

Community College week...

'Colors' prompt free admittance to college finale

The local observance of Community College Week continues Thursday with the final home appearance this season for Western Texas College's Lady Dusters and Westerners.

All fans wearing WTC's colors of green and blue will be admitted free of charge to the coliseum for Thursday night's games against New Mexico Junior College. Those junior high or elementary age must be accom-

panied by an adult, college officials note.

The tipoff for the Lady Dusters is 6 p.m., followed by the Westerners game at 8 p.m.

Also Thursday, the public is invited to graduation exercises for students in the college's vocational nursing program. This will be at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Activities still ahead for Community College Week will include

Fine Arts Day on campus Saturday.

Area high school students and their parents have been invited to tour campus facilities and receive information about Fine Arts offerings as well as financial aids available. The Fine Arts Division will be offering more than \$12,000 in scholarships for the 1989-90 school year.

WTC will dismiss classes Friday. See COLORS, Page 9

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U.S. accused of trampling on accord

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Najib's embattled government has thanked Moscow for its military support and accused the United States of trampling on the accord under which the Soviets abandoned the country.

In a statement Wednesday, the day the last Red Army soldier left the country after a costly nine-year war, the government

said Washington's support for its guerrilla foes had sharply risen since the accord was signed in April.

The Soviet's losing struggle in Afghanistan cost it about 15,000 dead and 35,000 wounded. The State Department estimates 1 million Afghans have been killed, including combatants and civilians.

Residents of the besieged

capital, where food and fuel are in short supply because of a guerrilla blockade, said they hoped the completion of the withdrawal would lead to peace after 10 years of civil war.

"The Russians are gone," said a merchant in the city's old bazaar who identified himself as Hasan. "Now there will be peace," he said as he tried to sell one of the few Soviet fur hats left

in the shopping district.

Diego Cordovez, special U.N. representative for Afghanistan, said in New York that the estimated 115,000 troops the Soviets had in the country had been withdrawn by Wednesday, the deadline set under the agreement he mediated.

He said the Soviet Union "is leaving behind only a few military advisers ... less than 10,

a residual presence." He said he had no information about civilian advisers who might remain, including about 100 at the Soviet Embassy.

Cordovez personally negotiated the withdrawal accord among the governments of Afghanistan, Pakistan, the Soviet Union and the United States. The anti-Soviet guerrillas were not part of the negotiations.

Rainfall forecast remains

From Local, Wire Reports
Light rain showers began early Thursday morning across Scurry County and were continuing at noon.

The National Weather Service listed the Snyder area's chances for additional moisture at 90 percent Thursday night and at 70 percent Friday.

Temperatures were expected to stay slightly above freezing overnight, however, so ice accumulations were not expected. The daytime highs Friday are predicted in the mid 40s.

Rain accumulations as of mid-morning Thursday were at or below 1/2 inch, ranging from .10 to .40 of-an-inch.

Reports indicated .20 of-an-inch to the north at Fluvanna; .30 of-an-inch to the east at Hermleigh; .40 of-an-inch to the south at Dunn; and .15 of-an-inch to the west at Lake J.B. Thomas.

The city's official rain total at 7 a.m. was .10 of-an-inch.

Widespread rain was expected to continue across Texas through Friday with thunderstorms possible over North Texas and the Concho Valley and freezing rain expected in the Panhandle Thursday night.

Forecasts called for mostly cloudy skies statewide through Friday.

Lows Thursday night will be in the 30s in the Panhandle and in the 40s across the rest of West Texas, in the 30s and 40s across North Texas and in the 40s and 50s across most of South Texas except in extreme southern portions where readings will be in the 60s.

Highs Friday will be mostly in the 40s in West Texas, ranging from the upper 30s in the Panhandle to the upper 50s in extreme western portions and the upper 60s in the Big Bend area, in the 40s and 50s across North Texas and in the 40s and 50s across South Texas.

Playoffs set at coliseum

Snyder officials have scheduled high school basketball playoff games for area boy's teams at Scurry County Coliseum next week, including a doubleheader.

Haskell's Indians, a Class 2A semi-finalist last season, will bring a 23-3 record when they take on Class 3A's Midland Greenwood Rangers in a boy's practice game set for Monday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Greenwood is 17-10 and champion of District 7-3A.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Thursday, Feb. 23, the coliseum will host two boy's Class A bi-district games. Tipping off the action at 6 p.m. will be District 26-A champion Roscoe, taking on 25-A runner-up Rotan.

Immediately following that game will be a contest between 25-A champ Roby and 26-A. See Playoffs, Page 9



RAISING THE ROOF — Workmen were busy Wednesday afternoon with the early stages of renovating the old Furr's building adjacent to the First Baptist Church in central Snyder. The building will be

converted into a Multipurpose Center for the church and will involve, in part, raising the roof to accommodate a recreational and fellowship hall area. (SDN Staff Photo)

BCD to support Appleton, ranch day

The Board of County Development Wednesday approved expenditures to promote two upcoming events, Dave Appleton Day on March 6 and Farm and Ranch Day on March 14.

The first event will be to honor and "roast" the Western Texas College graduate who was world champion PRCA all-around cowboy last year.

Board members approved spending \$200 to advertise the event and up to \$300 to subsidize

the cost of tickets so that a maximum number of college and public school students may attend.

Professional rodeo clown Quail Dobbs of Coahoma will be a featured speaker at the 7 p.m. March 6 barbecue dinner and roast at the National Guard Armory. Chamber of Commerce executive director Bill Moss noted.

Tickets will be \$5 for the general public and \$2 for WTC and public school students.

In his wide travels, Moss said, Appleton "calls Snyder home, although he lives in Arlington."

Appleton, an Australian who lived with and worked for the Jess Everett family while he was attending WTC, also frequently mentions the college, Moss said.

The board authorized spending \$750 to advertise Farm and Ranch Day, hopefully to attract visitors from a 100-mile radius.

A free barbecue lunch, exhibits by local businesses and national chemical companies, a business

session by the sponsoring Scurry County Producers Association and other events will be featured at the county coliseum.

The noon Wednesday meeting at Snyder Country Club was attended by BCD members Jack Denman, Eddie Johnson and Max von Roeder. Bill Parker and Jack Smartt were absent.

In the annual reorganization of the board, Denman was re-elected chairman and Smartt vice-chairman.

WTC classes 'out' Friday

WTC will dismiss classes Friday since many faculty members will be attending the annual Texas Junior College Teachers Association (TJCTA) convention in Fort Worth.

At that event, college staffer Marilyn Lancaster, assistant professor of developmental studies in English, will seek the office of secretary for TJCTA.

Nominations for TJCTA officers are made by committees rather than from the convention floor so candidates have the opportunity to campaign.

TJCTA has a membership of about 5,000 presently and represents junior/community college teachers statewide. Laura Wyman from Vernon Regional Junior College is the incumbent secretary.

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Sallie was a good ole girl..."

Sanders may be the colonel of fried chicken, but Sallie Blythe was the queen. In fact, she was the queen every where she went, and if Heaven has such, she'll be royalty up there too.

Sallie was buried yesterday, but she left her mark on Snyder and Scurry County. Some of the bulging tummies in Snyder today are the result of Sallie Blythe's cooking.

From 1941 to 1977, she operated a cafe in Snyder, and her claim that she fed everybody in the county during the oil boom was never seriously disputed.

The cafe business was in her blood. After her retirement, she continued to cook special orders of fried chicken out of her home. A few times during the last 12 years, Sallie even "came out of retirement" to consult for local restaurant owners.

Sallie believed in meals for the working man. It was the best in the West Texas tradition of fried and covered with cream gravy, homemade rolls—

and chocolate pie.

Sallie loved to entertain. Even after her health began to fail, an invitation to her house for dinner was followed by two weeks of dieting. If she had six for dinner, she cooked for 12 and insisted that everybody clean their plate to make room for the chocolate pie.

Sallie was the sweetheart of an ole cowpoke, Luther, who first saw her on the school yard in Polar. Luke, who died in 1986, said he fell in love and vowed to marry her at first sight.

Luke and Sallie were happily married for 63 years. Luke once told us the success of the union was "sticking to one filly." Luke also bragged on Sallie's cooking, but she kept him trim and busy by moving from one house to another.

Sallie, by virtue of her work, probably knew as many people as anyone in Scurry County—and she considered most of 'em "her folks."

Sallie probably has attended as many funerals in Scurry County as the undertaker. Wednesday, it was for Sallie, and scores of friends turned out to pay tribute to Snyder's fried chicken queen.

She was a dandy!

Thursday

Feb. 16,
1989

Ask Us

Q. — How much rain is "normal" for Scurry County in January and February?

A. — The Texas Almanac lists an average of .60 of-an-inch for each month, a total of 1.2 inches for both. To date, it looks like Scurry County may start the year slightly above average with the current rain amount, with more predicted, in excess of 1 inch.

In Brief

North trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist today allowed the resumption of Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial after Attorney General Dick Thornburgh dropped efforts to delay the case.

Local

College aid

A financial aid workshop for seniors interested in attending college will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Snyder High School student center.

All seniors and parents from Snyder, Ira and Hermleigh are invited. Corky Swanson, financial aid director from McMurry College, will conduct the workshop.

Scout chili

Boy Scout Troop 27 will have a chili supper Feb. 23 at First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained from any Boy Scout or by calling Deana Cooper at 573-0797. They are priced at \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 6.

Funds will help pay the way to the National Scouting Jamboree in Washington, D. C. this July.

Anxiety sale

The National Anxiety 4th show and sale traditionally held at the Scurry County Coliseum and ag annex is again scheduled here Feb. 27, a Monday.

The show will begin at 9 a.m. and the sale at noon that day. Fifty Hereford bulls and 25 Hereford cows will be sold.

Charter group

The Snyder city council will have its first look at a proposed revision in the city charter at a workshop scheduled Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club.

The council will meet with members of a charter commission appointed to write the revision.

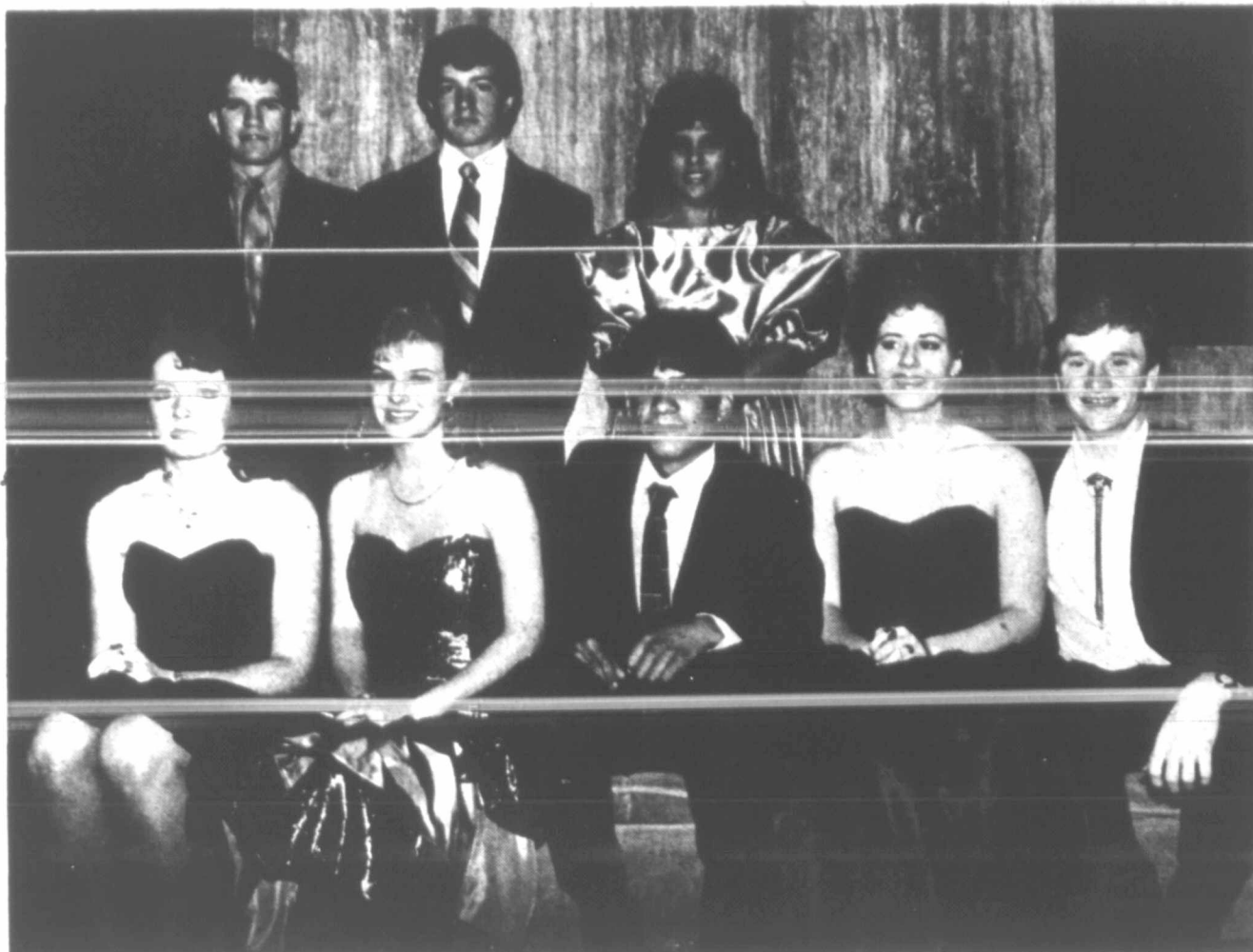
RR modeling

The Southern and High Plains Model Railroad Association will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room. All interested parties are welcome.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Wednesday, 45 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Friday, 33 degrees; .10 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 1.05 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, rain with a low in the mid 30s. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 90 percent. Friday, rain likely with a high in the mid 40s. East wind 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 70 percent.



FFA, BOYS' GOLF — Sweethearts at Snyder High School this spring are, front row from left, Kim Massey, FFA; Kristie Pruitt, boys' golf; Luis Alaniz, FFA; Tara Greene, choir; and Royce Hataway, choir; and back row, escorts James Henderson, Ron Baker and Naomi Gutierrez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Swaggart meets with ministers

DALLAS (AP) — TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart met in secret with a group of Dallas area ministers earlier this week to talk about recent allegations against the embattled preacher, an associate says.

The Rev. Don George, pastor at Calvary Temple in Irving, said Wednesday, "This was primarily for the purpose of bringing a small group of ministers up to date on recent allegations."

It was an attempt to let

ministers meet with Jimmy personally and to hear what he had to say," George said of the secret meeting.

Swaggart, whose credibility has been damaged by accusations that he paid for extramarital sex, is seeking to shore up local support.

Invited guests were from the Assemblies of God, Swaggart's former denomination, and other Pentecostal churches, the pastor said.

Swaggart, once the most popular TV evangelist in the United States, said he had sinned, and subsequent reports linked him to Debra Murphree, a New Orleans prostitute who said he paid her to perform sex acts.

Swaggart was defrocked last May by the Assemblies of God when he returned to his pulpit rather than spend two years repenting for the illicit liaison.

The Baton Rouge, La.-based evangelist has since fought to rebuild his ministry, which lost thousands of supporters, hundreds of employees and access to three cable-TV networks in light of the scandal.

A new allegation against Swaggart has surfaced in the form of a story in the current issue of Penthouse, in which New Orleans stripper Catherine Mary Kampen says Swaggart paid her to perform sex acts similar to those Murphree described.

Swaggart told reporters that he never met Kampen and that Penthouse published the article even though the ministry gave the magazine evidence the allegations were false.

Dennis Brewer, a Dallas-based attorney for Swaggart, who attended the meeting Tuesday, has said a libel suit will be filed against the magazine.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

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Help for a woman who's wheezing

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I seem to wheeze most of the time. I'm an older lady.

DEAR READER: Wheezing means that the air that is expired from your lungs is meeting some resistance in the breathing passageways. This can be due to excess fluid in the lungs from low-grade heart failure, to excess mucus from air pollution or to a combination of added mucus and bronchial constriction from asthma.

In an "older lady," I'd worry a bit about the possibility that a treatable heart condition might be the cause of your wheezing. I urge you to seek an examination by your doctor, who will be able to diagnose the problem and offer appropriate therapy.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 with their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Last fall my husband, age 46, was hospitalized with nephrotic syndrome. It was determined that he'd had a bad reaction to ibuprofen which he took for back pain. He's been told to eat plenty of protein, eliminate salt and use non-steroid drugs. Could you explain this disease to me?

DEAR READER: Nephrotic syndrome is a form of kidney damage marked by excess amounts of protein in the urine (with a corresponding protein-loss in the blood stream), elevated blood-fat levels and edema (accumulation of tissue fluid). The syndrome may be caused by a variety of diseases, including nephritis (kidney inflammation), diabetes, cancer, allergies and infections. In some people, such as your husband, adverse reactions to medications and drugs can cause nephrotic syndrome.

For patients who have drug-induced nephrotic syndrome, the prognosis is quite good; the kidney damage heals with time. During the healing process, nephrotic patients need to maintain a high level of dietary protein (to counteract urinary losses), avoid salt (which contributes to edema) and use prescribed medicine under a doctor's supervision; in short, the very steps your husband is taking.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Are colitis and Crohn's disease separate conditions or two stages of the same disease?

DEAR READER: Colitis is a general term referring to inflammation of the large intestine. This includes sev-

eral different diseases such as: ulcerative colitis, acute infectious colitis, pseudomembranous (clostridial) colitis, contraceptive-pill-induced colitis, ischemic colitis — and Crohn's disease.

Crohn's disease is a specific type of colitis, characterized by severe inflammation of the bowel wall — often involving parts of the small intestine, as well as the colon. The cause is unknown and no specific therapy is available. Crohn's disease must be differentiated from other, more easily treated forms of colitis.

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Evans says she is more secure now

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Linda Evans says she's more secure and doubts she can ever make a man the center of her life again, thanks in part to a 35,000-year-old spiritual guide named Ramtha.

"As I've become more secure and wiser, I've attracted more secure and wiser men," the 46-year-old "Dynasty" star says in an interview in the March issue of McCall's magazine. "But making a man my whole life again? God knows I once would have been thrilled to do that. ... My relationships have become healthier as I have less and less need."

Evans said she has learned to value her freedom with help from Ramtha, who she says speaks through her close female friend and Tacoma, Wash., neighbor, J.Z. Knight. Mrs. Knight is the psychic and channeler mentioned in Shirley MacLaine's

autobiography, "Dancing in the Light."

Evans says she ignores those who criticize her relationship with Mrs. Knight and Ramtha, whom she says "does not say follow me. He says, know yourself and love yourself."

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bode Oast



Your Birthday

Feb. 17, 1989

Your possibilities for personal rewards in the year ahead look very good, but your involvements are likely to be extremely demanding. Proper balance must be struck between work and play.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try not to behave in ways today that could alienate partners or close associates. They're more important to your immediate success than you may realize. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today 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.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you tackle a task that requires intense concentration today, don't let your attention waver. Should your mind be on too many other things, it might be wise to temporarily shelve this endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Material developments should work out to your satisfaction today, but you might have some minor annoyances where your social life is concerned. Don't be petty or respond to petty behavior.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In competitive situations today, don't make the mistake of underestimating your opposition. Evaluate those who can test you realistically and deal with them accordingly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might have inclinations today to be hypercritical of the suggestions of others without really giving them a fair hearing. Listen carefully before drawing conclusions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be on guard today in your financial and commercial involvements, because there is a possibility someone may try to make a profit by trading on the assets you possess.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to push yourself to the detriment of others today. You may easily achieve what you seek, but the wine could turn to vinegar before your eyes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's a chance today you may become so absorbed with details that they will obscure the larger premise. This could cause you to waste time doing things in an ineffective, piecemeal fashion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't build your hopes today on casual promises of people whose help you think you need. In actuality, what requires doing can be competently performed by you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Others aren't apt to applaud your achievements today, even though they may be very noteworthy, so take satisfaction in knowing you did your very best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might not be quite as adroit at mental gymnastics today as you think you are. Your enthusiasm could push you ahead, but you may lack breadth and vision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Details are extremely critical today, especially in important business arrangements. Be sure you take the time to dot all the "i's" and cross all the "t's."

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Berry's World

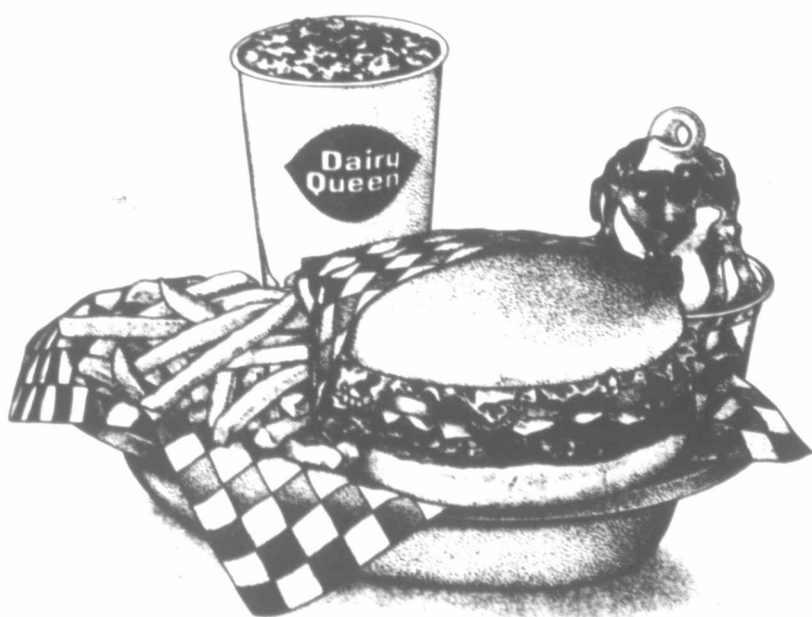


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CWC GUEST NIGHT — Snyder Christian Women's Club met Feb. 10 at Snyder Country Club for a guest dinner and special features. Pictured from left are Darlene and Donnie Burk with Donnie providing

vocal selections; John Johnson featuring his extensive collection of model planes; and guest speaker Jack Meeks of Tye with wife, Billie. (SDN Staff Photo)



VALENTINE ROYALTY — Louis Knocks and Bernice Parish were chosen King and Queen at Snyder Nursing Center during the annual arthritis fund drive. At 10 cents a vote, some \$160 dollars was raised for the project. The couple is shown crowned by Novilla Johnson and Otto Parish, volunteers at the home. Activity director Audine McCann is pictured in the center. The drive will continue with a Rock-a-Thon set Feb. 27 and a bake sale and garage sale planned for March. Local residents are invited to participate by calling Audine at 573-6332. David Herrell is administrator of the center. (SDN Staff Photo)



GARDENER'S MEET — JoAnn Nunley, program chairman for Snyder Garden Club, introduced Sam Robertson, president of Snyder Neighbors

Sharing project. Members met at Martha Ann Woman's Club Feb. 2 where Robertson explained the local home repair effort. (SDN Staff Photo)

Home repair is club topic

Members of Snyder Garden Club met at Martha Ann Woman's Club Feb. 2 with Sam Robertson, president of Snyder Neighbors Sharing.

Former SHS band director and presently with Franklin Life Insurance, Robertson has devoted much time and effort to the home repair project begun two years ago. Last April, seven houses were repaired with the help of hundreds in the area.

Donation of supplies, money, food, and hours of manual labor made the project a success. Although planning is done throughout the year, the actual jobs are completed in one day, the last Saturday in April.

Robertson showed photos of completed jobs and members voted to contribute \$100 from the club with members also making personal donations and commitments of help in other ways.

The club is a member of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. District VIII.

Game day Wed.

Martha Ann Woman's Club luncheon and game day is set for Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Working women are invited to stop for lunch at \$4.50 per person.

Games and fellowship will continue throughout the afternoon. Reservations must be made by noon Monday by calling 573-3427.

Gold, known mainly for its use in expensive jewelry, also has other uses: Gold injections can relieve a severe kind of arthritis; gold leaf protects the domes of churches and other structures from weathering; radioactive gold is used to treat a form of cancer, and gold is often mixed with other metals to make harder alloys, says National Geographic World.

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Bridge James Jacoby

A lead not made is a vital clue

By James Jacoby

It was precipitous of North to jump right to five clubs after his partner's vulnerable pre-empt. He might have first responded three spades, just on the off-chance that South had three cards in that suit. (In standard methods, the bid of a new suit below game is a forcing response to partner's preemptive opening bid.) The final contract would no doubt be the same, since North was apparently convinced that South had a solid club suit.

Against five clubs, West led the king of hearts. The defense then continued with a heart to East's ace. Then at the third trick East led back the jack of spades. Is there some conclusion that declarer should be able to draw from this sequence of defensive plays?

One thing is certain — whatever else may be in East's hand, there is no possibility that he holds the queen and two more clubs. With that holding he would certainly be playing a third round of hearts in the hope that dummy would be forced to ruff, thereby preventing declarer from leading a club from dummy for a finesse. Since defender East did not force the dum-

NORTH 2-16-89
 ♠ A K 7 5 3
 ♥ 10 7
 ♦ A K J 5 4
 ♣ 8

WEST ♠ Q 10 6 4 2
 ♥ K Q 8 2
 ♦ 8 2
 ♣ Q 6

EAST ♠ J 9
 ♥ A J 9 3
 ♦ Q 10 7 6
 ♣ 5 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 8
 ♥ 6 5 4
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ A K J 10 9 7 4

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

West	North	East	South
Pass	5♦	Pass	3♣
Pass			Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

my, it's safe to say that he is perfectly willing for declarer to take a finesse in clubs. Declarer should not fall into that trap. Instead, South should simply play out the A-K of clubs, dropping West's queen to make his contract.

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. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Since 1971, when federal law stopped the slaughter of wild horses and burros — many for dog food — they have tripled their numbers to 50,000 across the West, says National Geographic.

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ACROSS

- 1 Sudden breeze
- 5 Wooded hill
- 9 Modest
- 12 Bacchanals' cry
- 13 Take _____
- 14 _____ of the land
- 15 Study of nerves
- 17 Collection of sayings
- 18 Latin dance music
- 19 West Indies, e.g.
- 21 Is human
- 23 River island
- 24 Female word
- 27 Type of fish
- 29 Barter
- 32 Poetic foot
- 34 Cat
- 36 Show _____ ostentatiously
- 37 California city
- 38 Goffer Lema
- 39 Done with
- 41 Even (poet.)
- 42 Roman bronze
- 44 Oil exporter
- 46 Garment _____ hanger
- 49 Color slightly
- 53 As far _____ know
- 54 Deceit
- 56 Constellation
- 57 Cattle
- 58 Silkworm
- 59 Sea bird
- 60 Herb
- 61 Plants grass

DOWN

- 3 _____ food
- 4 To the point
- 5 Actor Holbrook
- 6 Woodwind
- 7 Fireplace fuel
- 8 Choreographer
- 9 At an angle
- 10 Deer
- 11 Cheers
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Hogs take SWC lead as UT falls

by The Associated Press
Lenzie Howell's homecoming and a little help from the Houston Cougars allowed the Arkansas Razorbacks to take sole possession of the No. 1 spot in the Southwest Conference basketball league.

Howell scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Razorbacks to an 81-68 victory over Southern Methodist Wednesday night while the Cougars defeated Texas, 105-96.

The combination allowed the Razorbacks to break the tie and take a full game lead over the Longhorns.

Howell is a junior college transfer who went to Dallas Bryan Adams High School.

Arkansas increased its overall record to 17-5 and stayed atop the SWC standings with a 10-2 record. SMU dropped to 10-12 and 5-6.

Lee Mayberry added 17 points for the Hogs. Todd Day contributed 12 points and Keith Wilson 10 points.

SMU senior Glenn Puddy scored 25 points, tying his career high, but couldn't get any help in the scoring column except from Eric Longino, who had 12 points.

Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said Howell was the key.

"What a game he had," Richardson said. "He was just tremendous. The thing that was bothering us was SMU's offensive stick backs, and Lenzie did a good job of shutting that off."

Richard Hollis scored 27 points to lead the hard-luck Cougars, losers of five Southwest Conference games by a total of seven points, to a 105-96 victory over the Longhorns.

Texas, 9-3 in league play and 18-6 for the season. Houston improved to 15-9 and 6-5.

It was the first time the Cougars have won in Austin since 1984 and only the second time the Longhorns have lost at home all year.

Travis Mays, the conference's leading scorer, finished with 24 for Texas, while Lance Blanks, the second leading scorer, was held to 17, only four in the first when he was 2-for-11 from the floor.

Dana Hardy scored 18 points, including eight of the final 10, as the Rice Owls beat Texas Christian 70-67.

Danny Hughes of Texas Christian led all scorers with a personal and team season-high of 23 points, including seven 3-point field goals.

The Owls improved their record to 10-13 overall and 4-8 in conference play while Texas Christian is 14-10 overall and 7-5 in conference play.

The Horned Frogs, who came out strong in conference play by winning their first six games, have now lost five of their last six games.

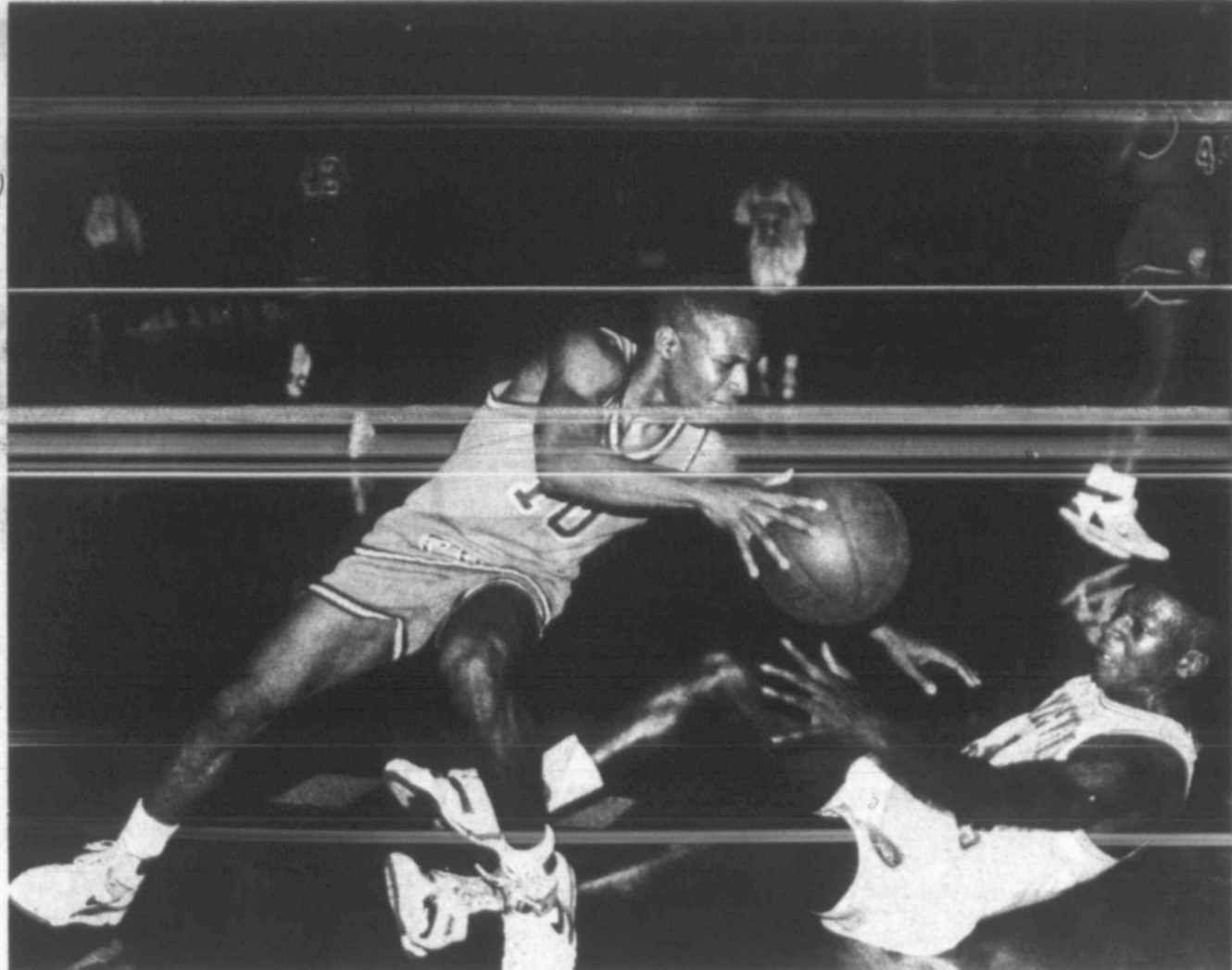
Tony Milton and Freddie Ricks led a 10-1 scoring run in the final 2:02 that lifted Texas A&M to a 76-65 victory over Baylor.

The loss all but ended the Bears' hopes for a spot in the Southwest Conference post-season tournament.

The league's last-place team doesn't play in the tournament, and the loss dropped Baylor to 1-11 in league play with only four SWC games remaining. Every other league team has won at least four games. Baylor is 5-18 for the season.

Ricks scored 15 points, Milton added 12 and Ray Little chipped in 12 for the Aggies, who boosted their conference record to 4-7 in league play and 11-12 overall.

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HOOP ACTION TONIGHT - Western Texas College entertains New Mexico JC at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. today in Scurry County Coliseum. Fans who wear WTC colors, blue or green, will be admitted free. Above, Western's Jerry Joyce and South Plains' Tyrone Maxey try to control a loose ball during action earlier this week. (SDN Staff Photo by Bill McClellan)

Western hosts NMJC in key contest tonight

Step one for the Lady Dusters is over. Steps two and three are imminent.

Or as Coach Kelly Chadwick said, "It was clutch time before. Now it's crunch time."

Western Texas College's women's basketball team can secure its 14th regional tournament berth in 15 years with victories over New Mexico Junior College tonight and Howard College on Monday.

Tonight's tipoff is set for 6 o'clock at Scurry County Coliseum. Western Texas and NMJC men square off at 8 p.m. Tickets are free for fans wearing WTC colors, blue or green. Children, however, are encouraged to be accompanied by an adult.

The Lady Dusters paid down on

WJCAC men

Team	Conf.	Season
Odessa*	12 0	27 0
South Plains*	12 1	26 2
Howard	9 5	18 11
Midland	8 5	17 9
New Mexico JC	6 7	14 14
New Mexico Military	3 9	9 17
Clarendon	3 8	10 15
Western Texas	3 11	12 16
Frank Phillips	2 10	11 13

* clinched regional berth.
Monday's Games: South Plains 96, Western Texas 89; Howard 95, New Mexico Military 89; Odessa 77, Midland 75; New Mexico JC 101, Clarendon 87.

Wednesday's Games: New Mexico JC 110, Frank Phillips 90.

Thursday's Games: New Mexico JC at Western Texas, Odessa at South Plains, Frank Phillips at New Mexico Military, Midland at Clarendon.

Friday's Games: Frank Phillips at Odessa.

WJCAC women

Team	Conf.	Season
Odessa	6 2	17 7
New Mexico JC	7 3	23 5
Western Texas	7 3	20 8
Frank Phillips	5 3	21 4
South Plains	5 4	17 9
Howard	2 7	12 15
Clarendon	0 10	4 18

Monday's Games: Western Texas 101, South Plains 81; New Mexico JC 70, Clarendon 60.

Thursday's Games: New Mexico JC at Western Texas, Odessa at South Plains, Frank Phillips at Howard.

Friday's Games: Frank Phillips at Odessa.

the trip to regionals with a 101-81 victory over South Plains earlier this week. A victory over NMJC's Lady Thunderbirds tonight, coupled with an Odessa win over SPC, would have the trip paid for.

A win over Howard on Monday would leave the Dusters in second place or they could wind up co-champions if Odessa falters.

New Mexico Junior College also has plans to attend the Region V Tournament, and could almost insure a berth with a win tonight. The teams go into the ballgame with equal 7-3 conference records and are locked in second place behind the 6-2 Lady Wranglers of Odessa. New Mexico, at one time ranked in the top five in the nation, boasts a 23-5 season record. The Dusters are 20-8.

Only the top four teams advance to the Region V Tournament, scheduled to run Feb. 28 through March 2 at the Highlander Gym on the McLennan Community College campus in Waco.

"It's crunch time tonight. We're playing for second place or third place. Whoever wins our ballgame will be in second place and could have a chance at first place. I think we'll be ready to play."

New Mexico JC is as good as anybody in the region on a given night. The Lady Thunderbirds defeated Western in Hobbs, N.M. 60-50 in their only other meeting this season.

"Everybody says the key is to shut (Tonya) McCaster down. Really I just think if we can shoot the ball with some consistency and play good defense, that will be the key," said Chadwick. "I think the first time we played them we concentrated on shutting McCaster down. They've got too many other good players on the team."

McCaster, a 6-1 sophomore, leads the 'Birds with a 17.8 per-game scoring average. Western's

Nickey Allen averages 17.4 points.

Tonight's other women's games have Odessa (17-7, 6-2) at Levelland to play South Plains (17-9, 5-4) and Frank Phillips (21-4, 5-3) playing Howard (12-15, 2-7) at Big Spring.

The men's game tonight features two teams hoping to finish out the season in positive fashion, although NMJC is mathematically still alive for a regional tournament berth. Western Texas is 12-16 overall and 3-11 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. New Mexico, which defeated Frank Phillips College on Wednesday, comes in at 14-14 and 6-7 in the WJCAC.

Western hopes to be able to utilize the services of 6-8 freshman Ken Critton, who has been out for some time with an injury to his hand. Critton played sparingly in Monday's game with South Plains.

A key confrontation takes place in the conference tonight when the nation's No. 1 ranked team, Odessa, tangles with 12th-ranked South Plains. Odessa brings records of 27-0 and 12-0 in conference play to the Texan Dome in Levelland where the host Texans are 26-2 and 12-1.

Also tonight, Midland (17-9, 8-5) is at Clarendon (10-15, 3-10) and Frank Phillips (11-11, 2-8) is in Roswell, N.M. to play New Mexico Military (9-17, 3-9).

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Big Buck winners noted

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Widest spread was a rack measuring 19 3/4 inches with an entry turned in by Nancy Bowlin.

Bob Summerville's 10-point rack won that category.

The Canyon Gun Club holds the contest annually, along with a gun, coin and knife show.

SHS hosts Pecos Friday

Coach Larry Scott's Tigers close out the 1988-89 season in front of the home fans here Friday as they entertain Pecos at 7:30 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum.

A junior varsity contest is set for 6 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Snyder is 16-10 overall and 9-4 in District 4-4A play and will finish alone in third place with a win over the Eagles. Pecos, 16-9 and 8-5, would tie the Tigers for third place with a victory.

First and second place - the district's two playoff representatives - have already been decided. Big Spring, 19-11, 12-1, will wrap up first place with a win over Fort Stockton while Andrews, 26-4, 11-2, will grab the other spot regardless of its game with Sweetwater. In the only other 4-4A game Friday, Monahans plays San Angelo Lake View.

Mavericks trade Aguirre

DALLAS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks ended one era and began another with their trade of talented but moody small forward Mark Aguirre to the Detroit Pistons for Adrian Dantley, the 10th-leading scorer in NBA history.

Aguirre, 29, who scored 13,390 points in his eight seasons, wore out his welcome recently with a series of incidents that included refusal to play in one game, loafing in several others, and an obscene gesture to the press table when he was pulled in one game.

Because Dantley is almost four years older than Aguirre, the Mavericks held out until the Pistons agreed also to give Dallas their first-round draft choice in 1991.

Offers to buy Cowboys

DALLAS (AP) - Four offers have been made to buy the Dallas Cowboys and two more are expected to join the bidding for the National Football League team, a key person involved in the negotiations says.

Jack Veatch, managing director of the Dallas office of Salomon Bros., which is helping to line up prospective buyers, said Wednesday that H.R. "Bum" Bright has received four written offers for the team and the Texas Stadium lease.

Veatch said he expects the sale to take place soon and thinks it's probable that the new prospective owner will surface in late March before the NFL owners meet in Palm Spring, Ca.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	33	17	.660	—
Philadelphia	26	20	.563	4
Boston	23	24	.489	8 1/2
Washington	18	29	.383	13 1/2
New Jersey	18	31	.367	14 1/2
Charlotte	13	36	.268	19 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	37	11	.771	—
Detroit	32	13	.711	3 1/2
Milwaukee	31	15	.674	5
Atlanta	30	19	.612	7 1/2
Chicago	27	20	.574	9 1/2
Indiana	11	37	.229	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	29	18	.617	—
Utah	29	20	.592	1
Dallas*	25	21	.543	3 1/2
Denver	26	24	.520	4 1/2
San Antonio	13	35	.271	16 1/2
Miami	5	41	.109	23 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	32	16	.667	—
Phoenix	30	17	.638	1 1/2
Seattle	29	19	.604	3
Golden State	26	20	.565	5
Portland	25	21	.543	6
Sacramento	14	33	.298	17 1/2
L.A. Clippers	11	38	.224	21 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 119, New Jersey 112
Philadelphia 113, Indiana 98
Cleveland 129, New York 107
Denver 117, Washington 106
Phoenix 135, Seattle 112

Golden State 133, San Antonio 96

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee at Chicago
Miami at Dallas
Boston at Utah
Golden State at L.A. Clippers
Detroit at Sacramento
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To kill author...

Death squads are reported heading for Great Britain

LONDON (AP) — Moslem fundamentalist leaders in Iran said today suicide squads were preparing to carry out the "death sentence" imposed on novelist Salman Rushdie and his publishers by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

The declaration on Tehran Radio followed other reports that death squads from Islamic countries were en route to Britain in search of the writer, whose novel "The Satanic Verses" has outraged many Moslem fundamentalists.

Britain, which reopened its embassy in Tehran in December for the first time in eight years, said it had frozen plans to "build up further our embassy." It also condemned the threats against Rushdie.

The British Broadcasting Corp. reported that British Airways had received threats that bombs would be placed on their flights to India unless Rushdie, reported under armed guard in Britain, appeared in public. The airline said it was taking the threats seriously.

Pakistan's government demanded the United States and Britain ban the book and that all copies of it be destroyed. Six people died in Pakistan during a weekend riot over the book.

An Iranian cleric on Wednesday offered up to \$2.6 million for Rushdie's murder, and the author canceled a U.S. promotional tour that was scheduled to begin Friday.

British news media said the Indian-born Rushdie was hiding with his wife, American novelist Marianne Wiggins, under police guard. Press Association, the domestic British news agency, said Rushdie's first wife, Clarissa Luard, also had been given police protection.

Tehran Radio, monitored in Cyprus, said religious figures in the northwestern Iranian city of Urumiyeh declared in a statement:

"We have already put on our death shrouds and pledge to carry out the Imam's (Khomeini's) death sentence against Salman Rushdie and his publishers in the United States and Europe."

Iran's lone diplomat in Britain, Mohammed Basti, was summoned to the Foreign Office in London to discuss the situation and emerged defiant, telling reporters Khomeini's "decree or verdict" had been delivered "after careful consideration."

"It has nothing to do particularly with your country," the charge d'affaires said. The Foreign Office called Khomeini's statement "totally unacceptable."

"We recognize that Moslems and others may have strong views about the contents of Mr. Rushdie's book," it said in a statement. "However, no one has the right to incite people to violence on British soil or against British citizens."

Rushdie, 41, was born into a Moslem family in India but is a British citizen. Since "The Satanic Verses" was published in Britain in September, it has sold

more than 100,000 copies here and received critical acclaim.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said today protests were being filed in Washington and London seeking a ban on the novel.

Pakistani fundamentalist leaders called for nationwide protests Friday to condemn the book and denounce the deaths and injuries in Sunday's protests by Moslem fundamentalists demanding "The Satanic Verses" be pulled from U.S. shelves.

The book has been banned in countries with large Moslem populations, including India and South Africa, as well as most Islamic nations, including Pakistan, Bangladesh and Egypt.

No official ban has been announced in Iran, where the population is overwhelmingly Shiite Moslem, but most foreign publications have been banned in that country for years.

In New York, a statement issued on behalf of author and publisher said "the current climate is not appropriate for a promotional tour in the United States." The statement said: "We reiterate that no offense was intended in the creation or publication of this work."

One of Italy's leading publishers, Arnoldo Mondadori Editore Spa, said today it was debating whether to release "The Satanic Verses" because of the protests.

The French publishing house Christian Bourgois said it was delaying publication of the novel to avoid risk to the company, its clients and readers.

No prosecution for Michael

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former President Reagan's adopted son, Michael, won't be prosecuted on a telephone harassment complaint because he apologized to the man he called, a spokesman for the city attorney's office says.

The prosecutor suspended the misdemeanor case at the recommendation of a hearing officer who listened to Reagan apologize for leaving an obscenity-laced message on the telephone answering machine of photographer Roger Sandler, said the spokesman, Mike Qualls.

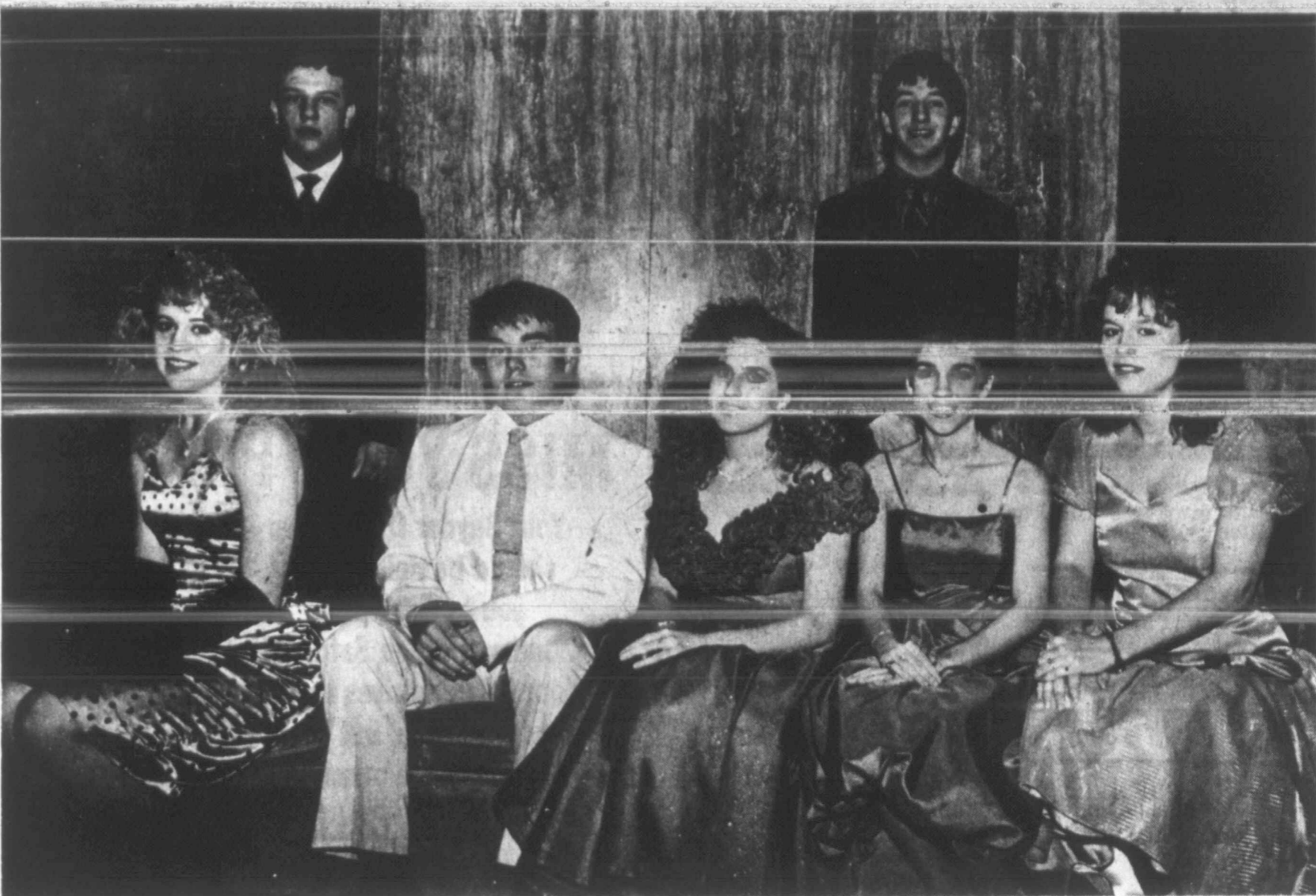
Sandler said he accepted the decision, though he didn't believe Reagan was truly contrite. "My inclination is that he apologized... so as not to be prosecuted," he said.

Reagan, 43, wasn't immediately available to respond to the announcement, said his spokesman, Dale Olson.

The complaint against Reagan, the adopted son of Ronald Reagan and his first wife, actress Jane Wyman, was over a Jan. 15 message left on Sandler's answering machine.

A dispute arose over the use of two of Sandler's pictures in Reagan's 1988 book, "On the Outside Looking In."

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DECA, Forensics — Snyder High School sweethearts this year include, front row from left, Melissa Hodges, forensics; Donald Anderson and Paige Pitner, DECA; Shannon Warren, band; and Jodie

Dunk, baseball; and back row, escorts Tom Galyean and David Stewart. (SDN Staff Photo)

Church's, Popeyes okay merger

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Church's Fried Chicken Inc. has agreed to a merger agreement with Popeyes Famous Fried Chicken and Biscuits, ending a four-month long hostile takeover battle in which federal judges ultimately sided with Popeyes.

In the agreement reached late Wednesday, Popeyes owner Al Copeland said he would purchase up to 30.1 million shares, or about 86.5 percent of Church's outstanding shares, in a tender offer deal worth about \$330 million or \$11 per share.

Each share of Church's not purchased in the tender offer will be converted to .44 share of a new series of redeemable preferred stock to be issued by the corporation surviving the merger, the companies said in a jointly issued statement.

Church's financial advisers have told the company that the preferred stock will trade on a fully diluted basis at a substantial discount from face amount, the statement said.

"After having met Popeyes' management during the due diligence process over the past month, we are excited about the opportunity of combining our two organizations," Church's president and chief executive officer Ernest Renaud said in the statement.

Popeyes previously had offered about \$290 million for San Antonio-based Church's. During the hostile takeover process, Church's sued Popeyes, closed 120 restaurants to make the company more profitable and put itself on the auction block.

The companies' statement said that Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has offered to provide up to \$300 million and Merrill Lynch & Co. has offered up to \$178 million in financing for the tender offer.

The statement did not say what the new company would be called and whether any jobs would be lost.

No. 3 Popeyes had been attempting since November to take over No. 2 Church's, a publicly held company rocked by management and marketing problems and plummeting sales over the last several years.

"I am pleased that we have agreed to this merger and believe it will create a very strong No. 2 fast food fried chicken chain," he said.

Church's closed at \$9, up 1/8 on Wednesday.

Copeland said the deal with Church's ended on a friendly note.

"Although the auction for Church's involved a highly competitive bidding process, the combination of Church's and Popeyes is a tremendous fit and in the best interest of Church's and Popeyes' shareholders, employees, franchisees and customers," Copeland said.

Church's, currently No. 2 behind Kentucky Fried Chicken, has about 1,478 restaurants. No. 3 Popeyes has about 703 restaurants.

In documents submitted to a federal court during the takeover process, Popeyes said that if it acquired Church's it would close

stores or in the employees. "They took their eyes off the ball. They forgot about the customer and the employees," he said.

Church's sued Popeyes, arguing that former Church's executives working for Popeyes took with them information that was used in the buyout proposal. Church's also adopted a "poison pill" that would make it more difficult for an acquisition.

Rulings by federal judges in San Antonio and New Orleans, however, had sided with Popeyes.

"Church's had been seeking other interested parties for four

months without any success and we've said that ours is a good offer and a natural fit for both companies and will make them both stronger," Popeyes spokesman Mark McKinnon said.

One Church's employee said the merger was bad for the company.

"It's a bad night for San Antonio. We'll lose our jobs to Louisiana," Pat Johnson, a Church's executive told the San Antonio Express-News.

"We didn't do any good at all. That stock was worth \$21 a share a couple of years ago," he said. "That's stealing from us."

Paper: Soviets badly underestimated effect of Chernobyl on health

MOSCOW (AP) — Authorities badly underestimated the health problems the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster would cause, with reported cancer cases doubling in a region near the stricken plant that was not evacuated, Moscow News reported.

The article Wednesday in the weekly newspaper said calves are born routinely without heads and limbs in the radiation-contaminated area of the Soviet Ukraine.

It said more than half the children of the Narodichsky region — an agriculturally rich area within 30 miles of the plant — have thyroid gland illnesses, which can be caused by exposure to radiation.

The newspaper's correspondent, Vladimir Kolinko, said one woman, who cares for pigs at a tainted farm, asked, "My daughter recently got married. What kind of grandson will I have?"

In all, 31 people died in the immediate aftermath of the explosion and fire at the plant on April 26, 1986.

The disaster sent a cloud of radiation around the world. Moscow News reported that elevated levels of radioactive cesium-137 were detected among many residents of the Narodichsky region, which was not evacuated after the accident.

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KING AND QUEEN — Opal Wington and Gaiter Bell were elected king and queen of the Senior Citizens Center by a secret ballot of the participants at the Ave. M center, shown here following the annual Valentine's Day coronation, which was attended by 196 people. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hudson suit decision called landmark

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A jury awarded Rock Hudson's lover \$14.5 million — \$3.5 million more than he sought — in a case that appears to increase the legal responsibility of AIDS sufferers to tell sexual companions of their plight.

In what one expert called a landmark decision, the jury declared Wednesday that Hudson engaged in "outrageous conduct" before his death by withholding his AIDS diagnosis from Marc Christian so he could continue their sexual affair.

The settlement could go still higher. Jurors were scheduled to return today to hear evidence and consider punitive damages against Mark Miller, Hudson's

secretary, who was found to have conspired to keep the late actor's AIDS diagnosis a secret.

Hudson's estate and Miller were co-defendants in the seven-week trial in Los Angeles Superior Court, where jurors listened to often-lurid testimony about the late star's sex life before deciding in favor of Christian, 35.

Aside from Hudson's fame, the case was unusual because Christian apparently was not infected by the AIDS virus in spite of his exposure. It is believed to be the first case of its type in which damages were awarded to a plaintiff who had not developed physical symptoms of AIDS.

Christian claimed he was entitled to compensation for the emotional distress of fearing he would get AIDS, a fatal illness that attacks the body's immune system.

Margaret Davis, an attorney and author of "Lovers, Doctors & The Law," said the Hudson case is "absolutely a landmark" that will likely encourage other lawsuits by people who are "deceived by promises in the dark."

"The jury is telling America that you have to make full and complete disclosure if you are aware that you have the disease," she said. "You're going to think twice about it if you know you can face big dollar damages or time in jail."

A spokesman for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation expressed ambivalence about the verdict.

"We find it a troubling case because it places the entire burden of safe sex on one individual and not the two," said the spokesman, Steven Petrow. "It underscores for us again the need for everyone who engages in sexual activity to take responsibility for themselves as well as

for their partners."

Attorneys in the Hudson case, who are under a gag order, would not comment on any aspect of the verdict, including how the judgment will be apportioned or if the defendants will appeal as expected. Appeals courts have often reduced huge awards in civil cases.

Attorneys for the estate attempted to portray Christian as a gigolo whose relationship with Hudson had ended when the actor learned he had the disease. They said repeated medical tests showed that Christian had not been infected by the AIDS virus.

Christian's attorney pointed to sentimental love letters from Hudson to buttress the claim that theirs was a serious affair of the heart.

"I love you, my baby," said one of the missives.

Although he shared Hudson's bed for two years, the aspiring musician said he didn't learn the actor had AIDS until it was announced to the world shortly before Hudson died in October 1985 at age 58.

"I thought I was a dead man," Christian testified of his reaction to the news.

Hudson, the handsome

Hollywood leading man paired on screen and television with Doris Day, Elizabeth Taylor and Linda Evans, kept his homosexuality a closely guarded secret until his battle with AIDS became public knowledge.

In a complicated verdict questionnaire, the jury answered "Yes" to the question: "Did Rock Hudson engage in outrageous conduct?" Jurors gave the same response regarding Miller.

Christian smiled happily as the verdict was read. Miller, Hudson's secretary and best friend, didn't react visibly to the verdict. He alone is subject to possible punitive damages for his actions in helping Hudson keep his secret.

Studios, stars, bask in glow

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Movie studios began boasting today about their Oscar nominations, which included a torrent for "Rain Man" and an overtime bonus for the hardworking Sigourney Weaver.

"Rain Man" received eight nominations Wednesday and Miss Weaver earned two in Academy Award selections that also were notable for some prominent omissions.

All five of the best picture nominees came at years' end. Despite a heavy campaign to remind Academy voters, the early release "The Unbearable Lightness of Being" bagged no major prize, nor did "Bull Durham," "Dead Ringers" or Clint Eastwood's "Bird."

Yet the voters did remember James Edward Olmos' courageous school teacher in "Stand and Deliver," released well over a year ago.

Miss Weaver will have Oscar voters seeing double. She was nominated for best actress in the drama "Gorillas in the Mist" and for best supporting actress in the comedy "Working Girl."

"All the Working Girls have come out on top!" she said.

Melanie Griffith received a best actress nomination for "Working Girl," in which she played an ambitious secretary with an imperious boss — Miss Weaver.

MGM-UA, makers of top Oscar nominee "Rain Man," placed national newspaper ads touting their film's eight nominations, which included best picture, best actor for Dustin Hoffman and best director for Barry Levinson.

"We're very, very proud of our movie," said studio spokesman Jamie Geller.

They were eager as well. In what Geller called "a mistake" but looked more like a calculated gamble, MGM-UA ran advertisements in Wednesday morning newspapers — printed before the nomination announcements — calling "Rain Man" an "Academy Award Nominee."

20th Century Fox published new advertisements today celebrating the success of "Working Girl," which snared six nominations, including best picture. Analysts figure that nominations can boost a film's gross by \$10 million, while a best picture Oscar can mean \$20 million in extra revenues. The award ceremonies will be held in Los Angeles on March 29.

Some of the most popular and most widely discussed pictures of the year were all but ignored by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Steven Spielberg, whose all-time box office champion "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" never landed a major Oscar, was similarly ignored for "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," 1988's top ticket seller, which won only technical nominations.

"The Last Temptation of Christ," the year's most controversial film, won only one nomination, for Martin Scorsese's direction. Susan Sarandon was overlooked despite a critically acclaimed performance in "Bull Durham."

For those who did receive nominations, it was a memorable day.

"It's a wonderful way to wake up, really an incredible way to wake up," said Martin Landau, who was awakened by a telephone call with the news that he was nominated for his supporting role in "Tucker: The Man and His Dream."

Glenn Close was told of her nomination for best actress in "Dangerous Liaisons" during filming of "Immediate Family" in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"I'm deeply gratified by my nomination," she said. "Making 'Dangerous Liaisons' was the best experience of my career."

Playoffs set at coliseum

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runner-up Trent.

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Chevron	48 1/2	47 3/4	48 1/2
Chrysler	27 1/2	26 3/4	26 3/4
Coastal	33 1/2	32 3/4	33 1/2
CocaCola	48 1/2	47 3/4	48 1/2
Coleman	70 1/2	70 1/4	70 1/4
Colg Palm	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/4
CyprusMint	38 3/4	38	38
DeltaAirl	56 1/2	56 1/4	56 1/4
DigitalEq	115 1/2	115	115 1/2
DowChem	96 1/2	96	96 1/2
DressInd	33 1/2	32 3/4	33
duPont	98 1/2	97 3/4	98 1/2
EstKodak	47 1/2	47 1/4	47 1/4
Eserch	20 1/2	19 3/4	20 1/2
Exxon	45 1/2	44 3/4	44 3/4
FlowerInd	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4
FordMotor	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/4
GAF Cp	59 1/2	59 1/4	59 1/4
GE Corp	44 1/2	44 1/4	44 1/4
GNDynam	49 1/2	49 1/4	49 1/4
GenElec	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/4
GenMille	55 1/2	54 3/4	54 3/4
Gen Motors	89 1/2	88 3/4	89
GenMotr E	45 1/2	44 3/4	44 3/4
vjGlobMar	13 1/2	13	13 1/2
IBM	53 1/2	52 3/4	52 3/4
Goodyear	50 1/2	49 3/4	49 3/4
GIATPac	50 1/2	50 1/4	50 1/4
Gulf StatU	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/4
Halliburton	29 1/2	29	29
HolidayCp	29 1/2	29	29 1/2
HowlFarm	61 1/2	61 1/4	61 1/4
HoustonInd	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/4
IBM	128 1/2	128 1/4	128 1/4
IntIPaper	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/4
JohnsJn	90 1/2	89 3/4	89 3/4
K Mart	37 1/2	37 1/4	37 1/4
Kroger n	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/4
kJTV Cp	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/4
Litton Ind	75 1/2	74 3/4	74 3/4
Lovisa Ind	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/4
Lowe's	24	23 3/4	23 3/4
Luby's	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/4
MCorp	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/4
Maxus	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/4
MayDSt	36 1/2	36 1/4	36 1/4
Medtronic	81 1/2	81 1/4	81 1/4
Mobil	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4
Monanto	90 1/2	89 3/4	89 3/4
Motorola	45 1/2	44 3/4	44 3/4
NCNB Cp	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 1/4
Navistar	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/4
Nynex	69 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/4
PacTelesis	34	33 3/4	33 3/4
PenneyJC	52 1/2	52	52 1/2
Philps Dod	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/4
PhillipPet	21 1/2	21 1/4	21 1/4
Polaroid s	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/4
Primerica	24	23 3/4	23 3/4
ProctGamb	91 1/2	90 3/4	91 1/2
PubS NwMx	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/4
SFEsouP	21 1/2	21 1/4	21 1/4
SearsRoeb	42 1/2	41 3/4	41 3/4
SherwinWm	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/4
Southern Co	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/4
SwtAirl	24 1/2	24 1/4	24 1/4
SwtBell	43 1/2	42 3/4	42 3/4
SterlingChm n	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/4
SunCo n	35 1/2	34 3/4	34 3/4
TNP Ent	30	29 1/2	29 1/2
TempInld	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/4
Tenneco	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/4
Texasco	48 1/2	47 3/4	47 3/4
TexAmBnch	50 1/2	49 3/4	49 3/4
TexEastn	49 1/2	48 3/4	48 3/4
TexasInst	42 1/2	42 1/4	42 1/4
Tex Util	29	28 1/2	28 1/2
Tyler	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/4
USX Corp	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/4
UnCarbde	33 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4
UnPacCp	70 1/2	69 3/4	69 3/4
US West	61 1/2	61	61
UniTel	37 1/2	37 1/4	37 1/4
WalMart	41 1/2	41 1/4	41 1/4
WalMart	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/4
WesthEl	55 1/2	55 1/4	55 1/4
Xerox Cp	65 1/2	64 3/4	64 3/4
ZenithE	21 1/2	20 3/4	20 3/4

3 in collision

Three motorists escaped injury in an accident involving three vehicles at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the 5300 Block of Trinity Blvd.

A 1979 Chevrolet pickup driven by Brian A. Stearmer of 4503 Fredonia Ave. was in collision with a 1985 Plymouth driven by Connie E. Mackey of Box 863, Snyder, and a 1982 Oldsmobile driven by Rachel Coronda of 3103 38th Place.

Arrests are drink-related

A 19-year-old man was arrested for driving with his license suspended, being a minor in possession of alcohol and not having liability insurance at 1:02 p.m. Wednesday in the 1900 Block of 31st St.

A 32-year-old man was taken into custody for public intoxication at 10:45 p.m. Wednesday at the sheriff's office.

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Wednesday as compared with Thursday's prices.

	Wed. Thu.
Refined Products	
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg fl fob	5025 4885
Gasoline reg. NY hbr bg fl fob	4835 4785
Gasoline unleaded NY hbr bg fl fob	4725 4675
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.	
Petroleum - Crude Grades	
Saudi Arabian light	14.60 14.70
North Sea Brent \$ per bbl fob	16.05 16.10
West Texas Intermed \$ per bbl fob	18.25 17.40
Alaska No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	16.80 15.95

SHS department reports winner

The Industrial Technology Department at Snyder High School has announced the winner from a drawing it held for a half a beef, a fund raiser to help finance local competition.

Winner of the drawing was Rudolfo Rodriguez of 2006 26th St.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Lorna Reed, 2902 42nd; Joe McPeak, Cooper Mt. Ranch; Dewey Denson, Dunn; Don Gardener, Ira; Johnnie McNew, 301 36th.

DISMISSALS: Carol Holton, Emma Barthold.

Births

Kay and Rene Espinoza of Abilene are the parents of a baby girl, Amanda Brooke, born at 11:57 Tuesday in Humana Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces. Grandparents are James and Joan Halbert of Snyder and Maria Espinoza of San Antonio.

Austin update

Measure cutting sales tax studied

AUSTIN (AP) — A key lawmaker says he is confident his proposed constitutional amendments — that would force the state to give up some taxes if lawmakers ever approve personal or corporate income taxes — will pass.

The proposed amendments would lower the sales tax to two percent if an income tax is enacted, and repeal the franchise tax if a business profits tax is enacted.

Rep. Stan Schlueter, author of both amendments, told the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday that they would build a more progressive tax structure.

"If you want taxes based on income, both of these constitutional amendments achieve that," Schlueter said.

Schlueter, D-Killeen, has failed in recent years to place before voters proposed constitutional amendments to ban personal and corporate income taxes.

Swats for students said okay

AUSTIN (AP) — Teachers must be able to use or to threaten corporal punishment to control some students, according to a former teacher and current state lawmaker, who opposes a bill to outlaw paddling in public schools.

"I wouldn't walk into a classroom where the parent has told the school, 'You will not touch my child.' That student will control the classroom," said Bill Haley, a member of the Senate Education Committee, which is considering the no-paddling proposal.

"I highly recommend it" to control unruly students, said Haley, who told committee members Wednesday that he twice "whipped" high school students during 11 years as a teacher in Houston and Center.

Haley, D-Center, later declined to give details of the incidents, but said, "The two I whipped were in front of the principal, and it was with his paddle. I never kept a paddle."

Bills are sent to subcommittee

AUSTIN (AP) — Surrogate parenting exploits women and treats babies like commodities, said supporters of a bill that would prevent the enforcement of a contract made by a woman to bear a baby for someone else.

"We are aware that infertility is a problem for many young couples today and empathize with their desire to have children," Richard Daley of the Texas Catholic Conference told the House Judicial Affairs Committee Wednesday.

"But advances in technology must be used to serve humankind and not to overwhelm it," he said. "The fact that we have the capability of doing certain things does not mean that we should do them."

Surrogate parenting particularly exploits women "who take money for the use of their bodies," Daley said. He said the practice "subverts the child's relationship with his or her mother and disregards the stress upon the marriage or marriages which are involved."

Lottery plans go to subcommittee

AUSTIN (AP) — Support for a state lottery has formed among statewide organizations that would like to use the revenue for pay raises and possibly jobs for their members.

Two lottery proposals do not allocate the projected lottery revenue to any specific areas of state government, but sponsor Victor Uribe says he would reconsider if his colleagues wanted him to do so.

Representatives of the Texas Public Employees Association and Texas State Teachers Association, both seeking pay raises for their members, endorsed a lottery Wednesday at a hearing of the Senate State Affairs Committee.

The lottery, which has been portrayed as a "job creator," also was favored by a representative of the Texas AFL-CIO, according to a witness card.

Uribe's proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature to establish a lottery operated by the state, and companion bill spelling out details, were sent to a subcommittee after a two-hour hearing.

The constitutional amendment would be on a Nov. 7 statewide ballot.

Lewis backs judge selection plan

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis, saying the state's system of choosing judges has problems, is endorsing a sweeping plan to move away from direct partisan election of many judges.

"I hope it can (pass). It certainly needs to. We've got problems in our judicial selection process, and we need to address them," the Fort Worth Democrat said.

A proposed constitutional amendment to dramatically change judicial selection was introduced Wednesday by legislators who said federal courts may force changes if Texas doesn't do something.

AIDS legislation needed now

AUSTIN (AP) — The number of Texans infected with the AIDS virus has more than doubled since 1987 and will quadruple by 1991, making legislative action more important than ever, a special AIDS task force report warns.

"To halt the geometric expansion of this deadly epidemic, the foundations for a successful state strategy must be in place before the end of the 71st legislative session," said the Rev. Chris Steele, chairwoman of the Legislative Task Force on AIDS.

The task force released its final report Wednesday, which called for legislation on 120 recommendations that Ms. Steele estimated would cost \$50 million to \$75 million to implement over the next two years.

Groups lash out at Winnie Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Prominent anti-apartheid leaders today repudiated Winnie Mandela, saying she does not represent their movement and accusing her of bodyguards of waging a "reign of terror" in the black community.

In a harshly worded statement, a group of well-known activists accused Mrs. Mandela, wife of jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, of "violating human rights ... in the name of the struggle against apartheid."

Mrs. Mandela and her bodyguards, known as the Mandela United Soccer Club, are under investigation in the death of a teen-age black activist who disappeared after allegedly being beaten in Mrs. Mandela's home in Soweto.

The police investigation is the latest in a series of controversies to have dogged Mrs. Mandela in apartheid leaders today.

"Mrs. Mandela has abused the trust and confidence which she has enjoyed over the years," said Murphy Morobe, a spokesman for the banned United Democratic Front, the country's largest anti-apartheid group.

"Numerous efforts have been made to reconcile the conflict between Mrs. Mandela and the (black) community," he said. "On every occasion Mrs. Mandela has refused to cooperate and has chosen to disregard the sentiments of the community."

Morobe emphasized that anti-apartheid leaders "reaffirm our unqualified support for our leader, Nelson Mandela, and call for his immediate release."

'Colors' prompt free admittance

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day since many faculty members will be attending the annual Texas Junior College Teachers Association (TJCTA) convention in Fort Worth.

WTC classes 'out' Friday

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Lancaster is an active member of TJCTA, presently serving on the Professional Development Committee. She is chairperson of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) sub-committee of the Professional Development Committee.

She has been a faculty member at WTC for nine years and had taught on a part-time basis prior to that.

Obituaries

Mrs. Haygood

Services for Mrs. Cautz Haygood, 84, of Snyder are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. She was born Jan. 17, 1905 in Rule, Tex.

She is survived by five daughters, Tavia Marricle and Ethel Head, both of Snyder, Johnnie Gayney of Sweetwater, Ina Aeri of Waco and Minnie Anderson of Delta, Colo.

Gertrude Ball

Services for Gertrude Velma Ball, 94, of Fluvanna are set for 3:30 p.m. Friday at Fluvanna Baptist Church with the Rev. Thomas Hall of Brownfield officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Smith. Burial will follow at Fluvanna Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

She died at approximately 9 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Oaks. She was born Dec. 6, 1894 in Ludd, Tenn.

She was a homemaker and was married to R. G. Ball on Dec. 27, 1913 in Fluvanna. He died Jan. 30, 1970.

At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the Fluvanna Baptist Church.

She is survived by four daughters, Viola Pylant of Fluvanna, Nell Killebrew and Virginia Paden, both of Dallas, and Gene Conrod of Hermleigh; four sons, A. V. Ball of Godley, Weldon Ball of San Jose, Calif., Dalton Ball of Odessa, and Roy Ball of San Angelo; 33 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Ethel Williams of Pueblo, Colo.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Juanita Arendal in 1980, a son, Dwain Ball in 1976, a granddaughter, Gloria Jean, and two brothers and one sister.

Alvin Byrd

COLORADO CITY—Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church for Alvin Mark Byrd, 85, who died Wednesday in a Colorado City nursing home. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery.

He was the father of Dale Byrd of Snyder.

Born in Tarrant County, he had lived in Colorado City most of his life. He worked 43 years for Cosden Oil Refinery, and he was a member of the Westbrook Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lela Byrd of Westbrook; a daughter, Juanita Chandler of Monahans; another son, Leon Byrd of Plano; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Dear Abby



Talking About Lost Child Helps Soothe Parent's Grief

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, I wrote to tell you that Keith, our eldest son, was killed when he fell from a roof, and I was heartbroken because nobody — neither my friends nor his — remembered his birthday or the date of his death.

With my permission, you published my letter and my name. Abby, since my letter appeared, I've received so many wonderful cards and telephone calls from people who read it! It was especially gratifying to hear from so many of Keith's friends who came forward to tell me how his life and death affected their lives. Parents appreciate knowing that their dead child had an impact on other people besides his immediate family.

The pain of losing a child — or any loved one — never "goes away"; it must be dealt with. And discussing the child's life and death is one way parents work through their grief. The immense pain does ease a little, day by day, and you gradually learn to live with your loss, but your life will never be the same.

Thank you for printing my letter, Abby. I hope that many more people will know how to react, and help friends and relatives who have lost a child.

CAROLE EDWARDS, FLORIDA

DEAR CAROLE: Hundreds of people wrote to say they never realized that talking to grieving parents about the deceased is therapeutic. All feared it would "stir up" emotions, so they talked about everything else, assuming that the distraction would be preferable.

Thank you for giving me yet another opportunity to assure my readers that it's a kindness to remember the birthday and death date of the deceased.

DEAR ABBY: You've often said that the best (but hardest) way to quit smoking is "cold turkey."

Well, chocolate is to me what cigarettes are to smokers. I'm a grown woman, married and the mother of two sons, and I couldn't wait for my husband and boys to leave the kitchen so I could have something chocolate. I used to love to go marketing so I could buy two packages of chocolate cookies. I'd eat one package in the store, and one in the car on the way home. I even hid chocolate candy in my dresser drawers so no one else would see them.

Every other day I'd mix a batch of brownies — only they rarely made it to the oven. I'd eat the raw batter in one sitting!

After my aerobics class three times a week, I'd stop at the store for a chocolate treat. Of course I knew I had a problem, so I once tried to make myself sick — eating 10 chocolate cupcakes at one sitting. It didn't work. I was too addicted.

I finally realized I would have to quit — cold turkey. So that's what I did.

It can be done if you set your mind to it. I also prayed a lot, and have been a reformed chocoholic for five months now!

SUE WELCH IN MARYLAND

DEAR SUE: Being a minor-league chocoholic myself, I know where you're coming from. Congratulations, Sue. I applaud your efforts and wish you well.

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More Americans die in nursing homes as hospitals save money

BOSTON (AP) — Americans are increasingly going to nursing homes to die as hospitals discharge terminally ill patients to keep them from running up big bills, thus helping reduce the nation's Medicare costs, according to two reports today.

One study, based on nationwide death statistics, suggests that the trend results largely from new Medicare rules that pay hospitals flat fees for taking care of the elderly. This approach gives them a financial incentive to keep patients' hospital stays as short as possible.

"What has to be said is that hospitals are in a bind because they are being pressured by cost cutting," said Dr. Mark A. Sager, who directed the study. "Nursing homes are in a bind because nobody wants to pay for nursing home care. Patients are in a bind because they are in a system that does not want to provide continuity of care and health care financing is fragmented."

His research showed that the number of elderly Americans dying in nursing homes rose sharply during the 1980s, while fewer died in hospitals.

Sager, a physician at Dean Medical Center in Madison, Wis., said that sending dying people to nursing homes rather than keeping them in hospitals "may be very appropriate and less costly."

"The issue is whether nursing homes can adequately take care of a sicker population today than they were seeing a few years

ago," he said.

Medicare's new system began in October 1983, paying hospitals flat fees in advance. Hospitals get the same amount for each person with a specific disease, regardless of whether a patient stays in the hospital for a day or a month.

Another report provides evidence that the strategy is saving money.

That study, directed by Dr. Louise B. Russell of Rutgers University, estimated the savings to Medicare from the new payment system and compared Medicare's projections of rising costs with what actually happened.

In 1980, the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, the federal government's branch that pays Medicare hospital bills, predicted that it would be spending about \$55 billion by 1990. Instead, it appears the actual expense by then will be \$43 billion in 1980 dollars.

The savings will amount to \$12 billion in 1980 dollars or \$18 billion in 1990 dollars. The researchers said this means the new payment program will be responsible for a 3 percent reduction in the nation's total health care bill, which is expected to be \$650 billion in 1990.

Hunger strike ending

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — More than 100 black detainees today halted the hunger strike they began last month to press for their freedom, and lawyers announced that most of them would be released.

Civil rights lawyers said the hunger strikers at Diepkloof Prison outside Johannesburg, some of whom had not eaten for 24 days, ended their fast with a meal at 7 a.m.

The estimated 170 detainees were among about 300 nationwide who threatened to starve themselves to death unless they were freed or put on trial. More than 20 have been hospitalized, and fears for their health have been growing.

Kathleen Satchwell, a lawyer who represents several of the hunger strikers, told a news conference the government had indicated most of the estimated 1,000 people detained without charge nationwide would be freed.

She said it was not clear how many of those released would be among the detainees participating in the hunger strike at several prisons.

Many have been held without charge since a state of emergency took effect June 1986 that allowed the government to jail people without charge.

Ms. Satchwell said the decision to halt the strike applied only to Diepkloof Prison. There was no immediate word whether a similar step would be taken by the 105 hunger strikers at St. Albans prison in Port Elizabeth, the other major center of the protest.

The detainees at Diepkloof, where the hunger strike began Jan. 23, issued a statement saying their decision was based on concern for the health of some of hunger strikers and on a pledge by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to review their cases individually.

"There have been broken promises in the past. We hope that this is not the case now," the statement said.

"An important victory has been won," the statement said. "We have succeeded in our principal objection ... to highlight the desperate plight of detainees."

Ms. Satchwell said there was no specific assurance from the government about whom would be freed. But she said officials had convinced her that, "Starting now, detainees would be released."

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