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Ask Us

Q—When does the law requiring motorcycle riders to wear a helmet go into effect?

A—The date is Sept. 1, 1989. According to the sheriff's office it will be mandatory for all drivers and passengers of motorcycles to wear a helmet while the motorcycle is in operation. The law will apply to all ages and in all situations (in the city limits, rural roads, highways, etc.).

In Brief

Newton killed

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Huey Newton, former Black Panther leader, was found fatally shot in the street early today, police reported.

Newton was found in Oakland about 5:30 a.m., said Oakland Police Officer Terry Foley.

A 10-foot pool of blood marked the spot where the 47-year-old Newton was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, including at least one shot in the head.

About a dozen officers cordoned off the city block in a low-income neighborhood. Several hours later, Newton's body had been taken away from the street in front of a gray, two-story house.

Local

WTC boosters

Western Texas College Booster Club will begin its 1989-90 membership drive with a sandwich and ice cream supper, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Towle Park Barn.

Anyone interested in WTC athletics is encouraged to attend. Boosters are asked to bring sandwiches or a dessert.

BCD meeting

A discussion on producing a new brochure for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce is part of the agenda for a noon Wednesday meeting of the Board of County Development at Snyder Country Club.

The meeting was postponed from the regularly scheduled time last week because not enough members were going to be able to attend to have a quorum.

Awareness

The Scurry County Council on Alcoholism extends an invitation to a public awareness meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24 at the Charter Plains Outreach Center at 4200 College Ave.

The forum will consist of a number of speakers from the Scurry County area who will present the needs of their various groups.

For additional information, contact Belva LaRoux at 573-1141.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 93 degrees; low, 72 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 72 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 9.42 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of mainly evening thunderstorms. Low in the lower 70s. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy with isolated mainly afternoon thunderstorms. High in the middle 90s. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Rain chance less than 20 percent.



15-YEAR AWARDS — Science professor Joe Carter and associate mathematics professor Elsie Anderson were honored for 15 years of service with Western Texas College Monday night. Not shown is Lee Burke, chairman of the college's health and physical education department, who has also been with the college for 15 years. (SDN Staff Photo)



FOR 20 YEARS — Mavis Brumelow, administrative assistant to Western Texas College president Harry Krenek, and college board member R.C. Patton were given the college's first 20-year service awards at the annual WTC faculty-staff awards dinner Monday night. Not shown are board members R.H. Hargrove and Bill Wilson, also 20-year award recipients. (SDN Staff Photo)

WTC staff is honored for service

Western Texas College faculty, administration and board members received service awards in the annual faculty-staff dinner Monday night in the Student Center cafeteria as five new faculty members were introduced.

The dining area was packed to capacity with 198 people who ate Mexican food and ice cream and then heard music faculty members Brent Hardegree and Jane Womack perform a classical flute-piano piece and a vocal number, "Golden Earrings."

College president Harry Krenek gave 20-year awards to Mavis Brumelow, his administrative assistant, and board members Robert Hargrove, R.C. Patton and Bill Wilson.

Associate mathematics professor Elsie Anderson, health and physical education department chairman Lee Burke and science professor Joe Carter got 15-year awards. Ten-year awards were given to assistant agriculture professor Bob Doty, fine arts division chairman John Gibson, controller Charles Meek, associate professor of drama and speech Jim Rambo, board member Howard Sterling and residence hall clerk Barbara Preston.

Five-year awards went to Hardegree, associate computer science professor Britt Canada, assistant agriculture professor Jim Judah and PBX operator Susan Payne.

The new faculty members are Donny Brown, instructor in mass communications; Jack Price, management instructor; Jimmie McGee, political science instructor; Carol Watkins, vocational nursing instructor; and Janice Mauldin, developmental mathematics instructor.

In-service began Monday at the college and will continue throughout the week. The staff of Windham School, WTC's newest "extension" at the Price Daniel Unit, began Tuesday morning

During monthly chamber meeting...

Upcoming projects profiled

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors discussed plans for a monthly newsletter, outlined the Snyder Pops program, announced dates of their receptions for school and college personnel and named a committee to nominate new board members at their monthly

meeting Monday. The board also discussed how they will use billboards they have recently acquired from the city and heard a brief report from Bill Moss, chamber manager, on the AJRA.

Moss said the chamber will host a continental breakfast for

the high school staff at 6:45 a.m. Aug. 29 in the school cafeteria. The same evening, at 5 p.m., the chamber will hold a reception for the Western Texas College staff at Scurry County Museum.

Moss also said a monthly publication, to be paid for by merchant advertising, will in-

clude highlights of activities in Snyder. Plans are for 18,000 copies to be printed monthly with most of them distributed in outlying communities such as Colorado City, Rotan and Roby.

A target date for the first publication is November.

Herbie Figueroa, board president, outlined the chamber's plans to use billboards to help promote Snyder. The chamber, which will take over the billboards in September, is planning to use them as a means to promote the city and activities related to the city.

Also discussed was the Snyder Pops program, which seeks to bring cultural entertainment to the

Teachers applaud Mattox opinion concerning '90 career ladder date

AUSTIN (AP) — Teachers' groups applauded Attorney General Jim Mattox's opinion that a new law raising standards for the highest level of the career ladder takes effect Sept. 1, 1990, instead of this year.

The career ladder was enacted in 1984 to reward teachers for experience and expertise.

The Texas State Teachers Association, which gave Mattox an "A-plus" for his decision, said Monday that legislative leaders had asked the State Board of Education to implement the new standards immediately.

The Association of Texas Professional Educators said the request was based on a suggestion

that a clerical error was made in the legislative process, calling it an attempt to change the rules "after the game is over."

The association filed suit to stop immediate implementation. State Education Commissioner W.N. Kirby asked Mattox for a legal opinion.

Mattox, in the opinion released Monday, said the new law raised the standard of performance required to achieve level three on the career ladder, and takes effect Sept. 1, 1990.

Level three is the highest career ladder level Texas teachers can attain. Level four, the top rung, has not yet been implemented.

"We are very pleased with the attorney general's decision, and felt that the law was squarely on (see TEACHERS, page 9)

In assault trial...

Testimony begins

A nine-woman, three-man jury was seated late Monday afternoon in 132nd District Court and testimony began Tuesday morning in the trial of 40-year-old Catarino Guerrero, who is accused of aggravated assault on a police officer.

Guerrero, of 2700 Ave. J, is charged with striking city policeman Chip Mitchell in the head with his fist on May 20 in the 2900 Block of Ave. I, and he is being defended by Colorado City attorney Pat Barber.

Several city policemen have been called to testify.

Guerrero has been free on a \$25,000 bond.

Not enough prospective jurors came to court on Monday, and more had to be summoned by telephone, so jury selection did not begin until Monday afternoon.

The case is being prosecuted by District Attorney Ernie B. Armstrong, with District Judge Gene Dulaney presiding.



NEW AT WTC — Newly appointed instructors at Western Texas College are, from left, Donny Brown, mass communications; Carol Watkins, vocational nursing; Jimmie McGee, political

science; and Jack Price, management. Not shown is developmental mathematics instructor Janice Mauldin. (SDN Staff Photo)

SDN photos win first place in WTPA event

The Snyder Daily News won first place in photography among daily newspapers in the West Texas Press Association's annual contest for 1988.

The newspaper also was named second in general excellence, news writing and column writing. The awards were presented at a WTPA meeting last weekend in Odessa.

Photography awards were based on two issues which covered a drowning tragedy at Lake J.B. Thomas and a visit by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, both in July of 1988.

SDN reporter Bob Campbell took both front page photographs and the remainder of the staff contributed to the inside art.

Donny Brown, former SDN managing editor, wrote articles submitted in the news writing category, including one on the Pointeau family. He also penned the columns which captured a second place award.

The entire staff contributed to the May 8 paper which garnered second place in the general excellence category.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Fifty percent of all marriages could be saved with one more bathroom."

After 23 years of marriage, we've rejected an old theory about a way to a man's heart being through his stomach.

If cooking were the thing, ole what's-her-name would still be an old maid school marm. She even says that has a nice ring to it.

An anniversary is a time to stop and reflect. If her domestic talents didn't attract us, what did? It had to do with the U.S. Post Office.

In our younger days, "Post Office" was a favorite parlor game. The kissing game originated during the Civil War when troops were not issued things like soap, stationery and other personal necessities.

President Lincoln approved the U.S. Sanitary Commission on June 13, 1861 for the purpose of dealing with the health and comfort of Union

troops. Sanitary Fairs were organized to raise funds. One of the booths was a post office run by a personable young lady called the postmistress.

It was the task of the postmistress to get as much money as possible from male customers. The young lady would deliver a blank envelope for a donation, and then would state there was also a "postage due." Upon payment of the added fee she would kiss the gentleman, to the cheer of the watching crowd.

It was at those early boy-girl parties that we learned about "post office." Back then we never knew about the flaws of the opposite sex and how finicky they can be when you forget a birthday or ask them to order their own flowers.

Husbands become wiser with each year of marriage. In this institution you learn to pay—either attention or get your postal stamp cancelled.

We think we'll try to make amends with a Royal anniversary dinner—the main course at Burger King followed by dessert at Dairy Queen.

Farmers donate surplus hay

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) - Hundreds of tons of surplus hay will be donated to drought-stricken South Texas farmers and ranchers by farmers in two East Texas counties where heavy rainfall has allowed some farmers to harvest twice as much hay as usual.

Some of the South Texas recipients of the donated hay were able to donate hay to drought-

stricken farmers in other areas only a few years ago, but officials noted that in Live Oak County, only 24 inches of rain has been reported in the past two years. Bo Griffin, a field agent with the Texas Farm Bureau whose father Carlos, president of the Gregg County Farm Bureau, said Monday the first trainloads of hay, carrying about 1,500 tons of hay to be divided among ranchers in Uvalde and Live Oak counties, will leave Longview on Sept. 14.

2 accused in 'snuff' film arrest

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - Two men arrested on charges of plotting to kidnap, molest and kill a boy in a pornographic videotape advertised in computer bulletin boards, a published report says today.

The officer placed a message in the bulletin board seeking individuals interested in children.

Authorities say California police officers traveled to Virginia several times and met with the suspects, discussing the purchase of the child for use in the video, before contacting federal officials who took over the case.

Lambey, a real estate agent, responded, saying he liked boys between the ages of 8 and 13, and was interested in making a sexually explicit movie with children, the document says.

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Leland, other victims to be returned home

WASHINGTON (AP) - The bodies of Rep. Mickey Leland and eight other Americans who died in a plane crash in Ethiopia will be returned to the United States Wednesday, the State Department says.

Leland's family plans a private burial service for the Texas Democrat in Houston. The State Department will hold a memorial service Wednesday morning at the Lincoln Memorial for officials in the department and the U.S. Agency for International Development killed in the crash.

and seven Ethiopians died Aug. 7 on their way to a refugee camp along Ethiopia's southwestern border when their Twin Otter plane crashed into a mountain-side. All 16 on board are believed to have died instantly.

The flag-draped coffins bearing the Americans will be loaded on a military plane due to leave Ethiopia this evening after a memorial ceremony at the airport in Addis Ababa.

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Other Americans whose bodies will be returned are: -Patrice Johnson, 35, a Leland aide.

Authorities said the boy would be videotaped while being tortured for up to two weeks and his body washed in acid to remove evidence before being disposed of in a marsh in Maryland.

The investigation began in

—Hugh A. Johnson, 34, a member of the House Select Committee on Hunger.

—Ivan Lee Tillem, 33, a New York City lawyer and friend of Leland's who was investigating prospects for food-relief projects he had proposed for Ethiopia.

—Joyce Francine Williams, 39, an aide to U.S. Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., and an expert on child health and nutrition issues.

—Robert Woods, age unavailable, a political and economic officer with the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa.

—Gladys Gilbert, 43, special projects officer for AID in Addis Ababa.

—Thomas J. Worrick, 48, the deputy AID representative in Addis Ababa.

—Roberta Worrick, 48, wife of Thomas Worrick and a contract employee of the AID mission in Addis Ababa.

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DR. GOTT

PETER GOTT, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Will fluoxymesterone help my problem with impotence?

DEAR READER: Perhaps, depending on the cause of your impotence.

Fluoxymesterone (Android, Halotestin) is a synthetic male hormone (testosterone). In men who experience sexual dysfunction from inadequate amounts of naturally produced testosterone, hormone supplements (in pills or injections) can correct the deficiency. With treatment, these men will become more interested in sex and be able to perform more satisfactorily.

However, most cases of impotence are not the result of hormone deficiency. For example, circulatory problems are a much more common cause of impotence. Experts estimate that up to 50 percent of diabetic men suffer sexual dysfunction, because the disease interrupts circulation to the genital organs.

Also, arteriosclerosis in non-diabetics often causes impotence. In addition, many men are impotent from psychological factors, including depression and emotional upset. Finally, medicines and drugs, such as alcohol and anti-hypertension medication, are associated with sexual dysfunction.

To determine whether testosterone supplements might help, your doctor should first discuss the problem with you, perform an examination and order a blood test to determine the level

of hormone in your system. If your testosterone level is low, a trial of fluoxymesterone could benefit you. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Impotence." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1.25 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there a similarity between Milroy's disease and Lyme disease? A recent article by you and another from Good Housekeeping have me confused.

DEAR READER: The two conditions are unrelated, distinct entities.

Milroy's disease is swelling of one or both legs due to an increase in edema fluid. The cause is unknown. Treatment consists of wearing elastic hose or pneumatic stockings to force the edema out of the leg.

Lyme disease is an infection caused by a tick bite. Usually, a rash initially forms at the site of the bite; this is associated with flu-like symptoms of fever, weakness and aching joints, which may progress to arthritis, heart inflammation, exhaustion and signs of brain infection (encephalitis and meningitis). Antibiotics are useful in eradicating the infection. However, the longer the disease is present, the less effective drug therapy is in curing it.

I do not believe the two diseases are similar enough to cause confusion in differentiating them.

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Killer whale dies after collision during show

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Kandu, the giant killer whale that gave birth before thousands of people last fall, was killed when she collided with another killer whale during a performance at Sea World, park officials said.

what happened... We want to see if we can get the whales calmed down."

Kandu, who weighed about 6,000 pounds, and Corky, who weighs about 8,000 pounds, were starting their 4 p.m. show in the performing tank at Shamu Stadium when the accident occurred, Sea World officials said.

Park veterinarians and animal-care staff were preparing to perform an autopsy on Kandu, who gave birth to Baby Shamu in the same stadium last September.

The show was canceled and several thousand visitors who witnessed the bloody accident were escorted out of the stadium. Park officials said it's uncertain when the popular whale shows would resume.

Corky, who apparently was not injured, completed part of a shortened performance before the audience was led away, witnesses said.

"It's very obvious to you, as it is to us, that (Kandu) is bleeding," the announcer at Shamu Stadium told the audience. "We're not really sure

"The two adult whales were coming into the show pen when it seemed like they collided," said Jim Barnes, who was at the show while on vacation from Stansbury Park, Utah.

"They got the mother whale in to about six inches of water — the baby was laying right there next to her — and the blood was really bad," he said.

Three judges participate in pursuit of fleeing felon

DALLAS (AP) - A Dallas man accused of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was supposed to see a judge about the charge.

Randall Isenberg were returning from lunch.

He saw the judge, but it wasn't in a courtroom the way it was supposed to be.

"He hit those doors full speed," Judge McDowell recalled. "Boy, he sure had a wild look in his eye."

Eddie Kevin Coleman, 32, was supposed to appear before State District Judge Pat McDowell to be tried on the charge Monday morning. He didn't appear on time and the judge ordered that he should be arrested if he did appear.

When the judges saw Kelley, blood streaming from the gash on his head, chasing the man, they joined in. Quickly, other bailiffs and some deputy sheriffs joined the chase across downtown Dallas.

When Coleman arrived at the Dallas County Courthouse about four hours later, an arrest warrant was prepared and he was confronted by bailiff Bill Kelley, who told him he was under arrest.

Kelley had to give up the chase a few blocks later because of his injury.

"Then he said, 'I'm not going to jail over a warrant,'" Kelley, 42, said.

"I chased him to the corner of Market and Jackson, but I couldn't see anymore because of the blood," said the bailiff, who later was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital where he received five stitches to close the wound.

As Kelley shouted for help, the man lunged at him. Kelley slipped and cut a gash in his head as he struck a water fountain.

The impromptu posse chased the man for more than 10 blocks when Judge McDowell, an avid jogger, managed to cut him off and confront him.

Witnesses said Coleman ran down a stairway and was leaving the building as Judge McDowell, Chief Justice Craig Enoch of the 5th District Court of Appeals and County Criminal Court Judge

"I tried to talk to him," the judge said. "I said, 'Hey, man, give it up. You're just hurting yourself. I'm the judge in your court.'"

The man cursed the judge and fled, McDowell said.

A bailiff finally found the man hiding under a stairwell in a deserted building and he was returned to the courthouse, where he was ordered jailed in lieu of \$30,000 on additional charges of felony escape and assault on a law enforcement officer.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Aug. 23, 1989

A number of material goodies that you've been wanting to have but really don't need might come into your possession in the year ahead. They'll be like frosting on the cake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're going to have to be more assertive than usual if you hope to achieve an important objective at this time. Opposition will be impressive, but the odds still favor you. Virgo, 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.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) It won't be helpful today merely to verbally inspire an associate. In order to encourage this individual you are going to have to physically demonstrate your intentions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It may be best to avoid little groups or cliques whose members of whom you disapprove. Things they may say or do today could give you even more reasons to dislike them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If possible, try to work independently of others today. In your intensity to accomplish your aims, you might feel cohorts will just get in your way and slow you down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your social acceptance by others is at a high point again today, but if you ignore your duties and responsibilities to pursue a good time, you'll have to pay the price later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Although your heart will be in the right place when you try to help someone sort out complications today, your methods and ideas might only create more problems.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Neither you nor your mate should make major decisions today without first consulting one another. This is a day when two heads are definitely better than one.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you can't fully concentrate on what you're supposed to be doing today, it might be wise to walk away from it. Don't let persistently poor procedures worsen matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're likely to be in an extremely sociable mood today and this is well and good, but you could also be in a very extravagant frame of mind and this is not too nifty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Being too set upon having everything your own way today could create some problems in your life, especially in dealings with family members.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) People will try to be friendly toward you today because they really like you and want to be of assistance if they can. However, if your mindset is negative, you might not even recognize it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't attempt to impress or influence others today through your expenditures, because it isn't apt to work. Flamboyant gestures will be both costly and ineffective.

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Hart family holds reunion

Descendants of J.S. and Fannie Hart gathered Aug. 5 and 6 in Snyder for their annual reunion.

Activities for the event were under the direction of Carl Hickam of Dallas. Events included a white elephant auction, games and musical selections by Jeff Sanders of Earth along with Lilly Hart, Jane Mason, Noel White and Krista Kemp of Post.

Officers elected for the coming year are Tim Prather, president; Richard Hart, vice president; Faydean Hart, secretary; Ida Jo Longbotham, treasurer; and Sally Walton, coordinator.

Those attending from Snyder were H.L. and Jean McCormack; Rufus and Faydean Hart; Bird Wade, W.C. and Juanita Hart; Edgar and Era Galyean; J.P. and Helen Tate; Sally Walton with Kristin and Cade; Varin and Carroll Walker with Somer and Elizabeth; and Earl and Treva Abercrombie.

Also from Snyder were Wade and Lyn Lancaster with Andra and Cale; Tim and Patti Prather with Kristi; Leona Snider; Billy and Ida Jo Longbotham; Lena

Crenshaw; Beatrice Curry; Kinney Hart with Kelly and Wendy; Max and Gail Snider; Bill and Dottie Hart; and Leon Crenshaw.

Those in attendance from Post were Royce and Kevin Hart; Roy and Elizabeth Hart; Johnny and Nancy Kemp with Krista, Kembra, Katie and Tina; B.J. and Tyra Hart; and Richard and Lilly Hart with Ryan and Casey.

Other family members attending were Vicki Sanders of Katy; Mark and Sheila Harless with Amy and Kristen, of Ira; J.D. and Irene Hart of Gail; Jim and Charlene Bickel of Ballinger; Benny Prather and Jeff Sanders of Earth; Don and Nell Harless of Abilene; Carl and Adalene Hickam with Alan, of Dallas.

Also in attendance were Christy Rosales of Denton; Zane and Anne Morgan with Justin, of Denton; Missy and Jessica Childers of Sangar; David and Marsha Hart with Brett and Chad, of Canadian; Kyle Hickam of

Austin; Carson, Betty and Belinda Clayton of Colorado City; Ruby and Jimmie Hart of Seminole; and Sonny and Jody Hart of Morgan.

Guests attending from Snyder were Laura Rollins, Lou Spence, Kay Wood, Vie Coe, Ona Mae Spence, Wilma Gleghorn Sharp, Doug Horsley, Carolyn Allen, Callie Mae Floyd, Gaither Bell, Ricky Hunter and Ken Panter.

Other guests attending were Lanham Riley of Aledo; Geraldine Sims of Fort Worth; Kristi Curtis of Earth, T.F. and Ruby Nell Davis of Post, S.D. and Adell Davis of Alamogordo, N.M.; Jason George of Austin, Heath Blassingame of Colorado City, Ross and Juanita Shaw of Cross Plains; V.L. Clark of Gail; Noel and Orabeth White of Post; Kathy Borland of Cedar Park, Lewis and Jane Mason of Post, Bill and Elke Ingram of Plano, Mark Helms of Rotan and Kay Bennet of Telkwa; B.C.



FORMAL INITIATION — Gay 20 Social Club recently held formal initiation for new members. Pictured on the front row, from left, are Mindy Robertson; Angel Scarber; Jennifer Pate, club president; Tammy Voss, Shawna Stipe and Shara Carlton. Current members pictured on the back row, from left, are Kelly Pace, public relations director; Holly Joplin, senior member; Julie Doty,

secretary; and Jennifer Spence, treasurer. Members not pictured are Jennifer Harden, vice president; Katina Brandon, historian; Pam Bowlin, photographer; Jenny McIntire, social director; and Shanna Veavey. Sponsors for the group are Dian Pate and Brenda Hedges. (Club Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 American Cancer Society Volunteer Appreciation Reception; 5:15 p.m.; Doctor's Lounge; Cogdell Memorial Hospital; volunteers for 1988-89 are being honored.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8110, 863-2348 or 573-6820.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Salad Luncheon and game day; 11:30 a.m.; \$5 per person; reservations by 5 p.m. Monday; 573-3427.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8015 or 573-3956.

THURSDAY

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 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Weight Watchers of West Texas; MAWC; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
 Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.
 Alateen; for children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
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FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
 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.
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SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.
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 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
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Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH - 5250			
♠ A 10 5	♥ K 7 3	♦ A K 7	♣ A 8 7
WEST - 5105			
♠ 10 5	♥ K 7 3	♦ A K 7	♣ A 8 7
EAST - 5175			
♠ 10 5	♥ K 7 3	♦ A K 7	♣ A 8 7
SOUTH - 5105			
♠ 10 5	♥ K 7 3	♦ A K 7	♣ A 8 7
Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South			
South	West	North	East
5 NT	All pass		
Opening lead: ♠ Q			

Two errors cancel out

Indeed a little learning is a dangerous thing, particularly at the bridge table. After West's opening three-diamond bid, South got to three no-trump. West, who remembered reading about someone who led the queen from a suit like his own against no-trump, successfully smothering the singleton jack in dummy, tried leading the queen of diamonds. Declarer won the king, quickly ran five club tricks, and then led a heart up to the king in dummy. Declarer of course was hoping that West also held the heart ace. No such luck! East won the ace of hearts and returned a diamond. That was seven tricks to the defense and down three for declarer.

In fact, West had made what should have been a fatal error by leading the queen of diamonds. It is very unlikely for someone to pre-empt in second position with a good suit and a side ace. South should know that the ace of hearts surely will be in the East hand. Therefore, declarer should play low on the queen of diamonds lead. West can take the ace but no more diamonds, and declarer can force out the ace of hearts after forcing out the ace of diamonds to make nine tricks. West's proper lead, when he has no outside card that might win a trick, is the nine or 10 of diamonds. Then, when East takes the ace of hearts, the defense will still have communication to run the diamond suit.

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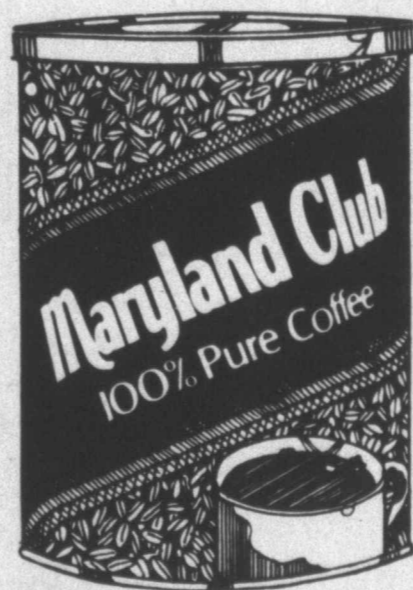
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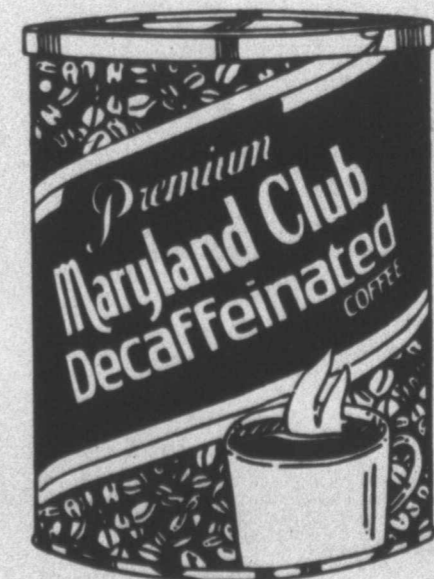
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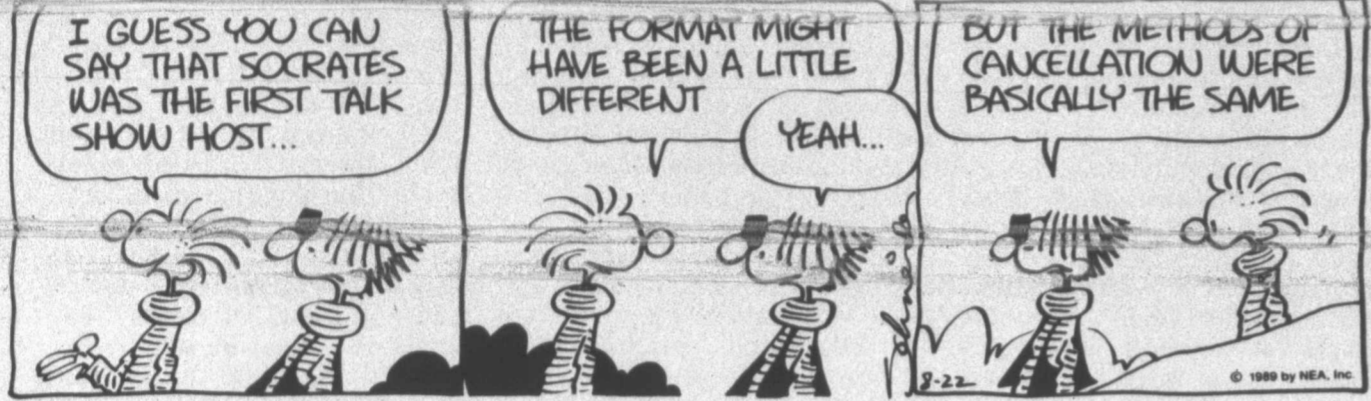
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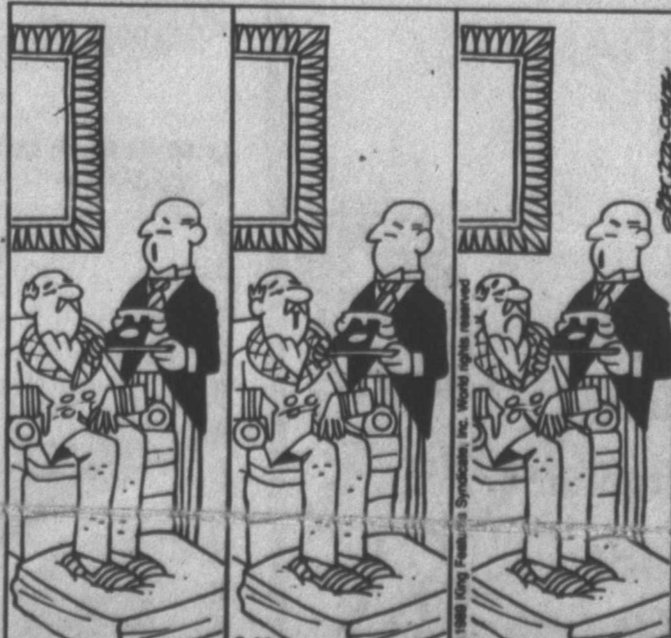
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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| 45 Red Sea | 50 Horse command |
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| 47 College examination | 55 Brought about |

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No furloughs for prisoners who are denied parole

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Texas Department of Corrections officials have been ordered to stop the practice of allowing prisoners to take furloughs home after they have been denied parole, a member of the Texas Board of Corrections says.

Board member Allan Polunsky told the San Antonio Express-News Monday that the board is taking action to stop unsupervised visits for convicts who have been denied parole.

TDC records show that some of the unsupervised visits had been approved for convicted murderers.

Polunsky said the action was taken after the San Antonio newspaper reported Sunday that state officials had pledged last November to exclude killers from the furlough program and that no changes had taken place despite an attempt by Gov. Bill Clements to see tighter restrictions to prohibit killers from being furloughed.

Using parole board information, prison furlough records and interviews with prison officials, the newspaper reported that a convicted double murderer was allowed to make an unsupervised visit to San Antonio this year just one month after his parole application was denied.

The newspaper said that David E. Palomo, 46, sentenced to a life term and a 20-year prison term for the 1974 stabbing deaths of a San Antonio woman and her 12-year-old daughter, was allowed a furlough in January, a month

after he was denied parole. Records also show that Palomo, whose parole application has been denied seven times since 1981, was allowed another trip home for the July 4 holiday.

Prison officials told the newspaper that Palomo has been a model prisoner and works unsupervised outside the Walls Prison Unit in Huntsville. Officials say the furloughs are used as a "reward" for good behavior.

"I was incensed (by information contained in the newspaper account)," Polunsky said.

The newspaper also reported that inmates serving sentences for violent crimes are allowed furlough from prison although they have been repeatedly rejected for parole.

The Texas furlough system, which allows inmates weeklong vacations at home, came to light last fall after a similar program in Massachusetts became an issue in the presidential campaign.

President Bush made prison furloughs a major issue in his campaign last fall against Democratic candidate Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts, focusing on a 1987 incident in which a convicted killer raped a Maryland woman while free on furlough.

After the Texas furlough system came to light, board members first ordered it suspended and later amended it to prevent killers, sex offenders and narcotics dealers from getting the furloughs.

Texas town nixes plan for massive underground blast

WASHINGTON (AP) — A south Texas city is fighting to protect the springs that make it a desert oasis from a Pentagon proposal to rock a nearby ranch with a series of massive underground explosions.

The proposed explosions on the Buck King Ranch near Del Rio, Texas, are an important element in U.S. strategic deterrent capabilities, says the Defense Nuclear Agency.

The non-nuclear explosions are designed to simulate the impact of nuclear blasts on subterranean missile silos and military command centers.

But 12,000 of the 40,000 Del Rio residents have signed petitions asking the agency to take its explosives elsewhere. They say they don't want to take any chances with the Texas border city's only source of water, the San Felipe Springs.

"We depend on San Felipe Springs for survival," says City Manager Jeffrey Pomeranz. "The city of Del Rio is not willing to play a what-if game with our water and the future of our city."

"No one in Washington has offered us any guarantees, nor can they, that if our water supply was adversely affected, the federal government would step in and correct the situation," he said.

Mexico also has expressed concern to U.S. officials about the potential impact of the explosions near the border, said Leonardo French, a spokesman for the Mexican Embassy.

Defense Nuclear Agency officials, however, say a final decision to conduct the tests hinges on geological and environmental assessments of the area that are not yet completed.

The agency spent two years choosing the site 25 miles north of Del Rio for the graduated series of

explosions.

The explosions would start with a 1,000-pound charge in 1990, increasing to 470 tons — equivalent to 300 tons of TNT — in November 1992.

Defense spokeswoman Cheri Abdelnour said the tests would be performed with the same conventional explosives used by the mining industry, and do not involve nuclear or radioactive devices.

Jack M. Bachkosky, director of plans, programs and requirements for the defense agency, said the tests are "important to the continued credibility and viability of our strategic deterrent."

"As an agency, our primary responsibility to the Department of Defense is to ensure the survivability of our strategic assets and the effectiveness of those same assets when used against anyone who might threaten our security," he said.

Del Rio officials were told the purpose of the tests was to "determine the survivability of underground missile silos and foreign missile silos and other underground military facilities," Pomeranz said.

On Friday, Pomeranz and Mayor Alfred Gutierrez Jr. met with Bachkosky and Vice Adm. John T. Parker Jr., Defense Nuclear Agency director, to ask that the drilling for the core samples be abandoned.

"What we're saying is, we've got 12,000 signatures of Del Rioans who want the project stopped and the city of Del Rio is going to do everything possible to protect our citizens," Pomeranz said. "Therefore, let's stop the test drilling now, and look for another site."

Van stolen; later found

An Acid Engineering van was reported stolen in the 100 Block of Milburn St. and found at 28th St. and Ave. G in a two-hour period Monday morning.

Company employee Steve Rich of 105 Milburn told officers at 7:45 a.m. that the keys had been left in the dark metallic blue 1981 Ford van and that it had been taken sometime after 11 p.m. Sunday.

Acid Engineering representative John Carlson then told police at 9:31 a.m. that the van had been found at 28th and G.

Police are investigating the theft of some valuable welding equipment from Wayne Dodson of 2801 47nd St.

Dodson reported at 2:19 p.m. Monday that some Victor torches and gauges had been stolen sometime during the past weekend.

James Williamson, who lives between Ira and Dunn, told the sheriff's office Monday that a mechanical roping bull had been stolen from outside his residence sometime during the past week.

Roy Brown of 3702 Rose Ave. told police at 6:12 p.m. Monday that a boy's 20-inch Challenger bicycle, painted black, had been stolen.

Disturbance prompts arrest

Police answered a report of a disturbance between a man and woman at 8:45 p.m. Monday at an apartment in the 1900 Block of Coleman and took a 36-year-old man into custody on a misdemeanor assault charge.

A sheriff's deputy arrested a 20-year-old man on a warrant for violation of probation at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Dorsey Ave. and Ave. R.

A 26-year-old woman was arrested for shoplifting at 10:36 a.m. Monday at Lawrence IGA supermarket.

Extradition proceedings started

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — National police said today they had started proceedings to hand over a reputed cocaine finance chief to the United States.

Eduardo Martinez Romero, arrested during the weekend in the

northern Department of Sucre, is told reporters that proceedings wanted in the United States in for Martinez' extradition began connection with the laundering of this morning. The government, responding to a wave of vast sums of cocaine profits, assasinations, launched an the national police force's emergency crackdown on the judicial investigations division, drug underworld on Friday.

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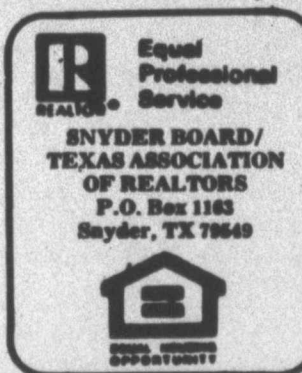
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Births

Antemio and Rocio Aguilar are the parents of a baby girl weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born at 2:57 p.m. Monday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

David and Susan Hembree are the parents of a baby boy weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, born at 1:57 p.m. Monday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Jay and Melinda Owens are the parents of a baby boy weighing 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces, born at 2:50 p.m. Monday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Helen Reese is the mother of a baby boy weighing 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces, born at 12:19 a.m. Tuesday.

Wallace Lewis and Lela Mae McNary are the parents of twin boys, Wallace Lewis Jr., and Wynton Lawrence.

Grandparents are Rev. Otis Archie and his wife, Blanche, of Midland, formerly of Snyder. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. Odell Williams of Snyder and Mrs. Lillie Archie of Midland, formerly of Snyder.

Anna Rodriguez and Andrew Sosa of Snyder are the parents of twins born Monday at Hendricks Hospital in Abilene. Adrian was born at 10:43 a.m. and weighed five pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Adrianna was born at 10:53 a.m. and weighed seven pounds and 1 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. They were welcomed home by four sisters and one brother.

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Jury selection ends for Jim Bakker trial

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A panel of 12 churchgoers was selected to try Jim Bakker while the PTL founder's wife pleaded on the couple's television show for money from the faithful.

The jury selected Monday includes Baptists, Presbyterians and Catholics, most of whom said they attend church regularly and give to their church, but do not watch PTL or other religious television programs.

"Our faith is in God," Bakker proclaimed as he strode into the U.S. District Courthouse with his attorneys and daughter.

Back in Orlando, Fla., Bakker's wife, Tammy Faye, carried on their live television broadcast, urging viewers to send money and pray for her husband.

"Everything that has to do with Christian television is on trial when Jim walks in that courtroom," she said shortly after the "Jim and Tammy Show" opened Monday morning.

Bakker, who has pleaded innocent, is charged with eight counts of mail fraud, 15 counts of wire fraud, and conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. If convicted on all counts, he could face 120 years in prison and \$5 million in fines.

Earlier this month, former PTL Executive Vice President Richard Dortch, who was indicted with Bakker, pleaded guilty to charges of fraud and conspiracy. Last month, former Bakker aides James and David Taggart were convicted of tax evasion. All three are potential

government witnesses.

In jury selection Monday, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Potter questioned 49 people about their religious affiliation, whether they had ever donated to television evangelists, how regularly they attended church and whether they had ever been "born again," had a deep religious experience or felt they had been called by God into a vocation.

Seven jurors were dismissed, including four who said they could not put aside their opinions to give Bakker a fair trial.

Potter warned the jurors not to discuss the case with anyone before opening arguments begin next Monday. Prosecutors and defense attorneys are under a gag order imposed by Potter, and would not discuss jury selection.

Bakker left by a side door after jury selection was completed.

Besides the Taggarts and Dortch, Potter said the potential witnesses at the trial included several former PTL board members, including actor Efram Zimbalist Jr. and Charles Cookman, the Assemblies of God superintendent from Dunn, N.C.

Mrs. Bakker was listed as a possible defense witness.

Jessica Hahn, whom PTL paid money to stay quiet about a sexual encounter with Bakker, and Virginia evangelist Jerry Falwell, who took over the PTL empire in Fort Mill, S.C., after Bakker quit in March 1987, were not mentioned as possible witnesses.

Bakker and his attorneys have declined to discuss their defense strategy, but he has said he knew little about PTL's finances.

Mrs. Bakker stayed in Orlando, where Bakker transplanted his ministry, to carry on their daily live broadcast.

The Bakkers have pleaded with supporters to contribute \$1 million for Bakker's defense fund.

It was earlier appeals for \$1,000 donations to buy "lifetime partnerships" at the PTL ministry that landed Bakker in federal court.

Prosecutors say he and top aides at the Heritage USA ministry diverted more than \$4 million of the \$158 million contributed under various partnership programs to their personal uses.



10 YEAR AWARDS — Honored Monday night at Western Texas College for 10 years of service to the school were, from left, controller Charles Meek, residence hall clerk Barbara Preston, assistant agriculture professor Bob Doty, fine arts division chairman John Gibson and associate drama and speech professor Jim Rambo. Not shown is college board member Howard Sterling. (SDN Staff Photo)

Spanish comic strip creates controversy at El Paso newspaper

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Cartoon characters "Tom and Jerry" have become the center of an English-Spanish debate with some readers angry at a local newspaper's decision to run the Spanish version of the comic strip.

"Tom y Jerry" has appeared in the El Paso Times comic pages for nearly a month and continues receiving criticism from disgruntled readers.

"Although I am not prejudiced in any manner, I must oppose this decision. The Times is a paper for the community of El Paso, which is still in the United States," Mark Veck of El Paso wrote in a letter that appeared Sunday in the Times.

The newspaper has received more than 150 calls and letters about the comic-page addition. Ten readers canceled their subscriptions, said Managing Editor Paula Moore.

The bilingual duo began appearing in the Times on July 30 in a restructuring of the comic page.

Readers also have complained about the departure of "Andy

Capp," "Redeye," and "Spiderman," but Mrs. Moore said the loudest cries were heard about the addition of "Tom y Jerry," obtained through Editors Press Service, Inc. of New York.

"Anytime we do anything that even hints at something like this, we get reaction," Mrs. Moore said Monday. "When we say 'Feliz Navidad!' at Christmas, we get two or three letters. When we started 'Vista' magazine — although it's in English, it's directed at Hispanics — we got quite a bit of reaction."

A week ago, the paper began including English subtitles with the strip at the suggestion of readers.

Three Spanish-language dailies are circulated in El Paso, but Mrs. Moore said the comic strip is part of the Times' effort to reflect its community, where 65 percent of the residents are Hispanic.

Still, some readers saw the strip as something else.

"Why run a Spanish language strip in an English language paper? I'm not paying for a foreign language paper," said Walter R. Reed of El Paso.

Ray Roberts, also of El Paso, called the new strip "an addition to the Times' other daily word puzzles" and said he hoped it did not become a trend.

Some of the complaints have come from members of the Hispanic community.

El Paso Times columnist Joe Olvera addressed that sentiment over the weekend.

"The Hispanic community, rather than criticizing the Times for that one comic strip, should enjoy the efforts made in its behalf," he wrote Sunday.

Olvera suggested the Times publish the day's important stories in Spanish once a week, especially those that impact non-English speakers.

Chamber

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city. Scheduled for the 1989-90 season are The Fifth of Schola, a group of professional singers who will perform on Sept. 25, the Guy Lombardo Band on Nov. 6, the Paragon Brass on Feb. 6 of 1990, and Ballet Folklorico, a mariachi group, on April 7.

It was noted that Paragon Brass, of Houston, will also hold workshops with high school and college students on Feb. 5.

Plans are being made to offer season tickets for the program, which may include some college and high school productions as well.

Figueredo named a five-person committee to nominate prospective board members for next year. The board will fill four places left by out-going board members Figueredo, David Cates, Joe Coronado and M.L. Duke. Figueredo will remain on

the board for another year as the past president. Fran Farmer is the president-elect.

Named to the committee were Figueredo, Cates, Jack Denman, Tom Holcomb and Cindy Banta.

Moss also told the board that attendance to the AJRA National Finals Rodeo had been up from last year, and proposed to advertise featuring Snyder from the rodeo's television broadcasts has been positive. The chamber has received letters from "as far east as Rhode Island and as far west as Oregon," said Moss. "We've heard from all over, really, the United States."

The board also noted that new members this month were Bargain Time and Charter Plains Outreach Center.

Teachers

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our side," said Joan Brindley of Temple, president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

Olivia "Ollie" Besteiro, president of TSTA, said "imposition of another new set of career ladder standards — without advance warning — would result in the most severe teacher morale crisis since Texas educators were forced to prove their loyalty in 1985."

Ms. Besteiro said the teacher association would redouble its efforts to persuade the education board "to follow the advice they sought from the attorney general.

"To do otherwise would be to sentence the new school year to the gloomiest beginning in recent memory," she said.

The board meets Sept. 9 in Austin.



FOR FIVE YEARS — Five-year service pin recipients at Western Texas College are, from left, assistant professor of instrumental music Brent Hardegree, PBX operator Susan Payne, associate computer science professor Britt Canada and assistant agriculture professor Jim Judah. (SDN Staff Photo)

Voyager data says Neptune has turbulent atmosphere

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Voyager 2 spacecraft has discovered a churning, turbulent atmosphere on Neptune, with huge white clouds of frozen natural gas and a string of storms trailing behind an Earth-sized cyclone.

One small collection of clouds called the "scooter" is whirling around the planet's surface once every 16 hours, faster than anything else so far seen on Neptune, said Bradford Smith, head of the Voyager imaging team.

Photographs of the planet's biggest moon, Triton, show it is brighter, cooler and smaller than scientists had thought. Smith said the shots suggest Triton may be partly covered with snow and frozen water.

"It may snow there from time to time," he said Monday.

The pictures also show dark spots near Triton's equator and a pinkish cast that may be from discolored frozen natural gas, or methane. Researchers had speculated that Triton might have oceans of liquid nitrogen, but Smith said any such oceans would have to be frozen over.

"Triton is an especially intriguing object," Smith said. "It's in the wrong orbit. It's going backwards around Neptune. Something truly catastrophic must have happened some time in its past."

Scientists believe Triton could have been a comet that collided with one of Neptune's moons because it rotates in the opposite direction from the planet, unlike

most moons in the solar system. Edward Stone, the Voyager project scientist, said such a collision could have slowed Triton enough to allow it to become trapped in a long, oval orbit around Neptune. As that orbit gradually became more circular, tidal forces would have caused the moon to heat, perhaps turning Triton into a ball of molten rock and water for 1 billion years, he said.

If that were the case, more detailed photographs later this week should show that Triton has fewer meteorite craters than it otherwise would have.

"It's very difficult right now to say anything about what's going on on Triton," Smith said.

Voyager continued to snap pictures of Neptune and Triton today as it moved toward its closest encounter with Neptune at 8:55 p.m. PDT Thursday, when it will pass 3,000 miles from the planet.

It also searched for auroral lights over Neptune's south pole and made further observations of Neptune's weather and variations in brightness on Triton's surface.

The latest pictures showed Triton has a diameter of 1,740 miles, about four-fifths the size of Earth's moon and about half the size scientists previously thought.

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Five groups file lawsuit seeking use of devices to protect turtles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five conservation organizations sued Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher, claiming he is legally bound to require that shrimpers use devices protecting endangered sea turtles from drowning in their nets.

Mosbacher suspended the regulations on the turtle excluder devices after shrimpers, angry about having to use devices they claim reduce their catch by as much as one-third, blockaded shipping channels along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Big business in North Dakota...

Dear Abby



Legal Advice for Lusty Teen Is Basically a Bunch of Bull

By Abigail Van Buren

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Abby is off on a two-week vacation, but she left behind some of her favorite letters taken from her best-selling book, "The Best of Dear Abby.")

DEAR ABBY: Our 15-year-old, 6-foot, 200-pound son got a girl from a neighboring farm into trouble. She is also 15. We gave him strict orders to stay away from her, but it seems he didn't. Her people claim it's our fault.

I talked with a judge in the city, and he said there is a law that says if a man owns a bull, he is responsible for keeping the bull locked up. And if the bull gets loose and goes into a neighbor's pasture and breeds his dairy heifers, the owners of the heifers can't sue for damages because they should have kept their heifers locked up. My friend, the judge, says the same law applies to people. Do we have a case?

OHIO FARMER

DEAR FARMER: A man's son is not a bull; neither is his neighbor's daughter a heifer. I can't practice law, but I think your friend, the judge, gave you a bum steer.

DEAR ABBY: I am employed at a very large convalescent home. One of the elderly residents here lost her dentures, so with a pillow case in hand, she crept into the rooms of the other occupants while they were sleeping and picked up every pair of false teeth from the water glasses. She then returned to her room and tried each set until she found one that fit her. Then she sneakily returned the sets of teeth to any water glass.

The next morning, everyone was walking around the place with overbites and underslung jaws, complaining bitterly that their dentures didn't fit!

How do we straighten out this mess? Or must we buy new dentures for 100 residents?

DENTURE DILEMMA

DEAR DILEMMA: Call in a dentist and ask him to examine the mouths of the patients and the dentures, in order to return

them to their rightful owners. (P.S. Denture-marking kits are available. Get one and use it, before another teeth thief gums up the works again.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 22 and Mike is 25. We've been married a little over a year, and I have a problem I can't ask anyone else about.

Mike has a big appetite for sex, but I'm not complaining. It's his timing that bothers me. He always wants to make love on Sunday morning before Mass. Abby, I know that married love is not a sin, but for some silly reason I just hate to go to Mass right after having sex. Lately I have been putting my husband off. But I feel guilty about that.

Do you think I should postpone the lovemaking until after Mass? Or keep telling myself I have no reason to feel guilty about it, and just try to get over that feeling? What's wrong with me?

MAGGIE IN MANHATTAN

DEAR MAGGIE: Your problem is rooted in the notion that sex is sinful. You grew up believing it, and even though you're married and there is nothing to feel guilty about, you're still programmed to equate sex with sin. Talk to a priest, or a psychiatrist. (Try a priest first, it's cheaper.)

DEAR ABBY: I've been going steady with this man for six years. We see each other every night. He says he loves me, and I know I love him, but he never mentions marriage. Do you think he's going out with me just for what he can get?

GERTIE

DEAR GERTIE: I don't know. What's he getting?

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FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Bingo, once a quaint game played in church basements and fraternal clubs, has become such a big business in North Dakota that one city has started cracking down on bingo parlors.

Bingo is the fastest growing of a variety of games of chance that the state has allowed charitable organizations to run in the past decade. But there is some concern that gaming has encouraged problems ranging from cheating and theft to excessive gambling.

The bingo action attracts players like Merrilyn Meland, a 58-year-old widow from Moorhead, Minn., just across the state line from Fargo. She comes to Fargo three or four times a week for the prospect of big money, prizes and companionship.

"I think a lot of it is just to get away from the house," she said during a recent session. "I can't stand being around that place. I have to get out where there's people."

Meland finds plenty of company at Big Top and Prairie Public Broadcasting, which operate the largest of Fargo's five bustling bingo parlors.

Prairie Public, the network for the state's public radio and television stations, has had as many as 490 people playing in its modern facility, which sports electronic scoreboards and video monitors.

Bingo, raffles and pull tabs — a paper simulation of a slot machine — were the first games introduced 12 years ago after North Dakota allowed gambling for charitable purposes.

Since then, sports pools, parimutuel horse racing, blackjack, poker and video poker have been legalized. Ironically, voters have rejected a proposed lottery.

In June, 327 organizations held gambling licenses at 576 sites across the state.

Overall, gamblers wagered a record \$205 million last year, with \$18 million going to charitable groups. The state also gets a cut, with taxes ranging up to 15 percent of revenues and sales tax charged on bingo cards and some other gaming items.

Recently, the Grand Forks City Council voted to limit the number of bingo parlors.

"Bingo, in fact, is large gambling, and gambling is not like any other business," Councilwoman Gwen Crawford said.

Social problems are evident in the number of groups like Gamblers Anonymous, said Nicholas Spaeth, the state's attorney general.

"Ten years ago, you couldn't open up a newspaper in the state and find such a group," he said.

"But now there isn't a major city in the state that doesn't have one."

Cheating and theft also have been a problem, although how much goes on is hard to determine, Spaeth said.

Still, bingo has drawn little opposition outside of Grand Rapids. Spaeth said he expects the

bingo business — which grew 28 percent in 1988 to a total of \$41.1 million — to keep growing.

Prairie Public, the biggest bingo operator with revenues of nearly \$8.5 million last year, offers nightly prizes that include a car and a \$20,000 payout to anyone who blacks out a card in 50 numbers or less.

Meland's winnings have included a \$1,300 prize and a trip to Las Vegas.

"It's fun to win, but I'm not like some people who are hooked on it," she said.

Bingo is nearly a 24-hour activity at Big Top, run by the Plains Art Museum in Moorhead.

Woman learns of dad's rescue

AUSTIN (AP) — Sue Butler Elder says she started waiting for word from her father and stepmother after they left for Hawaii from Miami on a 40-foot pleasure board.

She said she became mildly concerned when she had not heard from William Butler and his wife, Simone Butler, by late June. A month later, she said Monday, her concern had skyrocketed.

"We started calling the Coast Guard, but not knowing where to look, there was not too much anybody could do about it," she said. "Every day we would wait for a phone call."

The call finally came about 9 p.m. last Saturday.

Her father was calling from an emergency room in a Costa Rican hospital. He said that their boat had been attacked by whales on June 15 about 1,200 miles off the Central American coast. For the next 66 days, they floated in an inflatable raft, fighting off sharks, living on raw

fish and drinking desalinated sea water.

"It's really hard to believe that he was out there the whole time," said Mrs. Elder, who lives with her husband and children in the Shady Hollow subdivision in Southwest Travis County.

"Here we were this summer doing all these fun things here, and the whole time he was out there in a raft," she said. "I wish we could have known where he was so we could have gone out to get him."

Mrs. Elder said her father, a retired General Electric engineer and private exporter, was emotional Saturday as he described the couple's ordeal, and that he sounded weaker on Sunday.

"He said he felt better the first day, when he was still full of adrenaline after being rescued," she said.

Mrs. Elder said she and her husband, Don, and their three children will fly to Miami this weekend for a family reunion if

her parents return home from the hospital as scheduled.

Her children — Kimberly, 6, Danny, 4, and Samantha, 1 — were told several weeks ago that their grandfather was lost at sea.

"We all saw him on the network news tonight," Mrs. Elder said Monday. "We waited through the whole news to see him. The kids are really glad that Grandpa's okay."

Mrs. Elder said she believes her father will attempt to resume his voyage in another boat and she wouldn't hesitate to be at his side if she could.

"I would sail with him anytime. He's a real good sailer," she said. "That whale attack didn't have anything to do with his sailing ability. This won't discourage him."

Her father and stepmother were on the first leg of a planned four-year voyage around the world when the boat was sunk.

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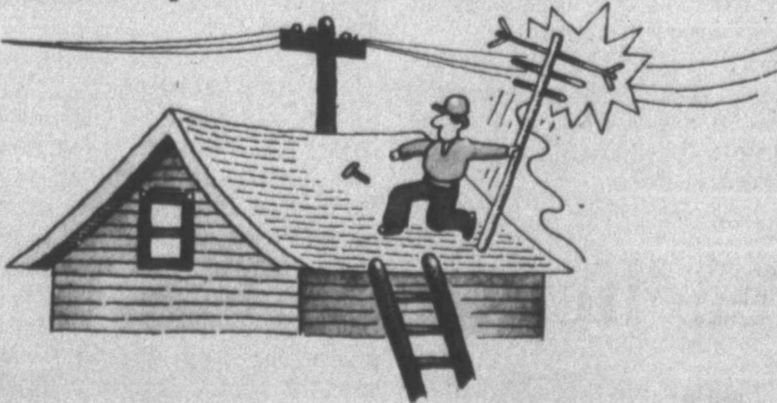


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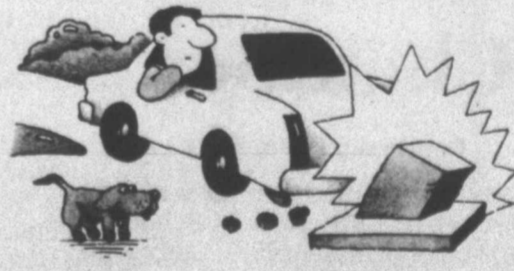
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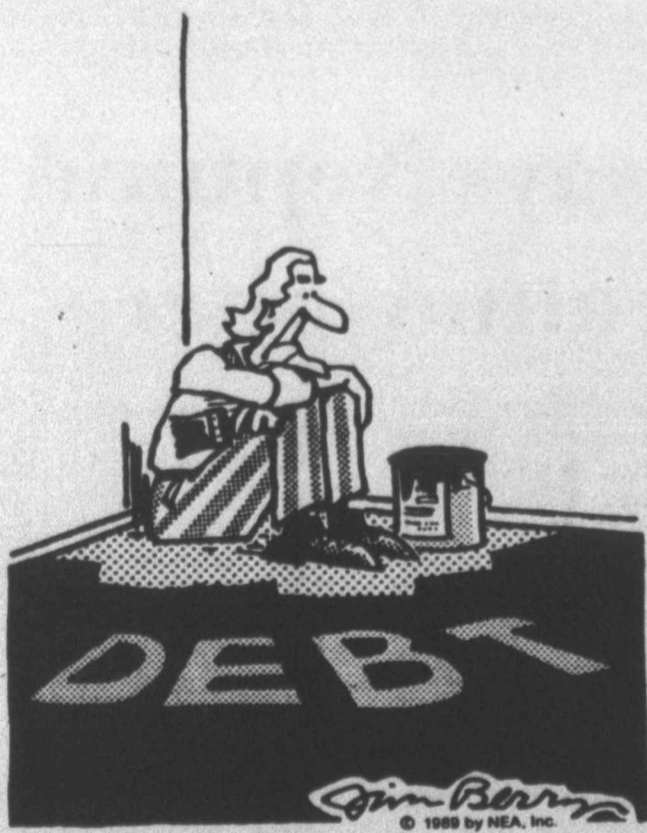
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