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Lorber gives go-ahead for site preparation

Grimmett Brothers will begin work Monday, weather permitting

Lorber Industries has authorized a Snyder contractor to begin site prepartion for its proposed textile plant in SnTx Park I.

Monday, weather permitting, Grimmett Brothers Inc., will have equipment at the site for dirt work.

Lorber, from home offices in Los Angeles, Thursday gave Grimmett the green light to proceed. When the initial dirt work is complete, a survey crew will set stakes for location of the building that will house Lorber's spinning and weaving mill.

Arnold Lorber, founder of the company which is the largest textile manufacturer on the West Coast, told DCOS officials that he hopes to have a groundbreaking ceremony in Snyder within the near future.

Lorber said company officials are working on a time-line for construction, hoping that actual textile production can begin in the fourth quarter of the year.

Lorber has already authorized the purchase of 1997 crop cotton for use in the Snyder facility.

Lorber announced in September, 1995, that it planned to locate a new plant in the 313-acre industrial park. A formal agreement with DCOS was finalized in late September, calling for construction to begin in January, 1997 in anticipation of initially creating 138 jobs.

DCOS last December conveyed two tracts, totaling 41.6 acres, in the industrial park to Lorber Industries of Texas.

Lorber, in his 1995 public announcement at the Snyder airport, said he envisioned a campus of up to six plants that could employ a total of 500 persons.

Since that time, Lorber has indicated to DCOS officials that he wants the Snyder operation to be vertically-integrated in order to be competitive on a global scale. That could eventually include knitting, dying and bleaching processes.

Lorber's investment in the spinning plant, employing 76 people with an estimated payroll of $1.75 million, is pegged at $18 million.

Lorber has since indicated that he will also start with a weaving plant, employing another 72 persons with a payroll of $1.5 million and a similar capital investment.

Lorber has indicated that it will use 50,000 bales of West Texas-grown cotton that will be processed into 23,750,000 pounds of yarn. About half would be utilized as sales yarn and approximately half would be used in Lorber's SnTx I weaving plant.

Currently, yarn used by Lorber is purchased from East Coast suppliers. A major attraction of the Texas operation would be savings in raw materials and transportation.

In addition to the availability of cotton locally, Lorber was attracted to the area because of reliability and lower cost of electrical power.

The community has committed $8.4 million to development of the industrial park infrastructure. Financing includes $1.5 million in revenue bonds along with three grants totaling $2.37 million.

DCOS President Roy Baze said, "Arnold Lorber has been unwavering in his commitment to the Snyder project. DCOS has been working closely with this company for more than a year, and has found them to be of the highest quality and integrity. Lorber will be an asset to our entire area."

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College students head back to class

Registration for the spring semester at Western Texas College will be held Monday and Tuesday. Classes begin Wednesday.

Sophomore students are scheduled to register Monday afternoon. Those with surnames beginning P through Z will register from 1-2 p.m. Surnames G through O will register from 2-3 o'clock and surnames A-F will register from 3-4.

Evening registration will be held from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Monday. It will be the only period for evening registration. Otherwise, all evening students will have to register during day hours from 9-11 a.m. or 2-4 p.m.

Freshman students with surnames beginning P through Z may begin registering at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Surnames G through O will register and 9:30, and students with surnames beginning A through F will register at 10:30.

There will also be a registration period from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, open to all students.

The registration process begins in the admissions office, located at the south entrance of the Learning Resource Center.

For students who have not previously taken classes at WTC, placement testing is required if ACT or SAT scores are not available.

Placement testing will be given at 8:30 a.m. Monday and 9 a.m. Tuesday at the counseling office. A $10 fee is required.

The last day to register, change schedules or add courses is Jan. 21.

Two holidays are scheduled during the spring semester, plus spring break. Classes will dismiss Feb. 17 for President's Day and March 28 for Good Friday. Classes will dismiss for spring break on Friday, March 7, and will resume Monday, March 17.



FIRST COURT MEETING — Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer looks over the agenda for Monday's commissioners court meeting with Torrie Key, secretary for the county judge. It will be Limmer's first meeting after being elected to the post in November. (SDN Staff Photo)

County livestock show opens Thursday in annex

Scurry County Junior Livestock Show opens Thursday at the coliseum and runs through Saturday with crowning of the queen and the auction.

Snyder FFA, Hermleigh FFA, Ira FFA and Scurry County 4-H members all have animals entered in the show, which will be held at the coliseum's ag-complex. Activities at the three-day show are free to the public.

Queen finalists are to be announced Wednesday evening, prior to the weigh-in of the animals. Candidates compete by selling tickets for a chance at a $200 gift certificate from Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters.

The stock show will open Thursday with the hog show to begin at 5 p.m. The steer show will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, followed immediately with the lamb show. Judges are Kenny Strube, hogs; Gary Jennings, lambs; and Chris Skaggs, steers. Classifiers are Russell Kott, lambs; and Greg Jones, steers.

The meal for the buyers will be held at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, with the auction to begin at 1 p.m.

Just prior to the auction will be the crowning of the 1997 queen. Performing the crowning will be Monica Roberson, the 1996 queen. She is a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School and a student at WTC. She is the daughter of Jim Bob and Penny Roberson.



Monica Roberson

Bids await county court

Two items of old business and two items of new business await Scurry County Commissioners Court when it meets Monday at 10:30 a.m.

New business items are a request for bids for a chip spreader and bulk fuel and oil.

The court will also consider appointing members to various county boards and bids for seal-coating rock.

Among the board places to be filled are Tim Riggan's on the Board of County Development and Weldon Key's on the airport board. The terms of Jim Rosson and Glenda Hollingsworth are expiring on the child welfare board while the terms of Joyce Fuqua, Mrs. M.J. Merritt and Douglas Flynn expire on the library board. Clarence Payne's term on the veteran's land board has also expired.

Previously, the commissioners had appointed E.D. Walton and Dr. Mark Weaver to the Cogdell Hospital board of managers. These two join remaining board members Jimmy McMillan, Stanley Martin, J.B. Tate Jr. and Jim Bob Cave.

The court also appointed Kathy Hall to the county welfare board and Penny Perry to the Scurry County library board.

Three receive jail terms

Three persons will serve sentences in a Texas state jail as a result of guilty pleas entered Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Darla Gaylene Traylor, 38, of 1914 Coleman, Apt. 4, will serve two years in a state jail after her five-year probation for an Aug. 11, 1996 forgery was revoked by District Judge Ernie Armstrong.

Traylor also pleaded guilty to two other counts of forgery, one on Oct. 10 and one on Dec. 27. On the last two counts, Traylor was given a pair of two-year terms in state jail, probated for five years. She was also ordered to pay a $500 fine and make restitution totaling $1,831.

Lisa Jane Brown pleaded guilty to a Dec. 2 offense of forgery and was ordered to serve one year in a state jail facility. Brown, 36, of 1300 26th, was also ordered to pay $1,998 in restitution.

Garry Mark Rhodes, 39, of 3732 N. Hwy 208, pleaded guilty to felony theft of a rifle and will

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A filing cabinet is a device used for losing things alphabetically."

It's such good news that you may even catch some of the skeptics actually smiling.

Lorber Industries, by agreement signed in late 1955, is to begin construction of its new plant this month. The announcement in 1995 of a new textile industry in Scurry County was met with wide celebration.

The time lag between announcement and actual construction was always anticipated and necessitated by a variety of factors. First, the industrial park had to be made ready. The park's progress is now sufficient to accommodate construction by a tenant.

Lorber needed time for planning, for plant design and to order necessary equipment.

Things are picking up. The DCOS has conveyed land, Grimmett Brothers Construction has now been authorized to begin site preparation and a surveyor has been engaged so that construction stakes can be set.

Arnold Lorber has indicated that he soon wants to come to Snyder for a groundbreaking ceremony, and the company is already looking to purchase 1997 West Texas cotton.

The bottom line is that a plant could be up and running before year's end. That means jobs — and that is what economic development is all about.

Last fall, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice announced that it would add 50,000 square feet to the existing warehouse. The TDCJ board on Friday formally authorized construction — not for 50,000 feet, but for 60,000 square feet. The new regional distribution center will almost double the size of the existing warehouse.

That, too, will mean additional jobs in Snyder. It also means that the Windham School regional staff — some 13 employees — will be looking to relocate.

TDCJ officials have assured us that the office will remain in Snyder. That also is positive news. Keeping jobs is just as important as getting new ones.

There's another economic indicator that you may have overlooked. For the first time since the early 1980s, every building on the square, with one exception, is occupied.

Even the most pessimistic will have to admit that things are looking up in Scurry County. Just think what a little rain and some runoff into Lake Thomas would do to lift spirits locally.

ASK US

Q—Is there a criminal penalty for illegally dumping trash?

A—Yes. Offenses range from Class C to Class A misdemeanors, depending on how much trash is dumped. Fifteen pounds is Class C, while 500 pounds is a Class A offense.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 33 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Saturday, 20; no precipitation; total for 1997, .40 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy, cold, light snow possible. Low around 10. N-NE wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, cloudy, few flurries possible. High near 20. N-NE wind 5-15 mph.



Gabrielle Ivey
Snow Flurries Possible

Sunset: 6 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.

Of 10 days in 1997, the sun has shone 9 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

One does evil enough when one does nothing good.

- German Proverb

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Rape allegation against two Cowboys untrue

DALLAS (AP) — Police ended their investigation into Dallas Cowboys stars Erik Williams and Michael Irvin, saying a woman's claim that Williams raped her while Irvin held a gun to her head was false.

The players' lawyers and television and radio reports said the woman recanted the allegation and said it was a hoax, but police would not comment on those reports or discuss details of the case.

"We've determined conclusively that the allegations are not true and that a sexual assault did not take place," police spokesman Ed Spencer said Friday. "We also determined that Michael Irvin was not present at any time."

Spencer said the 23-year-old woman could be charged with filing a false report.

Irvin, met by camera crews as he left the Cowboys Sports Cafe late Friday, told them to report the announcement with the same fervor with which they reported the accusation.

"Rerun it, rewrite it, reprint it," he said. " Just like you did, with the same intensity that you did — the same intensity. Don't lose the intensity. Don't lose the intensity."

Williams' attorney, Peter Ginsberg, said the woman had recanted the allegations after police presented her with evidence there was no sexual attack and Irvin was not present. He said Williams was relieved and angry.

Irvin is on probation after pleading no contest in July to cocaine possession charges. At his sentencing, the judge threatened to put him in prison for 20 years if he violated parole. The NFL also suspended Irvin for the season's first five games.

The woman, a former topless dancer who recently worked at a mall cosmetics counter, told police Williams and an unidentified man raped her on Dec. 29 at Williams' house while Irvin videotaped and held a gun to her head.

Irvin and Williams strongly denied the accusation soon after it was announced by police at a news conference, and Irvin said he had not visited Williams' house in 1½ years.

"I think the police have had sufficient evidence for days to conclude that Irvin was not at Erik's house, that there was no drug abuse and no sexual attack," Ginsberg said. "Under the weight of that evidence, the complainant finally recanted."

Irvin's lawyer, Royce West, said the All-Pro wide receiver's reputation had been damaged "not only nationwide, but internationally."

Defense attorneys said the exact motive for the woman's allegations of rape remain for police to investigate. They said the players must decide whether to pursue civil action against the woman.

Irvin, 30, is a flashy wide receiver who was a member of the 1996 Pro Bowl roster. Williams, 28, is an offensive lineman selected last month for the 1997 Pro Bowl game.

According to the woman's complaint, the woman had said Irvin hugged her from behind and said "something to the effect that 'I need to show you something.'"

He then brandished a small, black semi-automatic pistol, pointed it at her head and told her to be a "good girl," the police affidavit states.

She said Williams videotaped her being raped by the unknown man, then Irvin videotaped Williams assaulting her.

The woman, who had been under police protection since her allegation, told police she has known Irvin for six or seven years. She said they met through Irvin's wife.

The accusations and other off-the-field troubles dogged the Cowboys, even though coach Barry Switzer said Friday he had faith in the innocence of Irvin and Williams all along.

"We knew it would come out this way because the players tell us the truth," he said.

The Cowboys, who have won three of the last four Super Bowls, lost to the Carolina Panthers last week.

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Bill would raise wages

AUSTIN (AP) — A state legislator is proposing a bill that would raise the state minimum wage to $6.50 per hour.

The measure was filed by Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, for consideration when the Legislature convenes Tuesday.

Voters in Houston are scheduled to decide next week whether to raise the minimum wage there to $6.50. In urging passage of that referendum, Bailey said Friday it would provide momentum for a statewide boost.

"Many Texas families earn less than the poverty level. We must find a way to bring families out of poverty," Bailey said. "We must find a way to move poor people off of welfare and into jobs. The minimum wage should be increased not only in Houston but across the state."

The federal minimum wage rose last fall to $4.75 an hour. It was the first of two increases that will boost it to $5.15 an hour Sept. 1.

Area students recognized at ASU

SAN ANGELO — Scurry County students attending Angelo State University were among those named on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Those listed include Kimberly Denise Bridges, a language arts major, and Michael S. Uptergrove, an animal science major, both from Hermleigh, and Patsy Nadine Sterling, an early childhood major from Ira.

From Snyder were Cela Ashby, undecided; Susan E. Bigham, applied physics; Shannon Joann Canada, computer science; Kandace Denise Gard, premedicine; Christina Gonzalez, accounting; and Sandra J. Hall, English.

Still others from Snyder were Scott A. Hall, business; Katie Jean Henson, English; Ana M. Hernandez, business; Amy Dawn James, marketing; and Charles R. Richardson, history.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Baby not Lourdes

NEW YORK (AP) — The Material Mom is making the headlines come true, instead of trying to prove them wrong.

Madonna walked on the stage of Rosie O'Donnell's daytime talk show Thursday cradling a baby in her arms. But, no, it wasn't little Lourdes making her TV debut.

"I read in the newspaper that I was coming on your show with my baby and I didn't want to disappoint people," Madonna told O'Donnell.

WTC sets co-ed step aerobics

Western Texas College has two ways to take off unwanted holiday pounds. The co-ed step aerobics class will begin Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6-7:15 p.m. in the WTC gym.

The classes will meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for the duration of the spring semester which ends May 9.

Rhonda Ward will be the instructor. The class will consist of a 5-10 minute warmup, 30-35 minutes of cardiovascular work, and about 15 minutes of cool down floor work.

Anyone can participate in this class from the beginner to the advanced exerciser.

The second way to shed some pounds is through the aqua aerobics class which will begin Tuesday, Jan. 21. Mike Harrison will be the instructor. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the WTC pool.

Anyone can participate in this class also. Both classes are designed to work the cardiovascular system and to strengthen and tone all muscle groups.

Registration will be the first night of the class. To reserve a slot, call the Community Service Office at 573-8511, ext. 342.

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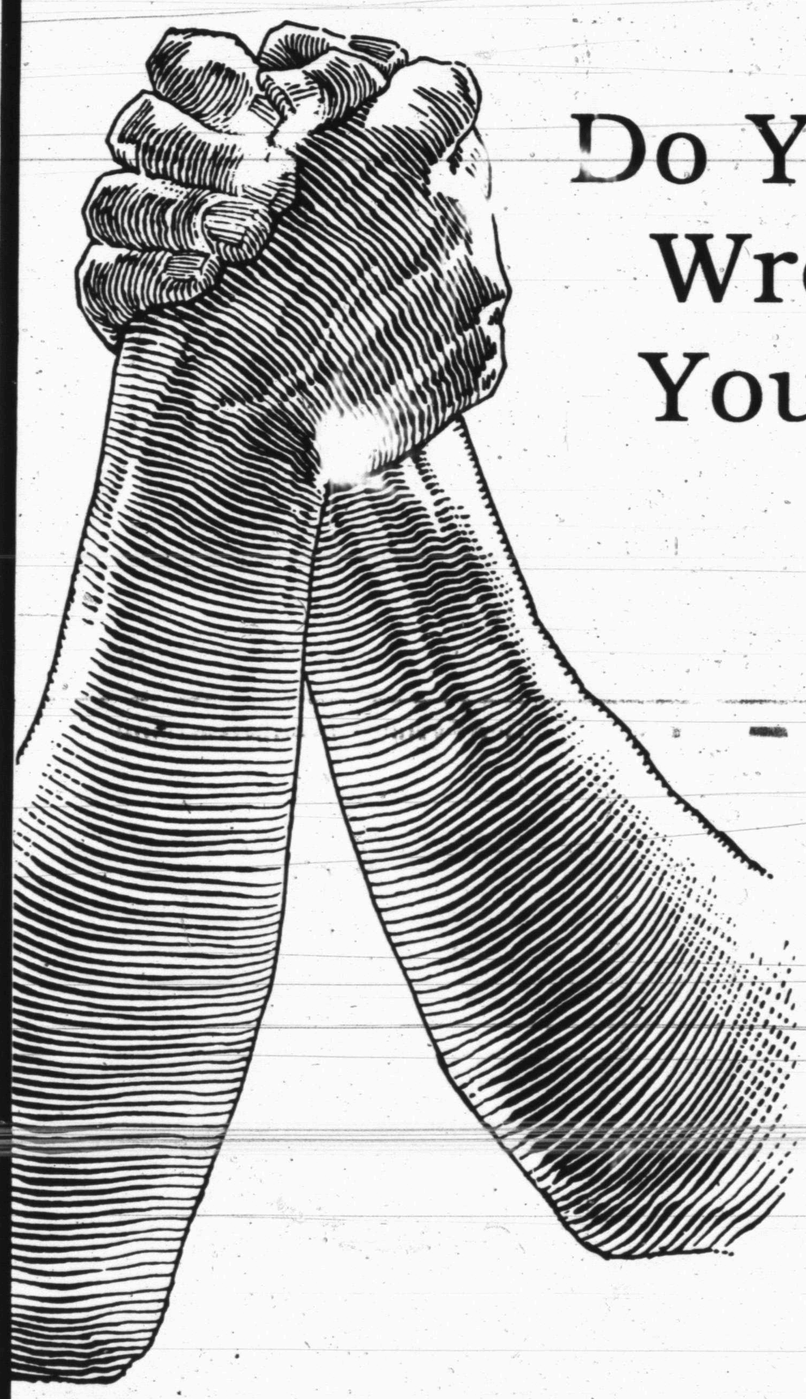
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Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

Origin of 'The Big Apple' Is Topic for Juicy Debate

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My aunt recently went to New York City and brought back a T-shirt for her 3-year-old grandson. She told him about the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building, and she also told him that New York City is called "the Big Apple." He asked why. She said she didn't know and tried looking it up, but she couldn't find the answer. She even asked professors and college students, to no avail.

Abby, can you help?

HER NIECE IN GLENDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR NIECE: I put that question to my readers in 1988. Here's a sample of the responses I received:

DEAR ABBY: The Bible tells us that the apple was forbidden fruit. (Remember, the serpent in the Garden of Eden dared Eve to eat the apple.) Well, from that time on, the apple signified temptation. And since New York City is the most tempting city in the world, the traveling men named New York City "the Big Apple."

NORMAN IN NEWARK

DEAR ABBY: I once read a story written by a man who traveled with a circus. He said, "New York was the choice spot, 'the big one,' or 'the big apple,' and that is how New York City came to be known as the Big Apple."

CORNELL THOMPSON, HOUSTON

DEAR ABBY: I saw a letter in your column asking why New York City is known as the Big Apple.

Back in the 1920s and '30s, people in the entertainment world, particularly jazz musicians, talked about making it to the top. To "play" New York City was to make the big time or the "big apple," which was the jazz term.

Today, New York City remains the No. 1 visitor destination in the world, thanks to both the New York City Convention and Visitors' Bureau's efforts and the state's own "I Love New York" statewide tourism campaign. Last year, we welcomed 17.8 million visitors to The Big Apple — over 3 million were from overseas.

So, we welcome the world — and especially you and your readers. Come and enjoy all of New York State's beauty, history, culture and unlimited recreation, from Buffalo to the Big Apple!

MARIO CUOMO, GOVERNOR

DEAR ABBY: "The Big Apple" was the name of a song that inspired a dance wherein a small group made a circle, held hands and danced to a lively beat. A gossip columnist named Walter Winchell made it popular in 1930. It took New York by storm — that is why they call New York City "the Big Apple."

A. NOLAN, ATLANTA

DEAR ABBY: New York City was named the Big Apple because during the Depression of 1929-30, all the banks closed and many people were suddenly unemployed, so they stood on the street corners and sold apples for a nickel apiece.

There were so many apple stands in New York City, they called it the Big Apple.

MRS. LEONARD COOKSON, PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: As a former resident of New York, I believe it came to be known as the Big Apple because New York grows the most varied apples of any state in the union. For example: Delicious, Rome, MacIntosh, Baldwins, Golden Delicious, Spy Greivies, Jonathon, etc. Hence the name the Big Apple.

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Strong quake hits

TOKYO (AP) — A fairly strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.3 struck northern Japan Saturday. There were no reports of damage or injuries.

The early-morning quake was centered 50 miles below the ocean floor off the eastern coast of Hokkaido Island, the Meteorological Agency said.

The agency said there was no fear of tsunami, undersea waves triggered by volcanic activity or earthquakes.

Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone nations. It sits atop four tectonic plates, the slabs of land that move across the earth's surface.

In 1789, Morocco became the first country to recognize the United States as an independent nation.

Selena's killer may be granted new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A missing box of documents could be the key to a new trial for Yolanda Saldivar, the woman convicted of killing Tejano singing star Selena almost two years ago.

Attorneys for Ms. Saldivar and Nueces County prosecutors were set to return to Houston on Monday for an evidentiary hearing requested by the 14th Court of Appeals, which is reviewing Ms. Saldivar's conviction and life prison sentence.

Ms. Saldivar, 36, fatally wounded the Grammy Award-winning singer March 31, 1995, during a confrontation at a Corpus Christi motel. She contended the .38-caliber revolver went off by accident.

At issue is the whereabouts of a box of files that belonged to Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr.

The papers were ordered withheld from evidence by State District Judge Mike Westergren, who presided over the October 1995 trial. Westergren also ordered the documents sealed as part of the court record.

But that's the last anyone apparently has seen of the files, which Westergren brought to Houston when he granted a change of venue for the murder trial, moving it from Selena's hometown of Corpus Christi to Harris County because of pretrial publicity.

The judge said he left the box with a court clerk with instructions to make them part of the trial record.

"Where we're at right now is: Who had them? Who was the last one to have them? What was in them? And if whatever was in them is applicable toward whether her trial was appropriate and sentencing appropriate," Marilee Roberts, Westergren's court manager, says. "And if they can't find them, is not having them now reason to give her a new trial?"

The appeals court says that could be the case.

"If records are lost or destroyed without appellant's fault, appellant is entitled to a new trial," the court said in a Dec. 12 order. "Exactly what documents are missing from the record and whether appellant is responsible for any loss are questions that we cannot decide without an evidentiary hearing."

Attorneys for Ms. Saldivar, who is not eligible for parole until 2025, contend the records are critical to her appeal because trial witnesses should not have been allowed to testify about their belief that Ms. Saldivar embezzled money from Selena.

Prosecutors during the trial accused Ms. Saldivar of embezzling more than $5,000.

Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez has described the situation as a "sticky mess."

"For our conviction to be jeopardized by something like this is horrible," he said.

The appeals court judges gave Westergren until Jan. 30 to make a recommendation to them regarding the missing files.

"As far as our records reflect, those files are not here," Raymond Pasado, manager of support systems for the district court clerk's office in Harris County, says. "We have made a thorough search of our records and they're not here. Never seeing the records, the box ... I don't know what it is. They just said a box."

Ms. Saldivar rose from fan club president to overseer of the singer's Selena Etc. clothing business. Selena's family, however, later claimed the former registered nurse embezzled thousands of dollars and told the woman they were going to go to police with their allegations.

Prosecutors said Ms. Saldivar deliberately shot Selena after the singer went to the motel to confront her about the embezzlement claims. Ms. Saldivar said she picked up the gun, put it to her own head and told the singer to leave the room. When Selena refused and went to close the door, Ms. Saldivar said she waved the gun and as she was gesturing the weapon discharged.

After the shooting, Ms. Saldivar held police at bay in a 9½-hour standoff outside the Days Inn motel, holding a gun to her head and wailing that she wanted to kill herself.

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Mexican currency rises again

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's currency regained strength on Friday to close slightly higher against the dollar. Traders said they expect the currency to strengthen at the start of next week.

A rebound in the Mexican Stock Exchange had helped support the peso, as did the apparent leveling-off of yields on the U.S. long bond, which encouraged investors to re-enter Mexican financial markets.

In Mexico City on 48-hour spot dollar markets, banking leader Banamex quoted the peso closing at a midrate of 7.829 per dollar, much stronger from its open of 7.872 per dollar and stronger from its close Thursday of 7.839 per dollar.

Spreads at the close were 7.824-7.834 compared with 7.834-7.844 at the close Thursday.

The peso opened sharply weaker Friday as higher U.S. 30-year Treasury bond yields, prompted by stronger-than-expected U.S. employment data, sparked fears of a rise in U.S. interest rates.

The peso also had slipped slightly on Thursday after a series of gains for the new year.

In futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, March 1997 contracts ended at 8.0906 after closing Thursday at 8.1119. June 1997 deliveries moved to 8.4746 from 8.4962. September 1997 futures moved to 8.8652 from 8.8613. And December 1997 futures moved to 9.1827 from 9.2166.

Morrow to head Windham School District for TBCF

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Board of Criminal Justice has promoted Mike Morrow to head the school system that serves Texas inmates.

Morrow, 57, succeeds superintendent Chris Tracy, who retired last fall as the chief administrator of Windham School District, the nation's only fully accredited prison school system.

Morrow is the former deputy superintendent of Windham, which is in its 27th year of accreditation by the Texas Education Agency. Some 50,000 inmates a year enroll in Windham academic classes and another 17,000 participate in the 50 vocational courses offered.

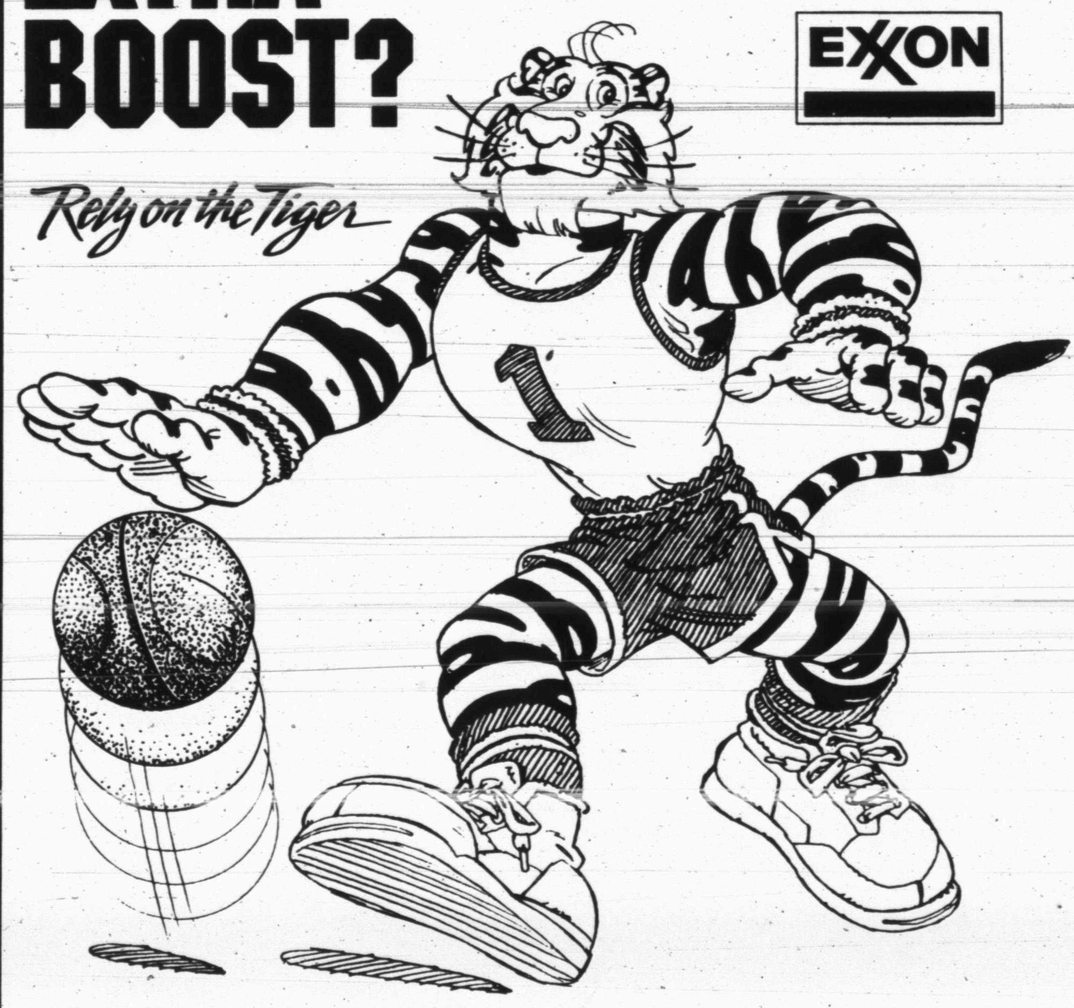
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Police continue searching for Amber's killer

ARLINGTON (AP) — The motto appears on a computer screen-saver at police headquarters: "The Amber Hagerman Task Force: In search of the facts and one low-life killer."

One year after the 9-year-old Girl Scout was dragged, screaming, off her bicycle by a man who drove a black pickup truck, investigators have scoured thousands of leads but have been unable to find her killer.

"I didn't think that this case would go that far. I thought I'd have him by now," said Sgt. Mark Simpson, who heads the task force that includes eight full-time detectives and a secretary.

"I personally believe that if we can stay with it, we'll get him."

Amber's parents still hold out hope that the murderer of their daughter — who fancied Barbie dolls, liked to sing "America the Beautiful" because it mentioned her name — will be caught.

"We're never going to give up on that," said Richard Hagerman. "That's something that the family is never going to give up on because that's what we need to bring final closure and justice for our daughter."

Detectives keep a large picture of the blue-eyed third-grader in plain view in their workroom, which also contains five bookcases of three-ring binders filled with tips and leads, a timeline of significant events in the investigation and various maps and charts.

The photograph, Simpson said, "keeps everybody focused on where we are and why we're here."

Amber was kidnapped on a sunny afternoon Jan. 13, 1996, less than 20 minutes after she arrived at her grandparents' house after spending time in the park with her mother.

She and her younger brother ventured down the street on their bicycles, with Amber riding to a parking lot between an abandoned grocery store and a laundromat. A man in the neighborhood witnessed the crime that captured the nation's attention and drew condolences from President Clinton.

Police responded quickly. Within two hours, they knew a stranger had abducted the girl.

Four days later, Amber's nude body was found floating face down in a rain-swollen creek, her throat cut. A man walking his dog outside an apartment complex about three miles north of the working-class neighborhood where Amber was last seen made the gruesome discovery.

The body was identified by way of a fingerprint card that her parents had filled out in the event of such a tragedy.

Authorities said they have pushed hard to solve the crime, following up leads of varying strength, searching data bases for recently released child-sex offenders and checking records on pickup trucks.

Detectives felt "very strongly" about five or six people, but those suspects were eliminated one by one with alibis, Simpson said.

A $75,000 reward hasn't helped.

While police remain unsatisfied in their quest to capture the killer, they acknowledge some of the difficulties involved with investigating such a heinous act.

"One of the problems with this type of crime is this is not the type of offense that someone brags about," Simpson said. "You don't go down and talk to your buddies at the bar about how you kidnapped, raped and killed a child."

Amber's parents admit frustration and lingering doubts about the investigation, and Simpson said police understand they are an "easy target" for that.

"I'm frustrated he's not caught yet, but they don't have much to go on," said Donna Whitson, who stills lives in the small two-bedroom apartment she once shared with her daughter.

A living room bookcase is filled with angels people have given in her daughter's memory. Picture after picture of the smiling, brown-haired girl line the walls and tables. A pair of tennis shoes sits by the front door as a reminder of Amber.

Her parents have harnessed some of their anger and kept themselves busy by fighting for tougher laws to protect children. Last year they attended a Rose Garden ceremony where President Clinton signed a measure establishing a national registry to keep track of convicted sex offenders.

This spring they hope to present Gov. George W. Bush with 100,000 signatures on petitions calling for stronger and stricter laws for such criminals.

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Financial Focus

Did you know that half the people in the world have never snapped a photo? Or that 93 percent of the world does not have a Visa card? While the average person in the United States drinks 310 Cokes a year, the average citizen of most other countries only drinks 35.

These examples show the tremendous opportunity for overseas growth. Yet, U.S. investors have barely tapped these markets. In fact, the Federal Reserve Flow of Funds shows that 95.7 of Americans' equity investments are in the United States. Only 4.3 percent are outside our country.

However a recent report by Capital Research and Management Company, the largest manager of non-U.S. assets, showed that the highest growth potential is overseas. Here are the average annual growth rates (1991-1995) of 10 of the largest industrial nations, based on International Monetary Fund estimates.

China	11.4%	Hong Kong	5.5%
Malaysia	8.5%	Australia	2.6%
Thailand	8.4%	Brazil	2.3%
Singapore	8.4%	United States	2.3%
South Korea	7.5%	Japan	1.1%

Many companies in these foreign countries have operations in the United States. For example, the 10 largest banks, eight of the 10 largest electronics firms and five of the 10 largest broadcasting companies in the United States are based overseas.

Does this mean that investors should abandon U.S. investments? No. But it does indicate that global diversification can offer opportunity and reduce the impact of volatility in your investments.

According to the Morgan Stanley Capital International Index, over the past 20 years, the least volatile stock portfolio would have been 70 percent American and 30 percent foreign. Such a mix also would have provided a better return (14.5 percent) than a portfolio of only U.S. stocks (14.25 percent).

While foreign stocks may offer more growth potential, they also offer risks that don't come with domestic stocks. Fluctuations in exchange rates, political instability, different security regulations and periods of illiquidity are a sample of the challenges of global investing.

Additionally, about three-quarters of the world's stocks aren't traded in U.S. markets. So, how do you invest outside of the United States?

One of the most simple - and probably one of the safest - ways to buy foreign investments is through carefully selected global mutual funds. Most fund groups offer global or international funds. Like other categories of mutual funds, global funds are identified by investment objective and risk. Before you invest, study the management groups, and select the one with the most expertise in global investing. This means learning facts such as how long the groups invested internationally, where it obtains its research, where its research team is located, what its long-term performance is with foreign investments, and more.

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Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997

A number of small financial opportunities in the year ahead could make it possible for you to accumulate an impressive surplus. What you acquire will be built one block at a time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your most appealing qualities will be very evident to your companions today. They will be especially appreciated by members of the opposite sex. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Luck will be on your side today, but you might not be aware of it. Just keep on going, and everything will work out in the end.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) When conversing with friends today, you might pick up a good idea that can be filed away for future reference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In an arrangement that is important to your career it will be imperative to assume a more assertive role. Do not let associates push you around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you could hear some good news that will come from a distant place and from a person who has looked out for your interests in the past.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make yourself available today if a family member needs your help to sort out a complicated issue. You will feel fulfilled if you help someone you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If it seems as though your love life has been moving slowly lately, Cupid might intervene today. You will both appreciate his input.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, try to allocate some time for a project you think of as more fun than work. It will help you to express your creativity and stimulate new ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your cheerful outlook will not only make you feel better, it will also raise your companions' spirits. Today, the optimists will be the winners.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you will be more fortunate than usual in arrangements you have with relatives or in-laws. They will give now, your turn will come later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to persuade others to do what you want today, use a soft-sell approach instead of being assertive. A whisper will be heard louder than a scream.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You ability to accumulate material wealth will be enhanced at this time. Luck and logic will be the two things that will put you in the winner's circle.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 13, 1997

The year ahead will not be full of run-of-the-mill events. New interests and new social involvements will lead you in more exciting directions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might have something cooking on several burners simultaneously, but you will handle all of your endeavors with aplomb. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Large and small opportunities might develop for you today at the same time in several areas. The overload might frighten others, but not you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not be surprised if you hear from several long-lost friends today. Interesting developments are indicated because others will be thinking about you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Everything will work out for the best today. You will be acknowledged by people you've helped in the past. Remember to make good on your promises as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something interesting and unusual might develop through friends today, and they will be eager to contact you. If you go out, leave word where you can be reached.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Significant changes could be in store for you today at work. Starting today, benefits usually earmarked for others might be showered on you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Do not discard the bright ideas that pop into your head today, even if they seem far-out. Discuss them with people who can evaluate them better than you can.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your business acumen could be stronger than usual today. Keep your eyes open for opportunities others might overlook or ignore.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Several obstacles that have thwarted your progress might be removed today. You can achieve an important objective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something that has annoyed you could actually be a big opportunity in disguise. Today, your ability to notice things might be sharper.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Whatever you do today is likely to receive favorable attention from others. You might not seek the spotlight, but it will shine on you anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Situations will have a way of working out to your advantage today, especially if they are of a financial nature. Remain hopeful and positive.

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Date Book

Jan. 11, 1997

Today is the 11th day of 1997 and the 22nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo from Hawaii to the West Coast of the United States.

On this day in 1964, the U.S. Surgeon General first declared that smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

On this day in 1989, President Ronald Reagan made his final national address from the Oval Office.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexander Hamilton (1775-1804), U.S. statesman; William James (1842-1910), psychologist-philosopher; Alice Paul (1885-1977), feminist-lawyer; Alan Paton (1903-1988), novelist; Grant Tinker (1926-), broadcast executive, is 71; Rod Taylor (1929-), actor, is 68; Ben Crenshaw (1952-), golfer, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, Billy Martin was hired to manage the New York Yankees for the third time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The concrete man has but one interest — to be right. That to him is the art of all arts, and all means are fair which help him to it." — William James

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, Southern California was lashed with Santa Ana winds that gusted up to 100 mph.

SOURCE: 1997 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 9) and first quarter (Jan. 15).

Jan. 12, 1997

Today is the 12th day of 1997 and the 23rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1932, Hattie Caraway of Arkansas became the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate.

On this day in 1966, "Batman" premiered on television.

On this day in 1971, "All in the Family" premiered on television.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edmund Burke (1729-1797), political writer-statesman; John Hancock (1737-1793), American Revolutionary leader; John Singer Sargent (1856-1924), painter; Jack London (1876-1916), writer; Tex Ritter (1907-1974), singer-songwriter; Joe Frazier (1944-), boxing great, is 53; Rush Limbaugh (1951-), talk-show host, is 46; Howard Stern (1954-), radio personality, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1975, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Minnesota Vikings 16-6 in Super Bowl IX.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is, however, a limit at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue." — Edmund Burke

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, 33 seamen died when their cargo ship sank in 60-foot seas 250 miles southeast of Newfoundland.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 9) and first quarter (Jan. 15).

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Does crooked judge prevent fair trial?

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Illinois death row inmate whose murder trial was presided over by a crooked state judge won a Supreme Court hearing Friday.

The court said it will decide whether William Bracy, convicted of three 1980 shooting deaths in Chicago, should get another chance to prove he was denied a trial before an impartial judge.

The court will hear arguments in Bracy's case in April, and a decision is likely by July.

Bracy, who was convicted along with Roger Collins of the killings, contends he was denied a fair trial before Thomas Maloney, a former Cook County judge who in 1993 was convicted of racketeering.

Collins also was sentenced to death.

Prosecutors said Maloney took bribes to fix cases before him, including two murder trials that ended in acquittals.

Maloney was sentenced to 15 years and nine months in prison and fined $200,000.

After learning about Maloney's corruption, Bracy turned to the federal courts for help.

In other Supreme Court action Friday, the justices:

—Voted to use a Minnesota dairy farmer's lawsuit over an allegedly defective feed silo to clarify the deadline for suing under a federal racketeering law.

—Agreed in the case of a Wisconsin man who killed two people and wounded a third in a 1988 shooting spree to clarify a new federal law that curtails criminal appeals.

At issue is whether the federal Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted last May, retroactively ended many inmates' right to challenge their state court convictions in federal court.

In the case of the corrupt judge, Bracy's lawyers contended that Maloney came down hard on criminal defendants in cases in which he was not bribed so he could avoid suspicion.

A federal trial judge rejected Bracy's appeal, and a federal appeals court voted 2-1 last April to uphold the conviction.

The appeals court said that evidence of the two men's guilt was compelling and that there was there was no proof of wrongdoing on Maloney's part in their case.

"The fact that Maloney had an incentive to favor the prosecution in cases in which he was not bribed does not mean that he did favor the prosecution in such cases more than he would have anyway," the appeals court ruled.

In a strongly worded dissent, Judge Ilana Diamond Rovner said, "No right is more fundamental to the notion of a fair trial than the right to an impartial jury. ... Illinois placed the fate of William Bracy and Roger Collins in the hands of a racketeer."

South Carolina will prosecute doctors for late-term abortions

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina will be the first state in the nation to bring homicide charges against doctors who perform some late-term abortions, according to the state attorney general.

Republican Charlie Condon, relying on the state Supreme Court's ruling in July that a viable fetus is a person, said doctors could face up to life in prison for performing "partial-birth" abortions.

"I am placing the physicians of South Carolina on notice," Condon said. "This office will not stand idly by and tolerate this form of infanticide."

A similar attempt to make partial-birth abortions a felony in Ohio was blocked by a federal judge.

Doctors, abortion rights supporters and civil rights groups quickly said Condon was interfering with a doctor's medical judgment. The state American Civil Liberties Union chapter said he was violating women's constitutional rights under the Roe v. Wade decision.

Abortion opponents, however, said he was taking a step toward ending medical abuses.

"We want this to go further," said Holly Gatling, executive director of South Carolina Citizens for Life. The group has endorsed legislation banning all partial-birth abortions.

Obstetrician Janice Bacon at the University of South Carolina said she does not know of any partial-birth abortions in the 12 years she has practiced in South Carolina.

State health officials said there were 20 abortions after the 21st week of gestation in 1995, the last year figures were available, but no breakdown was available for how many were partial-birth.

The procedure involves the partial delivery of a fetus through the birth canal before the doctor kills it.

Condon said he would only prosecute if the fetus were viable, usually between the 24th and 28th week.

In July, the state Supreme Court ruled 3-2 that a viable fetus is a person, upholding a conviction of child abuse against a woman whose child was born with cocaine in its blood.

Gov. David Beasley, a vocal opponent of abortion, said through a spokesman that he supports Condon's effort but is unsure whether the court ruling opens the way to prosecute doctors.

Liens targeted

AUSTIN (AP) — False court judgments and liens filed by the Republic of Texas organization are the target of a bill filed by Rep. Will Hartnett, R-Dallas.

Under Hartnett's bill, filed Friday, the distribution, use and filing of fraudulent court papers would be a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a $4,000 fine and a year in jail.

Hartnett said his bill is in response to the filing of fake judgment liens by the Republic of Texas organization against Gov. George W. Bush and numerous other officials and government entities.

Baker against naming highway

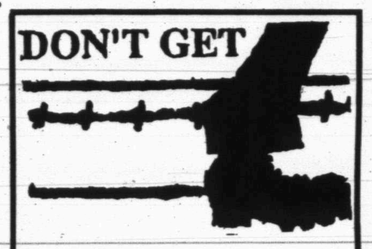
TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A proposal to honor former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker by naming a stretch of highway for her has a pretty persuasive opponent — Mrs. Baker.

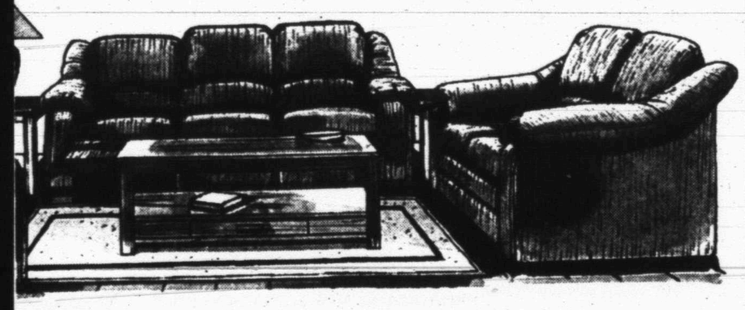
"Oh, goodness. Absolutely not — no," she said Friday.

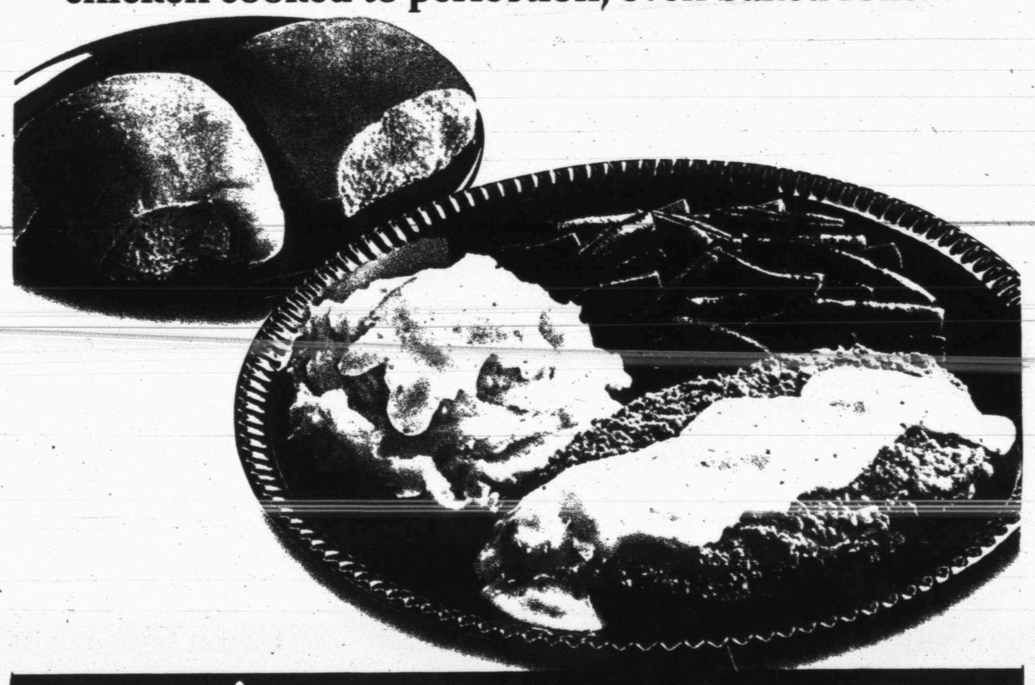
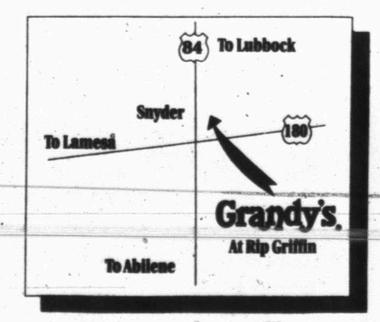
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SPORTS

Rockets rip 76ers, 120-99

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — It took the usually talkative Charles Barkley only one sentence to dismiss his old team.

"We beat them really bad and it was quick," Barkley said Friday night after grabbing 25 rebounds as the Houston Rockets dominated the hapless Philadelphia 76ers 120-99.

It's easy to understand why Barkley didn't want to waste any time on the 76ers. The Western Conference-leading Rockets were looking forward to playing the Eastern Conference-leading Chicago Bulls tonight.

"Now we can think about the best team in the East versus the best team in the West," Clyde Drexler said after he scored 31 points in 29 minutes against the 76ers.

"I think people are curious to see the Rockets play the Bulls," said Hakeem Olajuwon, who chipped in 26 points.

They certainly aren't real eager to see the Rockets play the 76ers, who have lost eight straight and 18 of 19.

It was a mismatch even before Derrick Coleman, the 76ers best rebounder and third-leading scorer, was sidelined after cutting his left pinky finger Wednesday night.

With Coleman unable to provide low-post defense or offense, the 76ers were no match for the Rockets' starring trio of Barkley, Oljauwon and Drexler. They combined for 75 points

But Philadelphia did make it interesting — for awhile. Maybe it was because the Rockets were thinking ahead to Chicago, but the 76ers led 34-29 on a dunk by Clarence Weatherspoon with 9:19 left in the first half.

"Philadelphia played very well at the start," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "It was a dangerous situation. They had nothing to lose. Fortunately, we started hitting our shots, especially from the outside."

Three-pointers by Drexler and Barkley started a 15-0 run that ended with a 3 by Matt Maloney and it put the Rockets ahead 50-39 with 2:57 left in the half.

Philadelphia rallied with five straight points, but Houston answered by outscoring the 76ers 11-2 to take a 61-46 halftime lead. Drexler hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

From there, it was mostly garbage time for the Rockets, who rested their starters for almost all of the fourth quarter.

"We got beat by a very good Houston team," 76ers coach Johnny Davis said. "They shoot the ball well and play extremely good defense. They don't let you back in the game once you're out of it."

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
NewYork	25	9	.735	—
Miami	25	10	.714	½
Washington	18	15	.545	6½
Orlando	12	18	.400	11
NewJersey	9	22	.290	14½
Boston	8	24	.250	16
Philadelphia	8	26	.235	17

Central Division

Chicago	30	4	.882	—
Detroit	25	8	.758	4½
Cleveland	21	12	.636	8½
Atlanta	20	11	.645	8½
Charlotte	18	16	.529	12
Milwaukee	17	17	.500	13
Indiana	16	16	.500	13
Toronto	11	22	.333	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	27	8	.771	—
Utah	23	11	.676	3½
Minnesota	15	19	.441	11½
Dallas	11	20	.355	14
SanAntonio	9	24	.273	17
Denver	9	25	.265	17½
Vancouver	7	28	.200	20

Pacific Division

L.A.Lakers	27	10	.730	—
Seattle	25	11	.694	1½
Portland	19	16	.543	7
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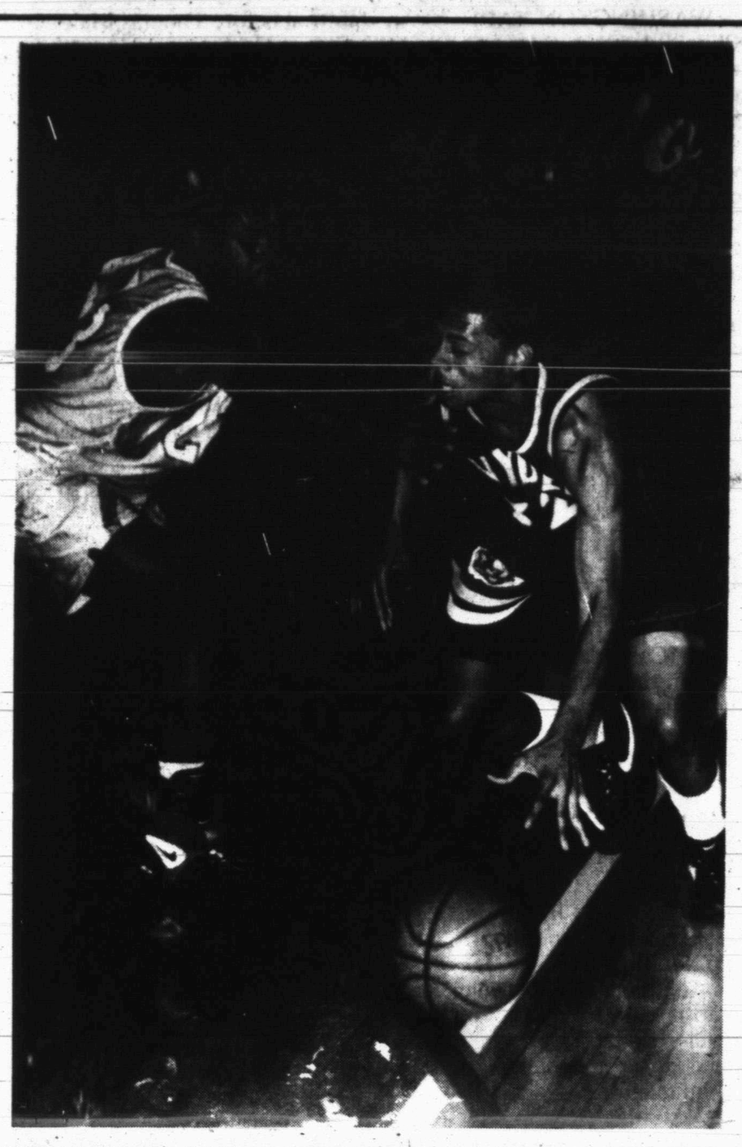
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Minnesota 110, New Jersey 107
Atlanta 97, Orlando 92, OT
Golden State 102, Vancouver 86

Friday's Games
New York 111, Boston 98
Houston 120, Philadelphia 99
Washington 102, L.A. Clippers 98
Detroit 84, San Antonio 78
Chicago 116, Milwaukee 101
Indiana 108, Denver 89
Phoenix 102, Charlotte 90
L.A. Lakers 94, Miami 85

Saturday's Games
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New York, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sacramento at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
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Golden State at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

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Sat., Jan. 11, 1997
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.



DRIVING THE LANE—Chris Riggins (32) drives past an Estacado defender in a district 2-4A game Friday. Riggins posted 17 points in the Snyder loss. Snyder falls to 1-1 in loop play and hosts Plainview Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

SDN Sports Week

Monday
WTC Lady Westerners at Midland College, 6 p.m.
SHS Freshman girls at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Snyder 7th, 8th A&B girls at Big Spring, 5 and 6 p.m.
Snyder 7th, 8th A&B boys vs. Big Spring, 5 and 6:15 p.m.
Snyder Freshman boys A&B vs. Big Spring, 6 and 7 p.m.
Ira Junior High boys and girls vs. Westbrook, 6 p.m.
Hermleigh Junior High boys and girls at Blackwell, 6 p.m.

Tuesday
SHS Lady Tigers vs. Plainview, 6 p.m. SHS Gym; JV at 5 p.m. in SHS Gym.
SHS Tigers vs. Plainview, 8 p.m. SHS Gym; JV at 5 p.m. in junior high gym.
Ira boys and girls varsity at Hermleigh, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
Snyder 7th, 8th girls host Snyder Tournament.
Snyder 7th, 8th boys at Big Spring Tournament.
Hermleigh boys and girls junior high at Highland Tournament.

Friday
SHS Lady Tigers at Lamesa, 6:30 p.m; JV at 5 p.m.
SHS Tigers at Lamesa, 8 p.m.; JV at 5 p.m.
Hermleigh junior high boys and girls at Highland Tournament.
Snyder 7th, 8th boys at Big Spring Tournament.
SHS Freshman boys at Sweetwater Tournament.
Snyder 7th, 8th girls host Snyder Tournament.

Saturday
Snyder 7th, 8th girls host Snyder Tournament.
SHS Freshman girls host Abilene High, 11 a.m.
SHS Freshman boys at Sweetwater Tournament.

Plainview next...

Mats outrace Tigers, 65-53

LUBBOCK — The Snyder Tigers went to battle with their guns loaded, but there just weren't enough sharpshooters.

Estacado relied on its depth and took advantage of Snyder's thin ranks as the Mats took a 65-53 victory over the Tigers Friday in District 2-4A action.

"I'm extremely proud of our guys," said Coach Bud Birks. "We were short-handed and our guys played their tails off. They got after them and played really hard."

Key personnel missing has plagued the Tigers all season, despite a respectable 15-9 record and a 1-1 conference mark.

Missing from the ranks Friday night were point-guard Alvin Fabre and 6-3 post Matthew Fambro. Fabre was on a trip with his family and Fambro, a college grid prospect, was on a recruiting trip. Another point guard, Jeremiah Johnson, is back from injuries, but not at full speed. Birks brought two players, Justin McNair and Ian Hobbs, up from the junior varsity.

Estacado's pressing defense and fast-break offense took its toll on the Tigers, but the Tigers also experienced cold shooting in the first half, hitting only seven of 26 field goal attempts. It was not a matter of forced or bad shots, but rather shots not falling.

The Tigers trailed 11-6 at the end of the first quarter and were down 27-20 at intermission. At that point, it looked like the contest might be over.

However, the Tigers rallied in the third period, Two inside baskets by Jimmy Taylor and one by Chris Riggins pulled the Tigers within five with 6:08 remaining. Taylor got another bucket, Riggins hit a pair of free throws and Snyder had narrowed the score to 33-31 with 4:51 left. With 4:15 to go in the third period, the Mats' Jessie Johnson drove the lane for two points, but was called for a technical. Rick Henderson sank both charity shots and again the Tigers trailed by only two.

Taylor hit one free shot, Riggins responded with a bucket and Henderson hit a jump shot to bring the Tigers within one, 40-39, with 2:29 remaining.

In the third period, Henderson's tip-in was the only other Snyder score, but Estacado rolled off eight points to enjoy a 48-41 edge going into the final eight minutes.

Snyder's 21-point effort in the third period came on 10 of 15 field goal attempts. But in the final stanza, the Tigers were only three of 14 from the floor, including a pair of treys from Ramsey Castillo.

Henderson finished the night as the game's top scorer, hitting seven field goals and seven charity tosses for 21 points.

Riggins was also in double figures with 17 points. Taylor, who fouled out, got 6 points along with Castillo. Johnson added 1.

Twelve players got on the boards for Estacado, led by Charles Woodruff, who racked up 16 points. Antwain Gant, who had two three-pointers, and Chris Sheperd, who had one trey, each finished the night with 9 points.

Estacado now has a 11-12 season record and the Matadors are just like the Tigers, 1-1 in loop play.

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, the Tigers will host Plainview in another District 2-4A contest. The junior varsity plays at 5 p.m. Friday night, Plainview defeated Lamesa 69-58 in overtime. In other league action Friday, Levelland topped Frenship, 53-41.

Estacado won the junior varsity contest, 65-38. Cory Mandrell led the scoring with 11 points and Jake Hodges put in 9. Jeff Knowles hit for 8 while Brady Cobb put in 5 and Sam Bedell 3. Tyler Warren added 2.

Frosh still undefeated

The undefeated Snyder High School freshmen racked up their 13th victory of the season Friday in the Big Spring Freshmen Tournament.

The Tigers led all the way in posting a 46-33 victory over Andrews. The Tigers were to play San Angelo Lake View at 1:30 Saturday. A win against Lake View would put the Tigers in the 7:30 championship game. A loss against the Chiefs would put Snyder into a 6 p.m. contest.

Sonny Cumbie led Snyder's scoring with 15 points. Jared Hester was also in double digits with 10. Paul Camp canned 8 points while Greg McAnaw, with a pair of treys, and Josh Ward each contributed 6 points. Trey Gorman added 1.

Boys basketball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Levelland	2	0	10	15
Snyder	1	1	15	9
Estacado	1	1	11	12
Plainview	10	1	11	11
Lamesa	0	2	16	6
Frenship	0	2	11	12

Friday's Results: Estacado 65, Snyder 53; Levelland 53, Frenship 41; Plainview 69, Lamesa 58 OT.

Tuesday's Games: Plainview at Snyder; Lamesa at Frenship; Estacado at Levelland.

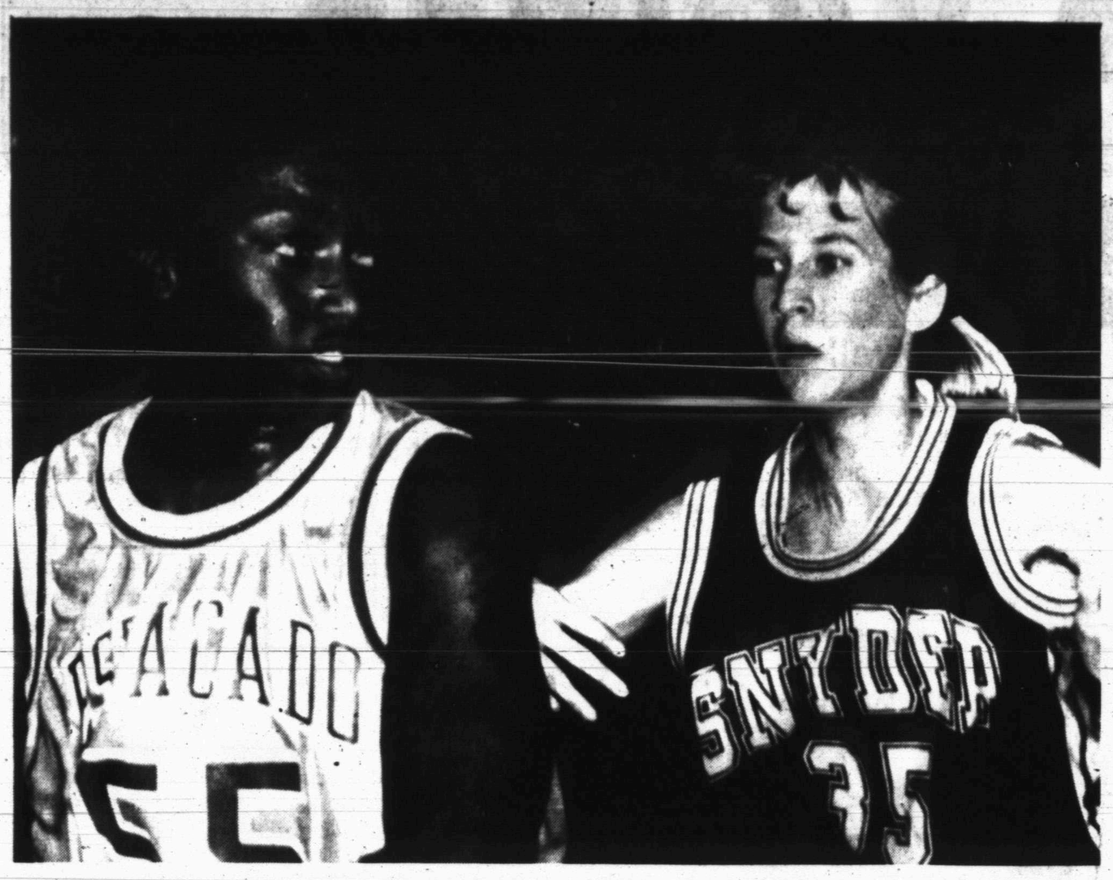
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SPORTS



INTENSE DEFENSE—Melanie Kidd (35) has a look of intensity about her as she defends Estacado's Karla Ross (55). Kidd finished with six points and four blocks in Snyder's 83-64 disrict win over the Lady Matadors. (SDN Staff Photo)

Back home Tuesday...

Snyder Tigers roll past Estacado's Lady Mats

by Jamie Sharp
SDN Sportswriter

The Lady Tigers showed no signs of slumping as they rebounded from a devastating loss to Frenship to defeat the Estacado Lady Matadors, 83-64.

"We played well and with a lot of intensity." said coach Rick Archer. "We came back from a bad loss and showed a great deal of team spirit that had been lacking for a good, long while."

The first half was a see-saw battle that saw the Lady Tigers down by only one at the half.

Estacado drew first blood, scoring the first basket of the game at the 7:34 mark. The Lady Mats applied full-court pressure early, and Snyder handled it easily when Alicia Peoples broke free inside for Snyder's first two.

Estacado's erratic passing resulted in turnover after turnover for the Tigers, and late in the first half, Haley Brown found Erica Garvin down low to give Snyder its first lead of the night.

On Snyder's next trip down court, Garvin hit a three from the corner to put Snyder up 16-11. But Estacado's LaQuinta Manahan responded at the buzzer, nailing a three to end the first quarter with Snyder up 16-14.

The second quarter belonged to Estacado as the Lady Mats found a groove with precise passing and consistent shooting.

Estacado's LaQuinta Manahan rifled a pass to Karla Ross down low to tie the game at 16 all. Snyder's Darla Blackwell answered right back, draining a three to put the Tigers on top, 23-18, at the 6:43 mark.

The Tigers attempted to slow down the Mats with full-court pressure, but the Matadors' broke it easily, draining two consecutive jumpers. Snyder's Melanie Kidd kept the Mats from tying the game when she rejected Estacado's Angelique Hernandez down low.

A foul on Peoples put the Mats at the charity stripe looking to tie the game at 27. Estacado's Laquinta Manahan stepped to the line and canned the first free throw. A miss on her second seemed to have the Tigers still ahead, but a lane violation by Peoples put Manahan back at the line. She made the Tigers pay by nailing her third attempt, tying the game at 27.

Near the end of the second, the Lady Tigers found themselves down 32-28, but in the closing seconds of the half, Garvin found herself wide open in the corner and she drained a trey at the buzzer to bring the Lady Tigers within one.

If the second period belonged to the Lady Matadors, the second half belonged to the Lady Tigers.

Peoples came out of the locker room prepared to take the Lady Mats on by herself, and she did just that. Peoples scored Snyder's first six points of the third period to put Snyder up 38-37. Estacado continued its cold shooting, missing their first four baskets.

DaQuisha Johnson ended a three minute scoring drought when she shook Brown at the top of the key and drained a 15-footer. At the 2:21 mark, Snyder's Kidd sent a message to the Matadors that she would not allow them to get back in the game. First she rejected Shante Russell down low and went coast-to-coast for an easy layup to tie the game at 45-45. Kidd continued to pick on Russell as she blocked her once again and started down court. Kidd sliced through the lane and was fouled. Kidd stepped to the line and made one out of two, putting the Tigers up 46-45. Snyder never trailed again.

In the final two minutes of the third, it was Mandy Hess who stepped up her game, stealing two and scoring five, to give the Tigers their largest lead of the game at 52-45.

In the closing seconds of the third, Estacado felt a little deja vu as once again Garvin dropped a three at the buzzer to put the Lady Tigers up 56-45

At the start of the fourth, the Tigers went straight for the jugular. The Tigers' first six field goal attempts of the fourth came from three-point range, and the Tigers made good, shooting three out of six to put them ahead 75-64.

The free throw line was also good to the Tigers as the Matadors sent the Tigers to the line eight times in the fourth. The Tigers made the Mats pay by sinking 12 out of 16 to make the final score 83-64.

The Tigers finished the night shooting a red hot 53 percent from the field and an equally impressive 67 percent from the free throw line. "This was probably the first time in a quite a while that the Snyder women have scored 83 points in a game." Archer said.

Garvin finished the night with 17 to lead the Tigers, while Darla Blackwell and Peoples each canned 12. Brooke McGuire ended with 9 and Hess drained 8. Kidd, Tiffany Garza and Jamie Burleson each contributed 6 while Leslie Daniell added 5. Shannon Hall rounded up the night with 2.

The victory brings the Tigers' season mark to 14-10, and their district tally to 2-2. The Lady Tigers will face Plainview Tuesday at 6:30 in the Snyder High School gym.

Girls basketball 2-4A Glance

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Levelland	4	0	20	12
Plainview	3	1	18	6
Snyder	2	2	14	10
Frenship	2	2	16	10
Lamesa	1	3	8	11
Estacado	0	4	2	19

Friday's Results: Snyder 83, Estacado 64; Plainview 89, Lamesa 62; Levelland 33, Frenship 31.

Tuesday's Games: Plainview at Snyder; Lamesa at Frenship; Estacado at Levelland.

Ira falls to Rule

IRA — The Ira Bulldogs dropped a pair of games to Rule Friday night in non-conference play.

Rule came from behind to defeated the Bulldogs, 46-44, holding Ira to only six points in the final period.

Richard Wilkins led Ira's scoring with 12 points while Jerek Brown and Logan Daves was also in double figures with 10 points. Jose Juarez hit for eight.

Rule won the girls game, 58-42. Terry Robinson posted 16 points while Jamee Goolsby put in 11. Brook Wilkes tossed in seven and Lisha Leatherwood managed six.

In Sunday's games...

Super Bowl casting on the line

By The Associated Press

The Super Bowl matchup will be decided Sunday when the NFC and AFC Championship games are played. The contenders are unlikely World Championship teams.

Upstart Carolina, who upset Dallas last week, meet Green Bay in the NFC title game starting at 11:30 a.m. At 3 p.m., another expansion franchise, Jacksonville takes on the New England Patriots.

How can NFL teams — at least those not in the conference title games — not envy the Jacksonville Jaguars?

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Free agents have been enticed by the outstanding facilities, the Florida weather and the Jaguars' deep pockets, helped by having a full salary cap to work with at their birth.

"You have to be really impressed with what they've done in such a short time," said New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe.

It also wasn't what the football world expected. Second-year teams — even ones so well-built and with the advantages the Jaguars and Carolina Panthers were afforded at the outset — just aren't supposed to be championship caliber.

Of course, if you say that to Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, the fire in his eyes leaps out at you.

"Certainly I saw our franchise being in the AFC Championship game, and dreamed beyond that," said Coughlin, who was an assistant under New England coach Bill Parcells with the Giants and also was head coach at Boston College before joining the Jags.

As the Carolina Panthers' plane got farther north, Kerry Collins began getting nostalgic.

"I've missed playing in this weather."

He may change his mind when he takes the field for the NFC title game against the Green Bay Packers Sunday at Lambeau Field. Forecasts are for temperatures between zero and 10 degrees with wind chills well below that.

That's not much warmer than the conditions during the "Ice Bowl" 29 years ago, when the Packers beat Dallas in the last championship game played in Green Bay.

Carolina had a taste of what was in store this week as temperatures in Charlotte dropped below freezing.

Trent wins pair from Hermleigh

TRENT — Trent posted a pair of victories Friday night over the Hermleigh boys's and girls' varsity basketball teams.

Trent defeated the Cardinals 45-34, and the Lady Cards were edged by Trent, 48-44.

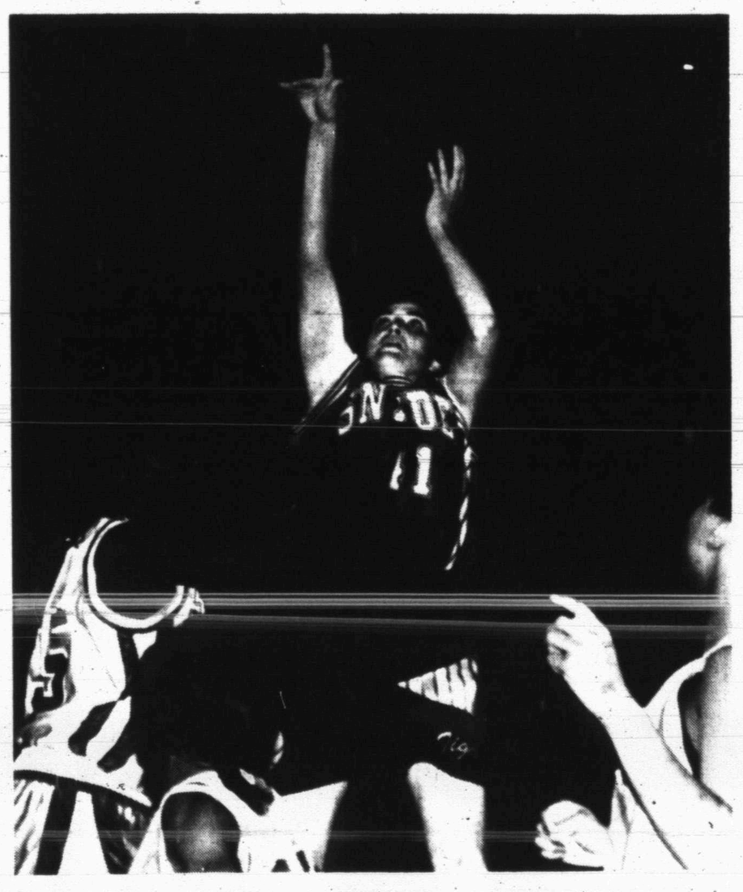
Hermleigh girs trailed by one at intermission and then were up by two going into the final period where Hermleigh could manage only eight points while Trent collected 14.

Jennifer Roemisch led the Hermleigh scoring with 19 points while Kelly Gonzalez hit for 12. Michelle Roemisch put in eight while Ester Martinez had three and Brandy Wood two.

In the boys' contest, Hermleigh's offensive output came in the second quarter when the Cards canned 16 points for a 20-17 halftime lead. However, Hermleigh could only manage 14 points in the second half while Trent ran for 28.

Larry Lambaren led the Hermleigh scoring with 14 points. Jason Hernandez put in six and Andy Luna five while T.J. Wood and Joey Garza each contributed four.

Hermleigh hosts Ira Tuesday night in games starting at 6:30 p.m.



DRAINING A JUMPER—Mandy Hess (41) drains a jumper over three Estacado defenders. Hess finished with 8 points as the Tigers improved their district record to 2-2. They face Plainview Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

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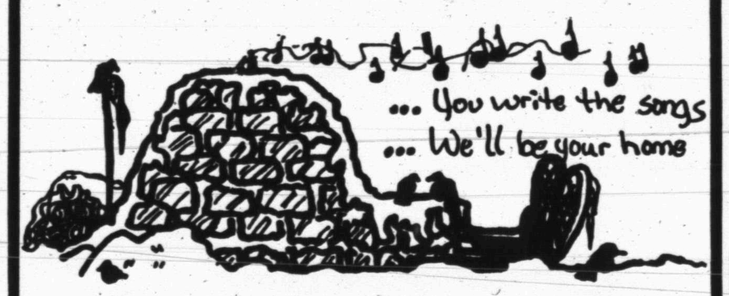
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Western Texas College offers variety of classes

Beginning, Advanced Typing

Both a beginning and an advanced typing class is offered this spring at WTC.

The beginning class (OFAD 1311 Keyboarding/Typing I) is scheduled as a TTH from 9:30-10:45 a.m. this spring at WTC.

This course will be for beginning typists or those that cannot type 35 words per minute with five or fewer errors.

This class is useful for any student that will be using the computer, noted instructor Joann Snider. She may be contacted at 573-8511, ext. 217.

The advanced class is OFAD 1312 (Keyboarding/Typing II) and is scheduled MWF from 10-10:50 a.m.

This course is designed for those who want to further their keyboarding skills and speed. Computers (WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows) and electronic typewriters will be used to complete assignments.

For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

Office Management

A class emphasizing all aspects of running an office is part of the Office Systems Technology course offerings this spring at WTC.

Listed as OFAD 2312 Office Procedures, it will meet TTH from 11:30-12:45 p.m.

Topics covered are telephone etiquette, filing rules, grammar and punctuation rules, computer maintenance, public relations, document creation and distribution, research and organization of reports, travel and conference planning, financial and legal procedures, and employment and career advancement.

Keyboarding and computer skills are necessary. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

Advanced Aquatics

Students completing an advanced aquatics class offered at WTC this spring (PHED 2255) will qualify for American Red Cross lifeguard training.

The class meets Monday and Wednesday from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Individuals will first be qualified in American Red Cross CPR, then proceed to lifeguard training.

Students must be able to swim the crawl stroke, breast stroke, side stroke and elementary back stroke.

Aqua Aerobics

An aqua aerobic classes will be taught at WTC this spring as PHED 1102, 0408. It will meet Monday and Wednesday from 1-2:15 p.m.

Instructor Mike Harrison notes the class activities can benefit flexibility, strength and circulatory endurance.

Those who find land exercises difficult, causing shin splints and knee problems, will find aqua aerobics beneficial, he said.

The pressure of the water on the body helps promote deeper ventilation of the lungs and blood circulation, Harrison noted.

Aikido

Lee Burke, chairman of the Health and Physical Education Division at WTC, is offering an Aikido class this spring from 1:30 until 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday-Thursdays.

The class is listed as PHED 1102—0416. Burke notes Aikido is "an extremely effective self defense and art form. It's taught with safety and patience and any person can enjoy the class."

For more information, contact him at 573-8511, ext. 284, or come by the gym.

Body Conditioning

A special noon hour body conditioning class is available this spring at Western Texas College.

The body conditioning class, listed as PHED 1102—0415, will meet from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. Instructor Lee Burke calls it "low level conditioning at its best." The class includes stretching and working with weights plus aerobics, which involves self-paced walking.

For more information, contact Burke at 573-8511, ext. 284.

Swimming

Beginning/Advanced Swimming (PHED 1102 0402) at WTC this spring is designed for those wanting to learn how to swim or to improve their swimming skills.

The class meets on an MWF schedule from 9-9:50 a.m.

Strokes taught include the crawl, elementary back, breast, side and back crawl.

Water safety skills also are stressed and water games are played throughout the semester. These include water basketball, volleyball, frisbee blitz and others. Instructor is Mike Harrison.

Roller Blading

Roller blading is offered at WTC again this spring as a PE course for students (PHED 1102—0409.

The class will meet at various locations for roller blading exercise and fun.

On bad weather days, the class will meet in the H.P.E. building for exercise and gym activities such as weight lifting.

Students must provide their own roller blades and protective equipment. The course is taught by Mike Harrison.

Intermediate Spanish

An intermediate Spanish class taught by instructor Robert Adams is offered at night this spring term at Western Texas College.

The class, listed as SPAN 2312, will meet each Monday from 6:30-9:20 p.m. Its lab is adjusted to the student's schedule.

Beginning Photography

A beginning photography class is listed on the spring 1997 schedule at Western Texas College and persons interested in learning how to operate a 35 mm camera as well as developing and printing their own photos are encouraged to enroll.

The class will include all the basics of black and white photography, to include composition, controling light with shutter speeds and f-stops, the mechanics of operating the camera, camera accessories and "alternate techniques" of photography.

For interested students who do not have their own 35 mm cameras, instructor Donny Brown notes the department has "loaner" cameras available.

The class is listed both as COMM 1316 and ARTS 2356. For students planning to graduate from WTC, enrolling in the class as ARTS 2356 will fulfill the three-hour art requirement for graduation.

The class will meet on a Tuesday/Thursday schedule from 1 until 2:15 p.m.

Business Accounting

Business Accounting II (BUS 236) is scheduled for MWF 11-11:50 a.m. this spring at WTC.

This class is a continuation of BUS 235 Business Accounting I. The accounting concepts learned in the first semester course are applied to accounting for receivables and payables, accruals and deferrals, merchandise inventory and plant assets.

Basic accounting procedures and principles for partnerships and corporations are introduced.

Student must have had some accounting or accounting experience before taking this class since this is an advanced class. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217.

Computerized Business

The Electronic Office Technology program at Western Texas College has introduced a Computerized Business Technology two-year degree for the 1996-97 year.

In addition, two certificates can be earned, both involving a one-year, two semester curriculum. Students can be certified as either an accounting technician or as an information processing specialist.

Automated Accounting Accounting on Computer

Accounting on the computer will be taught as BUS 137 Automated Accounting this spring at WTC, meeting MWF from 9-9:50 a.m.

All accounting procedures will be performed on the computer.

Some areas covered include journalizing and posting, financial statements and payroll. Students will also learn how to convert a manual accounting system to a computerized system.

The CA-Simply Accounting for Windows program will be used in this class. Techniques learned, however, can be used in any accounting program, notes instructor Joann Snider.

Some accounting knowledge is required before taking this class. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 217.

Microcomputer Word Processing

WTC's Electronic Office Technology Department will instruct microcomputer word processing this fall using Word Perfect 6.1 for Windows 95 software.

The class, listed as CIM 132, is scheduled on an MWF schedule from noon until 12:50 p.m. It will cover beginning concepts and will progress to advanced concepts.

Pre-requisites include OFAD 1312 (Keyboarding/Typing 2) and CIM 131 (Basic Computer/Information Processing) or equivalent.

Students should type at least 35 words per minute before enrolling in the class, noted instructor JoAnn Snider.

Students can take the class for non-credit after approval from the instructor, she said.

Beginning Computer

A course designed for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers is offered this spring by WTC's Electronic Office Technology Department.

CIM 131 (Basic Computers/Information Processing) is scheduled on an MWF schedule from 11-11:50 a.m. Hands-on applications in Windows '95 version 7, Word, Excel, Access, and graphics will be included. For more information, contact instructor Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

10-Key Adding Machine

Individuals can learn to operate the 10-key adding machine by touch through a class offered at WTC this spring.

Listed as BUSI 1309 Business Machines, its scheduled time is TTH from 1- 2:15 p.m.

Speed drills and business applications will be mastered. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

Speedwriting

A night class in professional speedwriting will be taught at WTC this spring, meeting Tuesday from 6:30 - 9:20 p.m. It is listed as OFAD 1303.

This course will develop skills in note taking, composition, and grammar. Using the alphabetic characters with abbreviations, speed in note taking will accelerate.

Speedwriting can benefit anyone in their job or school. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

Handbell Choir

The Western Texas College Music Department will again offer a one-hour credit class featuring Handbell Choir instruction this spring

The handbell group, listed as MUSI 1121/2121, will meet each Thursday from 7-9 p.m. Students learn how to play hand bells in an ensemble setting. Gerald Garner, class instructor, notes no previous music experience is necessary to enroll.

WTC Pep Band

Persons interested in playing in the Western Texas College Pep Band are encouraged to sign-up for MUSI 1121 this spring term. The class, which equals one-hour of academic credit, will meet Monday nights from 7-9 p.m.

The Pep Band plays for home games for the WTC Lady Westerners.

Jerald Garner, music director at Colonial Hill Baptist Church, serves as director.

To be a member of the band, a person does not need to own an instrument. Garner said there are a few instruments that can be loaned out to a player.

For more information, contact Garner at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Advanced Spreadsheets Desktop Publishing

A class emphasizing advanced spreadsheets and desktop publishing is scheduled this spring through the WTC Electronic Office Technology program. The class is listed as CIM 235 and meets a TTH schedule from 1-2:15 p.m.

It is an advanced hands-on application computer class with emphasis on advanced spreadsheets using Lotus 1-2-3 version 5 and advanced desktop publishing applications using WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows and Microsoft Word version 7.

Students must have had OFAD 1312, CIM 132, CIM 231 and CIM 232 or the equivalent of these classes before taking this class. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217.

Art Class For Fun

Persons interested in taking an art class "just for fun" or to expand their individual artistic skills have a wide selection of classes this spring at Western Texas College.

Individuals may choose between various forms of drawing and painting, ceramics, sculpture (both traditonal and working in glass) and photography.

The following is a list of day classes on campus which might interest a non-art major:

—Drawing I/Non-Majors (ARTS 1316) meets TTH from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

—Ceramics (ARTS 2346) meets Tuesday from 1-4 p.m.

—Photography (ARTS 2356) meets TTH from 1-2:15 p.m.

In addition, night classes offered are:

—Art History (ARTS 1304) meets Monday from 6:30- 9:20 p.m.

—Painting/Drawing/Non-Majors (ARTS 1325) meets Tuesday from 6:30- 9:20 p.m.

—Advanced 3-D Design (ARTS 2311) meets Tuesday from 6:30- 9:20 p.m.

—Painting (ARTS 2316) meets Tuesday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

—Figure Drawing (ARTS 2323) meets Thursday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

—Sculpture (ARTS 2326) meets Tuesday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

—Glass Sculpture (ARTS 2326) meets Thursday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

—Jewelry (ARTS 2341) meets Thursday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

—Ceramics (ARTS 2346) meets Tuesday from 6:30- 9:20 p.m.

—Watercolor (ARTS 2366) meets Tuesday from 6:30-9:20 p.m.

Fundamentals of Chemistry

Fundamentals of Chemistry (CHEM 1405) will be offered as a night class this spring at Western Texas College.

It will meet Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-9:20 p.m. The instructor will be Dr. David Kattes.

The course is designed for pre-nursing and non-science majors. For more information, contact the instructor at 573-8511 ext. 288

Microcomputer Applications

Microcomputer Applications (COSC 1306) will be offered on a Tuesday-Thursday schedule this spring at WTC, meeting from 8-9:15 a.m. The instructor will be Britt Canada.

The class is a beginning level course covering word processing, spreadsheets, data base management, graphics, data communications and other computer-related areas. Continuing emphasis will be placed on using the Internet.

For more information, contact the instructor at 573-8511 ext 237.

College Physics

College physics (PHYS 1402) will again be offered at WTC this spring, meeting on a Tuesday, Thursday schedule from 9:30-10:45 a.m. with the lab on Thursday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. The instructor will be Dr. Rollin Swanson.

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Rescuers find stranded woman after 40-hour long ordeal in blizzard

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — F-16 jets with heat-sensing equipment helped rescuers find a woman who was stuck in a pickup for nearly 40 hours during a blizzard with wind-chill temperatures as low as 70 degrees below zero.

The fighter planes from Ellsworth Air Force Base passed over 51-year-old Karen Nelson at least three times before they were able to find her cell phone signal late Friday, said Max Tite, general manger of a Watertown cellular phone company that had been working to find the woman.

"She's in good spirits and is warm, but is tired and cold," Tite said.

Mrs. Nelson slid off the road into a ditch Thursday morning near Webster, in the northwest corner of the state.

Rescuers arrived by snowmobile, wrapped her in a heavy blanket, put her on a sled and took her to an ambulance. A nurse at Lake Area Hospital said Mrs. Nelson was in stable condition early Saturday.

Mrs. Nelson had a sleeping bag, coats and a blanket but had been without heat since 4 p.m. Thursday.

The storm, expected to last through the weekend, has shut down almost the entire interstate highway system in South Dakota. Authorities recommend no travel.

Mrs. Nelson had called police with her cellular phone after she got stuck trying to get home to Webster from her job in Roslyn, 12 miles away.

Police were in contact with Mrs. Nelson every half hour Thursday night. But she was told to restrict her phone use Friday to preserve the battery.

At one point Friday, officials thought her car battery, which was running the phone, had gone dead after they temporarily lost the signal. But Tite said the battery was still functioning and contact was re-established.

Law enforcement officials and volunteers formed a convoy that included snowmobiles, plows and an ambulance to try to get to the spot where they believed Mrs. Nelson was stranded.

Sheriff Doug Nelson, who is not related to the woman, said the situation should make it clear that traveling anywhere in extreme weather is simply a bad idea.

"When we say no travel advised, this is the reason. What the family is going through, what the searchers are going through, what the victim is going through. I just can't believe that anything is that important that you can't heed that warning," he said.

There have been several reports of missing people throughout the state.

One person has died because of the storm. An unidentified Wakpala woman died Thursday after her pickup was found stuck in snow drifts on the Standing Rock Reservation.

The Standing Rock Reservation straddles the border between the Dakotas.

Fourth major snow storm is taxing even hearty North Dakotans

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — For hearty North Dakotans, one good, strong blizzard every winter is nothing. Even two is no big deal. But patience was being tested by the fourth major snowstorm already this winter.

"My goodness!" said a winded Margaret Hansen as she shoveled a 3-foot high snowdrift Friday from her elderly mother's driveway.

She paused only long enough to wipe her runny nose and re-adjust her ice-covered scarf. "This just isn't funny anymore, is it?"

The latest storm started Wednesday night and was expected to continue Saturday in eastern North Dakota. Northwest winds of 20 to 40 mph swept through most of the state as wind chill factors dipped to 51 below zero in Fargo and to 83 below in Dickinson. The state received up to 5 inches of snow.

In South Dakota, a woman whose pickup slid into a ditch in a blizzard was rescued by snowmobilers late Friday. Searchers were able to pick up a signal from her cellular phone. Karen Nelson had been stranded nearly 40 hours.

Blizzard conditions persisted in South Dakota on Friday, while icy cold followed snowstorms throughout the Midwest and Plains and into the South. Across the country at least 31 deaths were blamed on storms since late Wednesday.

Eastern North Dakota has been struck by four blizzards since late November, three in the past month alone. None has been that extraordinary by North Dakota standards, but together they have been taxing.

The storms have brought more than 50 inches of snow altogether, wind chill temperatures pushing 80 below, blowing snow and freezing rain. The state's major interstates have been closed half a dozen times since November, stranding motorists for days at a time at truck stops and motels.

Schools were closed for two days last week across much of the state. Snowplow operators in Fargo have had a tough time keeping up. Most residential streets are down to one lane of traffic because of 5-foot snowbanks lining the curbs.

The roofs of businesses and barns have collapsed under the weight of all the snow and Gov. Ed Schafer was even forced to postpone his inaugural ball today because of the weather.

The Forum newspaper of Fargo acknowledged nature's superiority with a headline Friday: "We get the drift."

Ms. Hansen, a North Dakota native, thought she was accustomed to the winters. But she said many storms in a row are testing her patience and strength.

"I have a 58-year-old back," said Ms. Hansen, who must shovel her sidewalk as well as that of her ailing mother. "I haven't even had time to let it recover between storms."

At least she can get out.

Scott Hoff and his family have been trapped on their farm near the small town of Buffalo in southeastern North Dakota for days, a 12-foot high snowdrift blocking the driveway. Not even a small fleet of four-wheel drives can get through that.

Hoff doubts they'll be leaving anytime soon.

"Not a prayer," he said with a laugh. "We've got half a gallon of milk left, half a carton of orange juice, then we're on water."

People around here pride themselves on shrugging off bad weather, and Hoff, who has lived in North Dakota and western Minnesota his entire life, tries to maintain a cavalier attitude.

"This isn't anything I haven't seen before," he said. "But it's been many, many years that I've seen it this bad."

So how many blizzards can a person take?

"As many as Mother Nature wants to dish out," said a defiant Hoff.

Ms. Hansen, however, wasn't so sure.

"My husband and I swear every year we're going to move to Arizona," she said. "I might have to insist on it this time."

Dow Corning creditors agree on payment plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Dow Corning Corp. creditors have agreed on a bankruptcy reorganization plan that could pay women with breast implants billions of dollars more than a competing proposal made by the company.

The plan would require Dow Corning to pay out $2.95 billion now to implant recipients and business creditors. Eventually, it could force Dow Corning's owners to cede up to 95 percent of their stock — worth billions more — to pay claims that breast implants cause debilitating diseases.

Lawyers for the implant recipients and the business creditors asked a bankruptcy court judge in Bay City, Mich. Friday for permission to formally submit the plan to him. Currently, only Dow Corning is permitted to propose a plan.

Judge Arthur Spector's decision could mark a major milestone in the bankruptcy case because the two proposals use vastly different methods of deciding if implants make people sick.

The women and business creditors, who are uncommon allies because of their different interests, have been trying to forge a joint proposal for six months to ensure that they get as much money from the company as possible.

Much of the plan was first disclosed two weeks ago. Their lawyers said Friday it would resolve Dow Corning's bankruptcy faster than the company's competing $2 billion proposal and would be fairer to women.

Dow Corning stood by its proposal Friday and said the new plan would actually slow down the reorganization.

Dow Corning filed for bankruptcy in May 1995, due largely to 19,000 lawsuits alleging breast implants leaked and ruptured, causing pain and disfigurement and diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis and lupus.

The company has long contended breast implants don't cause disease and its filing froze all claims against it until a reorganization plan is approved by Spector.

The creditors' plan demands $1.75 billion now to deal with some largely undisputed claims such as localized muscle problems, breast hardening or disfigurement caused by leaks or ruptures. It also demands $1.2 billion for the business creditors to settle all their claims.

To resolve whether implants cause disease, the creditors propose a series of 30 "representative" trials around the country including testimony of implant recipients.

If Dow Corning loses those trials, its owners — Dow Chemical Co. and Corning Inc. — would have to turn over up to 95 percent of their stock in the company to compensate the hundreds of thousands of implant recipients.

Dow's plan, submitted Dec. 2, would pay $600 million for localized problems and $1 billion for business creditors.

The disease issue would be resolved by a single trial with testimony only from scientists. If Dow lost the trial it would pay up to $1.4 billion more.

Legal experts said Friday the creditors' plan faces an uphill fight due to a potentially precedent-setting decision by a federal court judge in Portland, Ore. two weeks ago in 70 cases against other implant makers.

Judge Robert Jones rejected all the research on which the women based their claims, calling it "in some cases no more than educated guesses dressed up in evening clothes."

"I think Judge Jones' order makes it much more unlikely that the bankruptcy court will buy into the (Dow Corning) creditors' proposal for representative trials," said Lester Brickman, a law professor at Benjamin Cardozo Law School in New York.

The ancient Greeks considered 6 to be the perfect number, as it is the sum of all of its divisors except itself (1, 2, and 3).

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Learning the ropes of HMO game

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My wife and I are both on Medicare and belong to an HMO. At 65, she has enlarged varicose veins and swollen legs. The veins have been large and tortuous for years but caused no real discomfort. Recently, however, she has suffered leg aches, swollen legs, puffiness and numbness around the knees with numbness over the knee cap, and a fire-like burning sensation down the inside of her leg. Her knees give way at times. Hard lumps can sometimes be felt in the veins.

When the pain became severe and aspirin did not give relief, she contacted her HMO on an emergency basis. They assigned her to a primary-care physician (not our regular one), who suggested aspirin tablets, elastic stockings and leg elevation. He told her to go home and rest, using a heating pad. Well, the elastic stockings were too painful for her to wear and the heating pad made the pain worse.

A week later after a bad spell, she again went to the HMO, saw another primary physician who said she had a slight case of phlebitis, prescribed aspirin, and when she asked about seeing a specialist, was told that referral could be made to a surgeon, "but a lot of people become worse after surgery."

A week later she was able to see our assigned primary physician. He said he didn't know anything about varicose veins. We had to ask him to send her to a specialist. He said he had to get permission from the HMO for that. A week passed and he gave her a referral to a vascular surgeon, who suggested she do nothing. When she insisted she wanted something done, he suggested an elastic stocking. When asked if surgery would be recommended, he said he would again have to check with the HMO to see if they would pay for it. If approved, he would put her to sleep and cut her leg in six places. As he walked out the door, he asked if she was taking aspirin. When she responded to the affirmative, he told her to stop taking it and walked out without an explanation or an alternative.

We thought the surgeon would do a Doppler test (I read some books) or an ultrasound or an X-ray to see what is really wrong. We think the HMO is endangering her life, in addition to wasting Medicare funds. How come a primary physician doesn't know anything about varicose veins? In this day and age, does a patient have to tell a doctor what to do?

DEAR READER: Welcome to managed care.

Your wife apparently has severe varicose veins, complicated by recurring blood clots (thrombophlebitis). The extent of her affliction could be determined by a Doppler ultrasound study, a safe, painless and relatively inexpensive test that can tell the doctors which veins are blocked.

I believe that your wife may be helped — even cured — by an operation on her veins. This could take the form of traditional surgery (a "vein-stripping") or one of the newer laser procedures.

I further believe that your wife's doctors are playing the "HMO game," rather than addressing her very real health problems. For example, without therapy, her veins will eventually ulcerate or she may experience more serious complications, such as blood clots in the lungs.

The HMO philosophy is often "hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil," in order to preserve bottom-line profits. Your wife is getting the run-around because an operation would be an expense for the HMO. She would be better served, in my opinion, by seeing a vascular surgeon who doesn't have a financial axe to grind, a doctor who will objectively assess her condition and give an honest opinion.

To accomplish this goal, you'll either have to go outside the HMO, revert to Medicare, change HMOs, ask for an out-of-plan referral, or pay the expense out-of-pocket.

You shouldn't have to tell your doctor what to do, but you may have to search for a doctor who is more interested in your wife's health than in his HMO's profits.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Insuring Your Good Health." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to my attention at P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: In a column about sleep apnea, you suggested consultation with an ear-nose-and-throat specialist. This is incorrect. Since these doctors do surgery, an operation is what they invariably recommend. A more suitable option, I think, is to refer patients with sleep apnea to a sleep specialist.

I have had sleep apnea for seven years. I do not drink and am only slightly overweight. My sleep specialist warned against unnecessary surgery because, in his opinion, it is almost never effective — except for snoring.

DEAR READER: Your objection to my answer stems, I believe, from a difference of opinion regarding the approach to a relatively common affliction.

Sleep apnea is really a syndrome with many different causes, ranging from upper-airway obstruction and overweight to a failure of the part of the brain stem that controls breathing. It is this last cause that you are defining as sleep apnea.

You are correct that this disorder does not respond to surgery. It is diagnosed in a sleep laboratory and treated with a C-PAP breathing machine, a device that forces fresh air into the breathing passages, to prevent anoxia (the lack of oxygen that leads to the complications of sleep apnea, such as heart failure). I agree with your statement that such patients should be referred to a sleep clinic at a major hospital.

However, as a primary-care physician, I have to start somewhere when confronted with a patient who gives a history of recurring cessation of breathing during sleep.

First, I must deal with the issue of alcohol, which — in many cases — disrupts breathing during sleep.

Second, I have to address a weight problem, if one exists, because obesity is a recognized cause of sleep apnea and must be corrected with non-surgical techniques, such as aggressive weight reduction.

Third, I must consider that the patient's symptom may be secondary to airway obstruction from factors such as a flaccid palate, nasal polyps or blockage of the upper trachea. In this instance, I need the services of an otolaryngologist.

Once the patient has been assessed for these physical abnormalities and no obvious explanation is forthcoming, referral to a sleep lab is the final step. I believe that patients who stop breathing during sleep, with or without snoring, should have an ENT evaluation, and my view is shared by most authorities. In my experience, responsible otolaryngologists will not advise surgery unless there is a clear-cut indication.

I did not state (or intend to imply) that ENT surgery is the preferred treatment for sleep apnea, but I think that an ENT consult is mandatory. Of course, brain stem sleep apnea is not within the purview of such specialists.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Sleep/Wake Disorders." 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 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Charges will be dropped

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The new prosecutor who defeated Dr. Jack Kevorkian's nemesis has agreed to drop all charges against Kevorkian in 10 suicides, saying it would be a waste of time and taxpayer money to pursue him.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca said Friday he doesn't believe he could convict the suicide doctor under existing law, and a failure would "merely serve to enhance Dr. Kevorkian's crusade."

The charges were filed last fall by then-Prosecutor Richard Thompson, who twice failed to convict Kevorkian. Gorcyca defeated Thompson in an August primary after criticizing him for wasting resources pursuing Kevorkian.

"Hypothetically, we can charge and convict Dr. Kevorkian 100 times, but since we aren't making law nor are we setting precedents, what are we really accomplishing other than wasting a lot of taxpayer money?" Gorcyca said.

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Coroner angry over photos in tabloid

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — An outraged county coroner asked for an investigation into how six autopsy and crime scene photos from the killing of JonBenet Ramsey landed in a supermarket tabloid.

The photographs on the front page of the Globe show the garrote used to strangle the 6-year-old beauty queen as well as the hand of the child, which shows a rope mark on her wrist.

"I'm probably as upset as I've been about any procedural matter in my office in the 10 years that I've been coroner," Boulder County Coroner John Meyer said.

He said the unauthorized release of the photos could jeopardize the case and asked the sheriff's department investigate how the pictures were leaked.

The Globe, a 1.3 million-circulation weekly magazine sold at supermarkets, is running the photos in editions hitting the stands Monday.

Media reports said JonBenet, the 1995 Little Miss Colorado, had been sexually assaulted. Her skull was fractured, her mouth was covered with duct tape, and a cord was found around her neck.

Meanwhile, JonBenet's parents were in hiding because of "safety and security" concerns, possibly arising from the ransom note found at their home, a family spokesman said Friday.

Police have not released the contents of the three-page note discovered on a stairway by JonBenet's mother. Eight hours later, her father found the his daughter strangled in the basement.

Pat Korten, the media consultant hired by attorneys for John and Patricia Ramsey, suggested the note could explain why the family has hired guards to protect them and taken precautions to conceal their whereabouts. He would not elaborate.

"You don't know what was in that note," Korten said. "Protecting their whereabouts is important not just for their personal privacy but also for their safety and security. We need to take that into account as well."

In another development Friday, police said the 911 call from the Ramsey home on Dec. 23 — three days before JonBenet was found strangled — was made during a Christmas party by someone trying to dial long-distance. An officer was dispatched to the house and confirmed the number was misdialed, police said.

Police said they have no suspects, but Chief Tom Koby said Thursday investigators had narrowed the number of possible suspects.

Calls keep lawmen busy; make half a dozen arrests

Snyder area peace officers were kept busy responding to numerous calls Friday and early Saturday, several of which led to arrests.

A 911 call early Saturday morning alerted police to an assault victim in the 400 block of 29th Street which resulted in the arrest of three people.

Taken into custody at 2:11 a.m. in the 2500 block of Avenue E were a 21-year-old male charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, an 18-year-old male for public intoxication and a 21-year-old male for public intoxication and outstanding city warrants for no driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

The victim advised the police he did not want to press charges at this time.

At 1:08 p.m. Friday, a woman called 911 to report that her 20-year-old daughter may have taken an undetermined amount of pills. The young woman was located and taken to the police department where she met with a counselor from Mental Health Mental Retardation. A report for attempted suicide was filed.

Celia Feinsod contacted officers at 3:48 p.m. in reference to damage done to a rent house at 2313 40th St. A report for criminal mischief was filed.

Police were called to TJ's Pool Hall at 9:46 p.m. Friday in reference to a disturbance between two females. One female juvenile was released to her mother. No charges were filed.

A 17-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication at 10:29 p.m. Friday after the sheriff's office received a report of a person riding a bicycle down the middle of Highway 350 and creating a traffic hazard.

A 33-year-old male was arrested at 11:31 p.m. along U.S. Highway 84 for driving with a suspended license.

Police also arrested a 52-year-old male along the U.S. Highway 84 service road at 3:17 a.m. Saturday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Investigators locate plane's 'black boxes'

RAISINVILLE TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — Investigators working in the bitter cold found Comair Flight 3272's "black boxes" amid twisted pieces of wreckage in the snowy 4-foot deep crater where the commuter plane plunged into a field, killing all 29 aboard.

The boxes actually painted orange to make them easier to find were located Friday afternoon, encouraging investigators seeking the cause of Thursday's crash. The flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder were sent to Washington, D.C., for analysis.

"They are not as damaged as other flight data and-or cockpit voice recorders have been, where we have received good information," National Transportation Safety Board member John Hammerschmidt said. "So we're very hopeful that each of these flight recorders will provide us with information we will need."

Searchers also found both main landing gear and all propeller blades and flaps from the plane, Hammerschmidt said. The gear and flaps were in the up, or retracted positions, which would be expected for a cruising aircraft, he said.

Investigators returned to the scene this morning, greeted by more frigid temperatures, gusty winds and blowing snow. Large construction lights remained on to bolster patchy sunshine occasionally breaking through the clouds.

Saturday, investigators plan to focus on the plane's flight control systems to look for signs of malfunctions, Hammerschmidt said, adding it was still too early to speculate about the cause of the crash.

Guilty

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serve a two-year term in a state jail facility.

Diana Englehart, 25, of 2900 42nd pleaded guilty to forgery and was given a two-year state jail sentence, probated for five years. She was also fined $500 and ordered to pay $3,944 in restitution.

Scott Allen, 18, of the McBeth Pecan Farm pleaded guilty to burglary of a residence owned by Mollie Murr. He was given a 10-year probated prison sentence and fined $500. Allen was also assessed deferred adjudication which means if terms of the probation are successfully completed, there will be no record of the conviction.

Births

Jason and Joylynn McGrew of San Angelo announce the birth of their son, Tyler Marc, at 2:45 a.m., Jan 9 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 10½ ounces.

His grandparents are Glenn and Freda Shephard of Snyder, and Mike and Sherree McGrew of Abilene. Great-grandparents include Alfred and Sammie Chambers of Coleman, Charlie and Vertie Shepard of Ballinger, and Eddy and Donnas Like of Abilene.

Happy Birthday NELL!

I Didn't Forget!

What's Up?

Ratite meeting slated

Rolling Plains Ratite Association will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday at The Shack. Visitors are welcome.

'Helps Ministry' seminar

Evangelist Richard & Jamie Garcia will be ministering in the Sunday morning service at Word is Life Deliverance Church. Anyone wanting further training in the "Helps Ministry" to better serve in their respected congregation is invited to attend.

Garner reception planned

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold a reception for Jerald Garner and family on Sunday, following the evening worship service. After 15 years at Colonial Hill, Garner will be music minister at Southmont Baptist Church in Denton.

Victory Baptist revival set

Victory Baptist Church has set its revival for Monday through Wednesday. J.C. House will be the evangelist. Services begin at 7 p.m. The church is located at 3303 Apple Street.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. All parents are invited to attend.

TAAS, TEAMS testing

The TAAS and TEAMS tests will be given in February. Enrolled 11th and 12th graders and individuals who are out of school may take any section which they have not passed. TAAS writing will be given Feb. 25 to grades 4, 8 and exit-level; exit-level TAAS math will be Feb. 26; and exit-level TAAS reading will be Feb. 27.

Out of school examinees must register by Monday in order to test. Packets are available at the high school counselor's office. Call 574-6049 or 573-5401 for more information.

WTC Booster Club to meet

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at Rudy's at noon Monday. The lunch is dutch treat. Visitors are encouraged.

Choir boosters to meet

Snyder High School Choir Booster Club will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the choir room. Plans for an upcoming chili supper will be discussed. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "God's Glorious Church" (Part 2), will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Victory Baptist revival

Evangelist J.C. House will conduct revival services at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday at Vicktory Baptist Church, 3303 Apple Street. Everyone is invited.

Scurry fair board to meet Tuesday

The Scurry County Fair board will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the chamber of commerce office. Phil Robinson is president of the Scurry County Fair Association.

Extended clinic set

Scurry County Health Unit will hold an extended clinic Tuesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-7 p.m. Anyone not having a tetanus immunization within the past 10 years needs a booster shot.

Grief support group

The grief support group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the First Presbyterian Church.

Class of 1962 to meet

Snyder High School Class of 1962 will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at 1842 Tuscola to plan a reunion. Those attending are asked to bring addresses. For more information, call 573-9620 or 573-5978.

SISD board reception

In acknowledgement of School Board Recognition Month, a reception honoring SISD board of trustees will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium foyer. The public is invited.

Center needing pictures

Snyder Healthcare Center on the Big Spring Highway is in need of pictures to be hung in the living room, halls and rooms. Anyone having pictures they would like to donate is asked to contact Dorothy Treat.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
2-2-1
(two, two, one)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-17-22-34.
Number matching five of five: 2.
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Local National Guard Unit contributes to the community

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Though trained for war, the local unit of the Texas Army National Guard also engages in peacetime activities, including community events and presenting educational programs.

The unit, identified as Detachment 1, Company A, 111 Engineer Batallion, is attached to the 49th Armored Division which includes the state of Texas. Texas is the only National Guard or reserve to have a complete division in the state.

The unit has 40 members and two full-time officers, including SFC Jessie W. Pierson, educational representative, and Sgt. Frederico Salazar Jr., who runs the armory.

Most of the local reservists live in Scurry County and hold regular jobs, and at least one is applying for a scholarship to Texas Tech University.

According to the Public Affairs Officer in Austin, Pierson said the unit's economic impact on the county is estimated at $361,000 per year.

Pierson said that the unit has a two-fold mission: to the federal government and to the state of Texas.

The unit's current federal mission is to support the Sixth Tank Unit in the Dallas and Fort Worth area, Pierson said, adding that they (local unit members) are combat engineers whose main duties include providing support for infantry and tanks.

That includes installing and removing obstacles for ground troops and self-propelled vehicles. Pierson said they are also trained to clear mine fields through either explosives or mine detectors.

Corey Chester, a 1995 Snyder High School graduate who joined the National Guard in 1994, (see separate story on page 5B) said the Army is getting so modern that no one goes out and lays them (mines) down per se anymore. Instead, they set boxes "and explode them out."

The very nature of the unit's assigned duties prevents women from joining because they cannot be involved in any actual confrontation with the enemy, Pierson said.

The local unit is part of the infantry, and, just like in the Army, it is closed to women, Pierson added.

However, women would be allowed to join other Guard units, such as Abilene, which have MOS (military occupational skills) open to women.

Another possibility, is to enlist them into the engineering batallion's headquarters which has several MOS open to them.

The local unit has served in various ways, including being mobilized by Gov. Mark White following the April 19, 1986, tornado in Sweetwater.

Local reservists stood guard against possible looters.

The governor is the only person who can mobilize the guard for state duty, Pierson said, because the state has to pay the reservists' salaries as well as a fee for equipment usage for the duration of the emergency.

One of the unit's federal service dates to World War II when it was called the 36th Infantry Division. It became the 49th during the 1960s.

The 36th drew its members from Texas and Oklahoma, but the 49th only has Texas members. The 36th's T Patch had an arrowhead, which represented Oklahoma. The T was for Texas.

To remain prepared for either federal or state duties, the 40-member unit drills one weekend each month, and those involved receive eight hours credit for every four they drill.

They also attend one two week "summer camp" each year, which is somewhat of a misnomer since it can be scheduled at any time. This year's will be held in March and April in San Diego, Calif.

The ever-changing world situation dictates the type of training emphasized, Pierson said.

For instance, the local unit trained for desert duty but was not mobilized during 1991's Persian Gulf War. They trained at the Army's National Training Center at Fort Erwin, Calif.

The National Guard belongs to the U.S. Army, Pierson said, but the armory building and hard fixtures such as office equipment are property of the state. The state maintains the building which was built in 1956-1957. The federal government pays salaries unless the unit is assigned state duty.

Use of the armory for local, non-profit events is free of charge. Users are asked to provide cleanup afterward.

If an entry fee is charged then the sponsoring group would pay for use of the facilities, which includes a kitchen area and bunkhouse.

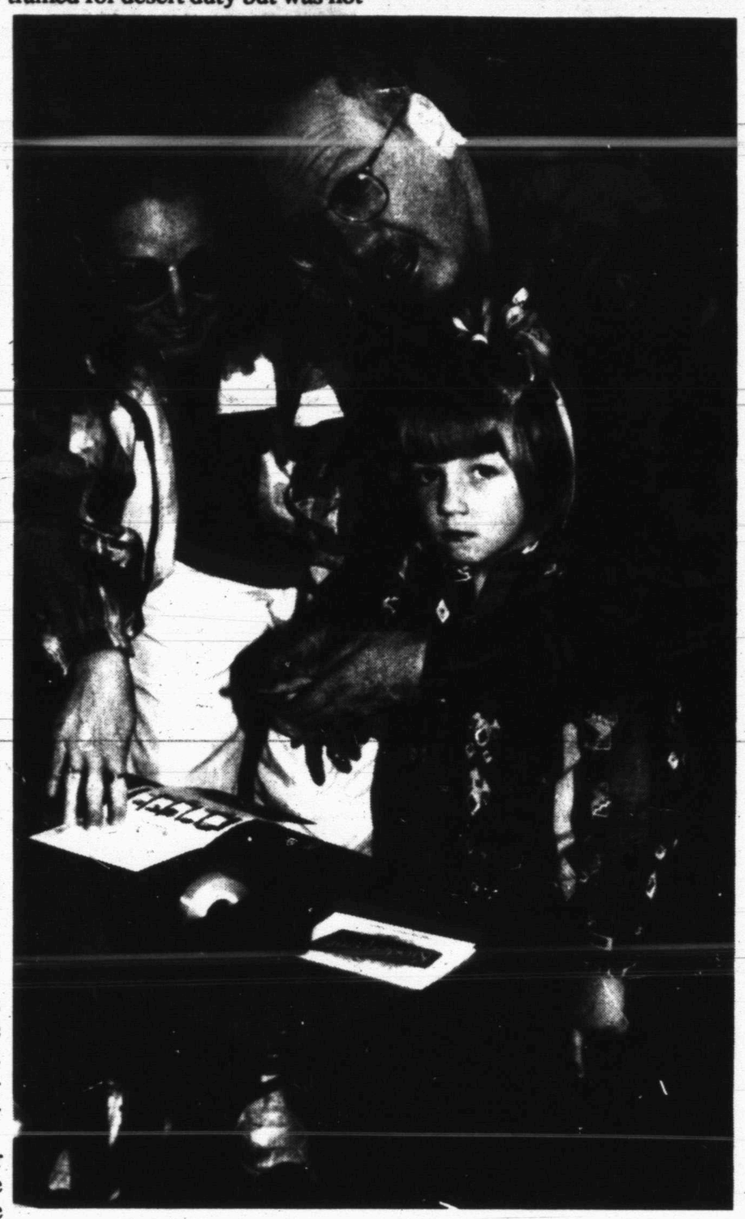
In past years, the Toys for Tots volunteers have utilized the armory and Snyder's junior-senior prom has been held there as well.

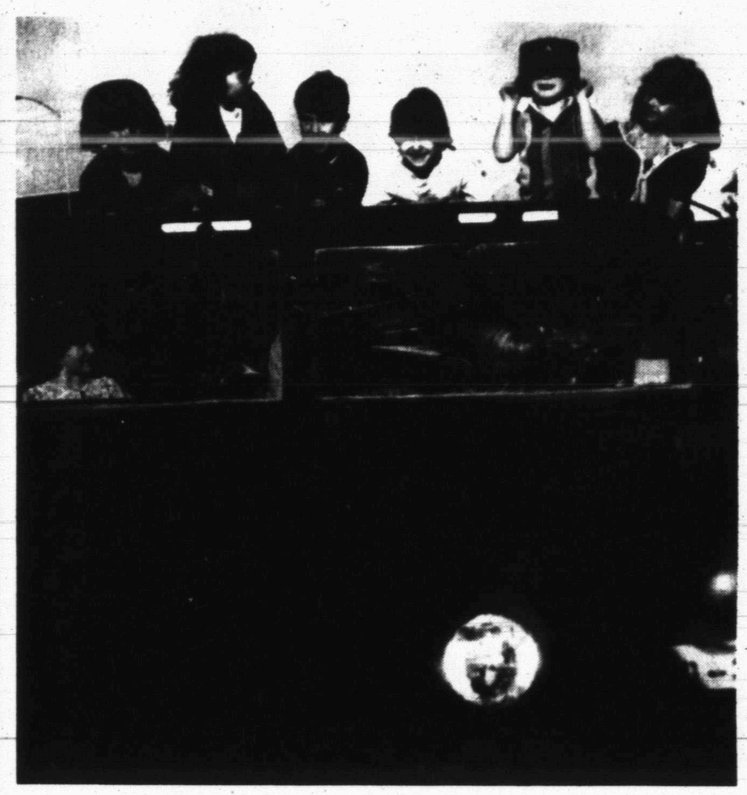
In March, a baseball tournament will be held here and Huntington High School will utilize the bunks, Pierson said.

At one time, the local armory also had an indoor firing range, but in recent years it has been leased to Western Texas College for use in its correctional officers training program.

The unit takes part in community activities and projects as much as possible, Pierson said, participating in parades, flag raisings and

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS — SFC Jessie Pierson, coordinatess educational programs for schools in Scurry County. In the photo at left, taken in December of 1995, he and his wife, Cindy, helped fingerprent students in Stanfield's Safe Child After School Program. Kendra Tidwell was one of the students whose fingerprints were entered into a child I.D. file. In the photro at right, also taken in December of 1995, Pierson demonstrated a humvee and other military equipment to students in West's Safe Child After School Program. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gormans)

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed five tables for Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Marjorie Brown, Jane Hinton.
2. Pat Floyd, Billisue Stuard.
3. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.

SUNDAY

Three tables were directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Charlie Blakey, Rube McKinley.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.

TUESDAY

Three tables were directed by Rube McKinley.

1. TIE: Linda and Monte West, Rube McKinley, Louise Thompson.
2. Charles Blakey, Anita Talbott.

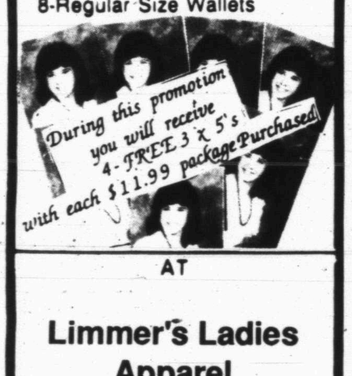
Nellie Taylor Ross of Wisconsin was the first woman governor in the United States; she took office in 1925.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Storytime at Scurry County Library will be held for four- and five-year-olds; 1916 23rd Street; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum's hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course; second half of this course is set for Tuesday night; community room of Snyder Savings & Loan, 27th and College; 6 to 9 p.m.; for more information call 573-2850.

American Legion Layne Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary; 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; community room of Snyder National Bank; visitors welcome; 7:30 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; program on early schools, Georgene Galloway; ancestor sketch, Dorothy Browne; hostesses, Elizabeth Hall, Lou Everett; noon.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Plainview TFCEC; for more information call Nancy Higgins at 573-7770; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Staying Power," by Nan Swanson, minister of First Presbyterian Church; hostess, Janet Brown.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 6 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; for more information call Gene Bowlin at 573-2323; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956, 573-2101,573-1141 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; program on update of the DCOS, Roy Baze; hostesses, Geleska Baze and Claudine Atwood; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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

Snyder Chapter 4[illegible] Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 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, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 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.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.



JUNE NUPTIALS PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Derwin Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Danny Tovar, all of Snyder, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Melanie Jane Thompson and Michael Shane Alarcon. The ceremony is being planned for 4 p.m., June 28 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. The bride-elect, a Texas Tech University senior, will graduate in May with a degree in multidisciplinary studies. The future bridegroom is employed by Weaver Services Inc. of Snyder. (Photo by Harley Bynum)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-11-97
♠ K Q 3
♥ Q J 9
♦ Q J 9 8 7
♣ J 7

West
♠ A J 9
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 3
♣ Q 9 8 5 2

East
♠ ---
♥ A 10 8 6 4
♦ 10 6 5 4
♣ K 6 4 3

South
♠ 10 8 7 6 5 4 2
♥ 3
♦ A K 2
♣ A 10

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ 5

On which date does the present millennium end?

On which trick does the critical play occur in this deal? You are in four spades, and West leads the club five.

Although South had only 11 high-card points, he justifiably revalued upward when his partner showed a diamond suit and spade fit.

After taking East's club king with his ace, declarer led a spade to dummy's queen. Although East discarded, South thought he had only three losers: one spade, one heart and one club. He returned to hand with a diamond to play a second spade toward the dummy. But suddenly disaster struck. West went in with the ace, cashed the club queen, led a high heart to East's ace, and received a diamond ruff: one down.

True, it was unlucky to find the diamonds 4-1 *and* to have the defenders produce the killing defense. But South had a better line available. At trick three, he should have led a heart from the dummy. This both cuts the communication between the defenders and opens a safe road between the dummy and declarer. Now the contract is safe.

"Whew!" said West. "Next time I'll lead my singleton. Then we are in control."

According to "Jeopardy," the millennium ends on Dec. 31, 2000. But most people will be making merry one year earlier — and again in 2000. Yet perhaps, as 11 days were skipped in September 1752 when the shift was made to the Gregorian calendar, we should all be celebrating on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2001. Any excuse for a party!

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School Menus

Snyder

BREAKFAST

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, milk and juice.

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza
TUESDAY
Donut
WEDNESDAY
Sausage and Biscuit
THURSDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup
FRIDAY
Cinnamon Roll

LUNCH

All lunches are served with milk.

MONDAY
Sloppy Joe
Ham & Cheese
Lettuce & Tomato
Baked Beans
French Fries
TUESDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Peas & Carrots
Steak Fingers
Yeast Rolls
Baked Potato
Cream Gravy
WEDNESDAY
Italian Spaghetti
Chicken Nuggets
Mixed Vegetables
Tossed Salad
Fruit Jello
THURSDAY
Salisbury Steak
Chicken Noodle
Sausage Pizza
Tossed Salad
Cowboy Cookie
Apple
FRIDAY
Grilled Cheese
Chicken Noodle
Sausage Pizza
Tossed Salad
Cowboy Cookie
Apple

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST

All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast
TUESDAY
Juice
Biscuits/Sausage
WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
THURSDAY
Juice
Pancake/Syrup
FRIDAY
Out for Student Holiday
MONDAY
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Pink Applesauce
TUESDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Orange Slices
WEDNESDAY
Glazed Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Seasoned Noodles
Hot Rolls
Lime Jello
THURSDAY
Grilled Pork Patties
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Hot Rolls
Baked Apples

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MONDAY
Chimichangas
Corn
Vegetable
Plain Cookies
TUESDAY
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Apple
WEDNESDAY
Chicken Patties
Whole Potatoes
Green Beans
Biscuits
Plain Cake
THURSDAY
Ham Sandwiches
Tostitos
Fruit
FRIDAY
School Holiday

Two suspects did apologize for paintings

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Two of three youths charged with painting racist messages on the outside of a black church appeared inside the house of worship to ask the congregation's forgiveness.

Michael McHone, 18, and Richard Thompson, 17, visited the recent service at Piney Grove AME Zion Church with Thompson's mother to apologize.

"I would just like to say to each and every one of you that I'm sorry for what I've done to your church," Thompson said. "I hope you can forgive me."

"It wasn't right what we did," said McHone. "Like I've told people, it was stupidity. I feel so bad for what I've done to all of you nice people who have had me here today."

They received embraces and warm greetings from five church members and their pastor, Johnny Douglas. The 95-year-old church, in a rural community just outside Concord, once had 50 members but now counts just 10.

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KIT LUNCHEON — Jean Sealy, center, presented a book review to Colonial Hill Baptist Church KIT members at the January meeting. Also pictured are, from left, Pearl Waller and Mary Farris.(Contributed Photo)

Colonial Hill KIT group has Jan. luncheon

KIT (keeping in touch) group of Colonial Hill Baptist Church met for its January luncheon at The Shack with M.J. Merritt presiding.

Twenty-seven members, including three guests, heard a program by Jean Sealy who reviewed "A Portrait of Ranch Life," a book by Jordan. Sealy reported sad and humorous tales, in poetic form, of 35 ranch women of the Great Plains states ranging from ages 20 to 90. Some women were city bred and some were born to ranching families, and each had interesting tales which could be related to by the listeners.

The next KIT meeting will be a Dutch treat luncheon Feb. 13 at The Shack.

Tips: planning a 'perfect wedding'

By BARBARA MAYER
For AP Special Edition

Good news for those invited to a wedding. The food is almost sure to be tastier than the traditional rubber chicken, and it may be more exotic as well.

"As a general trend, there is more flair in cuisine and presentation," says Maria McBride Mellinger, author of "The Perfect Wedding" (HarperCollins, $40 hardcover).

Adventurous wedding-givers may even have replaced the usual sit-down meal — where there is always a chance of being stuck next to the most boring relative — with open seating that offers an opportunity to mingle and a buffet of delicious and unusual foods.

"We are hearing about sushi in Kansas, and Spanish tapas and Chinese dim sum — formerly encountered only in big cities — are being served at small town weddings as appetizers," says Millie Bratten, editor of Bride's. "In place of plain coffee, there may be an Italian espresso bar."

The cosmopolitan nature of food at some weddings reflects the growing sophistication of some American palettes and the fact that people eat out more often.

"At weddings in New York, we see the same trends as in restaurants," says Edward Magel, executive chef at Susan Holland & Co. in New York. "There is one difference: the exotic elements are toned down because they want everybody to be happy with the food and the unusual dishes are usually presented as hors d'oeuvres."

The politically correct menu, low in red meat and other desirable food groups such as fat and sugar, is rarely presented at a wedding.

"You might think people would stick to healthy foods, but when they come to wedding receptions, they eat large quantities of food, and lots of meat," says Claire Heymann, proprietor of the Hotel St. Germain in Dallas.

Filet mignon, breast of capon stuffed with veal tenderloin and venison breaded with pistachios are among popular main courses (at $65 a person for a five-course meal) at the Hotel St. Germain.

Magel says that rack of lamb is Susan Holland's biggest seller for formal wedding meals. Favorites for informal affairs are slow-cooked meats and fowl, such as braised chicken chardonnay, with soft polenta with walnuts, or couscous with roasted vegetables.

Caterers report that buffets that mix several ethnic traditions are growing in popularity. The Hotel St. Germain, for example, might offer the Scandinavian specialty, gravlax (cured salmon in dill sauce) on a buffet table with bruschetta with tomatoes and mozzarella cheese, tiny stuffed tomatoes, and ravioli.

Examples of ethnic blendings in one dish include Maryland lump crab prepared with Thai green curry and seared salmon filet served in a French bouillabaisse broth (both specialties of Susan Holland).

Other ways in which the mold is being broken include the substitution of food for a flower arrangement in the center of the table. Guests at a wedding catered by Susan Holland might find bountiful selection of olives, cheeses, bread, and salads awaiting on the table.

"This course is an icebreaker because it forces interaction among guests who may not know one another," Magel says.

In these indulgent times, dessert is an important matter. "People who eat out a lot expect a serious dessert at a wedding," says Magel. "You can get delicious cakes that also look great, so we often serve cake with heavy accompaniments such as a fruit compote or berries and cream."

In Dallas, a dessert course in addition to the cake is normal. But especially at buffets, the wedding cake may be the star attraction. Make that wedding cakes. Typically, there are two: a white cake and a chocolate cake.

While lavish wedding menus may seem symptomatic of a new era of extravagance, the opulent meal is hardly a novelty, says William Woys Weaver, a food historian in Devon, Pa.

"By 1790, in cities such as Philadelphia, Boston and New York, the wealthiest people already were relying on caterers to do their wedding parties," Weaver says. "They also could rent suites of French furniture and silver candelabra to dress up their rooms."

Although individual dishes have changed — people no longer prepare and consume elaborate molded ice creams as they did in Victorian era, Weaver points out — selecting the most luxurious and stylish foods is a tradition.

Those who still prefer the old-fashioned menu for a wedding need not become overly concerned that tradition will entirely disappear.

"Once a bride puts on that wedding dress, a hormonal change occurs," says Susan Holland. "Almost every bride comes to us saying, 'I want a regular party, not a wedding.' But as the wedding date comes closer, things change. "If they didn't want a wedding cake before, now they do," Holland says. "There is more concern for the comfort of other generations attending the event, and those giving the wedding tend to become more conventional."

Reynolds, leads in 'Mother' and gets second star

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Debbie Reynolds is getting double-billing on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

The "Singin' in the Rain" star will be honored with a second star for her achievements in theater and stage peformance. She received her first star for her work in movies in 1960, when the Walk of Fame had just been created.

Reynolds, 64, currently stars in Albert Brooks' new comedy, "Mother."

She was nominated for an Oscar for "The Unsinkable Molly Brown."

Observe Arbor Day

Arbor Day, a day set for planting trees, is celebrated by most states in the United States and most of the provinces of Canada. Some states and provinces even observe it as a legal holiday.

Celebrated at different times in the various states and provinces, Arbor Day is observed here on Jan. 17, according to local Snyder Garden Club members who always plant a tree in Snyder. Due to the uncertainty of West Texas weather, the actual planting by SGC is postponed until early spring when the chances of the tree's survival is more likely.

From ancient times, according to the World Book, people have planted trees in religious ceremonies. Some parents planted trees whenever children were born. As early as the mid 1800s in the U.S., New England educator Birdsey G. Northrop urged people to plant trees to beautify the countryside.

Arbor Day began in Nebraska when Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper publisher, realized that trees would enrich the soil and conserve moisture, and through his efforts the first Arbor Day was recognized on April 10. After Morton died, the Nebraska legislature proclaimed his birthday, April 22, as Arbor Day and made it a legal holiday. Other states recognized the value of tree planting and also began observing this day.

Members of Snyder Garden Club encourages Scurry County residents to plant trees at their homes and businesses.

Pop some corn for climaxing football games

More than just an enjoyable treat for TV watching — popcorn is a wholesome food and a good source of carbohydrates and fiber. It also helps to sustain and energize the human body.

Popcorn can be seasoned other than the movie favorite of butter and salt. For a delicious-tasting treat, try sprinkling on Parmesan cheese, Cajun spice or flavor oils.

Here are some tips for popping corn:

-Warm the popper, heavy pan or heavy skillet.

-Put in ¼ cup of cooking oil.

-Pour in enough kernels to cover the bottom of the pan.

-Cover, shake gently. When you hear the last few pops, remove from heat and empty contents into a large, buttered bowl.

The following glaze recipes can be used to mold the popcorn into balls or table decorations. Coated popcorn can be molded into pie-shaped or basket-shaped shells that can hold ice cream, candies, nuts and other treats. Note that each recipe will coat two quarts of unsalted popped corn.

LIGHT POPCORN GLAZE

2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
1 cup water
½ cup butter

Cook to 260 F (hard ball stage). Pour over popcorn and mix thoroughly.

DARK POPCORN GLAZE

¾ cup molasses
1½ cups light brown sugar (or ¾ each white and dark brown sugar).
1 tablespoon vinegar
½ cup butter
½ teaspoon salt

Cook ingredients to 280 F (soft crack stage), stirring frequently. Pour over popped corn and mix thoroughly.

Marcia signs $4.2 million book deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wanted: Host of a reality-based television series about women in law enforcement. The woman for the job: Marcia Clark.

The O.J. Simpson prosecutor was chosen as the host of "Lady-Law," a program about female law enforcement officers, lawyers and judges.

"We'll go beyond the streets, penitentiaries and courtrooms to capture the unique and very personal sides of these remarkable women," according to a "Lady-Law" publicity statement.

A buyer for the 30-minute program has not yet been found.

"I'm honored to have been chosen to help present the stories of the admirable and distinguished women who have chosen to accept the challenges of a demanding, yet fulfilling career," Ms. Clark said in a statement Thursday.

A day earlier, Ms. Clark said she quit her job as prosecutor for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. She had been on leave since Simpson's October 1995 acquittal. She has signed a $4.2 million book deal.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Boneless Barbecued Ribs
Black-eyed Peas
Cream Style Corn
Tossed Salad
Baked Apple

TUESDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Green Peas
Carrot Coins
Pickled Beets & Onion
Chocolate Brownie

WEDNESDAY
Pepper Steak
Tomatoes & Green Beans
Potatoes Au Gratin
Peach & Cottage Cheese Salad
Gingerbread

THURSDAY
Tamale Pie
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookies

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Parslied Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Raw Vegetable Salad
Spice Cake

Wheel of Fortune letter turner is expecting again

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Vanna White is expecting again.

The "Wheel of Fortune" letter turner said Thursday she is three months pregnant. She has a 2½-year-old son, Nicholas.

Ms. White, 39, was here to take the ceremonial first pull on a "Wheel of Fortune" slot machine. The progressive slot machines, which cost at least $1 per play, have a multicolored wheel like the one on the TV show and play the show's theme song.

They're being installed in all 13 of the city's casinos.

"We do give away a lot of money on 'Wheel of Fortune,' but not anywhere near what these machines will," said Ms. White, who joined Donald J. Trump at the ceremony at Trump's Castle Casino Resort.

Did you know that in 1958 the first U.S. satellite was launched; the first grammy award was presented; and the New York Yankees won the World Series, defeating the Milwaukee Braves?

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Senior troupe cheered by Letterman crowd

SUN CITY, Ariz. (AP) — After being bumped twice from "The Late Show With David Letterman," the Sun City Poms senior dance troupe decided the show must go on: They cartwheeled across the stage when the program went off the air.

Letterman "told the audience that we weren't going to be on. The audience just booed. They just made so much noise that we did it anyway," said Foofie Harlan, 82, who did a jumping split at the end of the act Tuesday.

The crowd cheered for the eight-member troupe, the youngest of whom is 60.

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Pets and livestock also need care during natural disasters

WASHINGTON (AP) — When disaster strikes, rescuers need to remember pets and livestock, too.

That's the message the Federal Emergency Management Agency is putting out in guidelines to local emergency-preparedness officials who often are not ready to deal with animals when fire, flood or other natural disasters strike.

But the FEMA effort — a first for the agency — is not just about helping animals, FEMA spokesman Morrie Goodman said.

When communities do not prepare for animal welfare, peoples' lives also can be jeopardized. Residents, for example, may refuse to leave dangerous areas unless provision can be made for care of beloved pets. The financial cost of lost livestock can devastate ranchers and farmers.

"After disasters there are always horrible stories," Goodman said in an interview this week.

In the northern California town of Marysville this week, local rescue workers occupied by urgent human concerns were at a loss how to help a horse caught in barbed wire and stranded for days in the deep, near-freezing flood waters that have engulfed Yuba County.

"They couldn't get a trailer in, couldn't get a helicopter in," said Eric Sakach, regional director of the West Coast office of the Humane Society of the United States.

So Sakach, along with a crew of Humane Society workers who flew in from Southeastern offices and the organization's national headquarters in Washington, waded in and bridled the horse. They had been ready to euthanize it if necessary, but were able to coax the animal to hobble to safety on its severely cut and swollen legs.

On the way, the crew also picked up a couple of stranded cats and a burro whose owner had left it tied to a tree.

The Humane Society team has also helped Yuba County residents herd valuable cattle and horses into safe, contained areas where feed could be dropped to them. At least one herd had become sick from drinking water contaminated by diesel fuel spills.

Sakach and his crew, along with Yuba County's own animal control personnel, have rescued more than 400 animals this week — including rabbits and goats. Once rescued, injured animals have been treated at a veterinary hospital through a disaster program organized by the California Veterinary Medical Association. The animals are housed at a nearby fairgrounds until they are claimed and owners can take them home.

Hundreds more animals were not so lucky. The bloated carcasses of cows and horses that drowned, died of hypothermia after standing for days in cold water or were poisoned by spilled contaminants litter thousands of acres of Western farmland.

"These are situations that probably could have been avoided," Sakach said.

Yuba County had made some preparations. But many communities do not adequately include animals in their emergency planning, or do not have the resources to rescue and care for pets and livestock when owners must be evacuated, Goodman said.

The FEMA guidelines stress the importance of making animal care and control agencies part of community disaster plans. That would include groups such as the Humane Society, agriculture departments, veterinary associations, zoos and kennel clubs.

Financing business topic of workshop

LUBBOCK — There will be a morning workshop on "SBA Financing for Small Business," Wednesday, Jan. 29, in the SBA Conference Room, 1611 10th Street.

The workshop is being sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives). Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the program will conclude at 10.

Subjects for the morning workshop include: "SBA Loan Application," and "Other SBA Programs." There is no registration fee for the workshop but preregistration is encouraged due to limited space.

This workshop will provide financing information relative to starting a business. This is an excellent opportunity for women to learn about financing a business. Statistics of the U.S. Census Bureau and SBA show women are starting businesses at twice the rate of men. Nearly 40 percent of all small businesses will be woman-owned by the year 2000 if the current trend continues.

Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested in advance.

For more information or registration contact Ruby Abarca at 806-472-7462 or 1-800-676-1005.

Newspaper carrier credited with saving man from fire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio Express-News carrier is being hailed as a hero for pulling a man from his burning house while delivering newspapers.

Oscar Campos was making his rounds in the pre-dawn cold Thursday when he rescued Isaac Ramon, 64, authorities say. Ramon suffered only minor injuries after being trapped inside his east side home.

"I went all over the house trying to look in, but the smoke was pretty heavy. Then I heard a voice behind the front door," Campos said.

"I told him to unlock the door and he yelled back, 'I can't. I can't. Break it down! Break it down!'" Campos said.

Campos, 46, and Ramon's neighbor Daryl Henson tried breaking down the door, but couldn't. Campos instead broke a front window, moved several items that blocked his path, went out for air, then rescued Ramon.

Arson investigator Richard Bonnett said "there's no doubt in my mind" that Ramon would have died without Campos' help.

"(Campos) took a chance. He deserves some credit," Bonnett said.

Bonnett said the fire was probably caused by a faulty appliance in the kitchen. Damage to the house was estimated at about $35,000.

Ramon, who was taken to Metropolitan Methodist Hospital for treatment, met Campos at the hospital Thursday night.

"I thought I was a goner. I appreciate what you did for me," Ramon told his rescuer, giving him a hearty handshake. "Maybe I can do something for you."

When Campos told him no reward was necessary, Ramon said, "Then maybe I can do something for somebody else sometime."

Basic phlebotomy class set

Western Texas College's Continuing Education Division has slated a basic phlebotomy course to begin Tuesday. The course is scheduled to meet from 6:30-9 on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through March 6.

The 40-hour course will offer participants the opportunity to gain experience in the theoretical and practical aspects of specimen collections, utilization of laboratory equipment, and hands-on clinical experience.

Additionally, students will examine the professional and ethical aspects of a phlebotomist as well as the use of related medical terminology, anatomy and physiology.

Individuals successfully completing the course will have the basic knowledge and experience to work as a phlebotomist in a medical laboratory or long-term care facility.

Bill Dickinson, laboratory manager at Cogdell Memorial Hospital, will serve as instructor for the course. Dickinson brings 16 years of clinical laboratory experience to the classroom.

Cost for the course is $92. The course textbook, "The Phlebotomy Handbook," may be purchased at the WTC Book Store for $39.66 including tax.

Pre-registration for the basic phlebotomy course is required. Individuals interested in taking the course should contact the Continuing Education Division at 573-8511, ext. 390. Class space is limited to 15 students and will be filled on a "first-come first-served basis."

Q&A

What are MIP penalties?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News in cooperation with the Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this weekly column to readers' questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

Recently there have been minors asking what the penalties for minor in possession really are and what are the consequences if they receive more than one. Early last year, CADA published an article about this very topic, and to answer recent questions, the article will again run.

It is illegal for a minor (under the age of 21) to possess, consume, purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic beverages. According to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, 105.05, Texas Traffic Laws, possession is defined as, "when alcohol is in your care, custody, control or management."

Therefore, although it may have been determined that no alcohol had been consumed, since the alcohol was in your possession (care, custody, control or management), a citation for MIP was warranted.

The penalties for a first offense for minor in possession can include a fine of $25 to $200 and attendance of a state approved Alcohol Awareness Course for Minors, to be completed successfully within 90 days of conviction.

Any subsequent offense penalties, however, are much more substantial:

1. Attempt to purchase: fine of $250 to $1,000.
2. Purchase: fine of $250 to $1,000.
3. Consume: fine of $500 to $1,000.
4. Possess: fine of $500 to $1,000.

These penalties include required attendance of a state approved alcohol awareness course, successful completion of said course within 90 days of conviction or loss of driver's license for up to six (6) months can be imposed. The state approved Alcohol Awareness Course for Minors is offered locally at the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling 915-573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Send quesitons to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX 79550; or call 915-573-1411. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously.

Senior Center News

Senior Citizens who enjoy bridge are invited to gather in the Senior Center at 9:30 Monday morning and again on Friday when there will be a tournament starting at 10 a.m.

A straight 42 tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday. Dominoes and pool are popular games each day.

Representatives from the Social Security Administration will be in the center Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1-2 p.m. County residents of any age who need information about Social Security can meet with them.

The Kitchen Band will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center to entertain residents there at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Sunshine Choir will be at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m. Friday.

The Senior Saints will perform in the center at 11 a.m. Thursday. The Tri Chem textile painting class will meet at 9 a.m. The line dancing class meets at 1:15 on Wednesday afternoon.

The center would welcome donations to help purchase new chairs for the dining room and other needed items. A collection jar for change has been placed in the center for this project and donations in any amount are welcome. Gifts to the center can be designated as recognition for birthdays or anniversaries or as memorials and the center will send acknowledgements as instructed.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Phil and Mary Powell, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Ray Hill, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Miller, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

John L. Cox, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dewey and Laurie Grinslade, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jack K. Greene and Jack's Roadboring, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Cotton Minute Market and William Cotton, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Steve Poitevint, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Dennis R. and Geneva Jones, 1996 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

AMOCO Oil, two 1997 Ford pickups from Ottawa Ford.

L.W. Pinkerton, 1997 Ford pickup from Ivey Motor Co.

B&F Well Service and Mark Duke, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Johnnie C. Estes, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

AMOCO Pipeline Co., 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

John L. Cox, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bob Waliky, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Larry and Susan Scott, 1996 Ford wagon from Wilson Motors.

Jacky D. Simpson, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Larry Sears, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kelli and Charles Barbee, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

L.N. Johnson, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Ben E. Neeper, 1997 Lincoln from Wilson Motors.

Travis E. Brackeen, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Bradley M. Gambrell, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Kevin Curtis Rinehart of Snyder and Alisha Joyce Miller of Clyde.

Michael Howard Bragg and Grace Elaine Whitfill, both of Snyder.

Thomas Marshall Lowery and Linda Jeanette Armantrout, both of Snyder.

Gerald C. Walton and Ella Pauline Withers, both of Snyder.

Jerry Don Jackson and Stella Camille Thompson, both of Snyder.

John Calvin Snowden and Martha Lara Orosco, both of Snyder.

Daniel Garcia Espinosa of Snyder and Amanda Lynette Olsen of Hermleigh.

Filed in District Court

Snyder National Bank vs. Rex Robert Boehler, John E. Boehler and Boehler Cattle Company Inc., suit on sworn account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Cynthia Marie Lacik and John Irvine Lacik, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Iva Jo Henry and Lonnie George Henry, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Raymond Smith and Lisa K. Smith, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Luciano and Enriqueta Torres Martinez to Juan Cabrera, the south 50 feet of Lot 6 and the north 26 feet of Lot 7 in Block 43 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Juan Cabrera to Margarita C. Luna, the south 50 feet of Lot 6 and the north 26 feet of Lot 7 in Block 43 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Dennis and Tommie Lynne Reynolds, Lots 1-4 in Block 30 of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Mary Louise Kiker to George W. Kiker, tract one being the west 50 feet of the north one-half of Lot 1 in Block 51 of the Original Town of Snyder; tract two being the west 20 feet of the east 100 feet of the north one-half of Lot 1 in Block 51 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Max Stephens to Higginbotham-Bartlett Company, all the south 90 feet of the west 110 feet of Lot 4 in Block 2 of the Blankenship Addition.

Lucile Christian Kennemer to Charles L. and Ellen M. House, all of Tract 8 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands, out of Sections 20 and 26, J.P. Smith survey.

Leroy and Nona Key to Wesley Roy and Janis B. Key, 297 acres in the south one-half of Section 144, Block 97, H&TC survey,

Leroy and Nona Key to Wayland Joe Key, 320 acres in the south one-half of Section 216, Block 97, H&TC survey.

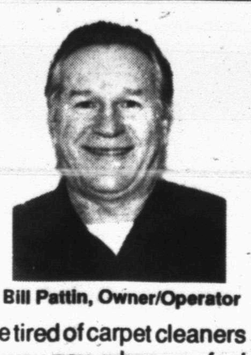
Elizabeth B. Winn to Joseph J. Brewer and Ruth M. Brewer, co-Trustees of the Elizabeth B. Winn Revocable Trust, tract one being the north one-half of Section 393, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being Tract 31 in Section 39 of the Kirkland and Fields survey.

Delwin Burch and Robert Helton to Snyder Oaks Inc., 5.97 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 124, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Opal Wenetschlaeger, independent executrix of the estate of Henry F. Wenetschlaeger, all of Lot 12 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Darren Keith McCowen to Mecca Lynn McCowen, 69.80 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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What Kind of Nut Would Run an Ad About Himself?

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Scurry County benefitting from local National Guard unit

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

educational programs. They also have a large flag which can be displayed upon request at schools. Tours of the facility are available.

Pierson works closely with representatives of all of the schools in Scurry County to provide various educational programs.

They include high school career days, elementary after-school programs, the DARE anti-drug program and those who wish to enlist.

A two-day Career Direction program, last presented to Snyder High School English classes, emphasizes the importance of filling out job applications correctly.

Pierson tells students to be very careful and he emphasizes the importance of following directions on the application form. One example he uses concerns the opening of Sam's in Abilene. Of all of the applications submitted, Pierson tells the students that 13 percent were thrown away because they had been typed when directions clearly said "please print."

Pierson also strongly emphasizes the importance of attending college or trade school right after graduation from high school. While he realizes that this may not be the best choice for all graduates, he said national statistics show that high school graduates who go on to college with their peers have the best chance of completing their education.

Once there is a break in the educational process, Pierson said it can be very hard to return.

Those who serve in the military first often find themselves with responsibilities that might prevent them from going to college when they get out.

Some never take advantage of the financial help for college that is available, Pierson said.

Pierson speaks from experience. He put off college until he was in his 40s. While the National Guard offers an attractive package for college-bound seniors, Pierson said he will help any student whether they join the Guard or not.

Upon enlisting, recruits must pass a national security check, be physically fit, take a yearly drug test and be a high school graduate.

Pierson said those with GEDS will be accepted but they have to score much higher on the Armed Services Vocational Entrance Exam which all recruits must take.

New recruits also have to be at least 17 years old and a junior in high school before they can enlist.

Pierson believes that this is the best time for high schoolers to enlist as they receive their eight weeks of basic training between their junior and senior year. Periodic weekend drills will follow as well as advanced training. In the meantime, they have advanced from PFC rank to E3, and are earning more money.

As long as they have learned a military occupational skill they are eligible for financial help for right after they graduate from high school

Recruits who become full-time students and maintain passing grades will also receive $203.24 per month for 36 months which equals to more than $7,000. This money is not taxable and they don't have to pay the National Guard in order to use it. Instead, it's free upon enlisting.

Other military organizations require service first and paying into a college fund before college benefits will be granted after being discharged.

After college graduation, the National Guard requires a six-year enlistment plus two years as a IRR or Individual Ready Reserve. During this time, they can be called to active duty if necessary. Pierson said the IRR takes the place of the draft.

This six-year enlistment actually involves 39 days of training each year. Recruits are a soldier for a period of about one year, spread over six years.

Pierson said numerous scholarships are available, including 150 RSVPs.

Students sometimes fail to apply for scholarships because they don't know about them, Pierson said. He's trying to change that.

He also said many tests such as the ACT and SAT are free for members of the National Guard.

Since Guard pay is often much less than professionals like doctors make in private practice, optional mobilization insurance has been created to alleviate some of the disparity in wages, Pierson said.

Pierson likes the National Guard, which he said has been "good to me," and finds it "very fulfilling" to work with young people. He said he never misses the opportunity to emphasize the importance of getting an education, regardless of what age students his audience is.

Pierson has been a sergeant first class since April 28 of last year and his official title is the strength maintenance non-commissioned officer.

He has lived in Snyder since September of 1989. He is married to Cindy and has two children who attend local schools. A stepson, Michael Myrick, is a freshman at Snyder High School. A daughter, Jessica Pierson, is an eighth grader and participates in volleyball and basketball.

Pierson said they plan to remain in Snyder because it's a "tremendous place to be."

A native of Tuscola, Pierson has served 17 years in the National Guard. He also logged five years active duty in the U.S. Navy and at one time worked for the Dyess Air Force Base Civil Service.

During the Vietnam War, he worked for Lockheed Aircraft and was attached to the 9th Infantry Division during 1968-1969.

Before joining the National Guard, he said all of his military service was in aviation.

This May, he will have a total of 22 years of military service.



RUNS ARMORY — Sgt. Frederico Salazar Jr., who runs the armory, is shown inside a storage room where military equipment is kept. Everything is packed and ready to go at a moment's notice. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



HELPING OUT — Corey Chester, is helping sort through the armory's manuals and other publications. He joined the National Guard in June of 1994 and has advanced to E4 rank. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

SHS grad likes Nat'l Guard

Corey Chester credits the National Guard with "giving me a sense of responsibility." That's a "big thing" to the 1995 Snyder High School graduate, who joined the Guard in June of 1994.

He received basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and his annual training at Fort Polk, La. In August of 1996, he trained with regular Fort Hood Army soldiers at the National Training Center in California.

Being in the Guard gives Chester the opportunity to see the Army's newest equipment, such as the MI Tank, which can travel about 75 miles per hour. The barrel of its gun can be locked onto either a F-15 or F-16, and it can fire without stopping.

He described it as "awesome."

Chester has put off college some two years, but he is now ready to go. He is currently applying for one of 150 RSVP scholarships and other financial aid. He hopes to study architecture at Texas Tech University.

Since high school graduation, Chester said he has come to a greater realization of the importance of education, noting that "younger kids are more advanced than I was at their age." Curriculums progressively get harder too, he said, and some children are also learning to use computers at a younger age than he did.

By delaying entering college, Chester said a gap has developed between him and his peers (those he graduated with who went on to college) He wants to go now because he doesn't want the gap to get any wider.

Joining the National Guard was a good choice for him, and not just for the educational benefits, either. He said he also enjoys the weekend drills and training. He called the Guard "fun," adding "If I apply myself, I can learn a lot."

The National Guard has helped him avoid the plight of some graduates who are "restless and don't know what to do." That's another reason he's glad he joined.

He has already risen to the Specialist E4 rank, and has set his sights on advancing to E5 as soon as possible.

Another advantage of being in the Guard is that Chester has access to the armory's weight equipment, available any time Sgt. Frederico Salazar Jr., who runs the armory, is there.

Though not available in Snyder, the National Guard also offers members various extracurricular activities, such as the sharp shooter team and the 49th Division band which is based in Austin.

The enlistment number is 573-4815.

Jury decides...

Tilton's wife can't transfer church's assets

DALLAS (AP) — A jury decided Friday that the estranged wife of Robert Tilton has no right to transfer the assets of Tilton's Word of Faith ministry to her own church.

The 15-day hearing was a part of Tilton's divorce proceedings and settled a dispute over Leigh Valentine Tilton's right to the assets of her husband's ministry.

The ruling clears the way for hearings in Ms. Tilton's divorce suit against her husband.

Ms. Tilton contended that the church should be considered part of Tilton's personal assets, making it fair game in a divorce settlement. She also alleged that she was — and remains — co-pastor of the original Word of Faith with authority over its assets equal to her husband's.

After a second day of deliberations, however, the jury decided that she did not have a business partner's authority. It also decided that the ministry is not part of Tilton's personal assets and subject to a divorce split.

"Those two arguments cancel each other out," said J.C. Joyce, Tilton's attorney.

"They're mutually exclusive — you can't claim that Tilton completely owns the church and then say that you are co-pastor and have the right to control assets. That doesn't make any sense," he said.

Tilton said the verdict vindicated the sanctity of ministerial assets.

"The church won a great victory today ... ours and all the churches in America did," Tilton said.

TEAMMEMBERS ...of the Month...

LAWRENCE IGA #400



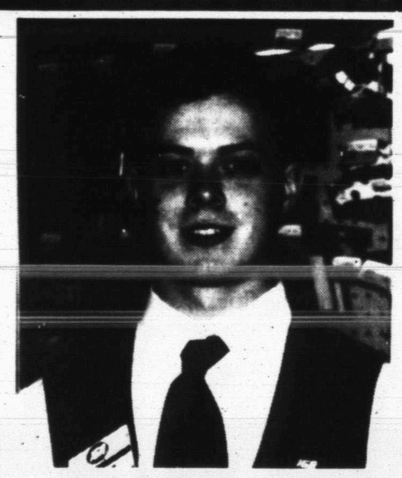
Priscilla Hernandez

Priscilla was nominated for this honor because she is helpful to her guests, comes to work on time, enjoys working with her fellow teammembers, and enjoys taking care of her guests for Lawrence IGA #400.

Priscilla has lived in this area for 21 years. She is the daughter of Steve and Ophelia Hernandez. She has one brother, Steve Jr. He and his wife, Eve, have one daughter, Alexia.

Priscilla has worked at Lawrence IGA for one year and two months. She is a checker. She enjoys going out with her friends and cousins and just having fun and in the summer she enjoys playing volleyball.

LAWRENCE IGA #100



Jeff Borders

The reasons Jeff was selected for this honor are: he has a great attitude, is ready to do any job he is asked to do, works well with all teammembers and is well liked by customers.

Jeff has worked for Lawrence IGA for three years. He is a checker. He has lived in this area for six months, he transferred from Sweetwater to Snyder to attend WTC.

Jeff is the son of Merle Borders and has one brother, Josh Borders. In his spare time he enjoys football and basketball.

Lawrence IGA

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Criteria of emotional maturity

Deanie Francis Mills

It probably won't surprise many of you to know that I belong to a number of psychiatric organizations; ostensibly to receive the latest research summaries and debates, which helps me to flesh out characters for my novels — but on the other hand, you never know, I might need their services some day.

So anyway, the Menninger Foundation, a highly respected national psychiatric resource center, sent me this little bookmark which lists, "The Criteria of Emotional Maturity."

Talk about a laugh-riot.

Of course, we all know that I quite handily fit all six of the criteria and am definitely emotionally mature, but I thought you guys might like to know what you've got to work on, so here's the list:

1. The ability to deal constructively with reality.

Okay, I know all about this. It's like, the reality that you gained too much weight over the holidays to squeeze your fat fanny into the new pair of jeans you bought back in October, so you just wear a sweatshirt over them so that you can unbutton the top button and therefore nobody else ever has to know. *That's* reality.

Or, like, when you get a new credit card, and you make this promise to yourself that you are only going to use it for things that are absolutely necessary, and the plain reality is that EVERYTHING is absolutely necessary.

Sheesh, I've got this reality stuff down pat.

2. *The capacity to adapt to change.*

Oh, that one's a snap. Like, when they decide to reorganize the grocery store, right? And you wander around for five hours looking for a can of pork and beans, and when you find them, you discover that they've decided to stock only the store brand-name pork and beans instead of your usual pork and beans, and so you take the shopping cart and turn it upside-down over the store manager's head. I know that's how I adapt to change.

Or, like when they've got 30th Street all torn up for construction, and you can't even GET to the danged grocery store, so what you do is, you just make your own road. Now THAT'S adapting to change.

3. *A relative freedom from symptoms that are produced by tensions and anxieties!*

WHAT tensions and anxieties? What do they MEAN, "tensions and anxieties"?

Tensions and anxieties. Yeah, right.

By the way, I wonder if any of these lazy slobs around here have seen my Excedrin. We're all out of Pepcid AC, too.

Whew — lucky save! I just found my secret cache of chocolate!

I TOLD you we didn't have any tensions and anxieties!

4. *The capacity to find more satisfaction in giving than receiving.*

Absolutely. I know that I found great intrinsic joy in buying and wrapping six different Christmas presents for my beloved husband this year, even though he didn't get me anything. Not anything at all. Nothing. Nada. Didn't bother me one bit. No sirree.

After all, the poor man explained that he'd been very busy and just didn't have time to buy me a Christmas present. I can relate, what with buying ALL the Christmas presents for EVERYBODY in the ENTIRE extended family all over the STATE, and all he had to do was buy one STINKING LOUSY PRESENT!!!!!!!

I definitely found giving to be more satisfying than receiving this year. And I just can't wait for my husband to experience the same joy next year.

5. *The capacity to relate to other people in a consistent manner with mutual satisfaction and helpfulness.*

Oh, I can DEFINITELY relate to that one. It's like, when you relate consistently every time you spot somebody in a store that you don't want to stop and visit with — you dodge down another aisle and hide behind the dog food display until they've gone.

Or like, when they ask for volunteers for some project or other in Sunday school, you suddenly drop your pen and have to duck down under the table to pick it up. I've been known to be very consistent in such matters.

6. *The capacity to sublimate, to direct one's instinctive hostile energy into creative and constructive outlets.*

Hmmm. I wonder what they mean by being creative with one's "instinctive hostile energy"?

I don't think putting a photo of one's editor up over a dart board bull's-eye is all that hostile. Creative, maybe, but not hostile.

7. *The capacity to love.*

Our dog Bart loves me, but I don't think he's all that emotionally mature.

But then, I don't think the Menninger Foundation plans on putting any of my opinions on bookmarks any time soon.



Editorial Roundup

Texas Education Agency lapses

The San Antonio Express-News

Who's watching the watchdog?

With the findings of the state auditor, public school educators may wish to ask the Texas Education Agency that question.

A state auditor's report indicates the Texas Education Agency, which checks the performance of the state's public schools and school districts, has flunked when it comes to keeping an eye on its own operations.

The review cites a number of weaknesses, including a lack of internal controls over pay, leave and contracts that has caused ethical lapses, the Austin American-Statesman reports. Additionally, the auditor notes the agency's internal auditing function was ineffective.

A spokeswoman for the agency told the American-Statesman many of the problems already have been addressed or are being addressed.

That may be, but consider also other findings that suggest TEA's focus of measuring its performance is too narrow.

The auditor said the agency, while mostly measuring student performance yardsticks, lacks methods to measure how well it serves school districts, campuses and regional education centers.

That role is critical.

The watchdog needs to measure its own effectiveness. Improving communications with schools would be helpful in its regulatory role.

On a regressive tax

The Austin American-Statesman

Just how much inequality can a democracy take?

That rather profound philosophical question may be just the one Texans should ask as they evaluate the package of state tax proposals being forwarded by Gov. George W. Bush.

The governor has outlined for legislative consideration a tax package that calls for about $4.1 million in tax increases and $4.6 million in tax cuts ... The 60 percent of Texans with incomes less than $50,000 would pay more, while Texans in the highest tax brackets would pay less. ...

So far, Texans have reacted rather protectively and placidly to the regressivity of their state tax policy. But surely some serious questions should be raised: If not "How much inequality can a democracy take?" at least "How much inequality should a democracy encourage?"

Zero tolerance for policy breakers

Bill McClellan

Another student has been expelled for bringing a gun to school, this time in Seattle.

Administrators acted quickly, confiscating the weapon and calling the boy's father to come pick him up. We hate to see this sort of thing happen, but it's important to keep our schools safe.

Perhaps, by the administration's quick handling of the matter, other students will be detered from bringing a deadly weapon to class.

In this case, the gun wasn't exactly what you could consider deadly. It wasn't capable of firing bullets or pellets or bbs or caps or, well...anything. That doesn't matter.

Kids need to understand. A gun is a gun.

This particular gun was made of a solid piece of molded plastic and weighed less than a half-ounce, but that makes no difference.

A gun is a gun. Kids need to learn that.

And this particular gun was only one inch tall — it would fit inside a 50-cent piece. But that doesn't matter, either.

A gun is a gun.

Children, you see, might not know the difference between a real gun and the one that normally fits in the hand of the G.I. Joe figure Jeffrey Parks got for Christmas.

John Rodgers Elementary, where young Jeffrey attends school — or where he *attended* before he was kicked out — has a strict policy. It's a "zero-tolerance" policy.

"Zero-tolerance" policies are effective. They insure a safer environment in our classrooms and the school district is assured of being better protected against litigation.

Jeffrey is 10 years old. Some might consider the administration's action a little harsh, especially considering the "gun" he brought to school was an obvious child's toy. Some might wonder about a policy that embarrasses him in front of his classmates and could lead him to resent school altogether.

But those are the weak, the soft-hearted. There is no place for them in education today. It's better Jeffrey learn the realities of life at an early age.

There is another benefit of "zero-tolerance" policies. They relieve administrators from the responsibility of having to actually make a decision which requires thought.

It's simple. You break the policy, and you are out. Period. It doesn't matter what the excuse is; there are none.

"Zero-tolerance" policies don't teach compassion. They don't teach common sense. Your child won't learn anything about reasoning or problem-solving or understanding.

He might get the idea that real guns are the same as one-inch G.I. Joe guns. Now that's a pretty scary thought.

But it doesn't matter.

He might be led to believe that everything is black and white, that there is never room for compromise, much less common sense. That could hurt him later in life, but...

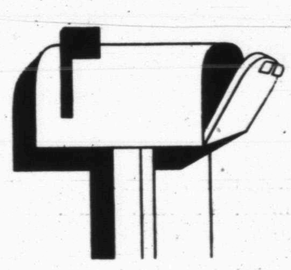
It makes no difference.

None of that matters. What is important is that rules are rules and policies are policies, and what they say goes. They are not subject to interpretation. If the policy says no guns in school, then you better not bring a gun to school — be it a .357 magnum, a water pistol, a one-inch piece of molded look-alike plastic, or, presumably, a photocopy.

Says the boy's father, "I understand policies, but somebody has to be intelligent enough to look at a one-inch toy and realize that does not break policy."

Oh, Mr. Parks. Can't you understand?

Intelligence has nothing to do with it either.



Arrogant behavoir

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that we have an elected county official who is trespassing on people's property by cutting trees and disposing of the wood without the owners' knowledge or permission.

An elected county official should know who owns the property and should know that trespassing is against the law, as well as carrying off, selling or giving the wood to someone or using it himself.

The county should not have to pay for such deliberate misconduct as this.

This kind of arrogant behavoir needs to be voted out of office next election day.

Florine Merritt
Snyder

Deep Creek river walk

Dear Editor:

I was speaking to another local merchant the other day and he told me of a project he proposed some time ago. After hearing about it, I was surprised that nothing has ever been mentioned about such a project.

His proposal was as follows: Proposal to convert Deep Creek into a river walk!

Why not convert Deep Creek into a river walk by damming it from about 21st Street to 37th Street. Seal the base to hold water and using the city wells located on 24th Street to maintain an acceptable water level in the "river."

Sell or lease the property along the creek to merchant vendors like they do in San Antonio and make it an extremely attractive tourist attraction like the river walk in San Antonio. Since we already have cleaned out the creek and made a walk (which is never used) using prison labor, why couldn't prison labor be used to build the "River Walk" project.

Add paddle boats, sidewalk cafes, and street vendors, and we could have a tourist attraction that would be a terrific drawing card for tourism, and business. Sale of property, or lease of property along the "creek" project could serve as flood control as well as an economic boom to the area.

Come on, somebody, take this ball and run with it. I really believe this would work. It is a good idea. Let's do something about it.

Sincerely,
Ken Andrews

P.S. An ampitheatre built somewhere along the walk could have evening entertainment most any evening during a large portion of the year featuring local talent.

Oh, my, those clever marketers

Blackie Sherrod

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — In the throes of national politics and our role as world referee and the O.J. Simpson series, it may have escaped your attention that we are under a merchandising siege. These developments creep up on you like flour-sack drawers until suddenly you are their captive.

While we were being flogged by the surgeon general, while we retreat pale and trembling from the evil clutch of cigarettes, when we finally quit the dratted things and breathe relief, we look over and see Mr. Cigar in the next bed. Come into my parlor, says he, smiling benignly.

Oh, this is not to say the cigar folk are claiming immunity to cancer. Nothing so extreme. It's my inexpert guess that SOMEbody, some brilliant merchandiser, saw all those zillion cigarette quitters as terrific market potential and set out to woo them as new customers. Because a smoker is less likely to inhale cigars, one may suppose them to be harmless, or at least compared to cigarettes, like pea shooters to a cannon.

This is not to condemn cigars, or cigarettes for that matter. I've enjoyed them both and still may on occasion. Rather, it is to marvel at the merchandising wizardry of the cigar folk.

A few years ago, you began seeing photos of ladies with cigars in delicate hands. Not old ward bosses or redneck deputies but genteel, immaculately groomed females. We were witnessing merchandising masters at their subtle best.

The silk stocking crowd began having "cigar parties." The industry started its own sleek magazine "Cigar Aficionado," sponsoring fancy trade shows around the land, with vendors paying $3,000 for booths and customers shelling out $150 to attend and sop up freebies. A recent "New Yorker" had a full-page ad pushing some elite cigar, right along with full pages occupied by Tiffany, Cartier, Remy Martin and the Union Bank of Switzerland. Fancy retailers installed cigar boutiques. You could buy Christmas ties with cigar designs.

Upscale restaurants began including "cigar rooms" for patrons. One new hot spot in New York advertises "100 different cigars" for sale. This month came the announcement of an international chain of Lone Wolf Cigar Lounges. Heck, nobody ever did this for those evil old low-class scum-bum cigarettes. You never heard of a Snuff Salon, have you?

The first time I can remember a similar merchandising attack concerned horn-rim glasses. Heretofore, spectacles were designed to be unobtrusive. People with inferior eyesight considered it a mark of weakness, and if they must wear glasses, they wanted them as little noticeable as possible. Rimless things or flesh-colored rims.

Then, near as I can recall, a young actor named Robert Walker wore black horn rims in a movie, playing a romantic lead. Suddenly, horn rims were all over the place. Cary Grant, Phil Silvers, Doris Day, Boris Karloff, Winston Churchill, for goodness sakes. In a matter of months, it seemed, eyeglasses went from stigma to badge.

Modern merchandising? I give you this "Tickle Me Elmo" or whatever that silly toy currently the craze.

Over the years, without realizing, I have butted constantly into another crafty form of marketing. As a devout chilihead, I have been exposed to many different recipes for this unique ambrosia. Without exception, all formulas call for chili meat in increments of two pounds. Two pounds, four pounds, six pounds, etc. Yet I have never been able to find chili meat in two-pound packages. It's always 1.63 pounds or 1.71 pounds. Why not standardize packages at two pounds? I have mentioned this to butchers and received thoughtful nods in return.

Recently, I was carping on the subject to a weary checkout lady at the supermarket.

"I have never, never found a two-pound package of chili meat," I said crossly. "It's always a pound and a third or some odd figure while recipes always call for two pounds."

"What do you do about it?" the checkout lady said, with no noticeable interest, punching her register.

"Well, I have to buy two packages."

"Aha," she said without expression. Aha indeed.

Changes in DNR policies may affect you

Dear Editor:

To the citizens of Scurry County: This information may severely impact you and/or your loved ones!

Recent changes in state law have caused revisions in Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) policies and procedures which we (Snyder EMS) and other Out Of Hospital (OOH) health care providers are required to operate under.

If you, or any of your loved ones have existing DNR orders, they are null and void to all out of hospital health care providers, as of Feb. 1.

The Texas Health & Safety Code, Title 8, Chapter 674, 157.25, has been enacted. A "grace" period was established until 2-1-97, after which time we will honor only the new DNR program. In a nutshell, the new law clearly outlines when resuscitation (CPR) will be initiated or withheld.

As to where you and your loved ones may be affected, existing DNR forms, living wills, power of attorney for medical care, etc., are no longer legally accepted as OOH DNRs.

No longer can OOH providers (including EMS) accept the verbal wishes of the next of kin. No longer can EMS use a written doctor's order, no longer will the set of papers you already signed for the nursing home(s) be honored by OOH providers (EMS). Please understand, this is not a policy of your local EMS, it is Texas law!

For those who may not know what a DNR is, it is a document

See Letters, Page 10B

Departing astronaut to NASA: no bad news, please

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — With a pregnant wife, a year-old son and a big extended family, astronaut Jerry Linenger has made it clear to NASA: Hold the bad news during the 4½ months he will be in space.

"If I can't do anything about it, it's probably better to wait until I return," he explained.

With spaceflights getting longer and longer and space fliers and their families getting younger and younger, this is a new area for NASA — whether and how to break bad news from home to astronauts in orbit.

The concern is that a depressed, angry or distracted astronaut might do something foolish or desperate that could endanger the entire crew.

Linenger, 41, is scheduled to leave for the Russian space station Mir aboard shuttle Atlantis on Sunday. He is supposed to return home in late May.

With Kathryn, his wife of nearly six years, due to give birth at the end of June, Linenger has more to worry about than his three American predecessors on Mir, who were a decade older and had grown or nearly grown children when they rocketed away to the orbiting outpost.

Linenger said he sees no sense in hearing about a relative or friend's illness, injury or death. As for fender-benders and the usual household fiascos, it's up to his wife what news to share via e-mail, radio linkups and video conferences.

"I won't feel betrayed or I won't feel like people are hiding things from me because I told them this is how I want to handle this," he said.

Mrs. Linenger, 31, an epidemiologist who also works in the space program, said: "I think it will be difficult deciding which news to tell him."

By contrast, the NASA astronaut whom Linenger is replacing on Mir — John Blaha — has insisted on knowing everything. Before heading to the station in September, the 54-year-old pilot urged his wife to notify him if anything happened to his elderly mother. Nothing has.

NASA officials could not recall any instance in which they had to decide whether to break tragic news to an astronaut in space. In 1995, though, Russia's Mission Control promptly radioed up the news when the mother of cosmonaut Vladimir Dezhurov died unexpectedly three months into his four-month Mir mission.

NASA would hesitate to shorten a mission because of a family emergency unless the astronaut became seriously depressed. (Likewise, Linenger has been warned that if his shuttle flight home is delayed, the space agency won't take any extraordinary measures to bring him back in time for the birth of his child.)

No one prepared Skylab commander Gerald Carr or his family for the psychological stresses of what was, in 1973-74, a record 84-day flight.

"There was a staff psychiatrist who was available, but my impression was he was like the Maytag repairman. Nobody would go to him," Carr said.

Business interests to face off on issues before Legislature

By KATIE FAIRBANK
AP Business Writer

State legislators will grapple with a variety of corporate issues in the 1997 session, many of which pit business interests against one another.

Heading the list is the perennial attempt by lending institutions to dilute the state's constitutional amendment that prohibits homeowners from taking out second mortgages on their homes.

Electric deregulation legislation pits large corporate energy users against electric utilities as legislation is drafted that would let residential customers choose their electricity supplier.

Sports stadium financing will rear its head, with a bill already filed that would allow local finance districts for sports facilities.

Also, an overhaul of tort law made last session could be revisited as businesses interested in further hemming in the civil-justice system urge more restrictions.

A closer look:

SECOND MORTGAGES

Lending institutions want a constitutional amendment allowing homeowners to take out second mortgages. Currently, that's only allowed for taxes or home-improvement loans.

Originally the provision was added to the Constitution to protect Texans from losing their homes during bad economic times. But opponents say that it allows Texans to get a loan to install a swimming pool, yet not pay for their child's college education.

The Texas Conference for Homeowners' Rights, a coalition of business groups that are pro-lender, has been working to change the ruling. It's likely they will have an upward battle in the House where Speaker Pete Laney has resisted the idea.

"I'm hearing that that's going to have some trouble," said Rob Schneider of Consumers Union. "There's been a high-dollar campaign to influence Texans and I think it's going to happen," he said of the proposed changes to second mortgage law. "But not this session."

The Texas Association of Realtors, which had led the fight along with the Farm Bureau against amending the home-equity regulation, is expected to support second mortgages this session. The group's caveat is that the mortgages be limited to pay for education, medical treatment and reverse-annuity.

ELECTRIC DEREGULATION

In 1995, wholesale deregulation was OK'd for utility markets. This year retail deregulation will be the topic.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, has filed a bill to establish a 12-member board — made up of lawmakers — to consider deregulation.

The bill would have the Public Utility Commission, which regulates the electric industry, set up a pilot program in which electricity sellers would compete to sell a state agency power.

Further deregulation also would enable consumers to buy from the utility with lowest rates.

Consumer groups are concerned. They worry big power users will be the only ones who get lower bills.

Electric companies say they, too, worry about that possibility, and they're also concerned that they won't recover their investments if the market opens.

"Rushing into retail deregulation poses potential financial harm to residential and small business customers. We really would prefer to take a wait and see attitude," said Jim Lawrence with Texas Utilities.

SPORTS FACILITIES

San Antonio, Houston and Dallas believe that with a change in legislation, local taxes could pay for sports facilities for professional teams that want the public to help build their arenas.

A bill was killed in 1995 because it would have allowed state tax money for the buildings. And cities cannot currently raise taxes to fund such facilities without legislative approval. So, alternative tax ideas are being considered.

A bill has been filed that would allow creation of local finance districts for sports facilities. Under the proposal, authored by Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Arlington, the cities could, with voter approval, raise various taxes, including sales tax, to fund new stadiums.

Comptroller John Sharp did a study on the issue for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and said a similar idea is feasible with taxes on cigarettes, rental cars, hotel beds and liquor. Still, Sharp said private financing is preferable.

Such facilities "are not a statewide public service and their finance should not reduce funding available for such services," Sharp said.

CIVIL JUSTICE

A flurry of civil justice legislation went through the 1995 Legislature designed to curb lawsuits in Texas.

The laws placed caps on punitive damages, discouraged the practice of "forum shopping" — filing lawsuits in more favorable jurisdictions — and imposed harsher sanctions for "frivolous" lawsuits.

But that may not be enough, according to business interests.

Bush said he's concerned by thousands of asbestos lawsuits that have been filed in Texas, the vast majority by nonresidents.

In previous sessions, the Legislature passed laws to stop foreign nationals and U.S. citizens from out of state from filing personal-injury suits in Texas if they could be filed elsewhere, a move supported by Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a group of corporate chief executives and civic leaders.

The group smoothed their way into this session with $1.1 million in campaign donations.

But a wait-and-see attitude may prevail.

Sen. David Sibley, a Republican from Waco, who pushed the new tort laws said legislators may want to look at effects from all of last session's changes before making new regulations.

American group says Castro's grip firm; urges policy change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fidel Castro's grip on Cuba remains as tight as ever, even though younger leaders are gingerly exercising new power, says a group of U.S. officials whose visit to the island convinced them that U.S. policy toward Cuba needs to be changed.

Castro, who seized control in 1959, likely will remain Cuba's leader until he dies, said a report released Thursday by the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress.

The visiting Americans said the trip last month led them to conclude that the United States should re-evaluate its policy toward Cuba — including its 35-year economic embargo — and increase cultural exchanges between the two countries.

"As Cuba no longer exports subversion or fronts for a hostile superpower, the basis now exists for a major policy reassessment," the group's report said. They also said U.S. officials should try more to understand "the Cuban mindset."

They urged Cuban leaders to immediately free all political prisoners. Their continued detention is standing in the way of improvement in U.S.-Cuba relations, the report said.

A delegation of the group visited Cuba Dec. 9-14. Former Florida Rep. Louis Frey, a Republican, led the group, which also included former Reps. James Symington, D-Mo., and Michael Barnes, D-Md., and just-retired Rep. Toby Roth, R-Wis.; Rep. Jon Christensen, R-Neb.; former Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz.; Walter Raymond Jr., a former presidential adviser on national security; and Timothy Towell, former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay.

A grant from the Ford Foundation paid for the trip. During their visit, the delegation met with Cuban ministers, bureaucrats, farmers, political dissidents, church leaders, students and others, the report said.

"Cuba remains a tightly controlled police state," the delegation's report said. "The government has initiated some limited and tentative measures to decontrol small sectors of its economy. The economic situation remains poor and the people are forced to tolerate a very meager limited diet."

During Castro's rule, however, "Cuba has withstood — with some sense of pride — the more than 35 years of a U.S. embargo, the severe loss of a $7 billion annual subsidy from the former USSR and the initial repercussion of the Helms-Burton Act," a U.S. law enacted last year to deter foreign investment in Cuba.

"There is some residual support for aspects of the Revolution and a sense of pride and awareness that the Cubans, although clearly within America's sphere of influence, is not dependent upon the United States for its survival," the report said.

Castro is allowing young Cuban officials "to experiment with economic reform and their success or failure may reflect directly on their future in a post-Castro era," the group said in its report. "The very tentative reforms taken to date reflect a not unnatural hesitation by the upper middle ranks of the regime to get ahead of Castro."

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Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder TX, 79550 or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Chess player, then nun

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Claudia Amura, who won a silver medal at the 1992 Chess Olympics and is considered Latin America's best female player, is quitting the game to become a nun.

You'll be surprised by how warm you'll feel when someone else is wearing your coat.

It feels good to help those in need. That is why we're hoping you'll join us during the "St. Mary Cure For The Cold" coat drive. From November 18 to January 18, we invite you to drop off an old or new coat at the location listed below. Your donation will be distributed by the Scurry County Ministerial Alliance. And, in return for your generosity, you'll receive a special St. Mary Christmas ornament. With your help, the "St. Mary Cure For The Cold" will make this a warm winter for everyone.

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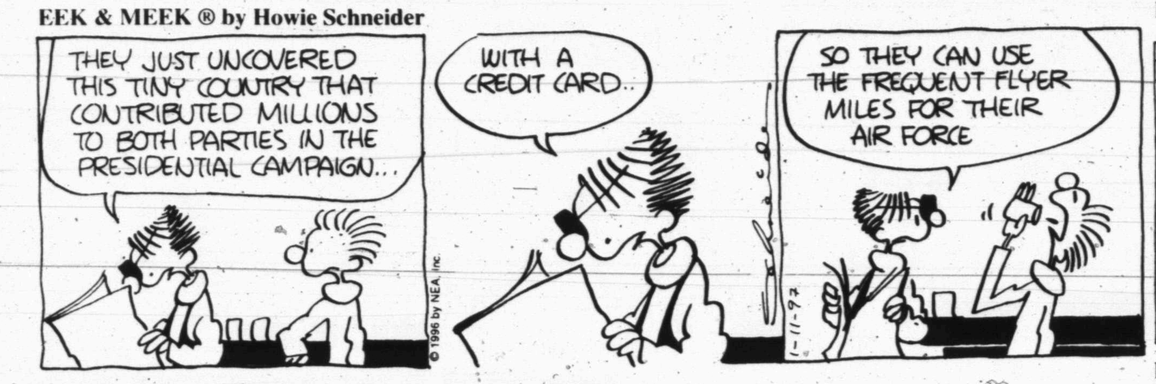
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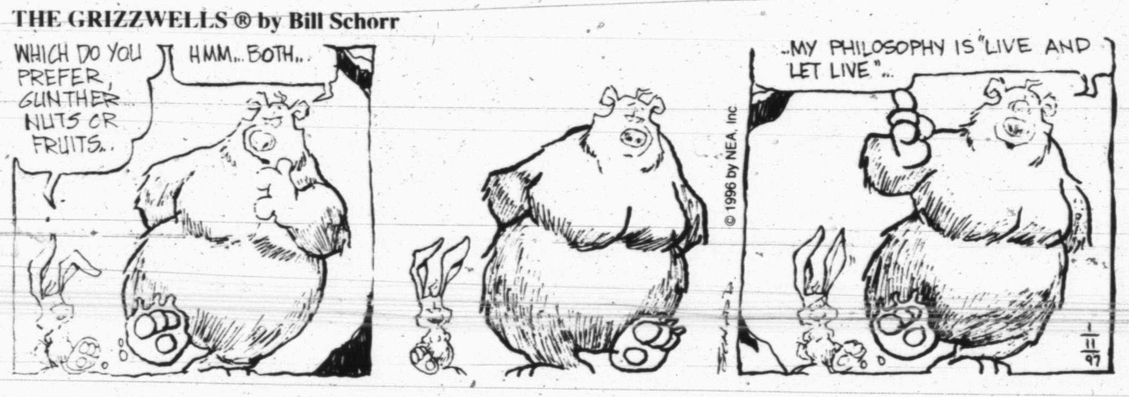
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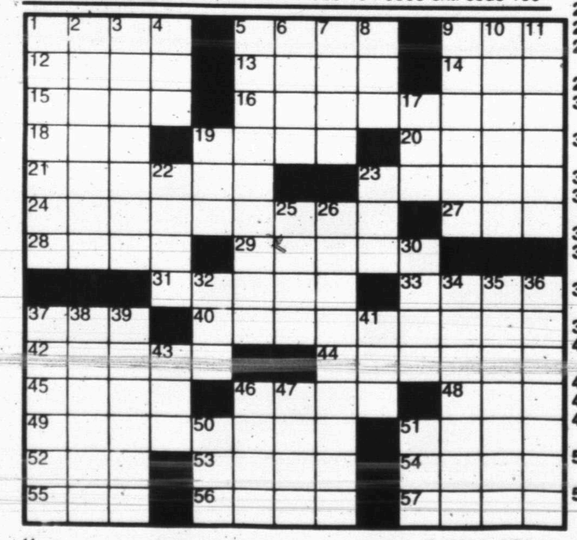
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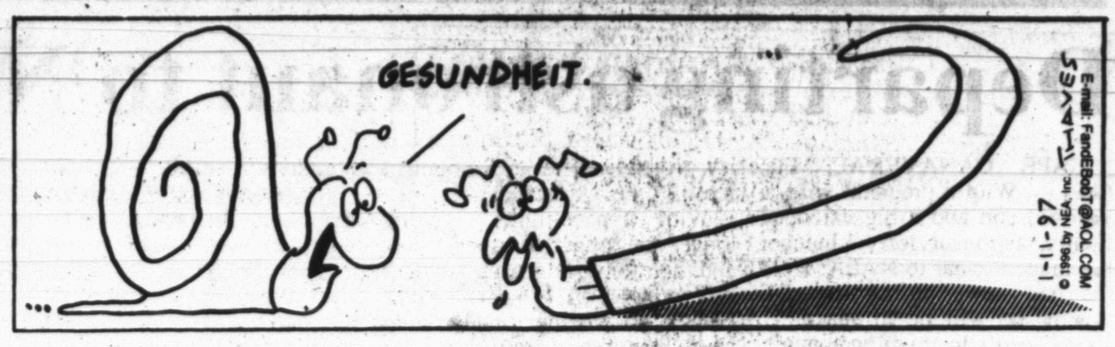
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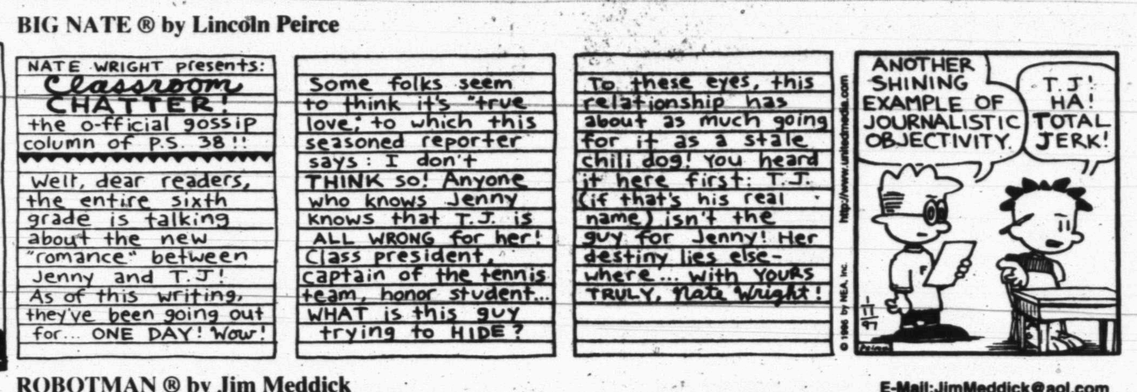
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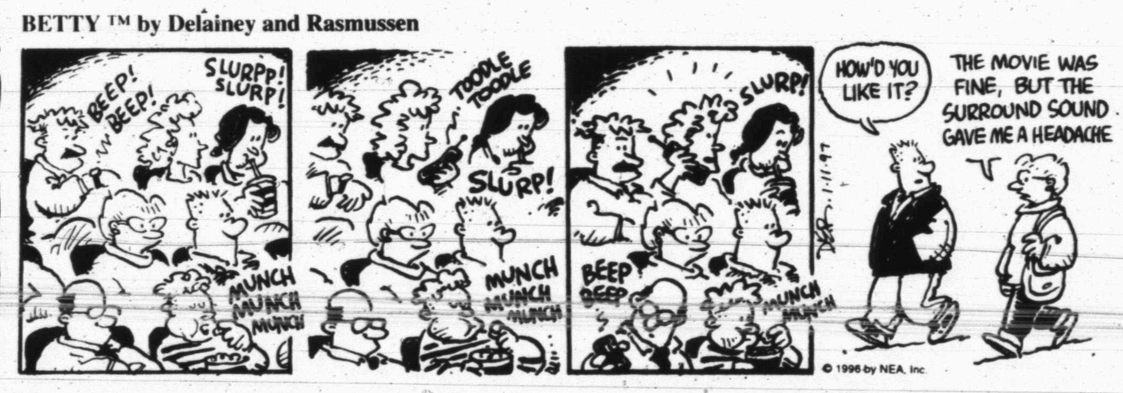
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Old, new faces to highlight legislative session

AUSTIN (AP) — A new Republican majority in the Texas Senate and more Republicans in the Texas House could lead to all kinds of fireworks when the 1997 Legislature convenes.

Leaders from both parties are promising bipartisan cooperation — for now.

But partisan politics seem bound to flare up, sooner or later. After all, it's the last regular legislative session before Republican Gov. George W. Bush must decide on a run for re-election.

Democrats, including Comptroller John Sharp and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, will be keeping a close eye on the outcome of Bush-endorsed legislation, namely property tax reform, as they weigh possible runs for governor in 1998.

Here some key players and new faces to watch as the 1997 Legislature unfolds:

SHARP

Although he's no longer a member of the Legislature, his fourth round of recommendations to cut spending from state government — $3.5 billion over the next five years — will be the focus of numerous bills.

Sharp, a Democrat, is considered a frontrunner to bid for governor in 1998, giving added meaning to any comments or criticisms he aims at Bush during the session.

MAURO

The four-term land commissioner, who earlier ruled out seeking re-election again, already has floated some gubernatorial trial balloons. At a fund-raising event last month, he told supporters, "As Texas races toward the future, I promise you I will be in the race."

SEN. J.E. 'BUSTER' BROWN R-Lake Jackson

The ranking Republican in the Senate, Brown likely will be the point man for the new GOP majority when it comes time to make deals or put out fires. Although Republicans now have the power to change the rules under which the Senate operates, Brown hasn't rocked the boat and has talked of bipartisanship.

SEN. FLORENCE SHAPIRO R-Plano

The former mayor of Plano went on the offensive early, saying Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's committee appointments should reflect the new GOP majority. She's expected to push a parental notification abortion bill killed by the Democratic majority in 1995. The outcome of that bill, possibly more than any other, could reflect the shift in Senate power.

SEN. ROBERT DUNCAN R-Lubbock

Moving from the House to the Senate, Duncan's victory in a Dec. 10 runoff gave the GOP control of the upper chamber for the first time since Reconstruction. He replaced Sen. John Montford, one of Bullock's top lieutenants. Duncan is a loyal soldier of Gov. Bush, having helped push through proposals in 1995 that made it more difficult to sue and collect damages against manufacturers and other businesses.

DEMOCRATS in the Senate

In the minority and without Montford as a negotiator and dealmaker, Democratic senators are looking for a leader and a voice. Candidates include Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, chair of the Health and Human Services Committee; Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, chair of the State Affairs Committee; Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, chair of the General Investigating Committee; John Whitmire, D-Houston, chair of the Criminal Justice Committee; or Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who is trying to win back favor with colleagues after secretly taping his conversations with them for a TV documentary.

REP. TOM CRADDICK R-Midland

Although Democrats still hold a majority in the House, Craddick has sounded warnings that GOP election gains shouldn't be ignored. Craddick, who heads the House GOP Caucus, will be Bush's point man in the lower chamber.

REP. SUZANNA GRATIA HUPP R-Copperas Cove

As a private citizen, she gave emotional testimony to legislators in support of the right to carry concealed handguns. Her resolve was born from surviving the shooting massacre that left 23 dead at Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen in 1991. Her parents, Al and Ursala Gratia, were among the victims. Now, she is a lawmaker, replacing Democrat Layton Black, a former confidante of Speaker Pete Laney.

REP. WARREN CHISUM R-Pampa

Known by colleagues in the House as the "bill-killer" because of his ability to find technical errors used to kill legislation. He's the head of the House's conservative caucus, and already made waves by filing legislation that would prohibit the state from recognizing same-sex marriages.

REP. TERRY KEEL R-Austin

Keel's mother, Patty Keel, won a special election last June to hold the House seat ultimately taken by her son, the former Travis County sheriff. With his background as sheriff and a former assistant district attorney, Keel is expected to be a proponent of tough criminal legislation.

Tax Update

By The Associated Press

What's ahead?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax breaks effective at the start of this year should make next year's filing season a more pleasant chore for would-be adoptive parents, stay-at-home spouses and self-employed people.

The new breaks can't be used on 1996 returns. But knowing the changes in store for 1997 returns should help taxpayers plan their finances. Here's an overview of what to look for:

— A $5,000 credit for both domestic and foreign adoption expenses and a $5,000 exclusion for employer-provided adoption assistance. The amount rises to $6,000 for the domestic adoption of a child with special needs.

— Full $2,000 annual contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts for non-working spouses. That means one-career couples can shelter a total of $4,000, the same as two-career couples. Before this year, one-career couples were limited to a maximum $2,250 contribution split between two accounts.

— An increase in the deductibility of health insurance premiums paid by the self-employed, to 40 percent of the cost, up from 30 percent last year.

— Tax-deductible medical savings accounts for people covered under catastrophic health insurance policies.

— Penalty-free IRA withdrawals to pay for medical expenses in excess of 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income, plus penalty-free withdrawals by the unemployed to pay for health insurance.

— A deduction for the cost of long-term care at home and in nursing facilities for the chronically ill and for long-term care insurance.

— An exclusion for life insurance benefits collected by terminally ill people before they die.

Also, Congress will be debating a number of proposed tax cuts that could take effect next year. At the top of the list are a $500-per-child tax credit, a reduction in capital gains taxes, an expansion of IRAs and a credit or deduction for college tuition.

Network executive: 'Ellen' outing episode in the works

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — A much-rumored episode about the TV character "Ellen" letting her audience know she's a lesbian is in the works.

"Ellen" is ready to "come out," but will the episode ever air?

Jamie Tarses, president of ABC Entertainment, said Thursday that an episode which reveals Ellen Degeneres' character as a lesbian is being worked on. However she said it's "wait-and-see" whether the episode will be shown.

"We are very seriously considering about going in the direction that everyone's speculating on," she told reporters at the semiannual Television Critics Association meeting.

There has been much hype since the start of the fall season when it was leaked that Degeneres' quirky character, Ellen Morgan, may come out as a lesbian.

The decision to air the episode, Tarses said, would be made by several people, including herself. She said discussions would be held to determine how the show would evolve once the character comes out.

"We are all taking this pretty seriously and if we're going to do it, we need to do it well," Tarses said.

"Ellen" is produced by Disney, which also owns ABC, but Tarses said that wouldn't be a factor in any decision.

"Ellen" will go off the air in March and April so the show's 9:30 p.m. slot on Wednesday can be used to introduce the as-yet-untitled romantic sitcom starring Arsenio Hall.

Saving Mut: face of godess said reunited with statute

CHICAGO (AP) — While toiling in the shadow of a faceless statue amid the ruins of the Luxor Temple, a group of American Egyptologists received a request from a German scholar 300 miles up the Nile in Cairo.

Could they possibly identify a photograph of a large limestone face that had been gathering dust for nearly 100 years in the basement of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo?

Eureka!

"These fragments we realized instantly belonged to this statue," said Peter Dorman, who heads a team of University of Chicago Egyptologists working in the ancient Egyptian city of Luxor.

Richard Fazzini could not believe their luck.

"It's not that it's never happened before, but for two scattered fragments to be recognized as joining and then to actually have them joined is a rare occurrence," said Fazzini, chairman of the Brooklyn Museum's department of Egyptian, Classical and Ancient Middle Eastern Art.

The face and statue are that of the goddess Mut (pronounced moot), a consort of the official god of the Egyptian empire — Amun.

Mut, which means mother in ancient Egyptian, represented the maternal aspect of divinity.

The statue at Luxor Temple was erected 3,300 years ago. At the time, the temple was used by kings and priests for two-week celebrations of renewal and rejuvenation every summer.

About double the size of a real woman, a dowel mark on the statue's forehead indicates the face fell off centuries ago, was reattached, and fell off again in the 7th or 8th century A.D.

Then at the turn of this century the face wound up in the Cairo museum, where it sat until German scholar Hourig Sourouzian, who was conducting studies at the museum, took a shot on the Americans helping him out.

Because of his query, the face and statue will be reunited a 1,200-year or more separation.

"We were very fortunate," Dorman said Thursday. "What is interesting is we have the possibility to reunite a piece with a sculpture in the same place where it's been for hundreds of years or more."

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Monday, January 13, 1997

8:30 a.m. placement testing

Registration of sophomore students

1-2 p.m. Surnames P-Z
2-3 p.m. Surnames G-O
3-4 p.m. Surnames A-F

6:30-8 p.m. Registration of evening students

Tuesday, January 14, 1997

Registration of freshman students

8:30-9:30 a.m Surnames P-Z
9:30-10:30 a.m. Surnames G-O
10:30-11:30 a.m. Surnames A-F

1-3 p.m. Registration continues for all students

Registration Information

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Placement Testing

Placement testing is required for all students enrolling. Bring ACT or SAT scores. If unavailable, a Western Texas College placement test will be given during periods of scheduled registration. Those desiring to take the Western Texas College placement test BEFORE registration may do so on Thursday, Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 9 a.m. The test will be given at the Western Texas College Counseling Office. A $10 fee will be charged for this test.

Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP)

Students who HAVE NOT earned 3 semester college credit hours BEFORE the 1989 fall semester are required to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test. Such students must take the test before completing their first 9 hours of college coursework. All students will be required to provide documentation of TASP results. This documentation will be TASP test score reports, transcripts or both.

Special Notice

Evening registration will be conducted only one time on Monday, Jan. 13, from 6:30-8 p.m. After Jan. 13, all evening students must register during day hours from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

The last day to register, change schedules or add courses will be Jan. 21, 1997.

Refunds

For students withdrawing from classes, the following refund schedule will apply. Students withdrawing by the following dates will receive the stated percentage refund.

—Jan. 30	100 percent
—Feb. 4	70 percent
—Feb. 11	25 percent

Fees will be reassessed through Jan. 21, 1997 for students changing their schedule but not totally withdrawing.

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Government cracks down on CFC smuggling

WASHINGTON (AP) — A banned chemical linked to destruction of the earth's ozone layer is joining narcotics as the most lucrative contraband for smugglers, feeding a growing black market that law enforcers are struggling to shut down.

The Justice Department announced indictments Thursday charging more than a dozen people in five states with smuggling into the United States containers of chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, a refrigerant used in millions of auto air conditioners.

Officials acknowledged that a nationwide crackdown is stopping only a fraction of the illegal chemical, much of it smuggled from Mexico. To date, 1.5 million pounds have been confiscated, but officials estimated 20 million pounds crossed U.S. borders illegally last year alone.

The profits can be immense. CFCs may sell for less than $2 a pound in India or just across the border in Mexico, where they are legally produced, but would command $13 to $20 a pound in the U.S. black market, experts on the CFC trade said. The United States ended production for domestic use in 1995.

To focus attention on the growing problem, Attorney General Janet Reno personally announced Thursday's indictments against smuggling suspects in Florida, Georgia, Texas and California and Pennsylvania.

"To CFC smugglers we say: 'We will find you. We will shut down this black market,'" Reno told reporters.

Carol Browner, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the latest action "sends a clear message that we will not tolerate smugglers who jeopardize the health of American families and people around them."

For decades, CFCs ranked among the most widely used industrial chemicals. Sold under the trade name Freon, the chemical now known as CFC-12 served as primary coolant for automobile air conditioners, and an estimated 80 million cars built before 1994 still use it.

The chemical is to be phased out globally under a 1987 treaty, negotiated after studies convinced most environmental scientists that CFCs destroy the atmospheric ozone layer protecting the earth from harmful ultraviolet rays. Industrial nations already are barred from producing the chemical for their own use, but the deadline for poor countries to stop was set at 2010. CFCs still are made in the United States, but only for export to countries where they remain legal.

Law enforcement officials said primary sources of illegal CFCs entering the United States appear to be Russia, India and China. Smuggling has shifted recently from Florida to the Southwest, where the chemical enters through Mexico, say these officials. A plant produces CFCs just south of the border.

"We're seeing almost the same pattern we've seen in drug seizures," said George Weise, head of the U.S. Customs Service. Once concentrated primarily in Florida, now the smuggling is "transcending the continent in scope, ... wherever (smugglers) feel least resistance."

Current stockpiles of legal CFC-12 from past production and of recycled coolant is supposed to meet the needs of the current fleet of cars still using the banned chemical. When that stockpile is used up, motorists will have to switch to a more environmentally friendly alternative.

Browner said widespread sale of illegal CFCs on the black market is postponing the shift to the alternative coolant. That in turn makes it more difficult to meet the country's commitment to phase out the ozone-damaging chemical that is threatening public health.

While Reno promised a nationwide crackdown on CFC smugglers, many environmentalists argue the only way to stop the illegal market is to stop production of CFCs everywhere.

"Smugglers are adept at adjusting to any kind of enforcement situation," said Jim Vallette, a trade analyst who has closely studied the international CFC market for environmental groups. "The underlying problem is the ongoing global production of the chemical. The continuing supply is feeding the continuing demand."

All along the way, Vallette said, "all sorts of people are profiting, from the companies that produce it, to the smugglers who operate by backpack, raft, car or truck, to the distributors in the United States."

The motorist at the end of the line is unlikely to profit. By the time the product reaches the car owner, its price generally has risen to the level being charged for the legally sold CFC replacement chemical.

Thursday's indictments include one filed in Los Angeles against Dennis O'Meara, charged with trying to smuggle more than 28 tons of CFCs through the Port of Los Angeles. Another, filed in Savannah, Ga., charged Johnny Willis Simpson with conspiring to smuggle 150,000 pounds of CFCs from Mexico.

Other indictments cited four men charged in San Diego with smuggling 3,000 pounds of CFCs from Mexico; three people charged in Houston with smuggling 1,000 pounds of CFCs from Mexico; and three men charged in Miami with smuggling CFCs into Florida.

Late Thursday, the Justice Department also announced the indictment of three businessmen in Pennsylvania on charges of conspiring to illegally divert 52,000 30-pound cylinders of CFC from overseas and sell them through their Pennsylvania distribution company. The indictment claims that because the CFCs were brought in illegally — mostly during 1994 — the men avoided paying $7 million in excise taxes.

Polar temperatures follow phases of the moon

WASHINGTON (AP) — It doesn't qualify as a heat wave, but it's enough to make normally reserved scientists say "wow!" They've found that the moon can raise temperatures at the Earth's poles by about a degree.

Using data collected by satellites from Jan. 1, 1979, through Jan. 31, 1996, scientists at Arizona State University found temperatures at the north and south poles varied by close to 1 degree over a 29.5-day period, the time it takes for the moon to complete its phases.

"It was surprising. ... We didn't expect to find that much variation," said John A. Shaffer, lead author of the report in Geophysical Research Letters. "When we saw that dramatic polar region, we went, 'Wow!'"

Both the north and south poles tended to be warmer during a full moon than during the new moon, he said. "It's not exactly the same, but the pattern is the same" for each pole, said Shaffer, a graduate student who worked with professors Randall S. Cerveny and Robert C. Balling Jr. on the study.

Previous research by Cerveny and Balling had disclosed a monthly variation of almost 0.04 degree Fahrenheit for the planet as a whole during the moon's phases, due to warming by the light reflected during the full moon.

That means the polar response to the moon is 25 times stronger than the Earth as a whole, the new paper observes.

While global temperatures, and those at the equator, do not vary as much as readings at the polar areas, Shaffer said the amount of the difference was unexpected.

When the moon is full, there is a strong flow of heat toward the poles, which seems to weaken substantially during the new moon, the scientists reported.

They are trying to figure out the reason for the strong response at the poles.

"People argue that there isn't enough radiation from the moon to cause these big temperature differences," Shaffer said, but the difference shows up in their observations anyway.

The paper lists contending theories for the cause of the polar variation, including the moon's gravity influencing the flow of warm air, as it does the ocean's tides; moon gravity causing warming by somehow compressing air at the poles; and warming caused by descending air in the clear, high-pressure zones over the poles.

One slight possibility that cannot be ruled out, the paper adds, is that radiation from the moon somehow affected the satellites taking the readings in a way to cause more sensitivity to polar than tropical readings.

The moon does not produce light but reflects the light of the sun. When the moon is full, it heats up and emits heat energy as well as light. During the new moon the sunlit side is away from the Earth. The side of the moon seen from Earth is in shadow and reflects little or no energy toward Earth.

Letters: Changes in DNR policy may affect you

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that expresses the wishes of a person, (on behalf of themselves, or by a family member) concerning what extent of care will be extended to save (or prolong) their lives. Many institutions refer to DNR programs as 'Advanced Directives.'

The new laws have been passed to accomplish several things, a few of which include: (1) a standardized DNR form, which can be recognized and honored statewide; (2) to limit the liability of OOH health care providers, such as amublance services, etc.; (3) make the identification process at the time of death as simple and exact as possible; (4) simplify the process (as opposed to each institution and agency having their own process as we have had in the past).

Under the new program, Snyder EMS is not a distributor for the new forms. Cogdell Hospital and both local nursing homes have been given the information. While we hope these facilities make the packets available, they are not legally required to provide the forms either. Information acquired by EMS indicates the forms are available by calling 512-370-1360.

Specifics of the new program indicate that when a patient is a candidate for resuscitation under local protocols, resuscitation will be provided to the fullest extent including Advanced Life Support (ALS) measures in the absence of the proper DNR orders.

With the proper DNR orders, ALS treatment up to the point of resuscitation will be rendered, but no resuscitation (CPR) measures will be provided to replace heart beat and/or breathing. Prior to the cessation of breathing or heart beat, oxygen, IVs, drugs, etc., will be administered. At the point of cessation of heart beat or breathing, treatments will be stopped. If transport has been initiated, it will be completed to the hospital.

It is our understanding that current DNR orders which you may have in place at the hospital or nursing homes are still legal for physicians. This new process is for OOH providers only. If (and when) EMS is activated, we are obligated by law to operate under the OOH DNR system.

Once arriving at the hospital, other advanced directives may be honored or instituted.

The new program is simple, in that it requires a one page form, which must be filled out and witnessed. Physician input is required. Provisions for incompetent patients are provided.

Due to the nature of the law, the documents must be in place before the arrival of EMS. There are no provisions for signing a document at EMS arrival. Upon activation of EMS, the completed original form must be presented to EMS and accompany the patient. A provided wrist band, and/or necklace are also legal means of identifying the DNR patient. Driver's license numbers, social security numbers, and/or ID Cards are also involved.

Should EMS not be provided with one of the required documents or ID devices, then we are again obligated by law to initiate full resuscitation treatments until such time as the legal documents can be obtained.

Once in place, the DNR can be revoked by any blood relative of legal age, by indicating such to EMS, or be removing the ID devices, or destroying the DNR form in the presence of EMS.

If you or any of your loved ones are affected by these new laws, please make contact with the facility involved, or call the number provided above to obtain forms if the patient lives at home.

Snyder EMS wants to help in the public education and information portion of the initiation of the new program. We will try to answer any questions you may have.

We have been advised that a video is being produced outlining the new law. Once we are able to secure a copy, it can be made available to citizens for viewing. Further information is available through the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Management, EMS division, 1110 W. 49th Street, Austin, TX. 78756, 512-834-6740.

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