

# Olney S&L agrees to federal help, merger plan eyed

**From Local Wire Reports**  
DALLAS — Federal regulators will provide assistance to financially-troubled Olney Savings Association, which has signed an agreement to be acquired or merged, officials said.  
Under the so-called "Southwest Plan," the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. will begin the process of finding aid for Olney Savings, which has a branch office in Snyder.  
A spokesman for Olney indicated Friday morning that more information on the future of the West Texas thrift may come as early as a 3 p.m. Friday news conference in Dallas.  
In recent weeks, industry experts have said Olney Savings could

be merged with as many as 10 other S&Ls under the plan.  
Thursday's report was in contradiction to wire reports last week which indicated that as many as 10 troubled thrifts would be merged into Olney, a stronger institution, and that Olney management would run the surviving institution.  
A news release issued by Olney on Thursday indicated there "is still a chance" Olney would remain as the management team.  
The thrift's financial condition has eroded over the past several months. Olney Savings reported a \$3.4 million loss for the first quarter of 1988, and losses of \$23.6 million for the second quarter.  
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## Both Bush, Dukakis seek momentum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Republican George Bush and Democrat Michael Dukakis plunged into the closing days of the presidential race battling for votes in California after a high-stakes debate that failed to change the chemistry of a campaign that's been going Bush's way.

Indeed, the debate appeared to have helped Bush. An instant ABC News poll called the vice president the winner, by 49 to 33

percent and a Los Angeles Times poll gave him the margin, 47 to 26, with the rest unsure. An Associated Press panel of debate judges also rated Bush the winner, reversing the judgment from the first debate Sept. 25 when Dukakis was perceived the victor.

"I'm happy with the way it came out," a grinning Bush said Thursday night en route to a post-debate rally. Democrats were guarded in their assessments and

acknowledged that Dukakis did not land a knockout blow.

However, Dukakis claimed victory and said the race was "very, very close and it's going to get even closer after tonight." Dukakis had gone into the debate on the UCLA campus hoping to shorten Bush's lead in the polls, while the vice president was looking to move further ahead.

Once and for all, Bush declared there would not be a third debate, saying, "People have had it up to

here with debates."

Dukakis told a post-debate rally, "I think we ought to have that third debate, don't you? We've gotten the Republicans out from behind the flag factory and the balloons and discussing the issues. That's why debates are so important."

Today, Bush supporters were all but declaring the battle won. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said on NBC's "Today" program, "If I were working for Michael

Dukakis I'd be sending out resumes this morning."

Not yet, the Democrats were saying. One Dukakis adviser, Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., said on "CBS This Morning" that Bush had given undecided voters no new reason to move in his direction, and "I think you're going to see a lot of the undecided people starting to move toward Michael Dukakis. This race is far from over."



WTC SENATORS — The recently elected Western Texas College Student Senate includes (front row from left) Mary Lee Hicks, Stacie Hart, Jignesh Bhakta, Shannon Fletcher, Meredith Goodwin, Zane Benson, Lori Tate, (second row) Kevin Pruitt, Cindy Tolbert, Anne-

Marie Blagg, Shondra Robinson, Jeff Baker, Francois Pointeau, Latricia Allen, Joy McSpadden, (back row) Lance Harrison, Shad Rasco, Donnie Jones, Mac Castillo and Jeff Roemisch. (SDN Staff Photo)

### Suit due challenge...

## ISD seeks counsel for hiring lawsuit

Snyder school board members will seek legal counsel to defend the district in a lawsuit brought against it by a local woman who claims the fact that she is black has been a factor in her not being re-employed as a teacher.

Following a one-hour closed executive session, trustees reconvened and directed Superintendent Dalton Moseley to contact a Lubbock attorney to schedule a noon hour meeting with the board Oct. 28.

At that time, trustees plan to

meet with Brad Crawford, attorney with the firm Crenshaw, Dupree and Milam. Crawford has been the defense attorney in two other lawsuits involving Snyder-based entities, a liability lawsuit filed against the county and chamber of commerce and the lawsuit filed against several taxing entities in an attempt to block the construction of the TDC prison facility here.

On Sept. 14, Snyder ISD was named in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Lubbock. Plain-

tiff in that action is Evelyn Malone of Snyder, who seeks "injunctive relief and damages for back pay and mental anguish" because, according to her petition, the district has not employed her as a teacher "because of her race."

Malone was previously employed by Snyder ISD from 1970-71 as a teacher's aide. She was employed as a teacher at North Elementary from 1978-79, resigning at that time to accept a position with Midland ISD.

She is now employed as a teacher with Colorado City ISD.

As part of her claim, she points to the fact that in October of 1985 she was one of eight plaintiffs who brought suit against Snyder ISD to elect its board membership by single member districts.

She indicates she sought re-employment with the district for the 1986-87 and 1987-88 school year and, on both occasions, the district "hired several white teachers who had less experience

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## Yuletide bonus approved

### Christmas gift for school staff

Characterizing it as a "one-time recommendation," a Christmas bonus for Snyder ISD staffers was approved by the school board Thursday.

The action followed a recommendation from Superintendent Dalton Moseley, who noted, "It's probably not much, but I feel it will show our appreciation and help teacher morale."

His recommendation was for a \$500 supplement for the district's 365 fulltime personnel, \$350 for two part-time staffers who work more than 20 hours per week, and \$200 for 16 individuals who work for the district less than 20 hours per week.

The amount will be included in the November paycheck and will have retirement and federal tax withheld.

The school board approved the plan unanimously Thursday after having first discussed it in a summer budget workshop.

At that time, Moseley noted that campus principals had managed to keep individual spending below budgeted levels, helping to create, at that time, an "expected" carryover in expenses to income.

As the fiscal year closed Sept. 30, the district realized some \$900,000 in carryover monies. The plan outlined Thursday would cost the district an estimated \$186,400.

During discussion of the bonus concept, it was noted the pay for Snyder teachers has been frozen for the past three years.

All trustees attended Thursday's regular October meeting to include Billy Bob McMullan, who presided as president, Mike Jordan, Luann Burleson, Terry Martin, Ygnacio Benitez, Ken Branam and Ann Walton.

In other school related action, See ISD, page 11

## Hermleigh festival is Saturday

The annual Fall Festival sponsored by the Hermleigh United Methodist Church will be at the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

At noontime, barbecue, baked and sausage will be sold.

Arts and crafts including quilts, afghans, woodwork, needlework, Christmas items, water colors and paintings will be for sale throughout the day.

Also, a flea market will be offered with antiques as well as new and used items for sale. A book stall will be set up to include some books dating to the early

See FESTIVAL, page 11

## The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The teller on Deep Creek says, "It may be lonely at the top, but it beats the heck out of waiting in line."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

One political observer says you can switch facts in this story to fit your voting in hoodlums:

A girl was pushing her doll buggy in front of the White House while Nancy Reagan was inspecting the grounds for an upcoming reception for supporters.

"Why hello, little girl," Mrs. Reagan said. "What do you have in your buggy beneath that blanket?"

"Six kittens and I'm taking them to grandma's house," the little girl said. "And they're all Republicans."

Mrs. Reagan chuckled and praised the little girl for thinking like a true American.

The next day, President Reagan was taking a

stroll on the White House lawn and the same little girl was going by with her doll buggy again.

"Hello, little girl," the President said. "Are those your Republican kittens under the blanket?"

"Yes, they're my kittens, but they're all Democrats," she said.

The President smiled. "Now, now, I know about those kittens," he said. "Nancy told me about them at dinner last night and you told her they were Republicans."

"I know what I said then," the young girl answered, "but now they have their eyes open."

Remember Eddie Fisher?

The singer is now 60 years old and still has many loyal fans.

Observed Fisher, "I've kept my same fans. But now instead of bobbysox, they now wear support hose."

**Friday**  
**Oct. 14, 1988**  
**Ask Us**

Q — Why does the local mail come to your home at a different time on Saturday than during the week?

A — The only changes to local routes which routinely occur on Saturday are rotating days off for carriers. Snyder postal officials note that carriers are given Saturday off every sixth weekend. This means that every Saturday two to three of the nine local routes have substitute carriers bringing the mail.

### In Brief

#### Retail sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retail sales, held back by lagging auto sales, fell 0.4 percent in September, the government said today.

It was the second consecutive monthly drop and the first back to back decline since September-October 1987.

The Commerce Department said sales dropped \$519 million last month to a seasonally adjusted \$133.7 billion. In August, they had dropped a slight 0.1 percent, revised up from a previous estimate of minus 0.2 percent, following a 0.5 percent gain in July.

#### Trade deficit

by The Associated Press  
The nation's trade deficit widened in August as it did in the same month one year earlier, but this time the report did not trigger a sharp drop in the stock market like the one that preceded last year's Oct. 19 collapse.

The Commerce Department reported on Thursday a \$12.2 billion merchandise trade deficit for August, up sharply from a \$9.5 billion deficit in July and higher than analyst predictions of about \$11.3 billion.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 7.12 points to 2,133.36. Bond prices, which fell sharply immediately after the news, finished the day only slightly lower.

#### Paris flights

PARIS (AP) — Police arrested a man suspected of being the "Black Baron," a pilot who evaded French police while making low-level nighttime flights over the capital for months, reports said today.

The Air and Border Police arrested Albert Maltret, 34, when he landed Thursday at Saint-Cyr, a private airfield in a Paris suburb, the French news agency, Agence France-Press, reported.

#### Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Thursday, 81 degrees, low, 46 degrees, reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 55 degrees, no precipitation, total precipitation for 1988 to date, 20.30 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 50s. South wind 5 to 10 miles an hour. Saturday, some early morning low cloudiness, otherwise partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. South wind 10 to 15 miles an hour.

## CROP walkers 100-plus

More than 100 walkers are expected to participate Sunday in the first-ever CROP Walk in Snyder.

They will include representatives from 11 local churches as well as members of Boy Scout Troop 27. Church denominations to be represented Sunday include Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Disciples, Catholic, Lutheran and independent ministries.

Walkers in the event will start at the courthouse with opening ceremonies and registration at 1:30 p.m. The walk will begin at 2 p.m., heading down College Ave.

See WALKERS, page 11

# Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For two years or more my son, 32, has had ear pain, but there is no infection. He's had his wisdom teeth out, but the pain is still there. What's our next step?

DEAR READER: Ear pain can have a variety of causes: ear disease, temporo-mandibular joint (TMJ) dysfunction, infection of the parotid (salivary) gland and dental abscesses — to mention a few. From the information you supply, I cannot precisely locate the pain. Is it *in* — or *near* — the ear? What makes it worse? Or better? What other symptoms does your son have?

In my opinion, patients with pain referred to the ear should be checked first by an otolaryngologist, an ear specialist. If this expert is unable to find the cause of your son's discomfort, I would bring in a dentist for an opinion. From there, your son should probably seek the services of professionals in the diagnostic clinic of a teaching hospital. With modern diagnostic techniques, including X-ray CAT scans, the cause of ear pain can usually be readily discovered. An ENT specialist would be an appropriate first step.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my health report, "Ear Infections." 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: I have two turtles who are losing their toenails. Could I get salmonella from them?

DEAR READER: I am not a turtle doctor, so I think that you should ask a veterinarian about the salmonella issue. It's my understanding that turtles do carry this germ, which can cause diarrhea in humans. But I don't want to incriminate your turtles unfairly.

Incidentally, turtles do occasionally shed their nails; this is not necessarily due to disease. Make sure they're getting a balanced diet.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How does an IUD work?

DEAR READER: The human body tends to reject foreign substances. The intra-uterine device (IUD) is usually made of metal and acts to alter the receptiveness of the uterine lining.

In very simple terms, in reacting to the IUD, the uterus repels other "foreign bodies," such as a fertilized egg. Therefore, with an IUD in place, a woman is virtually preventing the fertilized egg from attaching to the uterine lining; the product of conception simply passes out of the body without implanting in the uterus. This reaction is by no means 100 percent certain; hence, some women do become pregnant with IUDs. But the system works well enough to be a viable method of birth control.

However, some women may expel the IUD itself, or the device can migrate internally to cause problems. This is why women with IUDs must periodically check themselves to make sure that the IUD is in place, and have yearly checkups with their gynecologists. For more information, I am sending you a copy of my health report, "Contraception: An Update." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 and their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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# Austin teenager honored

AUSTIN (AP) — Heather Lopez-Cepero discovered the flames in the hallway after the power to her tape player shut off.

She dashed outside and ran to a neighbor for help. But it was her quick decision to smash a window with her hands and rescue her brother, Tony, that earned her a certificate of commendation from the Austin Fire Department.

During a recent ceremony to announce promotions and present other certificates for outstanding service, Fire Chief Bill Roberts honored the 15-year-old Austin High School student for heroic actions that saved the life of her brother, who turned 7 recently.

Heather's mother was working late, and her brother was asleep in their mother's room of their South Austin home when the fire was discovered about 10:30 p.m. on April 10.

"I opened the hall door, and flames were all in the hallway," Heather said. "I went outside and got a neighbor. They thought I was saying that a robber had gotten back in the window."

But her brother's safety was what occupied Heather's mind.

"I was trying to find a rock to punch the window with," she said. "I couldn't find it. I punched it with my hand" and pulled Tony outside.

Jean Lopez-Cepero, their mother, said her bedroom door was described as "framed in flames" and fire had spread into a bathroom. The door was next to the window where Heather rescued her brother, she said.

Heather suffered several small cuts on her hand after striking the window twice.

"I didn't notice it till about 10 minutes afterward," Heather said. "They said if Tony had been in 10 minutes more, he would have been done in from smoke inhalation."

The fire damaged 60 percent of the house, which has been rebuilt. Firefighters said the blaze started in a hallway furnace.



**RAISE BUTTERFLIES**—These West second graders in JoAnn Peek's class recently turned loose some 30 butterflies which they raised from a Butterfly Garden Kit containing 30 larvae. Within two weeks they had grown into Painted Lady butterflies. The class has been studying the life cycle of the butterfly from larva to the adult butterfly. Students in the back row are: Michael Cantu, Morgan Kelley, Jessie Dominguez, Adam Sosa,

Josh Stutts and Dru Murray. Those in the second row are Lydia Rodriguez, Ashley Grimmert, Dolly Vanous, Tara Beall, Cristi McCarty and Matt Rodgers. Those in the first row are Lori Marshall, Monica Triplett, April Pyburn, Chassy Raines, Michelle Rollins and Jacob Medrano. Not pictured are Courtney Pechacek and Annie Siller. The butterflies are in a box in the foreground. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Forth Worth's Caravan of Dreams silences skeptics

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — In the here-today, gone-tomorrow world of nightclubs, staying in business for five years is no easy feat.

Nightclubs come and go with great regularity. And when the Caravan of Dreams opened on Sept. 29, 1983, betting odds seemed to favor a short life for that ambitious project, too.

At the time, there seemed to be better ways of trying to make a buck than operating a jazz nightclub in downtown Fort Worth.

The Caravan of Dreams has overcome the odds and all the doubting Thomases to become one of the nation's leading jazz nightspots.

"I'd say that it's a heck of an achievement to make five years in this business," said Maria Golia, Caravan assistant general manager. "It's really a great triumph. I think we have survived because people appreciate the importance of this place to the community and to downtown."

"Part of the beauty of the Caravan of Dreams is that it really brings life into downtown. There are a lot of people who are very much interested in revitalizing this downtown area, and the Caravan certainly is an integral part of that."

Joining Golia on the Caravan's front-office team are general manager Gregg Dugan and artistic director Kathelin Hoffman.

It was Hoffman and Fort Worth businessman Ed Bass who initially shared a vision of building a performing arts center in downtown Fort Worth. Thanks to Bass' financing, the Caravan became more than a dream five years ago when Ornette Coleman became the first artist to play there. The club reportedly lost big money in the beginning but

managed to survive with Bass' financial help.

However, now the club must make it on its own, Golia says.

"The improvement we've made in our financial situation over the last five years has been very steady. We're now at the point where we're holding on."

"But it's a constant battle because a lot of the music doesn't necessarily have a built-in audience. We have to continually build that audience. Plus, we have a very beautiful facility, which is more difficult to take care of than a warehouse situation, for example."

"We're doing well, though. We need lots of support, but it's a viable financial situation at this point. And that's a great triumph for us."

Located at 312 Houston St., the Caravan of Dreams also includes a 212-seat theater where various dance, film and theatrical productions are presented.

The Caravan also is home to its production company, recording studio, record label, art display, cactus garden and 32-foot high geodesic dome.

The flagship for the entire operation is the 300-seat nightclub.

The music featured covers much more territory than jazz. During its first five years, the room has played host to a wide variety of music, ranging from the blazing blues-rock of Stevie Ray Vaughan to the space sounds of Sun Ra.

But it is the club's ability to lure the world's greatest jazz artists to its cozy, comfortable confines that has put the Caravan on the national music map.

Dizzy Gillespie, Wynton Marsalis, Herbie Hancock, McCoy Tyner, Ornette Coleman,

Carmen McRae, John McLaughlin, the Count Basie Orchestra, Horace Siler, Billy Eckstine, Roy Ayers and Tony Williams are among the top jazz artists who have graced the Caravan stage.

"I love the Caravan of Dreams," said legendary trumpeter Gillespie. "It definitely has become one of the top jazz nightclubs in the nation, and it's one of my favorite places to play."

"The people at the Caravan have been so nice to me. They really care about the music. And the audiences are the best. I always have fun there."

Marsalis, the man Gillespie says has become jazz's best trumpeter, is another who gives the Caravan top marks.



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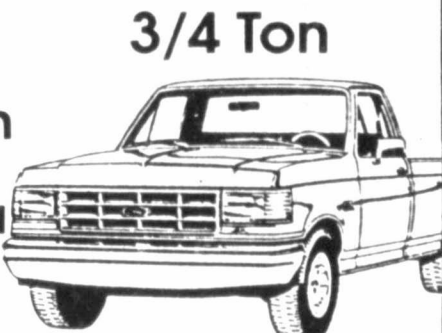
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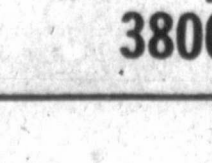
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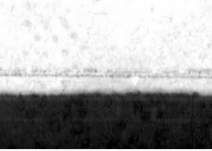
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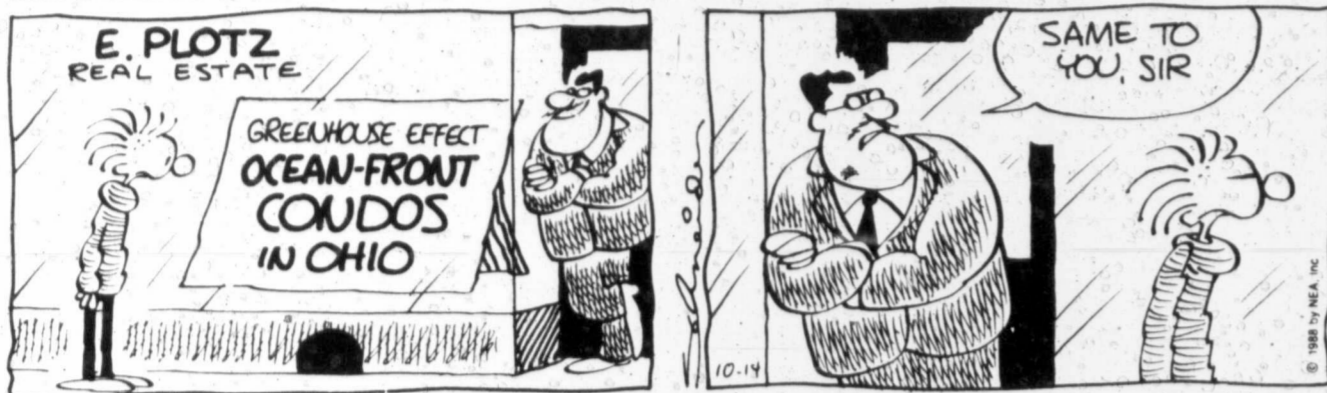
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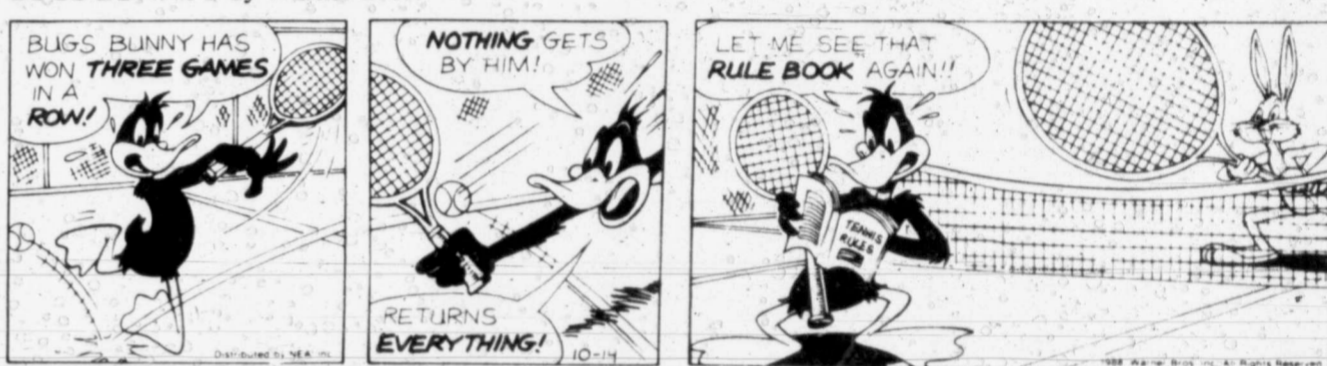
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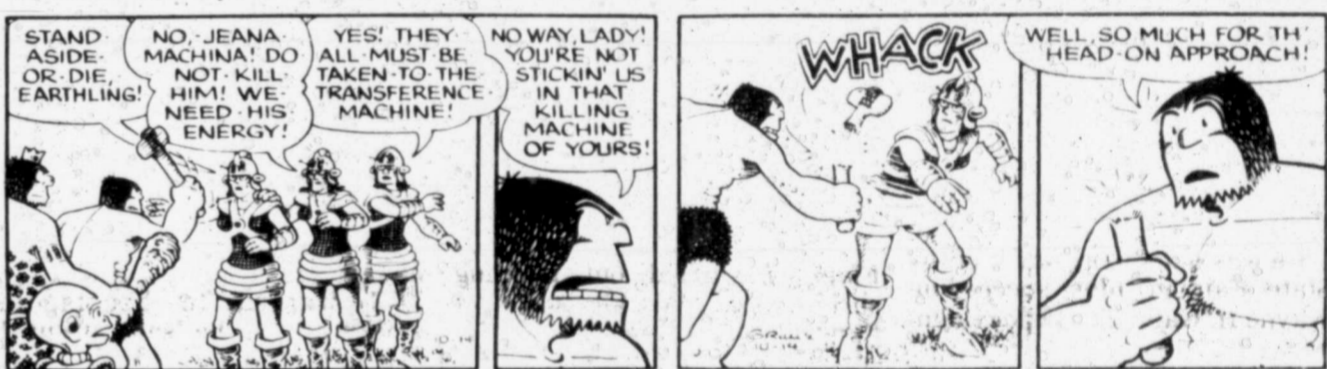
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## Midland shoe company sells hand-beaded designer shoes

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — Getting off on the right foot is crucial to any new business start-up, but in the retail shoe game one wrong step can mean real trouble.

A company has been stringing along an idea conceived by a pair of Midlanders for more than two years in creating Beadz Inc.

The company sells designer sneakers hand-beaded in China, and believes consumers accustomed to paying premium prices for both top-grade athletic shoes and bead-ornamented accessories will take Beadz' suggested retail price of \$69 in stride.

Retailers attending the fall footwear trade shows earlier this year certainly took a shine to Beadz shoes, and the company's handful of sales representatives have opened more than 150 accounts, representing at least 4,000 stores from coast to coast.

Company officials — who include Midlanders John Northington, secretary, and Kevin Blonkvist, treasurer — expect Beadz to move beyond one-time fad buying into a permanent market niche of casually elegant, athletic footwear.

Already, an exclusive Ohio-based mail order retailer, Ann's Collections, says the two styles of the Beadz sneakers featured in their latest catalog "have the No.1 response rate they've ever seen," said Jan Blacklock, vice president of administration for Beadz.

Besides Ann's, Beadz have put their best foot forward in the latest Neiman-Marcus catalog and have been ordered for sale at Disney World to boot.

Although the shoes are made in China and only administrative functions are handled in Midland, the company is truly a Permian Basin endeavor, explained Beadz president Jack Hightower.

Of the 35 well-heeled investors who were tapped to raise the \$1.5 million in initial capital to get the fledgling shoe enterprise off the ground, 34 are Midlanders.

After the initial circle of investors pooled enough research money to determine their idea was workable, they hired professional shoe designer Roxanne Ekland to refine the concept. Although the group had some

locally generated shoe designs, Eklund's knowledge of shoemaking materials and procedures helped create more efficient, yet still attractive, designs.

Like other fashion designers, her patterns are grouped into several categories within her seasonal collections. Her Art Deco holiday collection

highlights black, silver and pearl white shades in classic designs. For Spring '89, Beadz collections will center on garden and Southwestern themes.

The Midlanders also enlisted a footwear professional, Frank Sapienza, to oversee Chinese fabrication operations.



**FOURTH GRADE PLAY**—Stanfield fourth graders in Janelle Hammack's class presented a play Wednesday morning. Students pictured are Kasey Neill, Ryan Landes, Kevin Lacik, Russell Riggan, Amanda Babcock, Stephanie Spencer,

Julie Doolittle, Scott Smith, Gabriel Hernandez, Matt Ornelas, Matthew Fambro, Mark Rodriguez, Daniel Holt, Norma Martinez, Jessica Perkins, Chad Stewart, Eric Roberson and Brett Kime. (SDN Staff Photo)

## State fair's new president may be found on midway

DALLAS (AP) — The 46-year-old president of the State Fair of Texas turned 15 recently.

That's when Errol W. McKoy rode the four new rides at the State Fair, which opened earlier this month and runs through Oct. 23.

The new ones are thrill rides with the exotic names of Flash Dance, Kamikaze, Break Dance and Diamond Mine.

"I have had a long association with rides," McKoy said. "When I ride the rides today, I feel like I'm 15 again. I cut up and I don't have a lick of sense when riding them."

That seems like the most natural thing in the world to McKoy, who is a former top executive in Six Flags and White Water theme park organizations. Since age 17, he has been associated with amusement rides, having begun as a summer worker at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington.

He was named president of the State Fair in July, succeeding Wayne H. Gallagher, who resigned after 15 years when personality differences with board members developed. Gallagher was named recently as director

of the New York State Fair.

"Errol McKoy is widely recognized as an innovative leader in the leisure time industry," said David G. Fox, chairman of the State Fair's board of directors.

"His 25 years of successful management experience with regional theme parks, water parks, expositions and entertainment malls uniquely qualify him for this post," Fox said.

McKoy grew up in West Texas and Oklahoma. He was born in Quanah but moved to Oklahoma as a child. He graduated from high school in Tulsa. That's when his adventure with rides and amusement parks began.

"At age 17, three high school friends of mine from Tulsa wanted me to go to Disneyland in California with them and work at the theme park during the summer," McKoy said. "But I came to Arlington instead and worked in the rides department at Six Flags. I started out planting shrubs and did all sorts of things."

He worked the next four summers at Six Flags and became supervisor of rides. After serving

with the New York World's Fair for a year, he spent 12 years at Six Flags Over Georgia. He became vice president and general manager in 1969, a position he held until 1978 when he returned to Tarrant County as vice president and general manager of Six Flags Over Texas.

McKoy served as executive vice president of Six Flags Corp., group vice president for White Water Parks in a four-state area and president of two White Water parks in Dallas before opening a consulting firm in 1987.

"Those three friends of mine who wanted me to go to Disneyland with them now hold jobs unrelated to amusement parks," McKoy said. "One is a teacher, another is with IBM and the third is in advertising. I'm the only one of the four who started working in amusement parks who stayed with it."

But it wasn't his original goal, he said.

"I wanted to become a stockbroker," he said. "But I kept getting offers of jobs in the amusements business and finally decided that was my fate."

## El Paso man hopes airboat idea a success

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — In the last 10 years, El Pasoan Dan McCoin has invented a lightweight rotary car engine and a car transmission. He also has designed a car body.

But McCoin's still trying to find a market for his inventions.

Most recently, McCoin began building a boat that skims on a cushion of air — to be powered by a downsized version of his car engine.

McCoin, 47, is president of McCoin International Innovative Technologies, a company that has the rights to his transmission, engine and body designs, but now has no yearly sales.

He also is vice president of Air Fun, a fledgling boat manufacturer that works out of a warehouselike building in Clint.

McCoin says his rotary engine is lighter, smaller and cheaper to build than any engine now used

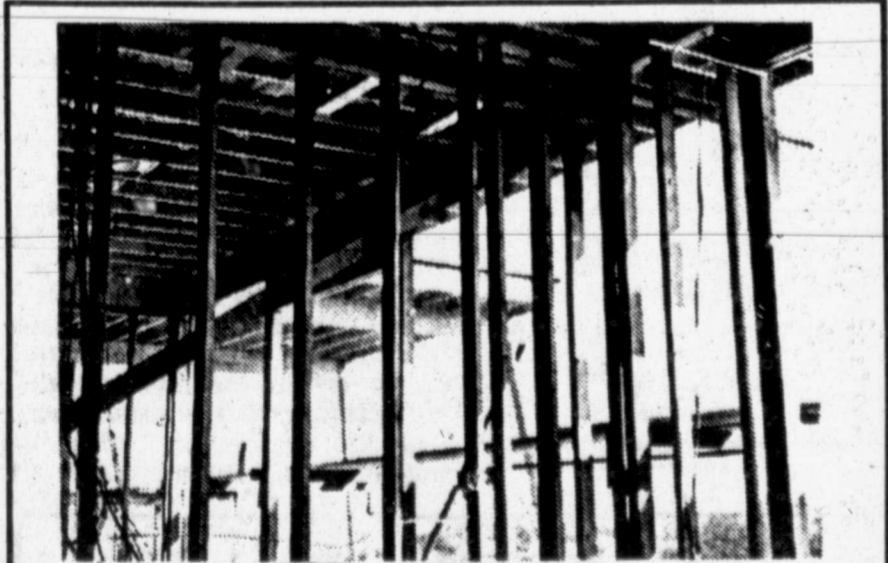
in cars. He plans to make the engine smaller and lighter still for the boat. That 75-horsepower engine, he estimates, will be eight inches in diameter and six inches long.

"That does two things," McCoin said. "It makes a better Hovercraft and it gives me a market for (engine) production."

In the back of his mind, McCoin and his associates dream of making their own car. But dreaming is all they'll do for now.

"I've always dreamed of having my own car," McCoin said. "However, I'm a realist. I know that's not likely to happen."

Starting a car company takes money — lots of it. McCoin doesn't have that money nor does he expect to get it. He tried to sell his engine design to U.S. car manufacturers but found no takers. McCoin was told it would cost too much money to convert Detroit's plants to make his engine.



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# 'Monster' pork plan said too much for U.S. House

WASHINGTON (AP) — A minor bill making a single federal appropriation ballooned 8,700 percent into a \$60 million pork barrel full of back-home booty for powerful lawmakers before the House finally scuttled it.

"This is a disgusting piece of legislation," Rep. Robert Walker, R-Pa., said Thursday as he began the attack that ended in the House voting 256-131 against even debating the bulging package.

Rep. Thomas Coleman, R-Mo., called the bill "the perfect model of how Congress is a pork farm. There are so many little piglets in this bill it probably sets the Guinness World Book record about how a bill grew in conference."

The bill began life in the House earlier this year as a simple proposition: authorizing the Depart-

ment of Education to provide \$750,000 to the Taft Institute, which uses public and private money to run summer programs for high school civics studies teachers.

Then the fattening process began.

Added by the Senate were \$15.2 million in authorizations for federal grants to a library in the District of Columbia, the Vermont Council of Higher Education, Voorhees College in South Carolina and the University of Mississippi.

At least two of the add-ons pointed in the direction of two senior members of the Labor and Human Resources Committee, which handled the bill: Robert Stafford, R-Vt., and Strom Thurmond, R-S.C.

As often occurs in these situa-

ed: the Mississippi money. Sen. John Stennis and Rep. Jamie Whitten, both D-Miss., chair the appropriations committees that would have to free up the funds for the grants.

"That's the way you get the money in the appropriations process," said Walker.

Because of the Senate amendments, the bill had to go to a joint conference committee, which upped the ante by authorizing another \$45.15 million in grants to universities and other educational facilities.

Walker and his allies said it was not coincidental that seven of the 12 grants tacked on in conference were headed for institutions located in states represented by conferees.

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RECEPTION — The chamber of commerce had its quarterly coffee to honor a local business Thursday at Ezell-Key Grain Co. From left are Delbert Downing, chamber Gold Coat member

Jim Tully, Peggy Tully, Ezell-Key president John Jarrell and his mother, Dorothy Downing. (SDN Staff Photo)

# Toddler trapped in well said doing well 12 months later

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — With balloons, toys and stuffed animals, but no leeches, Jessica McClure has recovered from her 58-hour confinement a year ago in an abandoned well, her doctor says.

"She's doing very well," said orthopedic surgeon Charles Younger, who had to amputate Jessica's right little toe and tip of the big toe after the toddler's rescue last Oct. 16. "If she walked without shoes you would notice a difference in her walk, but not much."

Jessica, now 2½, captured the world's attention last year when she cried for her mother and softly sang nursery rhymes while volunteers drilled through 22 feet of hard rock to rescue her from the dark, 8-inch well shaft.

The deluge of letters, get-well cards, balloons and dolls has long since stopped at Midland Memorial Hospital, where Jessica spent five weeks recovering from pressure wounds to her forehead and right foot.

"We got tons of gifts, tons," said Kimberly Modisett, director of volunteers at the hospital. "They came by the truckloads."

The hospital was inundated with phone calls from people the world over with tips on how to treat 18-month-old. About 50 doctors, mostly from South America, offered to send leeches, which they said would somehow increase circulation in Jessica's endangered right foot, hospital spokesman Sue Ristom said.

During the first three weeks, doctors feared they would have to amputate the entire foot, which had been wedged next to the toddler's head during the ordeal. But after at least six operations and

daily treatments in a pressurized oxygen tank — but no leeches — Jessica went home minus 1½ toes and with a small scar on her forehead.

"She's doing beautifully," said McClure family spokesman Pete Snelson. "She's talking up a storm. Her foot's fine and her forehead is looking great and she's an active 2½-year-old."

Snelson and Younger said Jessica doesn't appear to remember the ordeal, and she does not suffer from nightmares, fear of the dark or phobias.

Jessica was playing with other children in her aunt's back yard the morning of Oct. 14, 1987, when somehow she fell down the well, whose 8-inch shaft had been covered by a large rock. She became wedged 22 feet underground.

Volunteers drilled a shaft parallel to the well, their progress agonizingly slow because the hard rock dulled even diamond-tipped drill bits. After two days of drilling, they made a horizontal shaft just under Jessica and plucked her out.

During the effort, paramedics blew warm air into the shaft to keep the girl comfortable, and a television crew lowered a microphone to her. At times she cried for her mother, and once she was heard softly singing "Winnie-the-Pooh."

That news grabbed people.

"It was a child, a very innocent child" Ms. Modisett said. "Everybody adopted that child, whether they were a parent or a grandparent or someone her age."

The city of Midland adopted Jessica, whose plight distracted the oil-dependent city from its

economic problems as hundreds of volunteers rushed to lend equipment, drill the rescue shaft and feed journalists and other volunteers.

Midlanders are pleased with how the city responded as the world watched and waited.

"I look upon it like many Midlanders do, and that's with pride," said Darlene Gifford, co-chairman of the Midland Spirit Committee. "Not only that we did it and brought her out alive, but that we all got together to do it."

The spirit committee organized a celebratory parade a few weeks after Jessica's rescue and commissioned a bronze plaque that Jessica is scheduled to unveil Saturday at a downtown plaza.

The 4-foot-high, 6-foot-wide plaque depicts Jessica being taken out of the rescue shaft and is meant to thank the volunteers and equipment donors.

Midlanders remember Jessica's rescue and recovery with fondness and nostalgia.

"Jessica's room," Midland Memorial pediatric nurse Cindi Walker said, lightly tapping her fingernails on Room 330's door as she walked past. "Most of the people we put in here get excited because it was Jessica's room."

Jessica's parents, Chip and Cissy McClure, are recognized just about everywhere they go, Snelson said. "People are nice to them, but their privacy was taken away," he said.

The McClures have declined most interview requests.

The incident has produced its share of controversies. Some Midlanders have complained that the McClures have not divulged the size of a trust fund for Jessica that was set up to collect thousands of unsolicited contributions. And Mayor Carroll Thomas had to mediate a dispute involving a television movie.

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## Kauffman offers students incentive

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — About 300 high school students who were promised a free college education by Ewing Kauffman, co-owner of the Kansas City Royals, have another incentive to do well in school.

Michael Herman, president of the Kauffman Foundation, announced that members of a freshman class who are enrolled in the college program, called Project Choice, will receive \$50 a semester for attending classes regularly at Westport High School.

"If you're not in school then you can't become an academic success," Herman told several hundred students and their parents at the school Wednesday. Many of the families are poor.

Project Choice, started last spring and administered through the foundation, guarantees a college education for members of last year's eighth-grade class at Westport Middle School who meet certain requirements.

Kauffman, 72, founder and chairman of the board of pharmaceutical maker Marion Laboratories, recently made Forbes magazine's list of the 400 richest Americans. His net worth was listed at \$740 million.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Hawaii statehood bill in 1959.





**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** — Students of the Month at Snyder Junior High School, recognized for academics and citizenship, are, from left, seventh-graders Tyson Cromeens and Hayley Patterson and eighth-graders Jeronimo Ruiz and Jaycie Wright, shown with teacher Melanie Smith. (SDN Staff Photo)

## Knox County couple calls jail home

BENJAMIN, Texas (AP) — A skylight has replaced the gallows and the only ropes around are wisteria and honeysuckle vines that hang from shading arbors. But the old Knox County jail that has stood for a century like a citadel in the prairie looks substantially the same. Only the interior and tenants have changed. The two-story sandstone structure, a county jail from 1887 until

the late 1940s, is now the home of Wyman and Sarah Meinzer and their two children, Hunter, 5, and Pate, 3. The jail had been on the market for six months when the Meinzers bought it five years ago from the estate of another family who had lived there. The new owners remodeled the interior of the original jail and the A-frame wooden addition on the ground floor, built for the

sheriff's family, and moved in three years ago this month.

Why did they want the old jail for a home?

"To tell you the truth there isn't a whole lot of available housing in Benjamin. We were renting and had not even bothered to look at it," Mrs. Meinzer explained.

"I really liked the place on the outside. Once we went through it, there was no doubt. We decided to live here. There were so many possibilities.

"The walls are two feet thick and the ceilings are real high, two things we both really liked about the place," she said. To duplicate a structure like that, with its abundance of rock, would have "cost a fortune," she said. They bought the jail for \$6,000, "a bargain for such a historical treasure."

The Meinzers did the designing and much of the redecorating work themselves. They had help for structural remodeling.

"Before I went into social work, I planned on getting a degree in interior design. It was something I was interested in anyway," said Mrs. Meinzer, a graduate of Midwestern State University and director of the Wichita Falls State Hospital's outreach center at Haskell.

"I did all the woodwork," she said. "It took six months to get 100 years worth of paint off!"

Her husband, a graduate of Texas Tech University who is a freelance wildlife photographer, put down all the 12-by-12-inch Saltillo tile, the focal point of redecoration that reflects Southwestern and Mexican influence.

Antique furniture and metal trunks as well as other eclectic items — "a little bit of

## Frito-Lay satisfies art collectors' appetites

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Like its parent company, PepsiCo, Frito-Lay is known nationally for its multimillion-dollar corporate collection of contemporary art, installed at its gleaming suburban headquarters for its nearly 1,500 employees.

But the talk among Frito-Lay folk is not about the big-bucks Bryan Hunt bronze in the lobby or the pricey Vernon Fisher painting in the library. It's about the cheeky assortment of "Art Snacks," costing as little as 50 cents, sold from a group of vending machines in one of the building's main corridors — an installation by Houston artist Jack Massing that opened Sept. 16 and will close Nov. 16.

"The response has been enormous — both in the positive and negative sense," said Terry Fassburg, Frito-Lay vice president of public affairs. "Many people are excited by the installation, by interacting with the vending machines and buying art at affordable prices.

"But there's another contingent that is convinced I've lost my mind," said Fassburg, who manages the collection and the gallery. "They don't understand it, or see that the installation is art."

Massing, a 29-year-old native of Buffalo, N.Y., is no stranger to art placed in unusual situations or that makes a serious point in the guise of punning humor. Early in his career, Massing worked on projects for Artpark in upstate New York and, since moving to Houston, has presented work in that city's annual anything-goes art exposition, the Orange Show.

And the idea of selling art from vending machines is consistent with his scorn for an overheated international art market in which works can double or triple in value in a year. Massing reasons that, if an art has become simply another consumer commodity, it's only fair to sell it at prices more consumers can afford.

"Art Snacks" are affordable, can be purchased in a low-pressure environment and will find their way into many people's lives, Massing said.

"What makes this installation unique is it says so much about

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## Astro-Graph

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### Your Birthday

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More travel and activity is in the offing in the year ahead. There's a possibility you may finally get to see some places you've always wanted to visit.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Some good news looks like it is finally on its way. Don't be discouraged. Be expectant and hold positive thoughts. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** This could be a fortuitous day where things of a material nature are concerned. Lady Luck will be doing her best to work out ways to make you more prosperous.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** You have excellent leadership qualities today. This will be very evident to those with whom you'll be involved. Assume more responsibility.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** People in authority are likely to grant favors to you today that they are not apt to grant to others. Their assistance should help you to achieve established objectives.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Friends are going to be playing more prominent roles in your affairs than they have in the

past. Make sure you keep on the best of terms with pals on all levels.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Conditions that have direct influence upon your standing in the eyes of others will improve. Your deeds give you credit and win praise.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** An arrangement that has been out of sync lately can be brought back on track today. This is a good time to air any points of disagreement.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your greatest benefits today are likely to come from a situation that has been engineered by a friendly associate. There is a contribution you can make to enhance this venture.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Partnership arrangements should work out extremely well for you today, whether of a romantic or social nature.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You're a good closer today so don't waste any opportunities where you have a chance to finalize something to your satisfaction. If you leave things hanging, your luck could wane.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Ventures that have slight elements of chance could work out well today. Don't be timid in matters where bold strokes are required.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Something is presently stirring that should make both you and your family feel more secure. What is likely to transpire could begin to blossom today.

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