that we are competent, well-trained, and we care.

CAROLYN MC MAKIN, PORTLAND

DEAR CAROLYN: I called Dr. Charles F. Downing, president of the American Chiropractic Association, who graciously allowed me to fax your letter to him. He then faxed me the following letter:

DEAR ABBY: Unfortunately, Carolyn's experience is not uncommon. There are many people who remain misinformed about chiropractors and their legitimate role in the health-care system.

Worldwide studies by governmental commissions and independent

researchers have demonstrated the health and cost benefits of chiropractic care. Chiropractic colleges can attract highly qualified science faculty like Carolyn's microbiology instructor because the faculty know the facts and want to help chiropractic students become competent, scientifically trained doctors of chiropractic.

Recent scientific studies continue to validate the superiority of chiropractic over traditional medicine in the treatment of certain conditions — most recently, a study published in the July 1990 issue of the British Medical Journal titled "Low Back Pain of Mechanical Origin," by Meade, Dyer, Browne, Townsend and Frank.

The exams administered to doctors of chiropractic are some of the most stringent anywhere as they relate to human health and biomechanics. To the degree they focus on specific aspects of health — the nervous system and its relation-

ship to proper functions of the body — they are known to be the most stringent compared to other examinations.

To be informed is to be enlightened. The American Chiropractic Association encourages citizens of the world to discover the truth behind the effectiveness and affordability of this health-care alternative as a mainstream option. Please feel free to write to the American Chiropractic Association for more information: 1701 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

People are eating them up! For Abby's favorite recipes, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

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Baby's First Christmas

Bradley Ashworth says "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Recently you reported that Gerovital H3, a Romanian drug that prevents old age, is a scam. You are wrong. Why don't you read the enclosed pamphlet by Jerome Godin of the Holistic Health Happenings Association and get smart?

DEAR READER: Thank you for sending me the material on Gerovital H3, a compound made of procaine and benzoic acid. I have carefully read the information and have come to the conclusion that Gerovital H3 is, indeed, a scam — in fact, more of a scam than I originally believed. This stuff is supposed to reverse the aging process and prevent "neuritis, neuralgia, arteriosclerosis, Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis, eczema, hair loss, psoriasis, angina and asthma." The only diseases this junk doesn't cure are cancer and AIDS.

Do you honestly believe that a substance having all these supposed benefits wouldn't be the greatest invention since the cookie? EVERY doctor would be using it. It would be publicized as a medical wonder. But it isn't, is it?

Dear reader, you are engaging in a flight of fancy, magical thinking that more becomes a 6-year-old than an adult. I suggest YOU get smart, and don't waste your money on unproved rejuvenation tonics.

P.S. Procaine is a local anesthetic, probably the same compound used by your dentist before he pulls teeth. Benzoic acid is a preservative. Sorry, no breakthrough.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the side effects of taking four Lorelco tablets daily along with three Lopressors?

DEAR READER: Lorelco (probolol) is a drug for lowering serum cholesterol in patients who do not respond to diet, weight reduction or control of diabetes. The usual dose (for adults only) is two 250 milligram tablets twice daily. Side effects of Lorelco include: abnormalities in the cardiogram, diarrhea, bloating, indigestion, headache, dizziness, insomnia, anemia, rash, impotence and blurred vision. These side effects do not occur in all patients, however; most people can take Lorelco without complications.

Lopressor (metoprolol) is a beta-blocking medicine used for hypertension and angina (chest pain due to cramping of heart muscle). The usual dose is 100 to 450 milligrams a day, in divided doses. Side effects include fatigue, lightheadedness, depression, shortness of breath, diarrhea, nausea, dry mouth, slow pulse and rash. Asthmatics should not take beta-blockers because these drugs can worsen this breathing disorder. Again, side effects occur in a minority of treated patients; most people can safely take the drug.

The use of Lorelco and Lopressor is appropriate combination therapy for patients with excess cholesterol and hypertension/heart disease.

To give you more information on cholesterol and hypertension, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Understanding Cholesterol" and "Hypertension." Other readers who would like copies should send \$1.25 for each report with their names and addresses to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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Playboy offers wake-up calls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Playboy is offering a new wake-up service that eliminates rude alarm clock awakenings but may require a cold shower.

Playboy Wake-Mate, announced Monday by Playboy Enterprises Inc., offers a one-minute recorded wake-up call from a Playboy centerfold for \$4.

Callers dial 1-900-820-WAKE, enter their phone number and the time the call should be placed.

Bankruptcy isn't stigma to wealthy

DALLAS (AP) — Former Gov. John Connally is living proof that bankruptcy no longer has to be financially devastating or carry the personal stigma it once did, especially among the wealthy.

"I think the stigma is getting a lot less, especially when you see more people filing and more pro-

minent people filing," said Harvey Caughey, an Austin bankruptcy lawyer.

"It still is a badge of personal economic failure that people have to get through emotionally, but from the financial aspect, it is not as much a stigma for getting money in the future."

There was a time when individuals filing for personal bankruptcy were assured that for the seven to 10 years that blemish remained on their credit record, they would be rejected for mortgage loans, car loans and other forms of credit.

But that's changed now.

"Since 1978, the stigma has evolved both for consumer debtors — the little guy — and for the high-profile people," said Joe Martinec, another Austin bankruptcy lawyer.

"It has evolved less for the consumer type. It probably still is a little more of a burden than it is for the high-profile person, but it's not as serious a problem as it used to be."

It certainly didn't seem to be a hardship for Connally.

The Dallas Times Herald has reported that Connally managed to secure financing for a \$600,000 Houston condominium just two years after seeking protection in bankruptcy court.

The newspaper 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.

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

Texas bankruptcy lawyers say of all forms of credit, mortgage loans are the most difficult to obtain.

But for Connally and other prominent individuals, bankruptcy does not deny them access to a number of angles not available to most debtors, thus enabling them to start rebuilding almost immediately.

Basic bankruptcy law is designed to give debtors a fresh start, said Ed Creel, a Dallas bankruptcy lawyer and vice chairman of the American Bankruptcy Institute.

"You get a fresh start, but you don't hock your future," Creel said.

Lobbyist: speaker's interest in Keating was 'fantastic'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former House Speaker Jim Wright says he agreed to meet Charles H. Keating Jr. at Sen. John Glenn's request because he considered Glenn, the first astronaut to orbit Earth, an American hero.

Wright, a Fort Worth Democrat who resigned as speaker in 1989, told investigators for the Senate Ethics Committee that he was never asked to intervene with regulators on behalf of Keating

and his struggling Lincoln Savings and Loan.

Wright told the investigators last week that he met Keating twice: at the Jan. 28, 1988 luncheon arranged by Glenn, D-Ohio, and several weeks later when he stopped by a meeting of his staff members and Keating, only to say he was sorry he could not attend.

Wright was interviewed by the investigators as part of the Senate Ethics Committee's hearings into whether Glenn and four other senators improperly pressured regulators to ease up on Lincoln Savings and Loan.

Keating raised \$1.3 billion for the "Keating Five" — Glenn, Alan Cranston, D-Calif., Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., John McCain, R-Ariz., and Donald Riegle, D-Mich. Lincoln was taken over by regulators in April 1989 at a potential cost to taxpayers of more than \$2 billion.

Wright told the investigators

that neither he nor his staff contacted savings and loan regulators on behalf of Keating, Lincoln or American Continental Corp., Lincoln's parent company, according to a 12-page summary of the meeting.

According to the summary, Wright said the discussion at the luncheon was about the thrift industry in general.

A former Keating lobbyist, James Grogan, wrote Glenn a note after the lunch stating that "Speaker Wright's interest was fantastic."

"Asked what was 'fantastic' about the meeting, Speaker Wright said he would not have used that word to describe the meeting. He stated that his association with Senator Glenn had always been pleasant and that he regards Senator Glenn as a true American, hero and a friend," the investigators' memo said.

Trial set for July

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — At least another seven months and another legislative session will pass before the trial begins for a three-year-old lawsuit alleging Hispanics along the border don't get their share of state higher education funding.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed the lawsuit in Brownsville, the state's southernmost city, in December 1987.

MALDEF filed the lawsuit on behalf of nine organizations and 21 individuals living near the Mexican border. They allege the state slights the predominantly Mexican American border region in areas including funding, admissions, recruitment, loans, scholarships and graduate programs.

Attorneys at a hearing Monday agreed to begin jury selection July 22. Both sides at in the state's 107th District Court said they expect the trial in the three-year-old lawsuit to last about six weeks.

The case was on hold until earlier this month, when the 13th Court of Appeals in Corpus Christi affirmed state District Judge Gilberto Hinojosa's March ruling that the plaintiffs have legal standing as a class, rather than as individuals. The class includes all Mexican Americans who allegedly suffered or stand to suffer discrimination in a 41-county area of South and West Texas.

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