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Regional director to speak...

Second TDC class ceremonies slated tonight on campus

The second TDC correctional officer training class offered through Western Texas College will receive diplomas Thursday in ceremonies set to begin at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Commencement speaker will be the director for TDC's Southern Region, Michael Moore. When completed in late June, the Price Daniel unit here will be included in this region.

Accompanying Moore Thursday will be the newly named warden for the Daniel Unit, Leslie Woods, who will be making his first visit to Snyder.

Thursday night, 37 class members are to graduate.

A reception for the graduates, friends and family members is scheduled in the WTC Student Center following the ceremonies. The list of Snyder graduates in-

cludes James Daniel Bass, Harold David Crane, Fred Lawrence Dillard, Daniel Holman Jones, Jesse Carl Kruger, James Michael Levens, Alfredo Lopez Morales, John Wesley Hardin Nichols, Antonio Perez, Timothy Ray Peterson, Jon Drew Price, Raymond Martinez Rodriguez, Bobby Jim Smith, Herman Lee Smith, Royce Key Summers and Rickey

Lynn Thompson.

Also from Scurry County are Joyce Winona Goswick of Ira and John Young Stewart of Dunn.

Others include Larry Dale Anderson, Edgar Allan Clary, Armandena Sanchez Garza, Samuel Espaisa Olivas and Dan Wesley Smith of Colorado City; David Williams Arp and Jackie D. Glover of Sweetwater; Ben See GRADUATES, page 9

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Flower events Friday

WTC prairie has yellow hues

Speakers Friday morning, tours of the wild flower trail on campus—which has developed a "crop" described as considerably better than last year's—and a field trip to Lake J.B. Thomas Saturday are all upcoming here as the fifth annual observance of Wild Flower Day is scheduled at Western Texas College.

The color yellow dominates the WTC prairie area this year, noted Wild Flower Day committee chairman Britt Canada.

"There's just a lot of yellow flowers, mostly Buttercups and Parralena," he said. "There's also a good cluster of bluebonnets."

The field trip in search of wild flowers is a new addition for the observance.

The group will gather at the Scurry County Museum at 9 a.m. Saturday to travel by car to the lake, making stops along the way.

"This is a very informal trip," Canada said. "Anyone who would like to join the group is invited. See WILD FLOWERS, page 9



REGIONAL NEXT—The Ira one-act play will enter regional competition Saturday at McMurry College in Abilene. Two out of six plays competing will be chosen to advance to the state one-act play contest to be held on May 6. The cast and crew of "And They Dance Real Slow In Jackson" include from left, Lloyd Bennett, Lori Clark,

Brian Martinez, Susan Johnson, Kerri Carter, Laura Blagg, Kristi Carter, Justin Spradlin, Stephanie Weber, Sherry Goswick, Holly Scott and Kyle Sorrells who is the holding the first place plaques which the group won at recent zone, district and area contests. Sue Parham is the director. (SDN Staff Photo)

Plans begin to welcome TDC staffers

The Board of County Development Wednesday laid plans to welcome new employees of the Texas Department of Corrections and their families in an outdoor barbecue and program around June 30 in the Western Texas College courtyard.

As an attraction for the children of TDC staffers, WTC faculty members will be in costumes depicting Walt Disney characters.

BCD Chairman Jack Denman noted that ground was officially broken for the TDC's new Daniel Unit five miles northeast of Snyder "a year ago yesterday."

Also noted, Chamber Manager Bill Moss said a lawn and garden day will be held Saturday, April 29, in Scurry County Coliseum, with 17 or 18 exhibitors currently expected.

In other action, the board authorized an expenditure of \$200 to advertise the event.

Board member Bill Parker said he and Snyder National Bank executive Joe Jackson are planning this year's Fourth of July fireworks display, and Moss See BCD, page 9

Ira one-act ready for regional event

Ira's one-act play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," will compete in the regional contest to be held Saturday at McMurry College in Abilene. Of the six contestants, two winners will advance to state on May 6.

Before earning the right to advance to regional, the Ira entry had to win at the zone, district and area levels.

On March 14, Ira competed in

the zone contest held at Westbrook. In addition to being declared a co-winner, five Ira players also captured individual honors. Justin Spradlin was named best actor. Kristi and Kerri Carter were named to the all-star cast. Honorable mention honors were bestowed on Lloyd Bennett and Kyle Sorrells.

The District 10-A one-act play contest was held March 31 in

Rotan. Ira was again declared a co-winner and two actors and three actresses received individual honors. Justin Spradlin was again named best actor. Kerri and Kristi Carter were placed on the all-star cast and Lloyd Bennett and Susan Johnson received honorable mention recognition.

Next, Ira traveled to Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene

on April 8 for the area contest. In addition to being named co-winner, Ira also placed three performers on the all-star cast: Justin Spradlin, Kristi Carter and Kerri Carter. Honorable mention recognition was given to Kyle Sorrells and Brian Martinez.

In addition, Susan Johnson, Lloyd Bennett, Lori Clark and See IRA, page 9

Volunteer recognition slated at senior center

The 10th annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet will get underway at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Senior Citizens Center.

The Top 15 volunteers will be recognized and certificates will be presented to volunteers with less than 500 hours and pins and certificates will be presented to volunteers with more than 500 hours.

From April 1, 1988 to March 31, 1989 volunteers gave 43,659 hours of service. The previous year volunteers tallied over 41,000 hours of volunteer service.

In addition, individuals and organizations which have helped the Senior Citizens Center throughout the year will receive either a plaque or a certificate.

Theme for this year's banquet is "Celebrate The Art of Volunteering." Wilma Dillard will serve as emcee, the Snyder High School Swingers will provide the entertainment and members of WTC's Phi Theta Kappa fraternity will serve.

SWCD plans to honor work for conservation

The annual banquet to recognize efforts toward conservation is slated Thursday by the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Towle Park Barn.

Highlight of the event is the announcement of this year's Conservation Farmer and Conservation Rancher of the Year.

In addition, the district will recognize public school students and teachers who have contributed toward projects with conservation as the central theme.

Some 16 students from Snyder and the rural school districts are to be honored for both essay and poster entries.

A Conservation Teacher of the Year will be named also from both the Snyder and rural school districts.

Serving as emcees for the evening will be Terry Hefner, district conservationist for the Upper Colorado SWCD; and Charlie Henderson, chairman of the district board.

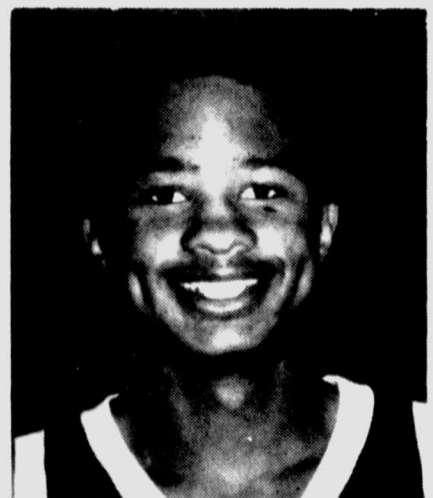
The district serves both Scurry and Borden Counties.

Senior has academy prep offer

Snyder High School senior Michael Riggins has accepted a 10-month full scholarship to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School (NAPS) which serves as a training ground for admission to the Coast Guard Academy.

Through NAPS, he will receive both academic, military and athletic training. He will be enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve and report to the Coast Guard Academy for one week in July.

The NAPS prep school is in



MICHAEL RIGGINS...full scholarship...

Newport, Rhode Island, where he will undergo his 10-months of training. Based upon performance, in May of 1990 he will be See RIGGINS, page 9

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on."

Every city in Texas is looking for new industry, and a new prospect surfaced this week. It is said to have great potential, but investors are needed.

But before you get out that checkbook, be warned that the factory would make contact lens for chickens. A national publication says that some guy may make millions selling contact lenses for chickens.

According to the developer—or perhaps promoter—chickens normally have yellow eyes, but they soon may be seeing red. A new theory in animal husbandry calls for colored contact lenses.

Poultry scientists have known for decades that red light makes chickens docile, yet rose-colored

henhouses were not practical. Poultrymen tried goggles, but the hens scratched them off.

The company developing the lenses for chickens claim that the 20-cent lenses will cause hens to eat less, lay more and not henpeck.

The firm also plans blue lenses to boost rooster fertility—just when you thought it was safe to go back in the henhouse.

We may be again too late on this one since somebody is already in the chicken contact lens business. But there still may be an angle of pursuit.

If rose-colored tint is supposed to substantially reduce henpecking, there ought to be a law that all contact lenses be made in that color.

Everybody is still trying to find the secret to a successful life. Whatever the answer, we suspect it still has something to do with work.

Thursday

April 20, 1989

Ask Us

Q. — When do terms expire for members of the Western Texas College board?

A. — Trustees serve six-year terms with members facing expiring terms every other year rather than yearly. The next expiration date is the spring of 1990, followed by cycles in 1992 and 1994. In 1990, it will be Bill Wilson and Roy Baze; in 1992, Howard Sterling and Bob Hargrove; and in 1994, John Gayle, John Fagin and R.C. Patton.

In Brief

North trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Final proceedings in Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial were delayed today, apparently because two jurors reportedly had not admitted involvement in unrelated court actions in the past.

North and several of his lawyers sat at the defense table for more than an hour waiting for the start of the court session, at which U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell was to charge the jury before it began deliberating charges against the former White House aide.

Local

SS contests

A social science contest involving some seven area high schools was underway Thursday morning on the campus of Western Texas College.

Students were competing in six categories and an awards ceremony for the winners was to be held at 1:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Bands to play

A concert featuring both the Snyder Junior High and High School Band is slated Monday night in Worsham Auditorium.

The combined concert will begin at 7 p.m. and is expected to last approximately one hour. The event is free to the public.

Choir results

Snyder Junior High choirs competed this week at the UIL Regional II Junior High-Middle School contest held in Abilene.

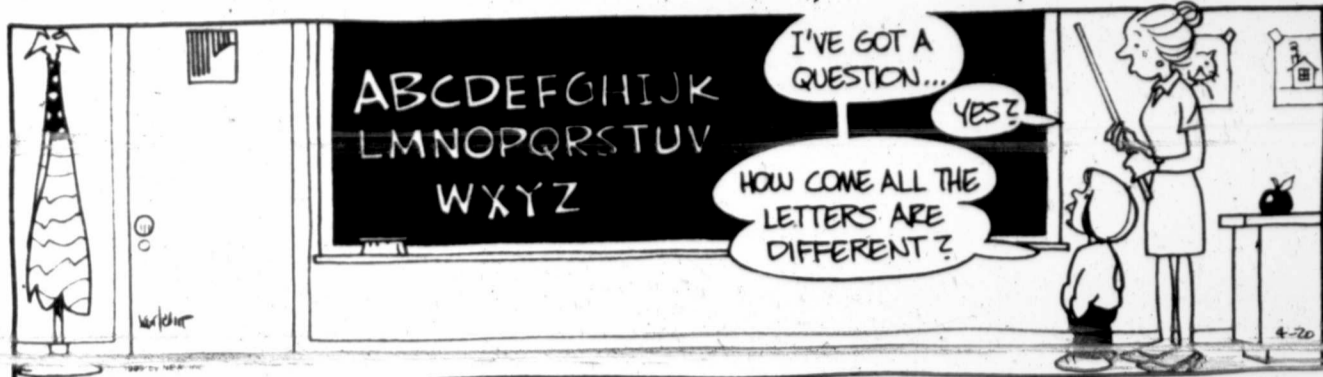
The Snyder tenor-bass choir received a 2 in concert and a 3 in sight-reading; the treble choir a 2 in concert and a 2 in sight-reading; and the treble (second group) a 3 in concert and a 2 in sight-reading.

Weather

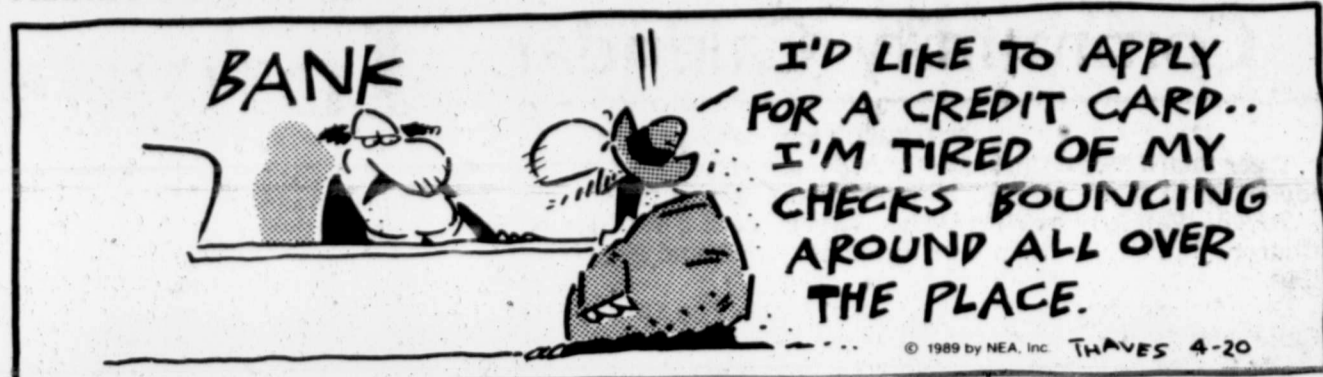
Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 88 degrees; low, 56 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Thursday, 59 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 2.80 inches.

West Texas: Generally clear skies except for partly cloudy conditions most areas east of the mountains tonight with isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms. Highs thru Friday in the mid 80s to the lower 90s. Lows tonight mid 50s to around 60.

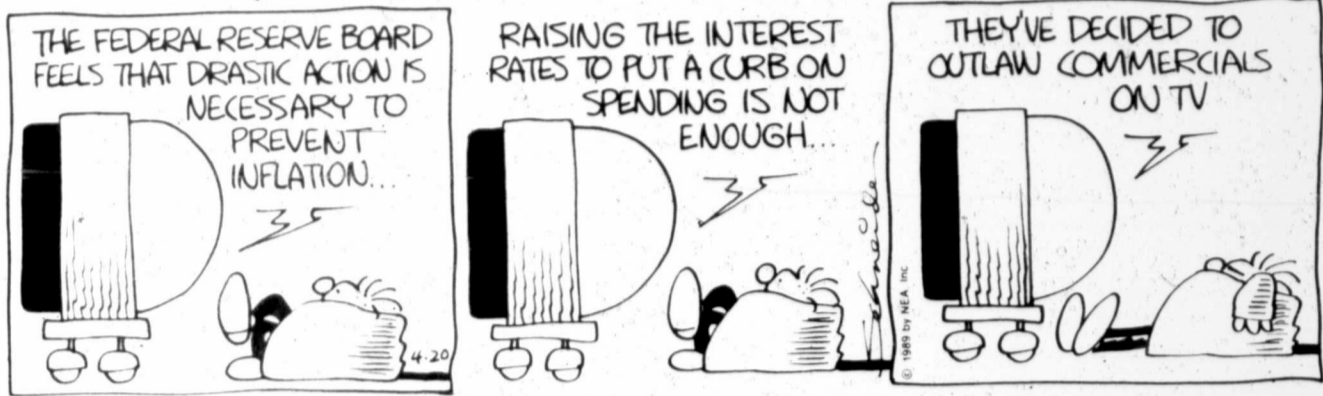
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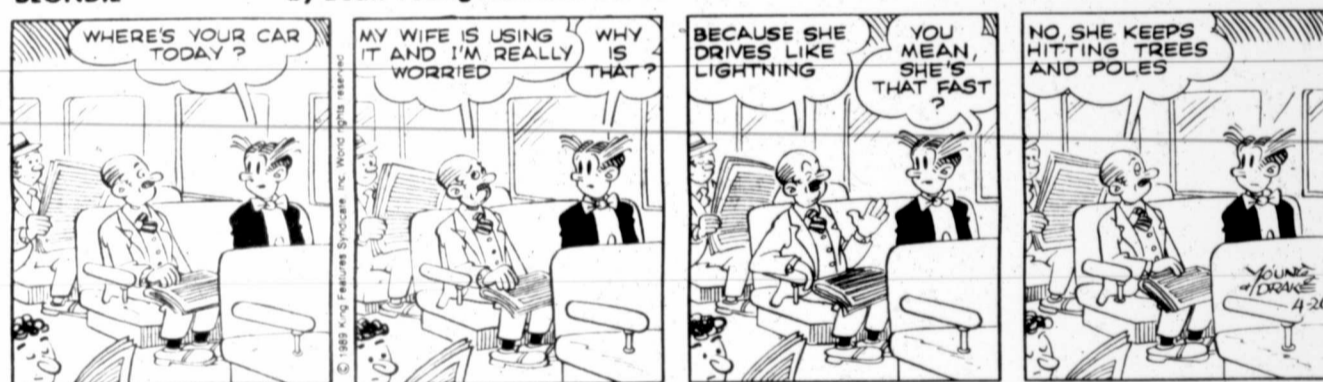
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- Warmth
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- Young socialite, for short
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- First-rate (2 wds.)
- Village
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- Irritated
- Arab country
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DOWN

- Dec. holiday

Oil future prices hit three year high

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil futures prices hit a three-year high as traders reacted to news that could spell trouble for the energy industry, including a North Sea gas explosion and an industry report that showed U.S. crude production fell to its lowest level since the 1960s.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the May price of West Texas Intermediate, the benchmark grade of U.S. crude, jumped \$1.10 to \$22.61 a barrel Wednesday, the highest level since Jan. 17, 1986, when the near-term contract finished at \$23.53 a barrel.

The explosion on a small gas platform Tuesday forced the shutdown of a major oil pipeline carrying 472,000 barrels a day of Brent crude mostly to European cities. Officials of Shell U.K. Exploration and Production did not say when normal operations would resume. The platform is a main gathering point for Brent crude coming from major oil fields in the North Sea.

Meanwhile, a leak in a pumping station 25 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska, forced a reduction in oil flow through the Alaska pipeline. Oil was cut by 25 percent to 1.5 million barrels, but

was expected to return to full operation shortly, officials said.

Energy brokers said the timing of the events, following the Alaskan oil spill last month and other recent production problems in the North Sea and elsewhere, exacerbated the impact on oil prices.

"The reason we're seeing oil prices going up is because of these accidents," said C. Hossein Tahmassebi, chief economist for Ashland Oil Inc. "Without them, the market situation would be considerably different."

In the last six months oil prices have risen more than \$10 a barrel, or nearly 80 percent. Last Oct. 5, crude prices dipped to \$12.60 a barrel.

Among refined products traded on the exchange Wednesday, the May contract for unleaded gasoline rose 0.76 cent to 74.62 cents a gallon, while heating oil for May delivery increased 0.57 cent to 53.33 cents a gallon.

The American Petroleum Institute, meanwhile, released its monthly report showing that domestic production in March totaled 7.65 million barrels a day, down 8.2 percent, or 690,000 barrels per day, from the year-ago level.

U.S. production had not been that low since 1964, when it averaged 7.614 million barrels a day, said Ron Planting, an API senior analyst in Washington.

The API, which represents major oil producers and refiners, attributed the drop to the March 24 Alaskan oil spill and to declining production in other major U.S. oilfields. The spill last month temporarily shut down critical oil shipping lanes into the lower United States.

"Although the unusually large decline reflected in part developments related to the tanker grounding near Valdez, almost 300,000 barrels per day of the 690,000 barrel-a-day decrease was accounted for by falling production in the lower 48, a decline that has continued now for three years," the API report said.

Planting noted that while problems in Alaska oil fields are temporary, "what's happening in the lower 48 is not."

Analysts said that despite the recent rise in crude prices, it will take time for the United States to increase production. And the Alaskan spill will delay congressional permission for major oil companies to begin drilling in the protected Arctic National

Wildlife Refuge, which is believed to hold huge reserves of oil and natural gas.

Tahmassebi said many in and out of the industry are questioning the reason for the North Sea accidents.

"Is this happening because of low oil prices and companies cutting back on maintenance to keep up profitability?" he said. "If so, these types of things will continue happening."

Analysts said the market also got a boost from a weekly API report released after the close of trading Tuesday that showed crude oil stocks fell by 5.7 million barrels last week.

Jim Steel, an energy analyst with Refco Inc., said the report reflected growing seasonal demand for oil and oil products as the spring-summer driving season gets under way. He said that over the next few weeks, gasoline prices could continue to drive crude futures higher.

Check Zeck May 6

Dear Abby



Mother Can't Be Positive Her Baby Is Her Husband's

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Well, here I go with my first letter to you. Something is bothering me, and I have to know the answer and I can't ask anyone else.

I have "A Positive" blood type, and my husband has "O Positive." Our child's blood type is "AB Positive."

The point is, I fooled around a little about the time I got pregnant. I need to know if this child could belong to my husband.

For obvious reasons I can't sign my name or have your reply come to our home, so please give me a fast "Confidential to Keeping My Fingers Crossed in Kentucky": affirmative, if the child could be my husband's; negative, if it couldn't be. Thank you. K.M.F.C. IN KENTUCKY

DEAR K.M.F.C.: It's not that simple. According to Dr. Ronald S. Ostrowski, my genetic consultant at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte: "In all probability, the answer is 'negative.' But there is a very small possibility that the husband has a 'masked' gene. (This is called the 'Bombay Phenomenon.') For an absolutely foolproof test, tissue typing will provide an accurate answer."

Now uncross your fingers, and cross your heart; you will never fool around again.

DEAR ABBY: I'll bet "Jane in Long Island," who is 38 years old and is having a hard time adopting a child, wouldn't be told that she is too old to adopt an older, non-white and/or handicapped child. And she certainly is not too old to be a foster parent.

Every week, a local TV station runs a spot called "Waiting Child," seeking homes for hard-to-please children. There are literally thousands of these children sitting in orphanages, feeling unloved and unwanted because there is something "wrong" with them.

Jane can moan about not being able to get pregnant, but it's really her shortsightedness that deprives her of the chance to open her heart and home to a truly needy child.

NO SYMPATHY IN CARMICHAEL, CALIF.

DEAR NO SYMPATHY: It takes a very special kind of person to open her heart and home to a "hard-to-please" child. God bless those who do.

DEAR ABBY: You stated that the AIDS virus may lie dormant in the body for several years before symptoms of the disease appear.

Does that mean that one who has had a blood transfusion several years ago may be at risk from donor blood? Is not the blood of donors screened for antibodies? How much at risk is a person who has had a transfusion? Thanks and best wishes. I enjoy your answers and learn from reading Dear Abby.

SCARED OF BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS

DEAR SCARED: According to a spokesperson for the American Red Cross, people who received blood transfusions between 1975 and 1985 should be tested for HIV, because before 1985, blood was not screened for the AIDS virus.

However, since 1985, the blood supply has been closely screened and, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the chance of becoming infected with AIDS from a transfusion is now about 1 in 100,000. In order to eliminate even this tiny risk, many physicians advise their patients who are contemplating surgery to bank their own blood for use at that time.

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Senate adopts tighter insurance restrictions

AUSTIN (AP) — Consumer advocates praised a package of bills aimed at tightening regulation of insurance companies.

The Senate on Wednesday sent the bills to the House on voice votes.

"If adopted, this legislation will put consumers around the state on a more level playing field in their dealings with the insurance industry," said John Hildreth, director of Consumers Union.

Anger at both the State Board of Insurance and the insurance industry it oversees prompted several senators to add even tougher guidelines to the omnibus insurance bill, such as removing the industry from the protection of antitrust laws.

"There is no reason that the insurance industry should be allowed to engage in anti-competitive and monopolistic activities," said Hildreth.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, who shepherded the centerpiece of the reform package, accepted most of the amendments from his colleagues. "It's coming out of here stronger than garlic," Montford said.

Earlier, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said passage of the insurance reform package was critical.

"Unless we act now, the insurance crisis could reach the proportions we have seen in the banking and thrift industries," Hobby said.

Montford said the Legislature

needs to maintain close tabs on the Insurance Board once lawmakers go home at the end of the session.

He said there are about 20 companies doing business in Texas that require more scrutiny and added that the new Insurance Board needs to take office soon. "Time is of the essence," he said.



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