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Punishment phase goes to 2nd day

HOUSTON (AP) — Jurors returned today for a second day of deliberations on punishment for Yolanda Saldivar, who was convicted earlier this week of killing Tejano music star Selena.

The jury received the penalty phase of the case Wednesday and discussed punishment for nearly 5½ hours before recessing for the night. They returned today about 9:30 a.m.

About three hours into deliberations, they sent a note asking if they could go home but were told by Judge Mike Westergren they would be sequestered in a hotel if they could not reach a decision.

Jurors who convicted the former Selena fan club president and business aide on Monday must decide on one of seven punishment options, ranging from a maximum of life in prison and a fine of up to $10,000 to a minimum of probation. A hung jury would require a retrial of the entire case.

The prosecution is seeking the maximum. The defense wants probation.

"It's obvious that they're taking the punishment phase of this trial very serious," lead defense attorney Douglas Tinker said. "We think the longer they're out the more likely it is to have a reasonable sentence."

"The problem was the range of punishment that we offered the jury is so large, is so huge, is so wide," Carlos Valdez, the Nueces County district attorney, said. "They asked for probation. We asked for life.

"The jury's having a difficult time deciding where to go."

In closing arguments, Valdez asked the jury Wednesday to give Ms. Saldivar a life prison term plus the $10,000 fine for killing the Grammy-winning singer.



OPEN HOUSE AT THE POST OFFICE - Snyder Postmaster Steve Justice, center, Lois Cave and Larry McAden look over a sheet of stamps during the local post office's open house this morning. Punch and cookies were served to all patrons and pens and litter bags were distributed. Cave and McAden serve on the Post Office Advisory Council. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cotton yield nothing to brag about this year

Cotton ginning in Scurry County is just getting underway as just under a thousand bales have been processed as of Wednesday, according to local ginners.

Inadale Gin, located in the southeastern corner of the county, has ginned 555 bales while Farmer's Co-Op Gin has ginned 271 bales.

Noting "we're barely getting started," Jim Edmondson at the Paymaster Gin on the Lamesa Highway said they had ginned 140 bales.

The outlook for the cotton crop in the county is not as good as once thought, said Joe Hefner of the federal Farm Service Agency.

"We don't think it will be nearly as good as we had hoped," said Hefner. "Insects and the lack of underground moisture have hurt this crop."

Hefner said some 60,000 acres had been planted and he is expecting a yield of one-third to one-half bale per acre.

"We'll probably gin some 20,000 to 22,000 bales," said Hefner.

On an optimistic note, Hefner said only two producers have indicated so far that they are going to abandon their crop.

"That's one good sign," said Hefner. "The farmers are going to try to harvest what they planted."

The beet army worm that plagued the area around San Angelo had some effect on the county's crop, as did boll weevils and boll worms.

"It still boils down to the moisture that was received," said Hefner. "We had some good and timely rains in some areas but recent dry years have not provided the underground moisture that the producers needed."

TxDOT preparing for faster speed limits

While the Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation has not released a list of Snyder area highways recommended for 70 mile per hour speed limit, TxDOT employees are preparing for an almost certain repeal of the federal restrictions that lowered the limits to 55.

"We're making signs, preparing for the change," said local TxDOT engineer Mike Taylor. "We're about 95 percent sure the federal restrictions will be repealed; we just don't know when."

The restrictions took effect on Jan. 20, 1974, lowering speed limits to 55 miles per hour. In 1987, the speed limit was raised to 65 on some major highways, such as Interstate 20.

Bills repealing the maximum speed limits for passenger cars have been passed by both the U.S. House and Senate. A congressional committee is currently working out differences in the bills. Officials say that speed limits could change as early as mid-December.

A list of Lubbock area highways recommended for 70 mile per hour speed limit includes U.S. Highway 84 from Sweetwater to Farwell. Taylor said the Abilene district has thus far held off releasing any recommended list for this area.

"It's really premature," said Taylor. "The word I have is that Highway 350 and (U.S. Highway) 180 will be 70 miles an hour, and (U.S.) 84. Some farm-to-market roads were 70 miles an hour in 1973, whether they would go back to 70, we don't know yet.

"So much still depends on the federal government. What we do know is that the posted changes will occur first on U.S. highways and freeways, then state highways and finally farm-to-market roads."

An interesting note is that after Congress acts on the new highway bill and Clinton signs it, the state law which was in effect in 1973 would apply. In 1973, all interstates and major highways in Texas had speed limits of 70 in the day and 65 at night. Most rural roads also had a 70 mile per hour limit.

The state is presently conducting a four-phase study of rural highways to determine what the speed limits should be. The first phase, which dealt with interstate and divided highways, may be presented to the transportation commission as early as Nov. 30.

Completion of the final phase and posting of new signs could take until the spring. That leaves the question — If the federal restrictions are repealed, do motorists abide by the 1973 law or the current posted signs until studies are completed and new signs erected?

"It's an interesting question and one I'm glad I don't have to answer," said Taylor.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A lie can take care of the present, but it has no future."

We were reading a story the other day that says one out of two people is seeing a therapist. Since it's not me, it must be you.

It's not that we don't have problems. We also have answers for most of the problems, we just don't like the answers.

A recent wire story made us wonder. A counselor was conducting a group session on anger control. One of the group members showed up drunk and disrupted the session.

Findly the anger control therapist lost it, and he started punching the drunk out.

People in counseling, we think, must require a sense of humor.

We remember a story about one guy who went to his therapist and stretched out on the couch.

The counselor put two check marks on the blackboard and asked, "What do you think of when you see that?"

"Sex."

Then the therapist drew two squares on the board and asked the same question.

"Sex."

The doc then drew a circle on the board and asked the client what he was reminded of.

"Sex."

The counselor threw up his hands. "You are sick, sick, sick. All you think about is sex. You're obsessed.

"Me?" You think I'm obsessed," the man said. "You're the one drawing all those dirty pictures."

Volunteers, sponsors needed for Heart Walk

Volunteers and sponsors are needed for the American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk, set for Saturday morning here.

Starting point for the six-mile walk will be Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers are encouraged to register by contacting Matt Cross at the hospital. Volunteers then seek sponsors who are willing to donate a specific amount per mile.

Businesses, clubs and individuals willing to sponsor walkers are also encouraged to contact Cross.

Walkers who generate enough donations are eligible for prizes, including T-shirts, jackets, a turkey and more.

Arnett due here for economic input, tours

Brenda Arnett, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, is scheduled in Snyder today and Friday for an update on economic development here.

Arnett is to arrive this afternoon and attend an invitation-only dinner at the country club tonight. Friday morning, she will meet with DCOS executive director Doug Hutchinson to be briefed on the announcement by Lorber Industries of California that it plans to build a textile industry in Snyder's industrial park. A tour of the Snyder public school system will follow.

The public is invited to have a noon lunch with Arnett at Rudy's Restaurant.

Afternoon activities will include a tour of Western Texas College, the Daniel Unit and the city. She is also scheduled to attend the Snyder-Lamesa football game at Tiger Stadium Friday evening.

Arnett's visit was arranged by State Rep. David Counts. Her trip is being coordinated by chamber of commerce executive director Donna Fowler. Saturday is open for shopping and Arnett's choice of entertainment, Fowler said.

Arnett was appointed executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce by Gov. George Bush and confirmed by the Senate in February. As executive director, she oversees the state's lead economic development agency responsible for business development, tourism and work force development issues, including the Job Training Partnership Act and Smart Jobs Fund Program.

She was the founder and president of a temporary medical staffing service in Houston and co-founder and president of a training

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'Road to Recovery' drivers needed

The Snyder Chapter of the American Cancer Society, in fulfilling its mission to help patients on the "Road to Recovery," needs volunteers willing to drive their own automobiles to transport cancer patients to Lubbock or Abilene for treatment.

Once approved, the drivers will be reimbursed for travel expenses. The trips by approved drivers will also be covered by liability insurance provided by the American Cancer Society.

Drivers who are willing to perform this community service can call "Road to Recovery" chairperson Martha Schiebel at 573-8626, mail her a postcard at P.O. Box 1, in Snyder, or contact American Cancer Society chairman Brenda Burney at 573-7525. Please include your driver's license number and current vehicle insurance information for use by the Lubbock office of the American Cancer Society.

The average time for patients to receive treatment at the cancer centers is 30 minutes. All patients are ambulatory, and drivers are not required to have medical knowledge.

Repeat DWI offender gets prison term

A 31-year-old Snyder man has been sentenced to six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after pleading guilty to felony driving while intoxicated for the third time.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong also ordered Rusty Ornelas Martinez of 4100 Eastridge to pay a $750 fine for the Aug. 1 DWI violation.

Martinez has four prior felony convictions, including two DWIs.

Also on Tuesday, an Odessa man received two probated sentences after pleading guilty to burglary of a building and theft of an auto.

Craig Oneal Smith, 23, pleaded guilty to the burglary of the Great Western Lounge last month. He received a two-year state jail sentence, probated for five years, a $250 fine and ordered to make restitution.

Smith also pleaded guilty to the theft of an automobile from Wilson Motors and was accessed an eight-year probated prison sentence and a $500 fine.

ASK US

Q—Is Halloween being celebrated Saturday or Tuesday in Snyder?

A—Halloween is being celebrated in various forms and on various dates but most of the door-to-door trick-or-treating will take place Tuesday evening.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low 50-55. SW wind 5-15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny, cooler. High 75-80. W wind 5-15 mph, becoming N 10-15 mph by noon.

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 83 degrees; low, 43; 7 a.m. reading Thursday, 54; trace precipitation; total for 1995, 18.85 inches.



Sunset: 7 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:55 a.m.

Of 298 days in 1995, the sun has shone 283 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

A wise son accepts his father's discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

Proverbs 13:1

Problems curtail cotton yield in area

ABERNATHY (AP) — Late planting, boll weevils and a few frigid days in September are getting blamed for problems with South Plains cotton.

"There won't be hardly anybody breaking even," said Robin Dunn, a farmer who voiced his grim worries this week in the break room at Abernathy Producers Co-op. "It's a losing year."

The gin, spewing the dust and horns-and-hiss racket that accompanies cotton ginning, is getting busy as harvest unfolds.

Abernathy sits in north Lubbock County amid a region that typically boasts one-fifth of the nation's cotton. Not this time.

Agriculture experts say the Lubbock region this year will produce 2.75 million bales — not quite 15 percent of the 18.8 million bales predicted across the U.S. The Lubbock-area total hit 3.1 million bales in 1994.

"It was a very difficult year and highly variable not only from region to region, but within areas," said Kater Hake, cotton specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"It's a severe disaster in some areas," Hake said. "Most (farmers) are real eager to get it behind them. It's been frustrating."

Texas farmers had planted almost 1 million additional acres in cotton after futures prices soared to an all-time high in February.

But state statisticians predict that the Lone Star State's cotton production will drop to 4.85 million bales of cotton this year, from 4.92 million last season. Per-acre yield dropped by 50 pounds.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp last month announced losses of $209 million to cotton farmers statewide. The Rio Grande Valley and San Angelo area took particularly hard hits from drought and insects.

Mike Malone, general manager of the Abernathy gin, figures that some farms in his area will lose 25 percent to 30 percent in yields because of rain-inflicted boll rot, weevils and lint that shed onto the dirt. He expects to gin about 1,000 fewer bales.

Dunn said he had to replant several times because of hail storms. He wound up with weeds, short plants and small bolls, he said.

One word describes the matter for Dunn: "Terrible."

These maladies come on the heels of back-to-back premium cotton crops on the South Plains. This season got off to a late start while farmers waited for rain.

Delayed planting, experts say, subjects the immature plants to greater risks.

But Texans could still take comfort in high prices, which hinge on how much cotton China, Pakistan and India put on the market.

"That crop on the South Plains is a very popular export style," said Kevin Brinkley, an economist with the National Cotton Council in Memphis, Tenn.

"It usually sells at a pretty good pace," Brinkley said Wednesday. "Most of the merchandisers around the country are counting on that."

Spotty parts of Arkansas and Missouri enjoyed the nation's only noteworthy cotton crops this year, he said.

Back in Abernathy, Dunn made plans to strip his cotton next week. Where last year he harvested 1.5 bales per acre, now he expects no better than two-thirds of that.

"Farmers are eternal optimists," he said. "It'll be better next year. That's what we tell the bank anyway."

Notifications of sex offender different

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Central Texas school districts are taking different approaches to a new state law requiring authorities to notify residents when a registered sex offender moves into their area.

The information is given to the school districts, but it's up to the superintendent to decide how to use it.

Big Country Elementary School officials recently sent a letter home with students informing parents that a convicted sex offender moved into the Marbach Road area, part of the Southwest School District.

At least four other Bexar County school districts have been notified since September that a known sex offender moved within their boundaries, but at least two districts have not alerted parents.

The Sex Offender Registration Program, which went into effect in 1991, requires criminals convicted of certain sex offenses to register their address and other information with the local law enforcement agency. In turn, the agency turns the data over to the Department of Public Safety.

Under a September amendment, law enforcement agencies must notify the public that the offender has moved into the area if the victim in the crime was under 17. According to a DPS spokeswoman, 87 cases statewide have met the criteria.

Residents are told through newspaper notices or through schools the offender's gender, age, crime, street (minus the number) and the same information was provided to the school district.

The San Antonio Express-News has published two notices as of Sept. 1. The most recent notice contained five offenders.

The information will not be published in the newspaper if the offender was convicted in juvenile court or received deferred adjudication, a form of probation that allows the offender's record to be cleared if he or she completes all requirements of their probation.

Figures from the San Antonio Police Department were not available Wednesday, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Sheriff's Capt. Kenneth Bilhartz of the criminal investigations divisions said the office has handled six such cases since Sept. 1.

He said that school districts, on the other hand, can receive additional details such as the offender's name, specific street address and photograph if they request it.

But, he added, the detailed information provided to school district officials can't be released to the public through his department.

Residents could get it from the schools, but district officials aren't required to share the information, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Big Country school officials wanted their parents to know. They sent a letter warning them about a sex offender now living in the Marbach Road area and encouraging students not to talk to strangers.

The district's decision to send a letter was prompted, in part, by a desire to keep communication lines open to parents, according to Assistant Superintendent Gilbert Garcia. The letter also stressed that visitors must obtain a pass to be on campus.

"Obviously, we're going to be a little bit more cautious," Garcia said. "We've always been very alert as to who comes in the building."

Baby sitter 'not guilty' of murder

TUCSON (AP) — A 13-year-old baby sitter whose charge died of a fractured skull a day after he fell while in her care was found innocent of murder.

Superior Court Judge James C. Carruth, who heard the case without a jury, said Wednesday that the prosecution did not prove that Elizabeth Clark killed 1-year-old John Tsakanikas.

The boy died March 11 of multiple skull fractures, massive bleeding and brain swelling.

Elizabeth said that the night before he died, he fell backward while pulling himself up on a kitchen drawer, hitting his head on the drawer or a cabinet and probably the tile floor as well.

Prosecutors didn't believe it was an accident.

"When she caused or permitted him to be injured, she committed child abuse. And when he died, Elizabeth Clark was guilty of first-degree murder," prosecutor Jeannette Gallagher said during the trial.

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On the ballot

The following information is condensed from a special House Research Organization publication provided to better inform voters about the 14 amendments on the Nov. 5 ballot. It is the ninth in a series.

Proposition 9

READS: "The constitutional amendment allowing investment of money from the Texas growth fund in a business without the business's disclosure of its investments in or with South Africa or Namibia."

INFORMATION: The Texas Growth Fund is a stock-oriented state investment fund aimed at assisting firms that promote economic growth in Texas. The fund may only invest in businesses that submit an affidavit disclosing their direct financial investment in or with South Africa or Namibia, a requirement imposed by the constitutional provision creating the fund.

SUPPORTERS SAY: The requirement that companies disclose whether they have direct investments in South Africa or Namibia is no longer necessary or useful. South Africa's white minority government has been replaced by the democratically elected government of President Nelson Mandela, and Namibia is an independent nation no longer under South African control. The need to screen businesses for ties to a discriminatory regime has vanished.

OPPONENTS SAY: There is no apparent opposition.

Berry's World



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"If push comes to shove with the Republican Congress, we might consider playing the 'VICTIM CARD.'"

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Oct. 27, 1995

This year, you will be able to reorganize various aspects of your life. Negative situations and people will be replaced by favorable opportunities and new relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your finances are of critical importance today. Neglecting your resources could have a negative effect on your bank account. Understand the influences that govern your life. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10150. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even the best bluff won't be enough to get you out of a sticky situation today. Make sure you have the aces in your hand if you intend to raise the pot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A negative attitude could ruin your day before it begins. Make a concerted effort to replace any doubts with positive thoughts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try not to waste money on frivolous items. You can still have a good time without indulging in extravagant behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even though your instincts are usually good, try to avoid relying solely on your intuition today. Choose a logical solution over a gut feeling.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Guard against the tendency to make a mountain out of a mole hill. Try not to create obstacles for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A well-intentioned friend might offer you a fantastic deal, but play it safe and get a second opinion. The actual value might be substantially less than you think.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You won't be able to make wise decisions under pressure. Do not let anyone make you feel like your back is to the wall.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use proven procedures and familiar tools when performing tasks today. Experimentation with labor-saving devices could actually create more work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Trying to be unduly possessive of the one you love could be self-defeating. The harder you grasp, the harder he or she will try to pull away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Support your mate in front of family members and outsiders. It will best for everyone if you can reconcile your differences in private.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you don't have something nice to say about a friend today, it will be best to say nothing at all. Caustic comments will invite retaliation and angry feelings.

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Date Book

Oct. 26, 1995

Today is the 299th day of 1995 and the 34th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1970, the comic strip "Doonesbury" debuted in 28 newspapers across the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Primo Carnera (1906-1967), boxing great; Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972), singer; Francois Mitterrand (1916-), French politician, is 79; Bob Hoskins (1942-), actor, is 53; Hillary Rodham Clinton (1946-), first lady, is 49; Pat Sajak (1947-), television personality, is 48; Jaclyn Smith (1947-), actress, is 48.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, Los Angeles Kings center Wayne Gretzky scored his 2,000th NHL point.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "A man loses contact with reality if he is not surrounded by his books." — Francois Mitterrand

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1988, desert locusts were discovered in southwest England. Strong winds had blown them there all the way from northwest Africa.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Oct. 24) and first quarter (Oct. 30).

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COSTUMED GIRL SCOUTS — The fourth grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 400 celebrated the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Low's birthday on Oct. 31, by having a costume/slumber party Friday at the Girl Scout Hut. Scouts from left are Mandy Burns, Stacy Perkins, Lacie Thompson, Gretchen Hollis, Lindsey Fickling, Whitney Stewart, Hollie Lammert, Destiney Proctor, Sarah Crawford, Tass Baze, Katie Neves, Tiffany Kubena, Stephanie Williams, Bethany Clements and Sarah Thornhill. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



COOKING WITH TLC — Thelma Carlile of Big Spring, author of "Mealtimes & Memories" gave a program at the recent Atheneum Study Club at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She demonstrated several recipes using the topic, cooking with tender love and care (TLC). She is pictured left, visiting with member Janet Brown. Atheneum meets again on Nov. 14 at the woman's club. (Contributed Photo)



PARADE OF HOMES — The home of Scott and Robin Morris, 1604 Preston Trail, was in the Parade of Homes Sunday, sponsored by the board of directors of Martha Ann Woman's Club. Greeting guests were, from left, Kathy Sherrod, Mrs. Morris, Linda Walton and Loretta Dodson. Over $3,500 was raised from the tour of homes to be used toward a new roof for the clubhouse. Other homes included in the tour were those of Darryl and Teena Calley, Gary and Kathy Landes, Dale and Penny Redman, and Thomas and Vina Strayhorn. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
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3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥Q

George Moore, the Irish author, claimed that "the wrong way always seems the more reasonable." Well, the declarer on today's deal thought he had found a reasonable line of play — and he was wrong.

In six diamonds, South won the first trick with dummy's heart king and immediately played a diamond to his queen. However, when West won with the singleton king, South was doomed. East had to score a trump trick with his remaining jack-nine. How should South have played — and why?

Despite having three-card diamond support, perhaps North should have bid three no-trump on the third round. However, when North raised diamonds, South bid what he thought he could make.

South had two problems: in spades and diamonds. If the spade finesse was working, declarer could afford one trump loser. Whereas if West had the spade king, South had to play diamonds without loss. Clearly, the outcome of the spade finesse was critical. So, South should have taken that at trick two.

If the spade finesse loses, South wins West's return in the dummy and plays a diamond to his queen, the percentage play for no trump loser. However, when the spade finesse wins, declarer takes the safety-play in diamonds: He leads a trump to his *ace*. If only low cards appear, South plays a club to dummy's king, discards his low spade on the heart ace and plays a diamond toward his queen. But when the king drops, South cashes the diamond queen, concedes a trump and claims his slam.

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The right opening step

By Phillip Alder

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ATTEND STATE MEET — Scurry County delegates Pauline Withers and Sheila McCormack recently attended the 68th state convention of Texas Association for Family and Community Education Clubs at South Padre Island Convention Center. They also toured Matamoros, Mexico. Withers and McCormack are members of the local Stargazers Club. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; o:30 to 8 p.m.

SOS (singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Center; 7 p.m.

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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 573-1141, 863-2349 or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

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

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

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Two days to fall in love

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It wasn't exactly love at first sight: "Renegade" star Lorenzo Lamas says it took two days to fall in love with series extra Shauna Sand.

"She is my fantasy woman, just the way she looks physically," Lamas told "Entertainment Tonight" in an interview to be broadcast tonight.

"And as I got to know her ... I found things intellectually about her that created more of a fantasy," Lamas said.

The couple plan to marry, he said.

"Shauna and I have tattoos around our ankles and they're in a Samoan design. It's a love eternity band," he said, adding they want to have children.

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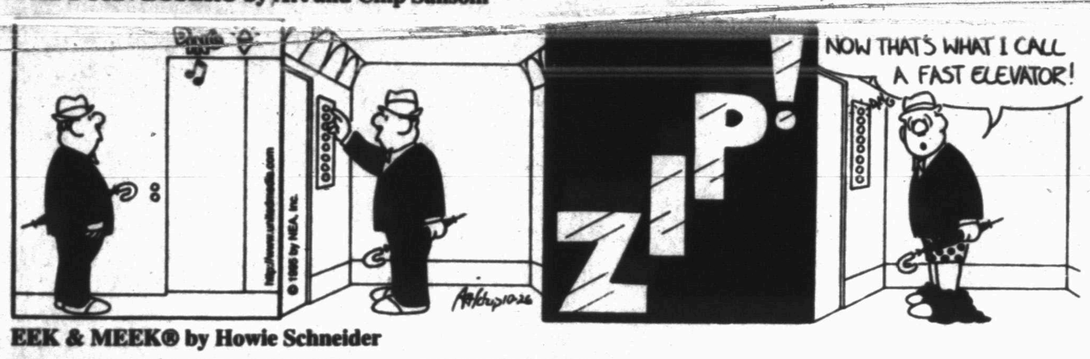
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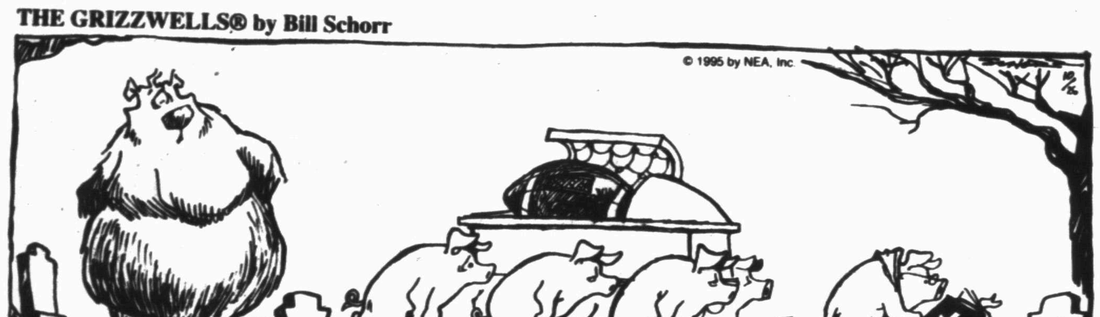
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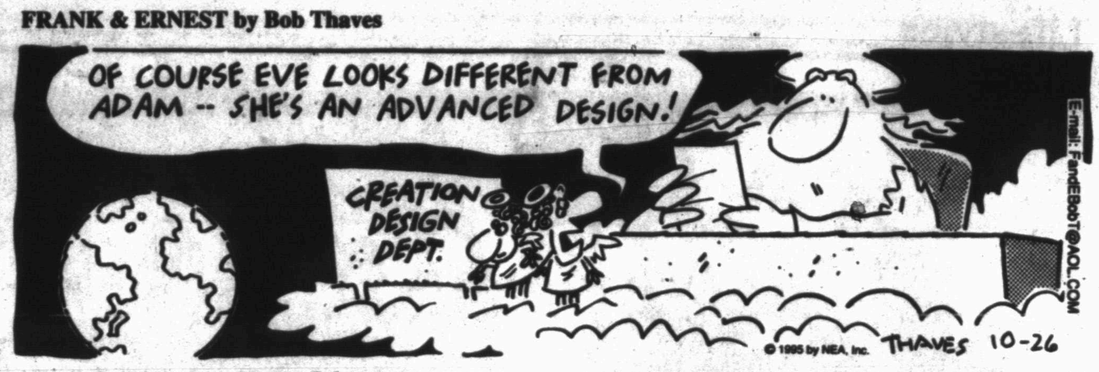
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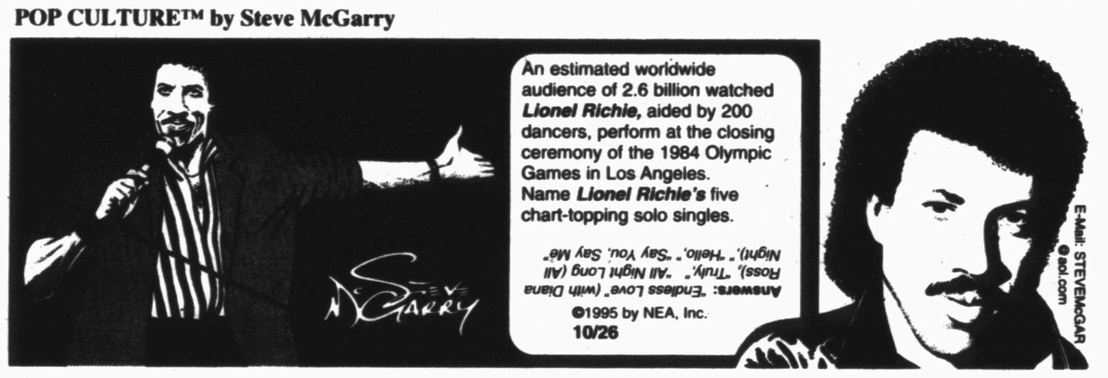
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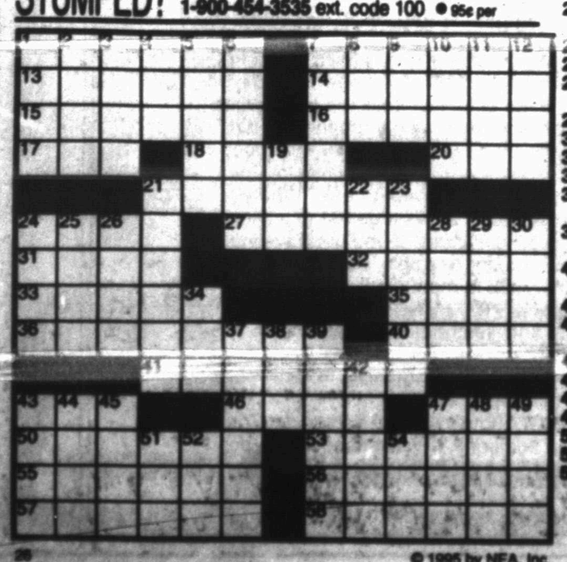
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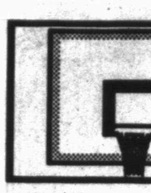


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DISTRICT 5-AAAA PREVIEW

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

Going into the third week of district play, the race has become a four horse race with Sweetwater and Snyder on top, Estacado and Frenship a game back. Is it too soon to mention the "P" word with the Snyder Tigers? Probably so, but one thing is for sure, the Tigers control their own destiny. The next two weeks will decide.

Lamesa (2-5, 0-2) at Snyder (5-2, 2-0)

Last Week:
Snyder defeated Frenship 24-14
Lamesa lost to Estacado 42-20

This should be a no brainer, but no one thought Snyder would hold down the potent offense of Frenship last week. The Tigers are playing with a lot of momentum and they know what Snyder-Lamesa is all about. The Tigers have won two big games back-to-back and should make it three.

Lamesa was in the game until the third quarter last week against Estacado. The Golden Tors and Matadors were knotted at 14 at the intermission. Lamesa had to go to the pass where they gained 189 yards, but only 122 on the ground. Max Kelley rushed 11 times for 70 yards and caught two Tony Barrera passes for 63 yards.

Sweetwater (7-0, 2-0) at Frenship (5-2, 1-1)

Last Week:
Sweetwater defeated Levelland 42-20
Frenship lost to Snyder 24-14

After a game they thought they should have won, Frenship will have to fight an uphill battle to stay on the gridiron with Sweetwater. At least on paper, this looks to be a good game. The two teams are one and two in total offense and defense in the area.

Sweetwater has the lead in offense with 342.9 yard average per game while Frenship is second with 330.3 yards. On defense, the Tigers have the edge, allowing 156.9 yards per game while the Mustangs are allowing 175.4 yards.

Levelland (4-3, 0-2) at Estacado (5-2, 1-1)

Tonight in Lubbock
Last Week:
Levelland lost to Sweetwater 42-20
Estacado defeated Lamesa 42-20

Despite their record, look for Levelland to hang tough with Estacado. The Lobos accumulated 245 yards of offense, most of it on the ground against Sweetwater. Levelland completed one pass for 14 yards. The Lobo defense held the Mustangs' Shaun Carr to 126 yards on 25 carries.

Tyson Gatewood and company got their wake up call in the second half to put Lamesa away. Gatewood ended the night with 180 yards on 23 carries. As a team, Estacado gained 468 yards of offense.

Left To Play

Snyder: Lamesa, Estacado, Sweetwater.
Sweetwater: Frenship, Lamesa, Snyder.
Estacado: Levelland, Snyder, Frenship.
Frenship: Sweetwater, Levelland, Estacado.
Levelland: Estacado, Frenship, Lamesa.
Lamesa: Snyder, Sweetwater, Levelland.

Volleyballers host Bronte tonight

The Lady Tigers from Snyder High will take to the volleyball court tonight at 6 in the high school gym to play Bronte. The match was originally scheduled with Andrews, but the Lady Mustangs cancelled the match due to them being in a playoff match tonight.

Only the varsity will be playing tonight according to Coach Patty Grimmett.

The Lady Tigers will play Lamesa, tentatively Saturday to decide the district championship. The winner of Saturday's match will advance into the state playoffs as the number one seed, while the loser will be the number two seed. Should Lamesa lose to Lubbock Estacado tonight, Snyder would win the loop title out-right and there would not be a playoff game Saturday.

In the first round, District 5-4A will play teams from District 6-4A. Cleburne lost its last two matches to Granbury and Brownwood to force a tie with Brownwood. Cleburne and Brownwood are scheduled to play Friday night in Granbury to decide their district championship.

The way the playoff brackets are set, District 5-4A winner will play the runner-up from District 6-4A while the runner-up from 5-4A will play the winner from 6-4A. The bi-district matches have not been set for sure, but will probably be held Tuesday night, possibly in Abilene.



OUT OF REACH—The Lady Tigers will entertain Bronte tonight at 6 in the Snyder High School gym. Snyder was to play Andrews, but the Lady Mustangs are in a district playoff game tonight. Raechele Wemken (18) and Tiffany Garza (12) go after the dig while Sterling Cave (5) looks on. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Shaq out 6-8 weeks

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — At first, Shaquille O'Neal was ready to put a "Shaq-Fu" move on someone.

Now, the All-Star center for the Orlando Magic has had time to settle down and accept his fractured thumb, which doctors say could keep him sidelined until New Year's.

"It's not a matter of getting revenge anymore; it happened and now it's over," O'Neal said Wednesday. "But somebody needs to do something. I think some coaches tell their players to come in and chop me and hope I get mad and throw a punch or something and get thrown out. I guess that's a good tactic, but it's not right. I've got to be able to protect myself."

The 7-foot center who led the Orlando Magic to the NBA Finals last season was scheduled to undergo surgery today to repair a piece of the bone in the base of his right thumb. He broke it Tuesday night in an exhibition against the Miami Heat.

"He will be out of competitive basketball for approximately six to eight weeks after surgery," Dr. Richard Shure of the Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic said.

O'Neal said his thumb was bent back flat when he was raked across the hand by Miami center Matt Geiger on a move to the basket in the second quarter of the Magic's 106-91 exhibition victory.

Geiger was not called for a foul. In fact, O'Neal was called for traveling as he spun along the baseline and went for what looked like a dunk.

Immediately after the injury, O'Neal was furious and threatened to "show ... some of my Shaq-Fu stuff" to any other player who put a similar move on him.

Geiger said the Heat's strategy was to foul O'Neal if he got the ball in too close. "It was a just a normal foul," he said.

Braves, one game away

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jack Morris, Steve Carlton, Catfish Hunter, Bob Gibson, Sandy Koufax, Lew Burdette and Dizzy Dean.

Give 'em the ball and let 'em win the World Series. It was their job and they did it.

Now, it's Greg Maddux's turn to try to join them.

After the Atlanta Braves lost the World Series in 1991 and 1992, they got Maddux so it wouldn't happen again. Tonight, they'll ask him to do what's expected of him — finish off the Cleveland Indians.

"It's going to be an exciting night. We have a chance to achieve something we've been trying for since 1991," Maddux said.

The Braves put themselves in this position by beating Cleveland 5-2 Wednesday night in Game 4 at Jacobs Field to take a 3-1 lead in the series. It was the first game in the series that wasn't decided by one run.

If Atlanta can win tonight behind the best pitcher in the National League, they'll end all talk of them being the Buffalo Bills of baseball.

There's just one minor detail they can't overlook: Orel Hershiser.

Remember that list of names up above? Well Hershiser belongs on it, too.

In 1988, when he was the best pitcher in the game, the Los Angeles Dodgers asked him to do what Maddux is being asked to do. And he did it, beating the Oakland Athletics twice in five days.

"You can't take anything or granted. This isn't over until we get the fourth win, but I like out position now being up 3-1 with Mad Dog pitching," Fred McGriff said.

Steve Avery, the starter who supplanted Maddux as the Game 4 choice of manager Bobby Cox, kept the Indians off the scoreboard through the first five innings and got out of trouble in the sixth with a strategy he learned from watching Randy Johnson in the AL playoffs.

The Braves broke the game open in the seventh by scoring three runs to turn a 1-1 tie into a 4-1 lead. Luis Polonia doubled home Marquis Grissom from first, Chipper Jones was walked intentionally and both runners moved up on a passed ball.

David Justice, who stranded four runners in his first four at-bats, followed with a two-run single up the middle.

Atlanta added another run in the ninth on Javier Lopez's two-out RBI double, and Pedro Borbon closed it out with two strikeouts among the final three outs after Manny Ramirez homered and Paul Sorrento doubled to start the final frame against a weary Mark Wohlers.

"It's a pretty darn good feeling," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "I like the 3-1. I like Maddux. And I like the way our guys swung the bats tonight."

Of the 39 teams taking a 3-1 edge in the Series, 33 have won it. The Braves, who last won the Series in 1957 while in Milwaukee, blew a 3-1 lead to the New York Yankees in the 1958 Series. The Kansas City Royals were the last team to overcome a 3-1 deficit, coming back against the St. Louis Cardinals in 1985.

"I've faced more pleasing prospects," Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove said. "But there are 26 other teams that wish they were playing tomorrow. We'll show up."

So will another sellout crown at Jacobs Field, where on Wednesday night they were kept quiet.

BASKETBALL AT A GLANCE

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NewJersey	4	3	.571	1½
Cleveland	3	3	.500	2
Charlotte	3	3	.500	2
Indiana	3	3	.500	2
Miami	3	3	.500	2
Toronto	3	4	.429	2½
Washington	2	3	.400	2½
NewYork	2	4	.333	3
Boston	1	5	.167	4
Milwaukee	0	5	.000	4½

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Houston	3	2	.600	1½
SanAntonio	4	3	.571	1½
LALakers	3	3	.500	2
Phoenix	3	3	.500	2
Utah	3	4	.429	2½
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Denver	2	4	.333	3
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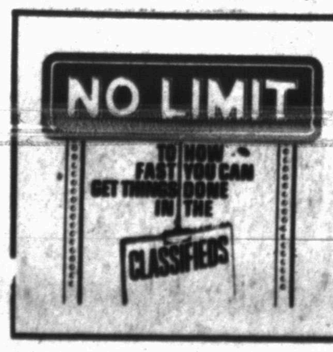
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Man who killed his comatose daughter released from jail

MIAMI (AP) — On the second day of his second chance at life, Charles Griffith sat in front of his daughter's grave thinking about what put her there — bullets from a gun he fired.

"I just sat there and looked at it," he said. "I realize she's there because of me. And that's a terrible thing to know."

In 1985, Griffith walked into a room in Miami Children's Hospital where his 3-year-old daughter Joy lay in a coma with irreversible brain damage. She had been injured eight months earlier when a reclining chair closed on her head.

After giving her an overdose of Valium, he held out his gun and pulled the trigger twice, ending her life and forever changing his.

Convicted of first-degree murder, Griffith was sent to prison for life. That conviction was set aside last week after he was allowed to plead guilty to second-degree murder.

He was credited with the 10 years he served and was released Tuesday. He was ordered to serve six years probation.

Griffith, 35, emerged from behind bars a changed man, he said, no longer convinced that what he did was justified.

"No one has the right to take a life but God," he said Wednesday. "I regret doing it."

Griffith remembers being a protective father, making the accident that put her in the hospital even harder to comprehend.

The girl was standing on the footrest of a recliner watching television when the footrest collapsed. Joy's head became trapped, cutting off oxygen.

"We thought we had baby-proofed the house. We changed the coffee table to a round one so she wouldn't get hurt," he said. "Whoever would have thought about a recliner?"

Distraught over the doctors' prognosis that Joy's condition would only get worse and crazed by seeing her little body hooked to feeding tubes, Griffith decided to end her misery and his.

Over his years in jail, Griffith's clemency attempts and repeated appeals were denied.

A key to keeping him behind bars was the testimony of Joy's mother, Rebeca DiRocco. After hearing of her ex-husband's plea agreement last week, she doubted he could stick with his probation.

Two boys get first full day of freedom since they were kidnapped

BENTON HARBOR, Mich. (AP) — When sixth-grader Adan Alvarado decides to return to his front-row seat at River School, he will be greeted with a pizza party and affection from teachers and students.

"Adan probably won't stand still for hugs. He's all boy," said Jean Stroud, principal of the tiny 77-student school in Berrien County's Sodus Township.

Adan, 11, and his brother Eleazar, 3, are settling in with their family again in southwestern Michigan after their 10-day abduction ended Tuesday with a rescue in New Orleans.

The discovery capped a nationwide search for the boys, who disappeared Oct. 14 after buying chips at a store while their mother, Maria, washed clothes next door at a coin laundry, near Benton Harbor.

"They're OK, they're getting on with their lives," said their father, Martin Alvarado. "I want my sons to rest."

For Adan, that meant a day off from school Wednesday. Three of his brothers helped erect a banner on the front of the building that said, "Welcome Home Adan and Eleazar. We Love You!!!"

"The day before he left, his class was playing kickball and he was clowning around," Stroud said. "Kids call him the class clown, in a positive way."

The alleged kidnapper, Boyd Dean Weekley, 24, an ex-convict from South Dakota, remained in federal custody in New Orleans. The FBI offered no new details on his odyssey from the upper Midwest to Michigan and then the South.

"We're trying to put together a time line," Agent George Burttram said in Louisiana.

The boys' father insisted that they were not physically abused during the ordeal. Doctors examined Adan and Eleazar, but the FBI has declined to discuss the findings.

The Alvarados are migrant farm workers from Mission, Texas who have traveled to Michigan the past four years to pick fruits and vegetables.

"We're going to go to church, where they speak the word of God ... We're thankful to God," Martin Alvarado said after the boys spent their first night back at home.

At River School, students are overcoming the stress of not knowing the whereabouts of Adan and Eleazar.

"I felt guilty that it happened to them and not us," said Jesse Edwards, an eighth-grader. "We were home with our families and they weren't."

Weekley is due to appear in front of U.S. Magistrate Louis Moore in New Orleans.

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Charitable annuities suit expanded

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A federal judge has certified a class of plaintiffs and defendants in a lawsuit alleging that hundreds of charities violated antitrust laws by fixing the rate of return they pay on a popular investment from donors.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed in December 1994 filed by the heirs of Louise T. Parker of Wichita Falls. The 90-year-old woman had set up a gift annuity contract with the Lutheran Foundation.

In such an investment, a donor makes a gift of money, stocks and other negotiable valuables to a charity. The charity then pays the donor a fixed amount of money at regularly scheduled times, allowing the donor to make considerable savings on taxes.

After the donor's death, the charity receives a lump sum of the remaining assets of the donation.

The lawsuit could eventually include every donor, their beneficiaries and heirs who have given charitable gift annuities and every charity that has issued an annuity or acts as a trustee for a charitable trust.

That would involve thousands of churches, hospitals, arts organizations and universities nationwide.

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Traffic light may have malfunctioned

FOX RIVER GROVE, Ill. (AP) — Investigators working around the clock tried to determine today whether a malfunctioning traffic light held a school bus on railroad tracks as a commuter train slammed into it at up to 60 mph.

The wreck killed five students and injured about 30 others. Eleven students remained hospitalized today, five in critical condition.

Sensors embedded in the tracks are supposed to change the crossing's traffic light to green as a train approaches to signal vehicles to clear the intersection, officials said. But some witnesses reported that the light was red, which would have prevented the bus carrying 35 students and the driver from moving into the heavy morning traffic.

"There are indications that there have been previous problems at that particular crossing," National Transportation Safety Board member John Goglia said Wednesday night.

The town's police chief, Robert Polston, saw Wednesday morning's crash because he was checking out recent reports of problems with the light. Village officials have said he would not comment because he was an eyewitness.

Investigators overnight began testing the light and were seeking police phone logs to check for complaints.

Regardless of whether the light was red or green, some witnesses said there was no car ahead of the bus and the driver could have moved forward. A crossing gate had come down behind the bus.

The bus was en route to the 1,400-student Cary-Grove High School in Cary, near this bedroom community about 40 miles northwest of Chicago.

The Chicago-bound express train was traveling between 50 and 60 mph and sheared the body of the bus off the chassis, spinning it around 180 degrees. Nobody on the train was injured.

Federal officials said the bus is designed to break apart like that in a high-speed crash to put distance between the occupants and the gas tank.

When 15-year-old Zach Davis saw the 620-ton train bearing down on him, he had one thought: "I'm going to die."

From his seat in the front of the bus, the teen remembers the bus stopped once before the railroad tracks, just like it's supposed to, then went forward and quickly stopped again for a red light.

After the accident, he said, it was "hectic, very hectic. Moms screaming, trying to find their kids." Zach escaped with only whiplash injury.

The bus driver, Patricia E. Catencamp, was taken to a hospital for evaluation. Crash investigators declined to discuss the driver.

The secretary of state's office said the 54-year-old woman had been licensed to drive a school bus since 1987 and had a flawless record. But school Superintendent Joseph Saban said she was not the regular driver on that particular route; she was filling in for the day.

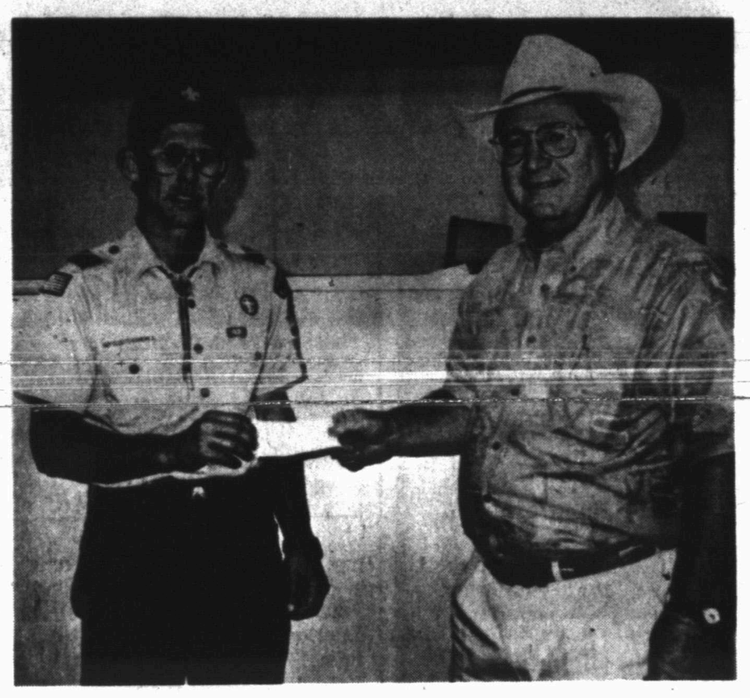
The crossing was guarded by a gate, bells, flashing lights and signs, but there was little space between the stoplight and the tracks, said Chris Knapton, a spokesman for Metra, the agency that operates Chicago's suburban commuter trains.

Mark Davis, a spokesman for Union-Pacific, which employs the train crew, said the engineer tried desperately to stop the train. "He slowed down. Then he applied the emergency brake, then he got on the horn."

Investigators about 12 hours after the accident removed the remains of the bus from the scene, where residents in this close-knit community known as "the Grove" started an impromptu shrine with bouquets of flowers and flickering candles.

"I think they're here because of the disbelief. They don't believe it," said Sue Ramirez, who lives just about a block from the scene. "It's something you watch on CNN or the national news, but not here, it doesn't affect your own."

The dead were identified as: Michael B. Hoffman, 14, Shawn P. Robinson, 14, Joseph A. Kalte, 16, Tiffany Schneider, 15, and Jeffrey J. Clark, 16.



MUCH APPRECIATED — David Stokes, left, Boy Scouts Troop 27 leader, accepts a $500 check from Price Daniel Unit warden T.J. Medart. The money is raised by selling photos taken of inmates and their families. The funds go to local charities. (SDN Staff Photo)

Crash teaches teens in Cary a wrenching lesson in death

CARY, Ill. (AP) — The wail of ambulances was the first signal that Wednesday's lesson at Cary-Grove High School would be about tragedy.

Through rumors, whispers and a voice on an intercom, students learned that a commuter train had torn into a bus full of their classmates.

For a few frantic hours, the students and their parents were consumed by one question: Who had lived and who had died? The answer finally came — four boys and a girl — most not yet old enough to drive or stay out all night.

"We all know these kids; we all know whose kids they are," said Deborah Zopp, whose 16-year-old son, Stephan, attends the high school. "We all feel their pain."

The morning started out crisp and calm in Cary and neighboring Fox River Grove, towns that got their start as rural whistlestops and are slowly being engulfed by the suburban sprawl of Chicago, nearly 40 miles away.

When the first hint of the horror on the railroad tracks reached Cary-Grove High, 15-year-old sophomore Justin Borawski thought it was a joke.

"One kid came in five minutes late and said, 'Oh yeah, there was an accident, can I get off the tardy?' And the teacher said, 'Oh, yeah, I've heard that one before.'"

Senior Greg Hoffman saw three ambulances on his way to school and heard one after another as he sat in class. A school official finally appeared at the door and quietly summoned the teacher, who broke the news. A loudspeaker announcement followed.

"Everyone just went crazy," Hoffman said. "They were in a state of shock."

Weeping teens trudged from one classroom to another while school officials tried to determine who had been on the bus. Other students wandered the halls or gathered at the school library and the cafeteria, where counselors were on hand.

Eventually a partial list was posted with names of the injured and students who were safe.

Freshman Jill Anderson, 15, scanned the list feverishly, failing to find the name of a friend, realizing what it meant if someone was neither injured nor OK.

"You don't know what's the truth," she said.

Zopp was at work when she had a frantic phone conversation about the accident with a friend. She decided the crash likely had happened after her son's bus reached school, and then she got another call. It was Stephan.

"He goes, 'Hi, Mom. It wasn't me,'" she said, standing outside the high school.

Officially, the dead were nameless until late afternoon, after next-of-kin had been notified. But around the school, the tearful students and their grim-faced parents knew.

Stephan Zopp knew three of the dead boys, and two were longtime friends, his mother said.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is psoriasis a family disease?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 14-year-old son has been diagnosed with psoriasis. How did he get it? Is it inherited?

DEAR READER: Psoriasis is a common skin disorder of unknown cause, although it tends to run in families, so a genetic factor is probably to blame. The disease appears gradually, without warning, as a dry, silvery, scaly rash, somewhat raised, with irregular borders. There is no itching. The rash may involve any part of the body, but most frequently affects the scalp, elbows and knees.

Treatment involves cortisone creams, lubricants and other salves. More severe cases require ultraviolet light therapy or methotrexate (an anti-metabolite). Psoriasis does not affect health but is a cosmetic embarrassment. In my opinion, patients with the disorder should be under the care of dermatologists.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10150. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've received information that drinking decaffeinated coffee is more apt to increase blood cholesterol than is regular coffee. At age 80, with a mild heart condition, why am I drinking decaf?

DEAR READER: Beats me. First, reports condemned regular coffee. Then, later, it was exonerated. Still later, decaf is the bad guy. Don't touch that dial. We may yet see favorable studies on decaffeinated brew.

It's all too much. The hapless consumer is pulled this way and that, always in a crossfire, never knowing which claim to believe.

I think that the solution to all this media madness is moderation. Most experts agree that a cup or two of coffee (regular or decaf) a day won't hurt anyone. Excess consumption of any product can cause harm. However, most prudent adults don't overdo. With respect to coffee, a maximum of three or four cups is probably a reasonable limit, on a daily basis.

If you enjoy real coffee (or decaf) and you drink modest amounts, I see no reason why you shouldn't continue the practice. Also, as you have probably heard, cholesterol levels in persons over 70 are now considered to be relatively inconsequential; recent studies have indicated that modest elevations of cholesterol — up to, say, 275 milligrams per deciliter (normal: up to 200 mg/dL) — in elderly persons do not lead to heart disease.

In any case, you're more likely to lower your cholesterol by eating less animal fat than by giving up your morning coffee. And, really, at 80, you're entitled to a little self-indulgence. I'd cut you a lot of slack on this issue.

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Jury finds McDonald's negligent

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. (AP) — McDonald's Corp. and one of its franchises have been found partly responsible for an accident in which a Ronald McDonald clown statue toppled onto a little girl, severing her fingertip.

McDonald's and Cassidy Restaurants should pay Elena Montgomery $41,400 in damages, a jury found Wednesday. The jury noted that the girl's parents were partly responsible for not watching her closely enough.

Elena, then 6, and a friend were swinging from the statue at a Cassidy Restaurants playground in June 1992 when the 125-pound clown tipped over. Elena lost the fleshy tip of the second finger on her left hand when it got caught between Ronald McDonald and a brick wall. It was reattached, but Elena still has a malformed fingernail.

A McDonald's official said the company had not reviewed the decision and had not decided whether it would appeal.

Restaurant owner Gerald Cassidy did not return a call seeking comment.

Clinton, GOP clash over budget cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — In this year's titanic struggle over the federal budget, the arcane world of government debt auctions is suddenly looming as a very big deal.

President Clinton says the Republicans are engaging in nothing less than "economic blackmail" by threatening to force the government into default on the national debt unless he agrees to their draconian budget cuts.

Robert Rubin, Clinton's treasury secretary, says such a default is unthinkable and would have serious economic repercussions for the next 20 years.

But for their part, Republicans accuse the administration of rhetorical overkill aimed at masking the fact that the White House is unwilling to begin negotiations on a credible seven-year deficit-reduction plan.

As both the House and Senate began debating the budget Wednesday, Clinton told reporters he would not hesitate to veto what he considers unreasonable spending cuts.

"I am not going to let anybody hold Medicare or education or the environment or the future of this country hostage," he declared. "If they send me a budget that says simply, 'You take our cuts or we'll let the country go into default,' I will veto it."

Clinton announced that the budget deficit declined to $164 billion in the just-completed fiscal year, the third straight decrease and proof, he said, that his own budget program was working.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Rubin said that if Congress does not increase the debt ceiling and quickly, it will have major costs in the form of higher interest rates.

He said without agreement on a debt increase by next Wednesday, he will be forced to delay Treasury auctions totaling more than $100 billion — money that is needed, in part, to pay Social Security recipients and current holders of the government's debt.

But Republicans accused Rubin of fudging the date for when the government will actually hit the current $4.9 trillion debt ceiling. Once at the limit, the government cannot borrow any more funds, something it must do to pay its bills.

Responding to Rubin's Nov. 1 deadline, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said, "He keeps changing his dates. Rubin's got to get his dates straight."

Often gesturing with his hands to underscore a point, Rubin insisted during the interview that he has been as specific as he can.

"I spent 26 years in a business where clarity and precision about numbers were what you lived or died by. And that is a habit of mind that I brought to the world I now live in," said Rubin, who was co-chairman of the Wall Street firm Goldman, Sachs & Co. before joining the administration.

Rubin has already begun making adjustments to keep from hitting the debt ceiling, announcing last week that he was cutting in half to $6 billion the amount of three-month Treasury bills sold at auction this week.

But he said all of this maneuvering will still mean the government will run out of cash around Nov. 6.

While some Republicans have raised the possibility that the administration could draw down the Social Security trust fund for a short time to get through the crisis, Rubin said the administration had no intention of doing this.

Body hampers own defense against HIV virus infection

NEW YORK (AP) — In a new sign of how slippery a foe the AIDS virus is, researchers reported today that it can infect key blood cells even after it's trapped and chemically handcuffed by the body.

The result shows that researchers must find ways to attack the trapped HIV, researcher Gregory Burton said.

Scientists have long known that large populations of HIV become trapped by a weblike mesh in lymphoid tissues like the tonsils, spleen and lymph nodes.

Studies show that HIV infects blood cells in lymphoid tissues, but it hasn't been clear whether the trapped HIV was responsible.

That's because the trapped viruses are "handcuffed," covered with antibodies and other immune system proteins that should prevent them from infecting cells.

But the new study says they are infectious, and it blames the cells that form the weblike mesh. Somehow, these cells let trapped HIV continue to infect despite its handcuffs, researchers from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond report in today's issue of the journal Nature.

Burton, an assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, said current anti-HIV drugs may not work against the trapped virus because they are aimed at blocking reproduction, and HIV does not reproduce while trapped.

"We go out and destroy the virus at other sites, but it remains sitting (while trapped) ... waiting to infect as soon as it gets an opportunity," he said.

The web-making cells are called follicular dendritic cells. Their normal job is to trap and hold bits of foreign material, which serve to remind the disease-fighting immune system what germs and other invaders look like.

The new work was done in mice and in test tubes. Researchers found that when HIV was handcuffed by so-called neutralizing antibodies, it could still infect its key target, T cells of the immune system, but only if dendritic cells were present.

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Texas Briefs

Three dead in house with weapons

KERRVILLE (AP) — Deaths of three Central Texas family members in a house fire that destroyed weapons have prompted an investigation by federal and state law officers.

Kerr County Sheriff Frances Kaiser called a news conference for 9 a.m. today at the county courthouse on the deaths of a man, his wife and their 18-year-old daughter.

Firefighters encountered exploding rounds as they battled the flames Tuesday, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

The newspaper said the house belongs to Bill and Carol Naumann, who apparently have not been seen since before the blaze. Residents said the Naumanns moved to Texas within the last year or so from Arizona.

Sheriff's officers called the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to the scene when a large quantity of ammunition and weapons was discovered in the home. The ATF's explosives unit was on the scene.

Authorities said four vehicles and a shed also burned in the Kerr County Estates Subdivision north of Kerrville. The Texas Rangers and technicians of a Texas Department of Public Safety mobile crime lab also joined the investigation.

Autopsies were under way on the victims at the Travis County medical examiner's office in Austin, a DPS spokeswoman said.

A broadcast report said the homeowner was known for his anti-government views. But investigators told San Antonio radio station KTSA they were still trying to determine if that had anything to do with the deaths.

Benefactor had to find God first

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Meet the man who has made the Alamo City's homeless glad with green.

Alternately praised and condemned for passing out $50 and $20 bills to the needy, the industrialist said he was motivated by religious beliefs.

Mark, who wanted to be identified only by his first name, told the San Antonio Express-News in today's editions that he is personally familiar with the poverty that he tries to fight.

"I want it to keep going on for a while. The important thing is that I stay anonymous and then I can continue helping these people," said the San Antonian, dubbed the "fifty dollar man."

Asked why he takes the time to personally find the down-and-out, he replied: "I found God."

Mark said he was laid off at age 22 from his job at an Orlando, Fla., lumber yard and was living in a hotel room.

"I was helping out some street people and they stole the last $80 I had and then I was out on the street," the businessman told the newspaper.

1 dead, 1 hurt in gang-related fight

DONNA (AP) — A teen-ager died and another was assaulted Wednesday in what police called a gang attack that also damaged squad cars in this South Texas city.

Jesse Urena, 17, was pronounced dead at the scene from a single gunshot wound.

Raul Avila, 19, suffered head injuries and was listed in stable condition late Wednesday at Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco, hospital personnel said.

The battle began just three hours before a neighborhood's newly formed watch group planned to meet to discuss the area's gang problem.

Juan "Johnny" Vasquez III, 17, who told police he was the trigger-man in the fatal shooting, was held in lieu of $250,000 bond Wednesday night on a murder charge, authorities said.

Four other youths, alleged gang members, were expected to be charged Thursday — three in the attack on Avila.

Investigators said a fourth will be charged on possession of marijuana.

Under police guard, two of the four youths smashed the side windows of two separate patrol cars.

"It was total chaos," Acting Police Chief Clemente Garza told The (McAllen) Monitor. "People were fighting left and right."

Investigators said gang-related fighting began about 3:30 p.m. Urena was already down when police arrived and a group had gathered around Avila, kicking and punching him.

Law threatens jobs for AFB staffers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Despite federal backing for a plan to re-employ workers from a shuttered military depot, a law could trim that number by as much as two-thirds, according to an Air Force general.

The so-called 60-40 rule threatens the plan to privatize the 6,000 maintenance jobs at the San Antonio Air Logistics Center, Maj. Gen. Lewis E. Curtis III said Wednesday.

Curtis urged a group of public and private executives to use their influence with Congress to change the federal law.

The council of state and local officials and private industry leaders was formed this summer by Gov. George W. Bush to address the most recent round of Texas base closings and realignments at the state level.

The group will determine how the state can help ease the economic pain in affected communities. The ALC is slated for closure by 2001.

Guidelines from the Defense Department and White House project that the center's missions will be privatized in place. Additionally, parts of Kelly will be realigned with nearby Lackland AFB.

The Clinton administration would like to drop the law, Curtis said. Another option is to alter it to exclude the Kelly depot as well as McClellan AFB in California, also slated for closure.

"It can't delay," Curtis said of the efforts. "It has to be pleaded" to Congress.

Firm chief recalls extortion attempt

HOUSTON (AP) — The product that reduces friction on engine components has put wear and tear on the company that makes the automobile treatment after a man threatened to divulge its secret formula.

A 35-year-old man was arrested at a hotel near Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport last month after handing a 30-page document to an undercover FBI agent posing as a courier for Slick 50.

"It was just a very strange sensation to have somebody call you in the middle of the afternoon and want to extort money from you," David Dillingham, Slick 50 president, said Wednesday.

Identifying himself only as "Tommy," the caller told Dillingham on Aug. 14 that he had the secret recipe for the Houston-based company's formula.

The man was accused of trying to extort $2.5 million from Quaker State Corp. by threatening to give away the secret formula.

The FBI said Azaad Ali Hosein, 35, was accused of calling executives in the Slick 50 division to say he going to publish the formula, then claiming that a Quaker State competitor was offering $2.5 million for it, said the FBI.

Using fine Teflon particles that bond with the metal parts in car engines, Slick 50 can reduce engine part wear by 50 percent, the company said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Instead of Prayer in Schools, Worry About Guns and Drugs

DEAR ABBY: Well, chalk up another "I never thought I would see the day when I'd be writing to Dear Abby."

I was shocked when I read in the newspaper that a school principal was suspended and ultimately fired for allowing prayer in his classrooms. I admire this man for standing by his decision.

Where does the board of education get off making such a decision? These days, when kids are carrying knives and guns to school and drug dealers hang around school playgrounds, I would think the board of education would deal with those issues — not whether prayer should be allowed in the classrooms. I think those educators should consider rearranging their priorities.

Whose side are you on, Abby? Feel free to use my name.

GARY BUCHANAN, MONSON, MASS.

DEAR GARY BUCHANAN: I side with the board of education. Let's assume that there are five Presbyterians, nine Catholics, three Jews, five Methodists, six Baptists, four Muslims and one Buddhist in the classroom. Whose prayer should be used?

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DEAR ABBY: My heart bleeds for "Concerned Citizen," who complained about her 80-year-old father-in-law's driving. She sounds exactly like a daughter-in-law.

Forget the old man, and start raising the roof about drivers who go cocaining down the highway, and worry about the marijuana smokers who flip their fingers at anyone watching. Start caring about us oldsters who have to dodge the boozers who kill whoever gets in their way, even when a person is on the sidewalk!

Sounds to me like the 80-year-old has a cataract that doesn't interfere with his eyesight, and his hearing is OK when he wants it to be.

Sign me ...

SAN DIEGO OCTOGENARIAN

DEAR OCTOGENARIAN: You are not the only reader who chose to comment about "Concerned Citizen's" letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from the concerned daughter-in-law of an 80-year-old man who had impaired vision and poor hearing, but drives hundreds of miles with his wife at his side. He admitted to having received "help" from the person who gave him the eye examination for his driver's license renewal.

Abby, it isn't just people in this country who are driving with poor vision. I am enclosing an item from Harpers and Queen, a British magazine (September 1995). In the capital city of Edinburgh, Scotland, the mailboxes are red. An 87-year-old woman, who was still driving, tried to post a letter in a woman wearing a scarlet coat!

ALSO CONCERNED IN FAIRFAX, VA.

DEAR CONCERNED: I wouldn't have believed it had you not sent me the clipping. Thanks for the heartiest laugh I've had in many a moon.

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MY DEFINITION OF MATURITY: the ability to stick with a job without being supervised, the ability to carry money without spending it, and the ability to bear an injustice without wanting to get even.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN, 1980

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Dallas jury awards doctor, wife millions

DALLAS (AP) — A federal jury ordered abortion protesters to pay a doctor and his wife almost $8.7 million Wednesday for tormenting the couple for about a year.

Dr. Norman Tompkins, 62, and his 63-year-old wife, Carolyn, were awarded $3.6 million in punitive damages, $2.3 million for intentional infliction of emotional distress and $2.8 million for invasion of their privacy. A judge must approve the award.

"They've been vindicated," the Tompkinses' attorney Windle Turley said. "We've demonstrated that they were harassed and terrorized for a year."

Turley said the Tompkinses probably never will see the money but they said the message was more important.

"This federal suit should send a message to any religious terrorists who try to impose their own religious views on physicians and health care providers," Dr. Tompkins said in a statement released Wednesday. "If they terrorize they will be caught and will have to pay."

Tompkins said his practice and privacy were destroyed by months of picketing at his office, hospital, church, home and his wife's work place and by sometimes-threatening phone calls and mail from protesters.

The damages must be approved by U.S. Magistrate Jeff Kaplan in the civil suit that named three organizations, including Operation Rescue, and 10 individuals.

"We don't have that kind of money," said the Rev. Flip Benham, director of Operation Rescue National, who was personally named in the lawsuit. "They can take everything we have but the gospel will not change."

Defense attorney Charles Bundren did not immediately return a telephone call to The Associated Press.

The jury unanimously agreed that the defendants were guilty of intentionally inflicting emotional distress and invasion of privacy, but was hung on a racketeering charge and a charge that the defendants interfered with Tompkins' medical practice because he refused to stop performing abortions.

"We proved they were terrorized by the defendants and we don't care what it's called," Turley said.

The Tompkinses lived in Dallas, but moved to Gainesville, Fla., 1½ years ago amid the protests.

During the trial that began Oct. 10, Dr. Dan Scott, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, testified that Tom Cyr, a leader of Dallas Pro-Life Action Network, and an unidentified woman visited Tompkins' office in October 1992.

They issued an ultimatum that Tompkins stop performing abortions or they would "make his practice go away," Scott testified.

Mrs. Tompkins also testified that she and her husband were followed when they left their home. Protesters sat in their cars for hours in the street outside their home.

NRA uses fake Gramm stationery

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP presidential hopeful Phil Gramm is helping the National Rifle Association solicit money and new members with a fund-raising letter on what looks like his senatorial stationery.

It isn't.

The letter — complete with a "U.S. Senator Phil Gramm" letterhead and American eagle seal — was drafted, printed and mailed by the NRA itself.

Gary Koops, a spokesman for the Texas Republican presidential candidate, defended the mailing, saying using the lookalike stationery was a timeworn direct-mail gimmick used by both parties.

"It happens all the time," Koops said. He said Gramm stood by the content of the letter and didn't think there was any ethical problem with helping the gun lobby raise money.

But public interest and gun-control groups denounced the strategy as ethically questionable.

Josh Goldstein of the private Center for Responsive Politics said the mailing "raises concerns. Here you have a senator who is running for the presidency who is raising money for a single-issue lobby and using his name and status to do so."

Michael Beard of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, a gun-control group, said the letter "shows how desperate the National Rifle Association is. ... It's really questionable for a presidential candidate to do this kind of thing. It shows he owes them something big time."

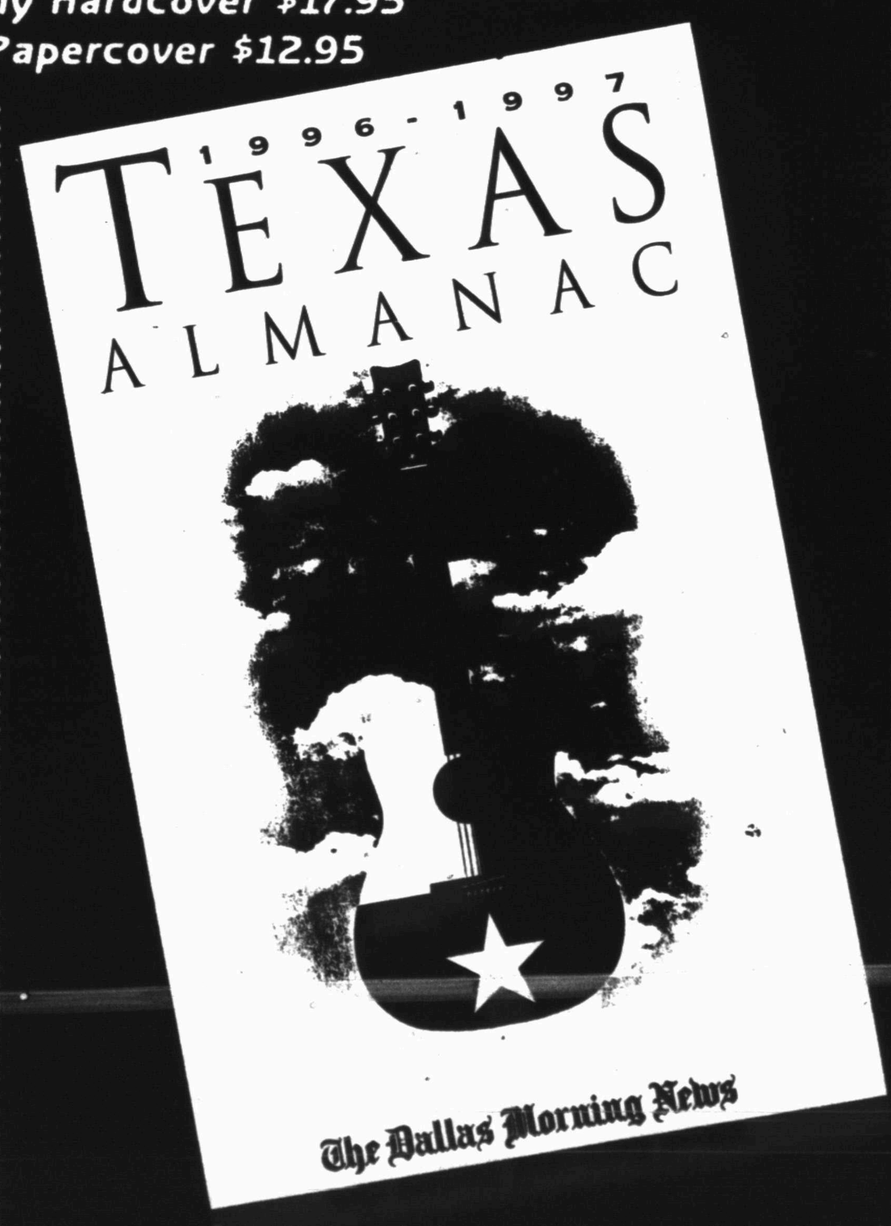
Gramm's undated letter praises the NRA's executive vice president, Wayne LaPierre, as "my friend ever since I came to Congress."

Noting that LaPierre's 45th birthday is next month, Gramm asked recipients to give a friend or relative a gift membership in the NRA "as a special birthday gift to Wayne."

Accompanying Gramm's letter is a "Pledge of Support" that asks NRA members for a contribution. Boxes labeled $10, $35, $50, $100, $200 and "Other" are included.

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Yeltsin hospitalized with heart trouble

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin was hospitalized today with an apparent heart attack, the second in four months, ITAR-Tass news agency quoted a top presidential aide as saying.

Yeltsin was reportedly rushed to the Central Clinical Hospital just two days after he returned from the United States, where he addressed the United Nations at its 50th anniversary celebration and held a summit with President Clinton. The Russian presidential press service said it could not confirm the reports and the hospital refused to comment.

News agencies said Yeltsin was stricken with the same heart problem he was hospitalized with in July, acute ischemia.

The condition restricts the supply of blood to the heart. Symptoms include difficulty breathing or chest pains, and an attack can be caused by stress, high cholesterol, age or chronic high blood pressure.

The 64-year-old president has been dogged by persistent rumors about his drinking habits and poor health. But Yeltsin had appeared fitter recently and his aides had been talking about his making a bid for another presidential term in elections next summer.

Before leaving on his trip to the United States, Yeltsin told reporters he was fit enough to challenge President Jacques Chirac of France to a tennis game. Yeltsin visited Paris before going to the United States.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Yeltsin's No. 2, would take over if the president were unable to serve.

Clinton makes it clear:

U.S. troops will help with Bosnian peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton says he's determined to send U.S. troops to Bosnia as part of a peacekeeping mission, declaring a failure to participate would "be a sad mistake" and possibly drag America in a broader European conflict.

The president, in his most emphatic defense yet for sending as many as 25,000 American troops to Bosnia as part of a NATO force, said if the United States doesn't take part its reputation around the world will be tarnished.

He used a black-tie dinner honoring the legacy of Harry S. Truman on Wednesday night to trumpet the North Atlantic alliance and said its future was at stake on the Bosnia issue.

"If we're not there, America will sacrifice its leadership in NATO," Clinton told an audience of 900 people at a $1,000-a-plate fund-raiser for the Harry S. Truman library. Among the audience were former Presidents Ford and Carter and numerous members of Congress.

The parties in the Bosnia conflict are to meet next week at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio to work toward a final peace accord that U.S. officials say will require a large NATO force of perhaps as many as 60,000 soldiers to uphold. U.S. officials say they anticipate the force would stay in Bosnia for about a year.

"I'm determined that we will be part of this NATO mission," the president declared. "If you want four years of bloody conflict to end you have to support the United States being involved with NATO in enforcing the peace agreement."

Without U.S. participating in the peacekeeping force, said Clinton, the other NATO partners "will reconsider their commitment. ... If we're not there we'll be making a sad mistake."

"If we fail to secure this peace our success around the world and much of our success at home ... will be weakened," said Clinton. "The conflict in the former Yugoslavia could spread to other nations and involve our sons and daughters in a conflict in Europe."

Clinton promised again to consult with Congress on the troop issue, but made it clear that he was determined that the United States participate in the Bosnia peacekeeping effort.

Congressional leaders say they have votes to pass GOP budgets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders today claimed enough votes to push milestone GOP budget-balancing plans through Congress this week, and continued bargaining with wavering lawmakers to solidify their victory margins.

"More than 218," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., when asked if he had nailed down enough support in the 433-member House. "The rest is detail."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., also expressed assurances that Republicans would prevail. "We'll be all right," he said.

The leaders' victory claims were little surprise. Despite slender GOP margins in the House and Senate, Republicans have remained remarkably united all year, despite near-solid Democratic opposition and a veto threat by President Clinton.

In addition, the legislation is the keystone of the party's top priority this year: to rein in the steady growth and reach of the federal bureaucracy while trimming taxes.

The leaders spoke to reporters as both chambers debated mammoth GOP packages that claim to balance the budget by 2002 by extracting savings from Medicare, Medicaid, benefits for veterans, and hundreds of programs across government.

Republicans would also dispense $245 billion in tax reductions to families, companies and investors.

Four people arrested by local peace officers

Four people were arrested Wednesday by local law enforcement agencies, who also investigated an alleged attempted abduction.

At 8:07 p.m., officers were notified that a man had attempted to grab a young girl in the 400 block of Alamo Street. It was reported that the girl's grandmother chased the man with a gun and the man was not located.

A 40-year-old male was arrested at 9:26 a.m. on an outstanding city warrant for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old female at 5:26 p.m. on an outstanding Scurry County warrant for making terroristic threats.

At 8:34 p.m., officers arrested a 21-year-old male on outstanding city warrants for Class C assault/family violence and failure to appear.

Officers arrested a 38-year-old male in the 2700 block of College Avenue at 11:43 p.m. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, an attempt to locate a 15-year-old female runaway was canceled at 8:12 a.m. when the girl returned home.

A minor accident was reported at 12:07 p.m. in the 3400 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Brandon Hackfeld of 6752 Highway 208 and a 1979 Pontiac driven by Anthony McIntire of 2604 W. 23rd St.

At 12:40 p.m., an ambulance was requested at the Texas Department of Transportation in reference to a man falling off a ladder. Stephen Savage, 20, was admitted to Cogdell Hospital for observation and was scheduled to be released today.

At 2:39 p.m., officers were advised that a 11-year-old boy had been hit in the head with a bottle by a 15-year-old male. The boy was taken to Cogdell Hospital by private vehicle where he was treated and released.

An officer was requested at 11:43 p.m. at a residence in the 400 block of 30th Street in reference to a dispute over custody of a child.

Blast rocks school set in Paris suburb

LES MUREAUX, France (AP) — A large firecracker blew up in a crowded schoolyard outside Paris today, setting off a rush of police fearful of another terrorist attack.

Police initially thought the device was a bomb, then said it turned out to be a homemade firecracker designed to frighten, not kill. They appeared to be treating the incident as a practical joke.

The scare underscores the tension simmering in France after eight bombings or attempts that have killed seven people and wounded 160 since midsummer.

Ten students were treated for shock and earaches after the explosion, at the Jules Verne school in Les Mureaux, 20 miles northwest of Paris. The firecracker went off in the schoolyard while most of the school's 810 students were outside on a midmorning break.

The force of the blast blew out several window panes.

There have been numerous bomb scares and pranks since France's wave of terror began on July 25, when a bomb tore through a subway car during the evening rush hour, killing seven people and injuring 84.

Earlier this month, authorities discovered an empty gas canister on the steps of the town hall in Les Mureaux. Gas canisters packed with nuts, bolts and nails have been used in the other bombings and attempts.

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WTC to host second Alumni Day Saturday

Saturday will mark the second annual Alumni Day for former women basketball players and cheerleaders at Western Texas College.

More than 50 WTC exes have indicated they will attend the event.

Alumni Day was begun last year with invitations sent to former WTC Dusters players, as the team was then known, and Westerners team members.

In addition, all former cheerleading squads for the college have been invited. Cheerleader sponsor Mickey Baird said she expects members of her original 1971 cheerleading group to return to campus.

Other activities planned include a scrimmage between current and former WTC basketball players.

All of the events will center around the WTC gymnasium area. The classroom there will be decorated with photos and memorabilia from past teams and yell squads.

The event will begin at 2 p.m. Refreshments are planned, to include hot dogs and hamburgers.

Arnett

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organization designed to provide continuing education in health care. She is a graduate of the University of Texas School of Radiology Technology at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

A native of Orangefield, Arnett has advised members of the U.S. Congress on the health care industry and other business issues and the Texas Legislature on state agencies and their interaction with state government. She was a founding member of Women in Senate and House (WISH).

Faith Baptist sponsors old-fashioned carnival

Faith Baptist Church will sponsor an old-fashioned family carnival Tuesday, Oct. 31, at the church fellowship hall.

Church leaders ask that children do not dress as witches, ghosts and ghouls, but instead, dress in Bible costume.

The carnival will be held from 7 p.m. until 9 o'clock. Tickets are five for $1 and funds will go to the Faith Baptist Youth Group.

There will be several game booths, including ring toss, candle squirt, a coupon walk and more. Each booth will cost from two to five tickets.

In addition to game booths, there will be a face painting booth, a fun photo booth, and — as the main attraction — a wet sponge throwing booth where the children, and adults, can throw wet sponges at some of the deacons and church workers.

In addition to the games and booths, a prize will be given for the best Bible costume.

For more information, call Terri Kincaid at 573-4869 or Tammy Rogers at 573-1576.

What's Up?

WTC plans bonfire, rally

The second annual bonfire and pep rally to kick off the Lady Westerners basketball season is set Monday at 7:30 p.m. on the Western Texas College campus. Wood for the fire has been donated. Individuals with wood to volunteer are encouraged to contact the WTC athletic office at 573-811, ext. 283l, or the Student Services office at ext. 276.

Turkey Shoot set at Ira

Ira Senior Class will sponsor a Turkey Shoot from 1-5 p.m. Saturday on school grounds with separate trap ranges for novice and accomplished shooters. For more information, contact Richard Long or Cindy Shoults at 573-2628. A concession stand will be available. All Proceeds will support the Senior Trip.

Cancer society fund-raiser

The American Cancer Society Scoot-a-Boot fund-raiser has been set for Nov. 11.

Flu shots available

Flu shots are available each Tuesday and Thursday at the Scurry County Health Unit, 911 26th St.

New Hope plans fund-raiser meal

New Hope Baptist Church, 3305 Ave. L, will be serving fish plates and sandwiches, with dessert, Saturday. Sandwich plates are $3, and adult's fish plate will be $5 and $3 for a child under 10. Take-out orders will available. Serving will begin at 11 a.m., continuing until fish is gone.

Proceeds will be used toward transportation for the church.

Video tape series continues

The video series "Happiness in the Home," is being aired on TCA Cable TV Channel 2 each week. The next tape, ""Til Someone Else Does Us Part," will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

FFA pancake supper

Snyder FFA will sponsor a pancake supper in the high school cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. Friday, prior to the Snyder-Lamesa varsity football game. Tickets are $3 and available from FFA members. Cookbooks and caps will also be on sale. Proceeds will help defray costs for students to attend the National Convention in Kansas City.

Matney's Raiders coming

The 22nd reunion of Matney's Raiders, Company G, 142nd Infantry, 36th Division, will be held Nov. 2-4 in Snyder. Headquarters will be at Willow Park Inn.

First Christian cookbooks

First Christian Church Women's Group has a cookbook for sale as a fund-raiser. All recipes, new and old, are from members of the church. The cost is $7 each. Cookbooks will be delivered. Call 573-4103, 573-6647 or 573-7117.

ACT test location changed

The location for those scheduled to take the ACT test on Saturday at Western Texas College has changed from 15A to Building 2C, Room 102. The day and time — 8 a.m. — remain the same.

Accepting candy donations

Snyder Healthcare Center is accepting donations of candy for the residents to give to children on Halloween.

Ira Bulldog annuals

Ira Bulldog annuals are on sale until Nov. 24. Price is $20 with a name on the cover or $18 without. There are still a few 1995 annuals left for purchase at $18. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school to purchase an annual.

Kiwanis Skate Night set

Skate Night, sponsored by the Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club, is set for Saturday, Nov. 4, from 6-9 p.m. in Scurry County Coliseum. Consessions are available. Cost is $2 for skaters and $1 for spectators. Skaters must have their own skates.

Halloween dance slated

VFW Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a Halloween dance for cancer research at 9 p.m. Friday. Playing will be Rusty and The Pony Express. Cash prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Admission is $6 per person.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-8-4

(five, eight, four)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 3, 6, 14, 17, 35 and 41.

There were 109 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,435. There were 6,171 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $91. And there were 105,040 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be $10 million.