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Ask Us

71st Texas Legislature opens today

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers gathered in Austin today for the opening of the 71st Texas Legislature with their sights set on prisons, public schools, workers' compensation problems and, as always, the budget.

Among the first orders of business, however, was electing one House speaker and hearing from another.

Three-term Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, was expected to be re-elected to a fourth two-year term as presiding of-

ficer of the 150-member chamber, which also was to hear from U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright.

While the first day's work is largely ceremonial, lawmakers will face a number of serious problems before adjourning May 29.

Comptroller Bob Bullock has projected that lawmakers will have an additional \$1.6 billion in spendable cash for the 1990-91 budget period, but the Legislative Budget Board has said another \$1 billion would be needed to maintain state services

at present levels.

"I, along with 149 members in the House, am opposed to new taxes," Lewis said in an interview Monday.

Noting that lawmakers have passed three major tax increases in four years, Lewis said another tax increase this year seems unlikely. "The politics is not going to allow it to happen," he said.

Gov. Bill Clements, saying the state's projected income is sufficient, vows to veto any tax increase. "I am set in concrete,"

he said.

Another element in the budget negotiations this session is the report of the Select Committee on Tax Equity, a blue-ribbon business-government panel that spent 1½ years examining the Texas tax structure.

In its recommendations, the committee called for shifting the tax burden from businesses with heavy capital investment and toward the state's growing service industry. It called for broadening the sales tax to cover more services, modifying the

franchise tax paid by capital-intensive business, and easing local government reliance on property taxes.

Bullock has offered a plan for raising the additional \$1 billion—generating some quick and positive responses from legislators.

Bullock said lawmakers could avert another tax increase by approving a series of bookkeeping measures, including the temporary transfer of some state money from dedicated special

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To meet opening date...

TDC utility lines could be finished by July 1 deadline

By BOB CAMPBELL
SDN Staff Writer

City councilmen Monday night were told that the laying of water and sewer lines to the new Texas Department of Corrections unit east of town could still be done by the time the unit is finished in late June, although delays in dealing with state agencies have tightened the schedule.

Terry Bilderback of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper engineering in Lubbock said he has sent out 52 sets of specifications on the water and sewer lines and 24 sets on the elevated storage tank to the built near the unit in preparation for

the 2 p.m. Jan. 19 opening of bids at City Hall.

"There is enough interest that I expect some good, competitive bids," he said, explaining that some companies have asked for more than one set of specs for the \$2.75-million project.

Bilderback said 120 calendar days are allowed in the original plan for the completion of the sewer line and 180 days for the water line. The contractor will be asked to complete both within 120 days, beginning on March 1 and finishing by July 1, he said.

The TDC unit is scheduled to be complete by June 27.

The engineer said the delivery of pumps could be a problem, however, because the prompt delivery of such equipment is sometimes difficult to achieve.

Bilderback also discussed the proposed construction of a new municipal wastewater treatment plant south of the city off Ave. M and just north of the 35-year-old existing plant, which the company has said should be abandoned.

The council approved an amended contract with the company to include the wastewater plant design and an immediate application with the Texas Water

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Apartment fixup helps permit total

A renovation project to the Park Village Apartments, located between the 4400 Block of College Ave. and Ave. U, helped boost the Snyder building permit total for December.

The project, to include extensive roof repairs, is valued at \$60,000 and comprised the majority of the month's \$94,000 total.

This brought the fiscal year-to-date total to \$229,614, an amount which includes permits issued for a three-month period.

By comparison, the first three months of fiscal year 1987-88 totaled \$572,500 for the city.

During December, only four building permits were issued. The project involving the apartments was the first commercial-related application for the fiscal year.

No permits for single family residences have been applied for during 1988-89.

One mobile home permit was sought during December, issued to Edwin Youngblood, 1109 19th St. It marked the 11th mobile home permit issued for the fiscal year.

Other projects permitted during the month include a carport applied for by Euginio Davila at 1708 Ave. M; and a residential addition applied for by Bob Doolittle at 2210 41st St.

TDC class cutoff today

Tuesday is the final day applications will be accepted for the second correctional officers training class offered through Western Texas College for employment with the Texas Department of Corrections.

Applications should be returned to the office of adult and continuing education in the WTC Learning Resource Center.

A class size of 40 is sought. Those completing the 120-hour course will graduate April 20. Its members will be eligible for employment at the 1,000-man unit scheduled to be completed here June 27.

Graduation for the first guard class was held Dec. 15.



FINANCIAL AWARD — Larry Wright, left, finance director for the City of Abilene and a regional director of the Government Finance Officers Association of Texas, Monday night presented the city with a Certificate for Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the city's recent annual audit report. Mayor Troy Williamson accepted on behalf of the city. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bid review policy updated for WTC

Western Texas College trustees revised board policy Monday related to the cost of purchase items which must receive board approval before bids are sought, increasing this figure to \$5,000.

In the past, it was an informal direction to administrators that items costing \$2,000 or more

should be discussed prior to bidding.

Under the new policy, items expected to cost \$5,000 or more will be brought before trustees before bid specifications are drawn up and cost estimates are sought.

In addition to the normal checks and balances of such an

arrangement, the purpose is to allow board input on purchases which fall within individual member's area of expertise, it was noted.

The action came during a relatively brief January meeting of WTC trustees, lasting some 45 minutes.

Speech event to honor Ben Brock

A new competition event for high school UIL speech participants is planned in February on the campus of Western Texas College, a contest named in honor of the late Ben Brock, former executive vice president at WTC.

Some 150 schools in Class 1-A through 5-A have been invited, according to Jan McCathern, WTC speech instructor and tour-

namment director.

It will be held Feb. 4, a Saturday, and will feature eight speech competition events. These will include informative and persuasive speaking, poetry and prose interpretation, Lincoln-Douglas debate, cross-examination debate, duet acting and literary criticism.

The deadline for schools to

enter is Jan. 27, she said, and Snyder High School has already indicated it will compete. The tournament will serve as a "warm-up event" for UIL competition which begins in March.

"We hope for 15 to 20 schools for our first tournament," McCathern said.

The competition is named in

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Hard knocks won't hurt unless you're doing the knocking."

Back during the holidays, we received a copy of a new book, "The Capitol Story of Texas." Just now have we had the opportunity to review it, and the contents revealed that our insight into Texas history was far from complete.

Texas may not legally own the 25.96 acres of prime Austin land on which the pink granite Capitol building stands. The state does, however, own the estimated 18 acres of floor space that makes the capitol the largest headquarters of any state government in the U.S.

No legal authority questions the fact that the state owns the building. It traded three million acres of Panhandle land to pay for the building's construction—which authors say may not have been the best use of state resources at the time.

While the state got the building it wanted as a

result of the West Texas land swap, the state has never had a clear title to the land on which it stands—even though it has paid for it three times.

After payment to three different sets of claimants, the title of the land remains unclear. Even if some court should rule a descendant is entitled to a judgment, the state legislature would have to appropriate funds for payment.

And time is on the side of the state. It took one guy 30 years to get \$500 for a quickclaim deed. And before he received the money, he had to convince the legislature for permission to sue the state.

The capitol building was begun in February, 1882. After six years, the state had spent \$3.7 million. The state assumed \$500,000 of that amount. For three million acres valued at \$1 per acre, and then half a million, Texas had built its landmark statehouse.

Youth linked to burglary

An 18-year-old Sweetwater youth was arrested Monday in connection with a Dec. 12 furniture store burglary here, becoming the second suspect to be charged in the case.

Jose L. Flores was taken into custody Monday morning by Sweetwater police after a Scurry County warrant had been issued. He was returned here Monday night, a city detective said.

Flores and 25-year-old Ray A. Reyes of 902 28th St. are accused in a break-in at Acme Furniture, Paint, Surplus & Imports at 2109 Ave. T. Owner Sadie M. Shy reported the theft of a large amount of tools and clothing.

Reyes was indicted last week for burglary.

Q. — Will I be able to take the BEST test for TDC employment here?

A. Yes. Officials with Sweetwater's regional office for the Texas Employment Commission are now completing details to do this and current plans are to offer the test on the campus of Western Texas College, possibly next week.

In Brief

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market drifted slightly higher in early trading today after having posted gains in the previous four sessions.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials was up 4.83 points at 2,204.29 after a half-hour of trading.

Advancing issues outnumber declining ones about 3 to 2 on the NYSE, with 526 issues higher, 364 lower and 566 unchanged.

Volume on the Big Board came to 21.73 million shares as of 10 a.m. on Wall Street.

On Monday, the dollar rose against most currencies except the Japanese yen, although it was restrained by dollar sales by several central banks, including those of West Germany and the United States.

Giuliani quits

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York, who spearheaded investigations of organized crime, municipal corruption and insider trading, has submitted his resignation, the Justice Department announced today.

"Rudy Giuliani has been an outstanding U.S. attorney," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said in a statement. "He can be extremely proud of the record of his 5½ years as the chief federal prosecutor in the southern district of New York, particularly in the areas of organized crime and official corruption."

Local

Siren test

There will be a test of the civil defense alert system Thursday at 7 p.m., weather permitting.

The sirens will be sounded and the cable TV alert system will be tested, civil defense coordinator Terry Don McDowell said.

AD meeting set

The Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 2612 College Ave. to consider monthly bills payable and review amendments for the 1988-89 budgets.

United Way

A meeting of the 25-member United Way board is planned Wednesday for the election of new officers. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. at city hall.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 56 degrees; low, 23 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 28 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1988 to date, .04 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear with a low in the upper 30s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, sunny with a high in the mid 60s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Prison chairman says...

Education, rehabilitation funds needed

AUSTIN (AP) — Education and drug counseling programs are priorities in corrections that are being overlooked in the proposed state budget, the chairman of the state prison board said.

"If we don't have funds to do those two programs, well, we might as well just lock them up and throw away the keys," said Charles Terrell of Dallas, head of the Texas Board of Corrections, on Monday.

The Legislative Budget Board, in approving a starting-point budget proposal that fits within available revenue, trimmed \$361.18 million from the 1990-91 budget request of the Texas Department of Corrections. The department had requested \$1 billion in 1990 and \$695.79 million in 1991.

The Texas Legislature convenes today in regular session.

Main items of concern in the budget board document include

no recommendation for additional substance abuse counselors, no new positions for growth in an education and recreation program, no funding for operation of new requested units, and a lower-than-requested recommendation for new prisons, utilities and some medical services, said David McNutt, assistant TDC director for budget.

In the substance abuse area, the department had requested 84 additional counselors. There currently are 38 such counselors for inmates who need them — estimated at 80 percent of the total 38,000 prisoners — said Don Brindley, administrator for the substance abuse treatment program.

The counselors are dedicated, Brindley said, but they are able to reach only about 30 percent of the inmates who need their services.

Terrell added that he doesn't expect the LBB budget proposal to be the final document approved by lawmakers.

"I give the members of the Legislature more credit for intelligence than thinking that that would be the final outcome," he said.

Board members also emphasized Monday that communities wanting corrections facilities don't need to hire lobbyists to work the board.

"We don't want to be besieged by professional lobbyists trying to convince us to go to a certain

High school teacher reassigned

DALLAS (AP) — The president of a teacher's group says a math instructor whose grading system was embroiled in a controversy over the playoff eligibility of Dallas Carter High School's football team was involuntarily transferred.

Wilfred Bates, 57, was moved to Gaston Middle School as an industrial arts teacher, the president of Classroom Teachers of Dallas said Monday.

"Obviously, I think it's retaliatory," Bob Baker, the teacher's group president, said. "Dr. Bates has been singled out of all the cast of players to be disciplined."

Baker said Bates did not want to comment on his transfer, pending an appeal through school district procedures.

Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Marvin Edwards said that any action was based on a recommendation from Chad Woolery, assistant superintendent for secondary education.

"It's not appropriate to discuss personnel discipline publicly," said Edwards. "It (Bates' transfer) is not the result of an investigation per se."

In early November, University Interscholastic League officials reviewed the algebra grade of Carter defensive back Gary Edwards in response to an anonymous tip.

location," Terrell said.

As in the past, he said, the corrections staff will determine finalist locations for facilities allotted by the Legislature, and a board committee will go through that final list.

"The little towns are concerned on how to compete. They're wondering do they have to pay some firm a lot of money to represent them," Terrell said. Although the towns might need professional help to prepare a proposal, he said, "We don't want anybody talking to board members that's not a legitimate member of the local community asking questions."

Astro-Graph Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Jan. 11, 1989

The year ahead looks extremely promising and you should be able to fulfill some of your major hopes, ambitions and dreams. Approach your involvements enthusiastically and optimistically.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may find just the right opportunity today that will enable you to let your hair down and say all of the nice things you've been wanting to say to someone you secretly admire. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A different way of handling something pertaining to your work or career could occur to you today and it might make it possible for you to increase your earnings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) The results should be pleasing if you take charge of situations today that have an impact on your interests. Do not leave anything up to others that you can manage more effectively yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Give credence to your instincts today in commercial or career matters. What you feel or sense about something is apt to be accurate and the information can be used constructively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An agreement into which you enter today should be beneficial and enduring. This is because the intent of both parties concerned will be to make it as strong as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not be intimidated by challenging developments today. You'll be able to cope with whatever occurs and you might even learn something about yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your ability to assimilate new knowledge and retain what you learn is better than usual today. Involve yourself in the types of activities that can help broaden your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If there is something of personal importance to you that you want altered or changed, don't wait for others to act on your behalf. Expedite matters by doing what needs doing yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even though you will be self-sufficient today your greatest success may come from a partnership arrangement. It is likely to be of an aesthetic nature rather than for a material purpose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something you pursue as a hobby or sideline could be turned into an income generator. Show your wares to a friend who has marketing know-how.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Interesting developments could ensue today when you and someone you've known for a long time begin to see qualities in one another neither has ever noticed before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your concern and compassion for those you love will be commendable today. Without calling attention to yourself, you may secretly strive to improve their lots in life.

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Dear Abby



Magazine's Sweet Smells Stink to Migraine Sufferer

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Today when I received my TV Guide, a sample of a fragrance for men had been inserted, bound into the other pages. The instructions were to tear a portion of the ad to "release" the fragrance. However, this was unnecessary because the moment the mail came through the slot and plopped to the floor I began to cough and wheeze. In less time than it takes to say, "Lord, spare me!" I had a full-blown migraine headache!

I have also received soap and fabric softener through the mail. When I had a rural mailbox, I had to disinfect it regularly to combat the fumes of these offenders — which to me are extremely dangerous.

Abby, there are millions of folks with severe allergies, asthma, migraine headaches and probably other health conditions that are aggravated by such odors, and we spend a good deal of time trying to avoid them. Many of us cannot attend concerts, church, nightclubs or ride in elevators. We also spend big bucks for allergy shots. (I get two every week.)

It's bad enough that we must live life constantly fighting the silent but deadly enemy — but is it really necessary to invade the privacy of our homes and attack us where it hurts the most?

Abby, please say something about the problem of these "scented samples" that invade the U.S. mail! Sign me ...

CHOKING

DEAR CHOKING: Those "free sample" ad campaigns must cost the fragrance folks an arm and a leg, which is nothing to sniff at. If the army of allergics were to join forces and do a little lobbying, they would create a stink that no one could ignore.

Celestial mystery explained by star-eating pulsar

BOSTON (AP) — Astronomers have spotted a star as it devoured its companion orb, and perhaps solved a celestial mystery.

Scientists have long argued about how some superdense stars called pulsars could get themselves spinning hundreds of times a second. The question may now be answered by the discovery of a black widow binary — a star that like the spider uses its companion and then destroys it.

If current theories are correct, the star represents a celestial missing link, a bridge between fast-spinning stars that have mates and those that do not.

The combination of the star and its companion, labeled PSR 1957-20 in astronomers' shorthand, was detected last spring by Andrew Fruchter of the Carnegie Institution in Washington.

At a meeting Monday of the American Astronomical Society, scientists described the significance of the find in understanding the life and death of the stars.

The duo is made up of a pulsar, an incredibly dense dead star that transmits rhythmic beats of radar. It is orbited by a much larger ordinary star known as a brown dwarf.

Astronomers have evidence that the pulsar is transmitting a powerful blast of energy that is literally blowing its companion away. They believe this is the late phase of a long, one-sided relationship between the two in which the pulsar steals matter from its mate to boost its speed, then turns on it with a blaze of atomic particles.

"The companion is being destroyed," said Frederic A. Rasio of Cornell University. "It is constantly losing matter. Eventually it could completely disappear."

The pulsar is one of six known pulsars that spin extremely rapidly. The newly discovered pair is important because they seem to help explain how they get to spin so fast.

"It offers a missing link

DEAR ABBY: Congratulations on a good answer to the new wife who wanted her husband to drop his ex-in-laws.

My ex-in-laws are very dear to me. When I was first divorced, broke and jobless, with two kids and a worthless ex-husband who refused to pay child support, my ex-husband's older sister helped me go back to school. She gave me a place to live, helped with expenses and even paid the kids' orthodontist bills. She is not rich. She simply cared, and I will never be able to repay her for all she did, and still does.

Another of his sisters pays for my kids' piano lessons. She lives in another state, but she calls frequently to check on their progress and to see how we're doing. We see her whenever we can, and I value her friendship.

My ex-mother-in-law always invites me for Christmas and to stay overnight whenever we are vacationing in her state. She is welcome in my home anytime.

None of these relationships have anything to do with my ex-husband, from whom I parted with some bitterness eight years ago.

If I should remarry, I would expect to see my ex-in-laws — all of them (his mother, five brothers and sisters and all of their children) — in the front row at the wedding ceremony. These people were, are and always will be my family.

MORGAN PIAZZA (THEIR FAMILY NAME, WHICH I STILL USE PROUDLY)

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Berry's World

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY
Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY
Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Noah Project advisory council; noon; Cogdell Memorial Hospital board room.

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 more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.

Musical Coterie; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.
Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; Posse Clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.
Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY
Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Snyder Country Club.
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 more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY
Defensive Driving; 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$25; Snyder Savings and Loan community room.
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
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 573-4870.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Reputed drug lord arrested by police

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Police believe they have one of the border's most notorious drug traffickers behind bars, and they want to keep him there this time.

Gilberto Ontiveros Lucero was arrested on drug charges about 9:30 a.m. CST Monday at a house in Juarez, said Esteban Garcia Villalon, coordinator of the Mexican federal judicial police's anti-drug campaign in Chihuahua state.

It marked Ontiveros' second arrest on drug-trafficking charges in less than three years. He was jailed in April 1986, but a Juarez federal judge dropped all the charges last May and set Ontiveros free.

About 45 to 50 federal police officers began searching for Ontiveros Dec. 29, after police found nearly eight tons of marijuana in some warehouses in south Juarez. Officials believe Ontiveros was planning to smuggle the Mexican marijuana into the United States.

Garcia said he hopes Ontiveros faces the wrath of the law in his second brush with it.

"If the judge finds him guilty — which we hope happens — he will get the sentence he deserves," he said.

Ontiveros, nicknamed "El Grenas," or "The Mohawk," for his shaggy mane of black hair, was in the company of a young American woman when he was arrested at the home of the mother of a bodyguard, Garcia said.

Police seized two AK-47 assault rifles and three pistols, all loaded, during their search of the house, Garcia said. A few hours later they seized a Cessna Conquest airplane at the Juarez airport and arrested two pilots from the Gulf port of Tampico, Garcia said, adding the pilots had been hired to fly Ontiveros to Mexico City.

Ontiveros is believed to smuggle marijuana by the ton and co-

caine in loads of hundreds of pounds each, said Phil Jordan, district director of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Dallas.

"He is considered one of our most significant fugitives operating out of the Texas-U.S. border," Jordan said. "They don't come any bigger than Ontiveros along the U.S.-Mexican border in terms of tonnage of narcotics smuggled into the U.S."

During their nearly two-week search, police were always one or two steps behind Ontiveros as he hopped from house to house to elude authorities, Garcia said.

Ontiveros is one of the DEA's most-wanted men, and a warrant was issued for his arrest in the United States in December 1986.

Inflation in 1988 was less

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's annual consumer inflation rate for 1988 reached 51.7 percent under a wage-price freeze program, less than one-third 1987's record inflation, according to the central bank.

But inflationary momentum appeared to pick up again at the end of the year, with consumer prices rising 2.1 percent in December alone, the Bank of Mexico said Monday in a statement. It was the sharpest monthly rise since April, when prices increased by 3.1 percent.

"It's important to note that this annual inflation of 51.7 percent is less than a third of the annual rate observed in 1987" of 159.2 percent, the bank said in lauding the results of the year-old inflation program formerly known as the Economic Solidarity Pact.

Ted Bigham
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Critics: health cuts would deprive needy, raise taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's critics say his proposed cuts in Medicaid and Medicare would curtail health care for the 56 million elderly, disabled and poor Americans and could drive up state taxes.

Public policy analysts, members of Congress and state officials all rejected Reagan's claim that the cuts will simply force states, hospitals and physicians paid under the programs to be more efficient.

The giant federal health-care programs have been the fastest growing segments of the budget of the Department of Health and Human Services, the largest federal agency, spending 37 percent of the government's entire

budget.
Reagan's spending proposal for fiscal 1990 would trim Medicaid growth chiefly by cutting grants to states by 3 percent and reducing payments to hospitals and physicians serving Medicare patients.

Even with the proposed reductions totaling \$1.4 billion, the Medicaid budget would grow by 5 percent to \$36 billion. The Medicare cuts, \$3.5 billion, would reduce that program's growth rate to 10 percent with \$94.6 billion in projected spending.

The federal government shares the cost of the Medicaid program with the states, which administer the program and retain certain eligibility options.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., chairman of the House health subcommittee, said the Medicaid cuts would "put the states in a financially untenable situation" and wipe out President-elect George Bush's promise to expand Medicaid coverage to more low-income children.

States "will be unable to come up with the replacement dollars to continue coverage to the 12 million children now eligible for Medicaid, much less to expand coverage to the millions of low-income families that still have no coverage at all," Waxman said.

Robert Greenstein, director of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonprofit group that researches policy issues affecting the low-income, noted that even HHS Secretary Otis Bowen objected to the cuts in grants to the states when they were proposed by the Office of Management and Budget. In a letter to OMB last month obtained by Greenstein, Bowen said the cuts — 3 percent in fiscal 1990, 4 percent in 1991 and 4.5 percent in 1992 — were "unjustified and unsupported."

Army will try soldier for crimes

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — U.S. Army officials say they will prosecute a soldier charged with murder and robbery in Killeen in the first major case of its kind in 20 years.

The Army will take jurisdiction over Pvt. Dwight Jeffery Loving, 20, a Fort Hood soldier accused of killing and robbing a cab driver, said Bell County District Attorney Arthur C. "Cappy" Eads.

Loving has been held in the post stockade at Fort Hood since his arrest. He is also charged with killing another cab driver during a robbery on Fort Hood and with shooting another cab driver in Killeen during a five-hour spree that began Dec. 12.

Maj. Gen. William F. Streeter, the commander of the 1st Cavalry Division, will make the final decision on whether the case will go to trial and, if so, whether Loving will face a death sentence.

On Thursday, an Article 32 investigation — similar to a grand jury proceeding — began at Fort Hood to determine whether Loving should be court-martialed.

Bridge

James Jacoby

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♠ K J			
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An attitude problem

By James Jacoby

Today's deal should have been routine, but the defenders were at cross-purposes. When the four of spades was led, declarer won the ace and played the jack of diamonds, overtaking in dummy with the queen as East played the seven. Next the queen of clubs was played, and West won the king. West knew that South held the king of spades (East would have played the king with K-J at the first trick) and assumed the king of diamonds to be with South also, since East would not likely play the diamond seven if he were cleverly holding up with the king. That meant that declarer had enough tricks for his contract unless the defense could quickly take four heart tricks. So West made the right shift to the deuce of hearts. East won the ace of hearts and returned — the eight of spades.

Dick Cummings of Australia has a tip to cover this situation: "In defense, when leading a new suit in the middle of the hand, be careful to show attitude with your choice of spot-card." His advice is not original, but it is certainly correct. Here the deuce of hearts should have been construed as a strong request for a heart return. If West was simply trying to get his partner on lead to come through declarer's spade holding (for example, had he led from A-10-6-4-2 of spades), he would have led the eight of hearts, a card suggesting nothing higher in the suit and obviously begging for the suit led originally to be returned.

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DR. GOTT PETER GOTT, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have chronic disc problems. All my friends with back problems have advice — all of it conflicting. How do I find an answer through the maze of choices?

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When a disc becomes too thin (as can occur with age) or when its normal architecture is disrupted (as happens when the soft center portion slides out of position), the spinal nerves can be pinched or pressed. This is called "discogenic disease," a condition marked by spasm of back muscles, shooting pain into the buttocks or thighs and — sometimes — weakness and numbness of the lower extremities.

Treatment depends on the severity of the ailment.

A mild degree of disc protrusion can be treated by special exercises to relieve back spasm, and by bed rest, hot packs and pain medicine. Chiropractic manipulation is sometimes successful in releasing spasm and causing the disc to regain a more normal configuration.

Moderate degrees of disc herniation may require corsets or lumbar supports. A technique of injecting an enzyme, chymopapain, into the damaged disc is experimental but has been useful in certain cases.

Severe disc protrusion is almost always a surgical problem. A neurosurgeon must remove the offending disc

— and fuse the bones on either side of it — in order to prevent irreversible nerve damage, leading to permanent weakness.

Therefore, the treatment of discogenic disease depends on the severity of the condition and the location of the herniated disc. Deteriorated discs in the neck are generally treated with surgery because, if not repaired, they can cause extensive neurological disability.

If you have a "disc problem," I suggest that you ignore your friends' advice and seek a consultation with a neurosurgeon. Such a specialist can determine which type of treatment would be appropriate for you.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my health report, "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 and their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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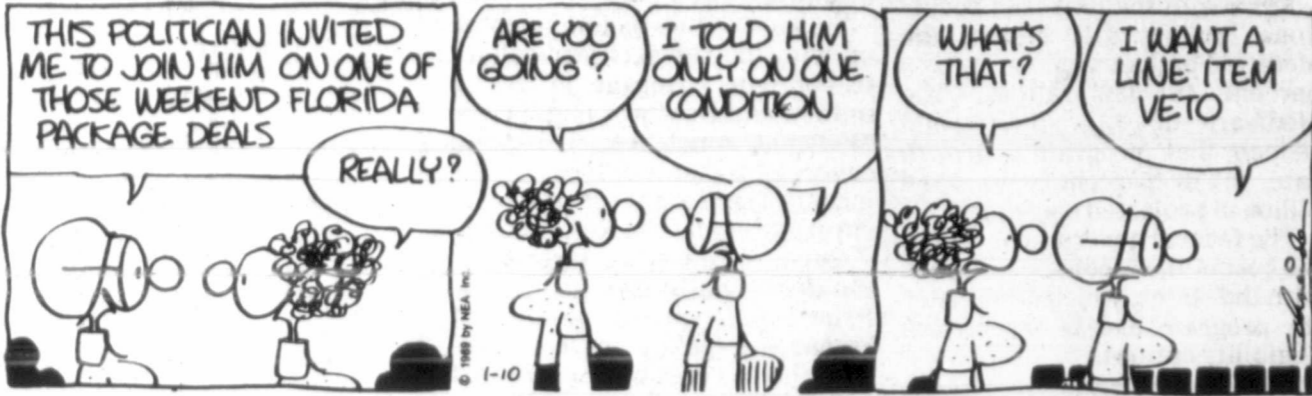
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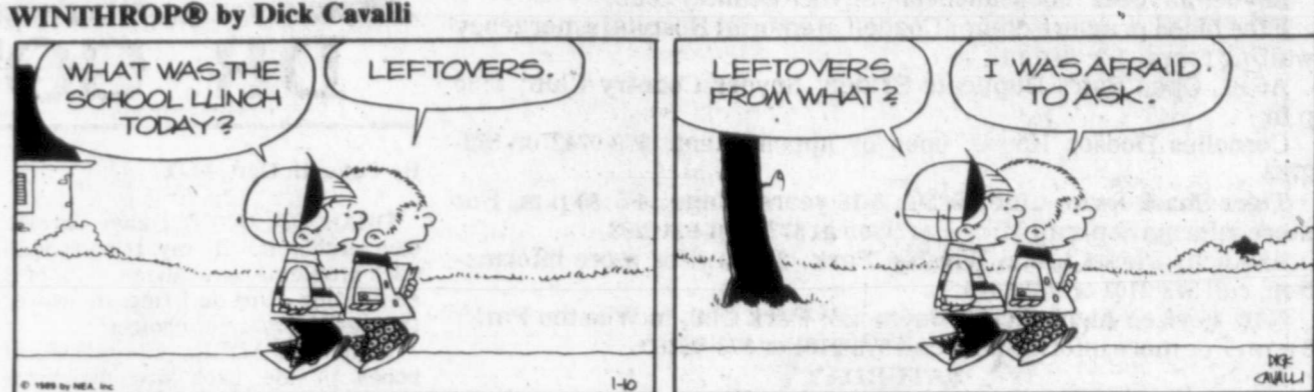
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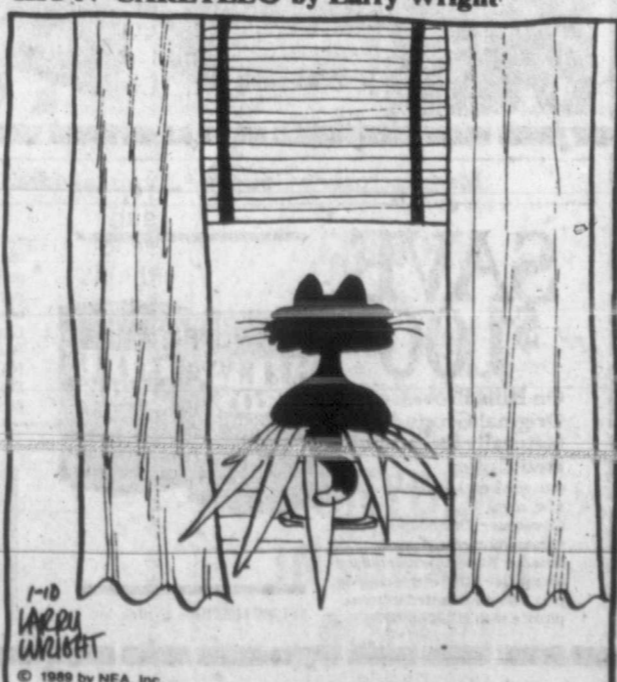
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Depth, defense are keys as...

Westerners rip NMMI, 79-65

Western Texas College found the conference win column here Monday night, using depth and some good full-court pressure to defeat New Mexico Military Institute, 79-65.

It was WTC's first Western Junior College Athletic Conference victory in four tries and puts the squad at 10-8 overall for the 1988-89 season.

"They probably shot the ball better than we did but I thought the difference was we had more

depth. Their big guys got in foul trouble and that hurt them. The other thing was defense," said Coach Tony Mauldin.

Western took a quick 5-0 lead on baskets from Terry Whitcher and Keith Hawkins and a Vladimir McCrary free throw and never trailed in the game. The hosts pushed the lead up to ten points several times in the first half but settled for a 32-27 advantage at intermission.

New Mexico Military got consecutive baskets early in the second half from 6-6 freshman Aaron Harris to move within a couple of points, 36-34. Western retaliated with an eight-point run of its own, including two baskets by Ken Critton.

NMMI's Broncos threatened only once more, when Sammy Fatoki and Thomas Heath combined to cut Western's lead to 59-55 with about seven minutes to play. Hawkins answered on a 3-point shot though, and following a Bryant Tipton free throw, Critton scored again to give WTC a comfortable, 64-56 lead. The Westerners then outscored the visitors 15-9 to the final buzzer.

"We never were able to put them away but the positive thing was that when they made a run we held them off," said Coach Mauldin. "We weren't having to press to catch up. We were in control."

Western put five players in double figures, led by Jerry Joyce's 17 points. Critton scored 13, Bobby Spear 12 and Hawkins and McCrary 10 each. Cedric

Mason got eight points while Whitcher added seven. Lester White finished out the scoring with two points.

NMMI, 5-12 overall and 0-3 in the WJCAC now, got 16 points from Ken Padilla, a 5-8 freshman. Harris scored 13, Fatoki 12 and Tipton nine.

In the only other WJCAC men's game Monday, Midland College defeated New Mexico Junior College 86-76 in Hobbs, N.M. The evening's only women's game saw the second-ranked NMJC Lady Thunderbirds defeat Odessa, 72-65.

Coach Mauldin's Westerners

play again Thursday, joined by the Lady Dusters in a double-header against South Plains College in Levelland. Game times will be 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Western Texas 79, New Mexico Military 65
NEW MEXICO MILITARY INST. (65)—Ken Padilla 3 3-4 16; Sammy Fatoki 4 2-2 12; Mudi Abukakar 3 0-0 6; Aaron Harris 6 0-0 13; Bryant Tipton 4 1-3 9; Rodney Stockton 1 2-2 4; Thomas Heath 1 1-1 5; TOTALS: 34 11-15 65.
WESTERN TEXAS (79)—Vladimir McCrary 4 2-4 10; Terry Whitcher 3 0-7; Keith Hawkins 4 1-2 10; Bobby Spear 3 0-0 12; Jerry Joyce 8 1-3 17; Cedric Mason 3 0-0 8; Lester White 0 2-4 2; Ken Critton 5 3-13; David Smith 0 0-1 0; Chawn Cummings 0 0-0 0; TOTALS: 36 15-27 79.
Halftime: WTC 32, NMMI 27; **3-Point Goals:** NMMI 6 (Padilla 3, Fatoki 2, Harris 1), WTC 4 (Whitcher 1, Hawkins 1, Mason 2); **Fouls:** NMMI 26, WTC 20; **Fouled Out:** Abukakar, Tipton; **Records:** NMMI 5-12, 0-3; WTC 10-8, 1-3.

Tiger boys at home, girls on road against SA Lake View teams

Scurry County Coliseum may not seem like home after 13 straight road games, but at least the bus trip is a lot shorter.

Coach Larry Scott's Snyder Tigers finally play before the home fans again when they take on San Angelo Lake View at 7:30 p.m. today in the coliseum. It will be the Tigers' first home game since Nov. 22, 1988.

Meanwhile, Coach Ken Housden will take his Lady Tigers on the road to play Lake View in San Angelo tonight. That game is also slated for a 7:30

p.m. start. Both games will be preceded by junior varsity contests at 6 p.m. Tickets at either site are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

A boy's sophomore game will also be held tonight in Scurry County Coliseum, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Snyder and Lake View boys are both playing .500 ball midway through the season. Lake View is 10-10; Snyder 8-8. Both are also 1-2 in District 4-4A competition.

In other boy's district games this evening, fourth-ranked Andrews (18-2, 3-0) is at Monahans (4-14, 0-3), Pecos (10-5, 2-1) treks to Fort Stockton (5-9, 0-3) and Sweetwater (7-11, 2-1) is in Big Spring (10-10, 3-0).

Coach Housden's Lady Tigers are 16-4 while the Steers of Big Spring are 17-2. Both are tied for the District 4-4A lead with 5-0 marks.

Tonight's girl's action features a showdown between Big Spring and eighth-ranked Sweetwater in Sweetwater.

Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs are 16-4 while the Steers of Big Spring are 17-2. Both are tied for the District 4-4A lead with 5-0 marks.

In other girl's games this evening, Monahans (1-12, 0-5) visits Andrews (8-10, 3-2) and Fort Stockton (5-13, 1-4) is at Pecos (10-6, 2-3).

WJCAC men			
Team	Conf.	Season	Dist.
South Plains	4 0	15 1	
Odessa	3 0	18 0	
Clarendon	2 1	9 4	
Howard	2 1	10 7	
Midland	2 2	11 6	
Western Texas	1 3	10 8	
Frank Phillips	0 1	7 3	
New Mexico JC	0 3	8 10	
New Mexico Military	0 3	5 12	

Monday's Results: Western Texas 79, New Mexico Military 65; Midland 86, New Mexico JC 76.
 Thursday's Games: Western Texas at South Plains, Odessa at Midland, Howard at NMMI.

WJCAC women			
Team	Conf.	Season	Dist.
New Mexico JC	3 0	19 2	
South Plains	2 0	12 4	
Western Texas	2 0	15 5	
Howard	0 1	8 8	
Frank Phillips	0 2	15 3	
Odessa	0 2	11 7	
Clarendon	0 2	1 7	

Monday's Games: New Mexico JC 72, Odessa 65.
 Thursday's Games: Western Texas at South Plains.
 Friday's Games: Howard at Odessa.

SMU falls to Kansas in extra period, 90-82

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - Kevin Pritchard hit only two of six shots in the first half but made eight in overtime as the 16th-ranked Jayhawks held off Southern Methodist for a 90-82 victory.

Pritchard, who finished with 16 points, sank two consecutive 3-pointers and two free throws in the overtime period.

"I felt pretty bad because I had a shot that would have won the game (with 10 seconds left in

regulation)," Pritchard said. "I wasn't in the game like I needed to be before then."

Southern Methodist, 5-5, led the heavily-favored Jayhawks through much of the game, but Coach John Shumate did not find much consolation in that fact.

"Sure we put out a great effort, but we lost a game," Shumate said. "We had it but we gave it away. I think the most important thing was that we lost our concentration level on defense."

Mark Randall led Kansas with 21 points.

Pritchard's game-winning 3-pointers came at 3:02 and at 1:45 of overtime, and he added two insurance free throws with :55.

NC State calls for investigation

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - The NCAA will wait until a book on the North Carolina State basketball program is published before deciding whether it contains allegations that should be investigated, the organization's director of enforcement says.

N.C. State officials mailed a letter to the NCAA on Monday asking for an investigation into allegations of illegal activity in the school's basketball program.

"I don't know what's in the book. As I understand so far is that all anyone has is a jacket to a book. And it's being promoted as something detrimental to North Carolina State," David Berst, the NCAA director of enforcement, said while attending the NCAA convention in San Francisco. "I would prefer to wait until there actually is a book and someone reads the book and determines if there's anything in there to be interested in. I'm not inclined to get excited about it until we actually have something in hand."

The letter from N.C. State to NCAA Executive Director Dick Schultz, which is signed by athletic director and basketball coach Jim Valvano and Chancellor Bruce Poulton, cites allegations contained on the jacket of a book called "Personal Fouls" by Peter Golenbock.

"The University has acquired a copy of the jacket of this book, and we are enclosing a copy for your information," the letter said. "Please note that some very serious allegations are made about North Carolina State University and its faculty, student athletes, and basketball coach. Amongst those allegations are illegal gifts of jewelry and cars to players, the changing of grades by faculty and university officials, the passing of large amounts of secret money from our booster club, etc. None of these allegations are true."

"In view of the seriousness of these allegations, we as athletic director and chancellor, respectively, of North Carolina State University are requesting of you an immediate investigation by the NCAA of these allegations."



TOUGH BATTLE INSIDE - Western Texas sophomore Bobby Spear (32) goes up between Sammy Fatoki and Bryant Tipton for a shot during Monday night basketball action at Scurry County Coliseum. Also pictured for WTC is Jerry Joyce. Western defeated the opponent, New Mexico Military Institute, 79-65. (SDN Staff Photo)

Runaway choices in first year... Yaz, Bench in Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) - Move over Ty, Willie, Babe and Hank. Johnny and Yaz have reached your lofty level, too.

The election of Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski to the Hall of Fame Monday night was no surprise. The number of votes they got was.

Bench received 431 votes from 447 ballots cast by members of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Yastrzemski got 423 votes.

The size of their mandate put Bench and Yastrzemski in the upper echelon of baseball's superstars.

In order to be elected to the Hall of Fame, a player must be named on 75 percent of the ballots cast. Of the record 447 ballots this year, a player needed 336 votes to be elected.

Bench got 96.4 percent and Yastrzemski 94.63. Only Ty Cobb, 96.2 percent (222 of 226), and Hank Aaron, 97.8 (406 of 415), received higher percentages than Bench. Yastrzemski's percentage was the seventh-highest ever after Honus Wagner (95.13), Babe Ruth (95.13) and Willie Mays (94.67).

"There's a finality to it all, to

reach a level so few people reach," Bench said after learning of his election. "I didn't think of percentage. ... I was just concerned with getting 75 percent. It's pretty elite company to be mentioned with Cobb and Aaron. It's hallowed ground in Cooperstown.

"Mickey Mantle was my first idol, but I played with a lot of special people - Clemente, Stargell and my teammates with the Reds - Rose, Morgan, Pérez, Concepcion," Bench said.

Only one other player in this year's balloting received as many as 300 votes. Gaylord

Perry, winner of 314 games, finished third with 304 and missed election by 32 votes.

The election of Bench and Yastrzemski marks only the third time since 1936 that two players have been elected in their first year of eligibility.

Induction ceremonies at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., are scheduled for July 23.

Overall, Bench hit 389 home runs and won the Gold Glove as catcher 10 times while helping the Reds win four pennants and the World Series in 1975 and 1976. Bench played in four World

Series, hitting .279 with five homers and 14 RBI. He appeared in 11 All-Star Games, hitting .370 with three home runs.

After Hall of Famer Ted Williams retired as Boston's left fielder following the 1960 season, Yastrzemski took over.

He finished with 3,419 hits and 452 home runs. He was named to 18 All-Star teams, won six Gold Gloves as Boston's left fielder and won the American League Most Valuable Player Award in 1967, when he won the Triple Crown and led Boston to the pennant.

Ruling leaves draft in limbo

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The NFL players' union claims the college draft is illegal and wants it abolished. The NFL's 28 team owners say the draft is legal because the right to hold it was won through collective bargaining and, as the cornerstone upon which the league has been built, must be preserved.

Meanwhile, U.S. District Judge David Doty, who may ultimately

decide the draft's fate, is saying little about the issue for now.

In a ruling seen as a victory by both sides, the federal judge on Monday denied a request by NFL owners for permission to hold the college draft until 1992, but, at the same time, declined to rule on its legality.

Doty said that until the NFL Management Council, which represents the league's owners, and the NFL Players Association reach a bargaining impasse on the issue, the owners "are exempt from antitrust claims on the college draft provision until the expiration of the agreement."

Because the last collective bargaining agreement expired in 1987, the players' union claimed triumph and said it may seek an injunction to prevent the 1989 draft.

"This was a major victory," said Dick Berthelsen, general counsel for the players' union.

"The 1989 draft is in jeopardy." The word "impasse" is critical.

NBA glance

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Team	Dist.	Season
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Big Spring	3 0	10 10
Pecos	2 1	10 5
Sweetwater	2 1	7 11
Lake View	1 2	10 10
Snyder	1 2	8 8
Fort Stockton	0 3	5 9
Monahans	0 3	4 14

Tuesday's Games: Lake View at Snyder, Andrews at Monahans, Pecos at Fort Stockton, Sweetwater at Big Spring.

4-4A girls basketball

Team	Dist.	Season
Big Spring	3 0	17 2
Sweetwater	5 0	16 4
Andrews	3 2	8 10
Pecos	2 3	10 6
Snyder	2 3	8 9
Lake View	2 3	4 11
Fort Stockton	1 4	5 13
Monahans	0 5	1 12

Tuesday's Games: Snyder at San Angelo, Lake View, Monahans at Andrews, Fort Stockton at Pecos, Big Spring at Sweetwater.

7th B-team at Andrews

ANDREWS - Snyder seventh grade B-team boys played in the Andrews Basketball Tournament recently.

In the tournament, Snyder lost its first-round game to Andrews A-team 63-12. Scoring for Snyder were Rudy Alaniz with 4 points and Brian Gant, Jake Hooker, Nathan Kleindel and Adam Scott with 2 each.

Snyder then played Wink and lost 26-25. Scoring were Hooker 9, Brian Upton 6, and Alaniz, Gant, Kleindel, Robert Clarady and Reese Gladson, 2 each.

In the third game, Snyder lost to Andrews B-team, 33-30. Scoring for the young Tigers were Cory Lelek 8, Upton 7, Kleindel 4, Clarady 3, and Alaniz, Hooker, Michael Hess and Cole Sterling, 2 each.

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Western swing legacy continues at inaugural bash

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — The posh, chandelier-hung ballroom of the Washington Hilton is a long way from the rodeo arenas and VFW halls where Jody Nix is used to fiddling.

But that's just fine with him.

Nix and his band, the Texas Cowboys, are heading east to the big time, the Texas State Society Inaugural Ball in Washington, where the dress code calls for tuxedos with Western boots and the door prizes include a pickup truck with gun rack.

"We plan to hit 'em with something they'll really dance to and keep the flow going," Nix said of his band's plans for the bash, to be attended by the new president.

The Jan. 21 event is one of the Capital's hottest tickets among the host of balls, parties and receptions surrounding George Bush's Jan. 20 inauguration.

The \$50 tickets sold out in less than 12 hours, and almost 2,000 people are on a waiting list, said Lois Auer, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, president of the society.

Nix won his invitation to Washington after Stenholm heard the band play at the Stamford Texas Cowboy Reunion rodeo.

When the 5,500 guests in Washington take to the floor and two-step to the sound of the Texas Cowboys, they will be hearing the legacy of a West Texas musical tradition that spans four decades.

Nix, 36, is the son of Hoyle Nix, leader of the West Texas Cowboys and close associate of renowned fiddler Bob Wills, the man who made the swing tune "San Antonio Rose" famous.

"When my dad was a very young man, Bob Wills was just getting started and was the rage like Randy Travis or George Strait is today," said the younger Nix. "He was a big influence on my father, who copied his fiddle playing and the way he ran his band."

Wills, the front man for the Texas Playboys, and Hoyle Nix met in the 1950s. Over the next 20 years, until Wills' death, the two bandleaders played together at

rodeos and dance halls throughout West Texas.

Spending his early years traveling with his father's band laid a strong musical foundation for Nix, who began playing the drums at age 2. By the time he was 8, he was a bona fide member of the West Texas Cowboys, backing his father's fiddling on the drums.

Later he learned to play the fiddle and sang for his dad's band.

"Dad would call me up to show me off or when he wanted to rest," said Nix, who although left-handed plays a right-handed fiddle.

"I played fiddle off and on some but never played it full time until my dad passed away, and then I had to come to the front and start running things," Nix said.

Hoyle Nix died in 1985, and since then his son has carried on with his own six-member band, based in Big Spring.

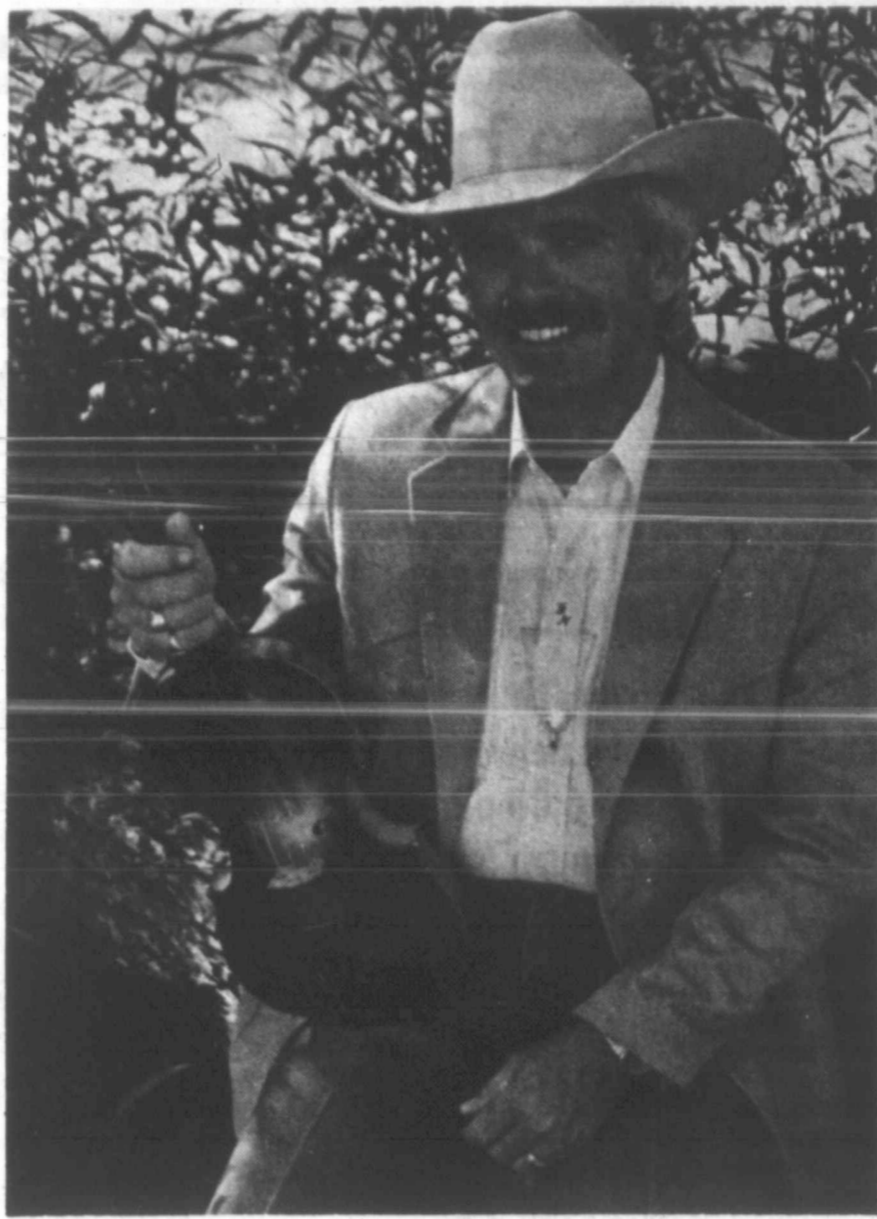
Backing Nix, who plays the fiddle and sings, are Ricky Boen of Odessa on the fiddle and mandolin, Rick Johnson on steel guitar, Neal Goates on drums and Tommy Harvell of Blackwell on bass.

Nix says the traditional element of his work helps keep him going, and the ties to Wills and his father remain strong. Nix played on Wills' last album in 1973 and returns each year to the fiddler's hometown of Turkey to play with the remaining members of the Texas Playboys at the annual Bob Wills' Day celebration.

And the Texas Cowboys sing a song, written by Johnson, about Nix's musical legacy, called "Carrying on the Show."

"I was born in Texas, raised out on a farm; I grew up on Western swing Learned to dance out in the barn Hoyle Nix and Bob Wills put the music in my soul, Now they're gone, but the fiddle plays on I'm carrying on the show."

Alabama Gov. George Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School in 1963 by encircling the building with state troopers.



JODY NIX

Opryland plans theme park in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — This South Texas city could become the entertainment and music center of the state if Opryland USA goes ahead with plans to build a musical theme show and ride park near Sea World of Texas, officials say.

The Nashville-based Opryland USA Inc. announced Monday it had agreed in principle with United Services Automobile Association to build a park with a Southwestern musical flair in a 100-acre tract owned by USA.

The site is northwest San Antonio near the 250-acre, \$170 million Sea World of Texas, whose main attractions are the killer whales, including newborn Baby Shamu.

"San Antonio is transforming itself into a family entertainment center in Texas and the Southwest before our very eyes," said Mayor Henry Cisneros. "We are stepping into a whole new plateau."

Cisneros and Robert McDermott, chairman of USAA, traveled to Nashville last summer to woo Opryland.

E.W. "Bud" Wendell, president and chief executive officer of Opryland USA Inc., said the tourist and business climate in San Antonio convinced him that company should open its only other park outside of Nashville.

Wendell said many of the details have not been worked out, but said he expected to have within four months a groundbreaking date, financing details, construction start and planned opening date.

"San Antonio is a dynamic city. We would like to think we can make it stronger," Wendell said at a news conference. "We found some real chemistry here. The people just made us feel welcome."

McDermott, whose USAA is the nation's sixth-largest insurance company, said he expected the park to open by 1992.

Demos give short shrift to Reagan's newest budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democrats who control Congress are treating President Reagan's farewell \$1.15 trillion budget as a stale rerun and urging President-elect Bush to submit a spending plan reflecting his more moderate policies.

Reagan's fiscal 1990 budget, submitted Monday just 11 days before he retires, embodies many of the priorities he pursued in his eight previous proposals: military growth at the expense of domestic programs, and no major tax increases. And like all eight previous Reagan budgets, it's written in red ink.

It would produce a deficit of \$92.5 billion, within the \$100 billion target mandated by the Gramm-Rudman, deficit-reduction law. If achieved, that figure would be a dramatic decrease from the worst of the Reagan era shortfalls, but drastically higher than the red ink run up by any previous president.

Democrats challenged the spending blueprint's priorities and what they called its unrealistic economic assumptions, and spared few words in writing its obituary.

New Senate Budget Committee Chairman Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., called it a "non-starter" that "doesn't deal with the problem of the deficit seriously." His House counterpart, Rep. Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said it was little more than "an interesting historical document."

"The more important issue is what George Bush presents," he said.

Even congressional Republicans conceded that Reagan's submission is little more than a starting point for Bush's budget efforts.

"This is obviously Ronald Reagan's book," said Sen. Pete Domenici, ranking Republican on the Senate Budget Committee. "George Bush and the Congress will write the final chapter."

As if to symbolize the Reagan plan's lack of significance, Domenici was in Albuquerque, N.M., and his House counterpart, Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., was in Europe.

Bush, who takes office Jan. 20, is not required to submit a spending plan of his own. But his aides have indicated he will propose revisions to Reagan's plan after his inauguration, and the president-elect distanced himself slightly from it Monday, saying he "agrees with its intent."

Congressional Democrats are eager for Bush to submit a detailed proposal of his own because they are skeptical he can do everything he has promised: reduce the deficit without raising taxes while still diverting federal resources to child care, education, environmental cleanups and other priorities he proclaimed during his presidential campaign.

Reagan's budget would collect \$1.059 trillion in revenues and spend \$1.152 trillion, leaving a \$92.5 billion imbalance. That would be the lowest deficit since the \$73.7 billion shortfall of fiscal 1981, which was under way when Reagan took office.

But Democrats say Reagan's budget plan masks the true amount of red ink by overestimating the economy's likely strength next year, adding more revenue on paper but with no guarantee the money will actually be there.

The federal deficit reached its all-time high of \$221 billion in 1986. Under Reagan, the total federal debt has so far soared to \$2.6 trillion, almost triple the \$914 billion the government owed before he took office. The government will have to spend \$170 billion this year just to pay interest on that debt.

The administration says it expects the current year's imbalance to total \$161 billion.

Reagan would boost military outlays in the next fiscal year by \$5 billion to \$303 billion. His proposed Pentagon spending authority of \$315.2 billion, which includes some outlays for years beyond 1990, reflects an increase of 2 percent more than inflation over this year's levels.

The increases would include boosting spending on the Star Wars missile defense system from \$4.05 billion to \$5.9 billion, setting aside \$94.6 million for a sea-based anti-satellite system, and starting production of the B-2 stealth bomber.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Curt Haley

SWEETWATER—Services are set for 3 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church for Mrs. Curt Haley, 83, who died Monday in a Sweetwater hospital. Burial will follow in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

She was the mother of Tony Haley of Snyder.

Born in Tyler, she moved to Sweetwater in 1923. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. She was the widow of Curt Haley.

Other survivors include a daughter, Mitcheleena Williams of Sweetwater; a step-son, Melvin Haley of Las Vegas; a sister, Vera Wagon of Abilene; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Nell Carriker

ROBY—Services are planned for 2 p.m. Thursday at the Weathersbee Funeral Home Chapel for Nell J. Carriker, 89, who died Monday in a Round Rock hospital. Burial will follow in the Roby Cemetery.

She was the grandmother of State Sen. Steve Carriker of Roby.

Born in Roby, she was the daughter of a pioneer Fisher County couple, the late J.L. and Susan Jones Polk. She attended school in Roby and graduated from Royston High School.

She and her late husband, Calvin H. Carriker, operated the Royston store and farmed east of Roby. The couple also were founders of the Carriker Seed Farms.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Dorothy Carriker of Round Rock; two other grandchildren, Stuart Carriker of Austin and Diane Wilkey of Round Rock; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert C. Preuitt

BERMUDA RUN, N. C.—A memorial service for Robert C. Preuitt, 57, will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Winston-Salem, N. C. He died at his home Friday. He was born July 28, 1931 in Snyder.

He was a graduate of Snyder High School, U. T. at Arlington and the United States Military Academy at West Point. His 30 year career was with Western Electric and AT&T. He was a manager for Document Development Reynolds Technologies in Winston-Salem at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; two daughters, Ann of Winston-Salem and Barbara Tolliver of San Antonio; his mother, Mrs. A. C. Preuitt of Snyder and a sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Henry F. Clark of Snyder. His father was a pioneer civic leader and life time agent of the RS&P Railroad in Snyder.

James Vaughn

LANGDALE, Ala.—James Vaughn, 55, of Langdale, Ala. was buried in New Site, Ala. on Jan. 6. He died Jan. 3. He was born on Oct. 4, 1933.

He is survived by seven children, Wanda Price, Daphne Bailey, Seward Vaughn and Melissa Garcia, all of Snyder, Kathy Gomez of Grand Prairie, Melody Baty of Langdale, Ala., Carolyn Nelson of Utah; and 19 grandchildren.

College holds January meet

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Trustees also ratified a bid previously approved by a telephone survey of the board to purchase a spray rig for use at the WTC Golf Course and campus grounds.

The low bid of \$11,890 was awarded to Goldwaite's of Texas Inc. of Fort Worth.

Board members also briefly discussed seeking proposals for the college's annual outside audit. While noting that this is not done annually, cost estimates will be sought this year to determine if past expenses related to the audit were still in the range of other firm's estimates.

Trustees attending Monday's meeting included Bill Wilson, who presided as board president, Bob Hargrove, R.C. Patton and John Fagin. Absent were Howard Sterling, Roy Baze and John Gayle.

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Reagan administration seeks to curtail deposit insurance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration today recommended curtailing deposit insurance for bank and savings and loan accounts and said the public will have to bear much of the estimated \$100 billion cost of restoring the S&L industry to health.

The White House Council of Economic Advisers, in President Reagan's final economic report, said reducing protection for depositors would cause them to more closely "monitor the financial health" of the institutions holding their money.

Although the report did not address the question, Beryl W. Sprinkel, the president's chief economic adviser, said that as part of the insurance curb, institutions should be required to publicly disclose more information about their financial condition.

The administration also sharply criticized S&L regulators for "postponing the day of reckoning" in their rescues of failed institutions.

But the top regulator, M. Danny Wall, chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, defended his agency's year-end spree of savings and loan bailouts as cheaper than shutting the failed institutions down and paying off depositors.

Wall, a Reagan appointee, said at a briefing outlining his testimony today before the House Banking Committee that his agency rescued 75 institutions in December at a cost of \$16.3 billion to be spread out over 10 years.

Tax benefits arising from the deals will cost the government an additional \$4 billion over 10 years.

The alternative to the rescues — liquidating the S&Ls and shutting them down — would have required \$47 billion in "up-front cash," far more than is available immediately to the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., Wall said.

By selling off the property of the failed S&Ls, regulators eventually would have recouped all but \$22.8 billion on the December transactions, he said.

The board supervises nearly 3,000 federally insured S&Ls.

Both banks and S&Ls are failing in numbers not seen since the Great Depression. Reagan's report noted that the problems will be "one of the major challenges for the next ad-

Legislature convenes today

Continued From Page 1 funds into the all-purpose general revenue fund.

"New taxes would have a depressing effect on our (economic) recovery — both real and psychological," Bullock said.

Among those responding favorably to his ideas was Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, who presides over the Senate. "Generally, Lt. Gov. Hobby liked what he saw. It looks like these proposals from the comptroller are some realistic alternatives," said Hobby by press secretary Glenn Smith.

Besides the money hurdle, lawmakers will face a number of other problems during their 140-day session, including:

— Education. Although the 3rd Court of Appeals has derailed — at least temporarily — a lower court order to overhaul the system of state aid to public schools, many lawmakers say change still is needed. Property-poor districts contend that they need more state funds to educate their students on par with those who live in wealthy districts.

"The nature of our school finance system is that it requires updating about every four years. There will be a school finance bill, but the court suit wasn't and isn't and won't be particularly the driving force," Hobby said.

The last school finance changes came in 1984 as part of the larger school reform bill.

— Prison overcrowding. Too many criminals, not enough space. That sums up the Texas Department of Corrections' problems. With the state's 38,000 prison beds full and a federal judge prohibiting the overcrowded system from handling any more than that, county jails have been flooded with state inmates awaiting transfer to TDC facilities.

Gov. Clements has proposed building 10,000 more prison beds to help solve the problem. He suggests selling state bonds to pay for the work rather than new taxes.

— Judicial selection. The controversy swirling around the Texas Supreme Court didn't end with the November election.

Some experts, including former Chief Justice John L. Hill, say it would be better to appoint top judges, perhaps picking from a list recommended by an expert committee. But others argue that the Texas Constitution's provision for popular election of judges remains the best idea.

— Workers' compensation insurance.

Workers' compensation premiums are paid by employers to cover medical and other expenses, including lost wages, of employees injured in work-related accidents. Costs have risen more than 100 percent since 1985.

Reform of the system is being sought, and the fight will pit powerful interests against one another, including business, insurance, doctors, lawyers and organized labor.

Speech event to honor Brock

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honor of Brock, who served as event manager for many district UIL literary contests held on the campus of WTC.

Brock died on May 2, 1986, at the age of 61. He had served as executive vice president of WTC since 1982 and as vice president of the college since its inception in 1970.

He also served as principal at Snyder High School from 1964-69.

ministration" under President-elect Bush.

While Reagan placed much of the blame on regulators, the administration's own record has come under fire as well.

Council mulls utility lines

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Development Board for a \$3.5-million State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan to build the new plant, which will feature the most modern ultraviolet disinfection equipment.

Assuming there are no complications, Bilderback said the city would be put on the SRF's "intended use" list this fall and likely awarded the loan, at a projected interest rate of 5.25 to 5.5 percent, in the spring of 1990. The plant would then be completed in middle or late 1991.

In a split vote, the council voted to raise the retainer fees of Municipal Judge Tommie J. Mills and the law firm of Rosser and Armstrong, which represents the city in legal matters, from \$900 to \$950 per month.

Council member Vernest Tippens, Joe Coronado and Ralph Williamson voted "for" the measure and, without offering comments regarding their reason, Paul Zeck and John Johnson voted against it.

Councilman Jack Greene Jr. was absent.

At Monday's meeting, certified public accountant Larry Anderson presented the city's annual audit, with Abilene Finance Director Larry Wright presenting a Certificate for Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting in his capacity as a regional director of the Governmental Finance Officers Association of Texas.

Anderson said most of the credit for the award should go to City Secretary Jeanne Johnson for her work on the report, and he added that the city's financial condition improved significantly over the past year, ending its fiscal year last September with \$200,000 more than it had after the previous year.

Also Monday, a resolution was adopted to ask the state highway department to re-shape 37th St. from Crockett to El Paso Aves. as part of its proposed widening of 37th from College Ave. to Crockett, extending the project by 2 of a mile.

The Crockett-to-El Paso work would not involve any widening, however.

Other business in the 6:30 p.m. meeting, which lasted until 8:20 p.m., included the acceptance of a \$50,953 bid from Southern Ambulance Builders of LaGrange, Ga., for a new ambulance for Snyder EMS Ambulance Service.

City and county elected officials, who share the expense of the ambulance equipment, met last week to discuss its purchase. The final decision was for the company to put a new ambulance body on a 1988 one-ton Chevrolet chassis with a gasoline engine.

Also, it was decided to provide 10 used two-way radios from the police department and other city departments to Snyder public schools, with councilmen noting that the radios have little current market value.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: A.W. Scrivner, HC 69 Box 31; Chris Vanderville, Colorado City; Johnnie Martin, 2341 Sunset.

DISMISSALS: Shade McGinty, LeRoy Brown, Donna Mitchell and baby, Uda Wade, Mildred Lewis, Velma Underwood, Evelyn Fenton, Grace Cranfill.

Births

Keven and Jill Low are the parents of a baby girl, Erin Johanna, born at 9:20 a.m. Thursday in Hendricks Hospital of Abilene. She weighed 5 pounds, 13½ ounces and was welcomed by a brother, Kyle.

Bike missing

Jimmy Taylor of 603 30th St. reported Monday that a 26-inch boy's light blue and white Hawk bicycle had been stolen.

Rural Texas could suffer under Reagan's budget proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — The ranks of struggling farmers and rural hospitals on the brink of financial collapse would swell under cuts President Reagan is proposing in his fiscal 1990 budget, experts say.

Although Reagan's budget would be hard on rural Texas, major defense and energy projects in the state fare well, including \$250 million proposed for the initial construction of the super collider and \$2.1 billion for the space station.

The big question is whether President-elect George Bush will stick to those recommendations when he takes office, and what the Democratic-controlled Congress will do.

"People have said the president's budgets of recent years have been dead on arrival, but this one's lost in transit. There's more interest in how President Bush will change this budget than in the budget itself," says Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, a Texas Democrat and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Health care officials in Texas say they're concerned about the effects of trimming growth in Medicare and Medicaid by about \$5 billion.

The savings in Medicare would come primarily from reducing the fees received by hospitals — often the lifeblood of small, rural hospitals, many of which are on the brink of failure in Texas. Nineteen Texas hospitals closed last year.

Rural hospitals would be particularly hard hit by the cuts because of their dependence on Medicare patients. Jim Houdek, senior vice president for health care finance at the Texas Hospital Association, said rural hospitals have a mix of 60 percent to 65 percent of Medicare patients, compared with urban hospitals, with 40 percent to 45 percent.

Gordon Russell, administrator of the Hi-Plains Hospital in Middle Center north of Lubbock, said any cut in Medicare "is going to be a death blow on rural hospitals, which already are suffering terribly."

"We can't stand any more cuts and continue to maintain access to health care in rural areas," said Russell, a member of the Department of Health and Human Services' National Advisory Committee on Rural Health. "Any further cuts would wipe out a bunch of hospitals."

Under Reagan's proposal, Medicare, which provides health care to Social Security recipients, would be cut by \$3.2 billion below the projected increase for 1990.

Houdek predicted as many as 20 more hospitals could collapse if the cuts go through. The state has lost about 75 hospitals over the past four years.

Medicaid, which pays the health bills of poor people, would be cut by \$1.7 billion over its projected increase for 1990 with the savings coming from reductions in federal payments to the states, which run the program.

Houdek said the state's seven teaching hospitals, capital improvements in hospitals, and the Texas Legislature's efforts to improve its Medicaid system, would also be hurt under the proposed cuts.

Reagan also wants to slash spending on farm programs by 19 percent, or \$9.7 billion.

Rep. Kikka de la Garza, a Texas Democrat who leads the House

Agriculture Committee, said the budget "takes a stance that appears to be deliberately punitive toward agriculture."

He pledged to work with the Bush administration on a "reasonable alternative ... the budget cannot be balanced at the expense of farmers who have kept us the best-fed nation in the world."

Kraig Gallimore, who heads farmer and rancher assistance for the Texas Agriculture Department, said that if the cuts go through, "we can expect to see more (farm) bankruptcies and foreclosures, and a continued exodus, not just from the farm, but from rural America."

"It (agriculture) is just the easiest kid on the block to pick on, with the few votes in the countryside," Gallimore said.

Farmers make up less than 3 percent of the population and "they are just tired of the struggle, of the fight to survive. And now the president says they're going to cut their pay. That's pretty depressing," Gallimore said.

On the positive side of Reagan's budget, however, are proposals to spend \$250 million to begin construction of the super collider, the giant physics project that is expected to create thousands of jobs in north central Texas. The budget targets completion of SSC construction at a site in Ellis County by 1998.

In fiscal 1990, the proposed budget calls for spending \$90 million on research and development and \$160 million on initial construction.

Reagan is calling for spending \$2.1 billion for the space station, which would be built in part at Johnson Space Center outside Houston; \$100 million in Pentagon money for Sematech, the semiconductor research consortium in Austin; \$62 million for a replacement Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio; \$22 million in construction funds for Naval Station Ingleside near Corpus Christi; \$39 million for modernization of the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana; \$31 million for construction of Cooper Lake in northeast Texas; and \$7.5 million to clean up pollution of the Rio Grande at Laredo.

Life without parole sought by lawmaker

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposed legislation that would provide an additional option of life in prison without parole in capital murder cases would have to be carefully crafted to pass constitutional muster, the general counsel to Gov. Bill Clements said.

State Rep. Larry Warner, who filed the bill Monday, said jurors don't realize that a life sentence given to people convicted of capital murder means the person will become eligible for parole after about 10 years in prison.

"Life doesn't mean life anymore. The law ought to mean what it says," Warner, D-Port Isabel, said.

Rider Scott, general counsel to Clements, and a former first assistant district attorney in Dallas County, said the bill would have to be written to conform with U.S. Supreme Court decisions designed to reduce the discretion of courts when assessing the death penalty.

But Scott said the bill is a good idea.

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Budget 'punitive toward agriculture,' congressmen says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's last-gasp budget plan to curb Agriculture Department spending by cutting farm commodity subsidies and rural development programs is headed for a chilly reception in Congress.

The budget proposals sent to Capitol Hill on Monday included a plan to cut USDA spending in fiscal 1990 by 19 percent to \$42.4 billion from \$52.1 billion currently. The new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Part of the blueprint included old plans that had been rejected before, such as a proposal to eliminate federal school lunch subsidies for children of upper-income families, requiring them to pay 26 cents more per meal. The savings would be more than \$3 million a day.

Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said the final Reagan budget "appears to be deliberately punitive toward agriculture" and noted that Congress has already cut federal spending on agriculture by \$30 billion since the administration came into office.

"I have never been one to pronounce any president's budget dead on arrival, but I am inclined to think that this one was probably dead before arrival," de la Garza said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, called the Reagan budget "largely irrelevant" but added: "It might, of course, have been designed to make a Bush budget appear kinder and gentler."

Spending on the department's Commodity Credit Corp. programs, which includes wheat, corn and other major crop supports, would decline to a six-year low of less than \$11.6 billion from more than \$13.8 billion in 1989. The peak was \$25.8 billion in 1986.

The budget for CCC spending included \$1.1 billion of unspecified cuts that will be decided by the incoming Bush administration and Congress. Future spending reductions in CCC programs could be in the range of \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion annually for 1991 through 1994.

Leahy said the Reagan blueprint for cutting farm programs raises a question of whether the administration "actually means to disarm unilaterally just two months before the next round of trade talks."

The administration has urged under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that all subsidies and other practices that interfere with free trade be eliminated, but the idea hasn't caught on.

"Cutting farm programs before obtaining an agreement from our trading partners to do the same seems likely to undermine our GATT negotiating position," Leahy said in a statement.

Deputy Secretary Peter Myers said no legislation to carry out the CCC proposal would be sent to Congress at this time.

"We're not going to be that presumptive," Myers said. "We're going to say: 'Congress, here's a way you can cut \$1.1 billion. Do you want to wrestle with it?' We think the Bush administration should have the prerogative to look at it. It's a

recommendation. It's an option."

The Reagan budget proposal for operating CCC's farm programs would include a 5 percent reduction in target prices beginning with the 1990 crops, and slightly larger cuts the following three years. Target prices are used to compute federal payments to farmers when market prices fall short.

Robert A. Denman, director of international and public affairs for the National Farmers Union, said the proposed 5 percent cut in crop target prices for 1990 on top of reductions already specified by the 1985 farm law may be part of the Reagan budget plan but hoped that "it wouldn't necessarily be in a Bush budget" for the nation's farmers.

The 1990 budget seeks to eliminate school lunch subsidies for non-needy children. Needy children would continue getting free or reduced-price meals.

But a child from a family having an income of more than 185 percent of the official poverty line — \$21,553 a year for a family of four — would have to pay about 26 cents more per day at the school cafeteria, unless the states or local districts made up the difference.

Overall food and consumer services, which take almost half of the USDA's annual budget, would remain mostly intact, however. Total spending would be almost \$20.6 billion, down from \$21.3 billion this year. Food stamps, which serve more than 18 million people, are expected to cost about \$12.7 billion, compared with almost \$12.9 billion currently.

Department budget analysts said that spending for small community and rural development would drop to \$3.4 billion from more than \$9.4 billion this year. Existing housing loans and grants, at a spending level of \$3.36 billion this year, would be terminated in favor of a housing voucher program.

Farm loans of the Farmers Home Administration would be reduced to \$3.7 billion from \$4.9 billion this year and "will continue the shift from direct loans to guaranteed loans" established by the 1985 farm law, the report said. Guaranteed operating loans are expected to increase to \$2.8 billion from \$2.6 billion this year.

But FmHA disaster loans, reflecting hoped-for better weather conditions, are expected to decline to around \$50 million from \$600 million this year.

The budget report said FmHA will continue to help farm borrowers reschedule overdue loans so they can stay in business. However, many have gone under and the FmHA currently holds almost 5,000 farms in its inventory with a market value of about \$650 million.

Some increases were called for in a number of USDA programs, including research and education, soil and water conservation, and food safety and inspection services.

Also, the administration seeks \$250 million in supplemental financing this fiscal year to help the Forest Service pay for firefighting. A new plan was outlined to partially pay for firefighting in the future by using money collected from timber sales and mining on federal lands.

Texans praise, criticize Supreme Court decision

AUSTIN (AP) — Pro- and anti-abortion forces in Texas say they are looking closely at the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to study a federal appeals court ruling that struck down key provisions of a Missouri law regulating abortions.

Bill Price of Dallas, head of the 100,000-member Texas Coalition for Life, said his group hoped the action would be the beginning of the end of the Supreme Court's landmark 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortion.

"The decision to hear this case raises our hopes that this awful edict will soon be greatly modified or overturned," Price said Monday.

Phyllis Dunham, director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, said the court's action jeopardized the rights of women.

"This case constitutes the most serious threat to reproductive choice in the last 16 years. Roe vs. Wade is the cornerstone of reproductive equality for the women of this country. No other

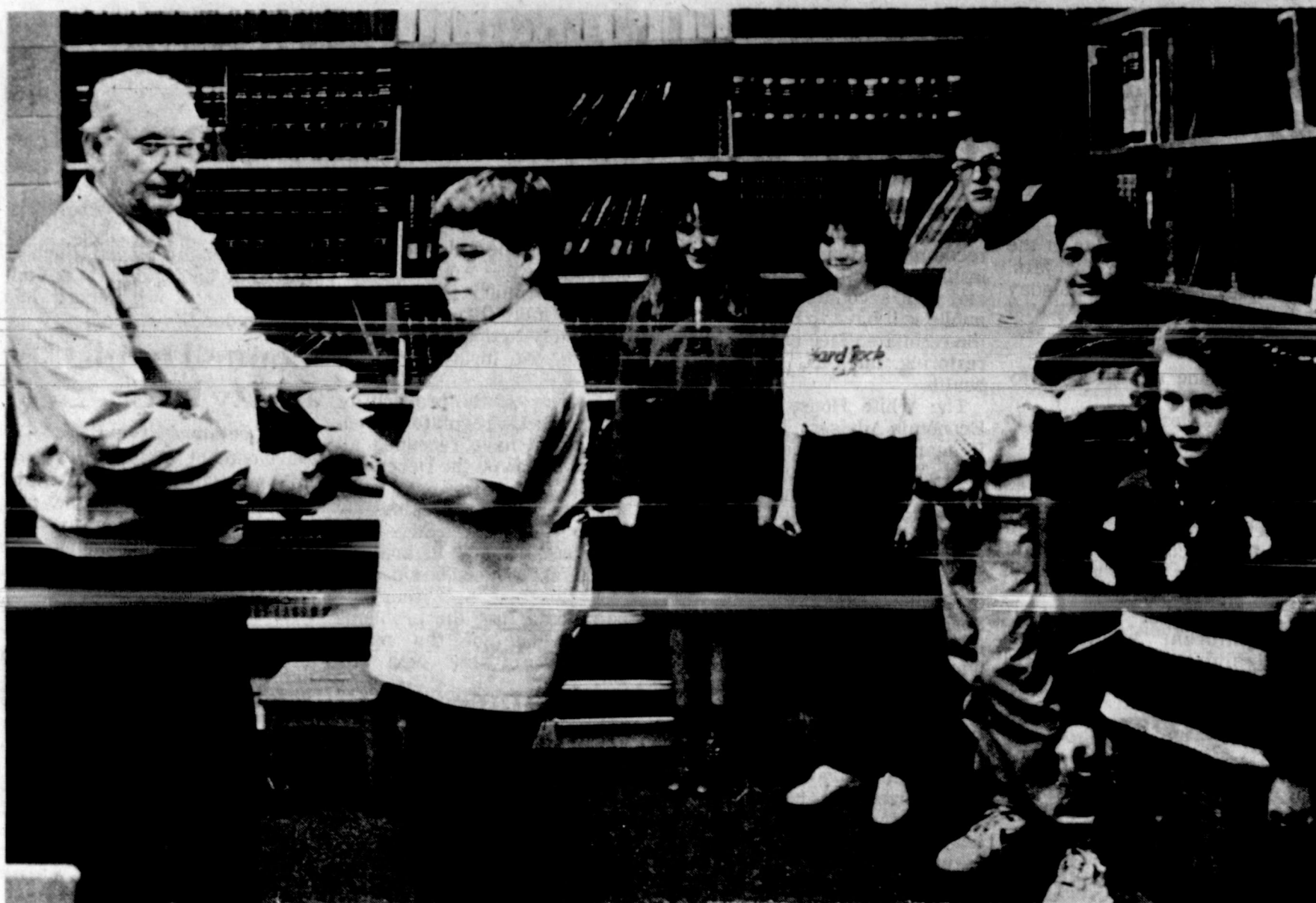
judicial decision has had a more profound and positive effect on the lives and health of women," she said.

Sarah Weddington, the Austin lawyer who represented the woman known in the lawsuit as Jane Roe, wasn't immediately available for comment.

Ms. Dunham said her group and other pro-choice groups planned to launch a statewide petition-gathering effort.

"Every American has the right to decide when and whether to have children, and most of us agree that the government should have no place in that very personal and private decision. Women must control their reproductive lives in order to care for their families, support themselves, and ensure their health and well-being," she said.

Price said pro-life advocates hope the Supreme Court's decision Monday signals a willingness to reconsider its past abortion decisions.



ALL FROM ALUMINUM CANS — Snyder Junior High School seventh grade history students raised money for the renovation of the old Dermott School building by collecting aluminum cans and last week gave a contribution to Scurry County Historical Commis-

sion chairman Billy Bob McMullan. From left are project leaders Chris Hill, Hayley Patterson, Krystal Valentine, Jim Griffin, Michael Sanchez and Brandi Doyle. (SDN Staff Photo)

Fake resume used to land jobs

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — When Carl Keyser Jr. applied for the city administrator's job in the small Alaska town of Kake, officials jumped at the chance to hire him after reviewing his impressive, four-page resume.

Months later, they learned Kake was just the latest and most remote stop in Keyser's cross-country government career, a career officials say was based on phony resumes and bogus reference calls.

Kake is a fishing and timber town of 665 residents, mostly Tlingit Indians, about 75 miles south of Juneau on the northern tip of Kupreanof Island. It is about as far as Keyser could have gone from his last job, a six-day stint as city manager of Pikeville, Ky., and remain in North America.

Keyser left the Kentucky post in August after the news media uncovered discrepancies in his resume. Kake officials hired him in October, unaware he was wanted on a fugitive warrant from Pikeville.

They also did not know Keyser had pleaded guilty last January to a misdemeanor perjury charge for lying in sworn statements he made while applying for police chief in Oak Hill, Fla.

Keyser, a Huntington, W. Va., native, is being held under \$10,000 bail at the jail in Petersburg, south of Kake, where last week officials filed a first-degree theft charge.

Keyser, 34, declined a request for an interview made through a jailer last week. However, in a tearful interview two weeks ago with radio station KFSK, he maintained his innocence and suggested he was a victim of a conspiracy in Pikeville.

"It's a situation where the press and some of the officials there want to make some type of example of me," he said. "It doesn't make any sense."

Pikeville charged Keyser with theft by deception for failure to reimburse the city for \$697 in travel expenses. He said he would have returned the money had officials asked.

"But, no, they go and do something like this and look all over the country to try to find me to see what they can do to hurt me and my family," he said.

Keyser's wife, Sheila, and their four young daughters are staying in an apartment provided by the Salvation Army.

The Alaska charge alleges that Keyser falsified his resume and obtained about \$28,000 in salary and expenses from the city.

"Nearly every aspect of his resume was not true," District Attorney Mark Ells said.

Keyser listed master's and bachelor's degrees in public administration from La Salle University in Philadelphia. He also listed experience as a consultant to the International City Managers Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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