

DAVE APPLETON

Rodeoer gains fame since WTC days

One week from Monday, Scurry County residents will have an opportunity to see just how far Dave Appleton has come since his arrival in the U.S. in 1980 and his graduation in 1982 from Western Texas College.

Changes like a career earning total of some \$600,000 from the professional rodeo circuit, capped in 1988 by more than \$121,000 and the title of world all-around champion from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Changes like worldwide attention suddenly being placed on the 27-year-old cowboy who hails from Clermont, Queensland, Australia.

Changes like now having sufficient earning power to become his own one-man corporation, The Lone Roo, patterned after the kangaroo he has adopted as his official logo.

Changes like his own self-avowed goal of being "R&R" on the rodeo circuit in three years to coincide with his 30th birthday.

R&R meaning "retired and rich."

When he arrived on the campus of Western Texas College in August of 1980, these goals likely seemed far away.

He had arrived from his native Australia a few months earlier, a 20-year-old with a round-trip ticket home, \$5,000 in savings and a 10th-grade education.

He came to America to try the rodeo circuit, but before collegiate competition with WTC started him on the route, the best he had managed was only a few rodeos.

Mutual friends put him in contact with Bob Doty, WTC rodeo team coach. For Doty's teams, Appleton qualified for the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont. two springs in a row.

He also carried a 3.9 grade average in his studies at graduation and was sufficiently popular around campus to be named Mr.

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Sunday

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Ask Us

Q. — What is being burned in the incinerator at Cogdell Hospital?

A. — Hospital officials say it is used to burn expendable hospital material no longer considered sterile, for example, bandages. Also burned in the incinerator are discarded items classified as "sharps," such as used needles. Traditional trash items at the hospital are disposed of in city dumpsters.

In Brief

Quarantined

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The sound of a basketball hitting the court will echo through the cavernous Civic Center during next month's postseason tournament. There will be no cheers, no boos — no fans.

Cases of measles at two schools, the University of Hartford and Siena College, have forced East Coast Athletic Conference officials to ban spectators from the March 9-11 tournament in the 15,414-seat arena.

The action is part of a larger quarantine imposed by Connecticut health officials on the University of Hartford's campus in neighboring West Hartford. Barring new cases, the 21-day quarantine will be lifted March 12.

Local

Art reception

Anthony Brown and Sarabeth Clevenger of Abilene will be showing paintings in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Gallery in a month-long show opening Sunday.

A reception is planned for the artists Sunday from 1:30-3 p.m. The exhibit will remain in the gallery through March 31.

Visitors are reminded that the gallery will be closed from March 18-26 due to spring break.

For genealogy

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will conduct its monthly meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the TU Electric Reddy Room.

Christine Horn, LDS Librarian for the Mormon Church in Big Spring, will be guest speaker.

She has completed extensive research on her own lineage and has taught several classes on genealogy research.

All visitors are welcome Tuesday.

City to meet

The Snyder City Council will conduct a work session Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss proposed changes in the city's electrical ordinance.

Community ed

The Community Education Partnership advisory board will meet Monday at the Central Elementary library at 7 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 65 degrees; low, 38 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 45 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 2.48 inches.

West Texas: It will be fair to partly cloudy with a gradual cooling trend, mainly east of the mountains.

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Buses gain radios

School officials note safety factor

Snyder ISD buses, some which travel rural routes as distant as 25 miles one direction, are now equipped with radio communication thanks to a cooperative effort of Sun Exploration and Production and the City of Snyder.

Earlier this year, school officials erected their own radio antenna and completed installation of a "base" station at the school bus barn, enabling communication between drivers and the base to the farthest reaches of the county.

"The safety factor, that's what's nice," commented Superintendent Dalton Moseley. He noted that since school resumed in January, the radios have allowed drivers to report two bus break-downs instantly.

In the pre-radio days, these same drivers would have been faced with walking to the nearest telephone or depending on the aid of a passing motorist.

Checking weather conditions in time of ice and snow will also make the radios invaluable, Moseley said.

The process to gain the radios dates to last spring, when transportation director Keith Gentry learned that Sun would be changing out its mobile radios for its company vehicles.

He contacted Mike Post with Sun, who indicated the company would be more than willing to donate the equipment. This included 17 mobile radios, 14 "walkie-talkie" hand-held models, five "pagers" or "beepers," and the radio base equipment.

The changeover was to be done gradually, so school officials began stockpiling the equipment as it came available beginning last November.

In the interim, city officials See RADIOS, page 2A



I AM SOMEBODY — High School mathematics teacher Sammy Harrison had junior high students repeat the motto "I Am Somebody" Friday afternoon at an Afro-American History Month assembly at the junior high school patio. (SDN Staff Photo)



FIGURES OF HISTORY — Central Elementary School teacher Elizabeth Jenkins discussed the important figures of black history at the junior high school assembly Friday in honor of Afro-American History Month. (SDN Staff Photo)

French family faces exit order

INS again orders departure for Pointeaus

By DONNY BROWN
SDN Managing Editor

The Jack Pointeau family, French natives who adopted Snyder as their home seven years ago in hopes of some day becoming U.S. citizens, now face a new mandated date for their ordered departure from this country.

Attempts to gain permanent legal status in the U.S. have to date failed, despite efforts by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford and more than 1,800 of their fellow Snyder citizens, who signed petitions last September supporting the French family's effort to remain here.

The latest departure date directed by the Immigration and

Naturalization Service (INS) is April 26, a fact the Pointeaus have known about since the first of the year.

As the date draws nearer, the head of the six-member household, Jack Pointeau, says his dream of keeping his family together in America now seems to be even further away.

Pointeau notes that with further legal efforts, he could likely postpone and perhaps ultimately receive a renewal for the temporary legal license which has allowed him to remain in the U.S. to date—a so-called "investor's visa" issued by INS.

Such a visa, which must be renewed annually, will allow he

and family members to operate their local business, the newly named White Buffalo Motel. However, it will not allow the Pointeau children to seek other employment since they, like their parents, are not legal citizens of the U.S.

The children, now ages 21, 20, 17 and 13, need worker permits to be employed. Since their family is in the U.S. under an investor's visa, they do not qualify for these permits.

Until recently, such rules were not as inhibiting a factor.

When the Pointeaus arrived, the eldest of their four children were in high school. Three of these, however, have now

graduated from Snyder High School and the two oldest girls have either received or are about to receive their college degrees.

The final blow to the family's desire to be American citizens may be the realization that the children face the possibility of no employment in their chosen field despite high college grades and four years of work.

"For the children, there is no future," Pointeau said last week.

As a result, the two eldest girls, Isabelle, 21, and Christine, 20, are considering a return to France this spring or summer. One set of grandparents resides in Paris, Pointeau said.

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National Anxiety 4th show-sale set

The Scurry County Coliseum and its ag annex will be the site Monday for the 40th edition of the National Anxiety 4th Hereford show and sale.

The show will begin at 9 a.m. and the sale is scheduled to start

at 12:30 p.m.

More than 80 lots of Herefords are to be sold. These will include bulls, pairs and bred heifers.

Local consignors include the Koonsman Ranch and O.M. and Dorris Martin.

Others will include Brad Stuart of Roby, Jana Middleton of Post and, from Big Spring, Buchanan Herefords, Charles W. Creighton Estate, Patterson Brothers and Leland Wallace.

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some candidates refuse to answer questions on the grounds that it might eliminate them."

Despite world-wide publicity about sexually transmitted disease, evidence still abounds that the "oldest profession" continues to prosper.

A visit to many big cities reveals that Ladies of Negotiable Affection continue to work day and night—mostly at night.

Snyder insurance man Joe Williamson tells about a colleague of his from another city who encountered such a "lady" in the hotel elevator.

The woman suggested that she could be his escort for the entire evening for only \$200. The quick-thinking insurance agent countered that \$50 dollars would be tops.

The counter-offer highly insulted the working woman who exited the elevator in a huff at the

next floor. The man was highly amused and couldn't wait to relay the story to his wife who was waiting to be picked up at a nearby shopping mall.

Back at the hotel, the insurance man and his wife were returning to their room when the elevator stopped two floors short of their destination.

The woman he had encountered a couple of hours earlier got on the elevator. It was quiet as the working woman studied the man and his wife.

Finally the silence was broken, "Honey, see what you get for fifty dollars."

The following sign was posted on the rest room of the same large hotel:

"Ladies room out of order, please use stairway."



GUEST SPEAKER—Frank Burns, the president of the Houston branch of the NAACP, was the featured speaker Friday night at the local NAACP banquet honoring Afro-American History Month. Burns also installed the local NAACP officers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bush voices pleasure with talks in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP) — President Bush arrives Saturday in Beijing on a visit that blends sentiment and statecraft, after hailing Tokyo talks with world leaders that displayed "a shared sense of satisfaction" with the course of East-West relations.

"I know I will marvel at the changes" in China since he served as head of the U.S. Liaison Office in the mid-1970s, Bush said. He said "we obviously have differences" but that his visit would strengthen an already-solid relationship.

"I'm excited about it. There's an openness in China that I never would have predicted 15 years ago," he said.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, boarded Air Force One at Tokyo's Haneda Airport in a heavy rainstorm. Earlier, he'd painted a sunny picture of his two days in Tokyo, brushing aside suggestions that his fight with the Senate over Secretary of Defense-designate John Tower had put a damper on the trip.

He said that Emperor Hirohito's funeral evoked memories of his shooting down by Japanese bombers during World War II combat over the Pacific Ocean. But Bush also said "I didn't dwell on that." He said that his meetings with an array of world leaders, he thought he laid a good foundation for advancing the security interests of the United States and its allies.

It was Bush's fifth visit to China, not counting the nearly two years he spent as the chief U.S. envoy to Beijing before formal relations were restored. His talks were to focus on Sino-American ties, with glancing attention to an overflow cup of topics that could spark debate — including reunifying Taiwan with the mainland, human rights in Tibet and trade issues.

Bush's itinerary included meetings with the four leaders who call the shots for China's government and Communist Party. He departs for Seoul en route home to Washington on Monday. His agenda called for a banquet tonight with President Yang Shangkun in the Great Hall of the People, and on Sunday protestant church services followed by a bilateral meeting with Premier Li Peng.

On Sunday he also will attend a banquet and talks with top leader Deng Xiaoping, attend a reception with U.S. Embassy personnel, and meet with Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang.

Deng and Yang represent the old guard of pre-liberation revolutionaries, while Zhao and Li are younger and more in tune with goals of guiding China's 1 billion people toward economic prosperity.

Before leaving Tokyo, Bush held a news conference in the residence of the U.S. ambassador, where he vowed to continue the fight for Tower's confirmation.

Bush said he was firmly behind

making a speech to the National Press Club and appearing on television interview programs. He said that Bush will meet with a dozen senators Tuesday to seek support for Tower.

Before leaving Tokyo, Bush met briefly at the Imperial Palace with Japan's new emperor, Akihito, before sitting down separately with Presidents Jose Sarney of Brazil and Ibrahim Babangida of Nigeria,

bringing to 20 the number of foreign leaders he has met with in two days.

In China, Bush said, he would state U.S. concerns with human rights but indicated that he would not get into specific discussions of alleged Chinese violations in Tibet.

He hinted at another disagreement, saying the United States was seeking to prevent a return to power of the Chinese-supported Khmer Rouge in Cambodia following the Vietnamese troop pullout.

Bush revealed that he would meet in Beijing with Cambodian opposition leader Norodom Sihanouk, whom the United States favors as leader of an interim government following the Vietnamese pullout.

Gasoline theft prompts arrest

Three young Snyder men were arrested on theft charges for stealing gasoline at 2:36 a.m. Saturday at Snyder's Used Cars in the 3400 Block of College Ave.

The youths, two 17 years of age and the other 18, were taken into custody by a police sergeant.

State highway patrolmen arrested two men for DWI in separate incidents Friday and early Saturday.

A 21-year-old man was arrested for DWI at 12:15 p.m. Friday a mile west of Hermleigh on U.S. 84, and a 40-year-old man was arrested on the same charge at 1 a.m. Saturday on 84 near the Ave. E exit north of town.

A 20-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication at 11:44 p.m. Friday in the 1800 Block of Coleman Ave., and a 32-year-old man was taken into custody for PI at 4:17 a.m. Saturday in the 2500 Block of College.

Project plans begin for local science fair

The third annual Snyder Junior High Science Fair will be held March 11, a Saturday, and students in grades 4-8 are now encouraged to enter projects.

All projects must be based on the scientific method, notes school officials.

Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher for further information about entering.

Entries should be brought to the junior high gymnasium on Friday, March 10, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Judging will be held that Friday evening.

On Saturday the 11th, awards will be presented at a 10:30 a.m. ceremony for first through sixth place at each grade level.

The projects will be displayed for public viewing from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on March 11.

Following the Science Fair, elementary youngsters in grades 4-6 will view the exhibits on Monday, March 13.

Radios added to school buses

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also learned of the project and indicated they had eight police radios which were due replacement.

The school district's expense included buying new crystals for the radios, an antenna and a tower. Gentry estimated this cost at around \$2,800.

Installation of the antenna and tower was completed in January.

To date, radios have been placed in 14 buses, approximately one-half of the district's fleet. Eight of these buses drive the longer routes for the district.

Gentry noted they are now in the process of adding radios to six other buses with shorter and closer to town routes.

In addition, five local maintenance vehicles have had radios added, a factor which greatly saves on work time, according to head of maintenance Lawton Taylor.

"Before, if we had an emergency, I would have to go hunt up my people. Now, I can just call them on the radio," he said.

The walkie-talkie models are being used on out-of-county trips involving school buses, allowing communication between drivers for a distance of up to 20 miles.

The pagers have been distributed also among key maintenance and transportation personnel who can be contacted regardless of where they are in case of an emergency.

The end result, school officials say, will be a faster emergency response time and, for the equipment gained, at a fraction of the cost to the district.

Appleton Day due March 6

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WTC his final year here.

Today, he lives in Arlington with his wife Keely, a former Miss Tarrant County beauty queen.

The Dave Appleton Appreciation Banquet due March 6 will also see him united with the Jess Everett family for whom he worked during his stay in Snyder.

It will also see him with Doty again.

Both the Everetts and Doty have remained close to Appleton since his leaving Snyder.

Tickets for the event are now on sale priced at \$5. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. on the 6th, a Monday, and will be held in the National Guard Armory.

Nationally known rodeo clown Quail Dobbs will appear and former WTC President Dr. Don Newbury, who befriended Appleton while at the college, will speak.

French family has exit date

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The measure which would have solved all of the family's immigration problems now appears to be a deadend. In December, personal legislation was introduced by U.S. Rep. Stenholm which would have made the Pointeau's American citizens.

After it was submitted to the sub-committee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law, Stenholm received a personal letter from the then-chairman of that committee, Romano L. Mazzoli.

In effect, the letter said the committee views "private immigration bills" as extraordinary measures granted only in the rarest of cases.

While noting that by all ac-

counts, the Pointeau family appears to be "fine people who would be an asset to this country," Mazzoli concluded in his letter, "This is precisely why legal immigration changes need to be made to accommodate people like them."

Meanwhile, immigration attorneys representing the Pointeau's are seeking a re-hearing on the latest decision by the Dallas-based INS to deny a renewal of the Pointeau's investor's visa.

Motions for re-hearings like this can keep the legal question of leaving the U.S. "open." But, these are only temporary reprieves which, as a Stenholm aide described it, "you can keep going as long as you can afford an attorney."

Last week, Jack Pointeau indicated any final decisions about his family's future in the U.S. will come in the days ahead.

"If I go back to France, I'll be as broke as broke can be," he said, "But maybe I'll have a chance to start something else."

For now, he noted, "Despite the efforts of our friends and of people like Charlie Stenholm, nothing's worked."

Hereford sale due here Monday

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Other consignors will be Roger Garrett of Abilene, Pied Piper Farms and F. Barry Moore of Hamlin, Cecil Smith of Blackwell, Swen R. Swenson Cattle Co. and Tom Walker of Stamford.

The list includes also Dry Creek Herefords of San Angelo, George W. Knox of Tarzan, Kreig Herefords of Eola, Jim and Hazel Kuykendall of Cherokee, Summerour Ranch of Dalhart and Whittenburg Ranch of Graham.

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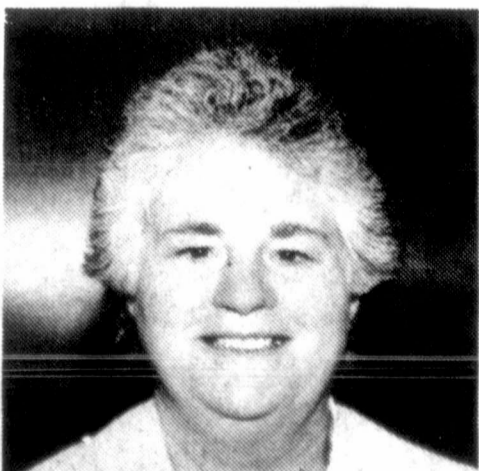
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Naomi Stephens works as a teller in the motor bank and she has been employed at Snyder National Bank for 10 years. Prior to joining SNB, she was employed by Sears for five years.

She has been a resident of Scurry County for 37 years and has attended Western Texas College. She is impressed with the bank's stability and enjoys working with bank customers.

Her husband, Charles, is an engineer with the Texas highway department. The couple has five grown children and the Stephens are members of the East Side Church of Christ. Naomi's leisure time interests include sewing, gardening, crafts and reading.



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Births

Gary and Fran Harless of Abilene are the parents of a baby boy, Kolter Layne, born at 3:21 p.m. Feb. 17 in Hendrick Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was welcomed by a sister, Kara, and two brothers, Kyle and Kameron.

Grandparents are Cecil and Mary Jordan of Snyder and Don and Vera Nell Harless of Abilene, formerly of Snyder.

Rural, city wrecks noted

A 1985 Ford pickup driven by Michael L. Boatwright of Colorado City was in collision with a 1982 Lincoln driven by Ray Harrell of Rt. 2 at 10:40 p.m. Friday in the 100 Block of East 37th St.

In addition, the Department of Public Safety reported a 4:18 p.m. Thursday accident involving two vehicles on the shoulder of Hwy. 208 .4 of a mile south of the Snyder city limits.

A 1977 Ford Mustang driven by Cory L. Rogers of Rt. 1 was stopped on the shoulder when it was struck in the rear by a south-bound 1988 Chevrolet S-10 pickup driven by Douglas L. Chitsey of Colorado City, a DPS trooper said.

Neither driver was injured.

Billfold said stolen

Sarah Arizmendi of 1106 Ave. P told police at 4:19 p.m. Friday that a billfold belonging to her father, Geraro Lazcano, had been stolen.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour work day for railroads in 1917.

Nevada legalized gambling in 1931.

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WALT & DOT WILSON

Local's parents honor reported

Recently in Odessa, the Ector County Sheriff's Posse presented a special award of appreciation to Walt and Dot Wilson, who are the parents of Peggy English of Snyder.

The plaques were presented to the Wilsons for their devotion to their duties. Walt Wilson received his plaque as outgoing manager and Dot Wilson received her plaques for perfect attendance and for serving as parade marshal. The presentation marked the first time such an award has been awarded by the posse.

The Wilsons are charter members of the posse, since it was created in 1950. Several years ago they were given lifetime memberships in the posse and women's auxiliary.

David and Ginger English of Odessa, formerly of Snyder, and the grandchildren of the Wilsons, attended the presentation along with their children, Leslie and Brad.

Nine persons, including six Americans, die in air tragedy

HONOLULU (AP) — Structural failure probably caused a gaping hole to blow open in the side of a United Airlines jumbo jet 20,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean, sucking nine people to their deaths, authorities said.

Although the FBI summoned three bomb experts from Washington to join in the investigation today, aviation experts said the most likely cause of the tragedy was metal fatigue, not terrorism.

The 18-year-old Boeing 747, the oldest in United's jumbo jet fleet, was about 100 miles south of Honolulu early Friday when a 10-foot-wide, 40-foot-high section of fuselage suddenly ripped away, exposing the cargo and passenger compartments.

The nine passengers — six Americans, two Australians and a New Zealander — were instantly blown through the opening, and at least one was sucked into one of the jet's engines, authorities said.

In what United characterized as a "heroic" effort, the pilot managed to turn around and take the plane back to Honolulu.

"Talking with other people sitting farther up in the plane, I realize now how close we came to dying," said passenger John Peryer of Hastings, New Zealand. "I'm just thankful I'm back on the ground, but I'm sorry for the ones that didn't make it."

The nine missing passengers were identified as Susan Craig and Harry Craig of Morristown, N.J.; Rose Harley of Hackensack, N.J.; Anthony Fallon and Barbara Fallon of Long Beach,

Calif.; Mary T. Handley of Bay City, Mich.; Lee Campbell of Wellington, New Zealand; Dr. John Michael Crawford and John Swann, both of Sydney, Australia.

According to a sequence of events reported by Hawaii Department of Transportation spokeswoman Marilyn Kall, the United plane took off for Auckland, New Zealand, at 1:34 a.m. with 336 passengers and 18 crew members aboard. A few minutes into the flight, Pilot David N. Cronin heard "a loud thump" just before the No. 3 engine failed.

Passengers described the sound variously as a "muffled explosion," an "almighty bang" and "a hissing sound."

"All of a sudden, I could see the sky and feel the wind," said passenger Koji Yamamoto, 23, of Osaka, Japan.

A short time later, the No. 4 engine fire indicator activated and Cronin shut it down.

At 2:16 a.m., Cronin radioed the traffic control tower, asking for emergency vehicles, which were standing by when the plane landed at 2:33 a.m. After landing, passengers evacuated the plane using chutes, officials said.

"I thought I was going to die," said Robert Molnar, of Sydney, Australia, honeymooning with his wife, Helen. "When I got out of the plane, I freaked. I couldn't believe that hole."

Local hospitals reported treating 27 people, mostly for minor injuries. The most seriously injured survivor was a 48-year-old woman, listed in guarded con-

dition at Queen's Medical Center with cervical and abdominal injuries.

Five people remained hospitalized Friday night, various hospitals reported. Some were United crew members, an airline official said.

A special United flight left Honolulu for New Zealand and Australia on Friday night with 247 passengers from Flight 811.

Investigators, meanwhile, "recovered multiple small body fragments and pieces of clothing from the No. 3 engine," said the deputy Honolulu medical examiner, Dr. Mary Flynn.

"It has not been determined how many individuals were represented and no identity was established," she added.

Coast Guard spokesman Keith Spangler said a search vessel found two airline seats believed to be from Flight 811 and a 4-by-6-foot piece of metal thought to be part of the fuselage. The debris was found in a search area about 100 miles southwest of Honolulu, where the accident occurred.

A 21-member team from the National Transportation Safety Board was scheduled to arrive today, said George Harvey, area coordinator for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Rep. James Oberstar, D-Minn., who chairs the House aviation subcommittee, said the "likeliest explanation" for the accident was stress failure, perhaps complicated by maintenance problems. The missing section of fuselage, which included a cargo door, appeared to have torn away along rivet lines, he said.

"There is an area where there used to be a cargo door and it's not there anymore," said Eugene Glenn, special agent in charge of the Honolulu FBI office. Glenn said it was not known whether the loss of the cargo door was a cause of the accident or a result.

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Tot's killer will be eligible for parole, group claims

AUSTIN (AP) — A crime victims' rights group is decrying the life sentence given a man who beat and eventually killed a 15-month-old girl and who could be eligible for parole in as little as five years.

In a hearing that took about one minute, state District Judge Mace Thurman on Thursday sentenced Hugh James Gallagher in the August crime that the prosecutor said was among the most heinous and cold-blooded he had ever seen.

But because Gallagher didn't use a deadly weapon such as a knife or a gun when killing Casey, Joan McManus said he could be eligible for parole in as little as five years.

Even though parole eligibility doesn't ensure his release, a spokeswoman for a statewide crime victims' rights group said the possibility that Gallagher

could serve that short of a sentence was "sickening."

Joyce Isaacs, spokeswoman for the People Against Violent Crimes, said the group endorses a task force recommendation for legislation to require that all people convicted of murder — regardless of the deadly weapon finding — be required to serve one-fourth of their sentences or 15 years, whichever is less, before being considered for parole.

"I think this case must send a signal to the Legislature to change the law," Ms. Isaacs said of the McManus case.

"This child was murdered in the shadow of the Capitol. The parole board doesn't make the laws and the Texas Department of Corrections doesn't make the laws. The laws that govern criminal punishment are made in the Legislature right in the middle of this town, and they need to be held accountable for them."



NICHELE OVERMAN

Nichele Overman gets outstanding recognition

Outstanding High School Students of America has selected Nichele Overman as a new member because of her outstanding merit and accomplishments as a America high school student.

She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overman, all of Snyder.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, a dominant figure in Indian politics for nearly two decades, was assassinated near her residence Oct. 31, 1984, by two Sikh security guards. The attack was in revenge for a June army assault ordered by Mrs. Gandhi on the Golden Temple, the Sikh shrine located in Punjab State.

Jr. College Teachers Assn....

Marilyn Lancaster elected secretary

Marilyn Lancaster of Snyder was elected secretary of the Texas Junior College Teachers' Association (TJCTA) at the organization's annual convention in Austin.

Mrs. Lancaster is assistant professor of developmental studies in English at Western Texas College. She has been on the faculty of WTC for the past nine years. She has been serving as chairperson of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) subcommittee of the Professional Development Committee of the TJCTA.

Emmeline Dodd, a member of the faculty at College of the Mainland at Texas City, will serve as president of the TJCTA for the coming year. Other officers are David Clinkscale of Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, president-elect; Steve Dutton of Amarillo College in Odessa, treasurer. Larry Shirts of North Harris County Junior College in Houston, immediate past president, will also serve on the executive committee.

The new TJCTA executive committee will hold a transition meeting in April to name standing committees and will meet again in June to outline its program of work for the coming year.

TJCTA has a membership of about 5,000 and represents

junior/community college teachers statewide. Nominations for TJCTA officers are made by committee rather than from the convention floor so candidates have the opportunity to campaign in advance of the annual convention.



MARILYN LANCASTER

Diamond M Museum will host quilt show

The Diamond M Museum of Fine Art will host its second annual quilt show, "Stitches in Time," March 5-April 8.

Included in the show will be about 20 quilts, some borrowed from local residents and some on loan from the Senior Citizens Center. The quilts from the Senior Center will be included in those auctioned at the Senior Center's May Day fund raiser this year.

The Diamond M Museum is in the Diamond M Building at 909 25th Street. It is open from 1-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. There is no charge for admission. Information about the quilt show and other museum exhibits can be obtained by calling the museum at 573-6311.

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Senator denies allegations about his farm in Maryland

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm says his vote to censure Rep. Gerry E. Studds in 1983 for having an affair with a male page is behind "silly" allegations that federal tip-givers told him his farm was under surveillance for possible hunting violations.

But Studds, who won't identify Gramm by name, said a letter written by a former Nixon and Ford administration official raised questions about the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's practices on Maryland's Eastern Shore where Gramm owns land.

Gramm said Studds, a Massachusetts Democrat, is opposed to Fish and Wildlife Ser-

vice Director Frank H. Dunkle keeping his job or obtaining a higher post in the Interior Department.

Gramm said Studds decided "the way to get an attack on Dunkle in the paper was to mention me. It's obviously news."

"My only dealings with Congressman Studds had to do with my support for censuring Studds for his actions involving the page," Gramm said.

Dunkle said Studds is "looking for any way to discredit me. He doesn't want me to stay here in Washington."

Studds is an ardent partisan who resents his work for George Bush's Republican campaign for president while Studds supported the Democratic nominee, Massachusetts Gov. Michael

Dukakis, Dunkle said Friday.

Wednesday at a committee hearing chaired by Studds, allegations surfaced that Dunkle had interceded on a senator's behalf after it was learned the senator's property on the Eastern Shore was under surveillance by wildlife officials who suspected birds were being "baited" for hunting.

The Washington Post reported Friday that current and former Interior Department officials confirmed the incident involved property owned by Gramm. Baiting involves strewing food to lure wildlife within shooting range; shooting waterfowl over bait is a violation of hunting laws.

The Post said sources told the newspaper that Dunkle alerted Gramm to the potential bait problem at the insistence of top Interior Department officials who did not want to see the Texas Republican embarrassed.

Gramm said he does not hunt on his Maryland farm and "Frank Dunkle is aware I don't hunt my place, so the communication just wouldn't make any sense. The local people are aware I don't hunt my place."

Studds, chairman of a Merchant Marine and Fisheries subcommittee, declined at the hearing Wednesday to reveal the name of the senator involved. An aide on Friday also declined to name the farm owner, but did release a letter from a former Interior Department official asking Dunkle about questionable actions by Fish and Wildlife Service personnel on the Eastern Shore.

In the September 1988 letter, Nathaniel P. Reed said he had been told "high powers interceded" on a senator's behalf after baited fields were discovered. The letter released by Studds' office had the individual's name removed. But Dunkle confirmed the letter did name Gramm.

"He (Gramm) said 'I don't hunt, I feed ducks,'" Dunkle said. Gramm then asked to be advised if people were breaking the law on his property.



STANFIELD BEE WINNERS—These two Stanfield students won the Spelling Bee held at their school on Tuesday morning. From left are, Andrea Corkran, first place, fifth grade, daughter of Gerald and Margaret Corkran, and Kasey Neill, second place, fourth grade and daughter of Jerry and Judy Neill. Both girls will advance to the county Spelling Bee set for March 3. (SDN Staff Photo)



STANFIELD PARTICIPANTS—These 16 students all participated in the Spelling Bee held at their school on Tuesday. From left are, front row: John Michel, Stacey Parker, Vanessa Kimmel, Aaron McGuire, Kari Ferris and Kellie Lacik; middle row: Bryan Word, Kasey Neill, who won second place and will advance to the county Spelling Bee on March 3, Shawn Purcell, Kerry Nachlinger, and Curtis Callaway; back row: Robert Nitsch, Andrea Corkran, who won first place and will advance to the county Spelling Bee, Katye Galloway, David Garza and Jamie Sharp. (SDN Staff Photo)

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WTC livestock judging team finishes second

The Western Texas College livestock judging team finished second in swine judging at the 23rd annual National Southwestern Hampshire Meat Hog Conference in Sweetwater Wednesday.

The competition is sponsored by the Texas Hampshire Breeders Association. Abilene Christian University took first place and Tarleton State University was third.

WTC's Shondra Robinson of Snyder was third high individual in the contest. Other WTC contestants ranking were Tiffany O'Brien of Morton, 4th high individual; Jeff Roemisch of Hermleigh, 5th high individual; and Shane Gann of Snyder, 10th high individual. Michelle Cox of San Angelo was 3rd high individual in the ladies division.

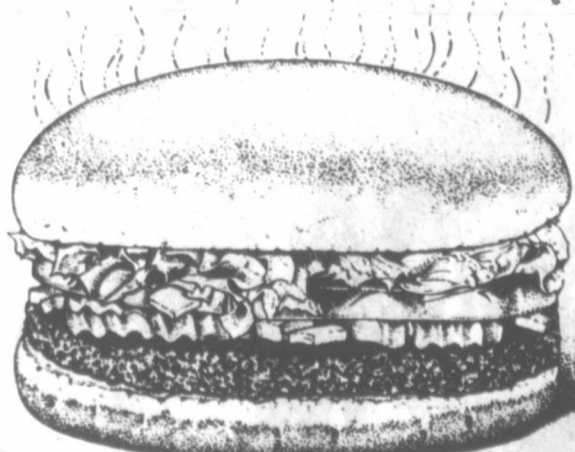
Other WTC students attending the conference were Carl Daugherty of Snyder, Janna Bradford of Lovington, N. M., and Dave Ince of Mason.

Jim Judah, team coach, accompanied the students.

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Courier says of North...

Clandestine work concealed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver L. North's courier to Central America says the former presidential aide told inquiring lawmakers the two were only acquaintances despite their extensive secret dealings to help the Nicaraguan rebels.

Robert W. Owen, who ferried intelligence information and money from North to Nicaraguan rebel leaders, testified that he met with the former National Security Council aide 80 to 100 times between 1983 and 1986.

But Owen said North reported telling lawmakers in August 1986 that "he met me a couple of times."

"He said, 'I met you a couple of

times. I knew you were an activist supporting the Nicaraguan resistance,'" Owen quoted North as telling him after being questioned by a congressional intelligence panel.

Owen described during a day of testimony how he worked for North taking intelligence information, tactical guidance and sometimes money to the Contra leaders in Central America. But he said North told a different story to Congress.

Among the 12 felony charges against North are allegations that he obstructed repeated congressional inquiries into reports in 1985 and 1986 that he was secretly helping arm the

Nicaraguan rebels and giving tactical advice despite a congressional ban.

The former National Security Council aide and retired Marine lieutenant colonel is accused of telling the House intelligence committee on Aug. 6, 1986, that he was not assisting the Contras and that Owen was only a casual acquaintance.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, the panel's former chairman who was the first prosecution witness in the trial, testified that North told the committee "he was not assisting the Contras by raising money, that he had not provided any military advice to the Contras."



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Monument in Saragosa will memorialize tornado victims



NORTH BEE WINNERS—These four North students were the top spellers in the Spelling Bee held at the school Wednesday morning. From left are, Misty Clem, first place, a sixth grader and the daughter of Fred and Brenda Clem; Angella Gonzalez, second place, fifth grader and daughter of Manuel and Angella Gonzalez; Amy Vaughan, third place, fifth grader and daughter of Gayland

and Debra Vaughan; and Jacquie Moorman, fourth place, sixth grader and daughter of Eddie Moorman of Dallas and the niece of Lee and Connie Robbins of Snyder. Only the first and second place winners will advance to the county Spelling Bee slated for March 3. The third and fourth place winners serve as alternates. (SDN Staff Photo)

SARAGOSA, Texas (AP) — When a tornado killed 30 people and leveled this small West Texas cotton farming town on May 22, 1987, the parish priest looked at the destruction around him and predicted the community would become a ghost town.

He was wrong. Saragosans sealed the permanence of their Mexican-American community Friday when they unveiled a granite and marble memorial to the 30 tornado victims. The marker — made of pink granite similar to the stone comprising the state's capitol — stands in front of the rebuilt Saragosa Multipurpose Center and a block away from the rebuilt Catholic Church.

"Like I'm told: You're a tough old heifer, aren't you," Justice of the Peace Corina Brijalba said of herself and the town just north of the Davis Mountains.

Ms. Brijalba, who was attending a preschool graduation ceremony at Saragosa Hall when the vicious tornado struck the stone building full force, suffered a broken skull in the disaster. She was critically injured and lost sight in her right eye.

Friday, she stood beside the new monument and fingered the inscribed names of her mother, Emelia Carrillo, and her son

Lucas Carrillo. She described how her 28-year-old son rescued some preschoolers and was killed by a collapsing wall after he re-entered the building to save more children.

"It kind of makes me feel good they will never be forgotten," she said of her mother, son and two other relatives who died in the twister. "Their names are permanently here — at least their names will live forever."

More than 60 houses, Saragosa Hall, the church and several businesses were destroyed. Almost everything has been rebuilt with donated materials and labor.

The tornado and rebuilding effort "awakened our national sense of brotherhood and solidarity," the Rev. Fidel Cervantes said before the 5-foot-tall, 7-foot-wide slab was unveiled.

"We have felt that warm feeling of sympathy and love from unknown brothers and sisters of our nation," said Cervantes who was assigned to the parish after the new brown- and gray-brick church was built last year to replace the destroyed

cinderblock structure. "Finally this monument is a testimony of our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the help we received from them when we needed it most."

Ismael Dutchover, the county commissioner representing Saragosa, said: "The people are backstrong. Once they saw the homes go up there was no problem. It still hurts but they've gone a long way in almost a year."

Above the names of the victims, the memorial is inscribed: "Dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives in the May 22, 1987 tornado." A white marble vase for gifts of flowers sits to the left of the slab and a foot-high marble statue of a kneeling angel sits to the right.

The monument was donated by the Monument Builders of the Southwest, a manufacturers' association, using materials and labor given by Estes Vase Co. of Weatherford, Texas, Granite Corp. of Marble Falls and Premier Granite Inc. of Atlanta, Texas. They also contributed 12 headstones for poorly marked graves of victims.

Bush 'strongly' supports Tower...

Demos want Tower to withdraw

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans hung tough Friday on John Tower's troubled nomination to be Defense Secretary as a travelling President Bush said "I stand strongly behind" the appointment and arranged for a personal lobbying campaign when he returns home.

Suggestions from majority Democrats that Tower withdraw

and avert a bruising battle between the Bush administration and the Senate next week were brushed aside.

Tower met at the White House with Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole and Vice President Dan Quayle for a strategy session, and Dole said afterwards there was no talk of a possible withdrawal.

Dole added Bush would be meeting individually next week with 10 or so potential Democratic supporters in hopes of salvaging the nomination.

Democrats hold a 55-45 majority in the Senate, meaning that Bush must pick up at least five Democrats to assure Tower's confirmation. Dole said he believed all 45 Republicans were behind Tower.

Tower's chances were dealt a severe blow Thursday night when the Armed Services Committee, on a strict 11-9 party line vote, recommended against confirmation.

In Japan, where he attended the funeral of Emperor Hirohito, Bush said, "I want them (senators) to know how strongly I feel. And I feel it's not a personal win or lose, it's what's right, who is best to run the Defense Department. And that's what's at stake. And I'm going to win this battle."

Tower has been battling allegations of excessive drinking and

womanizing, as well as questions about possible conflict of interest stemming from the hundreds of thousands of dollars he earned as a defense consultant earlier in the decade.

Dole also said the White House is at work preparing a summary of the confidential FBI file on Tower that can be released to the public in hopes of demonstrating that allegations against him are baseless.

The committee roll call transformed what had been a debate over Tower's fitness into a fierce partisan battle over a president's right to pick the members of his own Cabinet, and Dole made clear the stakes involved for Bush.

"This is the president's first controversial vote and I think he has a right to expect all of us to support him," he said of the Republicans.

At the same time he said, "I hope there's no party effort to line up every Democrat against John Tower."

He said a pitched partisan battle could "be an end to the honey-

moon for both Georges — the president and Senate Majority Leader Mitchell, D-Maine."

One Democrat on Bush's list of possible votes is Sen. Howell Heflin of Alabama. Another was Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, a senator from Texas who introduced his former colleague warmly at his confirmation hearing several weeks ago. Both men told reporters they were undecided on the nomination and would make up their minds after reading the FBI report.

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Senior citizens who need to keep medical appointments, shop for groceries or run other errands are reminded that transportation is available through the Senior Citizens Center.

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Senior citizens who would like to take advantage of the service can make arrangements by calling the Senior Center office at 573-4035. If they need transportation during morning hours, they should call the center the day before. For afternoon rides, they need to call the center by noon of the day they wish to go.

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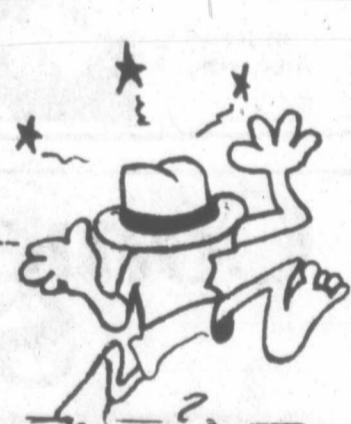
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Dusters co-champs!

Tourney seeding still unknown

Western Texas' Lady Dusters are conference co-champions this morning and hoping to find out about the No. 1 seed into the Region V Tournament.

"It's great," said Coach Kelly Chadwick. "It's really something to be champions in a league that is this competitive."

Western Texas and Odessa tied for championship status in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJAC) with 9-3 records. At question is which team will be the conference's No. 1 seed in the Feb. 28-March 2 Region V Tournament.

The WJAC utilizes a power-rating system to decide such issues. But in the first tiebreaker - how the teams have done against their opponents - the teams remain even. Western and Odessa both split with Frank Phillips and New Mexico Junior College, and with each other. The second tiebreaker - head-to-head - also ends deadlocked.

"I would think they would have to have a coin flip," said South Plains' Lyndon Hardin, women's conference representative.

A coin flip may also have to occur to determine third and fourth place since New Mexico JC and Frank Phillips are both 8-4. Those teams also traded wins with Western Texas and Odessa, and South Plains, and split with each other.

The seeding arrangement for the Region V Tournament pits the WJAC's No. 1 seed against the Northern Conference No. 4, the No. 2 West team versus the No. 3 North squad, the No. 3 West team against the No. 2 North squad and the No. 4 West team against the No. 1 North squad.

Local officials were unavailable Saturday morning. Coach Chadwick left on a recruiting trip and WTC Athletic Director Dave Foster was in Roswell, N.M., where the Westerner golf team was playing in the Bronco Invitational.

The WJAC wrapped up its regular season Friday night with Frank Phillips defeating Odessa 102-76. The Northern Conference was scheduled to complete regular-season action Saturday evening.

The Region V Tournament is scheduled to tipoff at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Waco. First-round games have been tentatively set for 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Highlander Gym on the McLennan Community College campus. First-round pairings will be available when final seeding is determined.



CO-CHAMPS AND REGIONAL BOUND - Western Texas College's Lady Dusters, co-champions of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, are preparing to play in the women's Region V Tournament Tuesday in Waco. Team members are, left to right, front row, Bobbie Brown, Tami Wilson, Nickey Allen, Jackie Harris, and second row, Elayne Maddox, and back row, Tabitha Walton, Julie Roewe, manager Estefana Arteaga, Coach Kelly Chadwick, manager Holly Page, Stacy Smith and Valery Jackson. (SDN Staff Photo)

And the goal is to win it...

Dusters bound for Region V Tournament

By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Sports Editor

There's something about the tradition, the coaching, the college itself. Girls who put on the uniform of the Western Texas College Lady Dusters set high goals.

More than any other college in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, Western Texas is the standard for excellence in women's basketball. The Dusters have qualified for the Region V Tournament 14 of the last 15 years, including this year's version, scheduled to tipoff Tuesday in Waco. During those years, the Dusters have finished lower than second only one time in the WJAC.

No question. You learn to set high goals if you play for Coach Kelly Chadwick. A reasonable one for the Dusters this year might have been to finish in the top four and advance to the regional tournament. After all, South Plains was picked as the pre-season favorite and Frank Phillips and New Mexico Junior

College were both ranked in the nation's top 20 early.

But reaching regionals is not a reasonable goal if your name is Julie Roewe or Nickey Allen, co-captains of the team.

"Our goal wasn't just to get there, but to win it," says Roewe, a 5-9 sophomore from Haskell and one of the top defensive players in the conference.

And they'll get their chance. Once again, Western Texas is back in the Region V Tourna-

ment.

The tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at Highlander Gym on the McLennan Community College campus in Waco - site of the Lady Dusters 1986-87 regional championship. Details of the tournament were being worked out by officials over the weekend. A tournament bracket is expected to be released Monday morning.

That the Dusters came back so

strong in 1989 is a tribute to WTC tradition. Western was coming off of a bewildering 1987-88 season when the team was forced to forfeit its final eight games. Had misfortune not dominated in the form of grade problems, homesickness and discipline, the prospects were looking good for the Dusters to better their previous season performance of fourth in the national tournament.

But that misfortune only made this season's squad more determined.

"We were pretty much frustrated by it," said Allen, a 5-11 All-American prospect from Amarillo. "We made up our minds that we would come out and take our revenge, I guess."

Rallying from an abbreviated season, the Dusters not only got back in the regional tournament, but finished as co-champions in the conference.

Allen leads the team in scoring and rebounding with figures of

17.8 points and 9.4 boards an outing. Roewe, who also contributes 7.5 points and 4.6 rebounds, leads in assists with a 6.3 average. But having just two good players on a team in the WJAC isn't good enough.

"Basically it's been teamwork. Teamwork and hard work," said Allen on how the Dusters have achieved success this season.

"Everybody contributes," Roewe added.

Versatile sophomore Stacy Smith moved to the point-guard position at mid-season and has been an all-around threat, averaging 8.1 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.8 steals and 3.3 assists. Tabitha Walton, a sophomore from Beaumont, has been a key player off the bench for the Dusters as the season has progressed. Elayne Maddox, the team's other sophomore, is a strong inside rebounder.

Two of the top newcomers in the conference are WTC freshmen Valery Jackson and Tami Wilson. Jackson, 5-10 from Morton, is a game-player who attacks her opponent. Tough at either the wing or point, she averages 7.5 points a game.

Wilson is the starting low post for the Dusters, averaging 12.3 points, 9.2 rebounds and 3.2 blocked shots a game. She is 5-11, from Seagraves.

Ready to step in at any time are Bobbie Brown, a 5-11 sharpshooting freshman from Jayton who plays the wing, and point-guard Jackie Harris, a 5-6 Rising Star standout.

"I feel like we have worked hard and I think we have a good chance to win it," said Roewe. "As far as the competition goes, the best teams down there are usually from our conference and we believe we can beat them."

If the Dusters' dream of winning a Region V crown is realized, they'll have another goal. The winner goes on to the NJCAA National Tournament.

WJAC women

Team	Conf.	Season
Western Texas	9 3	22 8
Odessa College	9 3	20 8
Frank Phillips	8 4	25 5
New Mexico JC	8 4	24 6
South Plains	6 6	18 11
Howard College	2 10	12 18
Clarendon College	0 12	4 20

Basketball future looks good for Snyder High School boys

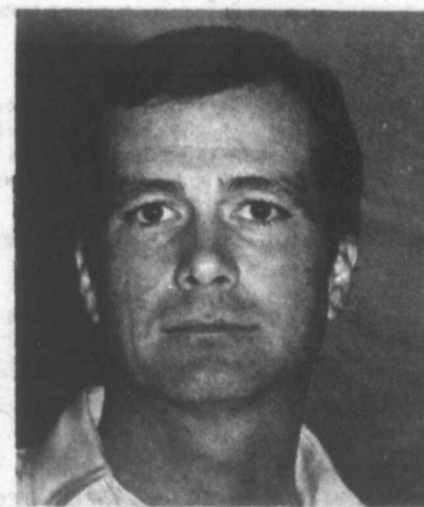
Coach Larry Scott says if his underclassmen will work hard the 1989-90 season one looks like a promising one for Snyder High School boys' basketball.

"A lot depends on what the kids do between now and next year, especially in the summer and in off-season. They still have a lot of skills they can develop. If they work hard it should be real promising for next year," the coach said this week.

Snyder wrapped up the 1988-89 season last week with five straight wins, a third place finish in District 4-4A and a 17-10 record overall. Early season injuries and a tough road schedule that included 13 straight hampered the team's progress and momentum, however.

Coach Scott said the Tigers took the obstacles in stride.

"Every team probably has (see TIGERS, page 7A)



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Group says kids face cancer risk from chemicals on food

WASHINGTON (AP) — A private environmental group contends in a new report that preschool children are consuming cancer-causing chemicals in fruits and vegetables at levels that expose them to health risks many times greater than the government considers safe.

The findings by the National Resources Defense Council were immediately challenged by the Environmental Protection Agency, which said in a statement Friday that health risks to children are taken into account when setting allowable chemical residue levels.

The National Resources Defense Council, a group specializing in environmental and health matters that has criticized government policy in numerous areas, is scheduled to announce its findings at a news conference Monday. An executive summary of the report was obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

Janet Hathaway, one of the authors, declined to comment on the two-year study except to say, "Our work definitively shows there is a greatly increased risk to children from chemicals in their diets."

The summary, concludes that preschoolers are at an increased risk because they consume many times more in fruits and vegetables than adults relative to their weight and are more vulnerable to the effects of toxic chemicals.

The summary said the authors had concluded, after analyzing consumption data and allowable residues of eight carcinogenic chemicals on 27 fruits and vegetables, that as many as 5,500 to 6,200 youngsters among the current population of preschoolers "may eventually get cancer solely as a result of their exposure (to the chemicals) before six years of age."

This represents, the report continued, a risk of at least five people in 20,000 getting cancer because of their exposure before the age of 6 years, much higher than the one in one million considered allowable by the EPA in its risk analysis formula.

Critics of the study said it raises false fears among parents. "It's voodoo statistics. This has nothing to do with the realities of disease," said Dr. Elizabeth Whelan, executive director of the American Council on Science and Health.

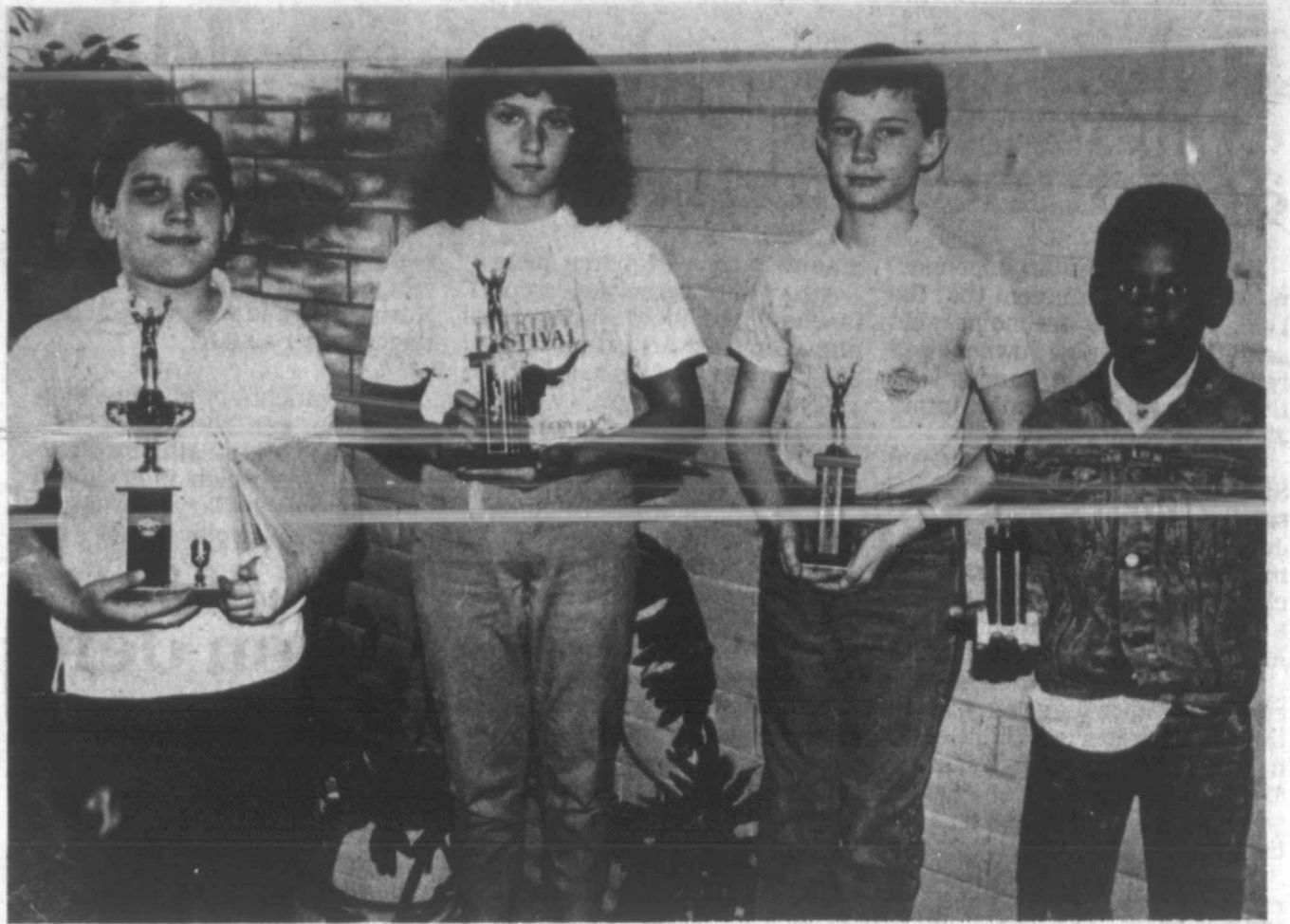
There "is no evidence of even

one case of human cancer in children and adults being linked to exposure to the minute pesticide residues in food," said Dr. Whelan in a telephone interview. She maintained there are greater health risks in not using the pesticides.

The environmental group's study concludes that the typical preschooler receives four times greater exposure on average than adult women to eight carcinogenic pesticides the group evaluated and that in some cases the increased exposure is as much as 18 times that of adults.

The group's conclusions were based on fruit and vegetable consumption figures from the Agriculture Department and on levels of pesticide residues found on 27 fruits and vegetables according to the Food and Drug Administration and the EPA, the study said.

Preschoolers eat six times as much fruit in general, seven times as much grapes, apples and apple sauce and 18 times as much apple juice as an adult.



EAST BEE WINNERS—These four students won the Spelling Bee held at East Elementary on Tuesday morning. From left they are, Jason York, first place, sixth grader and son of Larry and Keta York; Jennifer Featherston, second place, fifth grader and daughter of Daylon Featherston; Kyle

Lewis, third place, sixth grader and son of Ronnie and Becki Lewis; and Marlowe Riggins, fourth place, fifth grader and son of Bella Taylor. Only York and Featherston will advance to the county Spelling Bee set for March 3. Lewis and Riggins will serve as alternates. (SDN Staff Photo)

Deep south reported in deep freeze

by The Associated Press — The Deep South shivered Friday with unaccustomed temperatures only in the teens that coated highways with ice and froze early spring blossoms, and a "nor'easter" lashed the East Coast with wind and snow.

Temperatures dropped to record lows from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico as arctic air surged southward. Miami hit a record low of 37, equalling the temperature at Minot, N.D.

Slippery roads were blamed for hundreds of accidents and schools were closed from Georgia to New Jersey. Three weather-related deaths were reported.

"All the roads are covered, we've got ice, and people are wrecking right and left," said Officer Dennis Anders of the

Alleghany County, N.C., Sheriff's Department.

Temperatures fell into the teens across parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia — with wind chills below zero — just over a week after record highs in the 70s and 80s brought peach trees and daffodils into premature bloom.

Record lows included 16 degrees at Birmingham, Ala.; 19 at Mobile, Ala., on the Gulf Coast; and 28 at New Orleans. Atlanta tied its record of 17. Grand Rapids, Mich., hit a record 9 below zero.

Shelters in Birmingham, Ala., opened their doors to people needing a warm place for the night. "Anyone can come in as long as they don't cause problems," said police community service officer Alton Morgado.

The cold was especially noticeable to tourists.

"It's probably warmer in New York," Kristin Horne, 28, said in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "I didn't bring any warm clothes to Florida. We couldn't even go to the beach today and it looks like this weekend we'll have to drink and stay warm somehow."

Tourists in Florida should be happier after a warming trend begins Saturday. It is expected to push temperatures into the 70s statewide by Monday, said the National Weather Service.

In addition to the cold, a low pressure system that formed off the coast of the Carolinas threw snow from North Carolina to New Jersey. The storm center, spinning counterclockwise, raked its wind across the coast out of the northeast, earning it the label of

a "nor'easter."

Wind gusted to 59 mph near Cape Hatteras, N.C., and the state shut down six of the seven ferries it operates along the coast.

Roads through North Carolina were covered with snow, with up to 8 inches at higher elevations, and up to 7 inches fell in parts of eastern Virginia.

The cold threatened some crops in the South.

At Plant City in central Florida, where an annual strawberry festival is planned to open March 2, farmers struggled to shield their plants.

Peach growers in Alabama burned tires and coal in orchards during the night to protect trees against the cold, but said it was too early to determine the extent of damage.

Financial Focus

Many elderly couples receiving Social Security benefits are confused by current laws that could tax a portion of that income. Adding to that confusion, tax-exempt interest, which municipal bonds pay, is included in calculating the amount of income received. This may require you to pay federal income tax on a portion of your Social Security benefits.

There is, however, good news because it's estimated that fewer than 10 percent of Social Security recipients must report any benefits to the IRS. Most retirees' total income is too low to qualify.

Here's how the law works. If you receive benefits, the Social Security Administration mails you Form 1099-SSA, similar to the W-2, which shows all your Social Security income for the year. It's up to you to compute the total of your adjusted gross income, tax-exempt income and one-half of your Social Security income for the year. If you're filing a joint return and this total exceeds \$32,000 (\$25,000 for an individual return), half your Social Security is taxable. If it doesn't meet these limits, your Social Security benefits are not taxed.

An investor recently complained, "I bought municipal bonds for tax-free income. Now I must pay taxes on that income." That's incorrect. The tax-exempt income is used only to determine if you're required to pay taxes on Social Security. The tax-free income remains free of all federal taxes. The tax on Social Security benefits was not intended, nor does it, remove the benefits of tax-free income.

On the surface, this could appear as an additional tax on income regardless of the source. Actually, it's not. The additional tax, if you qualify to pay it, is on Social Security income only. Income from other taxable sources, such as corporate bonds, certificates of deposit, rental income and the like are subject to the same federal income taxes as before. The interest on tax-free bonds continues to remain free of tax liability. Under no circumstances will retirees pay more taxes on Social Security benefits simply because they earn money from tax-exempt securities rather than taxable investments.

If you're receiving Social Security benefits and still enjoy a relatively high income, don't be deceived into believing tax-free income can no longer benefit you. Consult a professional and learn the facts. Don't be misled by the myths.

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- Tossed Salad
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- Harvard Beets
- Marinated Raw Vegetables
- Fruited Jello Chiffon
- THURSDAY**
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- Cabbage
- Carrot-Raisin Salad
- Banana Pudding
- FRIDAY**
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- Mixed Greens
- Creamy Coleslaw
- Pineapple Cobbler



WEST BEE WINNERS—These two girls emerged as the winners in the Spelling Bee held at West Elementary Thursday morning

after nearly two hours of competition. Elizabeth McCloskey, sixth grade teacher and Spelling Bee coordinator, is pictured with Tiffany Jones, left, first place, sixth grader and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dan Jones, and Jan-

nica Northern, second place, fifth grader and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Corky Northern. Both girls will advance to the county Spelling Bee held on March 3. (SDN Staff Photo)

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CENTRAL BEE WINNERS—These three Central students won the top three places in the Spelling Bee held at their school Wednesday morning. Winners from left are, John Baez, first place, fifth grader and the son of Blas and Lidia Baez; Lionel

Aviles, second place, sixth grader and son of Saul and Cruz Aviles; and Sandra Tippens, alternate; sixth grade and daughter of Kay Tippens. Baez and Aviles will advance to the county Spelling Bee on March 3. (SDN Staff Photo)

Aide says governor supports \$279 million franchise tax bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements supports a bill to raise \$279 million in franchise taxes, but the measure does not violate his no-new-taxes stand because it would effectively free money that has been frozen by a legal challenge, a top Clements aide said Friday.

The bill — expected to be on the House floor next week — “is part of the loophole-plugging program,” said Mike Toomey, the governor’s deputy chief of staff. The measure would bring \$279 million to the state through 1991.

The governor’s office also is participating in discussions on proposed legislation to gain another \$736 million for Texas coffers through 1991 in addressing insurance tax challenges, but Clements hasn’t thrown his support behind that proposal, Toomey said.

“I don’t think anybody has decided the best way to go,” Toomey said. “His (Clements’) position is he wants a solution. He is not wedded to any particular option at this point.”

The legislation was prompted by lawsuits challenging state tax laws. The state comptroller did not certify for use by the Legislature in 1990-91 money that is disputed in the cases.

The corporate franchise tax bill sped through the House Ways

and Means Committee on Thursday. It is expected to be scheduled for House debate next week as part of an effort to put it into effect quickly, said Mike Millsap, executive assistant to House Speaker Gib Lewis.

“I think most members realize the necessity for identifying measures like this early in the session and moving them forward,” Millsap said. If the bill took effect by the tax payment date of March 15, that would yield \$90 million to the state this fiscal year alone.

The bill, in part, would prevent companies from making certain adjustments in the taxes they pay on Texas gross receipts. Currently, a corporation figures its tax base nationwide and allocates a portion to Texas.

Senator represents man that is charged with fraud

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Ike Harris, an attorney and member of a Senate subcommittee investigating the State Board of Insurance, said he sees no conflict in his representing a man under investigation by the Insurance Board, the Austin American Statesman reported Friday.

Harris, R-Dallas, represents Franks James Riley of Houston, who is fighting attempts by the insurance agency to revoke his license to sell insurance, the newspaper reported.

Harris, a 22-year veteran of the Senate, said “there is nothing wrong with me representing anyone before a state agency,” including Riley.

The Insurance Board’s staff

says Riley’s license should be revoked on grounds of fraud, “dishonest acts,” and “demonstrated lack of trustworthiness or competence to act as an insurance agent.”

Riley also is a defendant in a lawsuit filed by the Insurance Board’s receiver. The suit charges Riley and others drove Dexter Lloyds Insurance Co. of Houston into insolvency through fraud and other acts of wrongdoing. Riley and the other defendants have denied the allegations.

Harris serves on a Senate State Affairs subcommittee that is looking into charges the Insurance Board has failed to adequately oversee the insurance industry and has done little to stop fraudulent activities.

Neither Harris, nor Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock and chairman of the State Affairs Committee, returned messages left by The Associated Press.

Harris said he had not told

Montford he represented Riley. “I haven’t talked to Montford about any of my clients, just like he doesn’t talk to me about any of his clients,” he told the American-Statesman.

Senior Citizens Travel Club will meet Thursday

The Senior Citizens Travel Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior Center and invites interested senior citizens to attend.

A trip to Sagerton for the Hee Haw show is being planned in April. Also in the planning stage is a trip or trips to Palo Duro Canton to see “Texas” and possibly a trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

The Al Ballard band will play for a dance in the Senior Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Browning band will play in the center’s dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The Kitchen Band will go to Fort Woods in Colorado City for a performance starting at 6 p.m. Saturday. The band will play at Snyder Nursing Home at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Sunshine Choir will rehearse at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

A modified exercise class meets in the center at 11 a.m. each morning. The swimnastics group meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Western Texas College swimming pool. Bowlers meet at Snyder Lanes at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and a reducing exercise class for women meets at 3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Senior citizens who have birthdays in March are reminded of the birthday party to be hosted by McDonalds at 2:30 p.m. on March 7. Senior citizens who need transportation to the center for the party or other activities can make arrangements by calling the office at 573-4035.

Adams’ parole denied

AUSTIN (AP) — The Board of Pardons and Parole Friday denied parole for Randall Dale Adams, whose conviction for the 1976 slaying of a Dallas police officer was questioned last year by a judge and in the movie “The Thin Blue Line.”

Citing the nature of the crime and use of a weapon in it, the board voted 2-1 to deny parole, said board spokeswoman Karin Armstrong.

Adams has always maintained he was innocent of the 1976 shooting of Dallas police officer Robert Wood. Originally sentenced to death in the killing, Adams’ sentence was commuted to life in 1980 and he has been in jail for 12 years.

Adams attorney, Randy Schaffer of Houston, blasted the parole board’s decision, saying he was tired of “having to apologize to him (Adams) and his mother for the lack of justice in Texas.”

He said the board routinely paroles convicted killers who have served fractions of their sentences but is “absolutely unable to respond to the case on an innocent man.”



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The Family of Sallie Blythe



SPELLERS — Spelling champions at Snyder Junior High School scheduled to represent the school in a county-wide spelling bee March 3 are seventh-graders Maria Rodriguez and James Graham. (SDN Staff Photo)

Federal Reserve Board...

Lending rate said boosted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board on Friday dramatically escalated its fight against inflation by raising its key bank lending rate to the highest level in three years to dampen upward pressure on prices.

The Fed's action was a repudiation of recent Bush administration claims that price increases haven't been serious enough to warrant higher interest rates. Private analysts said the move was long overdue and should have been stronger.

The central bank raised the discount rate, the fee it charges for short-term loans to member banks, from 6.5 percent to 7 percent. The action was approved on a 6-1 vote with board member Martha Seger dissenting.

Boosting the discount rate is the most dramatic signal the central bank can send of its intention to push interest rates higher to slow economic growth and thus restrain inflation.

In a terse announcement of its action, the Fed said the discount rate was increased "in the light of inflationary pressures in the economy."

The central bank has been implementing less dramatic, behind-the-scenes moves to tighten credit since March. Those efforts have already pushed a variety of short-term interest rates up by about 3 percentage points.

Analysts predicted that various rates, including those for home mortgages and auto loans, will be headed still higher as a result of the new action.

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Coastal extends stock offer

HOUSTON (A) — Coastal Corp., looking for time to consider what to do next in its quest to buy Texas Eastern Corp., said Friday it had extended its \$2.6 billion offer for the natural gas company even though it is less than Panhandle Eastern Corp.'s offer.

The new deadline for Coastal's \$42-a-share offer, which had expired at midnight Thursday, is at midnight March 10, company spokesman Jim Bailey said.

"What this extension does is preserve our options. It gives us time to review the courses of action that are available to us, which include raising the offer," Bailey said.

Houston-based Coastal's initial offering period began Jan. 17 and expired Feb. 13. It was extended for 10 more days through Thursday.

Texas Eastern, which had rejected Coastal's hostile takeover offer, on Monday accepted a \$3.2 billion offer to merge with Panhandle Eastern. That company's offer expires March 20.

If the merger is approved, the combination of Panhandle Eastern and Texas Eastern would create a 27,000-mile system and result in the nation's second-largest pipeline company in terms of total miles, Panhandle Eastern officials have said.

Both companies also are based in Houston.

Under the agreement executed Monday, Panhandle Eastern began a cash tender offer Tuesday for up to 80 percent of Texas Eastern's 60.8 million outstanding shares at \$53 a share. Those shares not purchased under the cash offer will be exchanged for Panhandle Eastern stock at the same \$53-a-share value, according to the agreement.

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Britain: other countries to pull envoys from Iran

LONDON (AP) — A British official today said other countries have agreed to join the 12 Common Market nations in withdrawing their ambassadors from Iran to protest its death threat against novelist Salman Rushdie.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the foreign secretary, said Canada, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Finland, "and a number of other countries" he did not name had decided to remove their top envoys from Tehran.

He spoke in a British Broadcasting Corp. radio interview from Tokyo, where he attended the funeral of Emperor Hirohito and met with representatives of other nations to ask support of the diplomatic moves engineered by Britain.

The nations mentioned made no announcement of their own in Tokyo, and there was no immediate reaction from their capitals.

Rushdie, who was born a Moslem in Bombay, India, is a naturalized British citizen who now lives in London. He has been hiding under police protection since Iran's leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, called on others last week to kill him, saying his novel "The Satanic Verses" blasphemes Islam. Iranian clerics offered a bounty of up to \$5.2 million for Rushdie's death.

Official sources said Friday that Britain had asked Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to press Iran to renounce its death threat when he meets Khomeini during a visit to Iran today.



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Family Comes to India



VISIT INDIA—Barbara McCormick and her son, Charlie, who are pictured in the center wearing flower leis, visited India recently as part of a Church of Christ sponsored missionary group. This picture was taken on the second Sunday of their visit. This village of Chernovaca is located a short distance from Bhimavaram. Some of the villagers had attended church services with the McCormicks and some just gathered around because they were curious about the American missionaries. (Family Photo)

For a brief few weeks starting in December of 1988 and ending just shortly after the New Year, Barbara McCormick and her son, Charlie, a sophomore at Abilene Christian College, bridged the gap between two very different cultures as they visited in India as part of a Church of Christ sponsored mission.

It was an adventure of a lifetime, as she describes it, to include one tense confrontation after rioting broke out in the strife-torn country.

The seed for this adventure was planted when Don Browning, former minister at East Side Church of Christ, asked Mrs. McCormick if she and her son wanted to participate in a mission group he was putting together for a holiday visit to In-

all and 718 were damaged, Mrs. McCormick said.

As they were driving through the troubled territory some two weeks later, she said "it looked like a war zone. The mob surrounded the bus we were in and tried to burn it, but Samuel who is a respected member of Parliament and the Congress Party, talked them out of it," she said.

During another incident a sari shop was burned in Bhimavaram, one of the towns the McCormicks stayed in, and the national police had to be called in because several businesses were burned.

Mrs. McCormick said that while they were in that part of India it was under both marshal law and a strict curfew.

Rules of the curfew meant that

were supposed to stay at the compound where they lived for a time Mrs. McCormick said the Samuels decided to dress up the Americans in disguises and sneak them out of the compound. They were placed on scooters and driven to a Lutheran church in another part of the city. She said they were never really afraid while this was happening, but that their "hearts raced." The scooters were driven without lights on and the missionaries were taken through alleys and along the canal. Also, the ratio was six college age males to every two females for the protection of the group, she said.

The women missionaries spoke to the group who had gathered at the church and since the church was located on private property the curfew did not apply.

She said that wherever they went, flower leis were given to them and chairs were provided for their comfort.

"It was a most exciting time," Mrs. McCormick said. They left before the program was over and the same subterfuge was applied to sneak them back to the compound.

On another night, Samuel decided to take the missionary men to an agency and the missionary women were sneaked out, using the same method, to another home in the city.

On another occasion, Samuel took the missionary group to the Lombardi region. Samuel had gotten permission for them to stay out past the curfew.

Samuel took them to a village which had about 40 inhabitants in all who wanted to be baptized. She said the children were somewhat frightened of them because they had never seen

"All you have to do is take out a camera and they (Indian people) would all start coming around us."

dia. They both agreed enthusiastically.

The McCormicks were the first persons from Snyder to participate in one of the mission trips to India, but it was Browning's 14th trip in all.

Nine adults participated in the mission trip in all including the McCormicks. They were joined by Johnson Samuel who has been studying in the U.S. Mrs. McCormick first became involved with the Samuel family (M.J. and Joshi Samuel) several years ago when they visited in Snyder and for the past 18 years the East Side Church of Christ congregation has supported the Samuels' missionary work in India.

The McCormicks and others returned to their respective homes at the end of the trip, but Samuel remained in India in order to help his parents with their work.

Mrs. Samuel runs a private school with some 200 students in all and the women in the missionary group taught lessons there every day, Mrs. McCormick said.

She said the Indian people were fascinated to see the foreign visitors. "They pressed their faces next to the window trying to get a look at us and the Indian children love to have their picture taken with foreign visitors. All you have to do is take out a camera and they would all start coming around us," Mrs. McCormick said.

The tense moments of the trip were credited to the political unrest of the country.

The day after Christmas the group members were to teach the Indian children. Within a half-mile of the compound where they stayed, they learned that an Indian who had been fasting in public had had his head cut off. During the trouble which followed some 744 buses were burned in

only one person could walk down the street at a time and no big trucks were allowed. It was also thought that the sight of Americans might set the people off. Only private cars could be driven, public transportation was not allowed during curfew.

Andhra Pradesh was the only area of India affected by the riots during the time they were visiting in India, and she said it was kept under curfew and foreign missionaries were advised to stay in the compound where they were living.

Mrs. McCormick said that while she and her son were never in any real danger they did have some "heart pounding experiences" and they were really worried about family in the U. S.

"The mob surrounded the bus we were in...."

who did not know what was really going on with the missionary group in India.

The missionaries were advised not to make phone calls because all phones were tapped, and not to mail any letters or keep any journals. They were not to mention the baptisms the group was performing or discuss their situation in India. This precaution was taken as much for the safety of the Samuel family who live and work in India as for the visiting missionaries.

However, Mrs. McCormick said that before she got the word about the news blackout of their trip, she direct dialed a call to her husband, Junior, in Snyder. At first she felt very proud at her ac-

"...it looked like a war zone."

complishing this all by herself, but when she was informed of the news blackout and the reason for it she said it changed her perspective.

Mrs. McCormick stressed that they were never afraid and felt secure throughout the visit.

She said they were treated warmly and they did manage to carry out the purpose of their visit, but a little subterfuge had to be arranged. Even though they

white people before. She said this region was very dry and only yielded one rice crop each year. The villagers worked in the fields. While visiting in the fields, the missionaries saw a cobra hole, she said.

Several of the villagers were baptized that day and she said that Samuel dunked some of them two and three times to be sure that they were fully immersed. This was necessary because the Indian women had never been fully immersed in water before and since they did not know how to hold their breath, she said they would start sputtering and try to surface too soon. In India the men have to go into the canal water to wash the

water buffalo who have no pores and have to be washed every day. Mrs. McCormick said that each villager decided for themselves whether to be baptized or not, but that if you can convert the leader then the rest of the village usually follows.

She said that as soon as she took out her camera a crowd began to gather. After the baptisms were completed, she said

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Alexander Jr. will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 2 to 5 p.m. March 5 in the Union Community Center. The celebration is hosted by their children, A.C. "Alec" and Nancy Alexander III and Ray and Vicki Slaton, all of Big Spring, and his mother, Mrs. A.C. (Minnie) Alexander Sr. of Dallas. All friends and relatives are invited to the reception. (Private Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY
 Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Noah Project support group for victims of family violence; 3:45 p.m. For more information, call 573-1822.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Boy Scout District Committee meeting; Snyder National Bank; 5:30 p.m.
 Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.
 Rebekah Lodge 294; lodge hall; 7:30 p.m.
 Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.
 New Choices Support Group; Park Club in Winston Park; 7 p.m. For co-dependency or adult children of alcoholics. Call 573-4837 or 863-2427 for information.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

TUESDAY
 Ladies Golf Association; tee time 9 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Business and Professional Women's Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
 TOPS TX56; weigh-in and meeting 7-8 p.m.; 2501 35th St.; for more information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
 Scurry County Genealogical Society; TU Electric Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited.
 Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
 New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY
 Snyder Christian Women's Club; prayer coffee; 10 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY
 Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.
 Knapp Extension Homemakers Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
 Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m. For more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext. 283.
 Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.
 Boy Scout Roundtable; Boys' Club; 7 p.m.
 Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; West Fire Station; 7 p.m.
 Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101 or 573-8626.

FRIDAY
 Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
 Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; The Shack.
 Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.
 ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
 Cornelius Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
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SATURDAY
 Diamond M Museum; open from 1-4 p.m.
 People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
 Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870.
 Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

Scurry Library News and Views

NEW ARRIVALS
 We have received copies of the Texas Bluebonnet Award books. The subject matter is as diverse as the reading audience.
 Popular author Patricia Beatty follows the adventures of a feisty 12-year-old boy during the Civil War in "Charley Skedaddle." Is he a deserter? A spy? Who is Granny Bent? Read this powerful story to find the answers.
 Newbery award-winning writer, Mildred Taylor looks at a closely knit black family's encounter with prejudice in "The

Gold Cadillac."
 For all reptile lovers, "Scaly Babies" by Ginny Johnston will be the book for you. Read about various reptiles growing toward maturity who, deadly when grown, are helpless babies at birth.
 "There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom" has both humorous and serious situations. Bradley is a bully, a monster, but the new school counselor sees a different side to him. Written by Louis Sachar, boys and girls alike should enjoy this story.



SOUVENIRS—Mrs. Junior (Barbara) McCormick of Snyder recently enjoyed a missionary trip to India with her son, Charlie, who is a sophomore at Abilene Christian University. She is wearing an Indian sari which she purchased and she is holding a medium size brass lunch pail. She said that India used to be famous for its brass, but that about five years ago stainless steel was introduced to that country and more recently they have turned to using basic plastic. She also said that she thinks that the sari is becoming a thing of the past in India because the young girls, like those 15 and younger, choose to wear more western style clothes such as jeans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Local relates tale of visit to India

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 they started the long trip back to the compound.
 Some man provided them with Limcas, which is a lemony flavored drink which satisfied their thirst. She said that later the man who had let them have the Limcas was beaten up by police. She added that they also ate "loose skins" fruit which was another good way to curb their thirst. "Loose skins" are similar to tangerines but they taste better, Mrs. McCormick said.
 On New Year's Eve the whole missionary group was returning to the compound around 11 p.m. after visiting another village when they encountered "some heart stopping trouble."
 "We saw soldiers everywhere and they were all screaming for us to stop. They tried to club the van the men were riding in, but missed and then they tried to hit our van. The police hit our driver

and they had a New Year Eve's service at midnight. Later Mrs. McCormick said she went across the street from the compound to get a picture of a candle with an unusual design on it. When the soldiers began to come by in their trucks she was immediately called back to the compound by Joshi Samuel.
 While in India, Mrs. McCormick said they slept under mosquito nets and that every room had an opening to allow birds to fly through.
 They visited during the winter season in India.
 Mrs. McCormick said they carried their own eating utensils with them because the Indian people eat with their fingers and their food is placed on banana leaves. She said the food in India is very good, but also very hot. However, she said that usually the milder dishes were served to them. The also ate a lot of meat dishes including beef, chicken, fish, pork and mutton.
 She said the Indian people usually eat only twice daily.
 When the group got ready to leave the Samuels she said there was some question as to whether the airplane they needed to get on was going to land or not so she said they rented two cars and drove the seven hour trip to Hyderabad. Naturally, she said that later they found out that the plane they needed had indeed made the trip, but she said that she did not regret the journey
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Too quick on the draw

It's not always best to draw trumps early. Suppose declarer ruffs the opening lead, goes to dummy and takes the heart finesse. West can win and continue spades, again forcing de-

clarer to ruff. After drawing trumps, declarer will not have time to set up a diamond trick. Declarer can prevail if he goes after diamonds before drawing a second round of trumps. The defenders will of course win the first diamond and force him to ruff. But when they win the second diamond, a trump is still in dummy to ruff a spade, and declarer's trumps are kept from being shortened further.

The really astute defender will trap declarer by allowing him to win the trick when the heart nine is initially led from dummy. When the finesse is repeated, West can win the king and continue spades. Further spade leads will shorten declarer's trumps.

What if declarer leads diamonds immediately, even before touching the trump suit? That may work. West will come in with the king of diamonds to play a second spade; then East will play a third spade when he wins the ace of diamonds. Now declarer is all right if he simply leads the queen or jack of hearts from his hand. If West wins, there is still a trump in dummy to handle a fourth round of spades. But if declarer crosses to dummy with a club to finesse the heart, West may calmly play low. Now South may greedily rush to dummy to finesse once again, and West can take the king and force declarer in spades to set the 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 Phoenix Books. © 1989, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

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ORADELL, N.J. (AP) — A cough that lasts longer than four weeks should not be ignored or suppressed with cough syrup.

Although often a result of inflammation following a cold, a cough can signal serious disease, including lung cancer, says Patient Care magazine. Once the underlying problem is identified, symptomatic treatment ranges from tea with brandy and honey to codeine.

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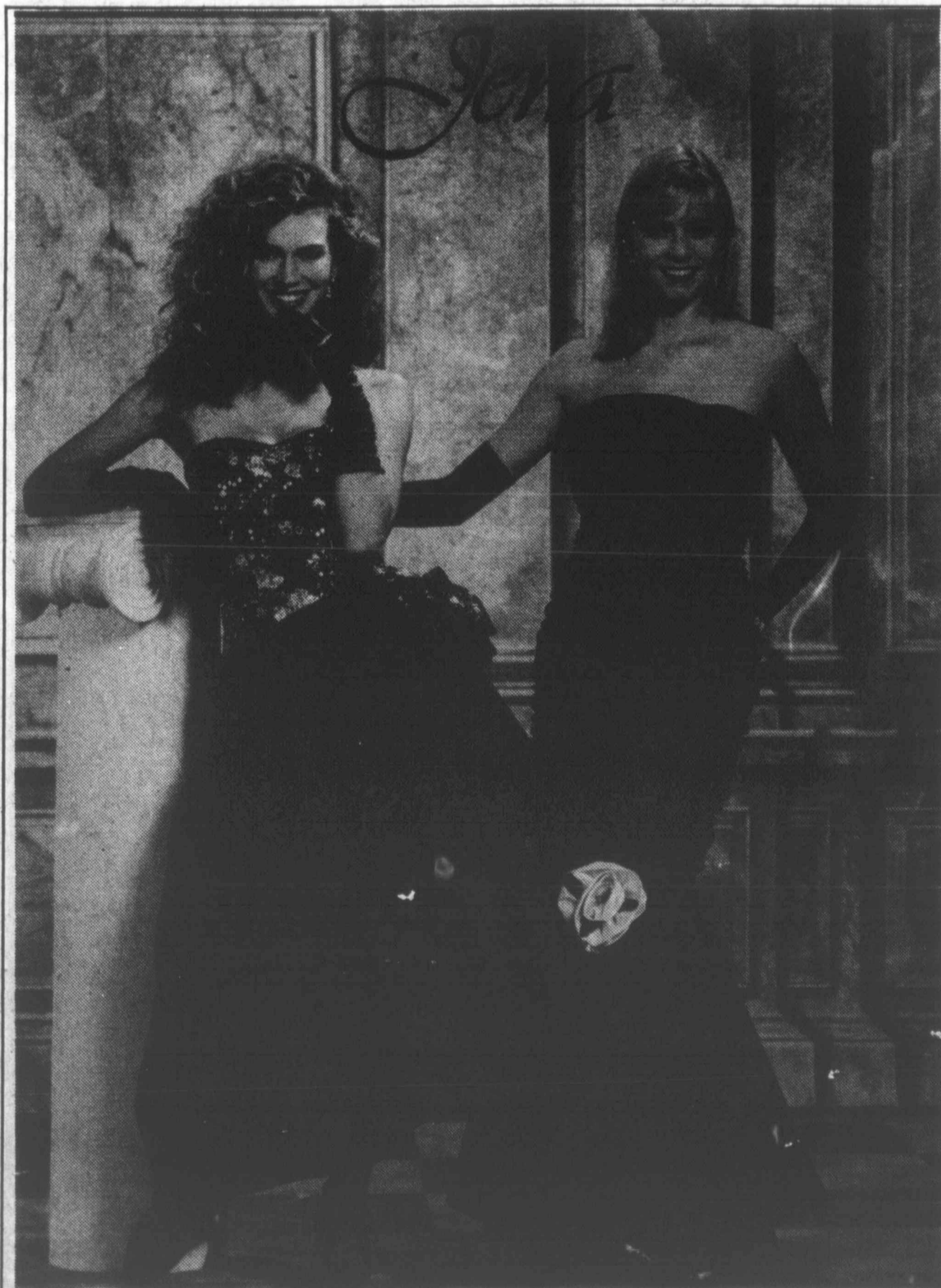
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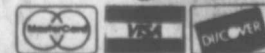
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Texas Tech has released the names of presidential finalists

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Six of 14 finalists for the top position at Texas Tech University have withdrawn themselves from consideration following the public release of the finalists' names.

State Attorney General Jim Mattox on Thursday ordered the school's board of regents by letter to release the list, citing previous court cases and attorney general opinions that mandated disclosure. Texas Tech's student newspaper, the University Daily, and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal requested an opinion from Mattox in January under the provisions of the Texas Open Records Act.

Board of Regents Chairman J. Fred Bucy declined to comment on the loss of the six candidates, which included Billy J. Franklin, president of Lamar University in Beaumont; Robert W. Lawless, chief financial officer of Southwest Airlines; Eugene J. McDonald, senior vice president for administration at Duke University; V. Lane Rawlins, vice chancellor for academic affairs of the University of

Alabama system; Richard D. Remington, visiting professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston; and James H. Woodward Jr., senior vice president of the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Tech officials said the six withdrew mostly out of fear that their current positions would be jeopardized by public disclosure.

Tech's board of regents have been searching for a new president since September after former President Lauro Cavazos accepted appointment as U.S.

Education Secretary under President Reagan. Bucy said he hopes the board will pick a new president by spring.

One of the eight remaining candidates, President Donald Zacharias of Mississippi State University, was here Friday as the first finalist to be interviewed on campus.

Before leaving Starkville, Zacharias again said that he was not actively seeking a new job.

"I have agreed to an interview on the Lubbock campus to explore our mutual interests," Zacharias said.

Local woman and son visit in India

Continued from Page 2B because the drive was through beautiful country.

Mrs. McCormick did say that while traveling in India she was "hassled" all the time because she was a woman and because she had a video camera. She was also frisked before being allowed to board a plane, sometimes as often as twice before being allowed to board a flight. She said that the average Indian citizen was not rude but that some openly said that they did not like to fly with Americans.

She said that she was never afraid to fly or to do anything while in India, but that she did worry about her family and friends back home and what they might be thinking because they did not know what the situation was.

From Hyderabad they flew to Bombay which is one of India's largest cities.

Mrs. McCormick said that a statement her son, Charlie, made seems to sum up their impression of India best of all. She said he said, "India is incredibly beautiful and India is incredibly ugly but the two cannot be separated."

As the missionary visit was winding down, Mrs. McCormick said that her son was to leave on Jan. 11 because he wanted to return home in time for college

classes. The original plan called for them to fly to Frankfurt, Germany where they were to stay for a couple of days of R&R. Charlie was then to fly home ahead of his mother and the rest of the group. However, the flight they were supposed to be on was diverted to Moscow before it arrived. Then when they did board their flight lasted 60 hours and during that time they could not sleep in a reclining position or make any phone calls. Mrs. McCormick said her husband and other children began to worry when Charlie did not arrive on the flight they had expected him on and since they had heard nothing from either of them they were afraid that they were being held in India and were not being allowed to leave.

Eventually, the McCormicks made it into New York City, but they missed their connecting flight to Dallas and had to spend the night there. The next day, they left for Dallas after they had quite a time trying to catch their connecting flight before it left without them. They were at one gate and their plane was several gates away making it necessary for them to run, all the while trying to tote heavy luggage.

Even though they missed their reservations in Frankfurt, Germany, Mrs. McCormick said they enjoyed every minute of their visit to India and would not mind doing it all again someday.

While en route to India back in December, Mrs. McCormick said that while they were parked at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany, they were situated next to the Pan Am Flight 103 which was later bombed, killing all persons on board.

Mrs. McCormick will return to the area next fall when he departs for a "Semester at Sea," which is sponsored by the University of Pittsburg.

Gun bill sent to governor of Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The governor has promised to sign a bill passed by the General Assembly that would make Virginia the first state in the nation to require instant criminal checks on buyers of some handguns and assault rifles.

The bill, passed Thursday by the Senate and the House of Delegates, requires criminal background checks of residents buying handguns with barrels shorter than 5 inches or assault rifles with ammunition clips of more than 20 rounds.

State police told legislators a computerized search for records of felony convictions could be made during the course of a phone call.

Out-of-state residents would have to submit to a more complicated background check that could delay a purchase up to a week.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.



Her symptoms are cause for worry

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother, 49, has mild to severe headaches all the time, has to carry paper towels around for her constant nosebleeds and has blood pressure around 150/110. Doctors can't find anything wrong. She also suffers from a heart condition, diabetes and thyroid. I'm concerned she'll have a stroke.

DEAR READER: Your concerns are justified.

First of all, your mother's blood pressure is too high. It should be below 140/90. Although she is not likely to have a stroke from blood pressure that is 150/110, I am sure that at times of stress or exertion, her blood pressure rises to dangerous levels — and those higher levels could predispose her to a stroke. Her moderately elevated blood pressure is probably causing a strain on her heart; however, I question if her hypertension is the major factor in her "heart condition."

Second, diabetes — a metabolic disease that leads to premature aging — adds risk. Diabetics have a higher incidence of stroke (and heart trouble) than do normal people. She must make sure that her diabetes is kept under good control with an appropriate diet and, if indicated, anti-diabetic medicine.

Third, thyroid disorders commonly affect the heart. Underactive and overactive thyroid glands, if untreated, can cause heart disease, which, in turn, can lead to heart failure and stroke.

Finally, the headaches and nosebleeds. Headaches, a common complaint that many individuals experience, can be the result of uncontrolled hypertension. The fact that your mother has constant, severe headaches may indicate that her body is responding adversely to her high blood pressure. Nosebleeds, too, can accompany hypertension, although most are due to tiny blood vessels in the nasal lining that rupture from injury or irritation. This can be cured by cautery, a procedure during which a physician electrically burns the bleeding blood vessel to stop it from leaking.

If the doctors "can't find anything wrong," they're missing the boat. In my opinion, plenty is wrong and your mother's various health problems need attention. She is a relatively young woman and deserves aggressive treatment of her various disorders.

I'm concerned that the variety of her complaints may be related. From your description of her general state of health, I'd worry that she is at risk of suffering permanent damage from one or more of her diseases. In my opinion, she should be under the care of an internist, a medical specialist trained in diagnosing and treating non-surgical afflictions. Ask her primary care doctor to refer her to an internist who can supervise and coordinate her treatment.

For more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." 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.

The letter was almost apologetic. In it, the director explained why the East Orange General Hospital (East Orange, N.J.) was raising its rates. It read:

"After careful study and consideration, a new schedule of charges was prepared which conforms favorably to the rates now in effect at neighboring hospitals. When conditions throughout the country stabilize, adjustments will be made accordingly.

Private room with bath: \$13 per day
Semi-private room: \$9 per day
Private ward: \$6.50 per day
Private operating room: \$20 (major); \$15 (minor)
Delivery room: \$20 (private); \$10 (general ward)
Routine laboratory: \$5 (private); \$2 (general ward)
Out-patient department: \$.75 per visit

These charges were to be effective Monday, Jan. 13, 1947.

I have another schedule of rates, dated Jan. 1, 1962, from St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. Here are a few comparative charges.

Private room: \$29 to \$49 per day
Ward bed: \$26 per day
Operating room: \$90 per hour (major); \$70 per hour (minor)
Complete blood count: \$9
Out-patient Department: \$3 per visit

I have a third document: an itemized bill for a patient who had a cataract removed on June 29, 1988 at our community hospital. The patient was hospitalized for 24 hours. The amount of the bill, EXCLUDING the surgeon's and anesthesiologist's fees, is \$3,077.90. This figure includes:

Semi-private room: \$350 per day
Operating room: \$854.50
Laboratory tests: \$185.40
"Anesthesia facility": \$204.25
No wonder medicine is going broke. Before you take me to task for unfairly and naively oversimplifying the financial complexities of modern surgical treatment, let me say that you ought to examine a hospital bill — any hospital bill — to determine what is really going on in our health care institutions. Doctors should analyze these bills but we rarely do, except when patients show them to us out of interest or astonishment. My patient had uncomplicated, relatively fast surgery. I think that by any criterion, \$3,000 is a whopping bill for a single day of hospitalization. What's more, the charges in our small hospital are probably significantly lower than they would be in a large, urban facility.

I don't understand all the entries on the bill. For example, I'm not knowledgeable enough about surgical equipment to judge the appropriateness of the \$924 charge for medical/surgical supplies. However, I do note the

following: The patient received two Tylenol tablets at a cost of 60 cents.

The "admission kit" (\$11) seems superfluous.

The patient was charged \$441 for various medicines, none of which he was given to take home with him.

I know darned well he didn't take a stethoscope home, but he was charged \$23 for one anyway.

Am I nit-picking? Sure. However, you have to see a hospital bill print-out in order to understand the direction the medical industry seems to be taking.

A good ophthalmologist can perform a cataract extraction and lens implant in half an hour. This means that the cost of the operating room must run more than \$1,700 per hour. You should be so lucky to invest in a rental property with that magnitude of return.

It's all too much: the nickle-and-dime, the \$7.40 charge for a mask (lg. adult), the \$120 syringe, the \$8 blood-drawing fee, the \$70 injection, the \$28 paper drape, the 30 cent Tylenol tablet, and the stethoscope, oh that stethoscope. How much of this are we to believe? How do we know that the patient received what the bill says he did? What about the stuff that wasn't used? Or spilled? Is the escalation of an operating room fee from \$20 to over \$1,000 and a semi-private room from \$9 to \$350 in keeping with the general economic rise in the past 40 years?

I don't know the answers to all these questions. Maybe nobody does. But I do know one thing: as long as doctors and patients avoid examining the figures, as long as the bills are automatically sent, unseen, to an insurance carrier, we're not going to be in control of the situation. And matters will get worse.

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Congressman: substantial non-fed funds available

WASHINGTON (AP) — India has already agreed to spend \$50 million toward construction of the super collider, and U.S. officials have discussed cost-sharing options with other nations, a Texas congressman told a House panel considering funding for the \$5.9 billion high-energy physics project.

Rep. Joe Barton testified that non-federal sources can provide a "substantial" chunk of the cost of building the super collider.

Barton, an Ennis Republican whose district includes the SSC site, said in addition to India, Texas has committed \$1 billion, and officials of Japan, Taiwan, Korea and several Western European nations have held preliminary cost-sharing discussions with U.S. officials.

President Bush has endorsed the super collider and recommended \$250 million be appropriated in next year's budget toward initial construction of what would be the largest scientific instrument ever built.

The Department of Energy has chosen a site south of Waxahachie for the 53-mile underground tunnel, but Congress last year agreed only to spend \$100 million on the project and decreed none of the money could be used for construction.

Robert O. Hunter Jr., director of the office of energy research at the Energy Department, said "several hundred million" is a minimum estimate of the foreign contributions to the project, but the exact sum won't be known for another year or two.

The project is expected to face tough funding challenges this year as Congress grapples with budget cuts to a host of programs as well as funding requests from other high-energy physics and basic research projects.

Barton Richter, director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, the world's highest energy electron accelerator, said there is a "real dilemma" in juggling funds between existing high-energy projects and construction of the super collider.

If those programs are not supported in the interim, by the time the SSC is built there won't be the scientists around to run it, Richter told the House subcommittee on energy research and development in testimony Thursday.

Leon M. Lederman, director of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois, also urged the panel not to abandon other high-energy projects during construction of the SSC.

Barton argued the project is vital to the country's world leadership in high energy physics.

"If we ultimately lose our leadership position in high-energy physics, we will lose our leading edge in world economics," Barton testified. He said he had seen estimates that show with construction of the SSC, superconductivity projects would generate a market of more than \$10 billion annually by the year 2000.

"Currently, fully one-third of the production making up our gross national product is based on knowledge of the atom," Barton testified.

He said the SSC will likely "provide technical innovations, educational discoveries, new medical treatments and commercial spinoffs undreamed of today."

Congress must authorize construction of the SSC this year if it is to be built by 1996 under the current funding schedule, Barton said.


SSC Laboratory director Roy F. Schwitters said after the hearing that he found the committee appeared to be supportive of the project.

Divorce filed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two weeks after their separation, "Moonlighting" star Cybill Shepherd has filed for divorce from her husband of nearly two years, chiropractor Bruce Oppenheim.

A divorce petition citing irreconcilable differences was filed Wednesday in Superior Court here, said publicist Cheryl Kagan.

Miss Shepherd and Oppenheim were married on March 1, 1987.



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VOLUNTEER FIREMAN — Darrell Doty, 24, is a Roby native who completed a nine-month course in diesel mechanics at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater and worked for Snyder Truck & Tractor and Western Pole Line before joining Snyder Independent School District as an electrician's helper four years ago. He has been a volunteer fireman here since last March. Doty's favorite hobbies are playing the guitar and deer hunting. His wife's name is Missy. (SDN Staff Photo)

George W. Bush hints at a run for Texas governor

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — George W. Bush, the president's oldest son, hinted at a possible run for governor at the Republican Party's annual Lincoln Day fund-raising dinner here.

"Right now it's time to look toward 1990 in our own state," Bush said. "And I know that there are cynics out there who are saying the boy wants to look to 1990 because he might have designs on higher office."

"I don't know what makes you think that, just because we are about to change the name of our twins to Dallas and Fort Worth." Bush, 42, a Dallas oilman, was the keynote speaker at Thursday's dinner, attended by about 500 Tarrant County Republicans, where he outlined his views on the state's strengths and weaknesses.

He hailed Texas' universities, right-to-work statute and lack of a state income tax.

"We Texans and we Republicans know that all the rhetoric about taxing the rich folks and the big corporations is hollow rhetoric, because we know the big boys can dodge and the little folks get stuck with the tab and we Republicans are not going to let that happen," he said.

But Bush said the state could use better secondary schools and greater diversity in its economy.

"I am afraid to tell you that Texas is in the clutches of mediocrity as far as secondary education goes," he told the

crowd gathered at the Worthington hotel.

"We've got to support our teachers. We've got to get our parents involved," he said. "Perhaps the idea of choice within a public school district makes sense."

He also lamented illiteracy and drug abuse among Texas' young.

Ex-astronaut presents flag

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Former U.S. astronaut James B. Irwin gave acting President Alfredo Fortin Inestroza a Honduran flag taken to the moon on a 1971 space mission.

"I'm here to share Christ with the people," said Irwin, 58, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel whose trip was sponsored by the Christian Embassy evangelical organization.

Irwin presented Fortin Inestroza with a tiny Honduran flag that he took on Apollo 15 and a copy of a book that relates "how my life was transformed by the trip to the moon," he told reporters at the presidential mansion.

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Sympathy from Senate panel...

Sullivan wins endorsement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and Republicans alike say they are concerned that the White House forced Health and Human Services Secretary-designate Louis Sullivan to forgo nearly \$300,000 he was entitled to from his medical school job.

"I feel what is being asked of you has not been asked of others in the past," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, which endorsed Sullivan on a 19-0 vote Thursday.

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., agreed, saying, "It is grossly unfair to him. ... My hope is we can reopen this issue with the White House."

The issue of Sullivan's severance pay from the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta came to light earlier this month when President Bush was trying to fend off ethical questions about several of his other top appointees.

Committee members said they think the White House overreacted and forced Sullivan to give up the severance pay even though he was entitled to the money and accepting it would not have violated any ethical rules.

At the time, Bush was on the defensive on ethics issues, with questions being raised about Defense Secretary-designate John Tower's relationships with defense contractors, White House ethics chief C. Boyden Gray's links to a communications corporation, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp's acceptance of speaking fees exceeding House limits, and Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter's acceptance of a lavish reception from a tobacco company.

Sullivan said during his confirmation hearing Wednesday that he decided to forgo the severance pay because conflict-of-interest questions were raised in news reports about the arrangement. He said such questions could hamper his effectiveness and damage the image of Morehouse.

"I felt it was more important to clear up those questions by the action I took," he said.

Donald Campbell, deputy director of the Office of Government Ethics, has said the office concluded that Sullivan was entitled to take the severance pay, but that he surrendered it before the opinion could be written.

The White House did not return calls for comment on the Senate's concerns Thursday.

Bentsen said after the hearing that it appeared the nominee's decision to forfeit the money "has been pressed on him," adding that Sullivan "is not in any kind of position to make that kind of sacrifice."

Bentsen suggested that the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee might look into the matter and, if appropriate, clarify that ethics rules were not intended to apply to the kind of contractual arrangement

Sullivan had with Morehouse.

The severance pay generated more interest among committee members than Sullivan's position on abortion, which had produced the most public controversy over Bush's only black Cabinet nominee.

In his opening statement to the committee, Sullivan said he holds the same views on the issue as Bush: "I am opposed to abortion, except when the life of the mother is threatened, or cases of

rape or incest."

He also said he supports an anti-abortion amendment to the Constitution with the same exceptions and would like to see the Supreme Court overturn its 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling that legalized abortion.

Sullivan apologized to Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., for having "misspoken" his position on abortion in a private meeting with the senator when he reportedly said he favored retaining Roe vs. Wade. He did not address remarks he made in an Atlanta newspaper that he supported abortion rights.

The first Mormon temple was dedicated in 1836 in Kirtland, Ohio.

Sears to close stores and to start slashing prices

CHICAGO (AP) — Sears, Roebuck & Co. will close its 825 stores for 42 hours next week to roll back prices on more than 1.5 billion pieces of merchandise, an unusual bid by the huge retailer to regain market share.

The stores will close from 6 p.m. Monday until noon Wednesday to cut the prices on clothes, hardware, appliances, furniture and other items to conform with Sears' new "everyday low price" strategy. Some prices, such as those on beds, will be cut in half, while most will be reduced by lesser amounts.

"We expect it to bring more customers into Sears, with more reasons to shop us than ever before," Michael Bozic, chairman of the Sears Merchandise Group, said Thursday.

Bozic also announced a television, print and mail advertising blitz to sell the concept to the public.

Sears, which reported a profit of \$1.45 billion on sales of \$50.25 billion last year, currently uses a strategy of frequent sales on

specific items to attract customers. Its new strategy, while not new among retailers, is seen as a move to help the company modernize its image and better compete with discount stores.

As part of the new pricing system, Sears promises to match the price of any competitor for brand-name goods advertised in newspapers.

Bozic said the strategy will improve the company's efficiency and reduce the cost of inventory, distribution and promotion. He said Chicago-based Sears also will run several sales each year.

"We will always have to clear goods," he said. "There will be the traditional efforts in July and after Christmas. (But) we will have a lot more time to look for extra special products to sell to customers."

As part of its restructuring, Sears said it also would offer about 1,000 name-brand items, which it will sell alongside its own Kenmore and Craftsman brands.

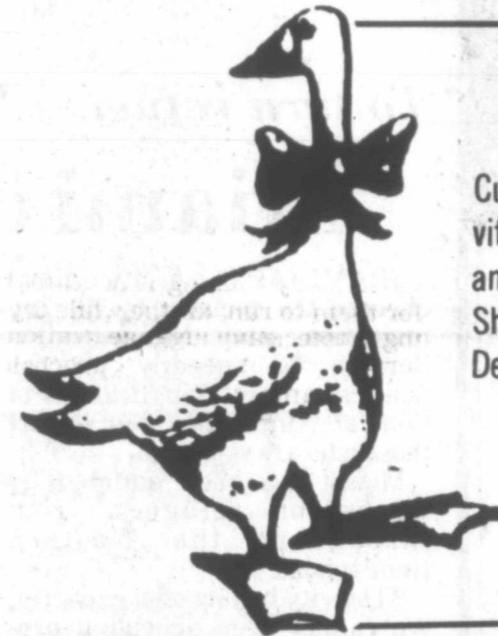
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State lawmaker questioned after woman's arrest

AUSTIN (AP) — The head of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus says he'll step down if other lawmakers want him to after he was questioned by police when a woman was arrested for allegedly having 25 pounds of marijuana.

Police said Thursday that Rep. Juan Hinojosa, a McAllen Democrat who heads the House caucus, was neither arrested nor being considered a suspect in the incident.

Rep. Al Luna, former caucus chairman, said it would not be a "healthy situation" for the incident to draw attention away from issues of importance to the caucus for weeks. He said Hinojosa should consider stepping aside if that happens.

But Luna, D-Houston, added that he would have no objection to Hinojosa remaining chairman "if it can all be cleared up, and nothing more said about it in a couple of days."

Responding to Luna, Hinojosa said that he thinks the incident is "being blown out of proportion."

But Hinojosa added, "I believe in democracy, and I think if a majority of caucus members want me to step down, I'll do so."

Hinojosa said he was questioned at the Austin airport after Cynthia Cazares of Weslaco, a woman who was going to share a ride downtown with him from the airport, was arrested Monday.

Ms. Cazares was charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony, said police

spokesman C.F. Adams. A drug-sniffing dog had alerted police to the luggage, he said, and Ms. Cazares gave police her consent to search it.

Contacted by telephone in Weslaco, Ms. Cazares declined to comment.

Hinojosa, a lawyer, told The Associated Press on Thursday that he was flying to Austin from Harlingen on a Southwest Airlines flight when he recognized Ms. Cazares, who also was on the plane. He said they were not seatmates.

Hinojosa said he had known Ms. Cazares and her husband for about a year. He said he thinks he first met them at a political rally.

After the plane landed at about 2:30 p.m. — half an hour after the House convened Monday — Hinojosa said, "I went up to her and started talking to her ... chit-chat."

Hinojosa said as Ms. Cazares went to retrieve her luggage, he went to get his car from the parking lot.

When Ms. Cazares did not emerge from the airport building, Hinojosa said, he went to look for her because "I just wondered what happened."

Ms. Cazares apparently had told the police he was going to give her a ride, Hinojosa said.

The police "asked if I knew Cynthia Cazares, told me she had been arrested, told me why she had been arrested, and asked me if I knew she was carrying marijuana," Hinojosa said. "I said no. That's it."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Woman With Heavy Burdens Feels She's Going to Stagger

DEAR ABBY: Because of a severely handicapped sibling in my family, I led a reclusive existence. My father is a good man who worked hard. Mama managed to care for us and never complained about our personal tragedy. Together they shouldered their burden alone, never asking anyone for help.

The only place I ever went was to school. I made good grades and had nice friends, but I never brought anybody home with me. I am now middle-aged, and in looking back I realize that a child raised in that environment cannot be quite normal. If you almost never go to church, to school functions or take vacations, you grow up not knowing how to dress or how to act.

As a young adult, I coped by avoiding social situations. That was a mistake. I'm still the shy, awkward, insecure person I was back then.

I married a good man (miraculously), and somehow we managed to raise several children who seem well-adjusted, productive young adults.

With my help, my elderly parents still care for my severely handicapped sibling at home. Soon it will be necessary to move them all into my home. I plan to take care of all of them, but I try not to think of it. Most people see me as a strong, confident person. They don't know I'm ready to fall apart.

I wrote to you 25 years ago and you said, "God never gives us a heavier burden than we can carry." I think God has overestimated my strength.

I can't sign this, but it sure felt good to get it off my chest.

ME

DEAR ME: Don't sell yourself short. You did not "miraculously" marry a good man and raise well-adjusted, productive children. You are far stronger, more capable and competent than you think.

You need an ego booster. You also need someone to talk to. You could be temporarily weary and depressed. Do see your doctor for a physical checkup and tell the good doctor what you've told me, and ask if he can recommend a support group. There's comfort in sharing.

DEAR ABBY: How would you have handled this? A friend and I were having dinner at a restaurant (at a small table for two) when an acquaintance we both knew stopped by our table on her way out, and proceeded to talk and talk and talk. We were right in the middle of our dinner. How would you have gotten rid of her — short of telling her to get lost?

STUCK FOR WORDS

DEAR STUCK: I'd have said, "I hope you won't think we're rude if we continue to eat while you're talking." Then I'd have kept on eating.

DEAR ABBY: We recently sent our 18-year-old daughter back to college after two weeks at home for her holiday break. She is a lovely girl, but since she's gone away to college we are having problems over our "house rules."

There are no curfew rules at her dormitory, so she's used to staying out as late as she wishes. When she's home, we expect her to be home by 1 a.m. She cannot understand that, and says if we trust her enough to let her go out of town to college, we should trust her to stay out as late as she wishes when she's home.

My husband and I feel that it's not a matter of trust. If she wants all the freedom of being an adult, she should accept all the responsibilities that go with it — such as supporting herself and paying her own way through college. We feel that as long as she is being supported by us and living in our home, she should obey the house rules.

What do you think, Abby? Are we behind the times?

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DEAR FRUSTRATED: No, I think — and have stated repeatedly — that a person of any age who lives at home rent-free must live according to the house rules.

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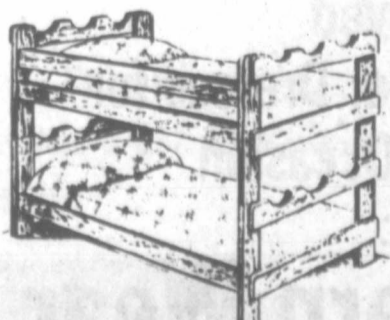
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To turn refugees back...

Miami officials cheer INS decision

MIAMI (AP) — A city official cheered the decision by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to speedily process political amnesty applications of Central Americans and export those who are rejected.

Miami has been buffeted by waves of refugees from throughout the Western Hemisphere.

"The city has its own capacity. We cannot keep accepting people," said Pablo Canton, Miami's assistant director of community development. "It's not like the city will burn or anything, but we need some breathing room."

Trying to recover from a racial disturbance in January and the influx of tens of thousands of Nicaraguans in recent months without federal, state and county funding has strained the city's ability to absorb additional immigrants, Miami city leaders said.

"We don't have room for thousands and thousands more," Rabbi Gary Glickstein, president of the Rabbinical Association of Greater Miami, told the Dallas Times Herald. "It's a national problem. People here are not being cold to this. We're just overwhelmed."

Officials from Metropolitan

Dade County, which encompasses Miami, took that blunt message directly to refugees last month during a visit to South Texas.

They said resources for public assistance were exhausted, charitable organizations were short of funds and there was no room for homeless refugees.

"If people come down to Miami, they need to know that they're going to fend for themselves," said Tony Ojeda, assistant county manager.

Last week, city officials abruptly ended a program that provided shelter and some funds to several hundred Nicaraguans who arrived in December. Some immigrants who were being housed in a Catholic church were given \$100 each and told no more money was available. Rent on city-leased apartments for dozens of immigrant families runs out March 20.

"We didn't plan to do this forever," Canton said. "It's a federal responsibility, because this is caused by INS policies. It's not right for the city of Miami to pay for their mistakes."

A policy change that went into effect Tuesday, calling for prompt hearings and returning refugees whose amnesty re-

quests were rejected, drew a restrained community reaction in Miami, with only Nicaraguan exiles protesting the decision.

Many church leaders said they understand Miami's dilemma.

Intelligence chief resigns his position

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Miguel Nazar Haro, the head of Mexico City's police intelligence unit who is under indictment in the United States on allegations he was involved in a car theft ring, has resigned from his post, a police spokeswoman confirmed Friday.

Spokeswoman Carmela Gutierrez said that Nazar Haro had resigned late Thursday. "I cannot tell you whether the resignation was accepted," Gutierrez said.

U.S. State Department spokesman Charles Redman said last month that a top Mexican official appointed by President Carlos Salinas de Gortari was under indictment for alleged involvement in the California car theft ring.

Redman did not name the official. But published reports identified him as Nazar Haro, chief of a newly created intelligence unit

"The city does not have a welfare program," said Monsignor Bryan Walsh, director of Miami's Catholic Services. "It is a metropolitan responsibility and a state responsibility. The city was really going out on a limb."

in the Mexico City police department.

"We believe that persons under indictment should face their charges in court," Redman said.

The car theft ring was smashed in 1981 by the FBI and California police.

Nazar Haro, 60, was appointed to the intelligence post shortly after Salinas took office on Dec. 1.

He spent 20 years with Mexico's now-defunct Directorate of Federal Security. He resigned suddenly on Jan. 13, 1982, when he was indicted in San Diego, Calif., in connection with the \$8.4 million international car theft ring, and did not appear at an indictment hearing on May 3, 1982. FBI agents arrested Nazar Haro in 1982 after he gave testimony to a federal jury investigating the case.

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Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pollard
Dub's BBQ
C.J.'s House of Music
Munden Discount Center
Scurry Gillum
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Courtney
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Presswood
Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Scannicchio
Mr. & Mrs. Stewart Long
Bill Parker
Syble Bley
Jenny Voss
John Greene
Craig Merritt
John Ward
Myrtle Harrell
Vance Voss
Wylie Oliver
Pat Stephens
Rita House
Saddle Shed
Charles & Joyce Ann Pace
Bo Robinson
Line & Line
Andy's Paint & Body Shop
Burlford Browning
Jerrel Pylant
Barry Cribbs
Beverly Ainsworth
Theleca Wilson

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Stipe
Snyder Farm & Ranch
Steve Babcock
Randy Gillum
Ann Henderson
Joe LaRoux State Farm Ins.
Health Food Center
Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Combest
Michael & Judith Dunham, D.D.S.
Key Brothers Honda
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Lee
Showcase Video
Polynesian Garden
Snyder Lanes
Virginia Gillum
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Ned Underwood
Mr. Mackey Greene
Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Kiker
Dale Stuard
Forrest Pendleton
Sidney Wall
West Texas State Bank
Janet Merritt
Nonnie Ward
Fay Harrell
Jan Harrell
Milton Stephens
Riley Sterling
Kathy Voss
Ted Crenweige
Milton Wall
Kenneth Wilson
Morris Head
Wilson Howell
George Page
J.R. Meadows
A-1 Air Conditioning, Inc.
Jerry House
Billy Jack Wilson
Kip's Chevron
Larry Bills

J.F. Roemisch
Lois Eicke
Scurry Ag Center
Brent McFarland
Bethel Oil
Spanish Inn
Texan Restaurant
Johnny Eicke
Brice Fuqua
Phyllis Smith
Andrea Smith
Mark & Sheila Harless
Don Willis
James Beaver
Alf Beaver
Raymond Robinson
Buford Browning
Karen Head
Keith Collier
Tommy Marricelle
Albert Canon
Don Adams Used Cars
Raymond House
Luther Breuer
Everett Wilson
Robert Lathem
Kerry Clay
Eddie Eicke
Marvin Ensor
Jimmy McFarland
Donald Smith
Nix Auto
McDonald Welding
Mr. & Mrs. Bobbie Cumbie
Weldon & Denise Beck
Richard Smith
Ben Smith
Mike Trull
Canon Supply
Ty Willis
Max Jones
Price Brothers

Above the Fold

By Donny Brown

"Well, do you think he has the measles?"
 "Good grief, no. I told you, the symptom list says first you have to have fever, then you've got to have a runny nose, then a cough, watery eyes and a rash. I'm reading it right here."
 "So you don't think I should take him to the doctor?"
 "Absolutely not. Does he have a fever? No. The doctor's going to tell you if he doesn't have fever he isn't sick. I can tell you that and it won't cost you twenty-five bucks."
 "You always think of the money first. What if he's really sick? And, besides, it's only \$22."
 "He hasn't been exposed to measles, I'm telling you, and he's had the dadgum immunization shots. Your problem is you've heard too much about measles lately."
 "That's not it at all."
 "Sure it is. There's an old saying that first-year medical students develop every strange and bizarre ailment known to mankind."
 "What does that mean?"
 "Just this: That most people's first reaction when they have a set of symptoms described to them is to develop those symptoms."
 "Everyone does this, is that what you're saying?"

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"No, no, no. But, to lesser or greater degrees, I believe it happens. When I was a kid, I found a bird's nest with four baby birds in it. Little guys with no feathers. Just tiny naked bodies with huge mouths. I pulled them down from the tree and ran in to tell my mother. Her reaction, slightly hysterical, as I recall, was that I was going to get 'mites.' At the time, I didn't even know what mites were. But that didn't keep my head from itching for three days straight. And all of it was nothing more than the power of suggestion."
 "Oh, pooh."
 "I'm serious. I read the other day that after the age of 40 people begin to feel their own body."
 "That does sound serious."
 "You're not listening. I mean they 'feel' their body internally."
 "Do they also hear it ticking like a wristwatch?"
 "You're still not listening. I mean they start to actually feel all of those organs they've taken for granted all of these years."
 "This is starting to sound like one of your theories."
 "As a matter of fact. Remember when the eye doc told me that by astigmatism was a result of my eye lense losing its elasticity, kind of like a worn out rubber band?"

"I don't remember that."
 "So, I got to thinking, what if all our internal working parts are either freezing up or going stiff like dried out rubber? Think of it, kidneys, heart, lungs. All slowly but surely turning to the consistency of an old tractor tire. Slapping against the muscle tissue of our ribs from the inside, rattling around like a hamper on an exercise cage."
 "You're trying to tell me that you're insides are turning into some kind of wrecking yard for old junk parts."
 "Have you ever heard of non-specific symptoms?"
 "No. Have you ever heard of non-specific theories?"
 "Non-specific symptoms are those little aches and pains you tell your doctor about, but he can't tell you exactly what's causing them."
 "So?"
 "That's it. We are slowly crumbling from the inside out. We know it. Our bodies are trying to tell us about it. And no one will listen to us."
 "Great. Wonderful. I appreciate your enlightening me. Now, what about the measles?"
 "Hey, listen. I've got problems of my own."

Country Life

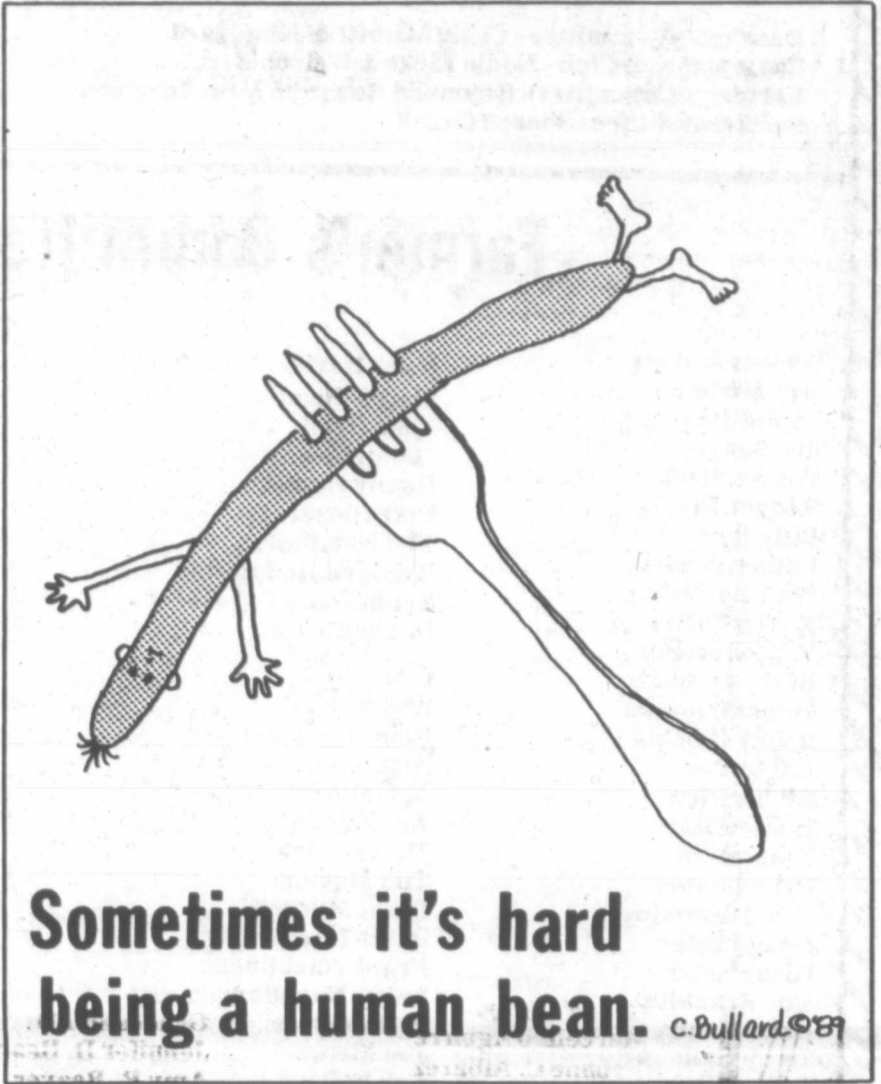
By Deanie Francis Mills

Those of us who live in the country often feel insulated by our isolation. We think we are too remote to become victims of crime, that we don't have to worry about our homes being burglarized the way we would, say, in Dallas or Houston. Many of us still never even lock our doors.
 Any sheriff's deputy or Texas Ranger could show you how laughable that attitude is. Criminals cruise rural roads looking for easy prey just like they do city streets. Last summer I did a column on steps we can take to help law enforcement track stolen goods if our property should be burglarized. Today I'm going to mention some things we can do to PREVENT that burglary.
 The following suggestions are taken from an article which can be found in the February issue of "Ranch" magazine. The author is Sgt. Russell Smith, a licensed crime prevention home security inspector with the San Angelo Police Department.
 "We cannot remove the desire from the criminal," writes Sgt.

Smith, "but we can hopefully remove the opportunity by making it harder for the criminal to commit the crime."
 A cattleguard, for instance, is just as easy for a crook to drive across as it is for us. Sgt. Smith suggests stretching a long chain across the cattleguard and locking it at both ends. Since a bolt cutter can make short work of most chains, he suggests using large link chain or steel cable, both of which would make the criminal's job so much more difficult that he might not think it worth the time and effort.
 Swing gates and bars are also effective, but check to be sure that the gates cannot be lifted off their hinges and removed. Finding a good padlock is also important if you really want to deter uninvited guests.
 Sgt. Smith emphasizes the importance of buying a security padlock, which is made with a hardened steel body and shackle (the U-shaped portion of the lock). The shackle should be at least three-eighths of an inch in diameter.
 Another point—and I was sur-

prised at this—is that some locks have numbers on the bottom which match the keys. The criminals know that all they have to do is look at the number, then go buy a matching key. To prevent this, scratch the number off the bottom of the lock. (But keep a copy for yourself!)
 One more suggestion on padlocks is to look for cut-resistant ones. They are more expensive, but worth it in the long run. If you really want to go a step further, Sgt. Smith suggests housing the padlock in a steel box, and running a bar or chain through the holes in the box.
 Of course, it goes without saying that we should lock our doors and windows, just like the city folks do.
 Granted, if a thief is absolutely determined to rob your place, he'll find a way to do it. But remember that most criminals are inherently lazy. If they weren't, they'd get a job and pay taxes like you and me. Instead, they want to earn their money the easy way—by stealing it. Therefore, if they are randomly

cruising the country and spot your home, they are more likely to move on down the road if it looks like they are going to have to expend very much effort to get in. (That's my observation, but I imagine Sgt. Smith would agree with me.)
 I would also suggest that you not keep large amounts of cash in your home, not even in a safe. And if you've got a safe, don't spread it around. Remember Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood"? The two losers who broke into the Clutter's farm home that night did so because they'd heard Mr. Clutter kept a large amount of cash in his safe. Even though he opened the safe and proved there was no money there, the men murdered the entire family anyway.
 Practicing crime prevention doesn't mean you will never be the victim of a crime. It just means that you've done everything in your power to see to it that you're not. And when it comes time to figure the averages, I'd say the odds are on your side.



SDN Week in Review

Look Back

By Lilith McArthur

SUNDAY
 February 19
 Promoting Snyder as a retirement center is a major focus of plans being laid by the Chamber of Commerce to tout all aspects of the city's attractions to potential visitors and new residents, it was reported Sunday.
 The current tax payment level for the four Snyder-based taxing entities is down this year compared to last with penalty and interest charges now running for an estimated 16 to 19 percent of taxes billed, it was reported Sunday.
 By the end of January, tax collection rates for Snyder-based entities were in the range of 81 to 84 percent.
 Last year on Jan. 31, these same payment levels were running from 86 to 93 percent.

One incumbent board member and a former school staffer became the first two candidates to file Monday for two at-large positions on the Snyder school board.
 Incumbent trustee Ken Branam, 40, pastor of First Baptist Church here, filed for a new term.
 Also filing Monday was Sam Robertson, 47, owner-operator of Sam Robertson Insurance and a former Snyder High School band director.
 City council members discussed Monday proposals by two different parties to begin offering taxi services here.
 A lawn and garden show in the Scurry County Coliseum is now planned by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in April or May—an event designed to offer informa-

tion about plants and grasses as well as the latest in yard and garden equipment.
 Preliminary plans for the event were revealed Monday at the February meeting of the Snyder chamber.
 Incumbent City Councilman John Johnson said Monday night that he will not seek re-election in the May 6 city election.
 Johnson, 31, director of clinical services at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, indicated he would not seek a second two-year term in order to spend more time with his family.
TUESDAY
 February 21
 Two more candidates, to include the second incumbent with an expiring term, announced their intent Tuesday to run for two at-large positions on the Snyder school board.
 Incumbent board member Luann Burleson, 38, officially filed for her second term Tuesday.
 Also filing as a candidate was Mark Zeck, 35, vice president here for YZ Industries.
 After hearing remarks from a

local accountant that he felt specifications for the district's outside audit proposal were "unclear," Scurry County Appraisal District board members took no action Tuesday morning to rescind their decision related to the district's annual outside audit.
 Three firms offered proposals for that audit, to include Vestal and Company of Snyder. Tuesday morning, Jerry Vestal met with the board, stating he felt specifications to solicit these audit proposals were unclear.
 Applications for teaching posts at the Windham School facility to be established at the Price Daniel prison unit will be formally accepted during the month of March, Western Texas College officials learned Tuesday.
 For the Daniel Unit's Windham School, TDC is expected to employ from 12 to 16 fulltime academic teachers and six vocational training instructors.
WEDNESDAY
 February 22
 The Snyder City Council gained two additional candidates for its at-large council seats Wednesday

morning, bringing the number of announced office seekers to three for the two positions.
 Announcing Wednesday were Mike Thornton, 40, director of adult and continuing education at Western Texas College, and Jim Tully, 59, who retired last year as director of student financial aid at WTC. He is now employed as a public relations staffer for Wal-Mart.
THURSDAY
 February 23
 Cogdell Memorial Hospital board members unanimously approved Thursday a 12-month agreement designed to relieve the three local physicians who provide 24 hour on-call coverage for Cogdell's emergency room Monday through Friday.
 The board voted to enter into a contract with Emergicare of Abilene to provide physician coverage for two weeknights per week. Emergicare is the same group which provides weekend physician coverage in the ER.
 After projected revenues from the ER physician position are deducted, the estimated cost to Cogdell for the added 12-month coverage is \$2,700.

FIVE YEARS AGO
 Mr. and Mrs. Buster Starnes were crowned Valentine King and Queen at the Senior Center.
 Girl Scout volunteers receiving service pins were JoAnn Cearley, 15 years; Debbie Magness, 20 years; and Alice McCauley, 10 years.
 Scouts receiving 10-year pins were Sandra Martinez, Margaret Anderson and Jean Anderson.
 Hermleigh winners in the FFA Stock Show were Crystal Church, grand champion calf; Mark Speiker, top hog; and Rodney Foster, grand champion lamb.
 Hermleigh residents also won honors in the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show with Melissa Anderson winning grand champion hog and Ben Smith winning reserve champion.
 Smith also showed the reserve champion lamb with Thad Springer winning the grand award. Rana Eicke showed the grand champion steer and Brett Merritt's Angus got reserve honors.
 Crowned Valentine King and Queen at Snyder Oaks Care Center were Houston Quiett and Lila Vernon.
 Snyder High School was the recipient of a \$10,000 award in art education from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, based in New York. Selection is based on excellence in one or more of the arts.
 Chosen Mr. and Miss Trailhand at Western Texas College were Danny Hunter of Roscoe and Veda Owens of Sweetwater.
10 YEARS AGO
 Senior Center's Valentine King and Queen were Owen Miller and Frances Martin.
 Honored Trailhands at WTC were Mike Mahan and Valerie Wilson.
 Terri Dennis, 17, won first place in the Miss West Texas Majorette Pageant, Sr. Division in Slaton.

SDN Letters to the Editor

To the editor,
 Why is our society developing this sexual, unclean virus, AIDS? Why are there so many abortions—why do they have them? Why do we read in our daily paper about sexual assaults: Rape. Why do people have affairs: Sex.
 God made man and woman to be husband and wife. God made us all to have a pure, clean relationship with our mate. He made the word "sex" to be a beautiful caring word that we are to share with only our husbands and wives. What have we done to that precious gift word from our Lord? To me, the word sounds dirty and lustful because it has been abused by the world. I'm talking about it being abused by magazines, the media, movies, our neighbors.
 It hurts to see all of this going on around us. Mothers, Daddies, some of your children and your

teenagers are already sexually active and you don't even know it. There is a very high percentage, in the United States, of boys and girls who are not virgins. Why can't they save themselves for that one God made them for? (That one God has made for them.)
 A few days ago I was watching a talk show on TV. The subject that was being discussed was sexually active teenagers. Practically all of the audience was teenagers with a few adults as well. The youth talked about when they became active, how long the relationship lasted, and how old they were. Many stood up and told the viewers that they were 12, 13, 14-years old when they first became sexually active. This really hurts me knowing that children, yes children, are going through these deceiving acts. The following is the true
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Sen. Montford in middle of insurance fray

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. John T. Montford says he didn't start out on a crusade to reform the State Board of Insurance, but when his questions concerning a number of constituent complaints went unanswered "it kind of snowballed and then the roof fell in."

Montford, who is heading a charge to shape up the state's insurance regulatory agency, is not prone to let questions remain unanswered.

After graduating from law school at the University of Texas-Austin in 1968, the Lubbock Democrat began active duty in the U.S. Marines Corps.

He received his bar exam

results while on the rifle range. Six weeks after basic training, he was prosecuting accused killers in court martials. "It was a pretty fast track," Montford said.

He later became a military judge and then Lubbock County district attorney from 1979 to 1982. There he earned the nickname "John T. 99" for getting 99-year sentences in 14 consecutive convictions of violent criminals.

A circumspect individual, Montford wins praise from his Senate colleagues for tackling tough issues with hard work and determination, rather than grandstanding for the public's at-

tention.

"In my opinion, he is one of the top five members of the Texas Senate," said Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville.

"He is real quiet, but he is real intense. He works hard, he studies hard, he knows what his issues are and he is easy to negotiate with because he will listen to facts and listen to rationale," said Glasgow.

But some have accused Montford of flogging the insurance agency to whip up support for a 1990 run for Texas attorney general.

Montford, 45, acknowledges he would like to run for Texas at-

torney general, but denies using the insurance probe by his State Affairs Committee to lay the groundwork for a future race.

Montford said he will run for a statewide office "if the opportunity presents itself."

"It's kind of the natural order of things around here," he said, looking at portrait paintings of others in the Senate who went on to higher office.

Montford said his involvement in the state insurance agency began by chance, when he made some inquiries on behalf of constituents, both insurance agents and policyholders.

"My inquiries went

unanswered," Montford said. Montford likes to have answers. He directed his staff to continue checking it out.

"They came back and told me there were some serious problems. Their advice was that it was serious enough to warrant an inquiry," he said.

Montford hired Eugene Gee, a private detective and former FBI agent, to scrutinize the Insurance Board. That investigation and other reports have depicted an agency flirting with disaster in the insurance industry because of mismanagement, communication and hiring problems.

"I told him (Gee) that I hoped

he didn't find anything," Montford said, but added, "It kind of snowballed and the roof fell in."

Montford has called for the resignations of the three-member Insurance Board and has introduced numerous bills to strengthen the agency's oversight of the insurance industry.

It is the highest profile battle Montford has been in since he came to the Senate in 1983, when he was named by Texas Monthly the "best new legislator."

Montford said he sometimes drives to cotton gins in his district to talk with people and sample the coffee.

Snyder High School Semester And Snyder Junior High School 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

**Seventh Grade
Grades 90-100**
Brandi M. Doyle
Jennifer L. Early
Christina Gonzales
Michael D. Hess
Tammy J. Logston
Amy E. McDaniel
Jaime L. McFarland
Kurt A. McMillan
Dawn D. Myers
Hayley S. Patterson
Misty D. Roquemore

**Seventh Grade
Grades 80-100**
Marcelino Aguirre
Yvonne C. Alvarez
Tiffany L. Anderson
Kassie R. Applin
Jeffrey A. Armstrong
Jamie J. Beck
Rachel L. Bolin
Brigitte N. Brazier
Annie G. Burt
Kasi L. Campbell
Shannon J. Canada
Courtney D. Carpenter
Kerstin Clabron
Robert A. Clarady
Tyson L. Cromeens
Stephanie M. Davis
Lisa S. Duncan
Patrick Earles
Jessica A. Eicke
Melinda Estrada
Jody R. Fitzgerald
Kim D. Fitzgerald
Susan Freeman
Monica R. Garcia
Todd Goodlett
James W. Graham
Vicki M. Green
Jim Pat Griffin
Emily Gutierrez
Bradley D. Hart
Melissa Hernandez
Eric J. Horton
Kelly D. Kirkpatrick
Cory A. Lelek
Elizabeth A. Mackey
Shannon McNeil
Kurtis A. McCathern
Crystal S. Michel
Latasha L. Naegle
Rosemary Olivarez
Hope M. Papay
Jonathan D. Patrick
Lisa M. Pendleton
Briana G. Perry
Cindy K. Potts
Annie D. Ragland
Norma Reyes
Maria Rodriguez
Craig Row
Adam Scott
Cody L. Shields
Alicia L. Souder
Cynthia Stansell
Christy Torrez
Kenny Treat
Shanna L. Wade
Karia D. Walker
Kayla D. Walker

Carrie S. West
Amy D. Williams
Martha M. Wright

**Eighth Grade
Grades 90-100**
Anthony Alvarez
Bobby H. Cawthron
Christopher D. Cunningham
Kimerly D. Heidenheimer
Sara E. McDonald
Kimberly A. Mitchell
Rachael Morgan
Ben Wilson

**Eighth Grade
Grades 80-100**
Jennifer D. Beard
Amy R. Beaver
Scott B. Bissett
Michelle S. Blythe
Tobi L. Burt
Charlie Busby
Susie Capetillo
Jennifer Cervantez
Neil Childs
Douglas N. Clement
Lana Cline
Barretta W. Collins
Heath L. Cowan
Matthew W. Cunningham
Jerry B. Dawson
Dennis D. Dolliver
Alycen Duhon
Stacy L. Ewing
Stephanie A. Fambro
Katrina Fink
Sherry K. Fisk
William D. Galloway
Catalina Garcia
Andy Garza
Christie L. Gleastine
Laura A. Hamby
Scotty D. Hand
Wayland T. Harrison
Stacy J. Herford
James Herrera
Raymond House
Chad A. Jacobi
Janell J. Johnson
Debbi K. Jones
Robert C. Kimmel
Joellen K. King
Alicia D. Kubena
Betty J. Lane
Kelli L. Lockhart
Jason S. McAden
Mecca L. McCowen
Joe Bob McCravey
Mendy K. Miller
Lindsey S. Northcott
Joseph H. Parker
Virginia Pointeau
Diane S. Rodriguez
Elizabeth Rodriguez
Gaylon R. Rodriguez
Deana K. Schwarz
Debbie K. Schwarz
Robert L. Smith
Sheri L. Srna
Amy E. Steakley
Eber Suarez
Lea A. Tarter
Jennifer A. Trevey

Danielle R. Vernon
Jennifer L. Williamson
Clint M. Wilson
Drew Wilson
Jaycie A. Wright
Cody W. Wunderlich
Julie F. Zeck

**Freshman
Honor Roll**
Rene Aguirre
Jennifer Allen
Barbara Beck
Marcus Best
Eddie Bolin
Amber Bowlin
Sherrie Buchanan
Lisa Carlton
Shara Carlton
Bobby Clinkinbeard
John Conger
Jeffrey Corkran
David Cozart
Brian Crawford
Billy Delao
Michelle Derouen
Benjamin Felan
Holly Floyd
Brian Fowler
Casey Franks
Raul Garcia
Joe Gordy
Tiffany Greene
Chad Grimmitt
Kevin Gutierrez
Katy Head
Josh Helms
Jennifer Hill
Amy Hodges
Shinn Hsieh
Carly Jenkins
Julie Johnson
Grant Jordan
Kiron Kemp
Curry Keoning
Tonya Lelek
Dana Locknana
Misty Malone
Kevin McMillan
David Patrick
Robert Patterson
Roe Patterson
Kristie Pruitt
Jennifer Purcell
Erin Rambo
Amy Richardson
Arneatha Riggins
Jason A. Rios
Mindy Robertson
Scott Rodgers
Andy Rumpff
Lisa Sandoval
Angel Scarber
Scott Sears
Leonard Tovar
Angela Vaughan
Bill Vestal
Raul Villazana
Tonya Warren
Eric West
Tobi Williams
Vanessa Winkles

**Sophomore
Honor Roll**
Edward Alvarez
Amy Armstrong
James Beauchamp
Robbie Brazier
Ryan Byrd
Christy Christenson
Dayla Church
Sarah Coffey
Kristyl Collins
Angie Crawford
Stephanie Ewing
Malli Galloway
Monica Garcia
Kenneth Gartman
Shae Gowin
Michael Hall
Gayle Henderson
Justin Hester
Melissa Huddleston
Emily King
Courtney Lowrance
Tonya Mauldin
Holly McKenzie
Kristi Mize
T.C. Morrell
Melissa Neves
Jannet Nitsch
Kelly Pace
J.K. Palmer
Rachel Pena
Sandra Peralez
Kristi Prather
Kim Ratliff
Mark Stansell
Terry Stephens
Christin Stokes
Denise Thompson
Drew Travis
Shane Wade
Lesa Ward
Niki Ward
Blair Williams
Amy Willingham
Kimberly Wilson
Rachel Wilson

**Junior
Honor Roll**
Amber Adams
Kathy Armstrong
Ron Baker
Jason Best
Denise Blythe
Louise Cates
Rana Eicke
Dana Fenton
Kenny Gambrell
Abel Garza
Toby Goodwin
Tara Greene
Jennifer Harden
Kristi Head
Leigh Holcomb
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Anne Osborn

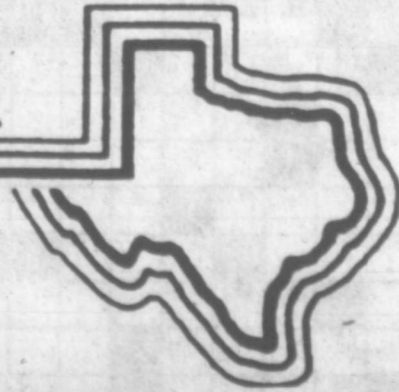
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Chad Phillips
Annette Ramos
Susana Rodriguez
Dora Rumpff
Sam Shifflett
Ginger Smith
Jennifer Spence
Cindy Srna
Greg Stutheit
Shaunna Thompson
Jason West

**Senior
Honor Roll**
Beth Alvis
Donald Anderson
Brandi Bell
Alfred Brice
Jay Burns
Becky Bynum
Shanna Byrd
Marcus Carroll
Andrea Gasas
Ricki Clark
Dewayne Clinkinbeard
Dian Conard
Karen Conard
Jon Derouen
Darrell Dolliver
Sharon Doty
Jodi Dunk
Bobbie Earnest
Rhonda Echols
Marcie Chrane Featherston
Lee Fletcher
Jeff Franklin
Holly Fuller
Reva Gonzales
Charla Hall
Matt Haynes
James Henderson
Melissa Camille Hodges
Holly Joplin
Mark Kuss
Jennifer Lancaster
Tabitha Lewis
Stacy Logston
Kimberly Massey
Shane McCarter
Carl McClurg
Lori McFarland
Amy Miller
Robert Neblett
Christie Necessary
Bert Oto
Nichole Overman
Stacy Pargien
Todd Perry
Melody Pickering
Christy Quintela
Micheal Riggins
Dan Scannecchio
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Kevin Winter

West Texas State Bank

Your Hometown Bank

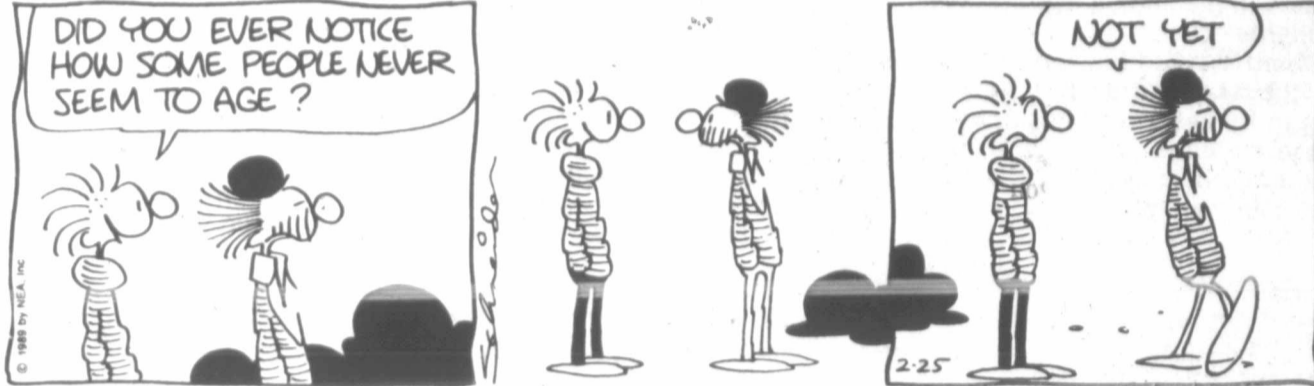
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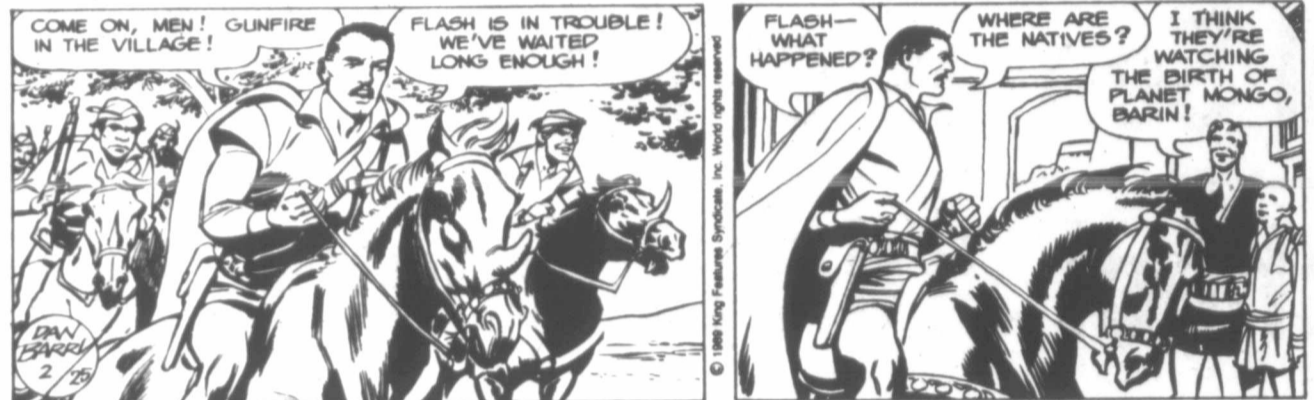
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DENNIS THE MENACE



LAFF-A-DAY



PUZZLES

- ACROSS**
- Landing boat
 - Daybreak
 - Surrealist painter
 - Exclamation
 - Ireland
 - Gusto
 - Reduce
 - Colloquial
 - Lures
 - Tennyson hero
 - Prospector's find
 - Playing cards
 - Central American oil tree
 - Attention-getting sound
 - Runner
 - Sebastian
 - Mincing
 - Postpone indefinitely
 - Harden
 - Antenna
 - Food additive (abbr.)
 - Drinking cup
 - Depend
 - time (never)
 - Over there
 - Drive
 - Cheer
 - Silent
 - Last queen of Spain
 - contendere
 - All (pref.)
 - Fleur-de-
 - Stair
 - do-well
 - Anglo-Saxon letter
- DOWN**
- Frilly trimming

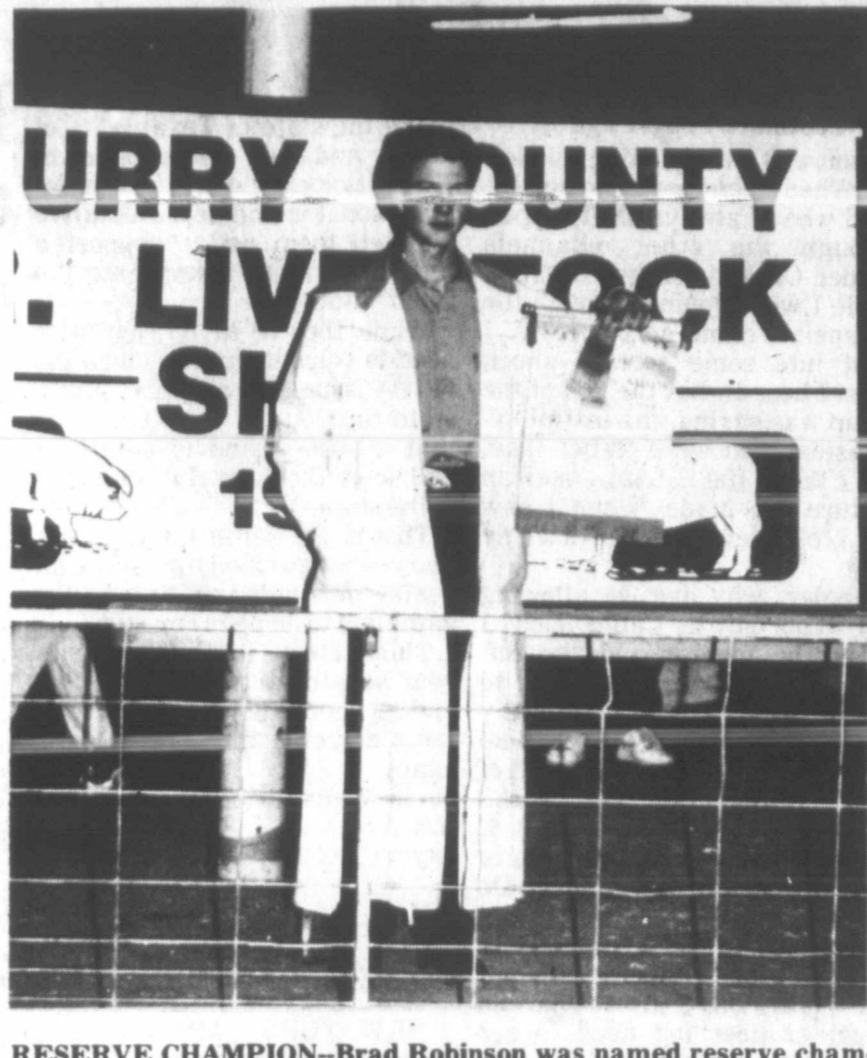
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CHAMPION—Mark Stansell was named champion in the Pen of Three Commercial Steer category at the recent Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. (FFA Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION—Brad Robinson was named reserve champion in the Pen of Three Commercial Steer category at the recent Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. (FFA Photo)

Snyder, Ira FFA members bound for Houston contest

Students from Snyder and Ira FFAs will be participating in the Houston Junior Commercial Steer Feeding Program Feb. 28 through March 2. This program consists of purchasing a pen of three steers, beginning in October. These steers are fed in a feedlot-type program in which extensive records are kept. The competition includes an interview by three judges, a management test, record books, and grading of the carcass. All exhibitors must complete all phases of the contest and score a minimum number of points in order to receive premium monies. Steers receiving ribbons will be sold by grade and weight at a special auction on Thursday, March 2. Instructors for this program are Randy Gillum, Snyder FFA, and Richard Long, Ira FFA. Students participating include Rodney White, James Henderson, Mark Stansell, Reese Martin, Brad Robinson, Kim Massey, Scott Trevey, Charles Cribbs and Terry Leatherwood.



BOUND FOR HOUSTON—These members of the Snyder and Ira FFAs will participate in the Houston Junior Commercial Steer Feeding Program slated for Feb. 28-March 2. Those left to right are, James Henderson, Charles Cribbs, Scott Trevey, Kim Massey, Terry Leatherwood, Rodney White, Mark Stansell, Reese Martin and Brad Robinson. (FFA Photo)

Isaac Hayes cited for contempt

ATLANTA (AP) — Soul singer Isaac Hayes has been cited for contempt of court and jailed for being \$346,300 behind in child-support and alimony payments. Hayes, whose recordings include the score for the movie "Shaft," was told Thursday by Superior Court Judge Philip F. Etheridge that he can get out of jail only by coming up with \$22,000. The judge said he jailed the entertainer, who lives in Marietta, because of Hayes' repeated refusal to comply with court orders to catch up and stay current on payments. Etheridge described the amount of the past-due payments as "categorically ridiculous and almost beyond belief." Hayes, 50, told the judge he has been financially strapped and has not been able to schedule enough performances to make the amount of money he needs to meet the \$2,500 monthly court-ordered payments.

Ex-ambassador's son goes to jail

PHOENIX (AP) — The son of former United Nations Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick has been jailed for investigation of aggravated assault involving a woman he was apparently living with, police said. Douglas Kirkpatrick, 32, was arrested Tuesday at the apartment of an 18-year-old Phoenix woman who claimed she had been threatened with a knife, police spokesman Sgt. Andy Anderson said Thursday. Kirkpatrick was reported missing several weeks ago from Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, a private, 322-bed mental institution in Towson, Md., just outside Baltimore, where Mrs. Kirkpatrick lives. During an initial appearance Thursday morning in Maricopa County's Madison Street Jail, Kirkpatrick's bail was set at \$8,220. A jail official said bail was not posted and Kirkpatrick remained in custody. Jail officials also scheduled a March 3 appearance date for the defendant in Tolleson Justice Court. Anderson said Kirkpatrick apparently had been living at the apartment of Nora Kaplan, the woman who called police. Gil Kleiner, a spokesman for the mental hospital, refused to comment on Kirkpatrick's disappearance. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, reached at her home, also declined to comment.

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