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Court grants rights to parents who lack funds

Can appeal case without paying fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — People whose parental rights have been terminated must be allowed to appeal even if they cannot afford to pay court fees, the Supreme Court ruled today.

The 6-3 decision said a Mississippi woman must be allowed to appeal a 1994 order that ended her rights to her two children.

"We place decrees forever terminating parental rights in the category of cases in which the state may not bolt the door to equal justice," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court.

"Parental termination decrees are among the most severe forms of state action," Ginsburg said. The Mississippi woman seeking to appeal "is endeavoring to defend against the state's destruction of her family bonds, and to resist the brand associated with a parental unfitness adjudication."

In other cases, the court:

—Let a Bible club at a Long Island, N.Y., public high school require its officers to be Christians. The court, without comment, rejected an appeal aimed at allowing school officials to prohibit the club from discriminating against students based on their religious beliefs.

—Refused to free author Joseph Wambaugh from a lawsuit that accuses him of helping police conceal evidence in a true-life murder case. Wambaugh argued that a one-time murder defendant filed the lawsuit too late.

—Refused to let The Washington Times escape a sex-bias lawsuit in which it was found to have discriminated against a graphics designer in its promotion department. Still in doubt is the size of the damage award the newspaper must pay.

In the parental rights case, today's ruling reversed a Mississippi Supreme Court decision that barred Melissa Lumpkin Brooks from appealing. The state court had said indigent people could not file appeals in civil cases without paying court fees.

About 30 states already allow a waiver of court transcript fees for indigent people who seek to appeal orders terminating their parental rights. It is unclear how many of the approximately 20 remaining states have laws or policies similar to Mississippi's.

Brooks' lawyer, Robert B. McDuff, said he is pleased with the ruling. "It upholds the principle of equal access to the courts in civil cases involving fundamental rights, which this court hasn't really addressed before," he said.

Brooks had two children with her husband, Sammy Lee James, before they were divorced in 1992. The children stayed with their father after the divorce, and he was remarried about three months later.

In 1993, James and his new wife asked a court in Benton County, Miss., to terminate Brooks' parental rights and allow the new wife to adopt the children. A judge granted the order in late 1994.

Brooks sought to appeal but could not afford the $2,352 cost of preparing transcripts and court records for the appeal. Under Mississippi law, such costs must be paid before an appeal can proceed.

Today, the Supreme Court said she could not be barred from appealing for lack of money to pay for a transcript.

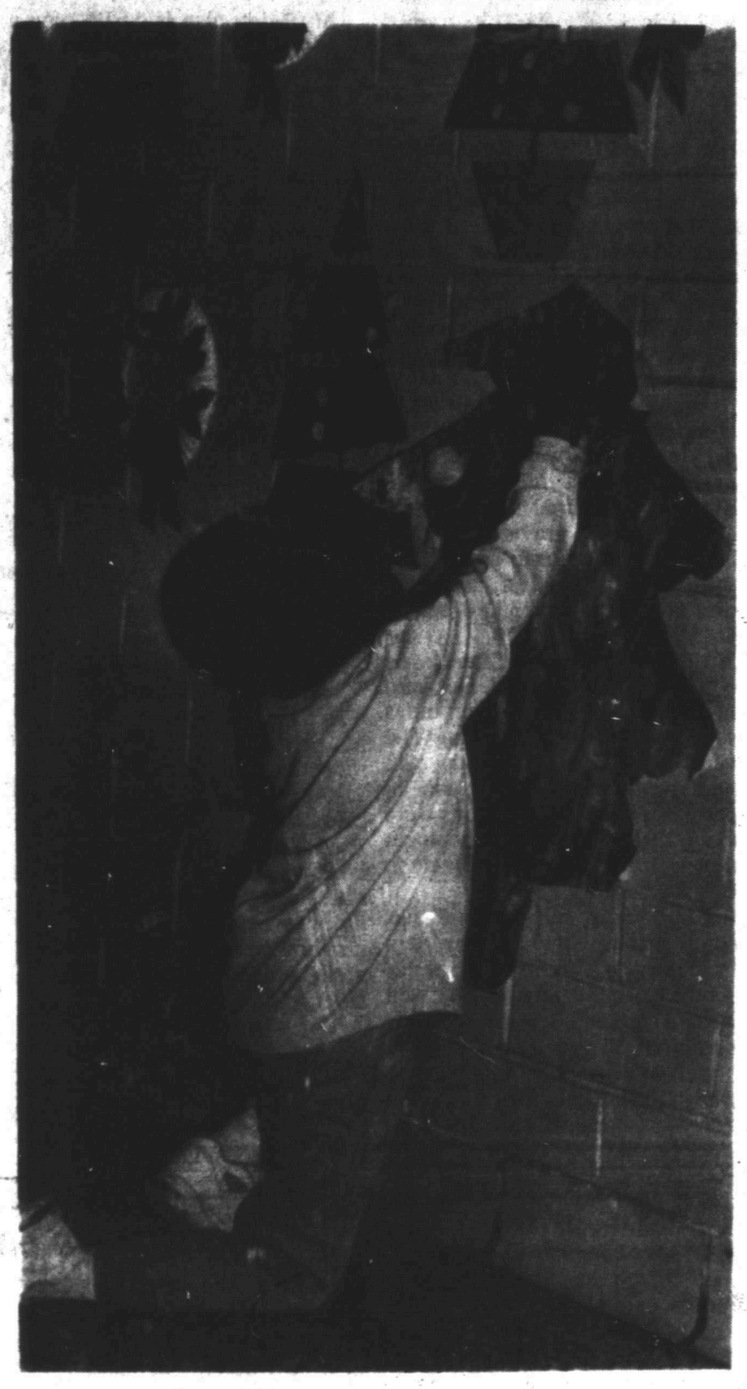
Ginsburg noted that fee requirements ordinarily are upheld so long as they are rational. She said there have been two exceptions: Access to courts in criminal cases and the right to participate in the political process as a voter or a candidate.

Termination of parental rights belongs in the same category of exceptions, Ginsburg wrote.

Her opinion was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, David H. Souter and Stephen G. Breyer. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote a separate opinion agreeing with the result.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas dissented. Writing for the three, Thomas predicted "the new-found constitutional right to free transcripts in civil appeals" will end up being extended to other types of cases.

"The inevitable consequence will be greater demands on the states to provide free assistance to would-be appellants in all manner of civil cases," Thomas said.



FINISHED TREE — Jordan Tippens, three-year-old in the Early Childhood classes at West Elementary, hangs his Christmas tree to help the hall look festive. He is in Mrs. Diane Hogan's room. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Interest indicated in buying hospital

A firm that owns at least five other hospitals in Texas has approached Scurry County officials about the possible purchase of D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Following an hour-and-a-half executive session this morning, Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said that Community Health Systems of Bentwood, Tenn. has inquired about whether the county might be willing to sell the hospital.

"We are just in the initial stages of gathering information on the company," said Fritz. He added that he has contacted members of the Cogdell board and administrator Jeff Reecer about the inquiry.

"We, of course, will share all the information we get with the Cogdell board and physicians and staff members," said Fritz.

"We will do what we can in the best interest of our citizens."

Fritz said the company had contacted the county, and that the county had not been looking for anyone to sell the hospital to. Currently, the hospital is operating under a management contract with St. Mary Hospital of Lubbock. The contract expires at the end of this year.

The county subsidizes the local hospital some $395,000 yearly, and last year by some $500,000 due to plumbing and telephone problems at the facility.

The Tennessee-based company owns Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring and Highland Medical Center in Lubbock. Other Texas towns in which it owns hospitals are Bonham, Cleveland and Hillsboro. It also owns hospitals in 15 other states.

Following the executive session, the court recessed until 1:30 today when it was to consider

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Santa copter crashes but St. Nick's all right

LANTANA, Fla. (AP) — Children waiting for Santa Claus watched in horror as a helicopter flipped over in front of them and caught fire, trapping the red-suited man inside.

The pilot managed Sunday to free himself and rescue Charles Dhooge, who was beating fire from his face and had his seat belt caught beneath the pillow he used to make his Santa belly.

"Everybody started crying," said Sean Constance, 14, of West Palm Beach.

Veronica Tomberg, 8, of Boynton Beach, described a frightening scene.

"There was smoke. I saw police and ambulances," Veronica said. "I was scared."

Santa had just flown by and waved to the 150 children assembled near an airport hangar when the helicopter landed, bounced and burst into flames.

The children and several adults were there to receive toys collected by Angel Flight of South Florida, which provides non-emergency flights to hospitals.

"I got to my feet and basically sprinted away," said Dhooge, who has played Santa for 20 years. "They said the helicopter blew up right after I got out. This was kind of a miracle."

Pilot Donald Lloyd told Palm Beach County sheriff's investigators that his throttle became stuck and his rotor hit something as he tried to land the two-seater Bell helicopter away from the crowd.

He said he suffered minor burns rescuing Dhooge, who had his ear blistered.

Despite the accident, the gift-giving went off as scheduled.

Ray Marcinkoski of Lantana arrived dressed as Santa and quickly drew a crowd of children.

"They told me they'd seen the fire and (asked) was I all right," said Marcinkoski.

DCOS decision is due Thursday

Naming a new economic executive director will have to wait until at least Thursday for Development Corporation of Snyder board members.

The board met Friday but decided to postpone a decision until this week's regular meeting, set for 4 p.m. Thursday.

On Dec. 5, the board interviewed three applicants, and last Tuesday interviewed two of them a second time. They are Kent

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Survey: Most doctors believe faith helps heal

BOSTON (AP) — Virginia Harris knew it wasn't going to be a team of emergency room doctors that would save her. It was going to be God.

So when surgeons in a Detroit hospital said they didn't think she would recover from a car crash 20 years ago, she and her husband declined treatment and decided to go home and pray.

Within two weeks, she was on her feet.

The link between faith and healing is getting a closer look from more and more doctors, a survey of the American Academy of Family Physicians found.

Ninety-nine percent of doctors believe there is an important relationship between the spirit and the flesh, according to the survey due out Monday.

Amen, say proponents of faith healing.

While others advocate a blend of medicine and faith, Christian Scientist health practitioners eschew doctors and medicine.

"They didn't give me a lot of hope," Harris said of her doctors. "That wasn't good enough. I knew I had no other place to go than to pray. I just prayed to God. I felt there was a sustaining presence keeping me going."

She sees her recovery as a testament to faith's importance in healing, a relationship nearly all doctors recognize despite a traditional gulf between religion and science.

"I think this is a historic time," said Dr. Dale Matthews, a professor at Georgetown Medical School. "The spiritual traditions of healing will be joined with surgery and pharmaceuticals. I think we're entering the era of prayer and Prozac."

To further examine that connection, nearly 1,000 health care professionals are meeting at Harvard Medical School this week for Spirituality & Healing in Medicine, a course exploring the murky area where religion meets medicine.

"I'm not a religious person," said Dr. Herbert Benson, founder of the Mind-Body Institute at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital and a Harvard medical professor. "I came to this not from belief but from science. Honestly, I came to this feet dragging."

Many doctors pinned their interest on scientific evidence, including two studies that lend credence to a faith-health connection.

In a California study of prayer's effects on recovery from heart problems, half the nearly 400 subjects were the subjects of prayers by Christians, while the others received no known prayers from anyone affiliated with the study. Neither group was told about the prayers.

The patients who received prayers had half as many complications as those who didn't and had a lower rate of congestive heart failure, Matthews said.

A second study, by Dartmouth Medical School, tracked how patients' own prayers helped them recover from bypass surgery. The death rate after six months was 9 percent, Matthews said. For churchgoers, however, the rate dropped to 5 percent. None of the deeply religious patients died during that period.

ASK US

Q—How much are TV ad rates during a Dallas Cowboys game?

A—A 30-second spot on NBC will cost $175,000. However, in local markets, such as San Angelo, rates can be as low as $500.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 74 degrees; low, 37; high Sunday, 39 degrees; low, 20; 7 a.m. Monday, 20; no precipitation; total for 1996, 18.24 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, windy, colder by midnight. Flurries possible. Low 20-25. NW wind 10-20 mph; N 20-30 mph by midnight. Tuesday, windy, very cold, flurries possible. High 25-30. N wind 15-25 mph, gusty.

Adelita Vasquez
Colder

Sunset: 5:43 a.m.
Sunrise: 7:37 a.m.
Of 350 days in 1996, the sun has shone 346 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

(Psa 3:3 NKJV) But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.

9 days until Christmas

TLC head checked on possible conflict

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission's chairwoman says she has been assured she had no conflict of interest, despite the appearance on her law firm's client list of a subcontractor competing to run the state lottery.

Plano-based Electronic Data Systems, a client at Harriet Miers' law firm, was involved with a group headed by Automated Wagering Inc. That Georgia-based company had urged the Lottery Commission to seek new bids rather than renew the lottery contract with GTECH.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Sunday that Ms. Miers said she was assured by Lottery Commission lawyers that no conflict would compromise her impartiality on the three-member panel.

Ms. Miers, managing partner of Dallas-based Locke Purnell Rain Harrell, said EDS became her firm's client when it hired an attorney who had represented EDS while at another law firm.

The portion of EDS represented by Ms. Miers' firm has nothing to do with EDS' lottery interests, she said.

Ms. Miers also said EDS pays a very small portion of the total fees collected by her firm.

"The advice I received was that (EDS) was a subcontractor and not the vendor," she said. "And if you started getting into those kind of relationships you would probably disqualify every lawyer in the state with any major firm because you are going to run into those problems all the time."

Despite weeks of urging that the process be reopened, Automated Wagering eventually told the commission it could not submit a bid this year and urged a one-year renewal of the contract.

The commission chose to renegotiate and renew the GTECH deal for five years rather than reopen the bidding.

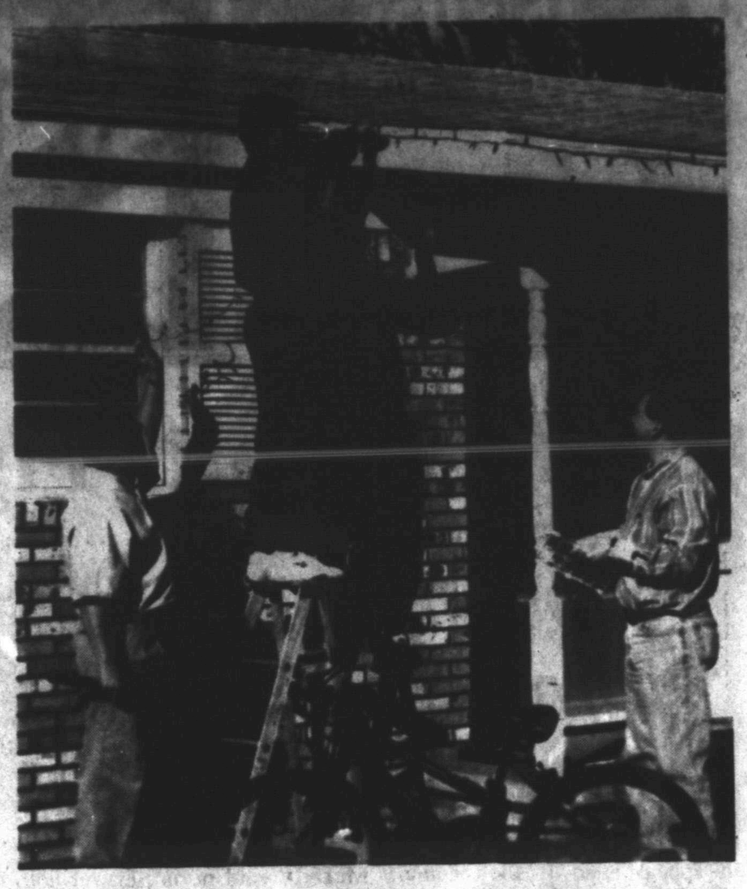
State and federal investigations are seeking information about how the company does business in Texas.

Automated Wagering spokesman Chuck Brooks said last week his company is not pushing for reopening of the contract.

"We are just watching," he said.

Ms. Miers' tie to a firm affiliated with a group that wanted state lottery business is another link in what has developed into a growing web of friends and business associates involved in the lottery loop.

The investigations were sparked by a $30,000 contract given to Mike Moeller, a friend of Lottery Executive Director Nora Linares, for five months' work under a consulting contract in 1992-93.



HOLIDAY CHEER — This trio from Calvary Baptist Church put Christmas lights around the home of Rusty and Donna Barry, 1601 Irving, while he was in Houston for cancer treatment this week. He has spent several weeks traveling there for treatment and has had three surgeries. Rusty and Donna have three children: Tiffany, a fifth grader; Bradley, a fourth grader; and Misty, a second grader. Pictured from left are Larry McAden, pastor; Levi Hill, a deacon; and Steve Highfield, music director. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Spalding Energy Inc. will drill the No. 3-A Fuller in the Corazon field, two miles east of Fullerville. Planned for a depth of 2,300 feet, location is in Section 87, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Vista Resources Inc. will drill the No. 12-B Hardee in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles southeast of Ira. Planned for a depth of 1,900 feet, drill site is in Section 31, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Vista Resources will drill the No. 14-B Hardee in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles southeast of Ira. Also set for 1,900 feet, location is in Section 31, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Vista Resources will drill the No. 17-B Hardee in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles southeast of Ira. Planned depth is 1,900 feet, and location is in Section 31, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Vista Resources will drill the No. 3-B Hardee in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles southeast of Ira. Contracted for 1,900 feet, location is in Section 31, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Vista Resources Inc. will drill the No. 5-R House in the Sharon Ridge field, four miles southeast of Ira. Planned depth is 1,900 feet, and location is in Section 31, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 2-R J.M. Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. The well was completed to produce 50 barrels of oil and 144 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,398-641 feet, and location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Anadarko Petroleum has completed the No. 4-R Sterling in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles southwest of Snyder. The well was finaled to produce 18 barrels of oil and 65 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,075-279 feet, and location is in Section 160, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 1-27 Cotton in the Mirage field, two miles east of Dunn. The well was completed to produce 68 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,637-642 feet, and location is in Section 27, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 1-46 Taylor in the Mirage field, two miles east of Dunn. The well was completed to produce 79 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,358-370 feet. and loction is in Section 46, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Sharp Image Energy has completed the No. 1 Cary, a wildcat located six miles southwest of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 180 barrels of 46 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,996-7,006 feet, and location is in Section 125, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Borden County

Phillips Petroleum has completed the No. 910 Jo Mill field west unit, 14 miles southwest of Gail. The well was finaled to produce 35 barrels of 39 gravity oil and 35 barrels of water. Perforations were from 7,446-461 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 33, T4n, T&P survey.

Chi Operating will drill the No. 1 Everett, a 5,800-foot re-entry wildcat located 16 miles southeast of Gail. Drill site is in Section 138, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Allegro Operating Inc. will drill the No. 3-A Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, drill site is in Section 50, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 4 Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Contracted for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 5 Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 7-W Simpson in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, drill site is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 15 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block, 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 16 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 17-W Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Set for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro will drill the No. 18 Mary Womack in the same field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 19 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 20 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned depth is 3,300 feet, and location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 21 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Set for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 21 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Also set for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 22-W Mary Womack in the same field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planend for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 23 Mary Womack in the same field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Contracted for 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating will drill the No. 24 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, location is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Allegro Operating Inc. will drill the No. 25 Mary Womack in the Coleman Ranch north field, one mile east of Cuthbert. Planned for a depth of 3,300 feet, drill site is in Section 60, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 9W-93 Connell Estate in the Rocker A field, two miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planne l for a depth of 5,500 feet, location is in Section 937, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating Co. Inc. will drill the No. 7-937 Connell Estate in the Post field, two miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planned depth is 5,500 feet and drill site is in Section 937, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating Co. will drill the No. 8W-937 Connell Estate in the Post field, two miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 5,500 feet, location is in Section 937, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Rocker A Operating will drill the No. 6-937 Connell Estate in the Post field, two miles northwest of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 5,500 feet, location is in Section 937, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Halvey Energy Co. has plugged and abandoned the No. 1 Long in the Buenos field, 10 miles north of Post. Drilled to 8,800 feet, location was in the Isaac Scott survey.

Shenandoah Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 1-21 Macy Lott in the Lazy JL field, 10 miles south of Post. The well was finaled to produce 70 barrels of oil and 61 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,916-990 feet, and location is in Section 21, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

United Oil and Mineral has completed the No. 3 D.R. Alexander in the Dorward field, four miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 60 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 61 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,914-2,080 feet, and location is in Section 139, Block 5, H&GN survey.

United Oil and Mineral has completed the No. 3 J.C. Dorward in the Dorward field, four miles southeast of Justiceburg. The venture was finaled to produce 42 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 78 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,918-2,093 feet, and location is in Section 138, Block 5, H&GN survey.

United Oil and Mineral has completed the No. 4-C Dorward in the Dorward field, four miles southeast of Justicburg. The well was completed to produce 26 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 102 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,881-2,060 feet, and location is in Section 138, Block 5, H&GN survey.

United Oil and Mineral has completed the No. 3-D Dorward in the Dorward field, four miles southeast of Justiceburg. The well was completed to produce 26 barrels of 36 gravity oil and 62 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,876-2,086 feet, and location is in Section 139, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Kent County

Sharp Image Energy has plugged and abandoned the No. 2-A North Salt Creek, 20 miles northwest of Jayton. Drilled to 7,529 feet, the wildcat was located in Section 36, Block 1, H&GN survey.

Apache Corp. will drill the No. 3 Spires, a 7,200-foot wildcat located 19 miles north of Snyder. Location is in Section 769, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Lyco Energy Corp. will drill the No. 2 Phillips in the Dean field, five miles north of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 11, Block 33, T1N, T&P survey.

Marathon Oil Co. will drill the No. 33 Kloh in the Howard-Glasscock field, 10 miles south of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 2,600 feet, location is in Section 5, Block 32, T1S, T&P survey.

Westport Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 129 Dora Roberts in the Howard-Glasscock field, two miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 6,400 feet, location is in Section 137, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Nolan County

Gruy Petroleum Management will drill the No. 44 Chinquapin Strawn unit, a 6,250-foot wildcat located 13 miles east of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 48, Block 20, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 73 Chinquapin Strawn unit, a 6,250-foot wildcat located 13 miles east of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 49, Block 20, T&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 74 Chinquapin Strawn unit, a 6,250-foot wildcat located 13 miles east of Sweetwater. Location is in Section 48, Block 20, t&P survey.

Gruy Petroleum will drill the No. 91 Chinquapin Strawn unit, a 6,250-foot wildcat located 13 miles east of Sweetwater. Drill site is in Section 48, Block 20, T&P survey.

Restaurant owner uphappy with suit

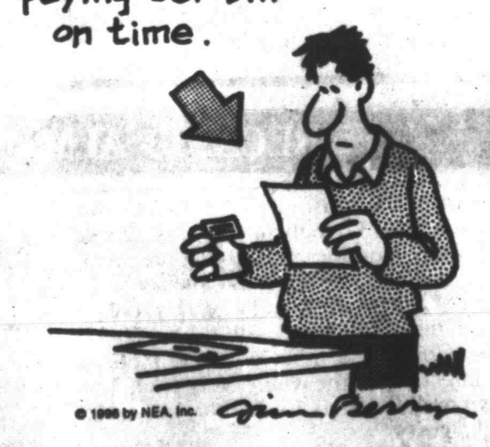
HOUSTON (AP) — The owner of a now-defunct restaurant said he wouldn't have called police to remove a combative diner if he suspected it would set the stage for a lawsuit.

The officer, Sgt. Regina Ellis, 53, of the Lakeview Police Department sued John Devereux because of an accident that occurred as she escorted the unruly man out of the restaurant overlooking Clear Lake on Aug. 17, 1994.

The Lakeview department patrols the cities of El Lago and Taylor Lake Village in southeast Harris County. Devereux's old Croc's restaurant was on NASA Road 1 in El Lago.

Ms. Ellis sued in Harris County state district court because of a fall she suffered when her foot hit a rebar — a steel bar used to reinforce concrete — that was protruding from the surface of the restaurant parking lot.

Berry's World



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Holidays Inspire Divorced Mom To Resolve Her Bitter Feelings

DEAR ABBY: I have something to say to the millions of families whose lives are affected by divorce.

An unforgiving and bitter person who has not let go of animosities can poison an entire family and ruin the holidays for everyone. I know. I was that person.

I couldn't forgive my husband and his new wife, and my children suffered for it. One day after a particularly harsh outburst, I understood the pained reaction on my children's faces. I prayed for the strength to change my ways so I could stop hurting those I love most in the world.

It has been a long struggle with occasional setbacks, but the rewards have carried me forward. I have not remarried and I am not completely healed, but I have peace in my heart and my children are happy. They are free to enjoy both homes and the holidays with each family. It is a priceless gift to give your children, and yourself.

FREE IN VERMONT

DEAR FREE: I can't think of a more meaningful gift suggestion for this holiday season. Happy holidays to you and your now happier family.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Longtime Reader, Bloomington, Minn." who was upset that "Mrs. Jones" asked her nanny if she wanted another part-time job. Your reader had no right to get upset about the nanny being offered another job. As long as it doesn't affect her 35-hour work week, anything the nanny does during her free time is her business — not her employer's.

Mrs. Jones should not need anyone's permission to talk to the nanny. So what if "Longtime Reader" paid $1,200 to get her nanny? I am a nanny and my family paid $2,350 to get me, and they do not tell me who I can and cannot sit for. Paying a fee does not guarantee ownership of the nanny. The nanny may seem like a member of their extended family, but she really isn't. She is an employee and is entitled to her own life and her own decisions about her time off.

LYNETTE A. BUDD,
ROWLEY, MASS.

DEAR LYNETTE: I agree that the days of indentured servitude are over. And if the nanny's arrangement with her employer is for 35 hours a week, what she does in her spare time is her own business.

However, as a courtesy, Mrs. Jones should have spoken to "Longtime Reader" before extending an offer to her domestic employee. It is a question of good manners.

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DEAR ABBY: Add this to your stories about short men: My best friend had a rather rocky marriage with many arguments. After one such episode she came over for coffee and a shoulder to cry on. During our conversation she said, "Your husband is more of a man at 5 foot 6 than mine is at 6 foot 5."

She was right. They later divorced, and she raised their four children on her own.

ANONYMOUS, PLEASE

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YOUR CHUCKLE FOR THE DAY: "Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."

PHYLLIS DILLER

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How the experts win

By Phillip Alder

A book has been published that endeavors to explain how bridge experts think. And if you can think like an expert, you will be a winner. That's the rationale behind "How the Experts Win at Bridge" by Lynn and Burt Hall (Jordan Press; $19.95, postpaid, from the authors at 6260 Grand Cypress Circle, Lake Worth, FL 33467).

On the whole, the book succeeds in its objective. If you and your partner do exactly what they advise, your results will improve. However, there are some mistakes in the text (like suggesting you can make a slam off two cashing aces), and you will have to accept the authors' in-your-face, you-must-do-it-this-way-or-else approach.

In this deal from the book, how would you play in three no-trump either at the rubber bridge table or in a matchpointed pair event? West leads the spade jack to your queen.

At rubber bridge (or in a team event), you must concentrate on making your contract. Don't worry about overtricks. Here you have eight top tricks: two spades (given trick one), two hearts, three diamonds and one club. As a fourth diamond trick will see you home, cash the diamond queen and *duck* a diamond, guarding against a 4-1 diamond split.

In a pair event, though, where winning overtricks is vital, you should start in the same way. If West discards at trick three, duck in the dummy, of course. But if West follows suit a second time, call for dummy's king. You should risk your contract for the overtrick, which you will get more than 80 percent of the time.

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Date Book

Dec. 16, 1996

Today is the 351st day of 1996 and the 86th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1773, patriots boarded British ships and dumped about 350 chests of tea into Boston Harbor.

On this day in 1811, an earthquake, believed by some to have been the most powerful ever in the United States, shook Missouri.

On this day in 1905, Variety magazine was published for the first time.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827), composer; Jane Austen (1775-1817), writer; George Santayana (1863-1952), philosopher; Noel Coward (1899-1973), playwright-actor; Margaret Mead (1901-1978), anthropologist; Arthur C. Clarke (1917-), writer, is 79; Liv Ullmann (1939-), actress, is 57; Lesley Stahl (1941-), broadcast journalist, is 55.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach played his final game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place." — Margaret Mead

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1835, the temperature at Hanover, N.H., soared to 17 degrees below zero at noon.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before first quarter.

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No on-screen smooch planned

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Evigan, who plays gay Dan Hathaway on "Melrose Place," would have no trouble kissing Matt, his boyfriend on the show, but there are no immediate plans to script an on-screen smooch.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 5 p.m.

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

Stargazers TFCEC; 3117 Ave. T; for more information call Pauline Broyles at 573-5144; 7 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

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

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.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 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 luncheon; Christmas Carols by the male quartet, 4-Giv'n; hostesses are Glenda Glasscock, Mary Ann Key, Frances Denman; 11:30 a.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; program by 4-Giv'n, a male quartet composed of Matt Cross, David Trevey, James Hanks, Wayne Knox; hostesses, Margaret Drum, Jan Harrell, Neoma Harlin; 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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; country club; noon

Pen Women; Martha Ann Woman's Club; program, Yvonne Nunn; hostess, Jen Everett; 1:30 p.m.

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 aensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Eubank at 573-6509.

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-<626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

Blood pressures will be take' 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.

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 513-2101; 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.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

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Militias ally with Republic

DALLAS (AP) — Several independent militias have cast their lots with the Republic of Texas, raising concerns among state officials who believe a legal confrontation may be imminent.

Both sides say they are concerned about a conflict turning violent.

Assistant Attorney General Peter Haskell, who heads Morales' team on the Republic and militias, said there was evidence that about 12 militia groups had joined the Republic. He said he did not know the size of the memberships involved.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales won contempt-of-court citations against the Republic and its officials in October, but has not moved to enforce them.

Morales said that the state does "intend to act on the citations."

"At the moment he tries to apply them, there will be an armed response," said Ralph Turner, a former member of a sect of the Texas Constitutional Militia which affiliated with the Republic this year. Turner has since been named as the Republic's secretary of defense.

However, Turner said, "bloodshed is not what any of us want. My first agenda is to use diplomacy."

Morales has said that militia members have the legal right to meet and train and that most "are no more dangerous than the Rotary Clubs or Lions Clubs that meet every week."

"This group, the Republic of Texas, has crossed that line," Morales said.

Turner said there are now Republic defense commanders in 72 of the state's 254 counties — acknowledging that there may be only a commander and no troops in some counties. He said he believed that as many as 35,000 defense force or independent militia members would respond if violence broke out.

Those who monitor Republic and militia activities said those figures were grossly exaggerated.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, agreed that most militia groups pose no danger but said the DPS was prepared to act if problems arose.

"One of the things a department like this can do is move a lot of people into a location pretty quickly," he said.

Morales said he has seen no evidence that the group would act violently, but added: "We are mindful of the history of these types of organizations and recognize that we must be prepared for any kind of eventuality prior to the issuance of any warrants."

The Republic movement gained national attention when its provisional president stood on the steps of the Capitol in January and proclaimed Texas a free nation.

MATH-A-THON AT WEST — Sixth grade students at West Elementary raised $2,440.98 in a math-a-thon fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The top six students who raise over $100 are pictured from left (bottom row) Cory Cochran, $162; Jefery Flentge, $126; Matthew Stokes, $108; (top row) Kamie Drain, $130; Kristina Mayer, $135; Brandy Shafer, $143. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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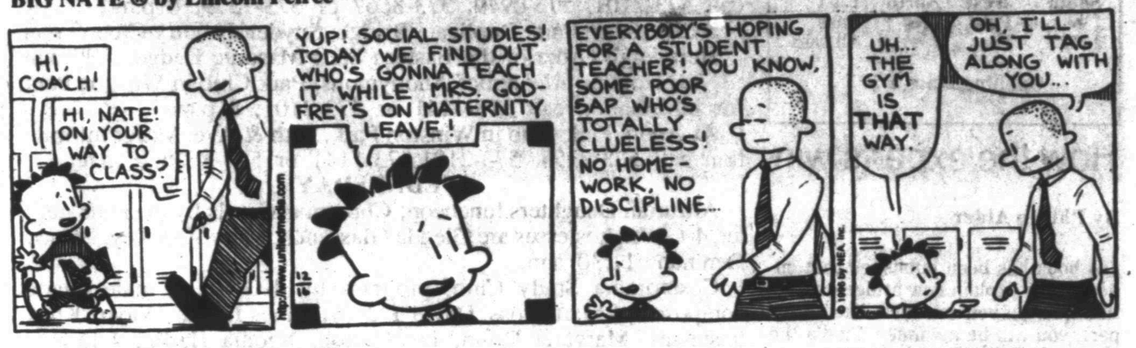

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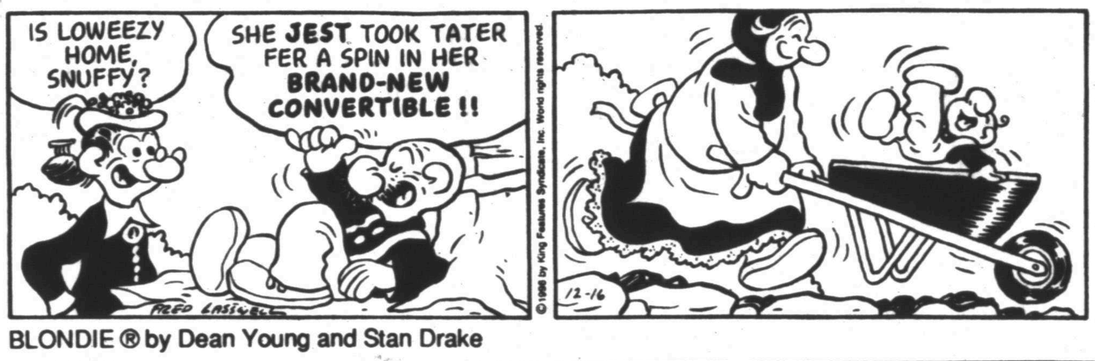

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Taboo item
5 Not functioning properly (sl.)
9 Actress Francis
12 Biblical measure
13 E pluribus —
14 Sgt., e.g.
15 Require
16 Beach feature
17 Flightless bird
18 Infuriates
20 Not as high
22 Tax agcy.
23 Beer container
24 Goodnight girl
27 Female supervisors
31 Mend
32 Blackthorn fruit
34 Of a time
35 Piece of ice
37 Egg part
39 Number of cards in a Roman deck?
40 Wanting (sl.)
42 Cede
44 Coal unit
45 Orlando's st.
46 Sing Swiss-style
49 Convention
53 Struggle
54 Construction beam (2 wds.)
56 Dissipated man
57 Printer's measures
58 Triplet
59 Let — — (Beatles song)
60 Engage in a winter sport
61 Long times
62 Barrel-shaped vessel

DOWN

1 — of the above
2 Sign of the future
3 — -do-well
4 Invest with priestly authority
5 Unclothed persons
6 Burden
7 Weapon
8 Egg dish
9 Recognized
10 Summit
11 Possessive pronoun
19 French stoneware
21 Monster
23 Film critic Pauline —
24 Questionable
25 Annoy
26 Royal guardsman
27 Music-synthesizer pioneer
28 Heraldic border
29 Manicurist's target
30 Skidded
33 Actress Redgrave
36 Grafted, in heraldry
38 Actor MacLachlan
41 Crystalline gem
43 Of medicine
45 Flowerless plants
46 Actor Montand
47 Pigpen sound
48 Bandleader Arnaz
49 Chief
50 Small amount
51 Story points
52 Carnival performer
55 Sibling of sis

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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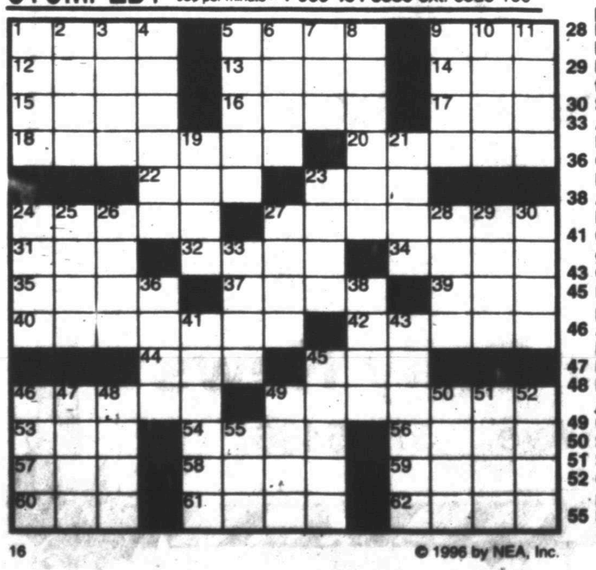

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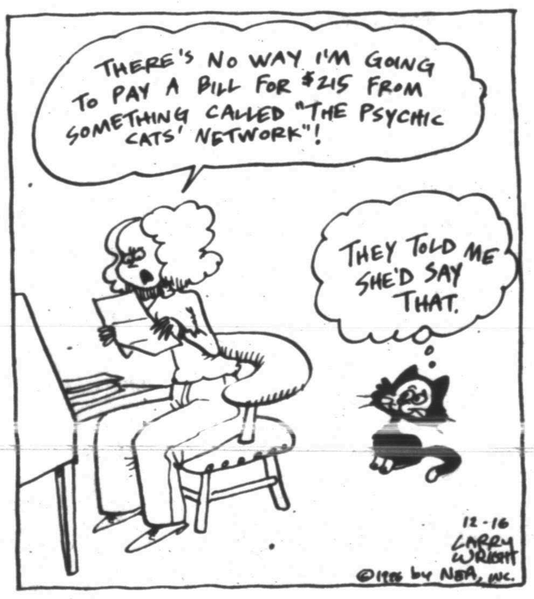

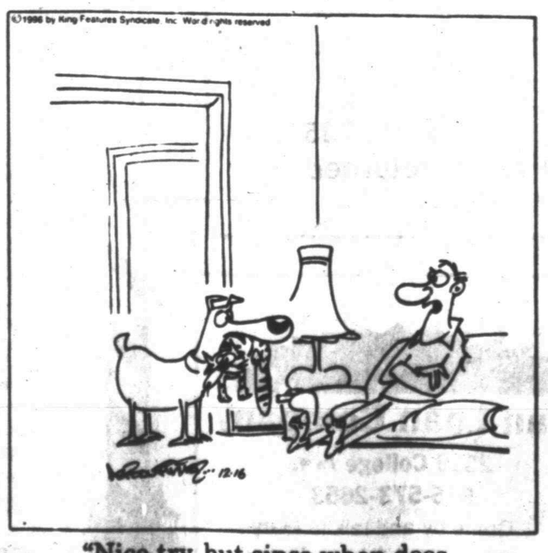

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SPORTS

Defense given credit as 'Boys win NFC East

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Nobody has come up with a fancy name for the current Dallas defense.

In the old days it used to be called "Doomsday," and was the anchor for several Cowboys' Super Bowl victories.

Now, the Cowboys have another top-ranked defense without a tricky moniker. That, coupled with kicker Chris Boniol's club-record 26 consecutive field goals, has given Dallas its fifth straight NFC East title.

Boniol kicked four field goals, and the Dallas defense produced four turnovers and two critical fourth-down stops Sunday in a 12-6 victory over the New England Patriots.

Dallas (10-5) has one game left at Washington, while the Patriots (10-5) had already clinched a playoff berth. New England can clinch the AFC East with a victory at the New York Giants next Sunday or if Buffalo loses to Miami on Monday night.

The Dallas offense is red-faced. It hasn't scored a touchdown in three of the last five games, yet the defense keeps carrying the load.

"It's been frustrating for all of us not to be scoring in the last couple of games," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said. "It's good the defense is playing so well. They are playing at a championship level.

"If the offense doesn't pick it up, we'll be home early for the playoffs."

Aikman is proud of the way the team fought back after injuries and suspensions.

"When you consider the fact that we started 1-3 and went 9-2 over the last 11 games, you have to be pleased," Aikman said.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer hopes for a better performance from the offense, and has recent history on his side.

"This was the way it was for us last year about this time," he said. "Maybe it takes the playoffs for us to get going on offense."

Last season, that was the case, with the Cowboys averaging 34 points in the NFC playoffs before defeating Pittsburgh 27-17 in the Super Bowl.

The Cowboys, no matter the outcome of their game at Washington, will play the wild-card team with the worst record either Dec. 28 or 29 in Texas Stadium.

Switzer said running back Emmitt Smith won't play at Washington so he can rest his sore ankle.

"We'll treat the game as a bye in several ways," Switzer said. "We have several players who should be rested, including Emmitt."

However, if Switzer rests offensive players, they won't get the work they need to become more of a cohesive unit.

Michael Irvin, who missed the first five games under suspension, said the Dallas offense — averaging just 18.4 points — borders on woeful.

"If we play like this on offense we'll be out of the playoffs as soon as they start," he said. "It was flat-out embarrassing the way we played. I just about cried."

Dallas turned New England back twice on fourth-down gambles.

Tigers win tourney title

Snyder upends Pampa, headed to Sweetwater tonight

BIG SPRING — Rick Henderson bagged seven of his game-high 15 points in the fourth quarter and Justin McNair dialed up three second-half 3-pointers as Snyder claimed the crown at the Big Spring Tournament here Saturday.

The 50-46 win over Pampa in the championship game was an emotional one for the Tigers, according to their coach.

"This was another game where the kids had to find a way to win. We were behind eight or nine points in the third period and just hung in there. Finally, we hit a few shots," said Coach Bud Birks, whose squad is 12-3 on the season.

"The kids were really tired, we're shorthanded and asking a lot of them. They showed a lot of character."

Snyder trailed 29-22 at intermission. The Tigers' defense kept them in the game though, and midway through the third quarter the offense came alive. McNair hit two 3-pointers in the period and David Smith added another. Combined with 4 points from Henderson and 2 from Jimmy Taylor, Snyder put up 15 points in the quarter while holding Pampa to just 7.

Henderson added 7 more points in the fourth — including a five-for-five effort from the line.

Taylor, who scored 8 points to keep Snyder clicking in the first half, had 12 for the night. McNair ended the game with 9, Smith had 5 and Castillo and Carter had 4 apiece. Alvin Fabre added a free throw.

Next action for the Tigers will be at 7:30 this evening in Sweetwater. A JV tilt will begin at 6 o'clock.

Pampa	12	17	7	10	-46
Snyder	0	13	15	13	-50

Pampa- Carson 5 2-2 13; Osborn 3 1-1 7; Meek 1 0-0 2; Reed 1 1-3 3; Brown 2 0-0 4; Young 5 5-6 17; TOTALS: 17 9-12 46.

Snyder- Henderson 5 5-5 15; Fabre 0 1-2 1; McNair 3 0-0 9; Castillo 2 0-0 4; Smith 2 0-1 5; Taylor 4 4-5 12; Carter 2 0-2 4; TOTALS 18 9-14 50.

3-Point Goals: Pampa 3 (Carson 1, Young 2), Snyder 4 (McNair 3, Smith 1); Total Fouls: Pampa 18, Snyder 17. Fouled Out: None.

Frosh still undefeated

ANDREWS — Snyder's freshman boys basketball team continued its winning ways over the weekend as it captured the championship trophy in the Andrews Freshmen Tournament.

The young Tigers handed Seminole its first defeat of the year in the championship game as they defeated the ninth-grade Indians by a 76-51 margin.

Sonny Cumbie lead the scoring with 27 points while Jared Hester scored 13. Greg McAnew tossed in 12 points, hitting three treys in a row.

Trey Gorman added 11 and Paul Camp tossed in 10 in the championship game. Josh Ward added two in the win and Justin Phillips added one.

It was Snyder ninth grade's 11th win of the season against no losses.

In the second game of the tourney, Snyder squeaked by Monahans, 52-49.

Camp led the scoring against the Loboes with 16; Hester was right behind with 14. Cumbie added eight points, as did Ward, while Gorman and McAnew each scored three.

Snyder defeated Frenship in the first game of the tourney Friday, 43-37, despite trailing at halftime and being tied at the end of the third quarter.

Cumbie again led the scoring as he tossed in 13 points and Hester added 10. Gorman scored 7, McAnew tossed in 5 and Phillips added 4. Camp and Ward each added 2 points.

TCU upsets Red Raiders

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Top-ranked Kansas just keeps rolling along in Allen Field House.

The Jayhawks breezed past North Carolina-Ashville 105-73 Sunday for their ninth straight win, 32 in a row at home.

The Jayhawks went on a 31-4 run en route to a 50-23 halftime lead. Kansas forced 14 turnovers in the first half and outrebounded Asheville 25-8.

Missouri defeated Southeast Missouri State 64-50 on Sunday.

In games Saturday involving Big 12 teams, Texas Christian upset No. 18 Texas Tech 93-89, No. 13 Texas beat No. 16 Fresno State 98-86, No. 6 Iowa State defeated Iowa 81-74, Kansas State stopped Bethune-Cookman 62-54, Oklahoma beat Centenary 89-45, Baylor downed Auburn 68-63 and Missouri beat Southeast Missouri State 64-50.

TCU coach Billy Tubbs was the victim the last time the Horned Frogs upset a ranked opponent in a non-conference game, losing at Oklahoma. This time he was the victor.

"We're contenders too," said Damion Walker after hitting two free throws with 6.6 seconds left to clinch the win for TCU.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
y-NewEngland	10	5	0	.667	395	291
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	285	241
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	293	303
Miami	6	8	0	.429	292	283
N.Y.Jets	1	14	0	.067	251	423
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	5	0	.667	330	239
Jacksonville	8	7	0	.533	306	318
Cincinnati	7	8	0	.467	341	345
Houston	7	8	0	.467	321	290
Baltimore	4	11	0	.267	350	417
West						
x-Denver	13	2	0	.867	381	259
KansasCity	9	6	0	.600	288	280
Oakland	7	8	0	.467	319	265
SanDiego	7	8	0	.467	294	366
Seattle	6	9	0	.400	289	355

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
x-Dallas	10	5	0	.667	276	213
y-Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	334	322
Washington	8	7	0	.533	327	302
Arizona	7	8	0	.467	281	368
N.Y.Giants	6	9	0	.400	220	274
Central						
x-GreenBay	12	3	0	.800	418	200
y-Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	288	277
Chicago	7	8	0	.467	264	271
Detroit	5	10	0	.333	288	344
TampaBay	5	10	0	.333	187	274
West						
y-Carolina	11	4	0	.733	349	204
y-SanFrancisco	11	4	0	.733	374	243
St.Louis	5	10	0	.333	289	396
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	292	442
NewOrleans	3	12	0	.200	216	325

x-clinched division title.
y-clinched playoff spot.

Saturday's Games
Philadelphia 21, New York Jets 20
Chicago 27, San Diego 14

Sunday's Games
Carolina 27, Baltimore 16
Green Bay 31, Detroit 3
Dallas 12, New England 6
New Orleans 17, New York Giants 3
St. Louis 34, Atlanta 27
San Francisco 25, Pittsburgh 15
Minnesota 21, Tampa Bay 10
Cincinnati 21, Houston 13
Indianapolis 24, Kansas City 19
Denver 24, Oakland 19
Arizona 27, Washington 26
Jacksonville 20, Seattle 13

Monday's Game
Buffalo at Miami, 9 p.m.

NBA glance

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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	18	5	.783	-
NewYork	15	6	.714	2
Washington	10	11	.476	7
Orlando	9	10	.474	7
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	10½
NewJersey	5	13	.278	10½
Boston	5	16	.238	12
Central Division				
Chicago	20	3	.870	-
Detroit	17	4	.810	2
Cleveland	14	8	.636	5½
Atlanta	13	8	.619	6
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	7
Charlotte	12	10	.545	7½
Indiana	9	11	.450	9½
Toronto	7	15	.318	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Houston	21	2	.913	-
Utah	18	3	.857	2
Dallas	8	13	.381	12
Minnesota	8	15	.348	13
Denver	5	19	.208	16½
SanAntonio	4	17	.190	16
Vancouver	4	20	.167	17½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	18	7	.720	-
Seattle	16	9	.640	2
Portland	13	11	.542	4½
L.A.Clippers	9	14	.391	8
Sacramento	8	15	.348	9
GoldenState	8	16	.333	9½
Phoenix	7	15	.318	9½

Sunday's Games
Detroit 99, Boston 89
Washington 110, Golden State 102
Phoenix 103, Vancouver 84
Houston 99, Portland 89

Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Phoenix vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 10:30 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Schoolboy playoffs

CLASS 5A
Division I
Final
Lewisville 58, Converse Judson 34

Division II
Semifinals
Abilene Cooper 24, Richardson Lake Highlands 21 (OT)
Austin Westlake 42, Aldine 21

Final
Abilene Cooper (12-3) vs. Austin Westlake, (15-0), noon Saturday, Texas Stadium, tentative.

CLASS 4A
Division I
Final
Grapevine 34, Hays Consolidated 19

Division II
Semifinals
Denison 21, Highland Park 13
La Marque 24, CC Calallen 21 (OT)

Final
Denison (14-1) vs. La Marque (13-2), 5 p.m. Saturday Texas Stadium.

CLASS 3A
Semifinal
Tatum 48, Friona 21
Sealy 21, Coldspring 14

Final
Tatum (11-4) vs. Sealy (14-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

CLASS 2A
Semifinal
Iraan 34, Holliday 22
Groveton 14, Ganado 6

Final
Groveton (15-0) vs. Iraan (15-0), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford.

CLASS A
Final
Windthorst 41, Tenaha 12

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SDN Sports Week

Basketball

Monday
SHS Tigers and JV at Sweetwater. JV tipoff at 6 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Ira hosts Dog Pound Tournament. Boys and girls varsity.

Friday
SHS Tigers and JV at San Angelo Central. Tipoff for JV at 2:30 and varsity at 4 p.m.
SHS Lady Tigers and JV at Sweetwater. JV tipoff at 6 and varsity at 7:30 p.m.
Ira hosts Dog Pound Tournament. Boys and girls varsity.

Saturday
SHS Lady Tigers, JV and Freshman at Colorado City. Freshman tipoff at 5 p.m., JV at 6:30 and varsity at 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Lehman, Waldorf victorious

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Tom Lehman sank a 9-foot birdie putt to win the PGA Tour division in the Diners Club Matches, then credited Duffy Waldorf for making the shots that helped the duo successfully defend their title.

Lehman and Waldorf took a 2 and 1 victory Sunday over Scott Hoch and Kenny Perry to split the $220,000 first prize.

Snyder JV girls lose to Post, 36-33

COLORADO CITY — Snyder junior varsity girls lost a close one to Post in the consolation semifinals at the Colorado City JV Tournament here Saturday.

Post outscored the Lady Tigers 15-11 in the final quarter to outlast Snyder 36-33. Snyder had enjoyed a 16-11 halftime lead.

Scoring for Snyder were Amber Haddox with 9, Terri Moore and Jodi Dennis with 8 each, Jessica Murr with 3, Amanda Scott and Renee Trevino with 2 each and Felsha Biggers with 1.

Snyder, 3-14, will entertain Sweetwater at 6 p.m. Friday.

Coahoma smacked

COLORADO CITY — Snyder freshmen girls handcuffed Coahoma 39-7 here Saturday to win consolation in the Colorado City Tournament.

The game was over after the first quarter as the young Lady Tiger team outscored Coahoma 12-2. The Lady Bulldogs didn't score another point until the third, and went into the final period trailing 30-3.

Scoring for Snyder were Lexie Beard with 14, Gail McKinney and Courtney Rinehart with 8 each, Tessa Hildebrand with 5 and Laura Lewis and Kaycee Marricle with 2 apiece.

Next action for the freshman team, now 3-8, will be 5 p.m. Saturday in Colorado City.

8th grade third

LAMESA — Snyder 8th grade boys took second place in the Lamesa Tournament here Saturday.

The Tigers opened with a 58-19 victory over Lamesa B team. Jamaal Wofford scored 15 points for Snyder. Matthew Grimmett added 11.

In second-round action, Snyder defeated Andrews, 51-44. Jesse Haines popped for 12 points and Jared Thornhill connected for 10.

Snyder fell in the finals to Lamesa A, 57-43. Leading scorers for Snyder were Thornhill with 14 and Heath Pinkerton with 9.

7th A wins third

SWEETWATER — The Tigers' 7th grade boy's B squad placed third in the Sweetwater Tournament on Saturday.

Snyder defeated Ballinger 32-28 in the tourney opener as Shea Franks dropped in 15 points.

Snyder lost the second game to Abilene Wylie A team. Wes Martin was the leading point-man for Snyder with 8 points.

In the finals, Snyder defeated Colorado City 30-19. Stephen Ortegon led Snyder with 8 points.

Boys win 2 of 3

LAMESA — Snyder 7th grade boy's A team took third place in the Lamesa Tournament over the weekend.

Snyder put four boys in double figures in an 82-26 win over Lamesa. Brandon McGuire scored 16, Bradley Bynum 11 and Brooks Nunley and Wade Pinson, 10 each.

In the next action, Brownfield defeated Snyder, 46-33. McGuire and Jase Olvera scored 10 each.

Snyder defeated 53-33 in the final game with McGuire scoring 10, Pinson and Nick Landes scored 10 each and Nathan Smith 8.

NFC playoff berths set; AFC is close

By The Associated Press

After a month of things falling their way, the Jacksonville Jaguars need one more week of good fortune to join their expansion brethren from Carolina in the NFL playoffs in their second year.

With one week left in the NFL season, only the matchups for the playoffs in the NFC need to be settled. Three qualifiers were determined Sunday as Dallas, Philadelphia and Minnesota joined Green Bay, Carolina and San Francisco.

Green Bay and either Carolina or San Francisco will get first-week byes in the playoffs. But with the Cowboys locked into a home game that weekend, their regular-season finale at Washington, which fell out of playoff contention with a 27-26 loss at Arizona, is essentially a rest day.

A Jacksonville loss to Seattle on Sunday night would have meant that all six of the AFC playoff teams were settled, too. But the Jaguars won 20-13, their fourth straight victory when a defeat would have meant elimination.

Before this year, no NFL team in its second year had made the playoffs, and the Panthers, who joined the league along with Jacksonville in 1995, have already done it this season.

The Jaguars (8-7) got some help with losses by the Chargers, Oilers and Raiders over the weekend. If Buffalo loses to Miami tonight, Jacksonville would make the postseason with a victory over Atlanta next Sunday, provided Kansas City and Buffalo don't tie.

If Buffalo wins tonight and secures a playoff berth, Jacksonville would make it Sunday with a victory and a loss by either Indianapolis or Kansas City. Denver, New England and Pittsburgh already have clinched AFC spots.

"Four weeks ago, I wasn't aware of it," QB Mark Brunell said of the Jags' fading playoff hopes when they were 4-7. "This week I'd be lying if I said I'm not looking around and seeing what's going on."

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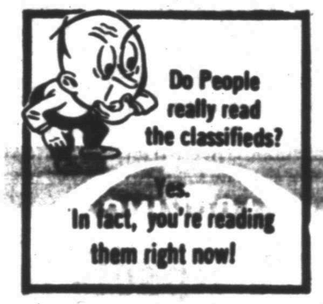

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2 U.S. white rhinos on loan to China die

BEIJING (AP) — A pair of rare white rhinos on loan from the San Diego zoo died in an open truck in western China, victims of withering summer heat that their Chinese handlers weren't prepared for.

The deaths in July have left empty the Chengdu Zoo's new exhibition space for rhinos. Until it can borrow another rhinoceros, the zoo is trying to stuff one of the dead ones for display, Song Yunfang, an animal expert at the zoo, said today.

The rhinos were supposed to travel 1,200-miles from the eastern port of Shanghai to central Chengdu city by rail or boat, but instead the caged animals were put on an open-bed truck on July 17, Song said.

Five days into the trip, the fully grown male and female rhinos died in 99-degree heat in Qinling, a small city a day or two drive from Chengdu.

"We were all very sad and sorry," Song said in a telephone interview.

No autopsy was conducted because the poor state of the corpses, Song said, but the zoos suspect heat and dehydration did the animals in.

At the time, neither the Chengdu nor San Diego zoos publicized the deaths of the white rhinos, two of about 6,000 worldwide. China's tightly controlled official media hasn't reported the tragedy either. But there seems to be plenty of blame to go around.

The San Diego zoo, world famous for its exhibitions and expertise and relatively well-heeled, did not send specialists with the rhinos from Shanghai to Chengdu.

The Chengdu Zoo, cash starved like most Chinese zoos, did not stick to an agreed-upon plan for rail transit, San Diego Zoological Society spokesman Tom Hanscom said.

The two zoos have a cooperative relationship. Hanscom said Chengdu asked for help in locating a pair of rhinos five years ago.

The pair, who were not named, were found at the Pittsburgh Zoo, and San Diego bought them for $3,000.

Chengdu's airport is too small to handle Boeing 747s, the only commercial plane with cargo space large enough to transport the rhinos, their cages each about the size of a mini-van.

Song said the rhinos were to arrive by air in Shanghai on July 2, but did not land until July 16.

By then, the Chinese summer had entered its hottest, wettest period. Summer rains had swollen the Yangtze River and caused long delays for boats passing through the locks at the Gezhouba dam, Song said.

The rhinos' cages did not fit into rail cars arranged for the trip, she said, so zoo officials settled on a truck.

"At the time, airconditioned trucks were scarce, and we thought, since they were tropical animals, they should have no problem withstanding 85-degree plus temperatures," Song said.

In San Diego, Hanscom said that prior to the trip Chinese officials had given assurances that the rhinos would fit in the rail cars and trained personnel would care for them. Shanghai Zoo officials cabled San Diego on July 17, saying the rhinos arrived in good heath, he said.

"They were on the road in the summer and apparently did not receive sufficient attention during the transport," Hanscom said.

"Transporting a large mammal that distance is always somewhat difficult, but not impossible if the animals receive proper attention," he said.

Still, Hanscom said the deaths would not jeopardize the relationship between officials at Chengdu and the San Diego Zoological Society.

Female cadet considers leaving Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — One of the four female cadets at the Citadel is considering leaving the military school after upperclassmen shoved her with a rifle, hit her and set her clothes on fire, her father told a newspaper.

Harvey Messer, 55, a retired Army master sergeant who lives in Clover, said in today's editions of The Charlotte Observer that Kim Messer is thinking about dropping out because of hazing.

"She is a tough woman, but she is being terrorized," Messer said.

The family has hired Charleston lawyer Paul Gibson to explore its legal options.

"The tradition of brutality has to end," Messer said. "It's time the kind of crap that goes on there is exposed, and if it takes the justice system to do it, that's what I'll do."

In today's editions of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Messer said upperclassmen who were supposed to protect cadets from hazing ignored the complaints of his daughter and another female cadet, Jeanie Mentavlos of Charlotte, N.C.

"My daughter told me she reported a lot of this stuff to her company commander through her chain of command," Messer said. "Nothing was done. In fact, it got worse."

Miss Messer and Miss Mentavlos have been subjected to abuse since entering the state-supported military college in August, Messer said. The abuse intensified after they were excused from some physical training because of pelvic stress fractures that came from excessive marching.

"Sometimes she would call hysterically, but she said, 'Don't call anyone because it will get worse,'" Messer said.

Since Thursday, when complaints of the burning surfaced, school administrators have stripped authority from five members of Echo Company and moved them to a barracks away from the women. Three of the four female cadets belong to Echo Company.

A sophomore cadet, who was directly involved in the hazing, was suspended from the school on Saturday.

Interim President Clifton Poole said the female cadets did not initially report the hazing to their superior officers, and it came to the college's attention after the women told another cadet.

The State Law Enforcement Division and the FBI are investigating the clothes burning, which happened three or four weeks ago.

Poole said at least one male freshman was also a victim of the clothes burning, indicating that it was not directed solely at women.

Miss Messer also told her father a cadet hit her in the head and shoved her against a wall with a rifle.

"She was crying and asking him to quit, and he just kept on," Messer said.

"She has been living in terror for God knows how long. She wouldn't tell us until very recently," he said. "She said one guy singled her and Jeanie out and constantly harassed them, shoved them around."

The other two women admitted in August, Nancy Mace of Goose Creek and Petra Lovetinska, a Czech national who lives in Washington, D.C., are doing well, Citadel Board Chairman Jimmy Jones said.

New study says...

Researchers should question even the basics of education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Researchers in the next century should question even the fundamentals of education, such as whether students need 12 years of schooling, the Education Department said today.

The success of current experimental learning programs, including charter schools and out-of-class learning also should be examined, the department said in a report setting out seven goals for education research in the 21st century.

The report presents "a single comprehensive vision of the nation's future needs for knowledge about education, and ... clear priorities for educational research geared to meeting those needs," Education Secretary Richard Riley said in a statement.

Research in the future will need to be imaginative to include study of non-traditional types of learning, said the report. It was developed by the department's Office of Educational Research and Improvement and a 15-member National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board.

For example, it said, studies should question whether all students need 12 years of schooling.

What if "some students were allowed to complete high school in two years and others were

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Quiet weekend for law officers

Local law enforcement agencies enjoyed a relatively quiet weekend as only one person was taken into custody.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 8:22 p.m. Saturday in the 3200 block of College Avenue on several outstanding city warrants, including two for an expired motor vehicle registration, two for no liability insurance and two for failure to appear.

In other activity, Roe Baker Hicks requested an officer in the 2700 block of Avenue T at 8:27 a.m. Saturday in reference to criminal mischief to her vehicle. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An officer was called to the 2400 block of 42nd Street at 11:23 a.m. Saturday in reference to vandalism to Christmas decorations. No report was filed. The caller just wanted the police department to be aware of the incident.

A report of a prowler was made at 4:26 p.m. Saturday in the 3000 block of Avenue A.

William Botts requested a deputy at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in reference to juveniles throwing rocks at vehicles parked at the post office in Ira.

Brian Ellison requested to speak to an officer at 8:43 p.m. Saturday in reference to juveniles throwing rocks at houses in the 4400 block of Avenue U.

Melvin Hightower reported the theft of an impact wrench from a pickup at 1:37 a.m. Sunday. He was not sure when or where the truck was parked when the tool was taken. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

An officer was requested at 10:52 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone damaging yard ornaments in the 2200 block of 45th Street. The person did not want to file a report but wanted officers to be aware of the vandalism.

A family disturbance was reported at 11:57 a.m. Sunday.

A gas drive-off was reported at 1:41 p.m. Sunday from the Plaza Truck Stop in reference to someone not paying for $14 worth of gas.

An officer was requested at Anthony's at 5:32 p.m. Sunday in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

An offense report for a 16-year-old female juvenile was submitted at 10:48 p.m. Sunday. She was located at 12:15 this morning.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	88⅜	87⅞	88	+ ⅜
AT&T Corps	39⅝	38⅝	39	— ⅛
AirTouch		26⅛	26	26⅛
Albertsons		35⅞	35⅛	35⅛
AlldSignal	67⅞	67⅝	67⅝+	⅛
Alltel	30⅝	30⅝	30⅝—	⅛
AmerOnline	34⅜	33⅛	33⅛—	1
AmStores		38⅝	38⅜	38⅜
Ameritech	56⅛	55⅝	55⅞—	⅛
Amoco	75⅞	75⅛	75⅛—	¼
AndarkPtr	62⅞	61⅝	62⅞+	1⅞
ArmcoInc	4⅝	4⅛	4⅜+	⅛
AtlRichfld	130⅞	129	130⅝+	1
ATMOS Egy		23⅝	23⅜	23⅝
Aviall		9⅝	9⅛	9⅛
BakerHughes	35⅝	35	35⅝+	⅛
BellAtl	61⅛	60⅝	60⅞+	¼
BellSouth	38⅜	37⅞	37⅞—	¼
BethSteel		9⅝	9⅛	9⅛
BritPet	132⅛	132	132⅛+	1⅛
BurlNoSFe	85⅛	85	85⅛+	⅛
Caterpillar	76⅞	75⅞	76⅛+	⅜
CenSoWst		25⅜	25⅛	25⅜
Chevron	62⅞	62	62⅝+	⅜
Chrysler s	34	33⅜	33⅜—	⅛
Coastal	47⅞	47⅛	47⅛+	⅜
CocaColas	48⅞	48⅛	48⅜+	⅜
ColgatePalm	92⅞	92⅛	92⅝—	⅛
ComclMetals	30⅝	30⅛	30⅛—	⅛
CooperIn		39⅜	39⅜	39⅜
CyprusAmax	24	23⅛	23⅛—	⅛
DallSemicn		23⅛	23⅛	23⅛
DeltaAirl	75⅞	74⅞	75	+ ⅜
DigitalEq	39⅝	38⅞	39⅛+	¼
Dillard	30	29⅞	29⅞—	⅛
DowChem	80⅝	79⅝	80⅛+	⅜
DresserInd		31⅜	30⅞	31
DuPont	92⅛	91	92	+ ⅜
EastmanChem	55⅛	54⅞	55⅛—	⅛
EstKodak	79⅝	79⅝	79⅝+	⅛
EDS Corp	45⅞	45⅝	45⅝+	⅛
EljerInd	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝+	10⅝
Enserch	22	21⅝	22	+ ⅛
Entergy	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛—	⅛
Exxon	95⅝	95	95⅛+	⅛
Flowers	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝—	⅛
FordMotor	32⅝	31⅞	31⅞—	⅛
GTE Cp	43⅝	42⅞	43⅛—	⅜
GenDynam	70⅝	69⅛	70⅝+	1
GenElec	97⅞	96⅝	97⅞+	1
GenMills	65⅞	64⅞	64⅞—	⅜
GenMotors	57⅞	56⅛	56⅜+	⅛
GaPacif		73⅛	73	73⅛
GlobalMar	18⅞	17⅞	18⅜+	1
Goodrichs	39⅝	38⅝	39⅛+	⅜
Goodyear s	49⅝	49⅝	49⅝+	⅛
GtAtlPac	31⅞	30⅝	31⅛+	⅜
Halibrtn	59⅝	58⅝	58⅞+	⅛
Hanson ADSs	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛—	⅛
HarteHanks	26	25⅞	26	+ ⅛
HoustonInds		21⅜	21⅛	21⅛
IBM	153⅜	151⅞	152⅛—	⅜
IntlPaper	40⅝	39⅞	39⅝+	⅛
JohnsnJn s	50⅝	49⅞	50	+ ⅛
K mart		10⅝	10⅝	10⅝
Kroger	43⅛	43	43	— ⅜
Litton	45⅞	45⅛	45⅛+	⅜
LockhdMart	87⅞	85⅛	87⅛+	1
Lowes Cos	38⅝	38	38	— ⅜
Lubys	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝—	⅜
LucentTech n	47⅞	47⅛	47⅜+	⅛
MayDptStrs	47⅞	46⅝	46⅝—	⅛
Medtronic	62⅞	61⅞	62⅝—	⅜
Mobil	119⅝	118⅛	118⅛—	⅜
Monsanto s	39	38⅝	38⅝—	⅛
Motorola	54⅝	53⅞	54⅛+	⅜
Nationsbk	94⅝	93⅞	94	+ ⅜
Navistar	9⅝	9⅛	9⅝+	⅛
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Norwest	43⅛	42⅝	43	+ ⅛
Nynex	45⅞	45⅝	45⅞+	⅛
OryxEngy	22⅛	21⅝	21⅞—	⅛
PacTelesis	35⅛	34⅞	35	+1-32
PanEnergy	42⅞	42⅝	42⅝+	⅛
Penney JC	50⅝	50⅛	50⅝—	⅛
Pennzoil	54⅝	53⅝	54⅛+	⅛
PepBoys	34⅝	34⅛	34⅝—	⅜
PepsiCo s	29⅝	29	29⅝+	⅛
PhelpDodge	68	67⅞	67⅞—	⅛
PhilipPet	42⅞	41⅞	42⅛+	⅜
Polaroid	41⅝	41⅛	41⅛—	⅛
Praxair		45⅞	45⅝	45⅞
ProctGamble	105⅞	104⅞	105	— ⅜
PubSNwMx	19⅝	18⅞	19	+ ⅛
RoyalDutch		165⅝	164⅞	165⅝
SBC Comm		50	49⅝	49⅝
SaraLee	36⅝	36⅛	36⅛+	⅛
SearsRoeb	46⅝	45⅝	46	— ⅜
SherwinW	54⅝	54	54	+ ⅛
SmthBchADS	67⅞	67⅛	67⅞+	⅛
SouthernCo	21⅞	21⅛	21⅜+	⅛
SwstAirlines		23⅛	22⅝	22⅝
Sprint		38⅛	38	38⅛
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TNP Ent		26⅛	26⅛	26⅛
Tandy	42⅞	42⅝	42⅝—	⅛
TempleInl	53⅝	52⅝	53⅛+	⅜
Tenneco	45⅞	44⅞	44⅞—	⅛
Texaco	97	95⅞	96⅞+	⅜
TexasInd	55	54⅜	54⅞—	1⅛
TexasInst	65½	64⅜	64⅝—	1⅛
TexUtil	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝+	⅛
Textron	91⅛	90⅝	90⅝—	⅛
Travelers s	43	42⅞	42⅞+	⅜
TrinityInds	35⅝	35⅛	35⅞+	⅛
TritonEngy	48⅛	48	48⅛+	⅜
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USX-USS		30	29⅝	29⅝
UnCarbde	41⅛	40⅝	41	+ ⅜
UnPac s	57⅝	56⅝	57⅝+	⅛
UnitedTech s	65⅝	64⅛	64⅝+	⅛
Unocal	39⅝	38 13-16	39⅛+	⅛
WalMart	24	23⅝	23⅝—	⅛
WstnGasRs	18⅛	18⅛	18⅛+	⅛
WestghEl	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞—	⅛
WinnDixie	31⅞	31⅛	31⅞+	⅛
Woolworth	23⅛	23	23	— ⅛
XerosCp s	51⅞	51⅛	51⅞+	⅜
ZenithE		13⅛	12⅞	12⅞

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Memo shows Philip Morris sought youth smoking data

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Pollsters for Philip Morris sought out teen-agers at popular hangouts like beaches and drive-ins in the early 1970s to learn about youth smoking habits, according to internal company documents.

The idea was to get "true answers" that were not influenced by "the presence of parents," said a June 1970 memo to the tobacco giant from Roper Researchers Associates of New York.

"We recommend interviewing young people at summer recreation centers (at beaches, public pools, lakes, etc.)," Roper told Philip Morris, which has denied ever targeting its products to children. The target group was as young as 14, the memo said.

A July 1974 report from the company's marketing research department indicates the plan was carried out. "Young smokers were sought out in 35 locations around the country at popular 'hangouts,' at drive-ins, bowling alleys, near military bases, at beaches, etc.," it said.

A lawyer for Philip Morris dismissed the material, published Sunday by the Richmond Times-Dispatch, as old information leaked by lawyers in anti-tobacco lawsuits "to influence judges and potential jurors."

"The fact is, this company doesn't market to kids," said lawyer Michael York.

Harry O'Neill, vice chairman of the Roper division of Roper Starch Worldwide Inc., said the company still surveys for Philip Morris. But it no longer employs the polling tactics used in the 1970s, he said.

"I know nothing about those studies," O'Neill said. "Obviously we did them back then. ... Now we would not do it."

Anti-smoking activists contend the series of company memos from 1970 to 1988 support their charge that Philip Morris and other tobacco companies have spent decades studying the youth smoking market.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson

Winter weather is returning to Texas following warm spell

DALLAS (AP) — As a lifelong Texan, C.J. Thompson doesn't give it a second thought that her wardrobe can change significantly from day to day as a result of the weather.

"I wear shorts yesterday. I just wear pants and a jacket today," the gas station manager said Sunday. "I think it's pretty normal to me. I'm used to it."

Good thing, since a mixture of sleet and snow was falling in the North Texas area over the weekend. Just a week ago, the mercury soared to a record-tying 80 degrees in Dallas-Fort Worth.

In parts of Central Texas this morning, snow was falling at the rate of about a half-inch per hour, but temperatures just above freezing precluded significant accumulation.

Even colder weather is expected across the state by midweek.

"We'll start seeing the effects Tuesday night, and we'll continue to be cold through the weekend and the first part of the week," said Brian Kyle, National Weather Service meteorologist at League City, near Houston.

Winter officially begins Saturday.

The coldest days this week will be Thursday through Saturday, with temperatures hovering in the 20s in the mornings. The forecast calls for lows in the low to mid-20s and highs in the upper 30s to near 40 through Saturday.

Most of Texas got a winter preview Sunday as a Pacific cold front barreled into the state, dropping temperatures by 10 to 20 degrees, producing rain, sleet and snow over parts of North and West Texas.

Winter storm warnings and advisories were issued Sunday for portions of West, Central and Northeast Texas. Strong winds produced wind chills in the teens and 20s across North Texas.

Farther south, a winter storm warning was issued for the Hill Country and Edwards Plateau, including Del Rio, Uvalde, Burnet and Kerrville.

A winter weather advisory was in effect for a portion of South Central Texas generally north and east of a line bounded by Killeen to San Antonio and northeast to Lexington.

"I guess we're paying our dues," said Jeff Raberding, a meteorologist at the NWS office in Fort Worth. "Cold outbreaks aren't that uncommon. It's just that we were very warm the first part of December. We're getting our first taste of winter, I guess."

Unseasonably warm weather was reported across Texas last week. But Raberding said not to expect the warm-up that followed last month's freezing rain and snow.

"An air mass coming in Tuesday is going to be the coldest air of the year," he said. "It's going to be significant cold air even in South Texas, significantly colder than we've been seeing throughout the state."

The powerful arctic cold front will drop temperatures in the Texas Panhandle into the teens Tuesday morning, with wind chill values of 20 to 40 degrees below zero.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Emphysema is the smoking gun

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My cigarette-smoking husband of 45 years claims that because he doesn't inhale, he is not at risk for the dangers associated with tobacco products. Nonetheless, he has emphysema and an irregular heartbeat. When his doctors tell him that he must quit smoking, he says he does not inhale, is not harming himself, and the subject is closed. All day long, he sits around in a closed room, surrounded by billowing clouds of cigarette smoke. And he says he doesn't inhale!

DEAR READER: Regardless of what your husband claims, he obviously is inhaling. So-called "passive" smoking (or side-stream smoke) has been shown time and time again to be deleterious to health.

While not as dangerous, perhaps, as actually drawing on a cigarette, such "secondary" smoke also contains tars and carcinogens that are harmful, especially to a person with emphysema and possible heart problems.

Your husband is fooling no one but himself, as is true with most addicts.

If I were you, I'd blow the whistle on him. Discuss the situation (and your concerns) with his doctors. Indicate that he is, in fact, inhaling second-hand smoke.

Ask the physicians to form a united front in encouraging your husband to give up his habit before the damage is irreparable. Also, he might be helped in his endeavor by using nicotine gum or patches (now available without a prescription). Finally, a smoking-cessation program (Smoke Enders and others) would benefit him.

Clearly, he's not going to listen to you. It's up to the doctors to confront him with the reality of his smoking, using the same techniques, often called an "intervention," that are frequently utilized to break down an alcoholic's denial. The strategy in this situation is to present incontrovertible evidence of the addiction, at the same time showing concern and offering options for treatment.

To start the process, show your husband my response to your comments.

To give you still more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Living With Chronic Lung Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $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.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What are the causes of pleurisy? Are there medications available?

DEAR READER: The lungs are covered by a tough, thin sheet of tissue (the pleura) that is amply supplied with nerve endings. When the pleura becomes inflamed (pleurisy) from an infection (or as a consequence of pneumonia), the pain (especially on coughing or deep breathing) can be severe.

Also, blood clots in the lungs (pulmonary emboli) can cause pleuritic pain. The diagnosis is made by examination and X-rays. Treatment depends on the cause. Antibiotics and analgesic drugs are usually necessary. Once the pleurisy has been treated, it usually does not return.

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Tech students study having on-campus pub

LUBBOCK (AP) — An on-campus pub for Texas Tech students?

The Student Association is looking into the possibility, and chancellor John Montford says it might not be a bad idea.

Geoff Wayne, student body president, plans to introduce a proposal for the sale of alcohol on the dry campus to administrators after the Student Senate votes on a draft this February.

"I have an open mind about it," Montford said. "I'd rather they stay here on campus rather than drive around (drinking alcohol)."

Liberalization of the school's alcohol policy recently has allowed drinks to be served up at events catered on campus by Texas Tech.

But the policy makes exceptions only for special events, such as the Friday night reception for Jordan Queen Noor's before her commencement address on Saturday.

The University of Texas at Austin and the University of North Texas currently fill cold, frosty mugs for students who are of age at campus pubs, Montford said.

Students at UT-Austin have been able to grab a drink in the student center for more than 20 years, said Andy Smith, who directs the UT student union.

Smith said about 63 percent of the 65,000 students, faculty and staff are of legal age to drink.

"We have not had any difficulties with it," he said. "There is less drinking than people might imagine."

Montford said Tech's board of regents has given him the go-ahead to make a decision about the pub.

However, the idea is not a priority for the chancellor.

Student's safety is Montford's first concern about the proposal, he said, adding he would not allow the sale of alcohol in dormitories or student stores.

"The goal wouldn't be to have a party atmosphere," Wayne said. "The goal would be to have a place where students or anyone else could go to have a beer."

Tech president Donald Haragan says he hasn't formed a position on the issue and doesn't plan to until he knows more about the plan's structure and how the pub would be monitored.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Dec. 17, 1996

You can strengthen your relationships in the year ahead, especially with your close friends. From time to time you will be in a position to help.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You should be selective today regarding group activities. Your enjoyment will be derived from quality, not quantity. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Family differences could be difficult to resolve today. However, you must make an effort to alleviate this situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try not to be overwhelmed if you receive more than your usual share of compliments today. This praise will be sincere.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Personal acquisition is probable today, because you'll understand one of the world's great secrets: You must give if you want to receive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, you will succeed where others fail because you will not get discouraged if you don't get everything you want on the first try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you choose to apply yourself today, you can manage your finances skillfully. Do not put a surrogate in charge of these matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Friends will look to you today to take charge of developments that will affect them as well. If you let them down, you'll regret it later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It may seem as if everything is going against you early in the day, but you should not worry. The picture could change quickly in the afternoon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, doing things all by yourself could leave a lot to be desired. Seek an amicable companion or companions with whom you can share your time and interests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Make adjustments today to two situations that have not been running as smoothly as you'd like. Conditions can be altered to produce the desired results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A partnership arrangement can be completed successfully today if you use knowledge which was helpful to you in the past under similar conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Responsibilities you dodged because you thought they might be too difficult will not get easier as time goes by. Get them over with.

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Boeing-McDonnell Douglas deal drastically alters industry

SEATTLE (AP) — The $13.3 billion deal combining Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas reduces the number of major commercial airline manufacturers from three to two and creates a giant defense contractor with a hand in every fighter the Pentagon is buying.

Corporate chiefs insisted the deal would not lead to widespread layoffs in a combined company with nearly 200,000 workers across 27 states. But Boeing is looking for savings of $1 billion per year and did not specify how that would be achieved.

"This is, I believe, a historic moment in aviation and aerospace," said Philip Condit, Boeing's president and chief executive. "We can get more done, we can meet new and exciting challenges, and we can solve significant problems."

The deal, announced in Washington on Sunday, would leave just Boeing and Europe's Airbus Industrie as the main commerical airline manufacturers.

If approved by stockholders and federal regulators, the combined company under Boeing's name expects sales of $48 billion next year. Officials said they expect federal approval in about six months.

"The synergy of the corporations should help to ensure the continued leadership of the U.S. in the aerospace industry — both in the commercial and military sectors," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt of St. Louis, the home of McDonnell Douglas.

"The fact that we are able to do this without really impacting the work force significantly, that's really attractive," said Harry Stonecipher, McDonnell Douglas' chairman and chief executive officer.

In the new company, Stonecipher will be the No. 2 person behind Condit.

Although the companies characterized it as a merger, the terms clearly show Boeing is buying McDonnell, whose shareholders will receive 0.65 shares of Boeing stock for each share they own. McDonnell's operations will be melded into Boeing's and two-thirds of the board of directors will be Boeing people.

Combining the companies would end the storied life of McDonnell Douglas as an independent firm, maker of the Mercury and Gemini space capsules and once the world's dominant manufacturer of military planes. McDonnell is the nation's second largest defense contractor, behind Lockheed Martin Corp. Boeing ranks ninth.

Workers at both companies said the deal would create a stronger firm that could compete with Airbus.

"It's going to keep more jobs in America," said Mark Tetzloff of Boeing. "Less airplanes are going to be sold by the Airbus corporation."

Julia Adams, a McDonnell Douglas employee for 29 years, agreed.

"We know fighters and they know commercial aircraft," Adams said. "We live in a changing world and we just have to accept that."

McDonnell Douglas had been struggling to keep up its commercial aircraft business. Boeing had been heavily weighted toward the commercial side and needed added muscle in its defense business even after agreeing in August to a $3 billion acquisition of Rockwell International's aerospace and defense businesses.

Boeing builds the 777 and 747 commercial airliners, the AWACS radar plane, the Comanche helicopter and portions of the space shuttle.

McDonnell Douglas makes the MD-11 civilian airliner, the Navy F-18 fighter, the Air Force F-15 fighter, the Delta III launch vehicle and the C-17 cargo plane.

Last month, the Pentagon announced that McDonnell Douglas wasn't being considered to build the new Joint Strike Fighter. Boeing and Lockheed Martin remain as finalists, but Boeing hasn't made a fighter aircraft since before World War II.

The new company will have its corporate and commercial headquarters in Seattle, its defense systems in St. Louis and the space division will probably be based in California, said Tom Williams, a McDonnell Douglas spokesman.

The companies talked sporadically about a merger for nearly three years. Two weeks ago, Boeing and McDonnell Douglas said they would team up on future wide-body commercial airplane projects. The merger deal was struck last Tuesday in Seattle with a handshake between Condit and Stonecipher, and approved just four days later by the corporate boards.

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Bush has much to gain, lose in tax issue

DALLAS (AP) — Faced with warnings from some advisers against tackling property tax relief, Gov. George W. Bush has pushed the subject to the top of the agenda as the next legislative session is about to convene.

Political scientists and consultants say the outcome of the debate over taxes could define Bush's administration. Furthermore, a success would set the stage for a re-election bid and for a possible shot at the White House in 2000, they said.

"It puts him with people who clearly will be the folks he's going to be measured against at the national level if he has any national plans," Chuck McDonald, a Democratic consultant in Austin, told The Dallas Morning News.

"For Governor Bush, it's an opportunity to earn a parenthetical expression that will go behind his name for as long as he runs for office in Texas or nationally — 'George W. Bush, who lowered property taxes in Texas,'" McDonald said.

Failure, political observers warn, could dampen his political fortunes.

"The damage would be great," said Allan Saxe, political science professor at the University of Texas at Arlington. "It would show he doesn't have the political muscle to put through a plan."

Bush dismisses the political speculation, saying the state should act before taxpayers revolt.

"There is deep concern all across our state of Texas," he said. "The homeowner, the older person who is worried that (rising) property taxes mean they'll have to repay their mortgage, the young home buyer concerned about property taxes preventing them from buying a home."

It was during the 1994 gubernatorial race that Bush said Texas depends too much on local property taxes to finance public schools.

Bush promises to reverse a trend that finds local property taxes accounting for 53 percent of funding for public schools compared with about 47 percent ten years ago.

Politically, advocating lower property taxes is not a problem. But raising other taxes to make up the difference has proved more difficult.

Earlier this year, a citizen's committee appointed by Bush held hearings and concluded that property taxes are too high, but found no consensus among the various tax options on a replacement.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to predict the flood. The genius comes in building the ark," said state Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas. "So far, the governor hasn't told us how he's going to build the ark."

According to those familiar with the negotiations, Bush is expected to detail a plan as early as next week calling for a new business-activity tax that borrows, in part, from a Michigan single-business tax designed to shift some of the tax burden from capital-intensive companies to labor-intensive businesses.

While Bush's first legislative session was characterized by cooperation between Republicans and Democrats, cracks have begun to show in recent weeks in the bipartisan veneer.

Both Democratic leaders have begun questioning whether there is sufficient demand to modify the state's tax system. And they have warned that any changes could upset the delicate legal balance governing the so-called "Robin Hood" school-funding formula.

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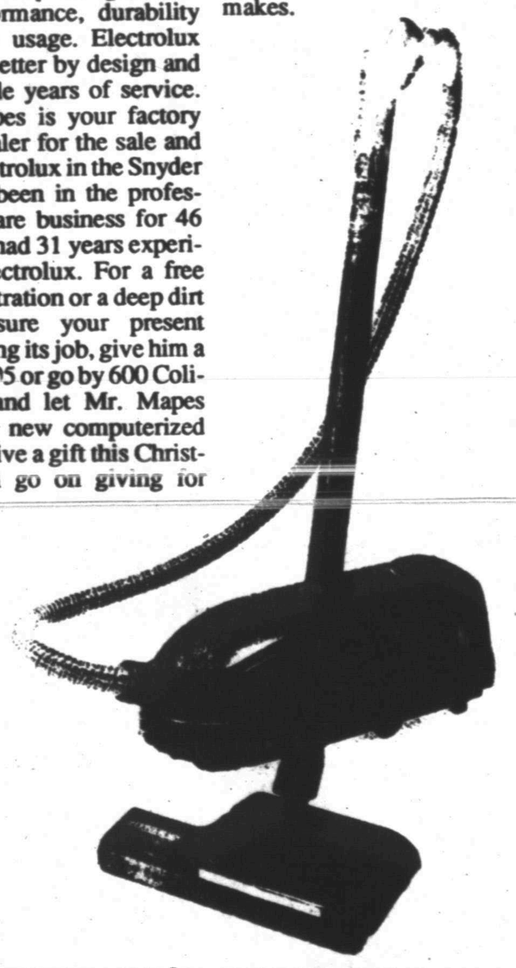

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Opposition leaders again claim victory

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Opposition leaders claimed another victory today in their struggle against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, saying their electoral victory would be reinstated in a second town.

They said that local courts had confirmed an opposition victory in Smederevska Palanka, 30 miles southeast of Belgrade, just one day after having their win recognized in Nis, Serbia's second-largest city.

The opposition has staged more than four weeks of demonstrations to protest reversals of court rulings that annulled their wins in Nov. 17 municipal elections. Despite the newest concessions, another wave of huge protests congested Belgrade today.

Goran Jovanovic, an opposition official in Smederevska Palanka, said that the court ruled in favor of the opposition coalition, giving it 25 of the 49 seats in the town assembly.

Opposition leader Vuk Draskovic, who returned from a meeting in Geneva with a top U.S. envoy, said "there will be no dialogue with Milosevic until he recognizes all our election victories."

"The American delegation stressed they are very supportive of our peaceful and democratic way of fighting for the recognition of the election will of the Serbian people," said Draskovic, who met Sunday with U.S. envoy John Kornblum.

After four weeks of daily protests, the opposition announced a partial victory Sunday when a court confirmed their win in Nis.

Opposition leaders suspected Milosevic may have conceded Nis as a bargaining chip to maintain control of the capital, Belgrade, where the opposition's victory was also annulled. But opposition leaders say there will be no such deals.

Up to 30,000 students staged their usual anti-Milosevic protest in Belgrade today. About 100,000 more marched in the afternoon.

Demonstrators have marched in Serbia for 26 days, insisting that Milosevic permit the opposition coalition known as Zajedno, or Together, to take power in municipalities where they claim victory.

Nis is the first city where the courts have ruled in favor of the coalition.

Truck with nuke warheads overturns

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A semitrailer truck that overturned on a remote stretch of highway in western Nebraska was carrying two nuclear warheads, Sens. Bob Kerrey and Jim Exon confirmed.

The warheads were not in danger of exploding and there were no radioactive releases, Exon told the Omaha World-Herald on Sunday. Kerrey said today that the two warheads should not have been transported during the bad weather.

Kerrey, a Democrat, also said the U.S. Department of Energy should have immediately notified the public of the accident after the truck was up and moving.

Exon, also a Democrat, learned of the accident the night it occurred, Nov. 16, when he was called at home by a Energy Department official. Exon is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Because there appeared to be no problem resulting from the accident, Exon told the World-Herald he decided not to issue a statement. Exon did not return a call today to The Associated Press.

Gov. Ben Nelson told the newspaper he did not know about the shipment and will investigate the matter this week.

Two independent weapons experts told The Denver Post they suspected there was a nuclear warhead or nuclear bomb on the top-secret Energy Department trailer rig that overturned on a remote stretch of U.S. Highway 83 near Brownlee in the Sandhills of northwestern Nebraska.

"My best bet is that it was a warhead being returned from Minot to Pantex," said Bill Arkin, a nuclear weapons expert and columnist for the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists. "We all like to believe these weapons are tucked away safely in bed. But the reality is that nuclear weapons and materials are being transported around the country all the time."

The government immediately shut down U.S. 83 and dispatched a 25-member emergency response team from Texas and New Mexico.

A spokesman for the U.S. Department of Energy's Transportation Safeguards Division in Albuquerque could offer little information.

"All I can say is that the cargo was intact. It was a classified cargo," said spokesman Al Stotts.

Arkin and Tom Cochron with the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington told The Post that the site of the rollover accident, 40 miles south of Valentine, Neb., lies on the most direct transportation route between Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota — home of 150 Minuteman III missile silos and nuclear bombs carried by the facility's B-52 bombers — and the DOE's Pantex plant in Texas.

Nebraska State Patrol accident reports say the Energy Department truck was southbound on remote U.S. 83.

Since production of nuclear weapons was halted in 1989, the hub of government bomb-trucking operations has been the Pantex plant near Amarillo, Texas, where U.S. nuclear warheads are assembled, maintained and retired, Arkin and Cochron said.

Clinton says West Bank, Gaza settlements complicate peace

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ratcheting up U.S. criticism, the White House today called Israeli settlements on the West Bank and in Gaza troubling and a complicating factor in Mideast peacemaking — but avoided sharp disagreement with the Likud government in Jerusalem.

Saying the views were those of President Clinton, his spokesman, Mike McCurry, aligned the White House with the State Department in gently chiding Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government fo restoring large subsidies, including tax benefits, to Jewish residents of the territories.

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who conducted extensive Arab-Israeli negotiations under former President Bush, said the Clinton administration was backsliding, nonetheless.

"We have gone from calling the settlements illegal in the Carter administration, to calling them obstacles to peace in the Reagan and Bush administrations, and now we are saying they are complicating and troubling," Baker said in a telephone interview from Houston.

"It seems to me if you are going to make progress in this area, the U.S. should remain true to its policy positions," Baker said.

Israel and the Palestinians agreed to take up settlements at the peace table and "that's where they should be negotiated, not by creating facts on the ground," he said.

DCOS meets Thursday

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Sharp, director of economic development at Stamford, and John DeLille, former director of economic development for the state of Arkansas.

DCOS vice president Roy McQueen said the board is still awaiting additional background information that has been requested.

"Our board has been extremely diligent and thorough in attempting to fill this position. We are still lacking some requested documentation, but we are confident that a decision and announcement can be made Thursday," McQueen said.

Among the other items DCOS board members will address Thursday are proposed Legislative changes to the sales tax for economic development, consideration of membership in the Texas Midwest Community Network and payment of bills.

The board will also hear reports on the industrial park, grants and Lorber Industries of Texas, Inc.

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six items of new business. Among the items to be considered were a request for proposals of county employee health insurance, approval of a revised county policy and procedure manual, county board appointments, commissioners court meeting times for 1997 and the approval of the county tax collectors bond. The court was also to consider bids for seal-coating rock, plus numerous line-item transfers and budget amendments.

Fritz presided this morning. All commissioners were in attendance, including C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

Obituaries

Billy Middleton

1931-1996

KERRVILLE — Memorial services were held Sunday for Snyder native Billy Joe Middleton, 65, of Ingram. Kerrville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born on Dec. 10, 1931 in Snyder and has been a resident of Ingram for 10 years. He was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Alzada Middleton of Ingram; a son and daughter-in-law, Jay Neil and Karla Middleton of Oklahoma City; his mother, Velma A. Middleton of Snyder; a sister and brother-in-law, LaVerne and Melvin S. Lee of Snyder; and grandchildren Keenan and Kara Middleton of Oklahoma City.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Salvation Army of Kerrville.

Albert Wilson

1904-1996

ABILENE — Scurry County native Albert Wilson, 92, of Abilene died Saturday at a local hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m. today in Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith. Burial followed in Elmwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Wilson was born in Scurry County and moved to Abilene from Clyde 56 years ago. He retired as county foreman of Precinct 1 after 37 years service. He married Lowie Ingram in 1940 in Abilene.

Survivors include his wife, Lowie Wilson of Abilene; two sons, Jimmy Lee Wilson of Snyder and Jasper Al Wilson of Abilene; three half-sisters, Rosie Pearl Blackwell of Abilene and Marie Hammitte and Viola Bourland of Lafayette, La.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Research should question basics

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permitted to take far longer?" the report asked. It also suggested research about the effects of eliminating the 12th grade and reallocating resources to quality early care and education.

More than 500 parents, teachers, researchers and community representatives were consulted in preparing the report, ordered by Congress.

"We cannot afford hit-or-miss approaches driven by fads and fallacies," the report said. "We need solid scientific evidence about what works, for whom and under what conditions."

The report also called for in-depth studies of current groundbreaking teaching programs — including hands-on science, cooperative learning and inclusion for students with disabilities. Since students often do their best learning outside the classroom, it said, future studies should look at non-traditional learning programs.

"We need research rooted in the realities of learners' everyday experience and the flow of the classroom life," the report said.

"Research that looks at education in a vacuum ... cannot lead to effective improvement strategies."

Noting that about 2 million new teachers will be hired in the next 10 years, the report called for research exploring how to retain and attract quality, licensed teachers.

Education research should be available for teachers to learn from, and time must be made for teachers to do so, the report said.

Other goals:

—Increased research on learning abilities of children under age 5, the fastest growing segment of the student population.

—Studying requirements for adult competence in civic, work and social life.

—Research on integrating diverse cultural and social communities.

—Improving curriculum and instruction to help motivate further learning.

The report also challenges the American public to get involved in education improvement and take greater responsibility for study results.

What's Up?

Methodist cantata

"Everlasting Lord" by Mosie Lister will be sung by the combined choirs of First United Methodist Church and Trinity United Methodist Church at 7 tonight at TUMC.

Adult Christmas party

American Legion and VFW members are invited to a Christmas party at 6:30 tonight at 1700 Ave. T. Women are asked to bring pot luck dishes. Gifts will be exchanged; there is a $10 limit.

Key to Kingdom series

The Key to the Kingdom series continues on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The next tape, "Where in the World Is Jesus," will air at 7 tonight.

Choir booster club

Snyder High Choir Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight in the choir room.

Christmas open house

Parents and students of the Hobbs Alternative School are invited to a program at the campus from 7-8 p.m. today. There will be a brief program and visitation.

American Cancer Society to meet Tuesday

American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The new field representative from Lubbock will meet with the group. Mark Cypert is the local chapter president.

Lions Club notice posted

Lions Club members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy to Tuesday's noon meeting at Martha Ann Woman's Club for donation to the Toys for Tots campaign.

Grief support group

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

Some poinsettias left

The high school choir has some white poinsettias left. They are available for a $10 donation. Call 573-6301 for information.

Tiger's Lair yearbooks

Snyder High School Tiger's Lair yearbooks are on sale for $35 until Dec. 20 in the journalism department. After the 20th, the price will be $40. The journalism department suggests that the yearbooks make ideal Christmas gifts.

Volleyball fund-raiser

Snyder's Lady Tigers volleyball team is holding its annual fund-raiser. The team is offering a Win Win Discount Card, good for savings at 15 local businesses. The cards are $5 each and good for one year. For information, call Patty Grimmett at 573-6301 or 573-9416.

SNS accepting applications

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is accepting applications for its 1997 workday. Applications may be picked up at Sam Robertson's Insurance Agency, the chamber of commerce or West Elementary and returned to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, Texas, 79550. Applications will also appear randomly in the Snyder Daily News.

Applications are due by Jan. 15. To be considered, applicants must own and be living in the house, be current on taxes and be age 65 or older or disabled.

Angel Tree ministry

Angel Tree is a volunteer ministry of Prison Fellowship that provides Christmas gifts for children of prison inmates. The ministry needs families, churches, Sunday School classes or other organizations to help in purchasing these gifts. Any group that can help provide a Christmas gift for some children in Snyder whose parent is in prison is asked to call a Colorado City number, 728-5829, after 5 p.m.

Junior class to aid drive

Snyder High School Junior Class, with the help of Lawrence IGA, is aiding in the Goodfellows' food drive. Citizens are encouraged to leave spare change at the cashier's stations at the IGA on 30th Street and College. A box will also be set up for non-perishable foods.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 10-18-20-34-37-41.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.
Number matching six of six: one.
Winning ticket sold in: Bandera.
Matching five of six: 118. Prize: $1,312.
Matching four of six: 4,709. Prize: $119.
Matching three of six: 92,879. Prize: $3.
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.
Estimated jackpot: $4 million.

Coca Cola Co. to launch new caffeine citrus soda

ATLANTA (AP) — In a multimillion-dollar gamble, the Coca-Cola Co. plans to come out with a new product to compete with Mountain Dew, a high-caffeine citrus soda that has become a big money-maker for Pepsico.

The new soda, called Surge, will make its television debut during the Super Bowl, the Atlanta-based soft drink giant said today. The ads will be aimed at the hordes of teen-agers and young adults who have helped make Mountain Dew the top-selling beverage of its kind.

"Mountain Dew has been a tremendous source of profit for Pepsi and it has had virtually no competition," John Sicher, publisher of Beverage Digest, told The New York Times for today's editions.

Mountain Dew had sales of $3 billion last year.

"For years, Coke bottlers have been saying, 'We need something to compete with Mountain Dew,'" Sicher said. "Now the Coca-Cola Company has responded."

The green citrus drink will be high in calories and caffeine like Mountain Dew,