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Ask Us

Wells, Sun project due...

SACROC plans 14 percent rise in capital outlay

By DONNY BROWN
SDN Managing Editor
SACROC plans to increase its operating budget some 14 percent during 1988—a percentage which equates to a \$14 million increase in spending at the unitized field which, when discovered in the late 1940s, prompted the Scurry County oil boom.

The overall expense budget of some \$114 million is a step up from 1987's \$100,000 million estimate—a year which saw SACROC cut its expenses for improvements at the field to a record low of some \$4.3 million.

Relative stability in the price of oil—estimated by SACROC officials over the next two years at between \$16 and \$18—will see the capital expenditures portion of the budget rise to \$14.5 million this year.

Included in this expense will be five new "in-fill" wells to be drilled at a cost estimate of \$1.7 million. By far the major new expense item, however, will be the CO2 absorber column replacement at the Sun Gas Plant—work similar to the the stripper column replacement completed there in 1986.

Cost estimate for this work is figured in excess of \$4 million.

These figures, plus both 1987 production and profit calculations for the field, were reported Tuesday at the annual meeting of SACROC's working interest owners held in Midland.

As reported by Superintendent H.J. Payne, the net cash flow at SACROC during 1987—a figure "before" income tax—was some \$93 million.

For 1988, this same figure is forecast at \$54.8 million and, into 1989, \$31.2 million. The declining profits reflect both the expected

increase in cost in operating the field as well as its steadily declining reservoir of oil.

Regarding production, SACROC produced 32,393 barrels of oil per day in 1987 with its secondary recovery operation.

Simultaneously, however, it produced more than 882,000 barrels of water, making the daily production of oil less than 4 percent of the liquid pumped out of the ground.

Although gas is also derived from the unit, oil continued to be the main income producer, with 1987's gross value set at more than \$215 million.

The production of oil continued to show a decline, however. The 32,393 barrels per day (bpd) in '87 compare to the 1980 figure of 79,596 bpd.

SACROC officials noted repeatedly that the production of oil in the field could be significantly increased if ample supplies of CO2 gas—used to enhance the secondary recovery method—could be secured.

Negotiations with CO2 "sellers" from the Val Verde Basin area of

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THE GOAT—Harold Buchanan, second from right, "won" a Snyder Lions Club's goat Tuesday. Rather than being a prize, the animal, which Buchanan must now keep for a week, is given to members who have not recruited a new Lion lately. Also shown are KTXS-TV anchorman Eric

Summers of Abilene, left, and cameraman Todd Bynum, who gave the program Tuesday at the weekly Lions Club meeting. Immediate past district governor for Lions, Max von Roeder, is at right. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rains here precede colder weather

From Local Wire Reports

A later-winter thunderstorm produced rain totals in Scurry County up to 80 of-an-inch early Wednesday and was the front for what is expected to be a turn toward colder weather here and across West Texas.

Tuesday afternoon produced violent weather in far North Texas. A pilot reported a tornado on the outskirts of Wichita Falls, but there were no reports of damage.

Reports of hail were widespread in the Wichita Falls area, but most of it was small. Golf ball-size hail was reported in Iowa Park and in Knox County.

Scurry County reported only showers, accompanied by thunder and lightning, beginning around 3 a.m. Wednesday.

In Snyder, the official rain amount was .31 of-an-inch, bringing the year's total past the 1 inch mark. The 1988 rain total here is

now listed at 1.10 inches.

The heaviest county rainfall reported from the storm was at Ira, where 80 of-an-inch was noted. Fluvanna also received .60 of-an-inch.

At Lake J.B. Thomas, the rain measure was .31 of-an-inch. The lake level now stands approximately 3 ft. below its 20-year high mark recorded early last fall.

The current lake level is 2,237

ft. above sea level, 21 ft. below the spillway, when the lake is considered full.

Other area rain totals include .31 of-an-inch at Dunn and .25 of-an-inch at Hermleigh.

The Snyder area forecast continues to have the possibility of rain in the forecast, in addition to colder weather expected to be back in the upper 30s Wednesday night.

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HISTORY ON THE MOVE—The Dermott school building is now at its new site adjacent to the Cornelius-Dodson House at the Scurry County Coliseum grounds. The structure is shown as it was being

moved over the U.S. 84 overpass near the traffic circle Monday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

Liability coverage accepted

Liability insurance for both property and public officials was tentatively approved Tuesday by board members of the Scurry County Appraisal District.

The insurance for the building, furnishings and property was bid at an annual premium of \$1,537 by Snyder Insurance Co. Also accepted was liability insurance for public officials and employees at a yearly rate of \$3,442.

The board made the acceptance depending upon further clarification of the bid which excluded "professional liability." Chief Appraiser Ray Peveler was given authority to make the final insurance choice.

Members also agreed to attend

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Snyder to host again Stenholm art contest

Scurry County high school art students and their counterparts in Mitchell and Fisher Counties are now invited to enter the seventh annual art competition sponsored by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm.

On April 12, Snyder High School will again be the site for judging in the three-county contest. In charge of the show here will be SHS art instructor Ned Moore.

It will be one of eight such competitions held throughout the 17th Congressional District on that day.

Other shows will be in Abilene, Big Spring, Gainesville, Graham, Post, Stephenville and Weatherford.

The ten top winners from the district shows will attend an awards event in Abilene on April 23. At that time, the final winner will be announced.

This individual's entry will be displayed in a corridor of the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C.

To enter, individuals must be in Snyder, Texas.

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Absentee vote to end Friday

Friday is the final day to vote absentee at the courthouse for the Super Tuesday primary ballot slated here and across Texas next Tuesday.

As of noon Wednesday, 214 ballots had been cast, to include 22 Republicans and 150 Democrats. In addition, 42 ballots were returned by mail with 49 still out.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The average American's idea of true hardship is slow room service."

A study of smiles by a trio of researchers has concluded that if a smile is your umbrella, it could be a see-through one.

In more clinical terms, if your orbicularis oculi doesn't tighten, creating crow's feet, and your zygomatic major fails to pull your lip corners upward, it's a false smile.

According to publication of researchers, the orbicularis oculi is the muscle around the eye. The zygomatic major is another facial muscle. Results of the study will be valuable for those interested in knowing if a firm handshake means sincerity or just muscle tone.

There are lots of different types of smiles—A tight smile. It appears on the face of local attorney Dan Cotton if he happens to have to pick up the tab.

An enigmatic smile. This is an automatic response of someone who wasn't listening—normally a husband.

A winsome smile. Or to quote City Manager

John Gayle, "Hey, you win some and you lose some."

A dimpled smile. It appears on the face of John Boren's golf ball after a long iron shot.

A forced smile. It comes right after these words: "I'm going to tell you this for your own good."

A sheepish smile for those who should have read the small print.

A mechanical smile reflects a total lack of sincerity. Remember how your brother-in-law smiled and bragged on his Christmas gift.

A sinister smile. It's on the face of the guy, perhaps even an IRS agent or traffic cop who claims, "I'm just doing my job."

A guilty smile. This is not necessarily to be confused with someone who had red beans for lunch. He may have merely forgotten his wife's anniversary, again.

A fixed smile. This is usually a guy who recently spent all his money to have his teeth fixed and now wants you to invest in his recovery.

A wry smile must be a natural reaction to another good idea gone awry.

The best smile—one from the heart.

Q — What do the five rings in the Olympic emblem stand for?

A — The five interlocking rings represent the five continents, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and America. The symbol was devised in 1914 and first flown at Olympic games in 1920.

In Brief

Trial resumes

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Evan Mecham's former security chief testified that he told the governor of an allegation Mecham later denied knowing about: a state official committed a felony by tampering with a grand jury witness.

Department of Public Safety Lt. Beau Johnson told the state Senate on Tuesday at Mecham's impeachment trial that he fully informed the governor about the alleged tampering but did not call it a "death threat."

The opening testimony, in the first impeachment trial of a governor in six decades, focused on what prosecutor William French called evidence that Mecham obstructed justice by trying to block an investigation of the alleged threat.

Airmen held

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — U.S. government officials say Panamanian officials engaged in deliberate harassment when they arrested five communications specialists from Kelly Air Force, who were detained for nearly six hours on what officials say were "trumped up" charges.

The five communications specialists were arrested and detained in Panama nearly six hours while on temporary duty last week.

Sniper attack

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Several people were wounded this morning after a gunman opened fire near a downtown hotel, and police said a man was in custody in the attack.

Local

Depositions

Depositions of plaintiffs began Wednesday morning in five lawsuits filed here seeking to stop construction of a state-owned prison in Snyder.

Present for the first deposition of Jonise Stiff were Jeanne Bullard, Rylene Stoker and Louise Thompson. Plaintiff attorney George Thompson was also present despite a conflict with a federal court case being heard in Lubbock.

Depositions of selected defendants are expected to begin Friday and continue through Saturday, if necessary.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 83 degrees; low, 44 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 51 degrees; .31 of an inch of rain; total precipitation for 1988 to date, 1.10 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, colder with a 30 percent chance of light rain and a low in the upper 30s. Wind becoming northeast 15 to 20 mph and gusty. Thursday, a 40 percent chance of light rain with a high in the mid 40s. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Improper use of seat belts common

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many motorists who wear seat belts are exposing themselves to serious injury by wearing them improperly, according to a federal study that says women, children and motorists over 50 are most likely to put themselves at risk.

The National Transportation Safety Board raised questions

Tuesday about the way some belt users wear the safety devices after examining 167 accidents in which at least one occupant was belted.

Twenty-one percent of the motorists wearing belts had too much slack in the shoulder harnesses, and 7 percent of the occupants, often children, wore

belts that were improperly fastened behind the back or under an arm.

Thirty-one states have laws requiring use of safety belts. But NTSB Chairman Jim Burnett said, "We have a lot of misuse and that problem has to be tackled."

Overall, the safety board said, lap-shoulder belts provide excellent protection with 80 percent of the belted occupants suffering minor or no injuries. But the study suggested the results could have been even better were it not

for improper wearing of belts.

The NTSB study was not a random sample and does not necessarily translate into similar percentages for all motorists, said Lynne Smith, who helped write the report. But she said the data are consistent with previous findings of widespread misuse.

For example, the report cited an earlier insurance industry study of Maryland motorists indicating that belts are worn too loosely about one-fourth of the time.

In one head-on crash, a passenger who had loosened her shoulder belt died of injuries, while the driver who was belted snugly "walked away from the crash with moderate injuries," said Suzanne Stack, an NTSB staff researcher.

The four-member safety board urged the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to require that safety belts meet standards for the maximum amount of slack allowed or require "pre-tension" belt systems that automatically pull a belt tight a split second before a crash.

Judge dissolves 'stay'

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Prison officials were told not to execute a death row inmate pending further orders after a federal judge dissolved his stay of execution.

The order, filed Tuesday by U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice, placed convicted killer Jimmy Paul Vanderbilt in a kind of legal limbo, lawyers said.

"The order in effect tells prison officials to do nothing else," said Beaumont lawyer Warren Goodson, who has represented Vanderbilt in appeals. "Whether or not the state is legally holding him may be an issue later."

On Tuesday, Justice ordered Vanderbilt to remain in prison until a "court of competent jurisdiction" could consider the case. In legal papers filed with the U.S. clerk's office, Justice did not specify what court that would be.

A Jefferson County jury in 1979 found Vanderbilt, then 26, guilty of capital murder in the 1975 slaying of Katina Moyer, 16, the daughter of former Amarillo Rep. Hudson Moyer.

Moyer was abducted at gunpoint on April 2, 1975, from an Amarillo high school, taken outside the city limits and shot in the head.

Dear Abby



Woman Thinks Dirty Words Are Linked to Dirty World

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I'm glad I'm not the only person in the world who finds vulgar language offensive. Thirteen years ago, I went to a movie, and in the opening scene a little girl (about 6 years old) was talking to her doll. She used a gross four-letter word! I was so shocked, I walked out, and I haven't seen a movie since.

In addition to the language problem, I recently received an ad in the mail soliciting customers for porno videotapes. I went to the post office and filled out a form to get my name off the list of the people who were selling that garbage. I also wrote them a letter telling them how I felt about that kind of sewage.

Norman Cousins wrote an article titled "Dehumanization" in the Saturday Review (Sept. 20, 1975). I kept it because it expressed my view so perfectly. He wrote:

"The trouble with this wide-open pornography is not that it corrupts, but that it desensitizes; not that it unleashes the passions, but that it cripples the emotions; not that it encourages a mature attitude, but that it is a reversion to infantile obsessions; not that it removes the blinders, but that it distorts the view. Prowess is proclaimed, but love is denied. What we have is not liberation, but dehumanization."

We are like the frog that was placed in a pan of cold water over a low flame. The heat was turned up gradually. The poor frog didn't realize he was in hot water until he was cooked. Thanks for listening. MAXINE DUMONT, BUENA PARK, CALIF.

DEAR MAXINE: Thanks for speaking up. I loved the Cousins quote. It's worth keeping.

DEAR ABBY: I am a beautician and own my own shop. While a customer's perm was processing, I picked up the newspaper and read the letter in your column from a beauty shop owner who complained about her customers' kids running

wild around her shop. I knew how she felt because I had the same problem. It was a hassle for me trying to keep kids quiet so they wouldn't bother my customers. I also spent a lot of time chasing them out of the dispensary where the chemicals were kept. It wasn't easy.

Finally, I got a great idea. I bought a child-size picnic table for \$35 and put it in a corner. I bought some crayons and coloring books, gathered up some toys my children no longer played with, tacked a few posters and pictures on the wall, and called it "The Kids' Corner."

If the children don't know about it when they come in, I show them. Those who do know head for it the minute they get here. Now some kids are upset because Mom gets finished with her hair too soon.

My Kids' Corner has saved me and my customers many a headache. Not everybody can get sitters. Pass this along, Abby. PAT MILLER, DASSEL, MINN.

DEAR PAT: A great idea. Children become restless and unruly when they're bored. You've hit on a wonderful way to keep the little ones out of your hair while you're working on their mothers'. *

DEAR ABBY: Do you think a man would rent a motel room and ask a lady to go there with him — just to "cuddle"? This is no joke. THE LADY

DEAR LADY: Only if he couldn't do anything else. *

Don't put off writing thank-you notes, letters of sympathy, etc. because you don't know what to say. Get Abby's booklet, "How to Write Letters for All Occasions." Send a check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Letters Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054 (postage and handling are included).

Economic solidarity pact takes effect

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The latest phase in the government's program intended to control inflation has taken effect, with the minimum wage rising a lower than expected 3 percent and the value of the peso currency frozen through March.

"Both exchange rates, the controlled and the free, will remain without change throughout the month of March," Treasury Secretary Gustavo Petricoli said in an interview broadcast Monday night on the nationally broadcast "24 Horas" news program.

He said the government considers stability in the peso exchange rate "an important factor to achieve general stability of prices."

Petricoli also said that, "without any doubt, we think that we can achieve this objective because of the high levels of international reserves and the strength of our relationships abroad, the balance of payments, the commercial, that of the current account, which allows us to assure that we will maintain this

exchange rate throughout the month of March."

The peso currency opened Tuesday at 2,320 to the dollar on the free market, which is used in tourism and border transactions.

The second rate regulated by the government was 2,273 pesos to the dollar. This controlled rate is used in about 75 percent of all commercial transactions.

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Community Calendar

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 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.
 Sparkle City Squares; workshop; National Guard Armory, Towle Park; Sleepy Browning, caller.

THURSDAY
 Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 9:30 a.m.
 Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
 Noah Project Advisory Committee; noon; board room, Cogdell Memorial Hospital. All members are urged to attend.
 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.
 Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.
 Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 7 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.
 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.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

SATURDAY
 Defensive Driving course; The Shack; \$25; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Beta Sigma Phi; Mother-Daughter Brunch; Twila Polk home; 11 a.m.
 Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominoes; 6-30 p.m.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.
 Scurry County Museum, Western Texas College, open from 1-4 p.m.
 Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge Club; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 3-2-88			
♦ A J 3			
♥ K Q 3			
♠ A 10 8 6			
♣ A J 6			
WEST			
♦ 9 7 5 4 2			
♥ 6 4			
♠ K 3			
♣ K 9 7 4			
EAST			
♦ 6			
♥ A J 9			
♠ Q J 7 4 2			
♣ Q 8 5 3			
SOUTH			
♦ K Q 10 8			
♥ 10 8 7 5 2			
♠ 9 5			
♣ 10 2			
Vulnerable Both Dealer North			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2 NT	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: 4 ♦			

The essence of good defense is to picture the unseen hands so that you can decide how best to get your tricks. At trick one, East has a lot of information. South's bidding shows at least five hearts. The opening lead — the spade four — indicates that declarer also holds four spades, no doubt good ones. (Since West's lead would be fourth-best and since dummy has the spade 3, West cannot hold more than five spades.) Simple subtraction leaves declarer with at most four minor-suit cards.

It's easy for East to determine that beating the contract requires West to hold both minor kings. But the problem is that North and South have such strong intermediate spot-cards in the minors that the club loser will very likely go away on the diamonds (or the diamond loser on the clubs) unless the defensive timing is ultra-precise. Accordingly, when declarer played a trump to the dummy at trick two, East played low. Declarer tried to cross to his hand in the spade suit, but East ruffed. East now played the diamond jack, a deceptive play just in case declarer held the king of diamonds (no point in giving up a cheap trick to the 10 to give away an overtrick). That cooked declarer's goose. If declarer ducked in dummy, East would shift to clubs. If declarer took dummy's ace and played a second diamond, West would win the king and switch to a club. And if declarer won dummy's diamond ace and played a second trump, East would win and play a club right away. All of this just goes to show that good defense requires you to wear your thinking cap.

James Jacoby's books "Jacoby on Bridge" and "Jacoby on Card Games" (written with his father, the late Oswald Jacoby) are now available at bookstores. Both are published by Pharos Books.

Taxes are the main source of government revenues in all countries of Latin America. In 1985 they accounted for more than 90 percent of such revenues in Argentina, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Mexico and Uruguay, and between 80 and 90 percent in 12 other countries, according to the Inter-American Development Bank's 1987 report on Economic and Social Progress in Latin America.

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Snyder—Electronic hearing tests will be given at the Senior Citizen's Center (Social Security Room) on Friday, March 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
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Everyone should have a hearing test at least once a year—even people now wearing a hearing aid or those who have been told nothing could be done for them. Only a hearing test can determine if you are one of the many a hearing aid can help.

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FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS — Schools Supt. Dalton Moseley, left, Mayor Troy Williamson and Assistant Supt. Tom Scannicchio gathered in Moseley's office for Williamson to declare March 7 through 11 Texas Public Schools Week in Snyder. A variety of open houses and other special events is planned. (SDN Staff Photo)

Man on lam with elephants says he will return them

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man who has spent nearly four years on the lam with two 3½-ton elephants says he will surrender if the pachyderms aren't returned to men he alleges brutalized them.

Arlan Seidon, a 58-year-old animal trainer, hasn't seen his four children or met his only grandson since he took off in a tractor-trailer with Tory and Duchess, two Indian elephants he raised from infancy and then sold.

The elephants' owners and the president of a national animal trainers group deny the animals were abused.

Seidon surfaced last week when he called a New Jersey newspaper from an undisclosed location to say he'd surrender if guaranteed that the elephants will not be returned to Edward Drake and his father, Richard.

"I want to make sure where they are going to. I don't feel that I'm going to spend this much time trying to protect them so they end up back with the Drakes," Seidon told The Star-Ledger of Newark.
 Edward Drake says Seidon sold him the elephants for \$80,000 in 1981, when the Drakes owned an exotic animal ranch in Tehachapi, Calif., about 200 miles north of Los Angeles.

Drake said Tuesday that Seidon was his booking agent for animal shows after the sale but began cheating, taking money and finally the elephants in 1984 while a circus was in New Jersey. Seidon, who could not be located by The Associated Press for comment, told the newspaper he exercised the terms of the sale by repossessing the elephants when the Drakes fell behind in their payments.

While waiting for money at a Colts Neck Township farm, Seidon said, he discovered the animals had wounds caused by hooks piercing their skin during training.

On May 4, 1984, after a Monmouth County judge ordered the elephants returned, he fled with them.
 Seidon, who is divorced, has forsaken his Fordland, Mo., farm

and his career to help the elephants, which are about 25 years old, up to 7 feet tall and eat 200 pounds of hay a day.

"My main concern was how they would be treated," Seidon told the newspaper. "I know I sound like a crazy old man but I'm not."

Seidon's attorney, Estelle Strauss, said Tuesday her client never stole money, and sought only to help Tory and Duchess.

Edward Drake, who like his father has left the animal business, said Seidon's story about the elephants' treatment is "so far-fetched it's unbelievable."



DR. DON NEWBURY Cancer Society members slated to attend kick-off

Board members of the Scurry County chapter of the American Cancer Society are scheduled to attend the District 16 Crusade kick-off for the organization Saturday at the Abilene Woman's Club.

Dr. Don Newbury, president of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, will be the luncheon speaker. He is a past president of Western Texas College.

Those who will attend from the Snyder area will include Barbara Bigham, president of the Scurry County unit, who will be in charge of decorations for the event, and Karen Gruben-Roby, president of the Fisher County unit.

Howard Payne Dean of Women Ann Harris will speak prior to Newbury about experiences with breast cancer and will discuss the importance of mammography tests.

Workshops will be held Saturday morning on educating the public about breast cancer and on fund-raising events such as golf tournaments, barn dances, balls, spaghetti and stew suppers, jail 'n' balls and wine and cheese parties.

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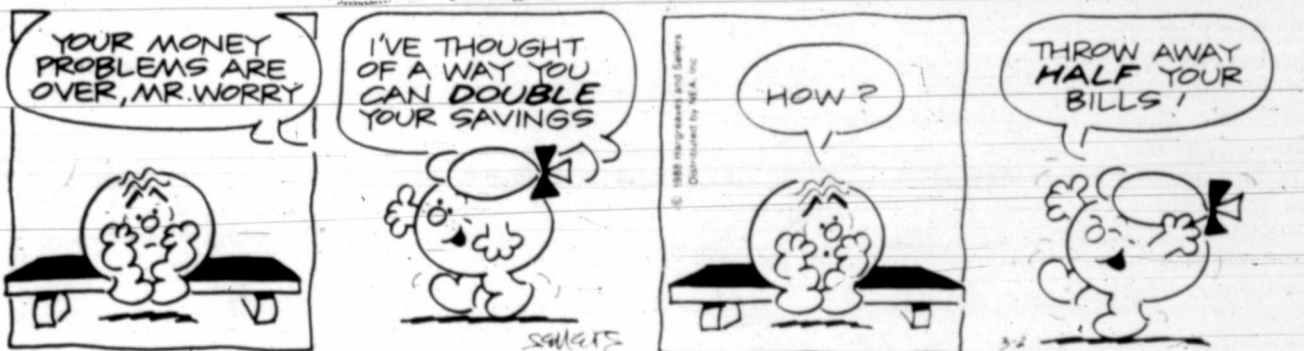
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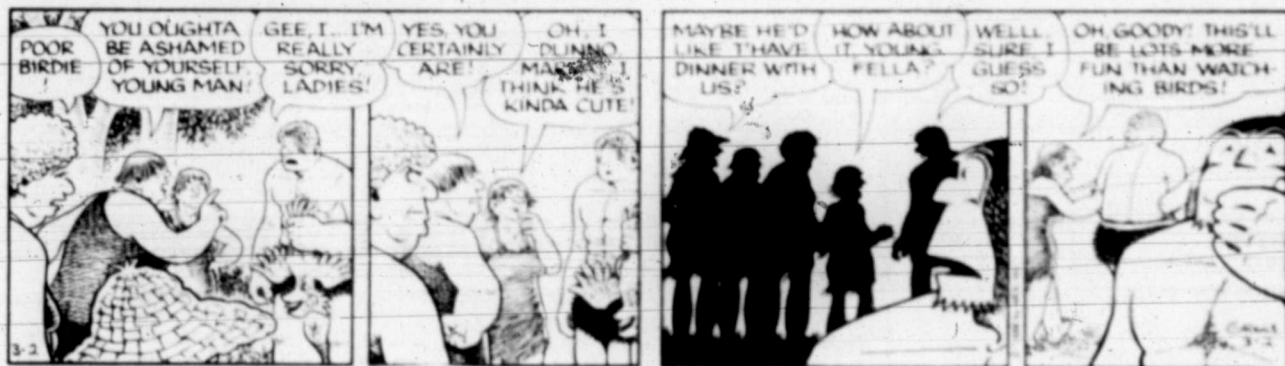
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PUZZLES

ACROSS

- 1 Stiffens
- 5 Anglo-Saxon's tax
- 9 Toward the stern
- 12 Uprising
- 13 College group
- 14 Actress Joanne
- 15 Wild party
- 16 Globes
- 17 Loud clamor
- 18 Pako, e.g.
- 19 Flightless bird
- 20 Rapidity
- 22 European city
- 24 River island
- 25 Metal money
- 27 Solar feature
- 31 Preposition
- 32 Disklike bell
- 33 "___ my brother's keeper?"
- 34 Anglo-Saxon letter
- 35 Natural ability
- 36 Pleased
- 37 Remove
- 39 The ___ Mutiny
- 40 Literary miscellany
- 41 Catches
- 42 Law charges
- 45 Fermented drink
- 46 Football division
- 49 CIO partner
- 50 Exaggerated promotion
- 52 WWII event (comp. wd.)
- 53 Life story
- 54 Portent
- 55 Hilo garlands
- 56 Sault - Marie
- 57 Labels
- 58 Doesn't exist

DOWN

- 3 Mathematician's concern
- 4 Pigeon
- 5 Folklore creature
- 6 Natural color
- 7 Chemist's workplace
- 8 Stylish
- 9 Tallies
- 10 Partly fused glass
- 11 Song
- 19 Printer's measures
- 21 Army Transport Service (abbr.)
- 23 Yoko
- 24 Close relative
- 25 College woman
- 26 Wavy (var.)
- 27 Fluffy
- 28 Line of cliffs
- 29 Arab country
- 30 Sea's ebb and flow
- 32 Lollobrigida
- 35 Battle sound
- 36 Channel
- 38 Cereal grass
- 39 Fair grade
- 41 Vailes
- 42 Taxis
- 43 Think nothing
- 44 Blackthorn fruit
- 45 Take down ___ or two
- 47 Happily
- 48 Pouch
- 51 Entertainer - Sumac
- 52 551, Roman

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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BLONDE





BACK FROM SWEETWATER — Members of the Western Texas College meat-judging team show trophies they won last week at the National Hampshire Type Conference in Sweetwater. From left are Jim Blaine Kinney of Pecos; men's second high individual Chris Rea of Dallas; men's fourth high individual Roger Burris of Snyder; women's second high individual Shondra Robinson of Snyder; Jeff Roemisch of Hermleigh and women's high individual Tiffany O'Brien of Morton. Not shown are Shane Gann of Snyder and Ray Watson of Southland. (SDN Staff Photo)

Miss USA Pageant...

Fourth Texan in row wins

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Texas women extended their reign over the Miss USA pageant to a fourth year as a beaming Courtney Gibbs took the crown in a contest that had been packed with controversy.

This pageant had a controversial start and generated more news and interest than most such pageants before it ended with the nationally televised coronation Tuesday night.

Bob Barker ended his 21-year reign as pageant host to protest the giving away of a mink coat and jacket to the winner. The first two Miss Minnesotas bowed out after it was disclosed they had been arrested on shoplifting charges. Animal-rights protesters picketed the El Paso Convention Center. Co-host Tracy Scoggins fought off a man who attacked her in a hotel elevator.

And that all happened in the three weeks before the nationally televised pageant. The final twist came Tuesday night, when Courtney Gibbs of Fort Worth, Texas, became the fourth Texan in a row to win the Miss USA title.

The woman who started the string in 1985, Laura Martinez-Herring of El Paso, did a little jig after Ms. Gibbs was crowned and echoed the sentiments of many pageant-watchers: "I just feel sorry for the next Miss Texas."

Ms. Gibbs, 21, and a junior studying advertising and public relations at Texas Christian University, smiled broadly when outgoing Miss USA Michelle Royer of Keller, Texas, put the crown on her head.

"It feels fabulous," the blue-eyed brunette said calmly, seemingly unsurprised by her victory.

"One of the gifts Michelle (Royer) gave me was a dictionary with the word 'impossible' whited out. So of course it was possible," she said.

Ms. Gibbs beat out Diana Magana, 22, of Rancho Palos

Verdes, Calif., who was first runner-up. It was one of two best possible results for Guyrex Associates of El Paso, who produce the Miss Texas-USA and Miss California-USA contests and hone the winners' pageant skills for the Miss USA contest.

Ms. Gibbs, who won about \$200,000 worth of prizes, including the furs that created some controversy, will represent the United States in the Miss Universe pageant May 23 in Taipei, Taiwan. Ms. Magana, a brown-eyed brunette, will represent the United States in the Miss World pageant.

Officer is buried in city

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — A slain Dallas policeman was remembered as a strong man with a soft heart as about 1,000 people gathered for his funeral.

McCarthy, 33, shot to death Friday while working off duty as a guard and the third Dallas officer killed this year, was buried Tuesday in his hometown.

"He could bench press 400 pounds, and yet I've seen him sit down and weep about things that touched his heart," Rev. Ron McMullan told the mourners, including about 180 Dallas officers, at San Jacinto Baptist Church. "I don't want you to see a fallen comrade," McMullan said. "I want you to see a man who was a husband, a father, son, and a brother and a missionary and a friend."

Fellow officer Cpl. C.W. Lindsey said prior to the service that McCarthy was "always caring about everybody else."

"He worked South Dallas. He'd see the poverty, and that really upset him," she said.

McCarthy's widow, Rondia, and his children, Amber and Joseph, were accompanied to the services by Sgt. Mark Stallo, their family contact officer with the Dallas force.

McCarthy died at Parkland Memorial Hospital Friday evening after the shootout at Brancato's Warehouse market in West Dallas. McCarthy, wearing street clothes, was escorting the grocery store manager from a bank visit when a man jumped out of a car to rob the manager, police said.

Police were holding three men in connection with McCarthy's death Tuesday on capital murder warrants.

Vincent Edward Cooks, 23, was arrested Sunday at a Houston apartment where he tried to escape from a second-story window, said Dallas Police Lt. Ron Waldrop. Arrested in Dallas Saturday were 23-year-old Tony Ray Harvey of Houston, and Tracy Dewayne Stallworth, 27, of Irving.

Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

Finding source of spinal pain

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a protruding bone, sore spot and pain in my center back but MRI, CT scans and a myelogram show nothing. I know it's not my imagination. Where do I go from here?

DEAR READER: I'm not sure. Back pain-along the spine can have many causes, some of which — like fibrositis — are difficult to diagnose, even using the sophisticated equipment now available. Evidently, you are under the care of a neurologist (who performed the myelogram, an X-ray study of your spinal canal). Perhaps an orthopedic surgeon, who would view the problem from a slightly different perspective, could solve your problem. Even so, you may have to consider other resources — such as pain clinics — to help you cope with chronic discomfort if specialists are unable to diagnose your condition.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For six months I have had a terrible cough. I cough until I throw up, then I'm relieved for a while. My doctor won't give me anything for it, perhaps because of my high blood pressure and ulcer. I'm 73 and getting worn out from all this coughing.

DEAR READER: Chronic cough is always abnormal, although it does not always have a serious cause. For instance, sinus drainage from hay fever or air pollution is a common cause of repeated, non-productive coughing in otherwise healthy individuals. On the other hand, more worrisome ailments — such as asthma, heart failure and lung infection — often are associated with uncontrollable coughing.

I hope that your doctor's reluctance to treat your cough stems from a thorough analysis of your condition, during which he ruled out the many possible causes of coughing. You both seem to be at your wit's end, so I suggest a second opinion. An internist, a doctor skilled in diagnosis, may be able to pinpoint your problem and suggest treatment. High blood pressure and an ulcer are not good reasons to withhold treatment; in fact, these disorders may actually contribute to coughing.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report, LIVING WITH CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE. 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. DEAR DR. GOTT: Will you please explain spinocerebellar disorder?

DEAR READER: Spinocerebellar disorder is a term that covers several different types of neurological disease, the most common of which are ataxia telangiectasia, Charcot-Marie-Tooth atrophy and Friedreich's ataxia. All are untreatable, inherited disorders marked by gradual wasting of the spinal cord and brain, resulting in progressive nerve malfunction. The U.S. Health Information Clearinghouse (800-336-4797) will be able to give you the names of support groups that can provide assistance to patients and families.

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Texas man killed when hit by car

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — State police say a man firing shots at passing motorists because he couldn't get a ride on Interstate 10 created a traffic jam that resulted in an accident, killing one man.

Elmer Lynn Perry, 41, of Bonham, Texas, was dead on arrival at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, state police said.

Troopers said the chain of events began about 6:30 a.m., east of the Chloé community in southwestern Louisiana, when a green 1979 Chevrolet Nova pulled onto the shoulder of the freeway, apparently broken down.

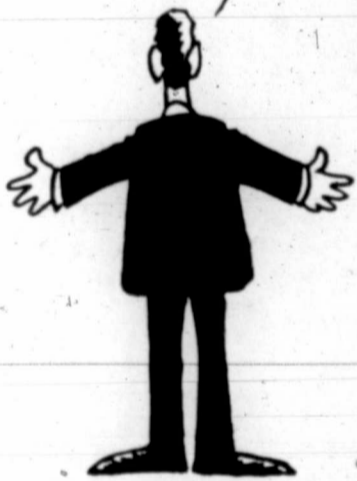
The driver tried to flag down a vehicle, and when it wouldn't stop, he fired two shots into the passing car, troopers said. No one was injured.

Traffic backed up in the east-bound lane of Interstate 10 as the gunman crossed the median and hitched a ride with a driver in the westbound lane, troopers said.

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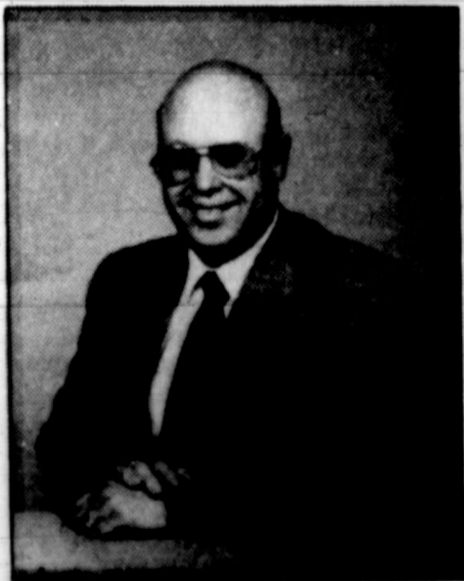
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