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Ask Us

Q—We have a child safety seat which we have discovered has been recalled. However, when we contacted the company, they said they would send repair parts instead of giving us our money back. Is this legal?

A—Probably. Legally, the manufacturer must provide a repair kit if the defect is minor, a substitute seat if the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has canceled its approval of the model, or a refund of the purchase price. According to the NHTSA, many defects are minor and can be corrected by a repair kit.

Local

Lighting

The Christmas lighting committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce building.

Class of '82

Snyder High School Class of 1982 will have a planning meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the TU Electric Reddy Room.

Ritz group

Snyder's community theatre group, Putting on the Ritz, will meet at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the chamber of commerce building.

Genealogy

There will be a meeting of the Scurry County Genealogical Society at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the county library.

Visitors are welcome.

North council

North Elementary Parent Council will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria.

Purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the proposed elementary school reorganization plan, which calls for the closing of North.

'The Nerd'

The Western Texas College drama department presentation of "The Nerd" continues with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday and an 8 p.m. performance Monday.

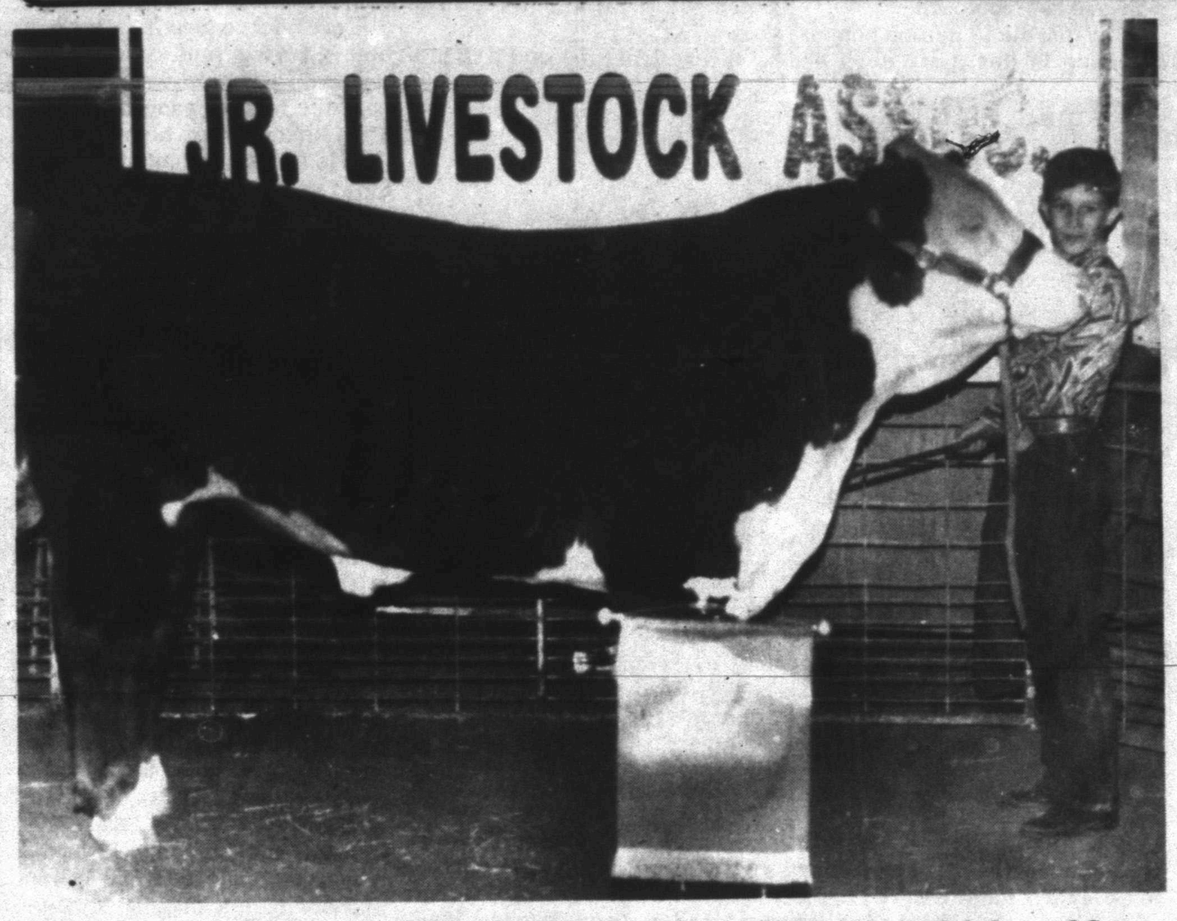
Admission is $5 for adults and $3 for students at the Fine Arts Theatre box office. WTC students will be admitted free with their college ID.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 60 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 32 degrees. No precipitation. Total precipitation for 1992 to date, 1.01 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain. Low in the mid 30s. Northeast to east wind 5 to 10 mph. Sunday, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain. High in the mid 50s. Variable wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest by afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 6:12 p.m. Sunrise Sunday, 7:40 a.m. Sunset Sunday, 6:12 p.m. Sunrise Monday, 7:39 a.m. Of 24 days in 1992, the sun has shone 24 days in Snyder.



TOP STEER — Rad Eicke of Scurry County 4-H received grand champion honors Friday for his heavy weight Hereford steer. The Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show was scheduled to end Saturday with the annual sale. (SDN Staff Photo)

Top steers chosen at stock show here

Eicke, Leatherwood win

Entries from Rad Eicke and Craig Leatherwood took top honors Friday in the final competition of the Scurry County Jr. Livestock Show.

Eicke, representing Scurry County 4-H, was awarded grand champion for his heavy weight Hereford steer in Friday's show.

Leatherwood, of Snyder FFA, received reserve honors with a medium weight Crossbred entry.

Receiving the award for showmanship in the steer competition was Jessica Eicke, of Scurry County 4-H.

Judging the steer competition was Don Richardson, with Vance Voss serving as steer superintendent.

The county-wide show was scheduled to wrap up Saturday with a noon buyer's meal, followed by the annual auction at 1 p.m.

Receiving breed champion honors in Friday's show were entries from Terri Robinson, Rad Eicke and Craig Leatherwood.

Reserve breed champions went to steers shown by A'Lise Lloyd,

(see STOCK SHOW, page 10A)

Enrollment down slightly for WTC

Preliminary enrollment figures for Western Texas College indicate just over 1,000 students are attending classes during the spring term.

If the figure holds, WTC will count just under 100 fewer students this spring when compared to last year.

"The totals are still going to change around," noted Duane Hood, dean of students, "but now we're at 1,001."

This compares to 1,097 students in the spring of 1991.

Community colleges such as WTC are monitored for student numbers every two years, when these figures are considered the college's "base year" for state funding. The fall and spring of 1990-91 were WTC's most current funding year.

The official semester enrollment total this spring will not be released until after Thursday, the 12th class day. Last Wednesday was the final day to enroll in a course for the spring term.

As of Friday, the current estimates for both total semester hours and student contact hours are lower than figures counted last year at this time.

In regards to semester hours — the total number of hours taken by students — the current figure is 9,975, compared to 10,238 last spring. Contact hours — the number of hours the student will actually be in class during the entire term — have fallen to 234,000 this spring from 240,000 last spring.

(see COLLEGE, page 10A)

Prison facilities...

Board to release short list March 16, chairman states

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Texas Board of Criminal Justice Chairman Selden Hale told an overflow crowd of community representatives that a "short list" of towns eligible for state prisons will be announced March 16.

The people were attending the meeting in hopes of influencing the board to put a new prison in their hometowns. Among them was a delegation from Snyder, one of 63 communities offering 67 sites for some of the 25,300 prison beds to be constructed.

Members of Snyder's Economic Development Committee are hoping for a second 1,000-bed facility since utilities were installed in 1987 to accommodate such a unit.

Friday's crowd was so large the meeting had to be moved from the conference room at the department headquarters to the 130-seat courtroom auditorium at Sam Houston State University. Even there, people stood along the walls.

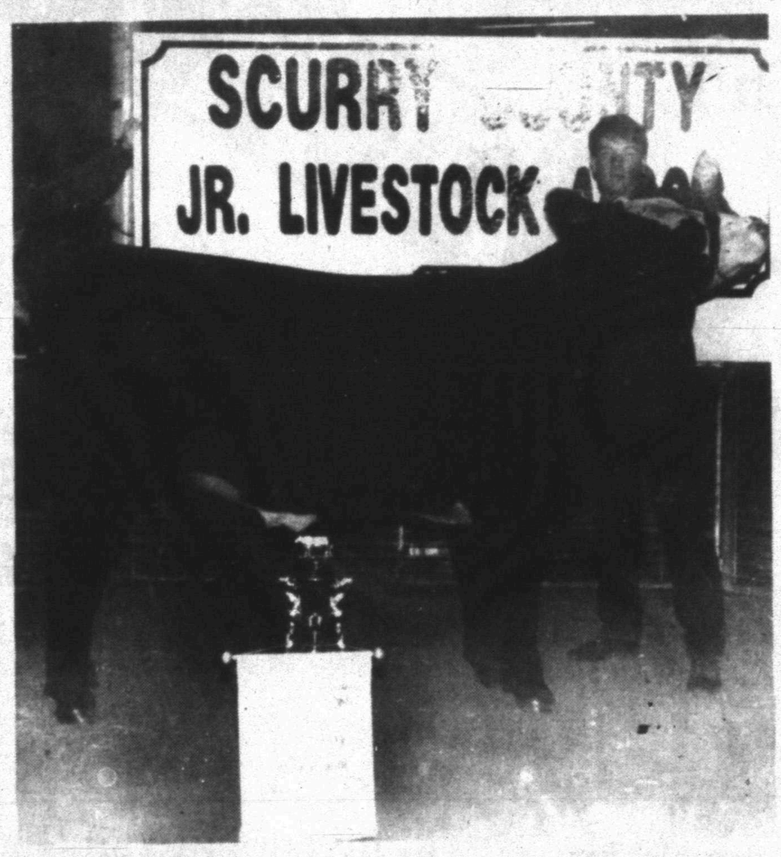
At least 20 of the communities hoping to lure a prison were represented at the meeting.

At stake are jobs and dollars which communities, such as Snyder, see as an economic stabilizer. A 1,000-bed unit translates into 317 jobs and a $6 million annual payroll. A 2,250-bed unit means 800 jobs and a $16 million payroll.

The state has said it plans to build three 2,250-bed and six 1,000-bed units and an undetermined number of units to house and treat 12,000 substance abusers. Hale said he was leaning toward breaking up a 2,500-bed unit into four separate smaller "pods" to be scattered around the state, but would defer to the recommendation of the department staff. He also said the drug abuser units could house as many as 1,000 inmates, as few as 500, or have some mixture.

Hale said the short list of communities eligible will be announced March 16. After prison officials review those remaining candidates and also consider information from public hearings to

(see SHORT LIST, page 10A)



RESERVE STEER — The medium weight Crossbred steer, shown by Craig Leatherwood of Snyder FFA, was awarded reserve grand champion in Friday's show. (SDN Staff Photo)

Public access laws take effect Sunday

Some key provisions of the American Disabilities Act come in effect Sunday — including public accessibility.

The provision will eventually affect all businesses and public accommodations except churches and private clubs. Some examples include hotels and motels, stores, restaurants, theaters, service firms, public buildings, health centers, public and private schools, museums and parks.

On Sunday, businesses with 25 or more employees and $1 million in gross receipts must comply with accommodation and accessibility provisions of ADA. Businesses with 15 to 24 employees and $500,000 in gross receipts must also comply with the accommodation and accessibility provisions.

In addition, businesses with 25 or more employees must also comply with the employment provisions.

By Jan. 26, 1993, all other businesses must comply with the accommodation and accessibility provisions. And, by Jan. 26, 1994, businesses with 15 to 24 employees must comply with the ADA employment provisions.

ADA is divided into two categories. One deals with public access; the other deals with employment.

Minimum access standards include accessible space and reach in merchandising areas, parking on a one-to-25 ratio, ramps, elevators to all levels, toilet facilities and reachable telephones.

Under the employment provision of ADA, employers cannot deny or discriminate against a qualified job applicant or employee because of a disability.

Officials say that businesses may be slow to react to the American Disabilities Act, but that it will improve conditions over a period of time. Enforceability of the ADA will almost always require a complaint to the appropriate authority:

—The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is responsible for investigating employment conditions.

—The Department of Justice will enforce accommodations and accessibility violations.

—The Federal Communications Commission will regulate, investigate and provide telecommunication services.

—The Department of Transportation will investigate transit services.

Anyone who thinks a business is not accessible or is discriminating against disabled people may file a complaint with the appropriate entity. An investigation will follow.

Officials say some leeway will be allowed because businesses may find it tough to conform to the rules all at once. Businesses under financial hardship, for instance, will be given consideration. The law is not intended to drive anyone out of business.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's difficult to argue with silence."

If anybody doesn't believe that professional football and the Super Bowl is pure business, you might consider the elaborate plans to capture just a portion of the halftime audience.

Well over 100 million viewers are expected to be tuned to CBS' Super Bowl presentation on Sunday. If the numbers are correct, other networks may as well take the day off.

One of the upstart networks, Fox, has a bold plan to capture the viewing audience during halftime. The network has teamed up with Doritos for a Super Bowl comedy special.

It's billed as "Doritos Zaptime, The In-living Color Super Halftime Party." Obviously, it's a sports-theme comedy featuring the popular cast of "In Living Color."

Fox hopes to lure 30 million viewers away from CBS at halftime. As a safety net to viewers fearful of missing the second half kickoff, Fox will superimpose a countdown clock in one corner of the screen.

If comedy isn't enough to entice viewers, in addition Doritos will announce the winner of a $1 million prize.

The reason for the plan is the cost of an actual spot during the Super Bowl. A 30-second spot on CBS this year is a mere $850,000.

That's a lot of chips...

It's amazing how informed some of the TV commentators are about the game of football. Some of 'em know so much, we often wonder why they left the sidelines and climbed into the announcer's booth.

We always like those pre-game shows telling what each team must do if they are to win the game. Always included in the list are some rather safe observations.

--Don't make mistakes.
--Don't turn the ball over.
--Control the clock.
--Keep their defense on the field.
And our favorite:
--Out score 'em.

Enjoy Super Bowl Sunday, and don't run out of chips...sponsors need the business.

State school among agenda items Monday

Scurry County commissioners will hear presentations from the Abilene State School and the county treasurer in their 10 a.m. meeting Monday.

Martha King, assistant service supervisor for Abilene State School, will update commissioners on services offered at the facility. King was scheduled to make the presentation at the Jan. 13 meeting, but had to reschedule due to weather conditions.

County Treasurer Rita Staton will present the fourth quarterly report for 1991 to the court.

Approval of bills payable and minutes of the Jan. 20 meeting are the only other items facing the court.

Food irraditation a reality, but doubts persist

MULBERRY, Fla. (AP) — The nation's first commercial food irradiation plant has shipped its inaugural batch of treated strawberries, but even the grocer willing to sell them wonders whether the public is going to buy.

"Whenever you see the words 'food' and 'radiation' together, it makes you think," said David Laurenzo, who owns a North Miami Beach market receiving the first shipment of 2,300 pints of berries.

"We know it's safe, but it's up to the customers. If they buy it, we'll sell it again. If they don't, we won't," he said.

The berries, shipped Friday from the plant in Mulberry, were expected to go on sale Saturday amid protests.

Since irradiated products must be labeled as such, the marketplace could be the decisive battleground in a war raging for years over bathing food in radiation to kill bacteria and extend shelf life. In the case of strawberries, they will look and taste fresh-picked for three weeks longer than normal.

Federal officials are satisfied it is a safe way to prevent foodborne illnesses from fruits, vegetables, poultry and pork. Antinuclear activists and some scientists say irradiation changes foods' molecular structure, robbing it of full nutritional value and possibly increasing the risk of cancer and birth defects.

"There were fears about pasteurization, frozen foods and microwave ovens," said Harley Everett, vice president of Vindicator Inc., which treated the first batch of berries at the plant Thursday.

"Facts show irradiation is safe. The problem is scare campaigns and lies."

Leading the fight against the process is the New York-based consumer advocacy group Food & Water, which launched a radio advertising blitz last summer suggesting that eating irradiated foods might "kill you."

"This is a gamble with an unproven technology," said Michael Colby, the group's director. "It's a dangerous health experiment being conducted on the nation's dinner tables."

Three states — Maine, New York and New Jersey — have acted to prevent sale of irradiated foods. Two large supermarket chains and several prominent food processors also have taken stands against it, but most are taking a wait-and-see approach.

Now that the $7 million plant is operating in this dusty town 40 miles east of Tampa, activists are springing into action. They have rented a tiny apartment across the street to videotape and follow trucks as they leave.

When word leaked earlier this month that Laurenzo's market would be the first to accept irradiated strawberries, 35 protesters showed up.

"I'd be lying if I said it didn't bother me," said Laurenzo, whose market in 1986 also was the first sell imported irradiated food, Haitian mangoes.

At the Vindicator plant, huge pallets of strawberries are placed on a conveyor carrying them to a bunker-like chamber with 6-foot-thick, lead-lined walls.

Once locked inside, a rack of blue glowing rods of cobalt-60 rise from a pool of water and expose the food to gamma rays for 15 minutes to an hour, enough time to kill insects, mold and bacteria that cause spoilage, salmonella and diarrhea.

Arrangements have been made for large tomato and citrus crops to be irradiated, said Everett, who refused to discuss the plant customer list.

"This will open up markets in places where it would have been impossible to try and ship before," he said. "Grocers will be able to sell it longer and people won't have to rush to eat it before it spoils."

The World Health Organization, the governments of more than 30 nations, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Agriculture Department have approved food irradiation.

LUCKY SELLERS — All students who sold one or more cases of candy in Northeast Elementary's recent fund raiser were eligible to have their name entered in a drawing for a tiger watch. Winners pictured are Monica Leyva, second grader, from Margie Martinez's class and first grader Christopher Grube of Gayle Wittie's class. (SDN Staff Photo)

Widow awarded $4 million by Oklahoma jury

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A Tulsa jury returned a $4 million judgment — the highest possible — to the widow of a former news anchorman who had sued over his dismissal.

The senior news anchor at television station KOTV indicated Friday's judgment would be appealed.

Robert Joffe, who committed suicide Jan. 31 in Dallas, alleged he was fired in March 1990 because a false rumor circulated at the station that he was homosexual.

Joffe, the station's former 5 p.m. anchor, alleged KOTV senior anchor Clayton Vaughn heard the rumor from Vaughn's hairdresser and passed it to station management.

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Weight Loss Surprises Researchers

WASHINGTON --A nutrition organization was hopeful that a nutritionally complete "hi-tech" food tablet would help erase world hunger problems, until a study revealed that one of the ingredients could cause significant weight loss.

Although other studies and scientists may not agree, researchers in Europe found that the ingredient, a natural plant colloid, actually caused people to lose weight, even though specifically instructed not to alter normal eating patterns, according to one study published in the prestigious *British Journal of Nutrition*. Researchers in an earlier study had speculated that the weight loss was due to a decrease in the intestinal absorption of calories.

While the development of the product called Food Source One, a project of National Dietary Research, would not be used to successfully fulfill its original goal, the formula which has since been improved with other natural colloids has been a windfall for some overweight people. A Daytona Beach, Florida woman fighting a weight battle for 12 years used the product on the recommendation of her physician and lost 30 pounds. She stated, "Not only have I lost 30 pounds but my cholesterol has dropped from 232 to 143. I have two closets full of clothes which have not fit me in two years that I can now wear." In a separate report, a telephone interview revealed that a Wilmington, North Carolina pharmacist lost 14 pounds in 3 weeks on the product and was never hungry.

Food Source One tablets are part of National Dietary Research's comprehensive plan to bring a rapid end to obesity in this country. A variety of nutritionally sound diet plans, specially prepared by NDR, accompany each bottle and provide a natural, drug free alternative for confronting the problem of obesity.

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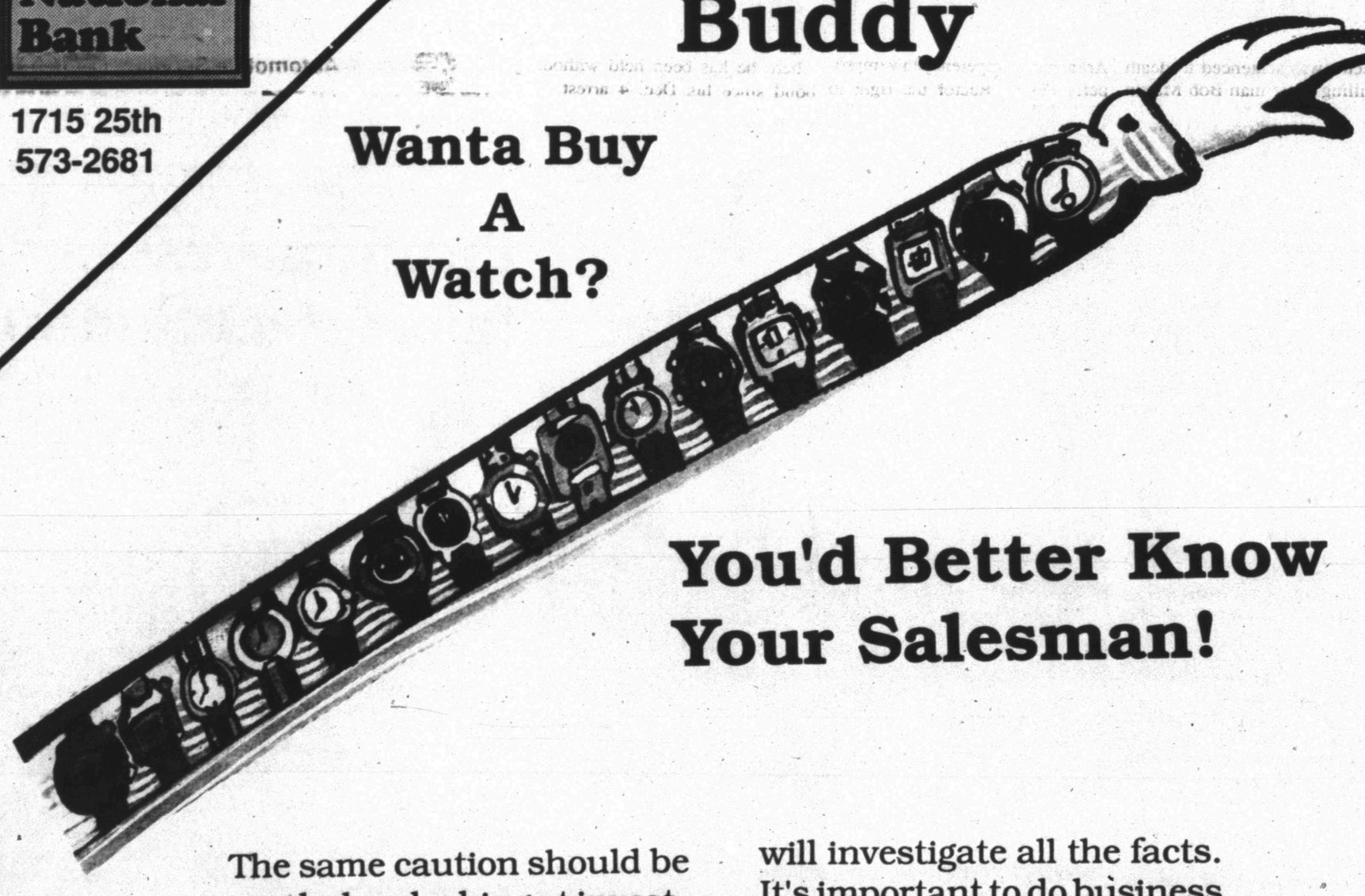

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To testify against sheriff...

Co-defendent pleads guilty to conspiracy

DALLAS (AP) — A 37-year old Alpine man pleaded guilty Friday to one count of conspiracy and agreed to testify against a co-defendant, the jailed Presidio County sheriff.

Glyn Robert Chambers entered a guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine before U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer in Dallas.

In exchange, three other related charges will be dropped after Chambers is sentenced, a defense attorney said.

The charges stem from the Dec. 4 pre-dawn seizure of 2,400 pounds of cocaine from a two-horse trailer parked at the Presidio County fairgrounds in Marfa. The trailer had been forfeited to the Presidio County Sheriff's office in 1990.

Chambers and Sheriff Richard Dee "Rick" Thompson were indicted Jan. 9 on conspiracy to possess more than five kilograms of cocaine, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, conspiracy to import cocaine and importing more than five kilograms of cocaine.

Sentencing for Chambers is pending until after Thompson's trial, tentatively set for March 2 in Pecos before Buchmeyer.

Chambers faces a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of life in prison and a maximum $4 million fine for his part in the scheme.

Defense attorney Rod Ponten would only confirm that his client would cooperate in the prosecution of Thompson, 45, who has been suspended pending the outcome of his trial.

Chambers said nothing during the brief hearing beyond answering Buchmeyer. Afterwards, he was transferred back to Pecos where he has been held without bond since his Dec. 4 arrest.

"They cut a deal," said Barry Crutchfield, Thompson's attorney, after being told Chambers' plea.

"I wouldn't have any comment. I'm not aware of it and had no knowledge of it. The United States has apparently decided to make a deal with a well-known drug smuggler. I'll just have to assess it," said Crutchfield of Lovington, N.M.

"It's no shock. Frankly it confirms what I had suspicions of," he said.

Crutchfield also said he has filed an appeal of the U.S. magistrate's decision to jail Thompson without bond. The appeal is pending in Buchmeyer's court, where the case was transferred after U.S. District Lucius Bunton, excused himself from the case.

Bunton once represented Thompson in an election dispute.

Federal officials have described the case as the largest cocaine seizure in Big Bend history, with a $1 billion street value.

During Chambers' detention hearing, a Drug Enforcement Administration agent testified that an informant who said he helped Chambers smuggle the drugs across the border was instructed by Chambers to call Thompson's home phone number when the drugs reached Marfa.

Immediately after the hearing, Thompson held a news conference in which he said he seized the cocaine in a drug investigation he was conducting and planned to use the cocaine in his own "sting" operation.

Thompson is jailed without bond at the Reeves County Jail.

Clinton returns to Arkansas for execution of cop killer

VARNER, Ark. (AP) — Gov. Bill Clinton left the Democratic presidential campaign trail Friday to be in Arkansas for the scheduled execution of a brain-damaged cop killer.

Rickey Ray Rector, 40, was executed by injection Friday night. Earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court without dissent denied a last-ditch appeals filed on Rector's behalf in state and federal courts.

The execution was delayed for 50 minutes because medical personnel weren't able to find a suitable vein in which to inject the solution, prison spokesman David White said.

Asked if he wished to make a final statement, Rector said, "Yes. I got baptized and saved."

The execution began at 9:50 p.m. CST, and Rector was pronounced dead at 10:09 p.m. by Lincoln County Coroner Jimmy Hawkins.

Clinton denied clemency to Rector on Thursday.

Rector was the first black executed in Arkansas since 1960.

The execution could help Clinton distance himself from his party's soft-on-crime liberal image, said some political observers in New Hampshire, site of the nation's first primary, on Feb. 18.

"I think the death penalty is a trump card for being tough on crime," said Kimberly Cook, president of New Hampshire Citizens Against the Death Penalty.

Dick Bennett of the American Research Group, a New Hampshire-based polling company, said he believes voters are more concerned about the economy, but, "My gut reaction is he's (Clinton) portraying himself as a moderate-to-conservative and the execution of the death sentence might be attractive."

Clinton has refused to talk about political implications of the execution. He was unavailable for comment Friday; his office and campaign staff said he wouldn't give any interviews.

The five-term governor has scheduled 68 executions during his 11 years in office. Only two inmates have been put to death during his administration, both in 1990.

Rector was sentenced to death for killing Patrolman Bob Martin of Conway in 1981.

After shooting the policeman, Rector shot himself in the head. The wound and emergency surgery that followed caused brain damage that officials say had the effect of a frontal lobotomy.

Defense attorneys say the brain damage made Rector incompetent to be executed. State and federal courts have repeatedly ruled that Rector meets the federal standard for competency: He understands what he did wrong and the extent of his punishment.

In the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, Rector's attorneys said Arkansas case law provides a higher standard for competency: that the inmate be able to help in his defense.

Government doctors, who found Rector competent under the federal standard years after his conviction, have said he could not now help in his defense if he had the opportunity to do so.

Rector's attorneys also said Arkansas' competency law improperly denied Rector the right to have government doctors cross-examined.

Martin, 38, a 10-year veteran of the Conway police department, was killed March 24, 1981. Police said Martin went to the home of Rector's mother seeking Rector for the shooting of three people, one of whom died.

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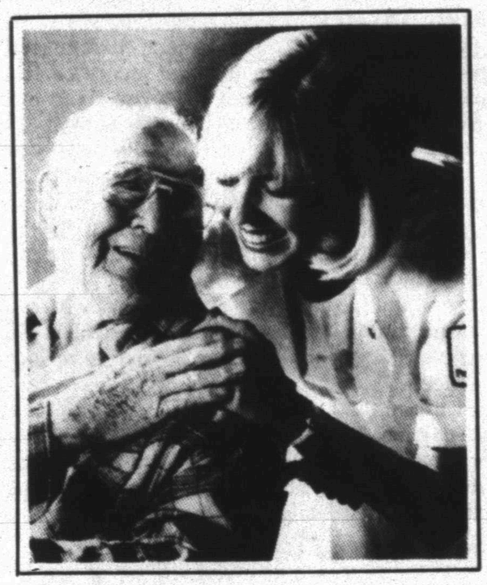

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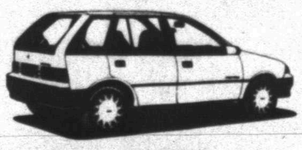

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Scientists discover unknown hormone

LA JOLLA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists have discovered a previously unkown human hormone that shows promise in treating cancer, controlling Parkinson's disease, treating skin diseases and regulating cholesterol.

The new hormone, a derivative of vitamin A called 9-cis retinoic acid, plays a powerful role in regulating the activity of cells and may result in all sorts of new medical treatments, although such uses remain years away as scientists decipher more about the new hormone.

"It's rare to discover new hormonal systems. Historically, they represent major discoveries ... so we are extremely excited," said Ron Evans, head of the Gene Expression Laboratory at the Salk Institute.

Evans, who led the research, reported the discovery in Friday's issue of Cell magazine. Colleagues at Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc. in La Jolla and the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, also took part in the discovery.

"It's terribly important," said Michael Sporn, chief of laboratory chemoprevention at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. "It tells us there are more substances in this whole family of ... molecules that will be useful in manipulating how cells behave, and that might someday be useful in preventing cancer."

While scientists have known that 9-cis retinoic acid exists, they did not before realize that it is present in the human body or what it does there.

Of the hundreds of hormones, scientists have before now only known of eight that are fat-soluble steroid hormones. The new molecule represents the ninth, Evans said.

The last time a new human hormone of this class of steroid hormones was discovered was the active form of vitamin D in 1968, he said.

In recent years, scientists have discovered that some patients with certain types of cancer—such as leukemia—respond to treatments using vitamin A.

The hormone is a molecule that connects to receptors inside cells to begin changes within the cells, influencing the organs that contain them.

Since 1985, Evans, David Mangelsdorf of Salk, and Richard Heyman, the senior research manager of Ligand Pharmaceuticals, have been working with a family of receptors that cause cells to respond to steroid and thyroid hormones.

In 1990, Mangelsdorf discovered one receptor that did not respond to any known hormone. This one, called retinoid X receptor, showed a weak response to vitamin A, or retinol. So the sleuthing began: What hormone would trigger a reaction?

It took 20,000 chemical tests in three labs in two states to zero in on the molecule. Evans and his team had predicted its existence before they found it.

"This is a real triumph," said Dr. Geoffrey Rosenfeld, an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. "A few years ago, they described a new class of receptors and several years later, they proved the hypothesis."

The new molecules likely influence skin growth and play an important role in vision and bone development, Rosenfeld said.

A HONOR ROLL — First semester A Honor Roll students at Northeast Elementary are Amber Burst, Adrian Gonzales, Veronica Lopez and Tina Luna, all fourth graders; Keila Helms, fifth grader; and Terra Bynum and Jessica Mills, sixth graders. (SDN Staff Photo)

B HONOR ROLL — First semester B Honor Roll students at Northeast Elementary are Johnny Alaniz, Vicky Alvarado, Caleb Callaway, Amy Campos, Nicholas Garcia, Emily Luera, Melissa Perez, Kayla Phipps, Veronica Sarabia, Cathy Tatom, Joe Vasquez and Isidro Villiasana, all fourth graders; Starla Davis, Rad Eicke, Ricardo Hernandez, Terra Lyons, Mike Martinez, Whitney Owen, Lidia Rodriguez, Brandon Williamson and Brandi Wolf, all fifth graders; and Jackie Beck, Veronica Block, Kristy Bollinger, Felicia Castillo, Rene Garza, Amanda Hermosillo, Fernando Rodriguez and Janette Waltz. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

Annuity assets currently total more than $30 billion, up $7 billion from a year ago, according to the Investment Company Institute, the trade association of the mutual fund industry. Likewise, annuity sales have increased more than 30 percent in each of the past two years. Why the newfound popularity?

It may have something to do with the tax advantages of variable annuities. Rudolph Watz, vice president of insurance products for a major money-management firm, says the tax benefits of variable annuities resemble those of IRAs, but variable annuities can be bought in virtually unlimited dollar amounts.

After tax reform, many investors lost their tax deduction for IRAs. Those who didn't can only contribute up to $2,000 a year. Tax reform eliminated most tax-exempt investments, so the value of any tax break becomes more important.

Today's variable annuity has evolved into a very sophisticated investment, and many mutual-fund groups have combined their expertise with that of major insurance companies. The result is the best of both worlds. The mutual funds concentrate on what they do best--managing money. The insurance companies, on the other hand, add the benefits of death protection and tax-sheltering.

Although a fund company's variable annuity accounts must be managed separately from the mutual fund's regular accounts, most are clones of conventional funds. There are a growing number of variable annuity fund accounts, however, that have no similarity to the taxable funds. They are designed and managed specifically as annuity investments. The investment technique, however, is the same. After assessing the risks and rewards in each market sector, the fund adjusts the proportions invested in different securities, free from taxes. For example, when markets seem to favor fixed-income investments over growth securities, the fund attempts to shift its assets accordingly. The aim, of course, is to maximize returns while limiting risks.

There are some disadvantages to variable annuities, however. Some are much costlier than others. Those run by conservative companies typically charge around 1.75 percent to 1.90 percent of an investor's annual holdings. That compares with 1.3 percent for the average taxable equity mutual fund.

In addition, annuities are long-term investments, and early withdrawal can incur charges from the annuity, plus penalties imposed by the Internal Revenue Service on investors who are not yet 59-1/2 years of age.

Despite these disadvantages, demographics are predicted to ensure the expansion of variable annuities. The 77 million baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964 are beginning to save. With retirement 20 years or so away, many realize that tax-deferred compounding of their earnings may be one of the only answers to a financially secure retirement.

Some industry leaders are going so far as to predict that just as mutual funds were an investment mainstay in the 1980's, variable annuities could become a mainstay financial product in the 1990's.

Senior center activities listed

Senior citizens with January birthdays will be special guests at a birthday party starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Center. Games and refreshments are provided by McDonald's.

Monday's Game Day feature in the center will be dominoes, with games starting at 9:30 a.m. Senior citizens who enjoy other games are invited to arrange them at the same time.

Benny Benitez will be playing for a country/western dance in the center starting at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Browning band will perform in the dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Kitchen Band will entertain in the center at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. The Friday Sing Along will get underway at 11:30 a.m. in the dining room.

The senior citizen swimnastics group will meet at the Western Texas College swimming pool at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Senior citizens who would like to exercise in the water are reminded that they are not required to know how to swim but they may benefit from exercising in the warm water in the indoor pool.

Senior citizens who need transportation to the center or to run errands in town are invited to call the office at 573-4035 to make arrangements. Information about all Senior Center programs and activities can also be obtained by calling that number.

Birmingham mayor released after he turns over records

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Mayor Richard Arrington agreed Friday to give his personal appointment records to a federal judge and was freed from prison after spending a day behind bars.

"It's not been great fun," Arrington said.

The records were given to U.S. District Judge Edwin L. Nelson, who held Arrington in contempt a week ago, said the mayor's attorney, Donald Watkins. Watkins refused to give further details of the agreement to turn them over.

"I have learned that he has purged himself of contempt," U.S. Attorney Frank Donaldson said. "I am pleased that the matter is taken care of."

Arrington, 57, had refused to turn over the records to a federal grand jury investigating possible corruption at City Hall. He claimed Donaldson's office had singled him out because he's black, and wanted the records to fabricate a case against him. Donaldson has repeatedly denied it.

Arrington "now is in complete compliance with the court order," Donaldson said, adding it was "unfortunate that it wasn't done earlier so that these high visibility events would never have occurred."

On Thursday, Arrington, symbolically chained to supporters, walked three blocks from a church to the federal courthouse to surrender. He was taken from there to a minimum-security camp at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, 90 miles to the south.

Nelson sentenced Arrington to 18 months in jail, to be served from Thursday nights to Monday mornings, or until Arrington obeyed the subpoena. He also fined Arrington $1,000 a day, for up to seven days.

Arrington, the city's first black mayor, had said he would provide the records, but that he wanted first to go to prison in protest.

The grand jury had subpoenaed Arrington's personal appointment records for 1986-1991.

Arrington refused to turn them over, saying he didn't want the government to use the records to bolster accusations against him by Tarlee Brown, an Atlanta architect and former Arrington business partner.

Brown pleaded guilty in September to scheming to defraud the city. He said he also paid Arrington $5,000 over two years in kickbacks on his profits from city projects.

Arrington, who was re-elected to a fourth term last year, denied the allegations, and city lawyers said his appointment books show that he and Brown didn't meet on the dates claimed by Brown.

Arrington had said he agreed to turn over appointment records for specific individuals named by prosecutors. He didn't want to turn over all his appointment logs, saying it would submit all his office visitors to harassment by prosecutors.

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Jack Hightower challenged on Wise County tax ruling

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Supreme Court Justice Jack Hightower denies he had a conflict of interest involving a Wise County tax case because his daughter was a lobbyist for a company that could benefit from a ruling.

"I have never discussed this case with my daughter at all," said Hightower, a candidate for reelection. "She has never tried to discuss anything with me, or ask me any questions, or done anything."

Hightower told the Austin bureau of the Houston Chronicle he did not know until after the court made its decision that his daughter, Amy Hightower Brees, was a lobbyist for LaFarge Corp. and the Texas Aggregate and Concrete Association.

The Wise County Appraisal District is requesting a new hearing on a 5-4 decision in December that reduced the county's tax base. The tax district said Hightower should have not voted in the case involving property taxes on limestone deposits.

"This is so silly," said Ms. Brees, who now works part-time for the Texas Dental Association and is doing some work for the Alliance of American Insurers.

"I have never talked about this with my dad. We don't talk about anything that he's doing at the court. He doesn't even talk to my mother about anything."

At the time of the ruling, Ms. Brees was working for lobbyist Bennie Bock. She said she handled all of the court business and she represented the clients on other business before the state Legislature.

"He (Bock) knew about this case," she said. "He told me about it, and I was aware of it. And he told me, 'Because of this situation with your dad on the court, you're not to do anything involving this case, and we won't talk about it, and you won't do anything at the Legislature on it.'

"I said, 'That's fine.' And so I never did," she said.

She said she worked on trucking legislation and on some hazardous waste legislation involving LaFarge.

The court's opinion, written by Hightower, said Wise County cannot tax underground limestone in property owned by Gifford-Hill & Co. unless the rock is in an identified quarry. The county wanted the company to pay taxes on the estimated value of the limestone under its land.

In the ruling, Hightower also overturned lower-court decisions which said limestone was a mineral that could be taxed. Hightower's opinion said that under Texas tax law, limestone is not a mineral.

"In writing an opinion, you have all the briefs and all of the information about the case, and that's what we studied in order to write our opinion," Hightower said. "So all of my information came either out of the briefs or out of our law books that we have here.

"I have not had any ex parte information from anybody," he said.

But Wise County's lawyers also complain that the court's decision was based, in part, on the papers filed with the court by the trade group, injecting Ms. Brees' client directly into the case.

LaFarge and other companies were not parties to the suit, but would benefit from the decision if they, like Gifford-Hill, are able to avoid taxes on their limestone deposits.

Hightower's position on the court and his daughter's position as a lobbyist for LaFarge, the county said, creates a conflict of interest that should push Hightower off the case.

"It's up to the court to determine, and the court will pass on it," Hightower said. "But I think I am as sensitive as anybody can possibly be about conflicts of interest, and I just cannot see where there's any conflict of interest here.

Hightower, 65, is one of three Supreme Court justices up for reelection this year. A former legislator and congressman, he was elected to the court in 1986 to a term that expires at the end of the year.

He will face one opponent, E. Paul Banner of Greenville, in the March 10 primary.

Two Republicans are seeking their party's nomination: George Barbary of Dallas and John D. Montgomery of Austin.

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Students exposed...

Teacher has spinal meningitis

LA JOYA, Texas (AP) — Free antiobiotics are being provided to La Joya High School students whose math teacher has contracted spinal meningitis.

As many as 145 students may have been exposed to the potentially fatal disease, school officials said Friday.

"The chances of anybody coming down with it are very slim," Hidalgo County Health Director Charles Wilson told a meeting of parents and students in the school auditorium.

Spinal meningitis is an infection of the membrane surrounding the brain, Wilson said, causing it to swell and poison brain tissue.

The teacher became ill Wednesday, Wilson said, and was in a coma Friday.

District superintendent Dr. Roberto Zamora said he became aware of the teacher's condition Friday. He alerted county health officials and parents immediately, arranging the session to answer questions and distribute medication.

He said none of the students in the teacher's class has shown symptoms of the disease. Symptoms include high fever, vomiting, sore throat, and mental confusion.

Without treatment by antibiotics, the disease can kill quickly, Wilson said. But only those who came in direct contact with the teacher are at risk.

The disease is spread through droplets expelled when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

"The worst thing for this type of disease is to be in a crowded place," Wilson said.

As a precaution, Wilson asked parents to sign consent forms so the health department could give them a free 4-day supply of antibiotics to combat the illness.

"We know that the risk for the students is low, but we cannot say 100 percent that nobody will get sick," Wilson said.

Orlando Lozano, a sophomore at La Joya, said he had a class with the teacher as well.

"I'm worried," the 16-year-old said. "I don't even know if I have a disease in me or not."

Jane Pauley to return

NEW YORK (AP) — Jane Pauley, whose departure from the "Today" show two years ago angered TV viewers across the country, will return next week to co-anchor the program while Bryant Gumbel is on vacation.

Pauley quit "Today" in December 1989 amid reports that NBC was pushing her out in favor of the younger Deborah Norville.

Norville left the show last year to have a baby and was replaced as co-anchor by Katie Couric.

Pauley, who was with the show for 13 years, also returned earlier this month for "Today's" 40th anniversary broadcast.

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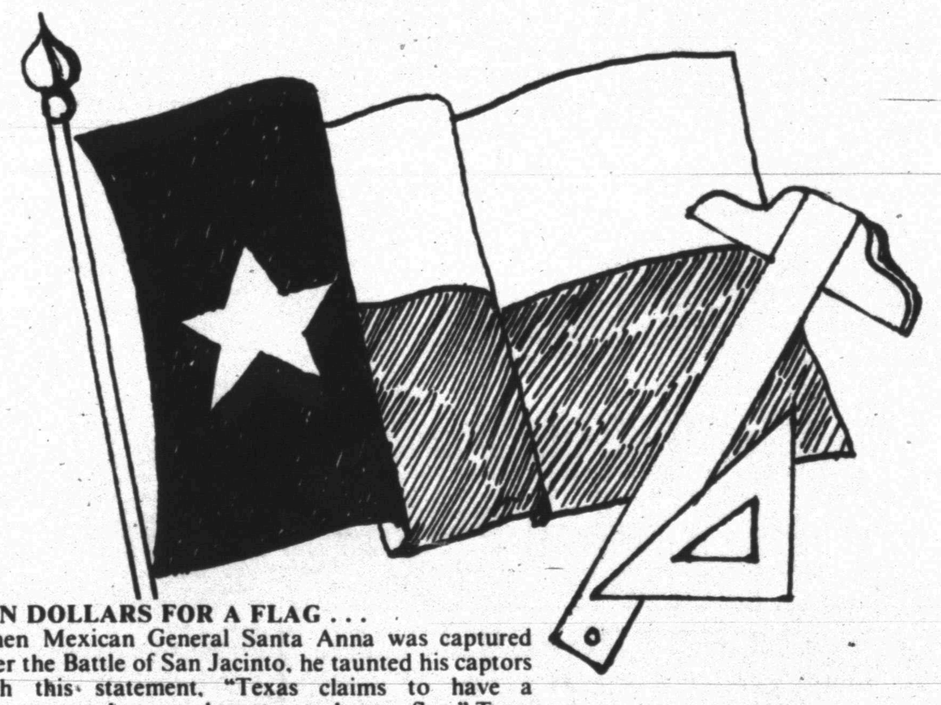

TEN DOLLARS FOR A FLAG . . .
When Mexican General Santa Anna was captured after the Battle of San Jacinto, he taunted his captors with this statement, "Texas claims to have a government, but you do not even have a flag." True, the Lone Star flag we know today was not accepted until January 25, 1839. Dr. Charles Stewart designed the flag. Austin artist Peter Krag drew the official design. Krag was paid $10 for the flag drawing.

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Minus key players...

Tigers fall to Lamesa, 66-60

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

It was a close nip-and-tuck affair and it came down to who was missing rather than who was playing Friday night as Lamesa edged Snyder, 66-60, in a District 2-4A cage showdown at Scurry County Coliseum.

"It was a tough game," Snyder coach Bud Birks stated. "Both teams really got after it.

"We played hard and got after them," he continued. "I told the kids not to fault their effort, they didn't make the greatest decisions at the end of the game, but its kind of hard when your leader is on the bench. But we did play hard.

"Lamesa played hard, too. It was a good game."

Snyder's inside trio of Jeff Wortham, Barron Wesley and Hayward Clay have been the team's strength all season, averaging almost 60 points and 35 rebounds per game as a group.

But Wortham was left to carry the load after Wesley was forced from the fray with an injury to his right ankle in the third period and a close call in the middle of the fourth gave Clay his fifth foul.

Jerry Don Tippens' two from the line gave the Tigers their final points of the night with :24 to go.

In other District 2-4A games Friday, Levelland was upset by Estacado, 67-59, and Frenship popped Dunbar, 65-46.

Wesley's injury, which was believed to be a sprain, came with 3:22 to play in the third quarter and the score tied at 44-44.

Immediately following Wesley taking the bench, Lamesa gained its first lead of the game on a three-pointer by Allen Davis.

The game see-sawed through the end of the quarter with Clay also coming out on his fourth personal foul with a half-minute to go.

Lamesa carried a 49-46 advantage into the final stanza. The difference remained at three points, 53-50, when Clay returned and was promptly sent to the line, making a pair of freebies to close the gap to a single point.

The Tors went on a 6-0 run that was capped by twin free throws from Corey Kelly that came as a result of Clay's fouling out with under three minutes to go.

"I didn't really fell like I had a choice when I put him back in," Birks said. "We weren't doing much offensively. We were down to one inside threat in Jeff, and that really made it tough. I just rolled the dice and he (Clay) got his last foul on a real close call."

Tyrone Lewis of Lamesa was the game's high scorer, putting in 25 points. Kelly managed 12, as did Brandon Sheppard for the Tors.

Clay paced the Tigers with 23 points, including a seven-of-nine showing from the charity stripe. Wesley canned 12 before his injury and Wortham wound up with 10.

LAMESA (66) — Kelly 5 2-2 12; Davis 3 0-0 7; Bl. Sheppard 0 0-1 0; Lewis 10 5-10 25; Brandon Sheppard 4 6-8 12; Brown 0 0-2 0; Blake 2 4-6 8; TOTALS 24 17-29 66.

SNYDER (60) — Clay 8 7-9 23; Wortham 2 6-8 10; Wesley 5 2-3 12; West 2 0-0 4; Tippens 0 2-2 2; Braziel 4 0-1 9; TOTALS 21 17-23 60.

3-point goals: Snyder 1 (Braziel); Lamesa 1 (Davis). Total fouls: Snyder 22, Lamesa 23. Fouled out: Clay, Lewis. Records: Snyder 15-9, 1-2; Lamesa 16-9, 3-0.

Lamesa	14	22	13	17	-66
Snyder	18	20	8	14	-60

District 2-4A

Boys

Team	Season		District	
Lamesa	16	9	3	0
Levelland	16	5	2	1
Estacado	12	13	2	1
Snyder	15	9	1	2
Frenship	14	10	1	2
Dunbar	5	15	0	3

Friday's games

Lamesa 66, Snyder 60
Estacado 67, Levelland 59
Frenship 65, Dunbar 46

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Levelland	21	6	5	0
Lamesa	26	1	4	1
Estacado	7	15	3	2
Dunbar	6	13	2	3
Frenship	8	15	2	3
Snyder	2	22	0	5

Friday's games

Lamesa 72, Snyder 34
Levelland 55, Estacado 37
Frenship 42, Dunbar 36

Lady Tors notch 72-34 cage victory over SHS

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

The Lamesa Lady Tornadoes ended Snyder's hopes for a District 2-4A basketball upset early Friday night rolling to a 35-8 advantage in the first quarter on their way to a 72-34 win.

"The first quarter they came out and just couldn't miss," said SHS head coach Laurie Welch. "They probably shot close to 60 percent. And we weren't doing a good job on transition, getting back on defense.

"They had a lot of three-pointers," the coach continued. "Not shooting three pointers. They'd shoot a layup and we'd foul them and they'd make the free throw. They had seven or eight like that in the first half.

"We stayed with them the rest of the night. We played well the rest of the time. The girls played well and just didn't quit.

Welch said, "It would have been easy to have just given up and said, 'Here, score 100 points', but they were determined not to let that happen, and for that, I'm proud of them."

With about four minutes to go in the game, and holding a 61-28 lead, Lamesa coach Terry Simpson sent his starters back into the game and began full-court pressure on defense.

"Well, putting their starters back out there was one thing," said Welch, "but pressing us was pretty sorry.

"I think you have a whole lot of class to do that to a team when you've already beaten them by 30 or 40 points."

Lamesa's Saresa Butler had a 30-point night for the Lady Tors, hitting four threes and converting four of four from the free-throw line. Kechia Mason added 17 and Emmy Defee put in 11 for the winners.

Junior post Shalawn Smith managed 13 for the Lady Tigers. Sophomore Annie Ragland canned eight.

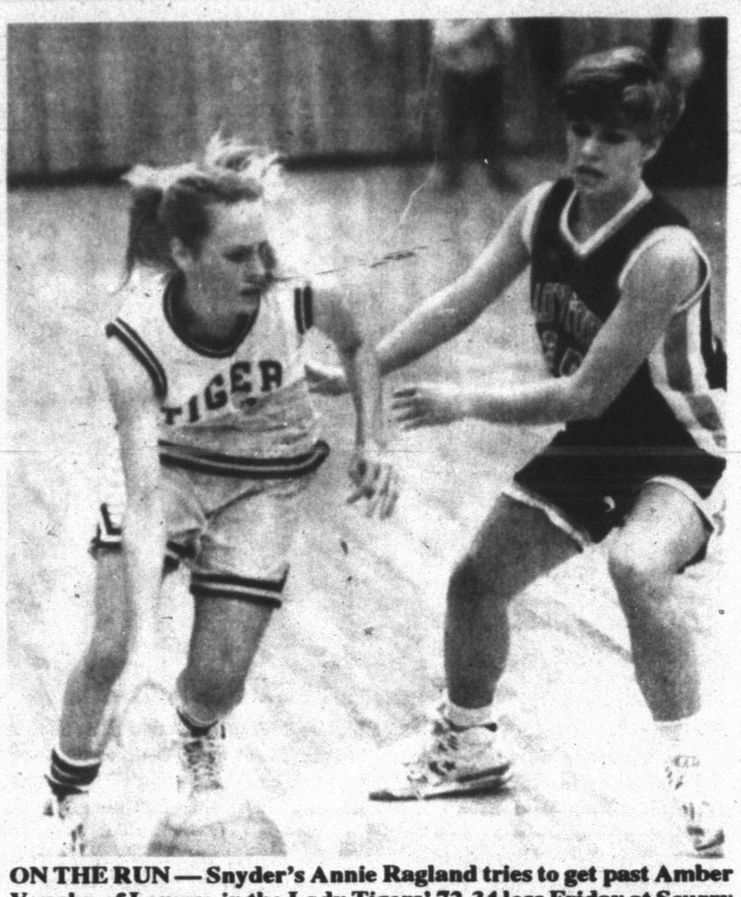
The loss drops the Lady Tigers to 2-22 on the season and 0-5 to end the first half of District 2-4A competition. Lamesa moves to 26-1 overall and 4-1 in loop games.

LAMESA (72) — Woodward 2 0-0 4; K. Butler 4 0-3 8; Waughn 0 0-2 0; Lightfoot 0 0-1 0; Mason 5 7-12 17; S. Butler 11 4-4 30; Defee 5 1-1 11; TOTALS 27 12-23 72.

SNYDER (34) — Duncan 2 1-2 3; Ball 1 0-0 2; Ragland 3 2-4 8; Braziel 2 0-0 4; Smith 6 1-1 13; Huff 1 0-0 2; TOTALS 15 4-7 34.

3-point goals: Lamesa 4 (S. Butler 4). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Lamesa 9. Fouled out: none. Records: Snyder 2-21, 0-5; Lamesa 26-1, 4-1.

Lamesa	35	11	13	13	-72
Snyder	8	10	5	11	-34



ON THE RUN — Snyder's Annie Ragland tries to get past Amber Vaughn of Lamesa in the Lady Tigers' 72-34 loss Friday at Scurry County Coliseum. Snyder will be at home against Levelland Tuesday as their short home-stand winds up. (SDN Staff Photo)

WJCAC basketball

MEN

Team	Season		Conference	
Midland	17	4	7	0
South Plains	16	6	6	2
NMJC	18	3	5	2
Odessa	16	5	4	3
Howard	16	5	3	4
WTC	11	10	3	4
NMMI	9	12	2	5
Clarendon	5	10	1	6
Frank Phillips	3	15	1	6

Thursday, Jan. 23

WTC 114, Frank Phillips 77
Howard 99, South Plains 85
Odessa 87, NMMI 72
Midland 92, NMJC 90

Friday, Jan. 24

Clarendon at Southern Nazarene

Monday, Jan. 27

WTC at Clarendon
Odessa at Midland
NMJC at Frank Phillips
Howard at NMMI

WOMEN

Team	Season		Conference	
Howard	19	3	6	0
NMJC	18	2	4	1
Odessa	12	11	3	3
Frank Phillips	9	9	2	3
South Plains	14	9	2	4
Clarendon	10	6	1	4
WTC	7	13	1	4

Thursday, Jan. 23

WTC 55, Frank Phillips 44
Howard 92, South Plains 60

Saturday, Jan. 25

Ft. Bliss at NMJC

Monday, Jan. 27

WTC at Clarendon
NMJC at Frank Phillips

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	24	15	.615	—
Boston	25	16	.610	—
Philadelphia	20	21	.488	5
New Jersey	19	21	.475	5½
Miami	19	23	.452	6½
Washington	14	25	.359	10
Orlando	10	30	.250	14½
Central Division				
Chicago	36	5	.878	—
Cleveland	27	12	.692	8
Detroit	23	18	.561	13
Atlanta	21	20	.512	15
Milwaukee	19	21	.475	16½
Indiana	15	27	.357	21½
Charlotte	11	30	.268	25
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	26	16	.619	—
San Antonio	23	18	.561	2½
Houston	22	18	.550	3
Denver	16	24	.400	9
Dallas	13	27	.325	12
Minnesota	7	34	.171	18½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	26	11	.703	—
Portland	28	13	.683	—
Phoenix	27	15	.643	1½
LA Lakers	25	16	.610	3
Seattle	20	21	.488	8
LA Clippers	20	22	.476	8½
Sacramento	12	29	.293	16

Friday's Games

Orlando 121, Dallas 103
Chicago 117, Detroit 93
San Antonio 115, Milwaukee 86

Bowhunters honored at banquet

Snyder Bowhunters Association held its annual awards banquet Thursday, naming outstanding archers in eight divisions, recognizing the winner of the group's Big Buck Contest and electing new officers.

Britt Taylor won the Outstanding Archer award in the mini-cubs division while Marshall Early claimed the title in cubs, Kevin McMillan was selected in the youth category and Audrey Taylor landed the women's honors.

Robert Taylor was the year's best in sighted compound; Ricky Kruger won in non-sighted compound; Brent Smith was tabbed in traditional and Malcolm Rainwater was best in the overdraw division.

Gale Titus' eight-point buck with a 15 1/2-inch spread was the club's Big Buck winner.

New officers for 1992 include Rainwater as president; Jerry Early, vice-president; Dale Byrd, secretary-treasurer and Mike Lindsey, range captain.

Assistant range captains are Darryl Boone, Titus and Tim Owen. Jay Griffin and Marshall Early were picked as junior range captains.

Roscoe trims Bulldogs in District 17-A upset

ROSCOE — The Roscoe Plowboys erupted for 37 second-half points while limiting Ira to only 25, six in the fourth quarter, to claim a 63-62 comeback win in District 17-A basketball Friday night.

In the girls' game, Roscoe moved to 23-0 and 4-0 in loop games by handing Ira an 80-15 loss.

The Bulldogs scored 26 in the first period to Roscoe's 11 but gave back four points in the 11-15 second period.

The Plowboys came out of the locker room at the half and edged back into the game with a 22-19 surge in the third followed by a 15-6 run in the decisive final frame.

Kory Clark was Ira's top scorer with 22 points. Justin Box added 17.

The loss drops the Bulldogs to 16-5 overall and 2-2 in league encounters. Roscoe improves to 4-11 and 2-2.

The Ira girls were never in Friday night's matchup with the Lady Plowboys, falling to 41-9 by halftime and never scoring more than five points in a quarter.

Amy Oppegard managed six to lead the Lady 'Dogs, who fall to 3-19 and 1-3.

Ira will enjoy an open date Tuesday before beginning the second half of loop play Friday when Aspermont visits.

In other District 17-A action Friday, Aspermont captured two wins over Rotan, taking a 63-41 girls' win and a 64-38 victory in the boys' game.

Boys

Ira	26	11	19	6	-62
Roscoe	11	15	22	15	-63

Leading scorers: Ira — Clark 22, Box 17, Beltz 9, Haynes 8; Roscoe — Alexander 22, Lopez 12, Frierson 11. Records: Ira 16-5, 2-2; Roscoe 4-11, 2-2.

Girls

Ira	5	5	2	4	-15
Roscoe	20	21	18	21	-80

Leading scorers: Ira — Oppegard 8, Mathis 4; Roscoe — Frierson 18, Blackly 10, Wright 10. Records: Ira 3-19, 1-3; Roscoe 23-0, 4-0.

District 17-A

Basketball
Boys

Team	Season		District	
Roby	14	7	3	1
Aspermont	13	5	3	1
Ira	16	5	2	2
Roscoe	4	11	2	2
Rotan	0	8	0	4

Friday's games

Roscoe 63, Ira 62
Aspermont 64, Rotan 38
Roby at Munday

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Roscoe	23	0	4	0
Roby	10	11	3	1
Aspermont	4	14	2	2
Ira	3	19	1	3
Rotan	5	11	0	4

Friday's games

Roscoe 80, Ira 15
Aspermont 63, Rotan 41
Roby at Munday

Bowling News

JACK AND JILL
1-22-92

Team	W	L
Outlaws	51½	20½
Sonic	48	24
Better-n-Nuttin	42	30
Timely Finance	39	33
Misfits	39	33
Matthies Const	38	34
Champions	37½	34½
Garcia Tire	36½	35½
Matco Tools	36	36
Club 250	36	36
Snyder Paint-Body	35	37
Strugglers	33	39
Just One Pin	29½	42½
Hillside Mem Gdn	27	45
Silver Bullet	25	47
Lucky 7	25	47

High Series: Jimmy Fletcher 540; Jim Griswold 540; Vicky Renshaw 517. **High game:** Jim Griswold 236; Helen Kellner 182; Vicky Renshaw 182. **High handicap series:** Mark Thompson 717; Helen Kellner 623. **High handicap game:** Jimmy Fletcher 262; Bernie Sealy 207.

200-500: Jim Griswold 236, 540; Jimmy Fletcher 231, 540; Mark Thompson 210, 537; Jester Pippin 212, 528; Bruce Beall 200, 519; Ronnie Clawson 505; Vicky Renshaw 517; Bernie Sealy 515; Helen Kellner 515.

Converted splits: Vicky Renshaw 2-5-7; Mark Thompson 3-10; roger Pavlik 3-10; Brenda Hook 5-6; Joel Loper 4-5-7; Bernie Sealy 3-10; Brenda Hook 3-10; Helen Kellner 3-10; Charlie Teague 3-9-10, 3-10, 3-10, 3-10; Raymond Kellner 3-10; Melissa McCright 4-10; Billie Jackson 5-7; Beth Kellner 6-7-10; Bruce Beall 3-10; Jerry Surratt 5-10; Bill Jackson 5-7.

KOFFEE LEAGUE
1-21-92

Team	W	L
SOS	49½	26½
Patterson's Used Cars	46	30
IF&C	45½	39½
Gifts by Jane	39	37
House of Treasures	37½	38½
Everybody's	37½	38½
R.D.'s Wld	32	44
Spanish Inn	22	54

High Series: Tracy Boone 526. **High game:** Tracy Boone 212. **High handicap series:** Alma Posey 614. **High handicap game:** Helen Kellner 212; Alma Posey 212.

200-500: Tracy Boone 212, 526; Alma Posey 512; Bernie Sealy 504; Helen Kellner 501.

Splits converted: Grace Beauchamp 3-9-10; Jenny Rainwater 3-10; Kelly Williamson 9-10; Tish Hendrickson 3-10; Melba Surratt 5-7; Sandra Clawson 3-10; Icy Foree 3-10.

WISHBALL
1-23-92

Team	W	L
Ridge Riders	18	10
Snyder Lanes	18	10
Johnson Exxon	17½	10½
W-M	17	11
Melco	11½	16½
Snyder Golf	10	18
A and W	10	18
Lefties	10	18

High Series: Rick Mammolite 563. **High game:** Wayne Monroney 207. **High handicap series:** roger Pavlik 650. **High handicap game:** Mike McLeod 240.

Splits converted: Bill Miller 3-6-7-10; Lynn Smith 2-7; Steve Olsen 3-10; Ewell Mackey 3-10, 3-9-10; Mike McLeod 5-7; James Magness 3-10.

COMMERCIAL
1-21-92

Team	W	L
City of Rotan	48	12
Stephens Ofc Sup	37	23
Key Kennels	31	29
Bar-H-Bar	27	33
Reef Chemical	25	35
WTP Energy	25	35
Pro Parts	24½	35½
Wilson Mtrs	22½	37½

High Series: Greg Hodge 581. **High game:** Greg Hodge 219. **High handicap series:** Gary Kinder 630. **High handicap game:** rick Mammolite 240.

Splits converted: J.C. Harrison 3-10; Frank McCravey 3-10; bob Motley 3-10; Russell Lloyd 3-10, 4-6-10; Lynn Smith 2-7-8; Rick Mammolite 2-7; Red Bennett 4-5-7.

ROLL N HOPE
1-20-92

Team	W	L
Cotton Patch Casuals	49	23
E.D. Walton	44	28
Louise's Coffee Shop	38½	43½
IGA	38	34
LaRoux State Farm	35	37
Musselwhite Trucking	31½	40½
Pro Bail Bond	27	45
City Nat'l Bank	27	45

High Series: ?Cindy Loper 612. **High game:** Emma Braziel 220. **High handicap series:** Debbie Massingill 696. **High handicap game:** Deborah Pruett 280.

Splits converted: Sue Bratton 5-6; Dot Motley 3-10; Linda Head 3-7-10; Vicky Renshaw 3-10; Deborah Pruett 6-7-10, 2-7; Jeneal Chamber 5-7-9; Chris Collier 3-10, 3-10; Georgie Tarver 6-10; Marsha Cribbs 9-10; Carolyn Sharp 4-5-7.

200-500: Mary Ann Caldwell 205; Cindy Loper 228, 203, 612; Debbie Massingill 525; Vicky Renshaw 532.

HIS & HER
1-20-92

Team	W	L
Cogdell's Best	8	4
AAA Coffee	8	4
B-Line Serv	7	5
Nail Automation	7	5
Stewart Ins.	6	6
CFAS	5	7
K&M Pumping Svc	5	7
Snyder EMS	2	10

High Series: Steve Mackey 552; Billie Jackson 526. **High game:** Steve Mackey 204; Darrel Grant 204; Billie Jackson 191. **High handicap series:** Darrel Grant 619; Naomi Almquist 657. **High handicap game:** Jack Almquist 217; Emily Irons 235.

Splits converted: Carla Bradshaw 5-7; Robert Early 3-10; Jeff Kellner 3-10; Johnny Irons 2-7; Naomi Almquist 2-7; Angela Elledge 5-7; Emily Irons 3-10.

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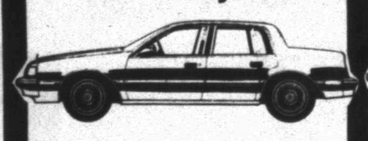

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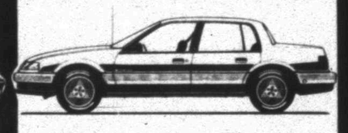

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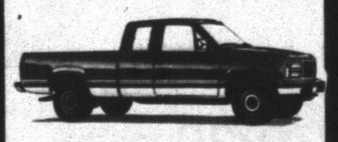

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Bills, 'Skins set to tee it up

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Call it the mystery Super Bowl.

Whether CoachSpeak or the truth, both coaches involved in Sunday's game between the Washington Redskins and Buffalo Bills said Friday they have no idea what to expect when the two teams take the field Sunday evening at the Metrodome.

"I can't identify any one thing that I can say we have to do to beat them," said Buffalo's Marv Levy, who like Washington's Joe Gibbs has spent the past two weeks with his staff breaking down every bit of tape he can find on the Redskins.

"That's what makes it so hard. I can't say 'if we take this away from them then we can be successful' They have great balance."

Gibbs returned the compliment, citing Buffalo's no-huddle offense in particular.

"They're very talented," he said. "They led the league in rushing, they have the league's MVP at running back and they have three great wide recievers. So do you defend for the pass or the rush? I just don't know."

The chances for a high-scoring game were enchanced with the indications that the ankle sprain sustained late in Thursday's practice by Washington quarterback Mark Rypien appeared to be minor.

Rypien went down four plays from the end of practice, slammed his helmet to the ground and came up limping. He didn't even ice the ankle after and by Friday was walking around the Redskins' hotel without a limp.

"You always get scared when your quarterback goes down," Gibbs said. "But I think he'll be fine."

Another of the issues surrounding the game is the identity of the umpire, the official who spots the ball after each play. The Bills complained that Al Conway, the umpire in their 10-7 win over Denver in the AFC title game continually stood over the ball, keeping them from running their no-huddle offense as quickly as they would like.

Levy said Friday he didn't anticipate that problem with Bob Boylston, who will be the umpire in Sunday's game.

"We had Bob Boylston in several games this year and never had that problem," Levy said. "In fact, we never had that problem in any game we played."

Both teams go into the game relatively healthy.

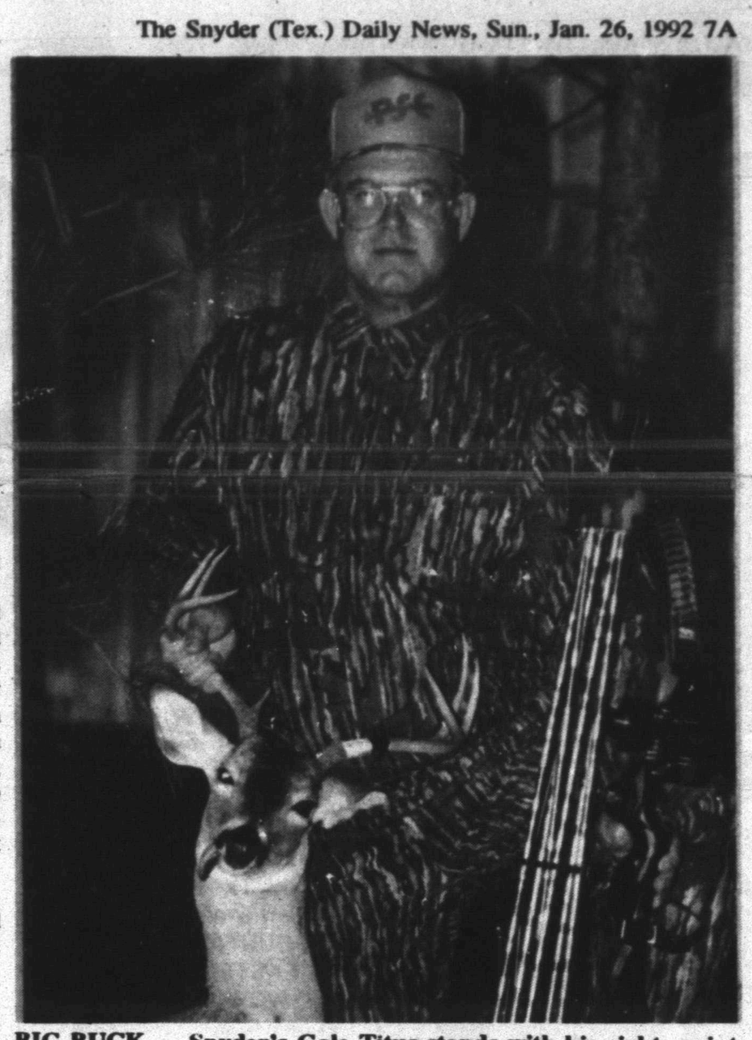
The only starter likely to miss the game is Leonard Smith, the Bills' strong safety, whose infected knee has not improved measurably this week. Right guard Glenn Parker, who missed the Denver game with a knee injury, is likely to play for Buffalo, although Levy said he wasn't sure if Parker or Mitch Frerotte, his replacement, would start the game.

Dwight Drane, a six-year NFL veteran who has started a dozen games for Buffalo, will probably start for Smith. "We're lucky to have a veteran like Dwight back there," Levy said. "He's not the hitter Leonard is, but we may gain a little in pass coverage."

Gibbs, meanwhile, suggested he might not play 33-year-old Matt Millen, who if the Redskins win will become the first player ever to earn Super Bowl rings with three different teams — he was on the Raiders for two winning games and with San Francisco two years ago. Millen is used exclusively against the run and did not play against run-and-shoot Atlanta and Detroit in the playoffs.

Gibbs said Kurt Gouveia had been starting in practice at middle linebacker because Buffalo generally uses three wide receivers.

"But Matt's had a great attitude," Gibbs said. "That's why we got him. He's been stirring guys up. He even faked a fight in practice Thursday to get the guys going."



BIG BUCK — Snyder's Gale Titus stands with his eight- point buck taken near Sterling City. The buck, killed by Titus with a bow at 22-yards, boasted a spread of 15 1/2 inches and earned the archer top honors in the recent Snyder Bowhunters Association Big Buck Contest. (Contributed Photo)

NFL playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
First Round
Saturday, Dec. 28
Kansas City 10, LA Raiders 6
Atlanta 27, New Orleans 20
Sunday, Dec. 29
Dallas 17, Chicago 13
Houston 17, New York Jets 10

Second Round
Saturday, Jan. 4
Washington 24, Atlanta 7
Denver 26, Houston 24
Sunday, Jan. 5
Buffalo 37, Kansas City 14
Detroit 38, Dallas 6

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
Buffalo 10, Denver 7
Washington 41, Detroit 10

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Minneapolis
Buffalo vs. Washington, 6 p.m.

Australian Open...

Seles rips Fernandez for title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Though Monica Seles is the undisputed queen of women's tennis, her latest victim already is sounding a warning: Improve or risk a drop from the top.

Seles was as dominating as usual Saturday in successfully defending her Australian Open title. Her two-fisted groundstrokes pounded No. 7 Mary Joe Fernandez into submission 6-2, 6-3 to earn the $270,000 first prize.

Fernandez showed only flashes of the sharp net game she unveiled in ousting No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini in the semifinals. But she said she knows she must continue the switch to a more aggressive style — and that Seles has to learn the same lesson if she wants to add to her collection of five Grand Slam titles.

"I think when you're No. 1 and you win all the time, it's hard to change," Fernandez said. "I think that's a mistake. Someone is going to come along who is going to beat her. She's not improving. When I did attack, I won most of the points."

SDN Sportsweek

Monday, Jan. 27

Basketball

Western Texas College at Clarendon College. Dusters at 6 p.m. Westerners at 8 p.m.

Snyder freshmen girls host Abilene High at 6 p.m.

Snyder freshmen boys host Sweetwater. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.

Snyder eighth grade boys host Sweetwater. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.

Snyder seventh grade boys host Sweetwater. B game at 5 p.m. A game at 6:15 p.m.

Hermleigh Junior High hosts Trent at 6 p.m.

Ira Junior High hosts Roby. Games begin at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Basketball

Snyder Tigers host Levelland at Scurry County Coliseum. JV at 5 p.m. Varsity at 8 p.m.

Snyder Lady Tigers host Levelland. JV at 5 p.m at SHS. Varsity at 6:30 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Ira — open

Hermleigh hosts Blackwell. Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tennis

Snyder varsity hosts Colorado City.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Basketball

Western Texas College at Howard College. Dusters at 6 p.m. Westerners at 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31

Basketball

Snyder Tigers at Dunbar. JV at 5 p.m. Varsity at 8 p.m.

Snyder Lady Tigers at Dunbar. JV at 5 p.m. Varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Ira hosts Aspermont. Games begin at 4 p.m.

Hermleigh at Westbrook at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Basketball

Snyder freshmen girls at Midland High at 11 a.m.

SHS spring sports

TENNIS

Jan. 28: Colorado City, here. **Feb. 14-15:** Abilene Tournament. **Feb. 21-22:** Big Spring Tournament. **Mar. 6-7:** Sweetwater Tournament. **March 13-14:** Snyder Tournament. **Mar. 27-28:** Lubbock Tournament. **Apr. 3-4:** San Angelo Lake View Tournament. **Apr. 10-11:** District 2-4A tournament at Levelland. **Apr. 27-28:** Region I tournament at San Angelo. **May 15-16:** State tournament in Austin.

BOYS' GOLF

Feb. 6-7: Odessa Tournament. **Feb. 14-15:** Big Spring Tournament. **Feb. 28-29:** Ft. Stockton Tournament. **Mar. 6-7:** Andrews Tournament. **Mar. 12-13:** San Angelo Tournament. **Mar. 20:** District 2-4A teams at Frenship. **Apr. 4:** District 2-4A teams at Snyder. **Apr. 10:** District 2-4A teams at Levelland. **Apr. 17:** District 2-4A teams at Lamesa. **Apr. 27-28:** Region I Tournament at San Angelo.

GIRLS' GOLF

Feb. 7-8: San Angelo Tournament. **Feb. 14-15:** Big Spring Tournament. **Feb. 28-29:** Ft. Stockton Tournament. **Mar. 7:** Snyder Invitational. **March 27-28:** District 2-4A teams at Frenship. **Apr. 4:** District 2-4A teams at Snyder. **Apr. 10:** District 2-4A teams at Levelland. **Apr. 17:**District 2-4A teams at Lamesa.

BOYS' TRACK

Feb. 28-29: Ft. Stockton meet. **Mar. 7:** Mustang Relays at Andrews. **Mar. 14:** Canyon Reef Relays at Snyder. **Mar. 28:** Sand Hill Relays at Monahans. **Apr. 4:** Levelland Invitational. **Apr. 11:** Big Spring meet. **Apr. 18:** District 2-4A meet at Snyder. **May 2:** Region I meet in San Angelo. **May 15-16:** State Class 4A meet in Austin.

GIRLS' TRACK

Feb. 28-29: ABC Tiger Relays at Frenship. **Mar. 7:** Mustang Relays at Andrews. **Mar. 14:** Canyon Reef Relays at Snyder. **Mar. 28:** Abilene All-America City Track Classic. **Apr. 4:** Levelland Invitational. **Apr. 11:** Indian Relays at Seminole. **Apr. 18:** District 2-4A meet at Snyder. **May 2:** Region I meet in San Angelo. **May 15-16:** State Class 4A meet in Austin.

Spring season around the corner

Baseball workouts start Monday; '92 net campaign commences Tuesday

Don't let the chilly wind fool you. It's almost time for Snyder High School's spring sports season to get under way.

Coach Jerry Tucker's District 2-4A team tennis champions from the fall will begin spring net action Tuesday here against Colorado City.

Boys' and girls' golf both begin competition the weekend of Feb. 6; coach Albert Lewis' baseball tigers start practice Monday and will begin their schedule Feb. 29 when they host Monahans; and both track teams travel to meets Feb. 29.

The tennis squad, which has claimed two consecutive team tennis titles in 2-4A, will count heavily on a core of returning all district players.

Marcus Best, Kevin McMillan, Sam Cain, Michael Hess, Jason Warren, Chris Gayle amd Cody Shields all earned all-loop honors in the fall season for the boys' team. Robin Cave and Hope Papay will each bring all-district honors into the spring schedule for the girls.

Following Tuesday's opening match, the Tigers will travel to Abilene for a tourney Feb. 14-15. Snyder will host its own tournament March 13-14.

The district gathering is set for Apr. 10-11 in Levelland and regional competition starts Apr. 27 in San Angelo.

First-year coach Bob O'Day's boys' golf squad travels to Odessa for their season-opening tournament Feb. 6 and 7.

The Tiger links team returns regional qualifier and district medalist runner-up for 1991 Chad Jacobi.

The SHS junior finished one stroke behind Levelland's Lance Patton last season for second place in the loop and a regional appearance.

As a team, the Tigers came in third (1352) behind Levelland (1321) and Lamesa (1327).

The Tigers will host a District 2-4A stop here Apr. 4.

Snyder's Lady Tigers, defending district champions, also start their season with a new coach, Matt Glenn.

Coach Glenn's squad begins play Feb. 7-8 in San Angelo followed by the Big Spring tourney Feb. 14-15.

The Snyder Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, Mar. 7 at Snyder Country Club and the loop girls' teams will stop in Snyder Apr. 4.

The starter's gun fires on track action Feb. 28-29 when the Lady Tigers run and jump at the ABC Tiger Relays in Wolfforth.

Coach Patty Grimmett returns several members of her 1991 crew including a pair of thinclads that put on quite a show at the district meet a year ago.

Sophomore Annie Ragland earned a regional berth with her 4-10 high jump in the 2-4A gathering. Ragland boasts a career-best 5-2 in the event.

Shalawn Smith, a junior at SHS, captured third place in the 400 meter dash last season with a 1:05.90 clocking.

Snyder's track teams will combine to host the Canyon Reef Relays on Mar. 14 and the district meet April 18.

Coach Tommy Doyle, in his first season as head boys' track coach, expects the team's strength to be in field events.

Junior Todd Iglehart is expected to anchor the team as a shot putter, while Jason Green and Ricky Sollis, also juniors, should make some waves in the hurdles.

The SHS baseball team, which begins workouts Monday for the upcoming season, takes the field Feb. 11 against Abilene Cooper in a scrimmage at Moffett Field.

The regular season starts Feb. 29 when Monahans visits for a noon double-header. Frenship is here Apr. 3 when the league campaign starts.

Snyder will host its own baseball tournament Mar. 19-21.

The Tigers welcome back several returnees from last season's 9-17 third-place team, including pitchers Daniel Espinosa, David Patrick and Brian Crawford, and batsmen Bobby Clinkinbeard, Chad Fox and Jason McAden.

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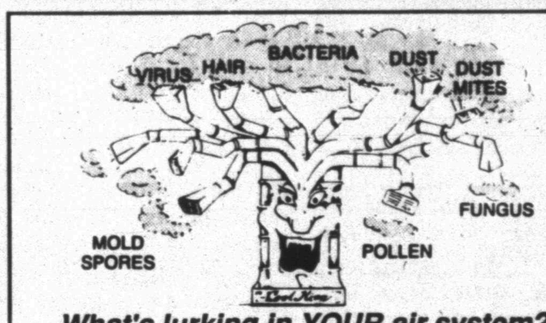

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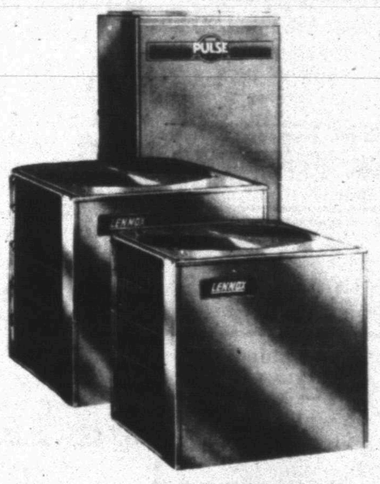

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Sincerely,
Ruth and Joe Steinberg

Thank You

The family of Bill McCright wishes to express our thanks to all who supported us with their prayers, assistance, visits, flowers and food. A special thanks go to Burgess-McWilliams Pharmacy, our doctors Close and Thompson and our nurse Cindi.

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NEW LISTING-3504 Jacksboro, 3-2-2.
LOCATION-3 bd, 3709 Dalton, $25,900.
BASSRIDGE-2711 48th, nice 3-2-2, $70's.
1211 28TH ST-3 bd-1 bth, corner, $19,500.
RESIDENTIAL LOTS-47th, Cedar Creek, El Paso, Ave U, 33 St, 23 St.
OWNER FINANCE-102 Elm-3-2cp-lo 20's.
NEW LISTING-2612 36th St., 3-1-1cp+gar.
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Exclusive New Listing-Owner finance! 3 bedr. Hill Ave. $23.
Exclusive Listing-IRA, 3-2½ brick w/3 ACRES.
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3000 Denison-3-2-2CP, 69.5T.
3100 Hill-3-2-2CP, 50's.
3111 El Paso-2-1, 35T.
120 25th-2-1-1, 15T.
3006 40th-3-2, 38T.
5A Mobile Hm-hookups-17.5T
West 37th-3-2-3CP, 58T.
2802 Ave U-3-3-1, upper 40's
114 Peach-3-1, 45T
3782 Dalton-2-1-1, 26th.
N.W. Country-2 homes, 72.5T.
2314 41st-3-1-1, 39.5T.
2212 43rd-3-1, upper 30's.
3504 Jacksboro-3-2-2, 62.5T.
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404 32nd-3-2-2CP, 48T.
Rentals-2711 38th, 1206 20th. West-3-2-2CP, 70's.
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FIXER UPPER or Bldg. Lot: 324 31st St. Asking: $5,500. City Appraised: $10,000. 209-726-2201, 209-358-8775. Owner in California but can come to Texas on short notice.

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3002 42nd-3-2-1-CP, $49,900.
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Ira-3-1 near school, $39,500.
Farm Land-over 300A, $80T.
2900 Ave W-2 houses, $55T.
3000 37th-3-1½ -lg. shop.
2807 Denison-3-2-2.
2707 28th-3-2-2CP, $72T.
2509 31st-3-2-2, $72T.
315 34th-2-1-1CP, $22,500.
307 31st-3-2-1, $31,900.
1800 39th-3-1, $17,900.
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Stock show

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Jessica Eicke and Walter Wright.

Results of Friday's show were:

Grand Champion: Rad Eicke, Scurry 4-H.
Reserve Grand Champion: Craig Leatherwood, Snyder FFA.
American Cross: 1. Terri Robinson, Ira FFA; 2. A'Lise Lloyd, Scurry 4-H; 3. Angie Robinson, Ira FFA; 4. M'Lys Lloyd, Scurry 4-H.
Breed Champion: Terri Robinson.
Reserve Breed Champion: A'lise Lloyd.
Hereford, light weight: 1. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 2. T'Leah Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 3. Brandy Oliver, Ira FFA; 4. Randi Reed, Scurry 4-H; 5. M'Lys Lloyd, Scurry 4-H.

Hereford, medium weight: 1. Ashley Breuer, Scurry 4-H; 2. Jessica Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 3. Randi Reed, Scurry 4-H; 4. Brandy Oliver, Ira FFA.
Hereford, heavy weight: 1. Rad Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 2. Jessica Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 3. Rad Eicke, Scurry 4-H; 4. Angie Breuer, Scurry 4-H; 5. Mandy Breuer, Scurry 4-H.
Breed Champion: Rad Eicke.

Reserve Breed Champion: Jessica Eicke.
Crossbred, light weight: M'Lys Lloyd, Scurry 4-H; 2. Will Collier, Scurry 4-H; 3. A'Lise Lloyd, Scurry 4-H; 4. Mandy Breuer, Scurry 4-H; 5. Chad Breuer, Scurry 4-H; 6. Elyse Merritt, Scurry 4-H; 7. Riley Ann Tatum, Scurry 4-H.

Crossbred, medium weight: 1. Craig Leatherwood, Snyder FFA; 2. Walter Wright, Snyder FFA; 3. Will Collier, Scurry 4-H; 4. Terri Robinson, Ira FFA; 5. Jeremy House, Scurry 4-H; 6. Brady Collier, Scurry 4-H; Elyse Merritt, Scurry 4-H.

Crossbred, heavy weight: 1. Walter Wright, Snyder FFA; 2. Angie Robinson, Ira FFA; 3. A'Lise Lloyd, Scurry 4-H; 4. Raymond House, Scurry 4-H; 5. Craig Leatherwood, Snyder FFA; 6. Chad Breuer, Scurry 4-H.

Breed Champion: Craig Leatherwood.
Reserve Breed Champion: Walter Wright.

STEER SHOWMANSHIP — Vance Voss, steer superintendent for the Scurry County Stock Show, presented Jessica Eicke with the steer showmanship trophy Friday night at the coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Businesses sue over tax

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of Texas businesses have filed a lawsuit, saying they want to avoid the possibility of double taxation in case the new education property tax is thrown out by the state Supreme Court.

"If they throw out the current system, they're going to have to put something in its place," said San Antonio lawyer Edward Kliewer III, who represents the 434 businesses that filed suit Thursday in Austin.

The companies "want to protect their money to the extent of not paying twice," he said Friday.

The Texas Supreme Court is considering a challenge by property-rich school districts to the new school finance law, which is designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing districts made up of one or several counties.

If the county education district tax is declared unconstitutional, the so-called voluntary payment doctrine in common law could prevent taxpayers from getting refunds unless they have filed a lawsuit protesting the tax.

Kliewer said the businesses simply want to ensure that they are entitled to a credit or a refund on taxes already paid and noted that the companies have a responsibility to their shareholders.

"This route is permitting them to pay their taxes and meet their obligations, and not cause hardships to schools that need this money," he said. Kliewer said the businesses would pay their school property taxes by the Jan. 31 due date.

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The Rotan Independent School District will accept sealed bids until 12:00 p.m., February 7, 1992 at the Superintendent's office, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546 for band uniforms. Anticipated purchase: 75 uniforms.
To receive specifications and additional information, contact the Superintendent's office. Sealed bids will be opened at the Superintendent's office at 1:00 p.m., February 7, 1992. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

The City of Snyder, Texas is accepting bids for Water Meters. The bids will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at the City Hall at 1925 24th St., P.O. Drawer GG, Snyder, TX 79549, on Friday, February 7, 1992, at 10:30 a.m. Further information and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Office in City Hall. The City of Snyder reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Patricia Warren
Purchasing Agent

The Snyder Independent School District will accept sealed bids until Friday, February 7, 1992 at 2:45 p.m. at the School Administration Building, 2901 37th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549 for the purchase of Bakery Products. Bid Specifications may be obtained by calling Suzanne Doolittle at (915)573-5401 or by writing to the address above. Envelopes shall be plainly marked: Bid No. 92-05. The Snyder Independent School District reserves the right to reject all proposals or bids, waive any and all technicalities and accept the proposal which will best meet the needs of the district.

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Police note felony theft; five arrests

Snyder police began an investigation of felony theft and made five drinking-related arrests Friday and early Saturday.

Officers are investigating the theft of an undetermined amount of currency and other items from the Boy's Club at 1500 28th St.

Jack McGlaun notified police at 9:21 a.m. Friday that someone had entered the building and taken some items. Entry was apparently gained by breaking a window in the rear of the building. Among the items taken were two televisions, a telephone and an answering machine.

Among the five arrests during the 24-hour period were two for driving while intoxicated. Officers arrested a 57-year-old male for DWI at 10:26 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of 37th Street. An 18-year-old male was also arrested for DWI at 12:50 a.m. Saturday in the 600 block of 37th Street. Accompanying the 18-year-old was another male, also 18, who was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers also arrested a 19-year-old male for public intoxication at 11:32 p.m. Friday in the 3400 block of College Avenue and a 31-year-old male for public intoxication at 1:23 a.m. Saturday in the 2600 block of 25th Street.

Police worked a two-vehicle accident at 4:04 p.m. Friday in the 4000 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet driven by Dora Little of 4100 Brick Plant Rd. and a 1987 Ford driven by Michael Patterson of 3602 44th St. Little was later transported by private vehicle to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room where she was treated and released.

In one other report Friday, officers took a complaint of Class A criminal mischief in reference to damage to a 1989 Subaru at Snyder High School.

Redistricting...

Lawyers skirmish in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — A lawyer for Republicans in a redistricting lawsuit blasted minority group attorneys Friday for seeking more than $750,000 in fees from the state for their work.

A Texas assistant attorney general said the state would object to the payment, but the minority groups' lawyers said the amount is justified by their work on a redistricting challenge and in line with similar payments by the state in the past.

"They (lawyers for minority interests) are in this for the money," said John McCamish, attorney for the GOP-led lawsuit that resulted in a federal three-judge panel ordering that state-backed legislative redistricting plans be replaced with their plan for the March 10 primary elections.

The Legislature redraws congressional and legislative district lines every 10 years to adjust for population changes after the federal census.

"They sold out the minorities in this state big time — $754,000 is the modern-day equivalent of 30 pieces of silver," McCamish said.

But Jim Harrington of the Texas Civil Rights project, one of the lawyers representing minority plaintiffs in a separate state lawsuit, said the fees are "pretty cheap" compared with what the state has paid out in previous redistricting lawsuits.

In 1982, he said, the total was $2 million to Republican and minority lawyer attorneys. He said that lawyers representing minority plaintiffs put in more than 2,000 hours on the current case.

"You can be sure that McCamish is going to charge a hell of a lot more than we did," Harrington said. And he said that the fees would go to the groups the minority-group lawyers belong to — his Texas Civil Rights Project, along with Texas Rural Legal Aid and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

McCamish said he did not know how much his side has spent so far.

Assistant Attorney General Renea Hicks said the state believes it does not owe the attorney fees — and if it does, the amount is too high.

The attorney fees are included in a Jan. 13 order by State District Judge Mario Ramirez of Edinburg, who approved state House and Senate redistricting plans that were adopted by lawmakers during a special session.

The minority groups and most Democrats support those plans, but a U.S. Supreme Court ruling requires the federal court's plan to be used for the primaries.

Action in Ramirez's court that would interfere with the federal panel's plan was blocked by a temporary order by U.S. District Judge James Nowlin of Austin, leader of the three-judge federal panel.

The judicial panel on Friday replaced the temporary restraining order with an injunction that will last until there is a final judgment in the federal case, which has not yet gone to trial.

The court also responded to a request by Democratic Party Chairman Bob Slagle to help candidates who want to withdraw from the ballot, and at least one who wants to re-file in another race.

Short list

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be held in each of those areas, the winners will be announced at a special board meeting April 10, he said.

The prison system estimates it will spend nearly $642 million over the next four to five years to build the prisons. Each unit will take between 18 months and two years to complete.

The latest round of prison construction was made possible by the state's approval of a constitutional amendment last November approving $1.1 billion in bonds for the construction of 25,300 new prison beds.

In that election, Scurry County voters approved the prison bond proposal by 80.5 percent, the third highest approval rating in the state.

Not everyone attending Friday's meeting was in support of a prison. About a half-dozen people from Atascosa County, south of San Antonio, sported bright yellow badges indicating they were opposed to their county's prison bid.

College

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While Wednesday marked the final day to enroll for a regular spring class, this was not the final slate of classes to be offered by WTC this term.

Beginning Feb. 10, WTC will register students for a Spring Opportunity Session (SOS) which will allow them to take regular college credi classes during a slightly abbreviated time frame.

Classes will begin Feb. 10 and end at the same time as normal spring classes, during the first week in May. Registration for the SOS classes will be from Feb. 10 to Feb. 14.

A wide variety of courses will be offered, ranging from required basics such as English and math to elective areas such as art, photography and sports-related classes such as scuba diving.

An early admissions program will be provided for high school students who have completed their junior year of high school and have permission from their principal.

Astronauts study slime cells during mission

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Discovery's astronauts studied gravity's effects on slime mold cells and took some grueling spins on a rotating chair Saturday after interrupting their research to chat with President Bush.

Astronaut David Hilmers seemed spent this morning after whirling in a rotating chair designed to help scientists understand how humans adapt to the disorientation of space.

"Well, it nailed me," he said, exhaling. He added after a pause, "We're okay, though."

Hilmers went on to his next experiment with no apparent delay, and later endured more of the chair's spinning.

About two-thirds of all NASA astronauts have reported faintness, sweating, vomiting and other symptoms of space motion sickness. However, space agency officials said the crew is holding up well, despite repeated dizzying tests that also include rides on a lurching sled.

In another experiment, scientists want to see whether weightlessness affects the rhythm of contractions and dilations that propel the slime cells. The study of cells in space could help determine man's ability to withstand long-term space travel and life on a space station.

Aboard the space shuttle late Friday, German physicist Ulf Merbold focused a microscope on the slime mold. Video images beamed down to Earth showed magnified protoplasmic strands with the cell material flowing in one direction, then the other.

"Boy, that looks great," said Roger Crouch of the payload operations control center in Huntsville, Ala.

Slime mold, which lives on decaying trees and in soil, creeps along at a rate of .39 inch per hour on Earth.

White House staff shakeups still continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, continuing an election-year overhaul of his White House staff, named a former congressman as his No. 2 aide and gave another job to the wife of a Republican who has criticized Bush in the past.

Deputy Energy Secretary W. Henson Moore, a former Republican congressman from Louisiana, was appointed Friday as White House deputy chief of staff. He succeeds Andrew Card, nominated this week to be transportation secretary.

Bush also named Sherrie Rollins, director of news information for ABC News in New York, as head of an expanded office of public liaison and intergovernmental affairs.

The staff changes are part of a personnel reorganization designed to reinvigorate the White House for Bush's re-election bid.

Samuel Skinner, the new chief of staff, has complained that Bush's drop in popularity is due more to problems in the communications setup than in decision-making.

The Washington Post reported in its editions Saturday that Republican National Chairman and former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter also has been offered a job as Bush's domestic policy director.

Yeutter has not decided yet whether to take the job, the newspaper said.

Ms. Rollins, 33, will serve as a liaison with state and local officials, as well as with business groups, labor, religious groups and others.

Pickup fire

Snyder Fire Department personnel responded to a pickup fire Friday at 12:52 p.m. nine miles north of the city on Highway 84.

Involved was a 1981 Ford pickup owned by A.E. Garner of Amarillo. The vehicle was completely destroyed by the fire.

Obituaries

Lula Magness

1917-1992

Services have been set for 10 a.m. Monday at the United Pentacostal Church for Lula Kirkland Magness, 74, of Snyder who died at 5 p.m. Friday at her home after a lengthy illness. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Brent Crosswhite will officiate.

Born March 15, 1917, in Joaquin, she was married to James Oneal Magness on Jan. 29, 1933, in Logansport, La. He died on June 6, 1977. She had lived in Snyder since March of 1959 and had been a member of the United Pentacostal Church for 33 years.

Survivors include three sons, Jack Magness of Trent, Roy Magness and Curtis Magness, both of Snyder; four daughters, Bobbie Lockhart, Bettie Cagle Spurlock, both of Snyder, Mary Dowling of Jacksonville and Brenda Carrico of Kilgore; 19 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

M. Whistler

1896-1992

Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the City of Levelland Cemetery for Margaret Ellen Whistler, 95, of Snyder. The Rev. James Terry officiated.

She died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 14, 1896, in Mound City, Kan., she married Frank C. Whistler on August of 1925 in Trinidad, Colo. He died in March of 1966.

She graduated from Mound City High School and the University of Minnesota in 1919. She taught school in Kansas and California before moving to Raton, N.M., in 1925 where the family owned a cattle ranch. She moved to Iowa Park in 1939 and Levelland in 1950, where she was a member of the 1926 Study Club, AAUW and Book Review Club. She moved to Snyder in 1970 where she was a member of the Altrurian Club, First Methodist Church and the Crusaders Sunday School class.

Preceding her in death were five brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Martha Zeck Schiebel of Snyder and Joan Hamilton Noonkester of El Paso; five grandchildren, Paul Zeck and Mark Zeck, both of Snyder; Margaret Edwards of Minneapolis, Minn., Scott Hamilton of Huntsville, Ala., and Alan Hamilton of Cleveland, Tex.; and seven great-grandchildren.

Friends are contributing to the West Texas Alzheimer Organization, 1926 Campus Court, Abilene, 79601, and the Blessing Fund at Trinity United Methodist Church.

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS — Citizenship awards for the third six weeks were presented to the following Northeast Elementary students. Pre-kindergarten: Joshlyn Tovar and C.L. Davis. Kindergarten: Jennifer Pena, Michael Thamez, Norma Ramirez and David Gomez. First grade: Joshua Cornelson, S.L. Davis, Misty McClure, Patricia Pena, Robby Simmons and Jennifer Williamson. Second grade: Arron-Hud Benitez, Jared Fletcher, Stephanie Garza and Stacy Martinez. Third grade: Eric Estrada, Brandon Leatherwood, Virginia Luna and Melissa Pena. Fourth grade: Amber Burt, Caleb Callaway, Veronica Lopez, Tina Luna, Hestroverto Martinez and Vanessa Sarabia. Fifth grade: Rad Eicke, Starla Davis, Shahala Ford, Keila Helms, Ramon Luevan and Lucas Wood. Sixth grade: Roman Alvarado, Veronica Block, Terra Bynum, Rene Garza, Veronica Martinez and Brenda Rodriguez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Klan leaders say Duke helps them to draw more people

HOUSTON (AP) — Ku Klux Klan leaders say the racist group's Texas contingent has grown dramatically in the past year and give credit for the spurt to Republican presidential candidate and former Klansman David Duke.

"In the last year, we have doubled our membership," Michael Lowe, Texas grand dragon of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, told the Houston Chronicle. "Hopefully, Duke will lay the groundwork for other people."

Klan leaders wouldn't disclose their group's specific numbers, but credited Duke with the recent membership increase.

Charles Lee, grand dragon of the Houston-based White Camelia Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said Duke's platform is appealing to the group.

"A lot of people seem to like what he has to say and a lot of what he has to say is what the Klan has been saying, whether it's about the illegal alien problem, abortion, welfare or so forth," Lee said. "What David is doing now is basically what he has always done."

But Duke, a former grand wizard in the group, told the newspaper he is not trying to further the Klan's cause.

"I'm not seeking their support, and I'm not asking for their support," Duke said. "And I know that many of the Klan groups supported Ronald Reagan. I can't affect what they do. But I'm not soliciting their support."

Duke has helped improve the image of racists, said Morris Dees, executive director of the Southern Poverty Law Center, a Montgomery, Ala., organization that monitors the Klan.

"I'll put it this way — anytime a well-known racist gets national public attention, it certainly makes it more palatable for individuals to join a group like the Nazi party or the Klan," Dees said. "So my answer is, yes, what he is doing does help white supremacy groups."

Duke has attempted to disassociate himself with the Klan, saying he no longer is a racist.

Lowe said that's fine with the Klan, just as long as Duke maintains the tone of his campaign.

"If Duke can achieve what we want, if he can achieve the politics that he is preaching at this time, then that's fine and dandy — whatever it takes to get him elected, to get America straight," Lowe said.

Audrey Hepburn works on behalf of children

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Audrey Hepburn, in her role as UNICEF's goodwill ambassador, says the world's children need the kind of relief she got as a child living off turnips in Holland during World War II.

The 62-year-old actress said Friday during a fund-raising luncheon for the international children's relief organization that the aid delivered to her as a youth came "right behind the liberation tanks."

Hepburn, who starred in such films as "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "My Fair Lady," took the dollar-a-year position with the United Nations Children's Fund in 1989.

She was unfazed when Mayor Frank Jordan presented her with the key to the city and called her "Katharine," an apparent reference to actress Katharine Hepburn.

Projects dear to lawmakers targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will call for $4 billion in reductions in current military programs in next year's budget, including some swipes at projects dear to the hearts of lawmakers.

Draft documents on the proposed cuts in programs already approved by Congress target such items as a planned upgrade of the Army's M-1 tank, the Navy's F-14 jet fighter and money earmarked for scientific research at universities.

Congress almost always approves more money than the Pentagon requested for specific weapons and research projects, usually work done in influential lawmakers' home districts, and the Pentagon traditionally calls for rescinding some of that money.

Last year's budget "funded a variety of research and development, procurement, operation and maintenance and military construction projects that are outside the scope of current defense requirements," the Pentagon said.

A draft list of this year's proposed cuts, reported in Friday's Washington Post and later obtained by The Associated Press, is an early draft. President Bush will send up the final list with the fiscal 1993 defense budget on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Sen. Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Friday that any broad cuts in defense spending to finance domestic programs or tax cuts would be premature.

Nunn, D-Ga., said here has been no detailed analysis of threats remaining in the world after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Several leading Democrats, including Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, have called for cuts ranging from $100 billion to $210 billion over five to seven years, with the money going to anti-recession programs.

Bush also is expected to propose major military spending cuts Tuesday night in his State of the Union address.

Nunn said defense spending can be cut beyond the 25 percent reduction over five years that the administration proposed and Congress endorsed last year.

"The question is whether we're going to do it in a rational way based on the potential threats we see or whether we're going to do what seems to be happening now," he said. "And that is everybody figure out how much money they want to spend on their favorite program or their favorite tax cut and then say we're going to cut the defense budget."

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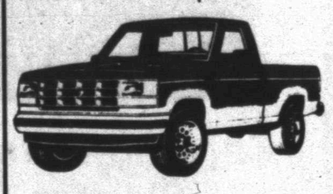

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Was justice served in ethics investigation?

AUSTIN (AP) — When House Speaker Gib Lewis was fined $2,000 last week as part of a plea bargain agreement, it ended a 13-month battle that saw one of the most powerful politicians in Texas become a lame duck.

But the questions remain: Was justice served? Did Lewis get off easy? Or was he railroaded by a publicity seeking district attorney who didn't have a case?

Two members of the grand jury that indicted Lewis, D-Fort Worth, and spent six months considering allegations of corruption at the Capitol, said the plea bargain cheated the public out of a chance to decide for themselves.

"I was hoping that through the trial, the public would get a glimpse of some of the things that we saw," Carolyn Moten said.

"It ended pretty much the way I thought it would, but not the way I would've liked," said Richard Wilbur, 72, a retired food industry equipment salesman.

The grand jury indicted Lewis on a charge that he accepted a gift from a powerful San Antonio law firm, which through favorable treatment from the Legislature, built a financial empire by collecting delinquent taxes.

He was also indicted on a charge that he failed to report the gift — an alleged $5,000 payment for back taxes for a company half-owned by Lewis — from the law firm, Heard Goggan Blair and Williams.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle trumpeted the indictments as among the most serious charges that could be leveled against a public official, and vowed to prosecute Lewis to the fullest. A conviction could have netted Lewis 18 months in jail and $3,000 in fines.

The investigation also focused on a vacation that Lewis, several Heard Goggan partners, and six single women took to a Mexican resort in 1987. No indictments were filed concerning the trip.

In the end, Earle dropped the charges, and Lewis agreed to plead no contest to two counts of failing to file a financial disclosure statement in a business he had an interest in — a charge on which he had already paid a $200 civil fine.

After a short hearing before State District Judge Bob Perkins on Wednesday that ended the case, both sides contended they won.

Earle said Lewis' decision two weeks earlier not to run for re-election and chief of the 150-member House, cemented the plea bargain.

"It was important to us that Mr. Lewis be held accountable for violations of criminal ethics laws," Earle said. "It was also important to us that he take significant responsibility for his behavior, which he did by choosing not to run again. The only clear winner in this situation is the public."

"If he was still a candidate we'd be looking at a trial next week," he said.

Asked whether taxpayer's got their money's worth in investigation, Earle said, "The results of this investigation have been the focus of the public's attention on the issue of ethics, and a general raising of the public's consciousness, and an opportunity to the public and House of Representatives to change the way business is done, and thirdly holding Mr. Lewis accountable."

Lewis said his decision to step down after a record five terms as speaker had nothing to do with his plea. He maintained his innocence to the original indictments, and said that he agreed to the fines only to avoid a costly trial.

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Ex-executive Robert Walker pleads guilty to fraud charge

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas insurance executive accused in connection with the largest insurance collapse in state history has pleaded guilty to one of 29 fraud charges.

Robert Walker, who was charged with bilking the National County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. while leaving it more than $50 million in debt, on Friday pleaded guilty to making an illegal wire transfer of $100,000 from the company's bank account to a bank in Barbados in March 1988.

In exchange for his plea, federal prosecutors agreed to drop another 28 charges of wire and mail fraud against Walker, former chief executive of the insurance company. Walker also owned the now defunct Western Fire and Casualty Insurance Co.

Walker faces up to five years in federal prison, a maximum fine of $250,000 and could be forced to pay restitution to a trustee of the company. Sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 21.

When National County Mutual Fire Insurance Co. was taken over by the State Board of Insurance in October 1988, an estimated 100,000 policyholders were affected. In all, about 170,000 customers were affected by the two companies' collapse, the largest in state history.

A federal grand jury in Dallas indicted Walker on 29 counts of wire and mail fraud in 1990, alleging that he misappropriated more than $4 million between 1985 and 1988. The charges also said he issued fraudulent policies at the two companies.

Authorities in 1989 estimated that Walker took perhaps $25 million in cash from National County. He lived extravagantly in Dallas, buying a yacht, airplanes, expensive cars and two sterling silver saddles valued at $100,000 each.

Much of his property was seized, but Walker sold his yacht for $2.6 million and sold his airplane before National County was seized, officials said.

Walker fled the country early in 1989 after a Travis County judge ordered him to pay $55.6 million to cover National County's insolvency.

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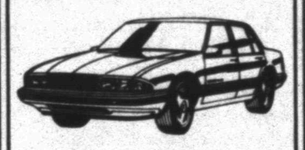

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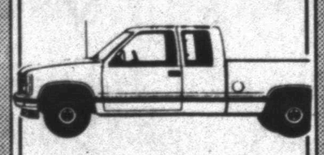

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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

Scurry County Library has been like a second home to Sharon Sumruld, who took the reins as assistant librarian Monday.

As a child growing up in Snyder, she often passed through the doors of the library looking for something to read. Each summer she signed up for the special children's reading programs.

While a student at Snyder High School, she worked part-time as a library page, mainly devoting her time to shelving and covering books.

When Sharon needed a job after graduating from high school and attending Western Texas College for one year, she applied at the library because she thought it would be a "fantastic place to work" and would give her access to the latest books.

She was right on both counts. That was 16 years ago and she has been at the library ever since, first as a clerk and now as assistant librarian.

As a clerk, Sharon often manned the front desk and, among other things, checked books in and out. She also did a little of everything else that came along. She laughed when she told of a library newsletter which reported that some people picture librarians as sitting in a room "filing their nails or knitting with yarn in their lap."

As assistant librarian, Sharon often finds herself digging through reference material in search of answers for a variety of questions on government agencies and bureaus, for one example.

Sharon and Linda Jones, children's librarian, also put on special library programs at elementary schools. These were especially popular before students were dismissed for the Christmas break, she said.

Sharon first worked under the late Mary Nell Bullard who was the head librarian for many years.

She also worked under head librarian Janice Mitchell for several years. During her tenure, Sharon said children's programs were expanded in order to attract more children to the library.

Noreen Taylor is the current head librarian. Under her guidance, Sharon said the library is adopting a more informal policy which patrons say they enjoy more.

Several times a year, Sharon and other library workers attend various workshops in order to learn the latest news on operating a library.

The current philosophy in libraries is moving away from the intimidating librarian who "lowers her glasses as she looked at a patron as if her/she was a bug," she said.

Visits to other libraries can also yield good ideas. For instance, the free magazine table, which is popular among patrons, helps people who enjoy reading magazines and those who would rather give their magazines away than throw them away.

Donations for videos is an idea borrowed from another library which also works well in Snyder. With a limited budget, the local library can only buy a few videos each year, but donations allow more to be purchased.

Through the years Sharon has been at the library, two rooms have been added and services have been expanded.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN — Sharon Sumruld, a 16-year veteran employee at Scurry County Library, was promoted from clerk to assistant librarian on Monday. She is shown looking through a reference book as she searches for information for a patron of the library. In addition to other duties, she also helps put on library programs at elementary schools. (SDN Staff Photo)

A few years ago, a reading room and a children's lair were built on to the present structure. Paperbacks and large-type books are also available.

The newest acquisition is the microfilm reader printer which was added this month.

The library also has an interlibrary loan service with Abilene — the Big Country Library System — which allows people to check out books not available locally. Sharon said this is especially helpful for teachers and students who may need a book for a short period of time.

The library also stocks lots of reference books as well as genealogy material. But the most favored service seems to be the best sellers which the library stocks regularly.

"Scarlet," the recently published sequel to "Gone With the Wind," is a current favorite which still generates interest weeks after it was released.

Before the book ever arrived at the library, she said they got from 10-15 calls daily about it. And even though the book has not been a success with critics, Sharon said the general concensus among local residents is that it is a good book — maybe not as good as the original novel by Margaret Mitchell, but good enough that readers don't seem to have any trouble "seeing" Clark Gable and Vivan Leigh in their famous roles as Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler.

Though Sharon started out reading mysteries as a child, she now likes to read science fiction, fantasy and horror. She numbers Anne McCaffrey and Stephen King among her favorite authors.

Sharon's job is fun and she enjoys visiting with people who frequent the library because they are "very nice and easy to talk to," she said.

The library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The library has been closed on Sundays in recent years for economic reasons.

Born in Rotan, Sharon has lived in Snyder since she was a year old.

CWC members see new styles for women

The Snyder Christian Women's Club had "A New You In '92" as their theme for their Jan. 15 meeting at the Snyder Country Club.

Following the luncheon, Nancy's Art Style presented the program. Hairstyles, makeup and nails were discussed and models were used to demonstrate the professional view. Modles were Doris Spikes, Jean Yearwood, Doris Wilson, Jonnie Pyburn, Linda Walton and Christy Thompson. Stylists were Shann Pierce, Nancy Blair, Bobbie Brown, DeVelva Sorrells, Nila Jewell, Sharon Fritz, Debi Olsen and Nancy Smith.

Soloist Marge Sealy presented two songs and Frances Jean Sunderland of San Antonio was the guest speaker.

The CWC will have a prayer coffee Feb. 5 in the home of Temmie Mathies, 2611 37th St.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Scurry County Genealogical Society meeting; Scurry County Library; program, "Locating research material in the library," visitors welcome; 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the oonhh ss ppe birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

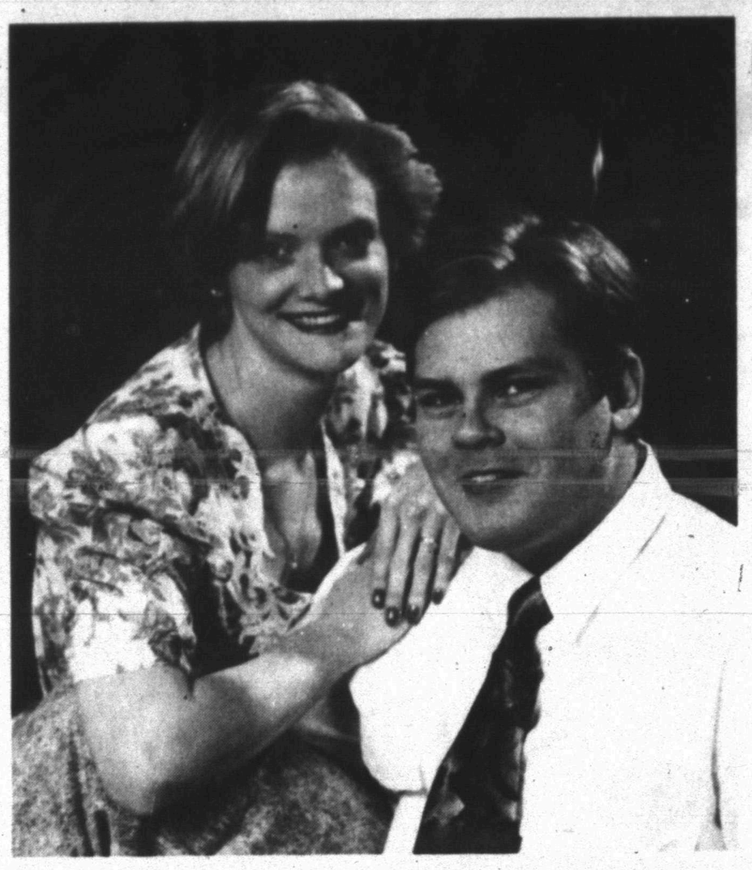
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Brett to marry Leslie Davenport

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — George Brett, the three-time American League batting champion, is taking his first shot at marriage.

The 38-year-old designated hitter for the Kansas City Royals plans to marry Leslie Davenport of Kansas City, said Royals spokesman Dean Vogelaar. No date has been set.



MARCH WEDDING PLANS — The parents of Shanna Byrd and Cole McKenzie announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children. The future bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Byrd of Snyder and the future bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean McKenzie, also of Snyder. A wedding has been planned for 3 p.m. on March 15 at the First Christian Church. (Photo By Tom Gonzales).

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-25-92
♠ - - -
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ K 8 6 4 3

WEST
♠ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 3
♦ - - -
♣ 5

EAST
♠ - - -
♥ K 10 7 5
♦ 10 9 5 4 2
♣ J 9 7 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q 10

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 NT	4 ♥(!)	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	5 ♦(!)	Dbl.	Pass
6 NT	Dbl.	Redbl.	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

The biggest crash of all time?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday we looked at a 2800-point penalty in a world championship. But — unless you know differently — nothing compares with today's deal. It occurred in 1954 in Megeve, which is in the French Alps, not far from Mont Blanc. The story was related by Clement Peten, who sat West.

It was rubber bridge, and Peten, who had never held an 11-card suit before, decided to bid to five spades, but to muddy the water along the way. South thought for a long time over the double of five diamonds. Peten became nervous that he had been too clever for his own good, thinking South was going to bid six diamonds. But despair turned to elation when suddenly South leaped to six no-trump. "I doubled in ecstasy," reported Peten.

North should have left well alone, but thinking that a juicy penalty had gone begging, she redoubled.

Obviously, after 11 spade tricks, declarer should be holding the aces of hearts and clubs, while dummy should have the K-Q of diamonds. But South became flustered. She threw her heart ace, keeping both minor-suit aces. Dummy retained the Q-9 of hearts. So, at trick 12, West led his heart three and East took the last two tricks with the 10 and king. Down 12 for a penalty of 7000 points — and for money!

Jose le Dentu, the French author who reported the deal in his book "Le Bridge," said that when he tried to find a title for this hand, he turned to Victor Hugo: "This crash filled the air like a bolt of lightning."

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed 10 tables.

N-S

1. Louise Thompson, Jane Hinton.
2. Josie Randell, Madrine Glenn.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Sue Carter.
4. Sue Mize, Ena Carroll.

E-W

1. Margaret, Warren Costin.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Polly Ballard.
3. Margorie Brown, Verdi Kimbro.
4. Julian Jones, Rogene Spruell.

SUNDAY

Jane Hinton directed four tables.

1. Bessie Collins, Louise Thompson.
2. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. George, Shirley Stewart.

TUESDAY

Dot Casey directed four tables.

1. George, Shirley Stewart.
2. Polly Ballard, Nona Morrison.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Bessie Collins.

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY

Juice
Sausage & Rolls
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

THURSDAY

Juice
Toasted Rolls & Jelly
Milk

FRIDAY

Fruit
Waffles/Syrup
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY

Chicken Strips/Gravy
Mashed potatoes
Tomato Wednes
Hot Rolls
Fudge Brownies
Milk

TUESDAY

TUESDAY

Beef Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Relish Cup
Crackers
Sopapillas
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Goulash
Fried Okra
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Fruit Bars
Milk

THURSDAY

Barbecued Hamburger Patties
AuGratin Potatoes
Bean & Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Rainbow Jello
Milk

FRIDAY

Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Pink Applesauce
Milk

Snyder ISD Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Rice
Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

TUESDAY

Biscuit/Sausage
Grape Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Congo Bars
Pineapple Juice
Milk

THURSDAY

Cinnamon Roll
Apple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY

Scrambled Eggs
Biscuit
Orange Juice
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY

Chicken Patty Burger
Burger Fixin's
French Fries
Diced Peaches
Milk

TUESDAY

Enchilada Casserole
Pinto Beans
Fruit Mix
Tossed Salad, French Dressing
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Steak Fingers
Southern Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Roll
Milk

THURSDAY

Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Whole Kernel Corn
Apple Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY

Salisbury Steak
Brown Gravy
Baked Potato
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Wheat Roll
Milk

Special Event: "Be Cool Stay In School Pizza Party" on Wednesday at Stanfield Elementary only, featuring:
Homemade Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad
Chilled Pears
Cookie
Milk

Ira School Menu

MONDAY

Hot Dogs
Fritos
Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter Bars
Choice of Milk

TUESDAY

Fish w/Tarter Sauce
Vegetable Salad
French Fries
Applesauce
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY

Black-eyed Peas
Macaroni & Cheese
Spinach
Red Velvet Cake
Corn Bread
Choice of Milk

THURSDAY

Chicken & Dumplings
Carrots
English Peas
Apple Crisp
Crackers
Choice of Milk

FRIDAY

Beef Chimichangas
Refried Beans
Vegetable Salad
Cowboy Cookies
Choice of Milk

Andy Griffith is presented achievement award

NEW ORLEANS (A[illegible] — Actor Andy Griffith and m[illegible] director Ron Howard — She[illegible]aylor and son, Opie, on "[illegible] Andy Griffith Show" in the [illegible]0s — were reunited when Ho[illegible]d presented Griffith with [illegible]etime achievement award.

Howard, who was ju[illegible] when he debuted as Opie, pre[illegible]d the award Thursday at the [illegible]tional Association of Televis[illegible] Programming Executives' an[illegible]l convention in New Orlea[illegible]

"This is wonderful, j[illegible]t wonderful," Griffith said. "I[illegible]n't tell you how much it means to me."

The CBS comedy, set in fictitious Mayberry, N.C., began in 1960 and ran for six years. It remains popular in reruns.

Griffith now stars in the NBC series "Matlock." Howard starred in the TV series "Happy Days," and movies such as "American Grafitti" before directing such movie hits as "Splash" and "Backdraft."

AIDS education

NEW YORK (AP) — Magic Johnson is delivering on his pledge to educate young people about AIDS with a half-hour television special.

"A Conversation with Magic Johnson," featuring the basketball superstar and a group of children and teen-agers, is scheduled to air in March, cable's Nickelodeon network said Thursday.

The producers are Linda Ellerbee's Lucky Duck Productions and the Magic Johnson Foundation, which Johnson set up for AIDS education and research.

Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers in November because he has the virus that causes AIDS.

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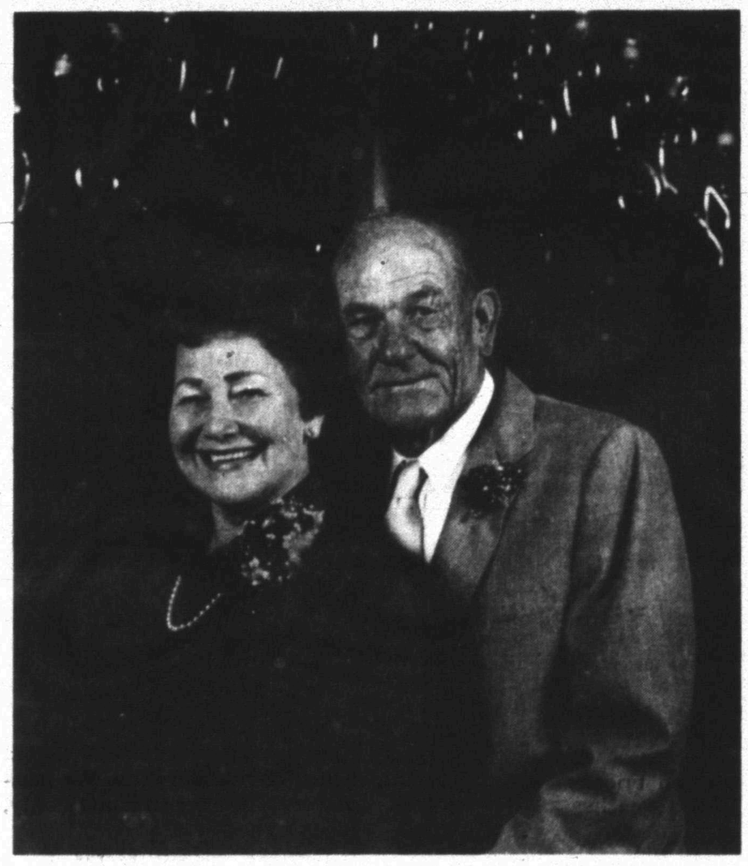
Sterlings celebrate wedding anniversary

GUS AND JEAN STERLING

Gus and Jean Sterling were honored with a family dinner at Willow Park Inn on Saturday, Jan. 25, in observance of the couple's golden wedding anniversary.

They met in Dallas when Sterling was in mechanic school. They were married on Jan. 26, 1942, at Rockwall and he enlisted in the Air Force a few months later. During this time, they lived in several states. Following his discharge, they made their home in Ira where they raised three sons, Tommy, Robert and Randy, They have been farmers and associated in the oil field while being active members of the community.

Attending the celebration were Tommy, Randa and Seth Sterling of Ira; Kara and Trey Wilson of Snyder; Julie Craig, Colby and Shandy McMullen of Lubbock. Unable to attend were Randy Sterling of La Grange and Lynn, Alison and Whitney Sterling of San Antonio.



Dark, rich beauty...

Sumptuous, chocolate Queen of Sheba cake

Imaginative French chefs named a sumptuous chocolate cake, made with generous amounts of butter and almonds, for the biblical Queen of Sheba, who is believed to have been a dark, rich beauty. The cake is moist inside and therefore needs no filling.

QUEEN OF SHEBA CAKE

4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped

3/4 cup whole blanched almonds (about 31/2 ounces)

2-3rds cup sugar

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup (4 ounces) unsalted butter, slightly softened

3 egg yolks

4 egg whites, at room temperature

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

For the frosting:

1-3rd cup whipping cream

4 ounces semisweet chocolate, very finely chopped

1/4 cup unsalted butter, slightly softened but still cool

For the cake:

Position rack in center of the oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a round 9-inch layer cake pan. Line base of the pan with parchment paper or foil; butter paper or foil. Flour side of pan and lined base, tapping pan to remove excess.

Melt chocolate in a double boiler or heatproof medium bowl over hot, not simmering, water over low heat, stirring occasionally. Stir until smooth. Remove from pan of water, cool to body temperature.

Grind almonds with 2 tablespoons of the sugar in a food processor until as fine as possible, scraping inward occasionally. Transfer to a medium bowl. Sift flour over almonds, mix thoroughly.

Cream butter in a medium or large bowl until smooth and fluffy. Beat in cooled chocolate. Beat in egg yolks, 1 at a time, then 1-3rd cup of the sugar. Continue to beat until mixture is smooth.

In a large dry bowl, beat egg whites with cream of tartar using dry beaters at medium speed until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in remaining 3 and 1-3rd tablespoons sugar, continue beating at high speed until whites are stiff and shiny but not dry.

Fold about one-fourth of the egg whites into chocolate mixture. Quickly spoon remaining whites on top and begin folding. Sprinkle almond mixture on top and fold lightly and quickly, just until batter is blended.

Transfer batter to prepared pan. Bake in 350-degree F oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until a cake tester inserted in cake about halfway between edge and center of the pan comes out clean, but center of the cake is still slightly soft.

Cool cake in pan on rack for 5 minutes. Run a thin-bladed flexible knife carefully around the side of the cake. Invert cake onto rack. Carefully peel off paper or foil; cool cake completely. Turn cake onto another rack, then onto a platter so smooth side of cake faces up. Cake can be kept, unwrapped, up to 2 days in the refrigerator.

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MONDAY

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Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m..

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Scurry County Genealogical Society meeting; Scurry County Library; program, "Locating research material in the library," visitors welcome; 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the oonhh ss ppe birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

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Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.

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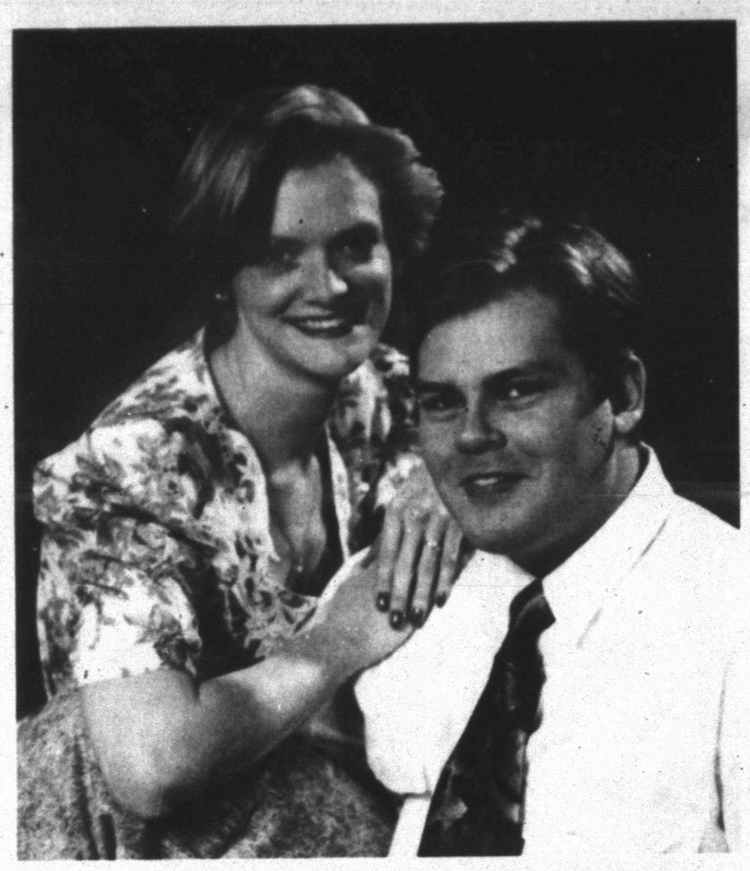
Brett to marry Leslie Davenport

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — George Brett, the three-time American League batting champion, is taking his first shot at marriage.

The 38-year-old designated hitter for the Kansas City Royals plans to marry Leslie Davenport of Kansas City, said Royals spokesman Dean Vogelaar. No date has been set.



MARCH WEDDING PLANS — The parents of Shanna Byrd and Cole McKenzie announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children. The future bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Byrd of Snyder and the future bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean McKenzie, also of Snyder. A wedding has been planned for 3 p.m. on March 15 at the First Christian Church. (Photo By Tom Gonzales).

Bridge By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-25-92
♠ - - -
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ K Q 7 6
♣ K 8 6 4 3

WEST
♠ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ 3
♦ - - -
♣ 5

EAST
♠ - - -
♥ K 10 7 5
♦ 10 9 5 4 2
♣ J 9 7 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J
♥ A J 8 2
♦ A J 8 3
♣ A Q 10

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			Pass
1 NT	4 ♥(!)	Dbl.	Pass
Pass	5 ♦(!)	Dbl.	Pass
6 NT	Dbl.	Redbl.	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ A

The biggest crash of all time?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday we looked at a 2800-point penalty in a world championship. But — unless you know differently — nothing compares with today's deal. It occurred in 1954 in Megeve, which is in the French Alps, not far from Mont Blanc. The story was related by Clement Peten, who sat West.

It was rubber bridge, and Peten, who had never held an 11-card suit before, decided to bid to five spades, but to muddy the water along the way. South thought for a long time over the double of five diamonds. Peten became nervous that he had been too clever for his own good, thinking South was going to bid six diamonds. But despair turned to elation when suddenly South leaped to six no-trump. "I doubled in ecstasy," reported Peten.

North should have left well alone, but thinking that a juicy penalty had gone begging, she redoubled.

Obviously, after 11 spade tricks, declarer should be holding the aces of hearts and clubs, while dummy should have the K-Q of diamonds. But South became flustered. She threw her heart ace, keeping both minor-suit aces. Dummy retained the Q-9 of hearts. So, at trick 12, West led his heart three and East took the last two tricks with the 10 and king. Down 12 for a penalty of 7000 points — and for money!

Jose le Dentu, the French author who reported the deal in his book "Le Bridge," said that when he tried to find a title for this hand, he turned to Victor Hugo: "This crash filled the air like a bolt of lightning."

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed 10 tables.

N-S

1. Louise Thompson, Jane Hinton.
2. Josie Randell, Madrine Glenn.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Sue Carter.
4. Sue Mize, Ena Carroll.

E-W

1. Margaret, Warren Costin.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Polly Ballard.
3. Margorie Brown, Verdi Kimbro.
4. Julian Jones, Rogene Spruell.

SUNDAY

Jane Hinton directed four tables.

1. Bessie Collins, Louise Thompson.
2. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. George, Shirley Stewart.

TUESDAY

Dot Casey directed four tables.

1. George, Shirley Stewart.
2. Polly Ballard, Nona Morrison.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Bessie Collins.

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY

Juice
Sausage & Rolls
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

THURSDAY

Juice
Toasted Rolls & Jelly
Milk

FRIDAY

Fruit
Waffles/Syrup
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY

Chicken Strips/Gravy
Mashed potatoes
Tomato Wednes
Hot Rolls
Fudge Brownies
Milk

TUESDAY

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Beef Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Relish Cup
Crackers
Sopapillas
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Goulash
Fried Okra
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Fruit Bars
Milk

THURSDAY

Barbecued Hamburger Patties
AuGratin Potatoes
Bean & Pea Salad
Hot Rolls
Rainbow Jello
Milk

FRIDAY

Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Pink Applesauce
Milk

Snyder ISD Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Rice
Toast
Orange Juice
Milk

TUESDAY

Biscuit/Sausage
Grape Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Congo Bars
Pineapple Juice
Milk

THURSDAY

Cinnamon Roll
Apple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY

Scrambled Eggs
Biscuit
Orange Juice
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY

Chicken Patty Burger
Burger Fixin's
French Fries
Diced Peaches
Milk

TUESDAY

Enchilada Casserole
Pinto Beans
Fruit Mix
Tossed Salad, French Dressing
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Steak Fingers
Southern Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Buttered Carrots
Hot Roll
Milk

THURSDAY

Corn Dog
Baked Beans
Whole Kernel Corn
Apple Cobbler
Milk

FRIDAY

Salisbury Steak
Brown Gravy
Baked Potato
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Wheat Roll
Milk

Special Event: "Be Cool Stay In School Pizza Party" on Wednesday at Stanfield Elementary only, featuring:
Homemade Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad
Chilled Pears
Cookie
Milk

Ira School Menu

MONDAY

Hot Dogs
Fritos
Pork & Beans
Peanut Butter Bars
Choice of Milk

TUESDAY

Fish w/Tarter Sauce
Vegetable Salad
French Fries
Applesauce
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY

Black-eyed Peas
Macaroni & Cheese
Spinach
Red Velvet Cake
Corn Bread
Choice of Milk

THURSDAY

Chicken & Dumplings
Carrots
English Peas
Apple Crisp
Crackers
Choice of Milk

FRIDAY

Beef Chimichangas
Refried Beans
Vegetable Salad
Cowboy Cookies
Choice of Milk

Andy Griffith is presented achievement award

NEW ORLEANS (A[illegible] — Actor Andy Griffith and m[illegible] director Ron Howard — She[illegible] Taylor and son, Opie, on "[illegible] Andy Griffith Show" in the [illegible]0s — were reunited when Ho[illegible]d presented Griffith with [illegible]etime achievement award.

Howard, who was ju[illegible] when he debuted as Opie, pre[illegible]ed the award Thursday at the [illegible]tional Association of Televis[illegible] Programming Executives' an[illegible]l convention in New Orlea[illegible]

"This is wonderful, [illegible]t wonderful," Griffith said. "I [illegible]n't tell you how much it means [illegible]o me."

The CBS comedy, set in fictitious Mayberry, N.C., [illegible]gan in 1960 and ran for six ye[illegible]s. It remains popular in reru[illegible]

Griffith now stars in [illegible]e NBC series "Matlock." [illegible]oward starred in the TV series "Happy Days," and movies [illegible]ch as "American Grafitti" b[illegible]fore directing such movie hits as "Splash" and "Backdraft."

AIDS education

NEW YORK (AP) — Magic Johnson is delivering [illegible]n his pledge to educate youn[illegible] people about AIDS with a half-h[illegible]r television special.

"A Conversation wi[illegible] Magic Johnson," featuring th[illegible] basketball superstar and a grou[illegible] of children and teen-agers, is sch[illegible]led to air in March, cable's Nic[illegible]lodeon network said Thursday.

The producers are Li[illegible] Ellerbee's Lucky Duck Pr[illegible]ctions and the Magic Johnson F[illegible]ndation, which Johnson set up for AIDS education and re[illegible]ch.

Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers in Novem[illegible]er because he has the virus that causes AIDS.

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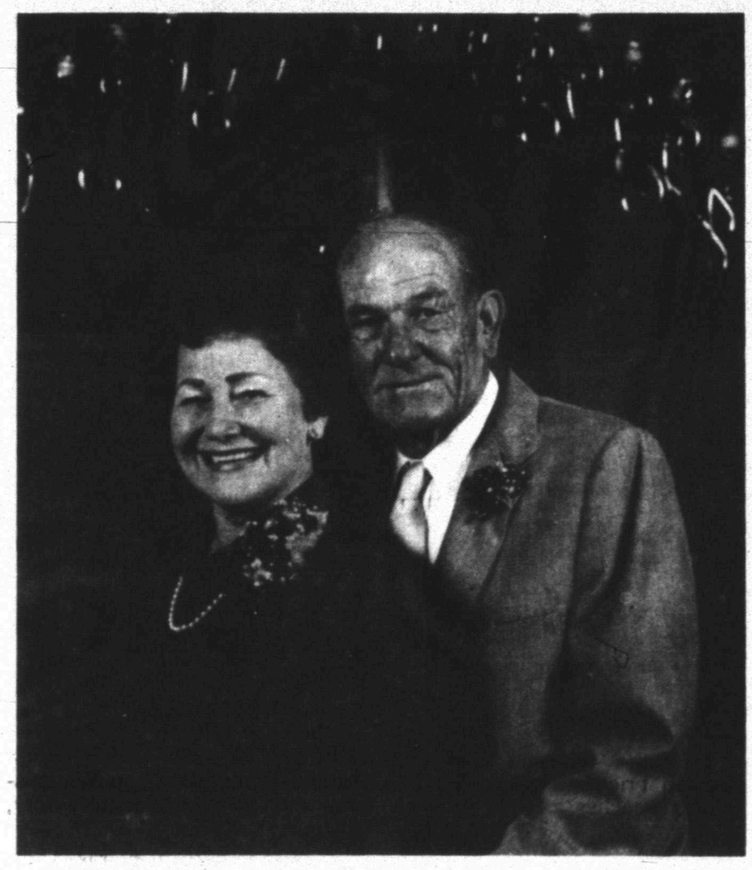
Sterlings celebrate wedding anniversary

GUS AND JEAN STERLING

Gus and Jean Sterling were honored with a family dinner at Willow Park Inn on Saturday, Jan. 25, in observance of the couple's golden wedding anniversary.

They met in Dallas when Sterling was in mechanic school. They were married on Jan. 26, 1942, at Rockwall and he enlisted in the Air Force a few months later. During this time, they lived in several states. Following his discharge, they made their home in Ira where they raised three sons, Tommy, Robert and Randy, They have been farmers and associated in the oil field while being active members of the community.

Attending the celebration were Tommy, Randa and Seth Sterling of Ira; Kara and Trey Wilson of Snyder; Julie Craig, Colby and Shandy McMullen of Lubbock. Unable to attend were Randy Sterling of La Grange and Lynn, Alison and Whitney Sterling of San Antonio.



Dark, rich beauty...

Sumptuous, chocolate Queen of Sheba cake

Imaginative French chefs named a sumptuous chocolate cake, made with generous amounts of butter and almonds, for the biblical Queen of Sheba, who is believed to have been a dark, rich beauty. The cake is moist inside and therefore needs no filling.

QUEEN OF SHEBA CAKE

4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped

3/4 cup whole blanched almonds (about 31/2 ounces)

2-3rds cup sugar

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup (4 ounces) unsalted butter, slightly softened

3 egg yolks

4 egg whites, at room temperature

1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar

For the frosting:

1-3rd cup whipping cream

4 ounces semisweet chocolate, very finely chopped

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For the cake:

Position rack in center of the oven and preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a round 9-inch layer cake pan. Line base of the pan with parchment paper or foil; butter paper or foil. Flour side of pan and lined base, tapping pan to remove excess.

Melt chocolate in a double boiler or heatproof medium bowl over hot, not simmering, water over low heat, stirring occasionally. Stir until smooth. Remove from pan of water, cool to body temperature.

Grind almonds with 2 tablespoons of the sugar in a food processor until as fine as possible, scraping inward occasionally. Transfer to a medium bowl. Sift flour over almonds, mix thoroughly.

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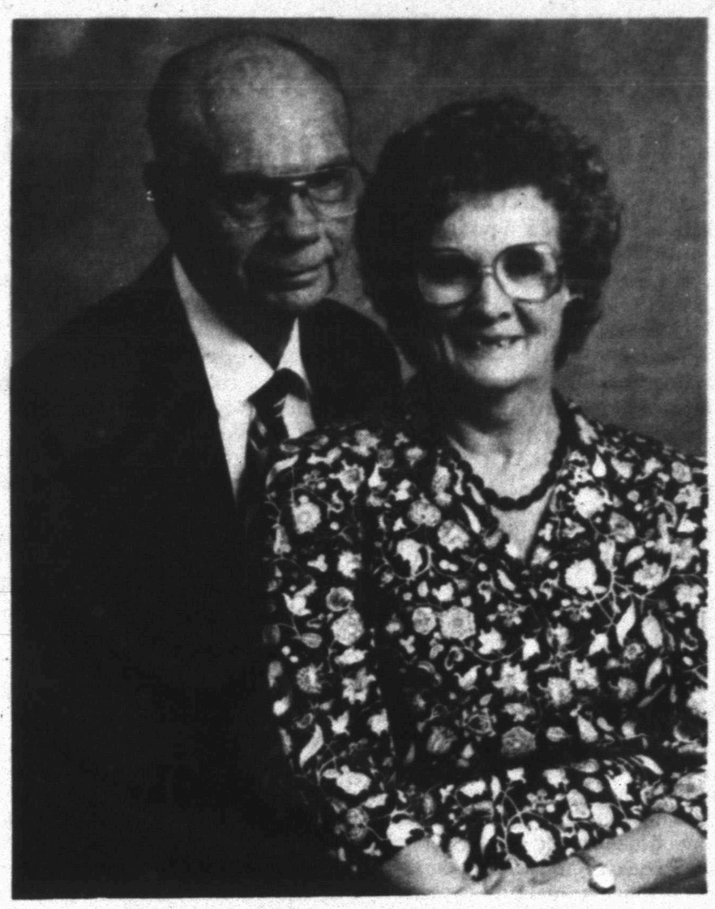

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AP Tax Tips

IRS rules concerning child deductions listed

WASHINGTON (AP) — There was a time when having a child could just about wipe out your federal income tax liability. Now, a child is worth a tax saving of only $322.50 for the average American.

Just as current law subjects a greater portion of earnings to tax, compared with the original income tax in 1913, it also is far more complex.

As a general rule, each dependent claimed allows $2,150 of 1991 earnings to escape tax. Your child under the age of 19 may be claimed as a dependent if you provided more than half his or her support last year.

But then come a lot of exceptions and qualifications: Is the dependent a student? Married? Filing a return? And remember that if your income is high enough, the value of your exemptions is reduced and eventually eliminated.

To be claimed as a dependent, a person must meet five tests:

— RELATIONSHIP. He or she must have lived with you throughout 1991 except for being temporarily absent due to school, military service, vacation or illness, OR must be a relative. That can be a child, grandchild, stepchild, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece or in-law. A live-in lover counts unless your state says it is illegal to have a live-in lover.

— INCOME. In general terms, a dependent must have had 1991 gross income under $2,150. That does not include tax-exempt income, such as welfare benefits and the nontaxable part of Social Security. Is the dependent your child? Then there is no income limit if:

— He or she was under 19 at the end of 1991, or

— He or she was a full-time student and under 24 at yearend. Full-time means a full class load for at least five months of the year. A government-supervised on-farm training course also counts.

— CITIZENSHIP. The dependent must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien or a resident of Mexico or Canada.

— NO JOINT RETURN. You may not claim an exemption for any person who files a joint return with someone else.

— SUPPORT. You must have provided more than half the dependent's financial support last year. This includes food, shelter, clothing, transportation, medical expenses, education, child-care services, recreation and spending money. Insurance premiums, scholarships or Social Security or income taxes that you paid for the person do not count as support.

If you and someone else — a sister, for example — combine to pay more than half the support of a dependent — such as an elderly parent — but nobody alone pays more than half, you may claim the full exemption by contributing more than 10 percent. The others then must sign Form 2120, a Multiple Support Declaration, giving up their right to the exemption.

A divorced parent who does not have custody of a child may take an exemption if the other parent agrees in writing to give up the claim, or if the claim was authorized by a pre-1985 court order or agreement. Read IRS Publication 504 for details.

You begin losing any tax saving from personal exemptions once your adjusted gross income exceeds a certain level. For 1991, the benefit for a single person begins dropping after AGI passes $100,000; for a couple filing jointly, the threshold is $150,000; for a head of household, it is $125,000.

You lose 2 percent ($43) of your $2,150 exemption for each $2,500 of AGI above the threshold. For example, a single person with no dependents and AGI of $171,000 would get an exemption of $903. A couple with one child and filing jointly would get three exemptions totaling $5,934, rather than $6,450.

If your income is above the threshold, calculate your allowable exemptions on the worksheet on page 24 of your Form 1040 instructions.

Alsace was annexed to Germany in 1871 after the French were defeated in the Franco-Prussian War.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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U.N.'s Bill of Rights for Kids Deserves America's Support

DEAR ABBY: Would you be so kind as to remind your readers about the United Nations Bill of Rights for Children? The bill states that children should have the following rights:

— The right to affection, love and understanding.

— The right to adequate nutrition and medical care.

— The right to free education.

— The right to full opportunity for play and recreation.

— The right to a name and nationality.

— The right to be among the first to receive relief in times of disaster.

— The right to learn to be a useful member of society and to develop individual abilities.

— The right to be brought up in a spirit of universal peace and brother/sisterhood.

— The right to enjoy these rights, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national or social origin.

This bill was adopted in 1989 by the U.N. General Assembly after a decade of discussion. It has been signed by 109 countries and ratified by 40. Unbelievable as it seems, the United States has done neither!

Our nation, built on the concepts of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," should be leading the world nations in the pursuit of their goal of protecting our most valuable resource, our children. The ratification of this bill can only lead to a better life for all of us.

Won't you please ask your readers to write their legislators, and President Bush, and urge that this be done?

BONNIE FENN SULLIVAN,
WATERFORD, CONN.

DEAR BONNIE: Since the future of every nation rests with the welfare of its children, it's mystifying that any country would hesitate to sign the Children's Bill of Rights. And considering the principles with which most Americans were raised, it's surprising that the United States does not top the list of signatories.

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DEAR ABBY: My 20-year-old son is still wetting his bed every night. He has seen a urologist and has tried all the usual medications, but nothing has worked. (He is a very sound sleeper.)

I do not know where to go from here. Has anyone else gone through this who could give me some ideas on what to try next? Please, Abby, my son really needs some answers.

DESPERATE MOM

DEAR MOM: You don't say how long it's been since your son saw a urologist, but he should seek a second opinion from another specialist.

If there is nothing physically wrong, and your son's only problem is reprogramming his sleeping habits, contact your nearest Sears Roebuck store about ordering its Wee Alert Buzzer. The premise is simple: An alarm will sound the moment moisture touches a screen placed under the bottom sheet, instantly waking a sound sleeper. After a very short time, the sleeper forms the habit of waking up naturally at the right hour of the night — or the "wee" hours of the morning. Good luck.

* * *

Most teen-agers do not know the facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy. It's all in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Arlene" and her husband "Bud" have been smoking marijuana for several years, which is bad enough, but now they are growing it in their back yard.

When our mother found out what those plants were, she went berserk! She called me up and said she was going to poison their plants. I told her not to, because it could harm them seriously if they smoked it. Then she said, "OK, I won't poison the plants, but I'm calling the police and having them arrested!" I told Mom if she did that, it would cost Arlene and Bud a lot of money in legal fees, and they could even get sent to prison.

Well, Mom wasn't satisfied, so she called Bud's parents in Heidelberg, Germany, and told them that Bud and Arlene were growing dope in his back yard. Bud's father is a major in the U.S. military, so he took the first plane back to the States and confronted his son.

The marijuana plants were dug up immediately, and my sister hasn't spoken to our mother since then. She won't even let her kids visit their grandmother.

Abby, this is tearing Mom apart. It's been two months, and Mom is terribly depressed. She's not sleeping or eating, and she's lost a lot of weight. Mom's been begging me to talk to Arlene and Bud on her behalf. I've tried, but it's useless. What should I do?

DESPERATE

DEAR DESPERATE: Don't give up. International Forgiveness Week is Feb. 16-22; that should be an appropriate time for Arlene and Bud to mellow out. Perhaps Mom's physician (or clergyperson) could intervene on her behalf. Otherwise her relationship with Bud and Arlene may go up in smoke.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: Being a twin, maybe you can help me with this problem. My twin daughters are almost 4 years old. Every year for Christmas my husband's sister has given the twins a single gift for them to share.

This wouldn't be a problem if it were a gift that could be enjoyed by both children at the same time, because I've had no difficulty teaching them to share. However, this year, they sent a single stuffed animal! Are twins supposed to take turns holding it while they go to sleep?

We are trying very hard to raise our daughters as individuals and want our relatives to treat them as such. Please print this to remind people that twins are not a single unit; they are individuals who just happen to be born at the same time.

FRUSTRATED MOTHER
OF TWINS

DEAR FRUSTRATED: On behalf of all the twins who have lived the twin-gift experience, thank you for a valuable letter. I offer another suggestion: Do not buy twins identical gifts in an effort to be evenhanded. If one of the twins loses a doll or a mitten, it's good to know whose is missing. (Labels on children's clothing are also a good idea.)

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DEAR ABBY: Maybe I'm feeling my age, but I long for the days when people made up witty limericks. The only ones I can remember are X-rated.

Have you heard any that aren't?

LIMERICK COLLECTOR

DEAR COLLECTOR: How's this?

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Gert's poems are punk
Ep's statues are junk
And no one can understand Ein.

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Schools boards say...

Money needed even if law thrown out

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas schools will need the money generated by the new education property tax even if the levy is declared unconstitutional, the Texas Association of School Boards says.

Numerous lawsuits are planned by businesses so that they can get a tax refund if the law is thrown out. One suit was filed Thursday in Travis County.

"Business taxpayers want to keep the schools open so they will pay these taxes, but they must seek technical protection," said Bill Allaway, executive vice president of the business-based Texas Association of Taxpayers.

"This is a sad situation prompted by legal precedents that deny taxpayers recovery if an unconstitutional tax has been paid ... Time is running out, since the taxes are delinquent after the end of the month, so these large businesses are being forced to go to court to protect themselves," Allaway said.

The Texas Supreme Court is considering a challenge by property-rich school districts to the new school finance law, which is designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing districts made up of one or several counties.

Allaway said that at the least, lawmakers should allow taxpayers to receive a credit on future taxes if a levy is paid in good faith and then found to be unconstitutional.

The Texas Association of School Boards said it understands corporations' responsibility to shareholders and customers, but that the $4.5 billion expected to be raised through the new county education districts is "crucial" to schools' operation.

The amount is about one-third of the funds necessary to operate Texas public schools, and many schools would close if the money is taken away and not replaced, the association said.

"Should the Texas Supreme Court declare CED taxes unconstitutional and direct districts to refund the money, no other tax or revenues exist to make up the $4.5 billion that would be lost to local public schools," it said in a statement.

"With half of the school year remaining, 3.3 million schoolchildren to educate, 245,000 school district employees under contract, and many local school districts already operating on shoestring budgets, the loss of CED funds would cause the collapse of Texas' public school system," the association said.

Strains of drug-resistant TB spreading in America

ATLANTA (AP) — New strains of tuberculosis that drugs can't stop — and which often prey on people weakened by the AIDS virus — are appearing across the country 40 years after medicine seemed to have conquered the lung disease.

Outbreaks of drug-resistant TB, some of them fatal, have been reported recently in New York City, Michigan, Florida and the New York state prison system, the federal Centers for Disease Control said Thursday.

"There is the potential for similar outbreaks of multiple drug-resistant tuberculosis to occur in other places, unless we do the things we need to do," said Dr. Dixie Snider, who heads the CDC's tuberculosis division.

Federal officials hope to unveil a strategy next month for fighting TB's re-emergence, Snider said Thursday following a two-day conference on the disease.

"Multiple drug resistance is a new wrinkle, and it requires some different tactics as well as some different emphasis," Snider said.

He recommended that health officials implement infection control programs in hospitals and upgrade laboratories so TB is detected more quickly.

Dr. Sam Dooley, an epidemiologist with the CDC, said studies have shown that one infected person can spread the bacteria that causes TB to dozens of others.

In New York City, health-care workers who treat TB patients at city hospitals are required to wear masks, gowns, gloves and work in isolation rooms to avoid spreading the disease. The bacteria commonly is spread during coughing and sneezing and through contaminated foods.

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U.S. policy begins to change

AP analysis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Polls are telling President Bush to ease up on overseas ventures as he shoots for a second term. Even helping hungry people in what was the Soviet Union is not a popular pursuit.

In New Hampshire, where unemployment was among the lowest in the nation in 1988, people are hurting economically. Unemployment there now is among the highest in the nation. Polls show conservative columnist Pat Buchanan could embarrass Bush in the Feb. 18 Republican presidential primary.

Bush is responding to the recession by admitting he had misjudged the depth of it and pledging to concentrate on improving the economy. At the same time, though, he keeps reminding voters of his role as commander-in-chief of the highly popular war against Iraq.

Here is one more president who, after weighing his options, concluded that there is more to be gained than lost in emphasizing his role as leader of the most powerful nation in the world.

New evidence turned up this week that Bush will carry the global leadership theme to two more frontiers: Trying to rescue former adversaries in the shattered Soviet Union and slashing stockpiles of U.S. nuclear weapons.

A Gallup poll last month found 35 percent of Americans felt the United States is too generous with the people in Russia and the other new nations that once made up the Soviet Union. That was nearly double the 19 percent who felt that way in August.

But Bush this week kicked off a conference of 47 nations at the State Department by pledging $465 million in grants — aid that does not have to be repaid. If Congress approves, that will boost U.S. assistance to nearly $4.8 billion.

What's more, Bush intends to make aiding the new nations an issue in his campaign. "He's going to say nothing can be more important for the security of the United States than to see the reformers succeed," said a senior U.S. official after the two-day aid conference ended Thursday. "We have something going that is very good for the United States."

Bush, as commander-in-chief, is charged with defending America's security. He and Secretary of State James A. Baker III have said repeatedly there will be no retreat into isolationism.

"There is no better investment today in national security than to see to it that totalitarianism does not come back," the official said.

On a second frontier, reducing nuclear weapons, Bush also is gearing up for a major foreign policy initiative. According to well-placed sources, he had Baker open discussions with Russian leaders in Moscow last month on deep cuts in long-range nuclear missiles.

For the first time, the United States is willing to consider reducing its arsenal of multiple-warhead missiles on Trident submarines — the pride and, until now, untouchable centerpiece of America's nuclear might.

The proposition Bush will promote, probably beginning in his State of the Union message Tuesday night, is that the United States can afford to lower its guard a bit because the enemy has gone away.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Barry Schweid has reported on U.S. foreign policy for The Associated Press since 1973.

Foley under gun for high-dollar elevator flooring

WASHINGTON (AP) — What's black and white and just might make House Speaker Thomas Foley red all over?

Answer: The new marble floors in three House elevators, ordered by Foley at a cost of $20,000 or more.

Besides complaints about their practicality — the floors are more slippery than the carpet they replaced, and are hard to keep clean — some House members are worried how it looks to be spending $250 a square foot for new flooring.

With Congress-bashing on the upsurge as a result of ethics cases and mini-scandals like last year's episode involving check-bouncing at the House bank, lavish spending on elevator floors is likely to play right into that atmosphere.

And that, in turn, could make it harder for incumbents trying to get re-elected in November.

Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., voiced the first public complaint Thursday at a meeting of the Appropriations subcommittee that handles Congress' own budget.

Foley, he said, was able to order the elegant new floors installed just by signing a letter and without consulting anyone. The improvements were paid for from the contingency fund of the Architect of the Capitol, the office that maintains the government's Capitol Hill property.

The account gives the impression of "a free-flowing slush fund," said Lewis, who pledged to make an issue of the new elevator floors — as well as other improvements ordered by Foley.

Requests for comment from Foley were not immediately answered.

The new floors, which took several weeks to install, feature a black-and-white circular pattern that repeats the design of the floors in some corridors of the Capitol. The elevators previously were carpeted.

William Raines, an administrative assistant to the Architect of the Capitol, said the re-flooring was part of an overall refurbishing of all Capitol Hill elevators. Officials hope the marble will prove more durable than other floor coverings, he said.

New metal subfloors had to be welded in to support the heavier marble overlay. An official familiar with the project said the total cost was $26,000, but Raines said only $20,000 had been allocated for it.

Elevator operators don't like the new feature because the marble is hard on their feet after several hours.

Worry has also been voiced that the new floors will be slippery when people come indoors on rainy days. And the stone may be hard to maintain; one floor already is looking dingy after just a week of use, and another developed a crack during its first day in service.

For an example of how difficult marble is to clean, one only has to walk a few feet to a worn House staircase where blood stains remain visible 100 years after a reporter shot a House member.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registration

Bobby and Shellie Ford, 1992 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1992 Chevrolet Pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Christian S. Nielson and Associates, PC, 1992 GMC pickup from Howard Gray Motors.

Filed in District Court

State of Texas vs. Ipollo Enterprises, Inc., dba Willow Park Inn, and Dennis Chisum, injunction.

Wisconsin Mortgage Assurance Corporation vs. Mark Alan Worden, suit on account.

Beatrice Martinez Solis, individually, and as next of friend of Emelda Solis vs. Shawna Lynn Hightower and Kelly Reed Scott, suit for personal injury.

Action in District Court

Noah Bilano vs. Tex-Mex Meter Service, Inc., judgment for defendant.

In the Marriage of Lynda Jean Trujillo and Napoleon Jose Trujillo, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds

James D. Williamson to Williamson Enterprises, Inc., a tract of Sections 155 and 180, Block 3 of H&GN survey.

Joe W. Vincent, et ux, to Myron Fenton, the south 95 feet of the east 90 feet of Lot 4, Block 27 of Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Patsy Jo McDaniel to Dannie G. Pierce, et ux, Lot 2, Block 2 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Helen Cowan Huggins to First National Bank of Amarillo, Lot 13, Block 49 of A.J. McDowell subdivision of Cody Heights Addition.

Nolan Douglas Smith to Sovann Vath, et ux, Lot 12, Block 2 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Jim D. Duncan to Anhelo Construction Company, Inc., a 52.984-acre tract in the south part of the north half of Section 666, Block 97 of H&TC survey.

Stanley B. Noah to Ronnie Shields, et ux, Lot 8, Block 15 of Colonial Hill Addition.

Marie Gemes to Glenda McKinney, Lot 16, Block 31 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Bob Felton, et ux, to Donald J. Patton, et ux, a 7-acre tract in the northeast quarter of Section 95, Block 3 of H&GN survey.

Ned Underwood, et ux, to Kay Henkell, the west half of Lot 3, Block 53 of original town of Snyder.

Japanese backlash continues to build

By Robert Dvorchak
AP National Writer

"Buy American" is the battle cry heard more and more in this country's war of words with Japan. And now the national pastime is part of the action.

A group headed by the president of Japanese video game maker Nintendo offered Thursday to buy the Seattle Mariners for $100 million. Baseball commissioner Fay Vincent said it was unlikely that major league baseball owners would approve because foreign ownership is discouraged.

"Baseball. . .has developed a strong policy against approving investors from outside the United States and Canada," Vincent said in a statement.

Tensions in U.S.-Japanese business relations were strained this week when a Japanese legislator was quoted as saying American workers are lazy and illiterate. Yoshio Sakurachi, speaker of the lower house of the Japanese parliament, later apologized.

Then the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission scrapped a $122 million contract with an American subsidiary of Japan's Sumitomo Corp. to build rail cars for its transit system. The commission said it wanted to pursue the possibility of starting its own factory to produce U.S.-made rail cars.

"This will keep jobs from going abroad," said Los Angeles City Councilman Joel Wachs, a critic of the contract. "You will see this all over the country in how government contracts are awarded now. This will reverberate around the country."

A day before Wednesday's vote, the town board of the Rochester suburb of Greece, N.Y., rejected a $40,000 Komatsu excavating machine. It costs $15,000 less than the American-made John Deere model, but town officials wanted to make a symbolic point about Sakurachi's rhetoric.

"It really irritated me to the point that I moved to reject the purchase of this equipment," said board member Vincent Campbell.

Houston tests federal law prohibiting school drug sales

HOUSTON (AP) — A 20-year-old man accused of trying to sell crack cocaine near a school has become the first defendant in a Houston anti-drug effort to weed out street-level traffickers using a new federal crackdown law.

Marlon Jermaine Williams was charged Thursday with possession with intent to distribute crack within 1,000 feet of a school, the new federal "school statute" which calls for up to doubled penalties if drug offenses occurs near any school or university campus.

"If you have adults dealing drugs or working with a gang and you can create a federal case on them, we are going after them," Assistant U.S. Attorney Terry Clark, chief of the office's major crimes section, said.

The case represents a significant enforcement change in Houston, officials said. U.S. Attorney Ron Woods plans to solicit help from school superintendents throughout the federal Southern District of Texas to target campuses in neighborhoods rife with street trafficking.

This initiative may revive some old policies for Houston prosecutors that Woods has rescinded. When he took over the southern district in November 1990, Woods ordered small-quantity drug cases referred to state prosecutors to focus his drug prosecutors on major conspiracies.

But in recent months, the steady national increase in violent crimes forced Justice and Treasury Department officials to launch attacks on street crimes historically handled by state and local authorities.

Court records claim Williams sold 1.86 grams of crack for $100 to an undercover Houston police officer at 9:25 p.m. Tuesday at a convenience store about a half-block from Westbury High School in southwest Houston.

"It's effective 24 hours a day — all (dealers) have to do is be in the area," Clark said.

Houston police records show Williams has four prior arrests as an adult, including charges of carrying a pistol and two for narcotics possession.

Retail beef prices fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Cattlemen's Association says average retail beef prices fell recently, with the average price of six cuts dropping to $3.01 per pound as of Jan. 9 from $3.06 on Dec. 12.

The figures were gleaned in a 19-city survey of retail prices, the association said in a news release.

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"The three-day educational extravaganza was extremely enlightening," says Sandi. "It supplied me with many creative haircolor and permanent waving techniques as well as the latest international trends in hair design and fashion. I can't wait to share these ideas with my clients."

Sandi can be reached at

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of two important people in our county.

During School Nurse Awareness Week, we salute Reba Erwin, R.N., and Angel Duncan, R.N., two professional individuals who, along with their many other duties, assist us in keeping the school age childrens' immunizations updated and current.

These immunizations protect our children against serious and sometimes fatal communicable diseases. The nurses do an excellent job in their difficult task of keeping up with over 3,600 students' immunization requirements.

We appreciate and enjoy working with these nurses. Please join us in honoring our Snyder Independent School District nurses, Reba Erwin, R.N., and Angel Duncan, R.N.

Sincerely
Stephanie Knipe, R.N.
Cindy Nix
Louie T. Vaughan
Scurry County Health Unit

Dear Editor:

By now, most people in Snyder and the surrounding area know that Howard Limmer, manager of Anthony's here for 23½ years, was terminated this past week. He had worked for the company for 31½ years.

Anyone who has traded with Anthony's knows that Howard was a very devoted employee. He made each of his customers feel special. He was a very pleasant person to trade with.

We have shopped with Anthony's for many years and are very displeased with Anthony's actions. To show our support and concern for Howard, we are returning our Anthony's credit card today. If anyone else feels as we do, they can write to:

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Yours truly,
Harold and Dena Ellis
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Dear Editor:

The following letter is being mailed to government officials:

I would just like to voice my opinion about something.

Subject: "Drug Testing for Continued Employment." Many companies require that employees take a urine test for drug and alcohol use before and during employment. I believe this is a good idea and has probably reduced accidents and many other problems in the work force. We are even talking about testing our teachers.

Question: Why don't we test the people that receive food stamps, welfare and unemployment checks? (Randomly, of course) I know many people in the Snyder area alone are currently drawing the above mentioned checks and are either spending them on or trading them for illegal drugs or alcohol.

These are good programs, but it is my belief they are being abused. Is it fair for the working force to pay our tax money, that is supporting these government funded programs, only to see them used illegally? I do hope you give this some thought.

Thank you,
Lynn Chaney
2103 24th
Snyder, Texas

EDITOR'S NOTE: Snyder ISD bus drivers and transportation maintenance employees will be required to take an annual drug test beginning next school year. However, trustees rejected random testing for those employees, as well as annual drug testing for teachers, after obtaining legal advice from the Texas Association of School Boards.

Dear Editor:

I just want to go on record with my objections to the ½ -cent sales tax increase which our beloved town has just passed. I want everyone who reads this to cut it out and place it on their refrigerator. When your property is appraised for more than it is worth next year, don't come crying to me. If you are one who believes that our property taxes are really going to be less, then I have some ocean front property on 37th Street that I will sell you for a bargain.

Why does this city always think that more taxes is the answer? History proves that more taxes do not attract more business. Quite the contrary. Why would I move in a business in Snyder, where I will have to increase wages to offset higher taxes? Instead, I would find a place where the taxes will not undermine my success. I know that there will be a lot of city developers who will try and undermine my opinion, but that is what they get paid for. The more tax dollars available, the more secure their jobs become. It is ironic that while I go farther into debt, these people become more financially secure. What a system!

I do want to let the local businesses know that my family will no longer be able to support them. We are not the only ones. Some of us are living on a shoestring as it is. This ½ -cent increase, coupled with the sure increase of the city's tax of home appraisal, leaves us no other choice but to find our commodities elsewhere. This is pure irony. The passed proposal to attract more business is going to hurt the existing business instead. The city finally did it. While trying to help the few businesses left, the city is actually giving them a death sentence. When will bureaucrats learn that sometimes more means less!

Lonnie Russell
4021 Eastridge
Snyder, Texas

Dear Editor:

The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is more than a fund raiser; it is a program activity. Girls learn to set personal and troop goals; develop self-confidence by taking responsibility; acquire skills in free enterprise, money management and salesmanship; and experience the satisfaction of contributing to the group with follow-through on a personal commitment.

By dealing directly with the bakers, Girl Scout councils eliminate the "middle man," avoiding expensive administrative costs. The last price increase for a box of cookies was in 1989.

The public appeal for Girl Scout cookies tells me the quality is as strong, if not stronger, than ever. The monetary breakdown of a box of Girl Scout cookies is as follows: Cost of cookies and sales expenses, 85 cents; troop share, 35 cents; awards and girl incentives, 10 cents; support of program events and maintenance of camp property, $1.20. The total cost is $2.50 per box.

As a member of the board of directors, I'm proud to acknowledge the success of Girl Scouting. Where else can you find an effective program with caring and competent volunteers who instill in girls the sense of self-worth and capability to achieve all she desires?

Ed Barkowsky
President
West Texas Girl Scout Council

Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

5 YEARS AGO

Alton Patterson shot a hole-in-one on No. 12 at Snyder Country Club. He used an 8-iron to drive 165 yards.

Snyder's representative to the Silver Haired Legistlature, Delbert Downing, represented West Texas Council of Governments district. The group presented six priority resolutions and four additional follow-up resolutions to state lawmakers in Austin.

Four West Texas businesses pooled their funds to purchase the grand champion steer at the Scurry County Stock Show, shown by Scurry County 4-Her Leddy Lewis. It sold for $1,600.

10 YEARS AGO

Canyon Gun Club officers were Jack Greene, president; Tommy Wright, vice presient; Kenny Miller, treasurer; and Allan Wright, secretary.

Snyder Country Club began an extensive remodeling project. The largest part was a new addition in front of the old structure to house the administration offices for the club. T.E. Shelburne served as general contractor.

Dr. Nelson Brice, Nancy and their sons, Alex, 13, and Alfred, 11, six-year residents of Snyder, met all requirements for American citizenship. They were from Chile.

15 YEARS AGO

Earl Cumba, chairman of the board of deacons of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor, conducted a note-burning ceremony following retirement of the church's debt. The new auditorium, offices, church library and choir room built in 1968 were paid off five years ahead of schedule.

Kathy Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Harrell, won the Dorthea Griffin Steer Showmanship award at the Abilene Livestock Show.

20 YEARS AGO

Scurry County Museum Association announced the opening of its office and workroom on the west side of the Diamond M Building in space donated by C.T. McLaughlin.

25 YEARS AGO

Snyder's volleyball girls won a scrimmage with Colorado City. Kay Echols was coach of the Tiger girls. Roan Cobb was high scorer for the varsity with 9 points. Lucille Brooks made seven points and Helen Rios and Carolyn Walton made 6 points.

Candidates for Mr. and Miss SHS were Murry Bowden, Emily Kincaid, Patsy Rainwater, Sammie Raines, Donna Davis, Vanna Butler, David Lester, Rick Hall, Billy Wilson, Eldon Woodward and Teddy Brown.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

There's something about a country snowfall that is so enchanting that you wrap the memory of it around you like a down-filled comforter.

Most work around a farm or ranch slows to a pleasant halt during a snowstorm. Granted, the livestock need hay or extra feed and the water troughs need chopping up so the animals can drink, but other than that, country folk tend to burrow down inside their homes like bunnies in a nest.

The first thing I like to do when it snows is get into the kitchen and make something that smells good. Hot chocolate and popcorn are old standbys, but I just have to make some good old larapin' beef stew. Others might like to whip up some homemade chili or bake cookies. It just seems right to gather in the warm kitchen and snack off the counter and peer out the window to see how things are looking.

Then of course, there just has to be an old movie and maybe a jigsaw puzzle. This isn't a time to watch "Terminator." This is a time for gentleness and laughter and warmth, for "It Happened One Night," or "The Lost Horizon," or "His Girl Friday," or "It's a Wonderful Life." Black and white is always best — that artificial-looking colorized stuff where everybody's skin tone is exactly the same is too awful for words, isn't it?

Good books are also required for snowstorms. Something you can languish in and think about. Something you can snuggle up with under the comforter. (Though of course, it's even better to have someone to snuggle up with under the comforter, but this is a family newspaper.)

Then, of course, there's that final requirement for a country snow: kids. Having kids gives you an excuse to be a kid yourself. Under the guise of that term I loathe ("quality time"), you can bundle up and tumble outdoors for snowball fights and snowman-or-woman-building. You can stick out your tongue and let the flakes melt on it. You can gang up and build a fort and take unfair shots at one another. (It's expected.)

So far, I haven't discussed anything about a country snow that you can't do in town. However, there are a couple of differences that makes it magical. You see, in the country, you are perfectly isolated, cut off from traffic or meddlesome neighbors or unwelcome visitors. When you look outside, all you see are soft white pastures beneath a pewter sky, black lace frosted trees, and perhaps a sudden splash of scarlet as a cardinal lights on a fence post. It's just your family, all wrapped up in a world of their own, cocooned in love.

And when you take a solitary walk, as I did, you can visit your favorite spot. I found the Chinaberry grove to be a silent wonderland, cuddled beneath its snow blankets. Flocks of birds, invigorated by the cold, flurried past over the tops of the trees, which creaked in the wind and dusted off powdery white like sugar sprinkled over cookies. The only other sounds were the distant shrieks and laughter of my family as they played together.

Time is suspended in such a moment. You can freeze it in your memory so that it never leaves you, so that it can make you warm on the coldest days.

SDN Week In Review

SUNDAY
January 19

Kids were playing in it and motorists were battling it, but most people were simply staying indoors to avoid the overnight snowfall, which left drifts of more than a foot Saturday morning in some areas of the county.

MONDAY
January 20

Snyder citizens placed their support behind a ½ -cent sales tax Saturday, designed to generate funds for economic development and ad valorem tax relief.

Scurry County Commissioners Court approved 32 appointments and/or reappointments to various county boards.

TUESDAY
January 11

Bernadette Stephens was named temporary consultant to the Scurry County Coliseum advisory board by commissioners.

WEDNESDAY
January 22

Snyder Public Schools trustees heard a comprehensive reorganization proposal, calling for the closing of North Elementary and the shifting of grades 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 to individual campuses at the other five elementary schools.

Andy Rumpff, Julie Zeck, David Cozart and Chris Gober were named to the All-Region Band. Rumpff and Zeck were named first chair.

Snyder City Council heard audit and financial reports and approved election returns during a special meeting.

THURSDAY
January 23

The Western Texas College drama department production of "The Nerd" opened at the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

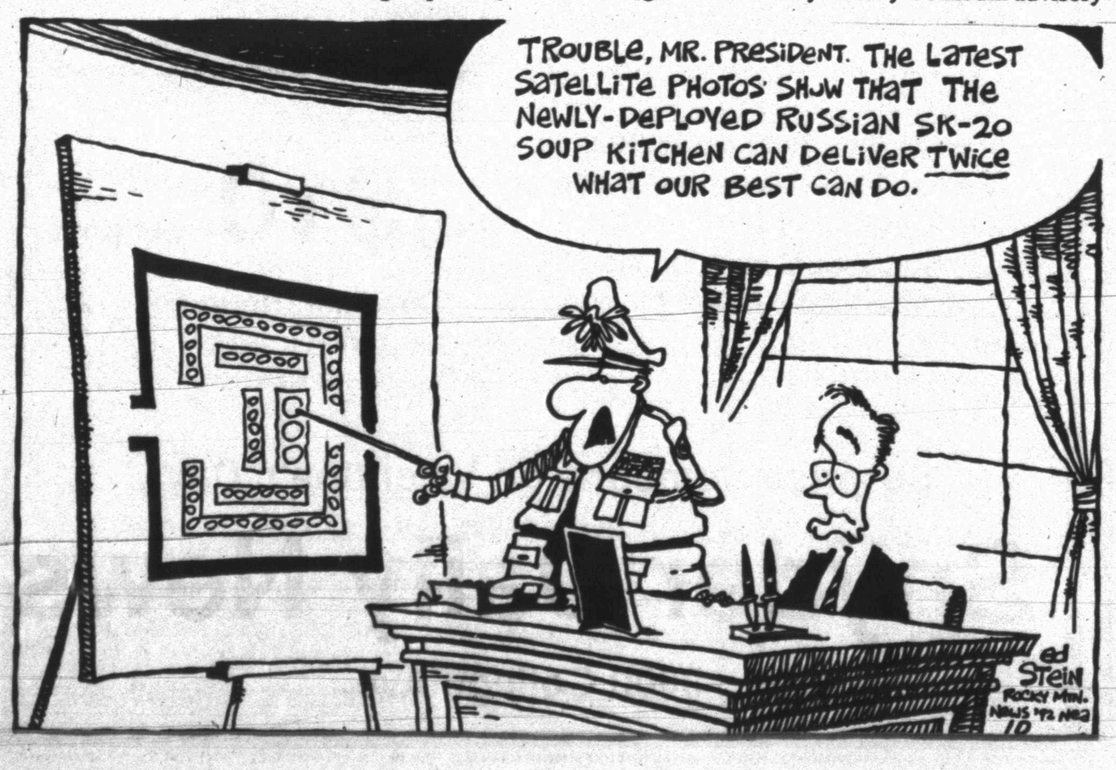
Entries from Audra Oilver of Ira and Shauna Huddleston of Snyder took Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion in the hog judging of the Scurry County Stock Show.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers elected officers, heard financial reports and was updated on St. Mary of the Plains Hospital building projects.

FRIDAY
January 24

Snyder police arrested a 25-year-old male for burglary of a habitation and took reports of two other burglaries and a couple of thefts during a 24-hour period.

Jamie Beck of Scurry County 4-H captured grand and reserve champion with her heavy weight Medium Wool entries in the market lamb show portion of the Scurry County Stock Show.



Our Language

By Jeffrey McQuain

The archaic AVAUNT means "away" in the sense of "Get away! Leave!" This adverb, pronounced "uh-VONT," is still useful; we shouldn't let AVAUNT get away.

Q. I know there's a word that means "next to the last," but is there any word for the one before that?

A. ULTIMATE describes the last of a series, and PENULTIMATE points to the "next to the last." There is, however, also a word for "one before next to the last," and that word is ANTEPENULTIMATE. (ANTE- means "before," making ANTEPENULTIMATE "before the penultimate.") Pronounce this adjective "an-tee-pen-UL-tih-mit," and always be sure to stress its antepenultimate syllable.

Q. People tell me not to put a period after the S when it's Harry Truman's middle initial. Why not?

A. You may often see "Harry S. Truman," with a period after the S. If you try to discover what that S stands for, though, you'll learn that President Truman had no middle name (the S was used merely to add balance). Should you use a period after a letter that doesn't abbreviate anything? The choice is yours, but try to be consistent and stick with either "Harry S. Truman" or "Harry S Truman."

Q. My friend often uses a French expression in her letters: ENTRE NOUS. What exactly does that phrase mean?

A. ENTRE NOUS, which is French for "between us," indicates that something is to be kept secret or "between ourselves." The phrase, usually italicized in English, is used to express confidential information. Of course, it's no secret that the S should be kept silent, even in the English pronunciation of ENTRE NOUS: "ahn-truh NOO."

OUR LANGUAGE AD-VICE: Today's Ad-Vice Award goes to a college Shakespeare course that's being offered to "students who have recieved credit." Although Shakespeare's spelling may not have been consistent, there is only one proper spelling nowadays for the verb RECEIVE, which is a prime example of the old spelling rule "I before E except after C." Do not be deceived into transposing those vowels (DECEIVE also has E before I); spell RECEIVE correctly if you expect to receive credit.

Pentagon considers slashing expensive weapons in 1993

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has targeted a range of major weapon systems in its new budget cuts, particularly those that have yet — or have just begun — to roll off the assembly line, military officials say.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has said he intends to wring savings from weapons programs, rather than major rollbacks in military and civilian jobs, in the administration's 1993 budget, due to be unveiled next week.

Cheney's willingness to stretch out or delay acquisition programs revolutionizes the way the Pentagon will look for, develop and purchase its weapons systems.

Defense contractors would be allowed to draw up the blueprints for a particular weapon, or to put a test weapon on the field, but may be asked to stop short of production, officials say.

"We would be able to keep the technology, and have it ready, should the threat level rise again," one four-star general said of the approach. "It doesn't mean we cancel a weapon, we just put it on indefinite hold."

But critics of the system argue that such a process threatens the industrial base needed to produce complex weapons.

"Keeping technology 'on the shelf' doesn't pay you to keep the assembly lines open, or workers trained," pointed out another senior military officer. "You can't just open the factory doors once war breaks out. It's a real problem, because there has to be time to crank up for that."

And as part of a general reduction in existing military forces, sources Thursday said President Bush was considering reducing or eliminating long-range nuclear missiles with more than one warhead. That would include cuts in the submarine-based nuclear warheads that most concern the Russians.

Also, The Washington Post, quoting unidentified U.S. officials, reported in Friday's editions that Bush in his State of the Union address Tuesday will announce steps leading to elimination of all 50 MX land-based missiles.

In addition, the Post said, the president was expected to pledge the eventual elimination of two-thirds of the 1,500 nuclear warheads deployed atop Minuteman III missiles and cancellation of the new Midgetman mobile missile.

Cheney's change in approach is expected to affect billion-dollar weapons systems that have just entered or are on the verge of production — such as the Air Force's embattled B-2 Stealth bomber and the Navy's Seawolf submarine.

Council to consider releasing files on JFK

DALLAS (AP) — City Council members are being asked to vote Monday on a resolution ordering the release all city-held files on the assassination of President Kennedy.

"I don't know if anything is there, but the public has a right to know," Councilman Domingo Garcia said in submitting the resolution. "I want all the records that have not been made public to be made public."

Garcia's motion covers any documents, police reports, audio tapes or film related to the 1963 shooting.

Assistant City Manager A.C. Gonzalez sent Garcia a memo Wednesday telling him that "almost all" the records pertaining to presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald; Jack Ruby, who killed Oswald; and Kennedy's assassination had been turned over to the Warren Commission, the FBI or the Dallas archives.

However, police still hold some files, which were being reviewed.

If city attorneys decide they can be released, they probably will be included with other assassination documents in the city archives, officials said.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 25, 1992

Today is the 25th day of 1992 and the 35th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1915, the first transcontinental telephone call was made, between New York and San Francisco, with Alexander Graham Bell and Dr. Thomas A. Watson exchanging greetings.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Burns (1759-1796), poet; W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965), novelist-short story writer; Virginia Woolf (1882-1941), novelist-critic; Edwin Newman (1919-), news commentator-author, is 73; Eduard Shevardnadze (1928-), Russian statesman, is 64; Dean Jones (1935-), actor, is 57.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1924, the Winter Olympics were inaugurated in Chamonix, France.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To do each day two things one dislikes is a precept I have followed scrupulously: Every day I have got up and I have gone to bed." — W. Somerset Maugham

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1938, a great aurora over southeastern Europe was characterized by a fantastic brilliant red display that gave the illusion it might be the reflection of a gigantic fire below the horizon.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter (Jan. 26).

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BY PHIL PASTORET
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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 26, 1992

Today is the 26th day of 1992 and the 36th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1788, the first settlers, including 717 convicts, arrived at Botany Bay, Australia, and founded the city of Sydney.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964), U.S. Army officer; Paul Newman (1925-), actor, is 67; Jules Feiffer (1929-), cartoonist-writer, is 63; Bob Uecker (1935-), actor-baseball personality, is 57; Scott Glenn (1942-), actor, is 50; Gene Siskel (1946-), movie critic, is 46; Wayne Gretsky (1961-), hockey player, is 31.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Paul "Bear" Bryant, the winningest coach in major college football history with 322 victories, died of a heart attack at the age of 69.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In war, you win or lose, live or die — and the difference is just an eyelash." — Douglas MacArthur

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1961, freezing rain glazed most of Georgia except the southern border counties in central and south Georgia's worst ice storm since 1935.

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TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter.

TODAY'S BARB
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Our minister says he marvels at how his flock can sit bolt-upright with eyes open while sleeping through the service.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Focus therapy on intestinal problem

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed with costochondritis. My doctor put me on Tagamet for the condition, yet I find Mylanta Extra Strength and Mineral Ice help more. I still have lots of chest pain and diarrhea and would like some words of wisdom and advice from you. What will help control my condition?

DEAR READER: I confess to be confused by your question because Tagamet, a medicine to control excess stomach acid, is used for peptic disorders, not for costochondritis, an inflammation of the cartilage connecting the ribs to the breastbone. Additionally, you have been helped by Mylanta, an antacid having no effect whatsoever on costochondritis.

Therefore, I conclude you have two separate problems, which may be related. Costochondritis is an uncommon ailment of unknown cause, marked by pain and tenderness over the rib cartilage. Anti-inflammatory drugs, such as aspirin and Indocin, often relieve these symptoms. However, such drugs frequently cause upset stomach and heartburn that may progress to gastritis, ulcers and intestinal bleeding.

Here is where Tagamet and similar medications may be helpful; not in treating costochondritis but as therapy for the intestinal problems stemming from the drugs used for costochondritis. Of course, you could have a peptic ulcer that is unrelated to all of this; that doesn't matter, the treatment is the same.

My advice is to forget about the costochondritis for now. Ask your doctor about what's going on with your stomach and intestines. If you do have an ulcer, you should have uninterrupted therapy for several weeks. If not, find out why your doctor prescribed anti-ulcer medicine.

Incidentally, peptic ulcers often cause diarrhea, as do several brands of antacids, containing milk-of-magnesia (to counteract the constipating qualities of aluminum hydroxide, the active ingredient).

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Consumer Tips on Medicines." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Our 26-year-old daughter has been diagnosed with cytomegalovirus. What can you tell us about this disease, how is it transmitted and can it recur?

DEAR READER: CMV is a common viral illness that is very similar to mononucleosis. It causes fever, fatigue, swollen glands, sore throat, and — sometimes — hepatitis. The virus, which is a member of the herpes family, is spread by direct contact. For example, the virus is present in virtually every body fluid and can be transmitted to a baby, at birth, from the mother.

CMV is so ubiquitous that up to 90 percent of adults carry antibody markers signifying past infection. The diagnosis is made by blood tests or virus cultures.

Complications are rare, except in immune-compromised hosts. For instance, terminal AIDS patients may contract a virulent form of CMV, leading to lung or kidney failure. However, in the vast majority of cases, CMV is self-limiting and clears up within a week or 10 days. Recurrences are rare. There is no treatment.

If you have ever been tempted by slick advertising copy to purchase a product endorsed by doctors or hospitals, don't. This is Madison Avenue sleight of hand. In general, doctors are just as uninformed as the public about such things. However, ad agencies continue to work this gold mine, despite its long and disreputable history.

For example, one prominent pharmaceutical company claims that a certain pain-killer is preferred by eight out of 10 hospitals. How the company reached this conclusion is a mystery to me, because there's no way on God's green earth that anyone could figure out doctors' prescribing preferences in hospitals, much less draw any conclusions about them. Also, what's so magic about eight out of 10? Why not six out of nine? Eleven out of 20?

I happen to know that this product, a brand of acetaminophen, is a lousy analgesic. I am not aware that physicians would suggest it (it's not a prescription drug) for anything but the most trivial afflictions, the sort of discomfort most of us put up with from time to time, without using medicine at all.

Of course, the ad statement that eight of 10 hospitals prefer the drug could be correct. In this case, the company has every right to publicize this fact. Nonetheless, I object to the implications that exceed the facts: Namely, if hospitals use it, the medicine is somehow superior to other brands. It isn't.

I'm sure you've seen the popular advertisement for a brand of aspirin. The gist of it is that when marooned on a desert island, eight out of 10 doctors (there's that magic figure again) would choose this particular brand to have with them. This is pure cock-and-bull. Any doctor considering being marooned anywhere would logically choose a good all-around narcotic. Or a case of gin. Or, as a last resort, generic aspirin, which is cheaper than the brand-name variety (thereby freeing up castaway funds for other survival gear).

As I said before, doctors are no more knowledgeable than you are about many health issues. For one thing, we all — professional or laymen — read the same newspapers and magazines and watch the same TV programs. True, we doctors have our medical journals — but the important findings are usually abstracted and reported by the media, often before publication of the findings themselves.

No, doctors don't have much of a leg up on these issues, even if we think we do. After all, it wasn't too many years ago that Camel cigarettes were endorsed by doctors as being good for your "T Zone," an area encompassing the throat and sinuses.

Even worse, five decades ago, doctors gave testimonials about the benefits of heroin (good pain relief, no addiction). This was after the medical profession came out for cocaine in the early 1900s.

Of course, this is a far cry from the sound advice given by most physicians to their patients as part of a professional relation in which the doctor is accountable for the guidance he gives. Rather, I'm referring to anonymous endorsements, such as the ubiquitous "eight out of 10," the nameless and faceless marketing creations.

Therefore, when you're tempted to try a product endorsed by doctors, close your eyes, click your heels together three times and wish yourself out of fantasy-land. Such medical endorsement is, in most cases, an artifice that plays on your insecurities, while giving the healing profession an influence it has yet to earn.

On the other hand, guidance offered by an identifiable physician with a name is responsible advice at least. As consumers, we need clearly to differentiate between deception and information.

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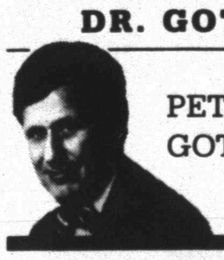

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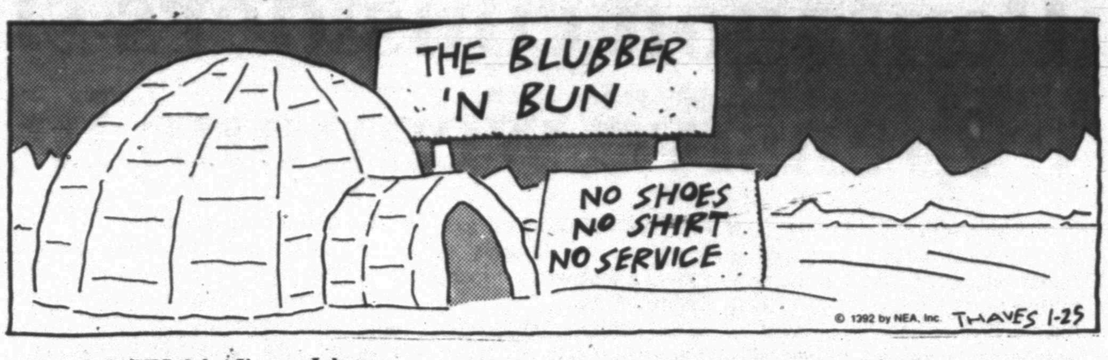

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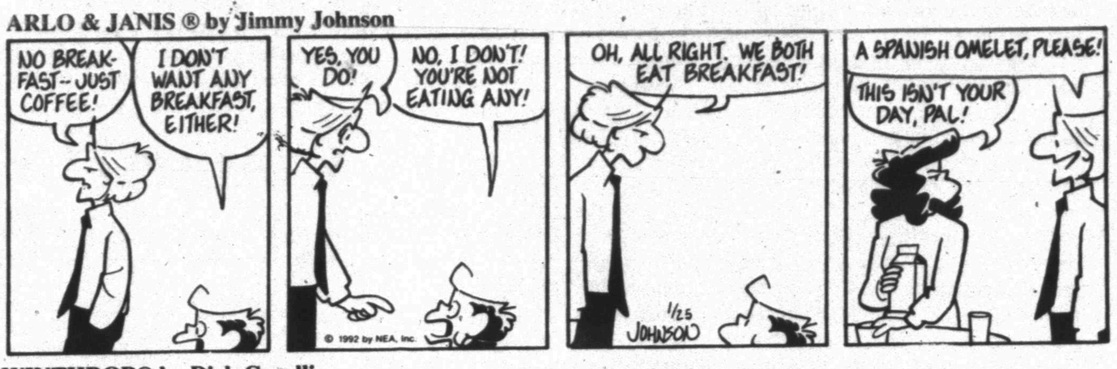

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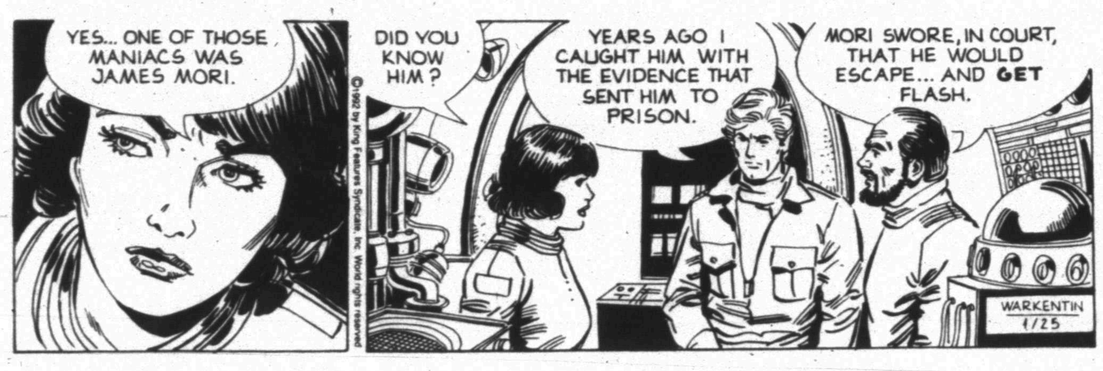

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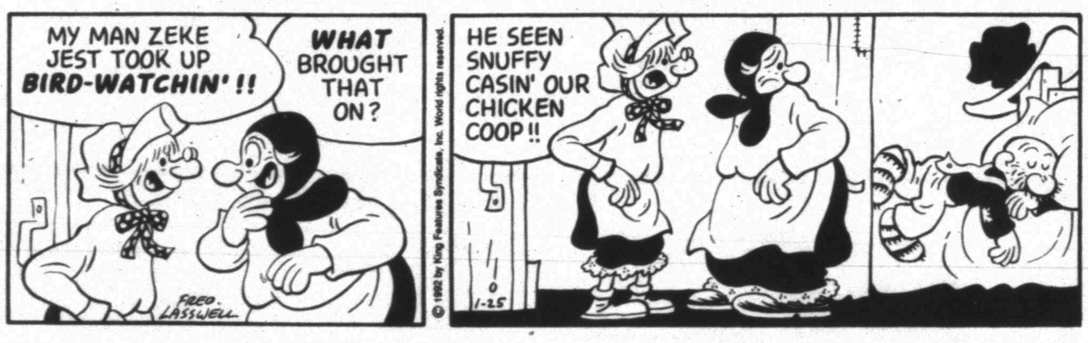

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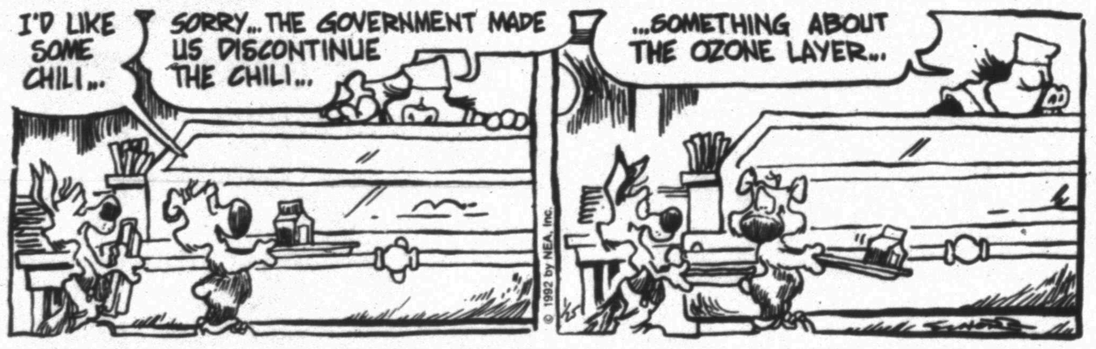

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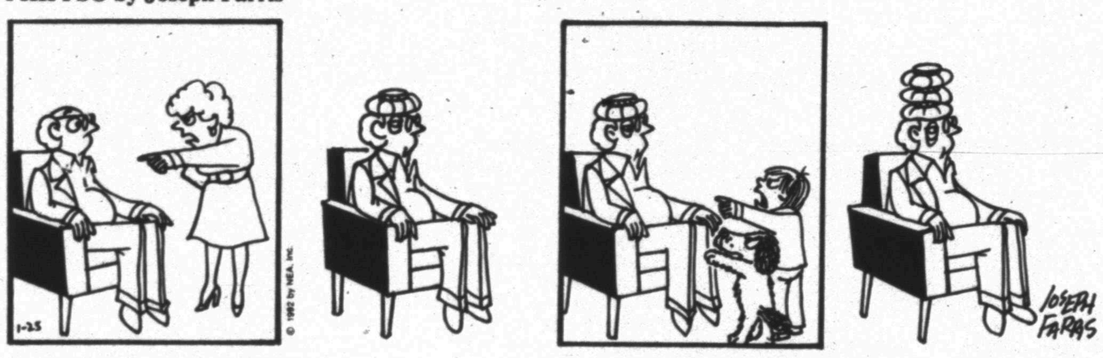

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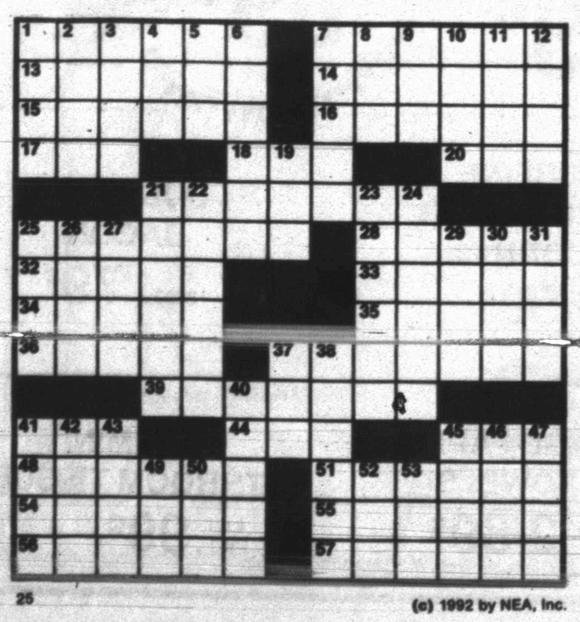

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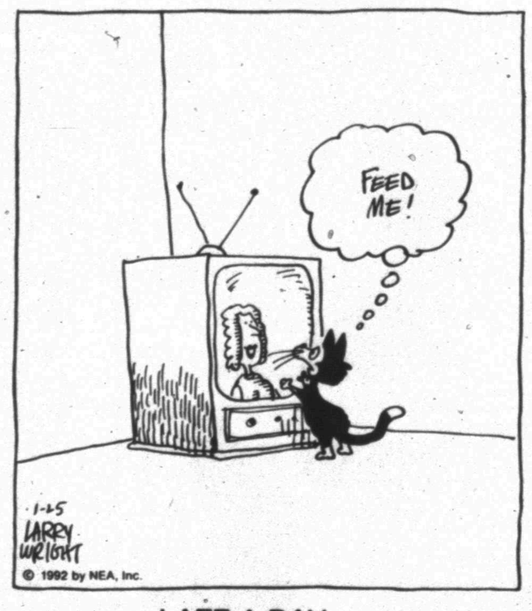

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Holding regs 90 days could delay hazardous toy warnings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal efforts to protect workers from dangerous chemicals, keep little kids from choking on toy pieces and improve the nutrition labels on meat could be delayed if President Bush approves a 90-day moratorium on new regulations.

White House aides said earlier this week that Bush was considering the moratorium as a way to help business and stimulate the economy. If he accepts the idea, the aides said Bush would announce it in his State of the Union address Tuesday.

The aides who floated the moratorium proposal offered few details, except that it would not apply to new drug approvals or new regulations that have timetables set by law.

Consumer and business groups have since identified several regulations in the pipeline that likely would be delayed, including:

— Auto safety tests to protect baby passengers.

— Action to stop vegetable oil makers from touting their products as "cholesterol free."

— Brake standards for large trucks.

— Nursing home reform.

Bush could, by executive order, stop his departments from initiating any new rules. A 90-day moratorium would be a gesture to business interests who oppose government meddling, but would not have much effect on the economy, experts say.

It would, however, signal to the agencies that they should slow down.

Since Bush took over, agencies that were almost dormant under President Reagan are back on the beat. Partly because of the action-oriented people Bush has appointed, his administration has expanded regulation more than any since the early 1970s.

Lawrence Hunter, an economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said American businesses will spend billions of dollars this year complying with recent government regulations and business needs a breather before getting new ones.

"We've been calling for this for some time now," Hunter said.

But Public Citizen, one of Washington's more formidable consumer groups, worries that a 90-day delay could lead to a more sweeping moratorium.

"Regulations exist because there are people harmed, disasters to be avoided and strong public demand," said Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen's president.

Lucinda Sikes of U.S. Public Interest Research Group says it seems very possible that a moratorium would cause the Consumer Product Safety Commission to delay its call for warnings on toys with small pieces that could choke children under 3 years old.

"We've been encouraging the commission to do this for a number of years, she said. "They are finally acting. ... What they are trying to do is save children's lives."

The Food and Drug Administration under Commissioner David Kessler has been aggressively attacking misleading or false label claims.

The Grocery Manufacturers of America, for one, would be very happy if a moratorium blocked Kessler's effort to stop vegetable oil makers from putting "no cholesterol" on labels.

Public citizen calls on PUC member to resign position

AUSTIN (AP) — Public Utility Commission member Paul Meek says he has no intention of leaving office, despite a call for his resignation from Public Citizen.

The government watchdog group charged Thursday that Meek appears to have a conflict of interest in making regulatory decisions.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales' office also is looking into allegations of a possible conflict of interest regarding Meek, said Morales spokesman Gray McBride.

But Meek said he has no conflict and will not step down from the state panel that regulates telephone and electric rates.

Besides serving on the PUC, Meek is chairman of the board of Fina Inc., an oil and gas company that has sold natural gas to TU Electric Co.

Meek voted Wednesday to give TU Electric preliminary approval to build four new power-generating plants, including three to be fueled by natural gas and one coal-fired plant.

Tom Smith, Public Citizen's Texas director, said his group was "outraged" at Meek's role in approving the gas-fired plants because of his ties to Fina.

Smith also cited Wednesday comments by Meek, who acknowledged suggesting that rather than a coal-fired plant, TU Electric look at building one that could be initially fueled by natural gas and later converted to coal; and urging TU officials to negotiate for long-term natural gas contracts.

"His comments ... reflected a significant bias toward natural gas, and we're uncertain as to whether he can make impartial rulings in this case or others where the choice of fuel or the price of fuel is at issue," Smith said.

Meek said, "I really don't feel that I have any conflict whatever on my decisions yesterday (Wednesday), or any action I've taken at the PUC."

He said that as Fina board chairman, he does not take part in running the company's day-to-day operations.

Benavides: W. Texans would be happier as N. Mexicans

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — State Sen. Tom Benavides believes residents of El Paso and other parts of West Texas would be happier as New Mexicans because they don't have much in common with the rest of the Lone Star State.

Benavides introduced a memorial Thursday calling for an election that would allow West Texas residents to abandon Texas and become a powerful player in New Mexico politics, where they would immediately make up about a third of the state's population.

Memorials are only an expression of sentiment and have no legal weight.

Texas Gov. Ann Richards' office was mildly amused, but a spokesman advised that Benavides should keep dreaming.

"Texas without El Paso is like a chili relleno without the chili," said Richards' spokesman, El Paso native Chuck McDonald.

And El Paso County Judge Alicia Chacon said she believed the city is irreversibly Texan.

"I would say thank you, but we already have a state," Chacon said. "Maybe we should be flattered that they want us."

Benavides, an Albuquerque Democrat known for his offbeat legislation such as a proposal several years ago to allow ostrich and camel racing, cited a land survey that came up in the 1991 Legislature.

He said the surveyor, while redrawing a disputed border in the mid-1800s, illegally extended the Texas state line west of the Panhandle into what should be New Mexico territory today and Congress arbitrarily ignored the mistake.

Sen. John Morrow, D-Capulin, sponsored a memorial last year that said the state should try to regain from Texas about 600,000 acres New Mexico lost in the alleged boundary blunder.

The memorial asked that the state attorney general try to negotiate a re-establishment of the state line or payment for the land, a narrow strip running along New Mexico's eastern edge that includes Farwell but not El Paso.

Clinton denies tabloid account of affair

CLAREMONT, N.H. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton is denouncing a tabloid story in which a woman said in a paid interview she had a longstanding affair with the Arkansas governor and that he suggested she deny it.

"The allegations in the Star are not true," Clinton said of the Star's upcoming interview with Gennifer Flowers. "She's obviously taken money to change her story."

Clinton's wife, Hillary, blasted the publication of "uncorroborated allegations" during a campaign appearance in Atlanta.

The Clinton campaign released a January 1991 letter in which an attorney for Flowers denied Flowers had an affair with Clinton. Flowers could not be located for comment.

In an account for next week's edition, but circulated to the media on Thursday, the Star quotes Flowers as saying she had an affair with Clinton from 1977 until 1989 and says she secretly tape recorded several telephone conversations with Clinton.

Clinton said he spoke to Flowers because she was despondent over the allegations of an affair leveled in 1990 by a fired state worker, Larry Nichols. The Star quoted Clinton as telling Flowers last Sept 23 that reporters would probably ask her about the Nichols' allegation.

"If they ever hit you with it, just say 'no' and go on," the Star account quotes Clinton as saying.

Clinton said he told Flowers to "tell the truth, just tell the truth." When told that no such comment appears in the Star, Clinton said: "Well I'm sure they didn't put that in there. I told her that several times."

None of the remarks attributed to Clinton from the tapes acknowledge a sexual relationship. The Star would not allow reporters to hear the purported tapes. The tabloid quoted Flowers as saying she decided to come forward when she heard Clinton deny Nichol's allegations in last week's Star.

"I'm so tired of all the lying and hiding. For 12 years I was his girlfriend and now he tells me to deny it — to say it isn't true," Flowers is quoted as saying.

In Atlanta, Mrs. Clinton said of the Star account, "It's not true," and added, "I don't believe in printing uncorroborated allegations. I think it's unfortunate that we've gotten to the point where that occurs. We just have to trust the American voter to make up his or her mind."

Little Rock attorney Blake Hendrix said he was representing Flowers, an Arkansas state employee and former nightclub singer, in an exclusive arrangement with the Star and added he would not comment further until next month.

Star editor Dick Kaplan wouldn't say how much Flowers was paid for her story.

Clinton has emerged as a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination and was campaigning here Thursday in advance of the Feb. 18 kickoff primary.

Flowers, a former Little Rock television reporter, now works for the state Employment Security Division appeals tribunal, according to Don Barnes, a senior department official. She wasn't in the office Thursday.

Teenager killed for jacket

HOUSTON (AP) — A 15-year-old cyclist has been shot to death after he refused to turn over his Los Angeles Raiders jacket to a gunman, police said.

Rico L. Scott was shot in the abdomen and chest about 7:30 p.m. Thursday while he and a friend were riding their bicycles in northeast Houston.

"He was shot because he would not give up his jacket," homicide Sgt. Brad Rudolph said. "The kids out here have told us that this has happened two or three other times, but this is the first time someone has been killed."

The teen-agers were on their way home from The Boys and Girls Club when they were followed by a white four-door Cadillac. The car stopped Scott at least one of three or four men inside got out and demanded the jacket.

Two apprentice jockeys have won the Kentucky Derby — Ira Hanford with Bold Venture in 1936 and Bill Boland on Middleground in 1950.

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'Abilene boys' return to home town for film

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Seven months have passed since an aging trio dubbed the "Abilene boys" climbed into a canoe and began paddling down the Colorado River toward the gulf, but the adventure continues.

At least, it is so far as the mighty Lower Colorado River Authority is concerned.

The LCRA has been interested in the trio's adventure from the start. After all, the June 1991 trip undertaken by Winfield James, James Pickard and Harry Caldwell — repeating a trek they made as Abilene teens in 1937 — offered filmmakers a chance to compare the Colorado of today with that of yesteryear.

By the time the 28-day trip from Ballinger to the gulf was done, the LCRA had shot more than a thousand hours of film. However, producer Richard Gaylord wanted to accompany two of the "Abilene boys" — Mr. James and Mr. Pickard — back to their old stomping ground last week.

"We got plenty of film showing their daily life on the river," the producer said, "but the one aspect that was missing in all this was Abilene, where the whole story began in 1937."

For Richard Gaylord, that meant following James Pickard, 72, a retired nuclear engineer living in Chevy Chase, Md., to the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest. It stands where the home of Pickard's grandfather, Judge K.K. Legett, once stood. The home boasted 20 fireplaces, Pickard said.

It also meant following Winfield James, 73, retired New York Daily News publisher, back to the home of his family, including his grandfather, F.W. James, founder of Farmers and Merchants National Bank. The bank is now First National Bank, one of Abilene's oldest businesses.

Finally, the Abilene trip led to the city cemetery where James briefly braved frigid temperatures to examine the resting places of his parents. The windswept graves lay near those of the Wootens and the Sayles family — names prominent in Abilene's early history.

Harry Caldwell, 74, a longtime Abilene businessman and third member of the so-called "Abilene boys," was unable to join his friends because of ill health. However, Pickard and James proved eager to recall him for the film.

The documentary's producer said he hopes the film can be scheduled for screening on PBS by spring. Veteran CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite has been engaged to narrate the hour-long film. Also, Austin actors may be employed to play the "Abilene boys" in momentary, black-and-white "flashbacks."

Some of the outdoor shooting — including footage shot on a rising just off East North 10th Street, overlooking downtown — was harder on the two men than last summer's fire ants, spills and storms. Temperatures that dropped into the 20s felt even worse thanks to gusts up to 40 mph.

"It's said the only thing between here and the North Pole is a barbed wire fence," James quipped, "and sometimes that's down."

Last summer's trip gathered more media attention as the trio got farther down the Colorado River. However, some of their most harrowing moments came shortly after they set off in their canoe "Prudence" from beneath a bridge just outside Ballinger.

That included not only being dunked in the river a half-hour into the trip, but spending the night in a pasture dotted with cow chips — something that made moving about in the dark an adventure. Outdoorsman Slim Herman, 47, who led a Reporter-News team chronicling the trip, described the scene at dusk:

"I thought the Green Berets had parachuted in the middle of it and lost their hats."

Several hours into that first day, the canoeists also got rained on. On the second day, they realized Caldwell was too ill to make it the rest of the way. And on the fourth night, they endured a storm so violent they had to "lay on one side of the tent to keep it from blowing over."

Life got easier once they left their native West Texas behind.

"The truth is, from Austin on down, we only camped out one night," Pickard said.

Besides receiving tows from motor-powered boats on placid stretches of lake in the Hill Country, the trio received lodging courtesy of thoughtful folks living along the Colorado. And most every town wanted the trio to stop long enough to present them with some honor.

Most memorable: the town of Columbus, where the Chamber of Commerce hastily designated somebody "Miss Columbus," put a sash over her and sent her out in a canoe to greet the "Abilene boys."

"She couldn't paddle worth a darn," Pickard remembered, "but she was a beautiful girl."

This and similar incidents made the trip a little more enjoyable for James and Pickard. And unlike their teen-age trek 54 years earlier, this time they brought along plenty of bug spray, wore clothing to block the sun and carried more than enough food.

For the record, the pair ended the trip with the same bag of broccoli they started out with — possibly due to James' dislike of the vegetable.

"I was a lot more pessimistic in 1937 than I was this time," Pickard said, recalling how the teens got sun-burned and often did with little food. "I never doubted we'd make it last year. I knew it was just a matter of time."

Still, there was evidence that, even farther down the river, the two just made it look easy. When another pair of men decided to follow the "Abilene boys" in a second canoe, they quickly misnavigated the Colorado, crashed into a rock and fell into the river.

The "Abilene boys" then witnessed one of the fallen canoeists angrily blame the other for the spill.

"First thing he did when he got out," Pickard said, "was take his wallet out of his back pocket and put it in our canoe."

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman said the United States would share information on the atom bomb only with Britain and Canada.

Film crews accused of damaging building

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County Commissioners may retain some of the cash deposit paid by a film crew for use of the old Texas School Book Depository.

Bricks on one side of the building, now used for county offices, were permanently discolored by black spray paint, commissioners have been told.

"It looks like soot," said Commissioners Court Administrator J. Allen Clemson. "It's apparently some sort of carbon that was diluted and sprayed on and absorbed into the brick."

Commissioners have tentatively agreed to retain $15,000 of a $50,000 security deposit left by the movie company, Lava Films Inc., which filmed the movie "Ruby."

The film details the life of Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby, who killed Lee Harvey Oswald, identified by the Warren Commission as the person who assassinated President John F. Kennedy.

County officials told the commissioners that the company tried twice to clean the bricks. But officials with Lava Films said they aren't too concerned about the damage, The Dallas Morning News reported Thursday.

"Very often after you finish filming, you have loose ends you have to tie up, and this is one of those loose ends," co-producer Jay Roewe told the Morning News Tuesday. "This is a very minor issue."

Film crews spent several days in August restoring the county administration building to its 1963 appearance.

Several months before, movie producer Oliver Stone also used the building to film his controversial "JFK" after striking an agreement with commissioners.

County Judge Lee Jackson voted against both requests when his colleagues approved the contracts, saying he feared permanent damage to the structure.

Astro-graphs

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 25, 1992

In the year ahead, the pace is likely to pick up considerably with each ensuing month. Potentially, you could have more "good" irons in the fire than you've had for quite some time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you do a good deed for another today, keep it between you and the individual you assist. Talking about the event will dull the glow of your noble gesture. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even what might be considered a nominal investment in a new venture should be carefully analyzed before writing the check. You're clever today, but not at business.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't relegate yourself to the minor role where joint endeavors are concerned today. Humility could do you and your associate a disservice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you make a mistake today, admit to it promptly instead of trying to hide it. Errors can be effectively rectified, but if left unattended, they could result in problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Commercial situations can work out satisfactorily today, provided you adhere to prudent procedures. Risky moves could stimulate negative possibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're likely to be an enjoyable individual to be around today — outside your domestic realm. Within the confines of your home, however, you might be quite difficult to please.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be an effective producer today, as long as you don't have anyone double-checking or criticizing your work. Try to operate in an area free from outside influences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be a gracious recipient of any favors bestowed on you today. Your benefactors will do so because they want to, not to make you feel obligated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In inconsequential developments, you might bungle things a bit today. However, where the stakes are significant, you'll perform like a first-stringer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) An associate who enjoys putting others down might throw a few darts in your direction today, only to realize you have the upper hand.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A friend who has a tough time opening his wallet when the check arrives might be embarrassed today when your other pals compare your generous nature to his.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) At social gatherings that contain unfamiliar faces today, be very careful about revealing secrets of your trade. There's a possibility a friend of your competitors may be present.

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Your Birthday

Jan. 26, 1992

As of now, start setting aside a little seed money; there's a strong possibility you might be offered an exciting business opportunity in the year ahead. However, check it out with experts before you jump in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Lady Luck still has her eye on you, and she's likely to pull a few rabbits out of the hat just when you might need them the most. Stew anyone? Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have a particular issue or program that needs group approval, step up and make your presentation today. Your audience could be extremely receptive and supportive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might profit today from an incident where you place another's interests above your own. This could enable you to participate in the benefits that are realized.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even though the basic concept is likely to be yours, let the person with whom you're associated take the bows. This individual needs an ego boost, whereas you don't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An assignment performed well might be worth more to you today than you initially anticipated. The size of the reward could be an unexpected and welcome surprise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Individuals you associate with in a fun environment today, away from the demands of a material world, could turn out to be beneficial sources for you where your ambitions are concerned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be motivated to do a better job today — if you keep in mind the fact that your labors are not for yourself, but for those you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Good news that could brighten your spirits may be coming your way at this time. It pertains to a relationship you've recently initiated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) An aura of opportunity could be embracing you today. The means to obtain something material that you've been wanting are looking positive. Keep thinking the same way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your leadership qualities are very pronounced today, and this will be very evident to those you'll be involved with as well as to yourself. Don't take a back seat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is a good time to start nailing down a financial arrangement on which you've previously done considerable spade work. It looks like it is going to gratify your expectation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're innately equipped to make all the right moves today, whether it be directing a group endeavor or independently launching a bold enterprise you deem to be important.

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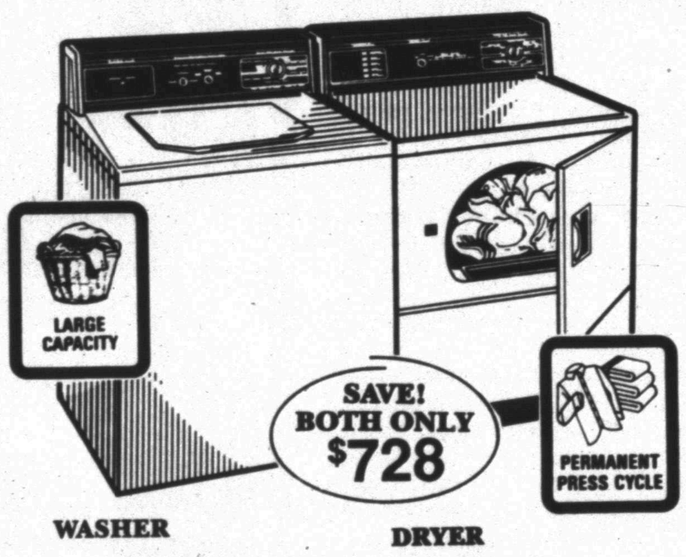

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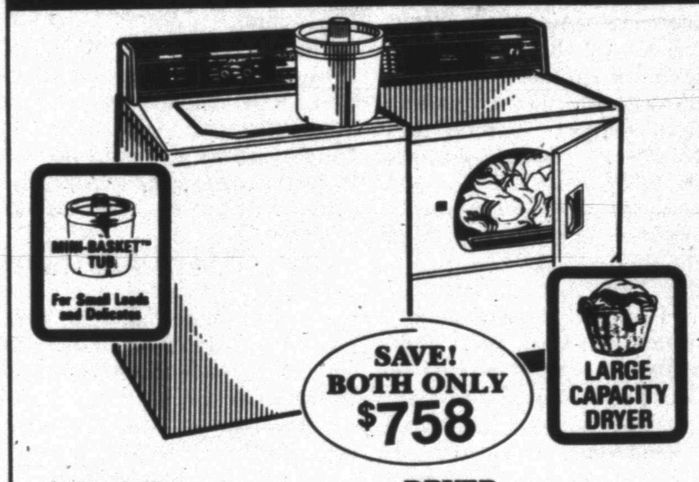

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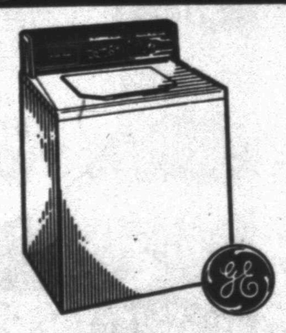

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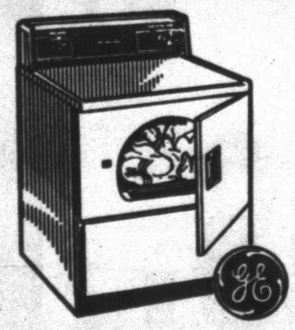

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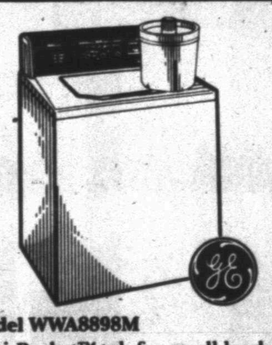

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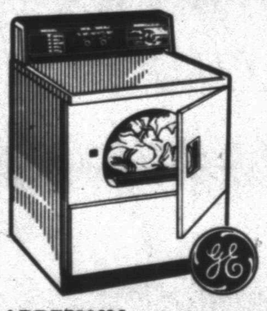

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