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Home of Tammy Berry

Cogdell board approves pact with St. Mary

With little fanfare this morning, Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board of managers unanimously voted to sign a three-year management contract with St. Mary Hospital.

Newly sworn in board member Dr. Mark Weaver made the motion, saying it was important to move ahead and reassure Cogdell employees and citizens that the hospital has a stable future.

Board member Stanley Martin said the contract presents a "win-win situation" for everyone involved.

Approval of the contract was expected, despite the fact that on Monday, Community Health Systems made a proposal to lease the hospital. It does, however, put any such lease at least six months away, since the contract calls for a 180-day notice of termination.

During his medical staff report this morning, Dr. Gary Nussey said he believes there is a communication problem between the board, commissioners court and hospital administration and encouraged everyone to work together for the betterment of the hospital.

"I have the impression that the commissioners court views the board as giving a rubber stamp to whatever the administration wants to do," said Nussey. "I think the board senses the commissioners court would like to run the hospital.

"I didn't come here to accuse anyone...I think all we really want is to care for the ill in this county in the best manner possible."

He said he believes it is important for the county to consider all alternatives, including the lease proposal from Community Health Systems, and others, if they are presented to the county. The important thing, is to work together, he said.

"I want to see us working together, effectively, openly and toward the betterment of Snyder."

Cogdell Hospital has been operating under a management contract with St. Mary for the past nine years. The most recent contract was to have expired at the end of 1996 but was continued after both parties signed a 30-day extension.

The approved contract includes an at-risk agreement, whereby St. Mary would fund 50 percent of any operating loss incurred by Cogdell, up to $400,000. St. Mary would also share in any operating gain, again at 50 percent, up to $400,000. The agreement excludes tax funds and disproportionate share monies.

As today's meeting began, outgoing board members Ted Crenwelge and Sue Mize stepped off the board and Dr. Weaver, E.D. Walton and Jimmy McMillan were given the oath of office by County Judge Ricky Fritz.

The board elected Jim Bob Cave as chairman, J.B. Tate Jr. as vice chairman and McMillan as secretary.

The board approved December's financial report, which indicated a net income for the month of $87,636 and net income for the year at $613,051. The hospital had a cash balance of $1,141,210 at the end of the month.

Utilization statistics for the month indicated an average daily census of 12.9, a long term census of 39.7, 75 surgeries, 12 newborns and 689 emergency room visits.

CEO Jeff Reecer noted that the board has set a meeting for noon Monday to discuss employee health insurance options. The only other item on the agenda will be bids for laundering of linen.

All board members were present this morning.

Legislators slate town hall meeting

State Rep. David Counts and U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm will be here Friday for a town hall meeting.

The event will begin at 1:30 p.m. in city council chambers at City Hall.

Both lawmakers will be presenting information on a number of topics currently before the Texas Legislature and U.S. Congress.

"There are a number of issues that will be dealt with during the coming months," said Rep. Counts, D-Knox City. "We just want to update the folks on these issues and get their input and ideas."

Rep. Counts will be talking about tax reform, nursing home reform and the water bill coming before the legislature. Counts said he would have information that will help illustrate the effects of the governor's new tax reform proposal on area businesses.

Congressman Stenholm, D-Stamford, will be providing information on the balanced budget amendment and the balanced budget bill being considered by Congress.

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR — Dean Wemken trims some fruit trees at Snyder Nursery as warmer weather is prevailing late in the week. Forecasters are calling for temperatures of 70 to 75 degrees Friday and through the weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

Senate pushes balanced budget amendment in spite of protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is moving forward on a balanced-budget constitutional amendment while House Republicans try to parry President Clinton's claim that it could put Social Security recipients at risk of losing their benefits.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is set to vote today on the Republican-led measure, Senate Joint Resolution 1, that would write into the Constitution a requirement for a balanced budget.

In the House, members of the 1994 Republican freshman class said today they will reintroduce legislation designed to keep Social Security trust funds from being spent on other programs and eliminate a major concern about the balanced-budget amendment.

"We think this is the right way to go," said Rep. David McIntosh of Indiana, who was joined at a news conference by two cosponsors. "We need to put it into law to ensure the system is protected."

President Clinton, in a letter to Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., released Wednesday, voiced strong opposition to the amendment, saying it "could pose grave risks to the Social Security system."

Clinton wrote that in the event that budget balancing requirements can't be met, "disbursement of Social Security checks could cease or unelected judges could reduce benefits to comply with this constitutional mandate."

Daschle and other Senate Democrats have offered their own version of the amendment that would exempt the Social Security trust fund from budget balancing calculations.

Republicans have accused Democrats of using scare tactics similar to their election campaign assertions that Republicans were trying to kill Medicare, and say the Democratic version is merely an attempt to undercut their push for a constitutional amendment.

Both the administration and GOP proposals for balancing the budget by 2002 consider the trust fund as a source of general revenue, and exempting the trust fund from budget calculations would require budget writers to find hundreds of billions in new savings or revenues.

Six Senate Republicans, in a letter to Clinton Wednesday, said that if he wants to exclude Social Security from the balanced budget amendment, he should reflect that in his specific budget proposals.

Governor hits road to sell tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Like a traveling salesman, Gov. George W. Bush is hitting the road in hopes of selling his property tax relief plan.

In Dallas today on the first leg of a five-city swing, Bush told business executives, lawyers and educators that his proposal for school funding is fairer than the current one.

"People aren't marching on the Capitol yet, but I am convinced if we don't do something, they will be," he told a breakfast meeting downtown.

Bush wants the Legislature to cut local school property taxes by about $2.8 billion. Those taxes currently total about $10 billion.

To pay for it, he proposes raising the 6¼-cent sales tax by a half-cent; creating a new tax on business activity; and spending a $1 billion state government surplus on a tax cut.

Each element of the plan has drawn fire from someone.

But with the fervor of a political campaign, Bush said he believes he's on the right course. He said it's essential to lower homeowners' taxes and make the state's business tax system fairer.

"A lot of people don't pay one dime to support our schools. And that's not right," he said.

"The idea of owning a home is the cornerstone of the Texas dream. And I'm worried about it. I'm treating this like a campaign on behalf of the homeowners."

The governor noted that the new business tax — levied on sales over $500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested — would replace the current corporate franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory.

But he acknowledged that the new tax would hit many businesses — including professionals such as lawyers — currently escaping business taxes. And some of those interests are powerful forces when it comes to swaying legislators.

"I know there are some in this audience today who pay no taxes and are anxious not to. To me, that's not fair," Bush said.

He spoke Wednesday to 2,000 school administrators, to a luncheon of the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce, and to a Texas Association of Broadcasters meeting. He is headed to Tyler today and to San Angelo, Midland and Amarillo on Friday.

After today's speech, Denton lawyer Richard Hayes said that despite the proposed tax on professionals, he sees Bush's plan as more equitable in an economy shifting from capital-based to service-focused.

"It would not bother me," said Hayes, a partner in a small law firm. "Philosophically it makes sense for the type of economy Texas has today."

Standing before the business group Wednesday, Bush tried to persuade more people to embrace that view.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Experience is the name given to our mistakes."

Give him room, here comes a hick from the sticks.

That was one of the nicer expressions aimed in our direction recently while trying to keep up with the traffic on the tollway that runs north from downtown Dallas.

You can tell drivers who are natives of the zoo. They use a lot of sign language. The less experienced use their horns — a lot.

The real problem came at high noon. It was lunch hour, so everybody had a good reason to be in a hurry.

We paid our 50 cents (correct change) and headed north. Just as we scooted past the LBJ freeway crossing, it was apparent that we had messed up. The sign read, "Last Free Exit."

A couple of miles down the road, we approached a pay booth. The only thing in large type was "30 cents." The good news: we had the correct change.

The bad news: we pulled into a bay and couldn't find where to put the money. By that time, some 3,000 cars are already behind us — honking and demonstrating their native sign-language ability.

Right beside the sign that read, "$1,000 fine for failure to pay toll," was a red light. Even in Snyder, that means "don't go."

We got out and approached the driver of the car directly behind to ask where we put the money.

"You're not supposed to be in this lane," he said with disgust.

"But we're here, so what do I do?"

Before he could answer, a uniformed attendant five lanes over was screaming at the top of her lungs, "Just go on, get in your car and go on."

We were feeling pretty good about saving 30 cents. Back at the press convention, we told our friend from Vernon about the experience.

"Surely you didn't get out of your car," he said. "Even I know better."

Our experienced newspaper friend from Vernon then preceded to tell us about another guy from Vernon who was trying to get on the freeway.

A driver behind was honking and blinking his lights. The 70-year-old man from Vernon, who admitted that he was probably driving too slowly, thought the guy behind him wanted to tell him something.

Just as he rolled down his window, the irritated driver reached in and punched him in the mouth.

Guess we were stupid — and lucky.

Wall falls; three dead

HOUSTON (AP) — A wall collapsed today in a vacant department store under renovation, killing at least three people and injuring five.

Few details of the incident this morning at the Northline Mall immediately were available but Fire Chief Eddie Corral said other people may be trapped in the rubble. He confirmed three deaths.

"We have reports there may be other people under the rubble," Corral said. "We also are getting police dogs out here to see if there are other people underneath."

The section of wall that collapsed was about 18 feet high and 150 feet long. It was at a vacant department store that was being renovated to house a new Magic Johnson movie theater complex.

ASK US

Q—How long can a person serve on the hospital board?

A—A person can serve three two-year terms, then must be off for two years before he or she can be reappointed again.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 55 degrees; low, 19; 7 a.m. Thursday, 24 degrees; no precipitation; total for 1997, .42 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 35-40. SW wind 5-10 mph. Friday, sunny. High 70-75. W wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Adam Hopper
Sunny

Sunset: 6:17 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:37 a.m.
Of 29 days in 1997, the sun has shone 26 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.

- Ann Landers

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Insurers have too much say on hospital stays

Lawmakers decry what they call practice of "drive-by' mastectomies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breast cancer patients and their doctors — not insurers — should decide how long the patient should be hospitalized following a mastectomy, a bipartisan group of lawmakers contend.

The lawmakers decried what they called the practice of "drive-by" mastectomies, in which women who have had a breast removed leave the hospital within hours because insurance or HMOs won't cover an overnight stay.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., told of one woman who had a mastectomy at 11:30 a.m. and was sent home five hours later. The woman later told her there was "no attempt made to see if I could even walk to the bathroom."

"This is about patients' rights, and about ensuring the highest quality medical care for women and men in this country," said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chief sponsor of the bipartisan bill announced by Senate and House members at a news conference.

The measure would let the doctor and patient alone decide the length of mastectomy hospitalization, guarantee coverage of reconstructive surgery for mastectomy patients and provide insurance coverage for second opinions for all forms of cancer. It also would ensure that doctors are not penalized for recommending proper care and that HMOs not provide financial incentives to doctors for limiting care, including hospital stays.

Coverage of reconstructive surgery is crucial, said Mary McCarthy of Albany, N.Y., who lost a breast to cancer and got her health care plan to cover reconstructive surgery only after leaders of the state Legislature interceded on her behalf.

"My mastectomy was clinically curative, but my reconstructive surgery was emotionally healing," said McCarthy, who represents the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of New York State.

D'Amato predicted that "profit margins will be reduced" for insurance companies and HMOs.

But industry spokesmen who criticized the legislation dismissed that as a concern.

"There is an impression the cost of these mandates will be borne by insurers," said Richard Coorsh of the Health Insurance Association of America. "In fact, insurers don't pay. Employers pay, individuals pay, and invariably, they will end up paying more."

Most companies in the association already have doctor-determined length of stays for mastectomies and cover reconstructive surgery and second opinions, he said.

Don White of the American Association of Health Plans, a group of HMOs, said his association has declared "that decisions about hospitalization should be made by the patient and her doctor and that no HMO should require that mastectomies be done on an outpatient basis," specifying that the operation involves the removal of the breast.

D'Amato's bill would require health insurers to provide unlimited hospital stays for breast cancer lumpectomies and lymph node dissections as well as mastectomies.

Berry's World



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"Hey, mister! Could you spare 10 bucks so I can get a DECENT CIGAR?"

New guidelines favor take-home tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans over 50 are getting new advice on how to cut their risk of death from colorectal cancer — without all the unpleasantness that now deters many from lifesaving testing.

Medical guidelines unveiled today say using an easy take-home test to detect blood in stool samples every year could cut colorectal cancer deaths by a third. That's about as effective as mammograms are for breast cancer.

These tests can detect the cancer early enough to cure. But for people who want to catch precancerous growths years before they're even a threat, the guidelines advise a more unpleasant test — albeit one required just once every 10 years — that lets doctors view the entire colon.

The guidelines also say those manual rectal exams doctors offer today aren't worth the time and embarrassment.

The guidelines are "a call to action" to fight the nation's No. 2 cancer killer, said Dr. Sidney Winawer of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, who co-authored the guidelines for the American Gastroenterological Association.

"The public and physicians have been skeptical" about colorectal testing, Winawer added, but "the evidence is strong now for the benefits."

Some managed-care companies already cover routine cancer exams, but Medicare, the federal health-care system for the elderly, only pays if someone has cancer symptoms. President Clinton will ask Congress for Medicare funding for these routine colorectal tests in his 1998 budget, and Rep. William Thomas, R-Calif., already has introduced similar legislation.

About 131,000 Americans get colon and rectal cancer each year and more than 54,000 die. It strikes men and women about equally. And while relatives of cancer patients or people with colon growths called polyps are more prone to the disease, the biggest risk is simply getting older.

"As the second-leading cause of cancer death, this offers the biggest potential for lives saved if the country would adopt these guidelines," said Dr. Harmon Eyre of the American Cancer Society, which joined seven other medical groups in endorsing the guidelines.

Some doctors already advise people over 50 to get regular manual rectal exams, stool tests and a more unpleasant exam called a sigmoidoscopy.

But only one in five Americans gets tested.

So the gastroenterological association assembled independent experts to find the best tests. They decided most people over 50 should choose one of the following:

—Annual fecal blood tests, a $5 kit a doctor sends home for the person to collect six stool samples and mail back for analysis. Although easy to use, they can cause false alarms that necessitate further cancer testing.

Still, "for people who don't want to go through a lot of hassle and expense ... that's a reasonable option," said guideline co-author Dr. Robert Fletcher of Harvard Medical School.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved over-the-counter versions that people can use without a doctor. Fletcher said as long as people get six samples from three consecutive stools, because blood may appear intermittently, those tests should work fine, but Winawer recommends the doctor's version.

—A sigmoidoscopy, where a tube threaded into the rectum checks just the lower half of the colon for polyps or cancer, every

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Snyder students awarded scholarships from Tech

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded over $217,000 to approximately 396 recipients for the 1996-1997 academic year.

Awards ranged from $200 to $2,000 for each recipient.

Programs in the college include human development: family studies, early childhood, substance abuse studies, marriage and family therapy, family financial planning and merchandising.

Others are fashion design, clothing, textiles and merchandising, interior design, home economics, restaurant, hotel and institutional management (RHIM), food and nutrition/dietetics, environmental design and consumer economics and home economics education.

Amy Choate was awarded the Lola Cone Scholarship. She is the daughter of Linda Choate of Snyder.

Michelle Renee Martin, daughter of Jerry and Suzette Martin of Snyder, has been awarded the Jewell Taylor Scholarship.

In the fall of 1996 approximately 2,200 students were enrolled in 10 undergraduate, seven master's and six Ph.D programs.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the college are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41162, Lubbock, Tex. 79409-1162. Applications are due Feb. 15.

Date Book

Jan. 30, 1997

Today is the 30th day of 1997 and the 41st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1649, King Charles I of England was beheaded by order of Parliament.

On this day in 1972, British troops gunned down 13 Catholics who were taking part in a banned civil-rights march in Northern Ireland.

On this day in 1948, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated at New Delhi, India.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian; Dick Martin (1923-), comedian, is 74; Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 67; Boris Spassky (1937-), chess master, is 60; Curtis Strange (1955-), golfer, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, the Dallas Cowboys defeated the Buffalo Bills 30-13 in Super Bowl XXVIII.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is nothing I love as much as a good fight." — Franklin Delano Roosevelt

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1954, an unusual winter tornado touched down near Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Day before last quarter.

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Snyder graduate gets BRA post

WACO — Snyder High School graduate Chip May was recently named public information officer for the Brazos River Authority.

May, who graduated from Snyder in 1982 and from Texas Tech in 1986, will be responsible for providing information on the authority to the public.

He joined the authority after working for the Brazos Electric Cooperative in Waco for three years.

Hughes named to honor list

WICHITA FALLS — Midwestern State University had 563 honor students listed for the fall 1996 semester. The Dean's List consisted of 178 students and 385 made the University Honor Roll.

University Honor Roll students include Michael Don Hughes of Ira.

To make the Dean's List, a student must complete a semester schedule of at least 12 hours with no grade lower than "A."

To make the University Honor Roll, a student must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 and no grade lower than "C."

The 12-hour course requirement does not include courses in physical education, developmental courses in English and math, freshman seminar or marching band.

In addition, the student can not have a semester grade of I, WF or NC.

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Charlene Akers and Carol Young
(SDN Staff Photo)

Museum director gives ABWA talk

Scurry Charter Chapter of ABWA met Jan. 23 at the Martha Ann Womans Club with Glenda Glasscock hostess to 14 members and three guests. Barbara Scrivner gave the invocation.

Carol Young, program chairman, introduced Charlene Akers, Scurry County Museum director since April 1, 1996.

Jo Ann Prince, owner of Friendly Flowers for 22 years, gave the vocational talk. Sharon Gill was named recipient for the ABWA scholarship. Miss Gill, who is studying computer, expressed her appreciation to club members.

Carol Young and Inez Teaff were "birthday girls" for January. Betty Boyd won the birthday gift and Vera Pruitt won the door prize prior to her giving the benediction.

Multiple births increase shown

WASHINGTON (AP) — As more American women delay childbearing and then use fertility drugs, triplets and other multiple births are becoming less of an oddity — but more of a concern.

In 1994, triplet, quadruplet and quintuplet births occurred four times as often as they did in 1971, according to a study released this week by the National Center for Health Statistics. There were 116.2 multiple births per 100,000 in 1994, compared with just 29.1 per 100,000 in 1971.

In 1994, 4,233 sets of triplets, 315 sets of quadruplets and 46 sets of quintuplets were born in the United States.

White, married, college-educated women in their 30s are driving the increase in multiple births, according to the study. Author Joyce Martin concludes that higher hormone levels in older women are responsible for about a third of the increase. The rest she attributes to the rising popularity of fertility drug use among higher-income women in their 30s.

Although 90 percent of the multiple births in 1994 were to white mothers, they have also become more common among black women, especially since the mid-1980s.

A higher incidence of multiple births is worrisome because babies born in sets of three or more tend to be less vigorous.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-30-97
♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J 6
♦ K J 4
♣ J 9 7 3

West
♠ 6
♥ Q 10 9 3
♦ A 10 7 6 3 2
♣ A 4

East
♠ Q J 4
♥ A 8 7 2
♦ 9 8
♣ K 10 6 2

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	3 ♠	4 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♣ A

By Phillip Alder

If you play in a pair event at your local club, afterward you wait from a few minutes to an hour, depending on the dexterity of the person typing the results into the computer, to find out how you did.

In an instant matchpoint game, as the name implies, you learn your score immediately. At the end of each deal, you refer to a chart which displays all possible scores and their matchpoint awards.

Last September 19, the American Contract Bridge League held its annual instant matchpoint game. The highest score of 74.58 percent (1790 out of 2400) was obtained by Kay and Randy Joyce, from Raleigh, N.C. They scored very well on this deal.

South opened with a weak two-bid, showing a decent six-card suit and 6-11 high-card points. East, Randy, produced an aggressive balancing double. As Kay, liking her hand, cue-bid, they were about to play in four hearts — maybe successfully, maybe not — when North bid four spades. With no shortage, no spade honor and good red-suit cards, this was awful. Randy was delighted to double.

The defenders began with the club ace, a club to the king, a club ruff, and the heart 10 to the jack and ace. Now Randy, knowing his partner didn't have a trump left, switched to a diamond, Kay winning with the ace and returning a diamond.

South should have worked out the trump position, but he assumed East had made an error. He played out his top spades, finishing three down: minus 500. This gave the winners 97 matchpoints out of 100.

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Princess Di is considering gown auction for charity

LONDON (AP) — On Princess Diana it looked fabulous, but on you...

Anyone ready to brave that comparison may have the chance later this year. The princess is considering auctioning some of her gowns for charity, Diana's spokeswoman confirmed Wednesday.

But no, her wedding dress won't be one of them.

"We are not in a position to reveal any details, but I can confirm that discussions have taken place with (auctioneers) Christie's about a proposed charity sale in 1997," said Diana's spokeswoman, who spoke on customary anonymity.

A Christie's spokeswoman confirmed there had been talks. Neither woman gave details.

The Daily Telegraph reported Wednesday that the 35-year-old princess, one of the world's best-dressed women, will auction 65 evening gowns to raise funds for some of her favorite causes, such as AIDS and cancer research.

The sale could raise more than $1.6 million, the Daily Telegraph said.

Diana's vast array of evening gowns includes a memorable slinky, silver lame number with a plunging back designed by Bruce Oldfield that she wore to a London reception.

Then there's John Galliano's flimsy gown in black and midnight blue that she wore at a New York charity dinner — it reminded many of a negligee. Diana-watchers also remember the clinging blue, one-shoulder gown by Gianni Versace she wore at a gala evening in Sydney, Australia.

The proposed auction sparked speculation over whether the princess of fashion was cleaning out her closet or totally revamping her image.

Since her divorce became final in August, Diana has sought a more serious, caring image, including a visit to victims of land mines in Angola. There, she appeared in jeans, simple cotton shirts and sneakers.

Elizabeth Emanuel, the British designer who made Diana's ivory silk, puff-sleeved wedding dress with Emanuel's then-husband David, said the princess has moved on from her days as a fashion icon.

"Now clothes aren't so important for her. I think it's a big statement she is making. She doesn't want to be thought of in those terms," she told Independent Television. "She is just getting on with her life."

But Oldfield, one of Diana's favorite designers, rejected any suggestion that the princess may be turning her back on haute couture.

"I think she basically needs a bit of wardrobe space," Oldfield told BBC radio. "She has thousands of clothes. We all need a clear-out every now and again."

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 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 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

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

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 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Deception Should Play No Part In Couple's Choice of Church

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem and need your advice. My husband wants me to lie to his parents, and I would feel uncomfortable in this lie. He says this "white" lie is necessary if we are to maintain a harmonious relationship with them. We don't see them often, so perpetuating the lie would not be too difficult, but I feel guilty about it just the same, and I wonder if the web of deceit we are weaving will entangle us one day.

We have been attending a church that is not the same faith as my in-laws. If they knew it, they would be very hurt — especially since they want their grandchildren to grow up in their faith.

Both churches are Christian churches, and there are more similarities than differences. Because of these similarities, I think my in-laws would get over our attending this church if they knew; my husband disagrees.

I like this church, especially the programs for our children. My husband, however, feels a loyalty to the religion in which he was raised. Because of this ambiguity, he does not want to tell his parents because they might believe he has abandoned his faith, which would not be entirely true.

Abby, do you think it would be OK to tell a lie if it prevents hurt feelings and friction within the family? My husband thinks so.

ANYTOWN, U.S.A.

DEAR ANYTOWN: You and your husband are adults and should not feel it is necessary to lie to his parents for any reason. "Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive!" (Sir Walter Scott)

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I recently bought a house together. We share all the cooking and cleaning. Prior to "us," he was living with a girl for 10 years, and I was married for 15 years.

His former girlfriend was completely domestic, and I'm totally the opposite. I'm a successful small-business owner with a very busy schedule.

Recently he asked me to hem a pair of his work pants. I said that I'd have my seamstress do it, but it would cost $5. He refused to pay for it, saying his former girlfriend would be more than happy to do it for nothing.

I am furious! I'd rather pay $100 than allow her to think she's taking care of my man's needs. He refuses to fight over this and is ordering a new pair of pants. What should I do?

SUZIE IN CANADA

DEAR SUZIE: When the new pants arrive, if they solve the problem — give him a hug. However, if they don't solve the problem, don't needle him. Since sewing is not one of your many talents, when the new pants arrive, quietly take them to your seamstress. Five dollars is a small price to pay to let sleeping dogs lie.

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DEAR ABBY: I hope "A True Friend" reconsiders trying to help her friend who wears heavy make-up by telling her about it "for her own good."

I have an attractive, intelligent friend who also wears very heavy makeup. I had often wondered why she didn't realize that the shade was too dark and was applied a little too thick, but thank God, I was never so bold as to mention it to her.

One afternoon I went to her home unannounced, and she came to the door without makeup. Much to my surprise, she had a bright-red port-wine birthmark that covered half her face.

Abby, instead of suggesting that they go together for a professional makeup to learn the "latest tricks," your suggestion to accept her for the inner qualities that make her special would have been sufficient ... and is darn good advice for all of us.

A TRUE FRIEND, TOO

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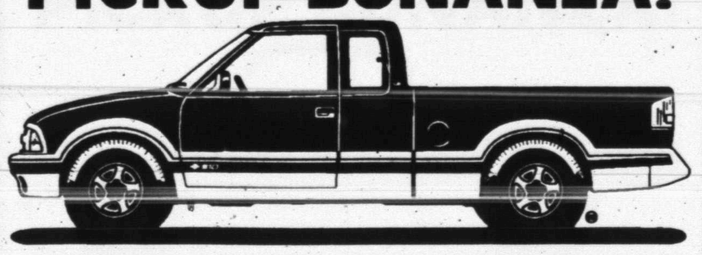


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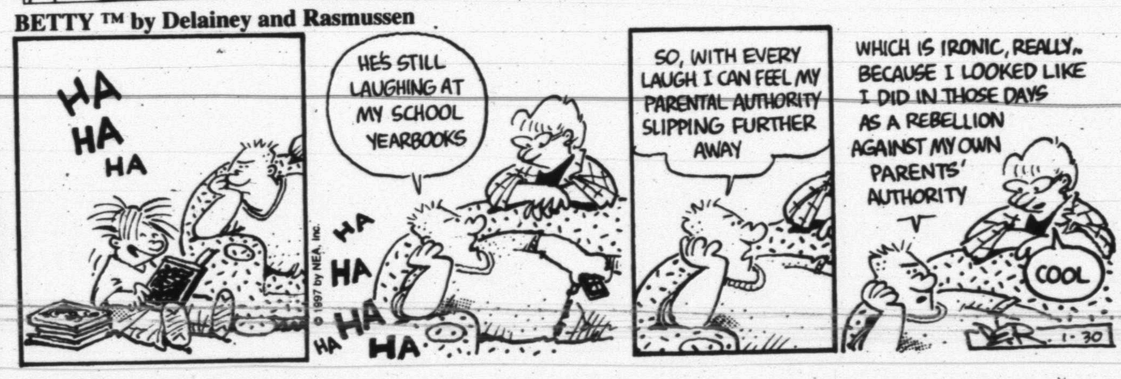
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16 Hissing sound
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19 Type of curve
20 Custard
21 Fiber plant
25 Cafe au —
26 Born
27 Apples and oranges
30 Free-for-all
33 Most uncommon
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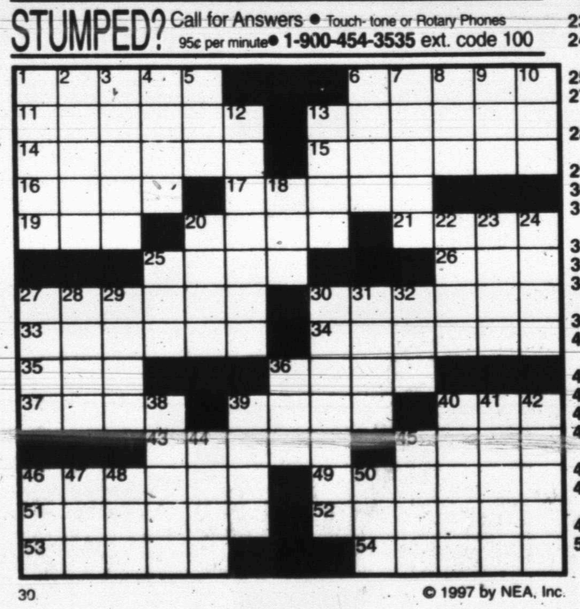
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SPORTS



SLAMMING IT HOME — Snyder's Jimmy Taylor (44) slams the ball home in a previous game against Estacado. The Tigers are in a three way tie for first place along with Estacado and Plainview. Snyder travels to Plainview Friday night to face the Bulldogs in District 2-4A action. (Photo By Stephanie Whittenburg)

Kansas survives near upset

LUBBOCK (AP) — The No. 1 Kansas Jayhawks are still adjusting to playing without Scot Pollard, and it almost cost them.

The Jayhawks, who lost their starting center last week because of a fractured left foot, relied on 16 second-half points from Paul Pierce to erase their biggest halftime deficit this season and beat No. 22 Texas Tech 86-77 Wednesday night.

"We lost our poise in the first half," Kansas coach Roy Williams said of the 47-33 hole the Jayhawks (21-0, 7-0 Big 12) dug at halftime. "We got some help off the bench in the second, we were more active on defense and we got a few turnovers."

Texas Tech (13-5, 5-3) maintained a comfortable lead until the turnovers began mounting midway through the second half. Five Red Raiders turnovers led to 10 straight Kansas points and a 64-63 lead with 8:30 left, the Jayhawks' first advantage of the game.

"I think there was a point where we thought it was getting away," said Texas Tech center Tony Battie, who had 29 points, 10 rebounds and five blocks. "Some turnovers down the stretch killed us."

The teams traded baskets for the next three minutes, but Kansas' 16-for-18 free-throw shooting down the stretch eventually wore out the Red Raiders, who were 1-of-5 from the line in the second half.

Texas Tech coach James Dickey, who received an early technical foul for arguing an out-of-bounds call, had more words for the officials afterward.

"I'd like consistency from the officials at both ends of the court," Dickey said. "If you saw the game, you know what I'm talking about."

A late 8-1 run by the Jayhawks extended their lead to 80-71 with 1:15 left, dashing the hopes of 8,174 frenzied Texas Tech fans.

Raef LaFrentz led Kansas with 21 points, but Battie's presence limited him to two rebounds. Billy Thomas went 4-for-8 from 3-point range and finished with 14 points for Kansas.

Texas Tech's Cory Carr scored 16 points on 6-for-21 shooting.

Battie, coming off a three-point performance last Saturday in a 64-61 loss to Iowa State, had his way early against the Jayhawks as Pollard watched in street clothes and a cast.

It was Kansas' second win without Pollard, who is expected to miss 10 games. The Jayhawks played the first 10 games of the season without injured point guard Jacque Vaughn, but Ryan Robertson did a solid job as his replacement.

Early on, the Jayhawks obviously missed the 6-foot-11 Pollard against Battie.

"They came out and kind of kicked our butts in the first half," said LaFrentz, who moved over to play Pollard's spot up front. "We just started working harder and playing a little better defense (in the second half), and things began to turn our way."

Battie scored 14 points in the first half, when Tech built a 16-point lead until the final seconds of the period.

Rodman trying to end suspension

CHICAGO (AP) — Although the Rev. Jesse Jackson didn't meet as planned with NBA commissioner David Stern to urge the reinstatement of suspended forward Dennis Rodman, negotiations to return him to the Chicago Bulls have started.

Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, said he met Wednesday with league officials and representatives of the NBA players union.

"I can only say that talks are under way," Manley told the Chicago Sun-Times. "I cannot give any details whatsoever of the content. But I am encouraged, and I fell very confident that this matter will be resolved amicably."

Rodman was suspended 11 games — and lost the equivalent of more than $1.1 million in pay — for kicking courtside camera man Eugene Amos in Minneapolis on Jan. 15. He has missed six games so far.

The players union has said the punishment was too severe and said something should be done to limit courtside cameras and photographers at games.

The Sun-Times said Jackson called off his meeting with Stern when Jackson learned that his father, Noah Robinson Sr., died in South Carolina on Monday night. But NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said no meeting was ever scheduled.

Manley said Rodman was never given his day in court to explain to the NBA his side of the kicking incident. The agent has also said Rodman was willing to do everything he can to return to action, including agreeing to donating his salary to charity.

Stern has insisted that before Rodman is reinstated, he must undergo psychiatric counseling and assure the league that he will adhere to acceptable standards of behavior.

Jackson told the Sun-Times he gave Rodman counseling in Los Angeles on Monday and would plead his case to the NBA. Last week, president Clinton said in a televised interview that Rodman should admit he was wrong and shape up.

NBA at glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	32	12	.727	—
NewYork	32	13	.711	½
Washington	22	21	.512	9½
Orlando	20	20	.500	10
NewJersey	11	30	.268	19½
Philadelphia	10	33	.233	21½
Boston	9	32	.220	21½
Central Division				
Chicago	38	5	.884	—
Detroit	32	11	.744	6
Atlanta	29	12	.707	8
Charlotte	25	19	.568	13½
Cleveland	24	19	.558	14
Milwaukee	21	22	.488	17
Indiana	20	22	.476	17½
Toronto	15	28	.349	23
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	32	11	.744	—
Utah	30	13	.698	2
Minnesota	19	24	.442	13
Dallas	14	27	.341	17
Denver	13	31	.295	19½
SanAntonio	11	30	.268	20
Vancouver	8	38	.174	25½
Pacific Division				
L.A.Lakers	33	12	.733	—
Seattle	31	13	.705	1½
Portland	25	20	.556	8
Sacramento	19	25	.432	13½
GoldenState	17	26	.395	15
L.A.Clippers	16	25	.390	15
Phoenix	15	29	.341	17½

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 120, Portland 84
New York 109, Boston 107
Cleveland 84, New Jersey 62
Washington 102, Orlando 82
Charlotte 98, Indiana 97
Detroit 93, Milwaukee 84
Sacramento 91, Minnesota 88
L.A. Lakers 102, Dallas 83
Utah 114, Denver 99
Chicago 111, Vancouver 96
Atlanta 112, L.A. Clippers 96

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia 101, Toronto 99
Orlando 112, Phoenix 105
Miami 103, Boston 83
Indiana 106, Charlotte 95
New York 75, Cleveland 65
Detroit 98, Portland 89
L.A. Lakers 99, San Antonio 92
Seattle 111, Golden State 86

Thursday's Games
Phoenix at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Portland at Boston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Atlanta at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

WTC to face Frank Phillips

The WTC Lady Westerners will travel to Borger Friday night to face the Frank Phillips College Lady Plainsmen in conference action.

WTC is coming off its third straight loss after falling to Howard College, 46-32, Monday. Although WTC could not manage to string together a few baskets, it did manage to hold the usually potent Howard offense, which averages more than 80 points a game, to only 46.

Coach Anthony Portley was pleased with his team's defensive effort, and stated that if his team plays with the intensity that they have been playing with, the offense will come around.

Frank Phillips will be looking to rebound from the 73-37 drubbing it received at the hands of South Plains. The Lady Plainsmen are 1-7 in conference play and 2-17 for the season. WTC is 2-5 in the conference and 5-13 for the season.

In their previous meeting on Dec. 10, the Lady Westerners edged the Lady Plainsmen, 60-57, in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Tip-off is slated for 6 p.m. in the Borger Community Activity Center.

College scores

EAST
Army 83, Bucknell 71
Colgate 85, Lafayette 71
Fairleigh Dickinson 59, Marist 56
Manhattan 65, Fairfield 40
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 59, Monmouth, N.J. 53
N.C.-Greensboro 81, Md.-Baltimore County 77
Navy 83, Holy Cross 75
Pittsburgh 88, Notre Dame 64
Providence 62, Connecticut 47
Rutgers 49, St. John's 47
St. Bonaventure 82, Fordham 72
St. Peter's 61, Siena 52
West Virginia 89, Boston College 76

SOUTH
Duke 80, North Carolina 73
East Carolina 78, Old Dominion 63
Florida St. 74, Maryland 70
Georgia 63, Tennessee 50
James Madison 72, American U. 60
Kentucky 92, Florida 65
Mississippi 71, Arkansas 52
Mississippi St. 68, LSU 60
N.C. Charlotte 78, Houston 68
N.C.-Wilmington 65, William & Mary 63
South Carolina 65, Vanderbilt 64
Tn.-Chattanooga 83, E. Tennessee St. 53
Va. Commonwealth 90, George Mason 77
Wake Forest 68, Wofford 51

MIDWEST
Ala.-Birmingham 62, St. Louis 45
Bowling Green 72, Ohio U. 59
Colorado 69, Kansas St. 60
E. Michigan 79, Akron 76
Iowa 82, Illinois 65
Iowa St. 77, Nebraska 67
Kent 85, Cent. Michigan 83
Purdue 72, Michigan St. 62
W. Michigan 62, Toledo 53
Wisconsin 65, Northwestern 53

Local fishing report

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; normal level; 55 degrees; black bass are good on Slug-gos, crank baits and spoons fished in 8 to 10 feet of water on the outer edge of the creek channels; crappie are fair and improving on live shiners fished in deep water; catfish are fair on Mike King's Punch Bait.

WHITNEY: Water clear to murky; lake level 532.37; 52 degrees; black bass are fair on spinners and deep-diving crank baits; striped bass are good on live bait; white bass are fair on live bait and shad; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished over baited brush piles; catfish are fair on minnows and cut bait.

BELTON: Water clear; lake level 594.17; 51 degrees; black bass are fair on Roadrunners and chartreuse wacky worms; crappie are good on small minnows and tube jigs fished around marinas; catfish are fair on Magic cheese bait fished on rod and reels.

BROWNWOOD: Water clear; normal level; 55 degrees; black bass are good on 8 inch black worms and Gitzits; hybrid stripers and white bass are fair to good on live bait; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks; channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait around baited boat docks.

WEST

KEMP: Water fairly clear to stained; lake level 1140.; very few fishermen out.

OAK CREEK: Water clear; 51 degrees; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs.

O.H.IVIE: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; lake level 1540.35; 48 degrees; black bass are fair on worms and crank baits fished on the drop off; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in deep water; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; lake level 998.04; black bass are fair to good on spinners and crank baits; striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait fished in deep water; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished over baited holes; catfish are fair on cheese bait; trout are fair below the dam.

WHITE RIVER: Water clear; low; very few fishermen out.

SDN Sports Briefs

Little Dribblers sign-up

Snyder Girls' Little Dribblers will sign-up players from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and from 9 a.m. until noon Feb. 8 in the West Elementary cafeteria.

Late sign-ups will be accepted from 5:30 to 7-30 p.m. Feb. 14 and from 9 a.m. until noon on Feb. 15. Players must be accompained by an adult and bring a copy of the player's birth certificate. Registration fee is $25.

The league is open to girls ages 8-12, with 8-year-olds in their own division. For more information, call 573-9437 or 573-3951.

Donkey basketball

Donkey basketball is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight in the high school gym.

The KneeKnockers (KSNY Radio) will challenge the Tail Twisters (junior high teachers and coaches) in the first game.

The second game will feature The Know-It-Alls (SHS seniors) and The Hoofers (SHS Coaches).

The first 150 elementary school students will receive a free donkey ride during intermission. Admission is $5 in advance for adults and high school students and $6 at the door. Junior high, elementary and senior citizens advance tickets are $4 and are $5 at the door.

Taekwondo Championship

The West Texas Taekwondo Academy will host the 11th annual West Texas Taekwondo Championship Saturday in the Scurry County Coliseum.

An expected 400-500 competitors from as far away as Mexico City and California are expected. There will be a sparring demonstration by two time U.S. National Sparring Champion, Javier Sanchez, on Friday night. Assisting Sanchez is Jin Chung Oh, a collegiate champ, and a member of the Korean national team. Admission is $5 for adults, and $3 for children 6-12. Children 5 and under will be admitted free.

SHS freshman time change

The SHS freshman A-team game that was scheduled for 6:30 today, has changed to 7:30 p.m. The game will be played in the SJHS girls gym

Snyder set to tangle with Plainview Bulldogs Friday

The SHS varsity and junior varsity cagers will travel to Plainview Friday night to face off with the Bulldogs.

The boys tilt is a crucial game, as the Tigers are tied for first with the Bulldogs and the Estacado Matadors. Snyder fell to Plainview in their previous district 2-4A meeting, 61-44. The Tigers are coming off a 69-49 win over Estacado, while the Bulldogs are fresh from 64-44 win over Lamesa.

The Tigers are 5-2 in district play, and 19-10 for the season. Plainview is also 5-2 in loop play, and 15-12 for the season.

Snyder owns three of the top players in the area in Rick Henderson, Matthew Fambro and Jimmy Taylor. Henderson is fourth leading scorer in the area with 17.4 a game. Taylor is tenth with 11.8.

Taylor is also the second leading rebounder in the area, grabbing 9.4 boards a game. Henderson is eighth with 5.4 a game, and Fambro is eleventh with 4.9.

The Bulldogs' Matt Robertson is the area's second leading scorer, averaging 19.8 per game. Robertson also averages 7.8 boards a game.

The girls will be looking to avenge the 89-51 drubbing handed to them by the Lady Bulldogs. Snyder is coming off a 68-54 victory over the Estacado Lady Matadors. The 10th ranked Lady Bulldogs ripped Lamesa, 79-56, Tuesday night.

Plainview's Katrisa O'Neal is the area's second leading scorer with 15.1 a game. Brandi Bates is fourth with 13.9. Bates is also the second leading rebounder with 8.1 a game. O'Neal is eighth with 5.0.

Snyder is 4-5 in district play, and 17-12 for the season. Plainview is 7-2 in loop action, and 22-7 for the season.

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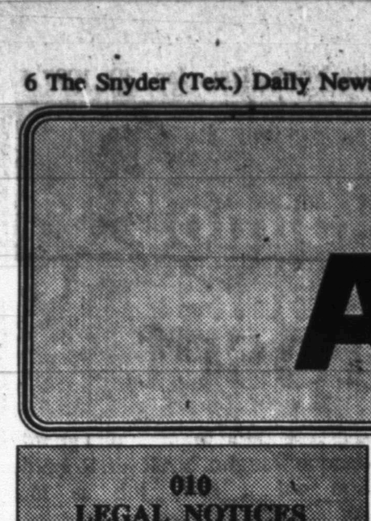
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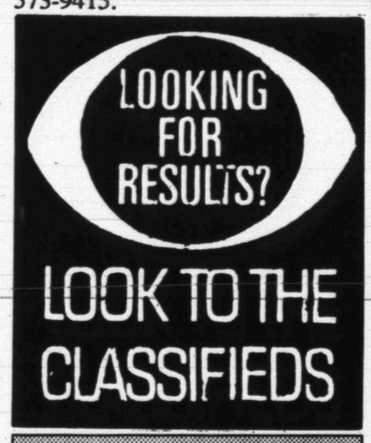
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Three high-security institutions...

Bush recommends more prisons

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas prisoners are more violent and more difficult to control these days, leading Gov. George W. Bush to recommend building three new, high-security prisons.

Bush on Wednesday recommended the new prisons, each housing 990 inmates, as part of his $84.7 billion proposal for the 1998-99 biennium.

The money would come from what's left of $250 million in bonds, which state lawmakers authorized for high-security prison construction in 1995.

Glen Castlebury, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said only one maximum-prison has been built using that bond money.

Castlebury said each of the new prisons would cost about $24.4 million to build. There is about $218 million left over from the $250 million in bonds.

Several key lawmakers who oversee the state's prison system agreed the need for more high-security space is looming.

"Our prisoners over the last three to four years have hardened to a situation that we don't need any general population beds anymore. We've got inmates that should be in lockdown or in (administrative segregation) that are in general population now," said Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, chairman of the House Corrections Committee.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, said violent criminals and sex-crime offenders are being kept in prison longer. He said even more of them will serve more time if a proposal to end a mandatory release program for inmates is approved.

"We don't need it today, but we've also learned the hard way that you can't wait until you need prison beds to start building them," Whitmire said.

Texas prisons were under federal control for much of the early 1990s after prisoners won lawsuits complaining of overcrowding and a backlog of state prisoners left in county jails.

Texas recently complete a $1.5 billion expansion project that made the state's prison system one of the largest in the country. Several prisons still unopened are expected to open — and fill — soon with nonviolent inmates.

Tony Fabelo, executive director of the state's Criminal Justice Policy Council, said Texas is the only state that doesn't have any backlogs and has enough space right now.

"For the last how many years we have built dormitory space and we need to build maximum security units to deal with that (more violent) population," he said.

Texas has the highest rate of incarceration among western democracies — 653 inmates for every 100,000 adult Texans in 1995. But the system doesn't face a crisis right now, Fabelo said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, a critic of the prison management, said he wants proof the new space will be needed.

"They've got to prove to me for me to be satisfied and it won't just be some piece of paper saying they need something," he said.

Administration goes to court against 209

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Clinton administration went to court against Proposition 209 on Wednesday, arguing that the anti-affirmative action initiative violates the rights of women and minorities.

The measure approved by California voters in November would outlaw racial and gender preferences in state and local government education, employment and contracting.

Challenged by civil rights groups and opposed by President Clinton during his re-election campaign, the measure has been blocked by a federal judge who said it would probably be found unconstitutional.

And in a friend-of-the-court brief Wednesday, Justice Department lawyers David Flynn and Samuel Bagenstos told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson "plainly got the law right."

They cited two Supreme Court rulings: a 1969 decision overturning an Akron, Ohio, ordinance that would have required a citywide vote on housing discrimination laws, and a 1982 case striking down a Washington state anti-busing initiative. The court said both measures placed unconstitutional political burdens on minorities, who benefited from the programs.

"Under a straightforward application of those precedents, Proposition 209 is unconstitutional because it singles out racial and gender issues for unique treatment in the political process and thereby burdens the enactment of legislation designed to overcome prejudice," the Justice Department said.

While state and local governments are free to repeal their own voluntary affirmative action programs, they are not free to outlaw all such programs and require women and minorities to circulate a new state constitutional amendment to revive them, department lawyers said.

By passing such a law, they said, "the majority has not merely won a political battle; it has altered the rules for all future political battles and thereby impermissibly entrenched its power."

Births

Mark and Christy Lee of Lubbock are parents of a son, Justice Andrew Lee, born at 7:10 a.m. on Jan. 17 in University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed eight pounds, nine ounces.

Charles and Nancy Lee of Camp Springs and Wallace and Ann Christenson of Snyder are his grandparents.

Justin Iglehart announces the birth of his sister, Jacey Marie, who was born at 3:52 p.m. on Jan. 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Parents are Jody and Tracey Iglehart of Snyder. Jacey Marie weighed five pounds, nine ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Bennie and Darlene Bollinger, and paternal grandparents are Marvin and Carol Iglehart, all of Snyder.

Greg and Tisha McQuirk of Snyder announce the birth of their seven-pound, three-ounce daughter at 11:29 a.m. on Jan. 29 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Guidelines

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five years.

—A barium enema every five to 10 years, a 20-minute procedure that lets doctors view the entire colon by X-ray to spot large polyps.

—A colonoscopy every 10 years. Patients are sedated while a finger-wide fiber-optics tube is snaked up the rectum to view the entire colon. It requires a liquid diet and enemas to flush out the colon and costs $350 to more than $1,000. But it's the best test for catching tiny polyps that years later could turn cancerous.

For people at increased cancer risk, the guidelines advise:

—Colonoscopy three years after discovery of large, precancerous polyps.

—Testing beginning at age 40 if one close relative had polyps or cancer.

—Genetic testing for families with multiple cancer or polyp patients to find the relatives who need an entire colon exam every one to two years or perhaps even colon removal.

Risk said small

WASHINGTON (AP) — Government scientists say the risk of consumers contracting a deadly brain disease from food, drugs and cosmetics made from cow products is "very, very small."

In 1989, the U.S. Department of Agriculture banned imports of meat and other potentially hazardous products from countries where the illness exists.

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AmStores	42	41¾	42	+ ⅛
Ameritech	58⅛	57⅜	58⅛	+ ⅛
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ArmcoInc	4⅜	4⅛	4⅛	+ ⅛
AtlRichfld	133¾	132¾	132¾	— ¾
ATMOS Egy	22¼	22¼	22¼	— ⅛
Aviall	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛	+ ⅛
BakerHughes	39⅝	38⅛	39½	+ ⅜
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BellSouth	43⅛	43¼	43¼	+ ⅛
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EDS Corp	47⅞	46¾	47⅛	+ ⅛
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Exxon	103¾	102⅝	103½	+ ⅛
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FordMotor	32½	32	32⅜	— ⅛
GTE Cp	45⅛	44⅜	44⅞	+ ⅜
GenDynam	70	69⅝	69⅝	+ ⅛
GenElec	104⅜	103⅞	104⅛	+ ⅜
GenMills	67⅞	67¼	67¼	— ⅛
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GaPacif	73¼	72⅜	73⅛	+ ⅛
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Hanson ADSs		7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
HarteHanks	26⅜	26⅛	26½	+ ⅛
HomeDepot	49	48⅝	48⅜	+ ⅜
HoustonInds		22⅜	22⅜	22⅜
IBM	157⅛	156⅛	156⅛	— ⅜
IntlPaper	41½	40⅝	40⅝	— ⅜
JohnsnJn s	56⅜	55⅜	56¼	+1⅛
K mart		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛
Kroger	47⅞	47⅜	47⅞	+ ⅜
Litton	43½	43⅛	43½	+ ⅜
LockhdMart	90⅝	89½	90⅜	+ ⅛
Lowes Cos	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝	+ ½
Lubys	20½	20⅜	20½	+ ⅛
LucentTech n	55⅛	54⅝	55	+ ⅜
MayDeptStrs	44⅝	44¼	44⅝	+ ⅜
Medtronic	69	68¾	68½	+ ⅛
Mobil	130⅛	130	130⅛	+ ¼
Monsanto s	37⅜	37⅛	37½	+ ⅛
Motorola	67¼	66	67	+1
NCR Corp n	40	39½	39½	— ⅛
Nationsbk	108⅜	107⅛	108	+ ⅛
Navistar		10	9⅝	9⅝
NoramEngy		15⅜	15⅛	15⅛
Norwest	47⅛	46⅝	47⅛	+ ⅜
Nynex	50⅜	50	50⅛	+ ⅛
OryxEngy	24½	24¼	24⅛	— ⅛
PacTelesis		38⅜	38⅛	38⅜
PanEnergy	46⅝	46⅛	46⅛	+ ⅛
Penney JC	47⅞	47¼	47⅛	+ ⅛
Pennzoil	63⅛	62⅝	62⅝	+ ⅜
PepBoys	30⅛	30⅜	30⅜	+ ⅛
PepsiCo s	34⅜	34¼	34⅜	+ ⅛
PhelpDodge	70	69⅜	69⅝	—1⅜
PhilipPet	44⅜	43¾	44⅛	+ ⅛
PilgrmPrd		10⅜	10⅜	10⅜
Polaroid	44⅜	44¼	44⅛	— ⅛
Praxair	46⅜	46⅜	46⅜	+ ⅛
ProctGamble	114⅝	111⅞	113¾	+2 41-64
PubSNwMx		19⅜	19⅜	19⅜
RoyalDutch	173¼	172⅞	173¼	+ ⅛
SBC Comm	53⅜	53¼	53⅜	+ ⅛
SaraLee	38⅛	38⅛	38½	+ ⅛
SearsRoeb	48⅛	47¾	47⅞	— ⅛
SherwinW	56⅜	55⅝	56¼	+ ⅛
SmthBchADS	70⅝	70¼	70½	+ ⅜
SouthernCo	22¼	21 51-64	22	+ ⅛
SwstAirlines	22⅜	22 5-16	22½	— ⅛
Sprint	40	39⅝	40	+ ⅛
SunCo	26	25¼	25⅛	— ⅛
TNP Ent	27⅛	27⅝	27½	+ ⅛
Tandy	44¼	44	44	+ ⅛
TemplInl	55⅜	55¼	55⅜	— ⅛
Tenneco	40⅜	40⅛	40⅛	— ⅛
Texaco	107⅛	106⅜	107½	+ ⅛
TexasInd	54⅞	54⅜	54⅜	— ⅜
TexasInst	73	70⅞	72⅝	+2⅜
TexUtil		40⅛	40⅛	40⅛
Textron	97⅛	96¼	97	+ ⅜
Travelers s	52⅜	52	52	+1⅛
TrinityInds	33⅜	33⅛	33⅜	— ⅛
TritonEngy	48⅜	48⅜	48⅜	+ ⅛
Tyler	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	+ ⅛
US WestCm	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	+ ⅛
USWstMda		18⅜	18⅛	18⅜
USX Delhi		16⅛	16⅛	16⅛
USX-Marathn	27⅛	26⅝	27	+ ⅜
USX-USS		32⅛	32	32⅛
UnCarbde	44⅜	44⅜	44½	+ ⅛
UnPac s	62⅜	62	62	— ⅛
UnitedTech s	68⅜	68	68⅜	+ ⅜
Unocal	42	41⅛	42	+ ⅛
WalMart		23⅛	23	23
WstnGasRs	18⅜	18⅜	18⅜	+ ⅛
WestghEl	18⅜	18⅛	18⅜	+ ⅛
WinnDixie	31	30⅜	30⅝	+ ⅛
Woolworth	20⅜	19⅝	20⅛	+ ⅛
XeroxCp s	58⅜	57⅞	58⅛	+ ⅛
ZenithE		11⅛	11⅛	11⅛

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Fewer gun dealer licenses are granted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of federally licensed gun dealers has dropped 56 percent in the past three years, the result of tougher licensing requirements, higher applications fees and more inspections, the Treasury Department says.

As of early January, there were 124,286 licensed gun dealers nationwide, compared with 286,531 in 1993.

That's the lowest number of gun dealers since the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms began keeping complete records in 1975.

President Clinton said the report was evidence that his administration's gun control policies were working.

"Fly-by-night gun traffickers no longer have the cover of federal law to peddle their weapons," the president said in a statement.

The number of licensed gun dealers dropped so dramatically because many gun dealers chose not to renew their licenses rather than meet tougher application requirements and pay higher fees, said Raymond Kelly, Treasury undersecretary for enforcement.

Under Clinton administration directives and new laws passed since 1993, ATF requires gun sellers to give fingerprints and photographs for background checks and meet with federal inspectors.

They must also give more information on their applications, show that they have a legitimate business and promise to adhere to state and local laws.

Fees increased to $200 from $10 for three-year licenses and to $90 from $10 for renewals. ATF also stepped up field inspections of gun dealers.

The new policies weeded out many people who previously were able to obtain licenses even though they didn't operate legitimate gun stores. Some of these dealers would resell the guns to organized crime groups and other criminals, said Kelly.

"From their kitchens or garages or whatever, they would receive parcel post shipments of guns directly from arms manufacturers and then resell the guns often in complete disregard for local laws and ordinances," Kelly said.

In California, the number of licensed gun dealers has fallen by 15,000 in the past three years to 8,827. Texas has 9,187 gun dealers today, 11,000 less than it did in 1993. In Montana, 1,576 fewer licenses were issued, bringing the state total down to 1,822.

Gun control advocates applauded the news and said fewer bogus gun dealers were getting through system.

"These were people who were gun owners masquerading as gun dealers so they could buy guns at wholesale prices and order handguns interstate," said Bob Walker, president of Washington-based Handgun Control Inc.

Opponents of gun control said the number of federally licensed gun dealers has dropped so dramatically because higher fees and state zoning laws are forcing out legitimate mom-and-pop dealers.

"In many rural areas, there's just a local licensee," said Chip Walker, a spokesman for the National Rifle Association. "A lot of people are saying to heck with it, it's not economically feasible."

He said a General Accounting Office audit last year showed that the majority of gun dealers who didn't renew their licenses sold less than six guns a year.

Republicans propose spending 'safety net' to prevent shutdowns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some Republican lawmakers, anxious to avoid a replay of the government shutdowns a year ago that raised the public's ire, hope their plan for a "safety net" will eliminate such crises in the future.

If Congress and the president fail to agree on spending bills by the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30, a "safety net" would automatically determine spending levels until those bills are enacted, under a measure introduced Wednesday by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and several other Republicans.

"It prevents the shutdown of the government again," McCain told a news conference. "It will not allow the repetition of the trauma and drama that this country went through when we shut down the government for 27 days."

By the administration's calculation, he said, the shutdowns cost the taxpayers $1.5 billion.

"Dollars are important, but the pain that was inflicted on American families is hard to calculate," McCain said.

While the White House and the Congress blamed each other for causing those shutdowns, McCain said: "The overall winner — if you look at the polls and the opinion of the American people — was not the Congress. It was clearly the president of the United States."

The spending levels set by the proposed "safety net" would be the lowest among the previous year's spending levels, the House-passed spending bills, the Senate-passed spending bills, the president's budget request or any level established by Congress after the measure was enacted.

The bill's chances are uncertain.

On the positive side, said McCain, are the "experience of the last shutdown," plus the co-sponsorship by Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, and the support of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

McCain said Democrats had not yet been contacted.

But the measure's future is "murky" in the House, said Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., who has tried for years to get some sort of "safety net" bill passed.

Republicans on the Rules Committee — which must act to send any bill to the House floor — used to favor it and the Democrats "knocked me down," he said. But they traded sides after the GOP took over two years ago, he said.

A spokeswoman for House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the GOP leadership has serious concerns.

"Certainly no one wants a shutdown and we are all committed to not let that happen this year," said Michele Davis. But she questioned whether having the "safety net" might remove the deadline, which "is often what you need to force action."

Davis noted that Congress "got a lot of work done the week before recess. It's the same kind of mentality."

Wristwatch dispute ends in violence; 7th grader killed

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — John Pierre Kamel was a seventh grader with a big heart, a fake leg and an Adidas wristwatch sent to him by his mother, a world away in Egypt.

A classmate shot him to death on the sidewalk in front of their middle school when he asked for his watch back, authorities said.

John Pierre was buried by his father and stepmother Wednesday, two days after his slaying and a day after they visited Conniston Middle School for an emotional daytime assembly.

Classmates mourned a funny 14-year-old boy who almost certainly would have known how to lighten the terrible grief he left behind.

"Our son is with God. He's better off than the rest of us," stepmother Linda Kamel told pupils. "We must harbor compassion in our hearts, not anger."

She and the boy's father, Ashruf Kamel, a food manager at a resort, asked those at the school to forgive Tronneal (pronounced Trah-nell) Mangum, also 14, who was arrested Monday and charged with murder, carrying a concealed weapon and firing a gun near a school.

Pupils said John Pierre was popular at the school because he was "a spark in our day," Principal Amelia Ostrosky said.

"He had a way about him that we just grew attached to him," she said.

John Pierre wasn't self-conscious about showing off the prosthesis he needed because part of his right leg was amputated soon after birth. When people mistook him for being Hispanic, he proudly corrected them that he was Egyptian. He talked of becoming a doctor, or on his more-fanciful days, a pro basketball player.

John Pierre and Tronneal traded everything from a mountain bike to a compact disc player. The Adidas watch, a prized gift from John Pierre's mother in Egypt, became a source of dispute in recent weeks.

School officials insist the fight was not gang-related despite a history of gang violence in the ethnically mixed neighborhood on the southern edge of West Palm Beach.

On Jan. 23, the boys were called before teacher Flora Rigolo, who tried to straighten things out.

"Are you two normally friends?" she recalls asking them. "They laughed and said 'We trade things.'"

She recalled that Tronneal, one of eight children, had kicked John Pierre in the leg that day, but chose the fake leg "because I didn't want to hurt him." John Pierre agreed to let Tronneal keep the watch for the weekend, and the matter appeared to be resolved.

Officer Bob McIsaac, the school's police officer, said he hasn't been sleeping since the shooting — in an area where he normally stands each weekday morning. He was at another part of the campus that day, watching a large group of pupils.

"I was a New York City detective for years and I saw kids die with heroin needles sticking out of their arms," McIsaac said.

AOL deal hailed as boon to consumers

NEW YORK (AP) — America Online took a major step toward resolving a public relations nightmare by agreeing to refund customers unable to log on because phone lines were swamped.

State attorneys general hailed the blanket settlement Wednesday as a boon to many of AOL's 8 million consumers receiving unlimited online service. Analysts said AOL didn't do too bad either. The company admitted no wrongdoing and may recoup the estimated $10 million to $20 million in refunds from savings off reduced advertising.

The news also boosted America Online stock 5.7 percent, or $2 a share, to $37.25 on the New York Stock Exchange.

In recent weeks, AOL was embarrassed by media reports that customers enrolled in the flat-rate plan, introduced in December for $19.95-a-month, repeatedly encountered busy signals because of network bottlenecks created by the unlimited access. Moreover, several states this past week threatened to sue unless AOL promised refunds.

The company, based in Dulles, Va., seized on the deal as evidence of its commitment to serving its customers.

AOL chief executive Steve Case acknowledged the company underestimated capacity and is spending $350 million to expand its system.

"I think our focus is meeting the needs for our members and certainly what we're announcing today does that," he said Wednesday.

Millions of AOL's subscribers are potentially eligible for refunds. But several analysts said the settlement's ultimate cost to the $1.4 billion online service should be relatively insignificant.

More importantly, they said, it should enable America Online to get beyond the assault of negative publicity to refocus on expanding its technological network.

Mary Meeker, an analyst at Morgan Stanley & Co., said the estimated maximum cost of $20 million would be nearly offset by the company's savings from reduced advertising. America Online agreed to suspend most advertising during February and add a disclaimer to ads warning that people may encounter delays logging on.

The deal allows customers to request a refund of all or part of the $19.95 monthly fee. Because the refund is calculated by the number of hours spent online, only a small percentage is expected to quality for a full reimbursement.

"I don't think it's necessarily cheap. I think it's fair," said Jamie Kiggen, an analyst at Cowen & Co. in Boston, who estimated a cost ranging from $10 million to $20 million.

State attorneys general said the deal sends a strong signal to sellers of products that don't work as promised.

"Under the consumer fraud laws of this state and many other states, you can't offer something to a subscriber and then not be able to deliver," said Jim Ryan, attorney general of Illinois, the lead state in America Online's agreement. The agreement was made with 36 states, but applies nationwide.

"They were victims of their own success," Ryan said.

AOL also agreed to make it easier for people to cancel service. The company will add phone operators, more lines for customers to fax in their cancellations and detailed online instructions.

Customers will get a full refund for December and January if they connected for less than two hours each month, 50 percent refunds for two to eight hours and 25 percent refunds for eight to 15 hours. Anyone who used more than 15 hours will not be eligible for a refund.

Instead of a refund, a customer can make a written request for a free month of service.

Jackson, Gill top nominees for 'TNN Music City' awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Alan Jackson edged Vince Gill to win the most nominations for the 1997 TNN Music City News Country Awards.

Jackson, who was named entertainer of the year at last year's ceremony, had seven nominations in Wednesday's announcement. The singer is up for best entertainer once again, best male vocalist, album ("Everything I Love"), single ("Little Bitty"), vocal collaboration, and two video awards.

Gill had six nominations, including best entertainer. Other nominees for best entertainer are Billy Ray Cyrus, Reba McEntire and George Strait.

Winners are to be announced June 16 during a ceremony broadcast from The Grand Ole Opry on cable television's The Nashville Network.

The event is one of three major country music awards shows, and the only one in which fans vote. Nominees were picked through balloting in Music City News, a country music fan magazine. Winners will be picked by fans through the magazine and a toll telephone number.

LeAnn Rimes, a teen-ager who has sold over 3 million of her album "Blue," was nominated three times, for vocal collaboration, female star of tomorrow, and best single for "Blue."

Fans nominated Cyrus for five awards, despite the poor commercial performance of his "Trail of Tears" single and CD.

Nominees for best female artist are Terri Clark, Faith Hill, Patty Loveless, McEntire and Lorrie Morgan.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.



Drug therapy has good record

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have successfully been using 80 milligrams of propranolol a day to prevent migraine headaches. Although I've regularly taken this therapy for more than 10 years (and feel healthy), I am worried that the drug may be damaging my internal organs.

DEAR READER: You needn't worry. This beta-blocker, which is also used to treat hypertension and heart disorders, has an excellent track record for warding off migraines. The medicine is safe and will not harm you.

Continue to use it (under medical supervision, of course) and be grateful that you no longer suffer from severe headaches.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." 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: I'm 89 years old and in good health. I take two aspirin tablets a day because I read that this therapy may prevent a stroke. Recently, I have noticed strange bruises on my arms and legs, my gums bleed and once I passed blood in my urine. Should I be concerned?

DEAR READER: Aspirin acts as an anti-coagulant. This is the reason why authorities recommend it for people who are at risk for stroke or heart attack.

Consequently, bruises (and other sources of bleeding) are common in people who take aspirin. In all likelihood, you're bleeding because of the aspirin. I suggest that you discontinue this therapy for several weeks. If the bruises stop appearing, you've got your answer. (There is no harm in simply discontinuing the drug.)

If, on the other hand, your bruising continues, check with your doctor, who will examine you and order blood tests to make sure that you aren't experiencing a clotting deficiency from some other source, such as a vitamin C deficiency or a more serious blood disorder.

Although low-dose aspirin (one quarter to one adult tablet a day) has been shown to protect against stroke and heart disease, this therapy is not recommended for general use. Rather, it is appropriate for patients who have already had a stroke or heart attack, as a preventative.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is there any truth to the claim that taking vitamin E and vinegar together will help a person lose weight?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, no. Vitamin E is plentiful in many foods and is a necessary nutrient. But it doesn't cause weight loss. Neither does vinegar, a weak acid, which is not an important nutrient but makes some foods and dressings taste better.

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News Briefs

Report: Saudis to buy U.S. F-16s

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saudi Arabia has agreed to buy as many as 100 F-16 fighters in a multibillion-dollar deal expected to be concluded next month, The Washington Times reported today.

Citing unidentified U.S. government officials, the paper said the sale of the high-performance jets has been the subject of negotiations among the Saudi government, Lockheed Martin and the Pentagon for months.

One official told the paper the deal could be worth $30 billion for jets, missiles and related maintenance.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said today, "There's lots of enthusiasm in a lot of places for this idea, but we have not received an official request."

The paper said the Saudi air force now has about 70 aging F-5 fighter-bombers and about 70 F-15 fighters.

The F-16 is built in Fort Worth and has been sold to countries around the world, but not to Saudi Arabia. The Times reported Bahrain has 12, Egypt 175, Israel 210 and Turkey 240.

Woman admits killing her infant

HOUSTON (AP) — Hours after sending police on a frantic hunt for her infant son, a 20-year-old woman confessed to beating the baby to death and throwing his body into Buffalo Bayou, police say.

Evonne Michele Valdez admitted late Tuesday night to killing 3½-month-old Ramiro Jr. after insisting all afternoon that he vanished from a restroom in a downtown Houston shopping mall, police spokesman John Cannon said Wednesday.

She was in police custody Wednesday, but no charges had been filed.

Police divers, meanwhile, went back into the murky waterway Wednesday afternoon to look for the baby's body. They had suspended an earlier search because temperatures were near freezing.

Mrs. Valdez told police she put her son's body into a plastic bag and tossed it into the bayou, Cannon said.

"Investigators are not yet ready to say anything about a possible motive," Cannon said.

Mrs. Valdez first contacted police about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday. She said that a half hour earlier, she had left her son in a baby seat on the restroom counter, but that he was gone when she came out of a stall.

Police looked on foot and by helicopter for the infant before a motorist who heard about the missing baby on the news called to say she had spotted a baby seat on the banks of the bayou about 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Valdez and her husband, Ramiro, said the seat and a blanket found nearby belonged to them.

Authorities scoured mall security videotape and found Mrs. Valdez coming and going without a baby.

"After further questioning, the woman recanted her story and confessed to beating the child to death," Cannon said.

Police believe the infant was killed at the family's home in northeast Houston.

The baby's father was cooperating with investigators and was not believed to be involved in the death, Cannon said.

Youth helmet bill considered again

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposed state laws would require young bike riders to wear helmets, with legislators following the lead of major Texas cities.

Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, and Sen. Judy Zaffirini, D-Laredo, introduced the bills which include criminal penalties for parents whose children ride bikes without helmets.

"The purpose of this bill is to protect the children," said Carter Wednesday. "We feel like the most vulnerable part of society and the largest number of people that would be affected would be the children riding bicycles."

The bills would required children younger than 18 years old to where a bicycle helmet on public roads.

Parents of children bike riding without helmets face a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of $25. They could avoid the fine by proving their children didn't previously own a helmet, but have gotten one since being cited.

Parents of second-time offenders face a $50 fine.

Children's Hospital's around the state distribute both free and low-cost helmets to children. The Texas Medical Association has distributed 17,000 helmets since 1995.

In the last year, seven cities — including Austin, Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth, have approved bicycle helmet ordinances. Most cities enforce a $50 first-offense fine and $100 for second offenses.

If approved, the state law would not replace stricter local ordinances.

Each year in Texas, nearly 100 cyclists are killed riding bicycles, while 300,000 are injured, according to George Farr, president of Children's Medical Center of Dallas.

DPS building plans surprise lawmakers

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety proposal to build a $15 million training center in Central Texas has taken many state lawmakers by surprise, the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

Without letting the Legislature in on the idea, the DPS already has bought 1,000 acres of rolling, tree-covered land for the center in northwest Williamson County near Florence, just south of Fort Hood. It also has hired an engineering firm to draw up a master design.

The proposed DPS center would feature a 2½-mile track to practice high-speed chases, a shooting range and a small lake to train underwater rescue teams.

Agency officials say they would finance the center with federal forfeiture funds, proceeds from property seized from drug dealers and other criminals.

The Journal said lawmakers liked the idea. The existing shooting range in North Austin can't handle shotgun and rifle practice, and there is no place to train recruits in high-speed pursuit techniques.

What lawmakers resent is not having known about the project.

"If we don't give you permission to build a building or buy a computer or a phone system, it's because we don't want you to have a building or a computer or a phone system," says Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine and a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee in charge of the DPS budget.

DPS officials said they had hadn't meant to keep details from lawmakers. The land purchase was listed in a report on seized-fund purchases filed with the governor's office.

But agency officials said they don't need legislative approval for the land purchase because it was paid for with funds received under the federal forfeiture program. Those funds must be used for law enforcement, and state legislatures cannot decide how they will be spent.

Furthermore, the funds must supplement an enforcement agency's budget, not replace appropriated funds. The department only needs to report to the state a detailed list of seized assets and how money from the account is spent.

"This has not been a secret," said DPS Director Dudley Thomas. "It's not anything we're doing behind closed doors."

Indeed, the House Public Safety Committee, which oversees all DPS operations, was told of the project last fall, long before the site acquisition, said committee Chairman Keith Oakley, D-Terrell.

Under the plan, the first phase of the project, about 40 miles north of Austin and about 20 miles south of Fort Hood, would include the track, shooting range and lake.

The matter never came up when the agency's latest budget request was considered two weeks ago by the Senate Finance Committee.

But Gallego argued that he could have found more urgent uses for the forfeiture funds. For one, the DPS needs more radio towers in the Big Bend area, where law-enforcement vehicles often lose touch with one another in the wide open spaces, he said.

For now, the entire project is on hold.

Report: sentences cut for two charged with killing tourist

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — A judge has reduced the jail sentences of two men convicted of killing a U.S. tourist and her Cambodian guide near the Angkor Wat temple complex two years ago, a local newspaper reported Thursday.

Susan Hadden, a professor at the University of Texas in Austin, and Vun Thy, her guide, were killed in an ambush robbery of their four-vehicle convoy on January 15, 1995 in the northwestern province of Siem Reap.

Appellate Court Investigative Judge Ouk Savuth was quoted by the English-language Cambodia Daily as saying that the sentences of the two convicts, Khan Chleu and Sok Khlok, would be cut and that they would be released in January 2000.

The two men had received jail terms of 18 years and 15 years, respectively.

Their lawyer, Som Chandyna, was quoted by the newspaper as saying that his clients received a reduction in their jail terms because "the judge thinks that a mistake was made at the original trial" in sentencing the two under a law banning the Khmer Rouge.

Som Chandyna acknowledged that his clients were Khmer Rouge guerrillas assigned to ambush the caravan which was en route to the famed Banteay Srey temples but said that in the spirit of national reconciliation they should not be kept in prison.

He was quoted by the paper as saying that it is unfair to keep his clients in jail while thousands of Khmer Rouge across the nation have — in the name of peace — been pardoned for their involvement with the outlawed guerrilla group.

In October last year, King Norodom Sihanouk — responding to a plea from the victim's husband — endorsed granting a pardon to the two convicted men. However, the justice ministry failed to carry out his request.

The victim's husband, James Hadden Jr., who was badly wounded in the ambush, had written Sihanouk that he felt the two imprisoned men were not solely responsibility for his wife's death, and probably had been made scapegoats.

Two other men were convicted in absentia because they escaped prison before the trial. An estimated 15 people took part in the ambush.

Hadden said a lack of economic opportunities might have driven the men to commit the crime, and that their families were suffering deprivation because of their incarceration.

Judge receives new offer for Ford Bronco II lawsuits

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The 658,000 people who own Ford Bronco IIs will get free inspections and up to $200 for parts and repairs if a judge here approves a proposed settlement, Ford Motor Co. said Wednesday.

However, Ford would not pay the v[illegible]ost — and the money it did p[illegible]ould all come back to the compa[illegible]nd its dealers.

Lawyers for Ford and the owners submitted the proposal Tuesday to U.S. District Judge Morey Sear, Ford spokeswoman Jennifer Flake said.

Sear rejected the last proposed settlement in 1995, saying owners would get next to nothing while lawyers would garner exorbitant fees. Owners would have received a safety kit, flashlight and cellular telephone, and their lawyers would have split $4 million.

The lawsuit contends that the Bronco II — a model that was made from 1983-90 and is smaller, lighter and narrower than the Ford Bronco — is prone to rolling over. It asked the court to make Ford repay the purchase price, pay for lost value and recall or retrofit all Bronco IIs.

Neither plaintiffs' attorneys nor Public Citizen, the Ralph Nader group which filed objections to both the settlement and the fee request in 1995, returned calls for comment on the new proposal.

While not acknowledging any fault, Ford is now offering to pay up to $200 on parts and labor to repair Bronco IIs with modifications, or up to $100 on parts for unmodified vehicles with worn suspensions.

Owners would pay half the cost for bills of up to $200 on unmodified Bronco IIs or of bills up to $400 on modified vehicles. They also would pay any costs over those amounts.

Ms. Flake said there was no way to estimate installation costs.

Ms. Flake did not know how many cars might have been modified, or what the total cost of changing them back was likely to be.

All Bronco II owners also would get a safety kit with a video, manual and sticker explaining how to drive sport utility vehicles safely.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 31, 1997

Your ability to overcome adversity will be enhanced substantially in the year ahead. Objectives that others will be unable to reach can be obtained by you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your reputation could suffer today if you lose your cool around people you respect. If you control your temper, you'll control your image. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Strive to think positively today. If you dwell only on negative situations, you will not achieve the success you deserve.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It will be best not to pry today if a friend has a secret he is reluctant to reveal. This may be something you are better off not knowing.

TAURUS (April 20 May 20) If you want to be a good negotiator, you will have to learn to be flexible. Respect other people's opinions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Spreading yourself too thin at work today could result in needless frustration and aggravation, and you will not accomplish anything worth mentioning.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Trying to make people conform to your standards could be a frustrating experience. If you can learn to accept them as they are, everyone will be happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Weigh the pros and cons carefully before making a decision today. If you make a poor choice, your whole house of cards could collapse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you do not pay attention at all times today, there is a strong probability that you may make a serious mistake that will require correction later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you intend to visit the mall today, it will be best to leave your credit cards at home. You might have trouble distinguishing between bargains and bummers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might have to deal with someone who is moody and temperamental. It might be smart to let this person have his way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Companions might find your moods difficult to tolerate today. Why are you so reluctant to tell them what is bothering you?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Frivolous activities should be avoided today. You might be penalized if you do not take time to make a schedule.

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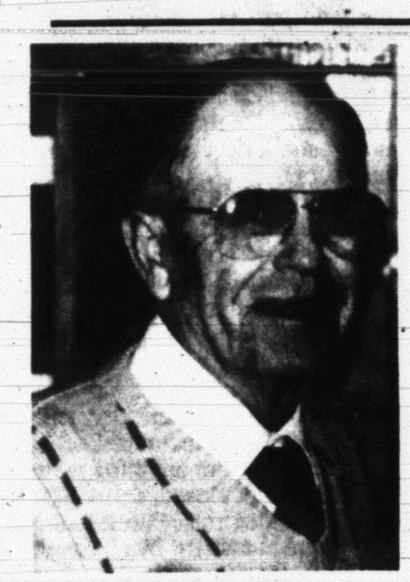
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Obituaries



Sim M Groves

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1915-1997

Sim M Groves, a farmer and stockman in the Camp Springs Community, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following an illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Groves, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Larry Holden, Methodist minister from Rotan, will officiate, and burial will follow in the Camp Springs Cemetery.

Born April, 18, 1915 in Hermleigh, Mr. Groves married Grace Inez Talley on Jan. 27, 1936. She died in 1994. Mr. Groves was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Rotan. A Master Mason, he was a member of Scurry Lodge 706. He had worked for the Colorado Municipal Water District for 25 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Janie Blount of Idalou and Delores Greer of Lubbock; a son, Bill Groves of Midland; a sister, Winnie Stapleton of Joshua; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Groves was also preceded in death by two brothers, Joe Groves and Alton Groves.

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Mary Olive Smith

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1910-1997

Graveside service for Mary Olive Smith, 86, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Elmwood Cemetery in Bowie. Mrs. Smith died at 9:17 p.m. at her Snyder residence after a lengthy illness.

Born on Feb. 17, 1910 in Bowie, she married R.R. Smith on Jan. 1, 1937 in Grandfield, Okla. He died on Nov. 11, 1975. Mrs. Smith, a homemaker, was reared in Bowie and moved to Snyder from Cisco in 1950.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Glenda Valentine of Snyder; and five grandchildren, Don Valentine of Fort Worth, Mark Valentine of Abilene, Mike Valentine of Fluvanna, Vic Valentine of Abilene and Valerie Young of Florida.

Mrs. Smith will lie in state at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home this evening and Friday.

Horseshoe club has formed here

The Snyder Slingers Horseshoe Club was formed this week and new members are welcome.

"Just For Fun" play will be held each Saturday at 3 p.m. at the courts on the north side of the coliseum grounds. Those wishing to particpate should bring horseshoes if they have them. If not, loaners will be available.

Don Duncan was elected president of the club. Other board members are C.J. Smith, Johnny Davenport, Dorothy Duncan and D.L. Irwin.

Everyone is invited to pitch in the May Day open tournament, set for May 3. Sanctioned tournaments are the Duncan Classic on June 21 and the White Buffalo Classic on Oct. 4.

Blast knocks hole in wall

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — An explosion felt blocks away blasted a hole in the courthouse today and knocked out scores of windows, the third incident in a week involving explosives in this San Francisco Bay area city.

The blast around 3:30 a.m. blew a hole about the size of a manhole in the courthouse wall and broke windows in several nearby buildings. No injuries were reported.

"It sounded like a sonic boom, but I knew it was a bomb because of everything that's been happening," said Teena Camarillo, 33, whose home is about 100 yards from the courthouse.

Investigators said the bomb was hidden behind bushes in front of the building and the bushes, along with dense fog overnight, probably provided cover when the device was set.

Officers found a wire trailing from the courthouse and around a nearby corner, and it's "reasonable to assume" it was involved, said David Robinson, spokesman for the county sheriff's department.

Police make three arrests

Three people were arrested Wednesday, including one on an outstanding warrant for a bad check.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 8:45 p.m. at the Legends Club on a county warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

Two people were arrested in the 400 block of Coliseum Drive at 9:12 p.m. Taken into custody were a 41-year-old male who was arrested for driving while license suspended and a 31-year-old male for public intoxication.

In other activity Wednesday, officers investigated a minor accident at the American Motor Inn at 1:03 p.m. Involved were a 1991 Hyundai driven by Kelly Cisneros of 1206 28th St. and a 1984 Buick driven by Orlando Ponce, Box 242.

The fire department responded to a report of a fire at 6:23 p.m. at 2313 42nd Street. Grease had caught fire on an electric range and there was minor damage.

A deputy was requested at Snyder One-Stop at 6:30 p.m. in reference to a forgery. An offense report was submitted.

A 911 call at 10:54 p.m. resulted in an offense report for family violence being submitted.

Routier denies killing two sons

KERRVILLE (AP) — Darlie Routier never denied killing her sons when first interviewed by an investigator shortly after the stabbings, an investigator testified today in her capital murder trial.

"She always had the same verbal response: 'If I did it, I don't remember,'" Bill Parker, a former Dallas police officer, said under questioning by prosecutor Greg Davis.

Parker was acting on behalf of the Rowlett police department when he questioned Mrs. Routier on June 18, 1996. He was the prosecution's first rebuttal witness today in the trial of Mrs. Routier, who is accused of fatally stabbing 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon Routier in the family's suburban home near Dallas on June 6.

Prosecutors contend she was angry over money troubles and the demands of motherhood and that she slashed herself to cover the crime.

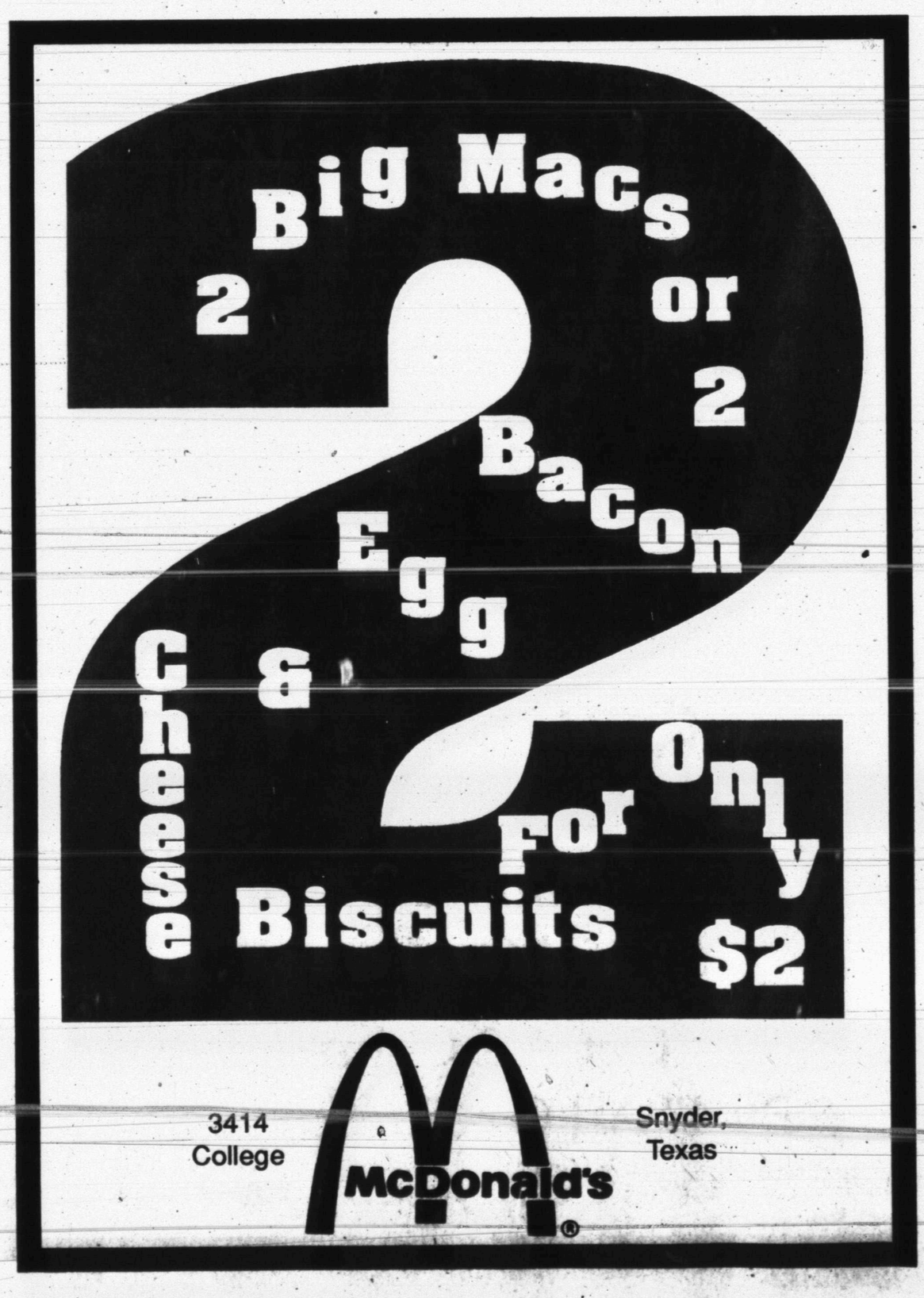
Mrs. Routier, 27, contends an intruder in dark clothing and a ball cap attacked her and her sons with a kitchen butcher knife.

Testifying in her own defense Wednesday, Mrs. Routier declared she did not kill the boys.

"I did not stab those children nor did I try to stab myself," Mrs. Routier said when asked by defense attorney Doug Mulder if she committed the killings.

Today, Mulder asked Parker why he didn't tape his sessions with Mrs. Routier. Parker said he wanted to, but tape recording equipment wasn't available at the Rowlett police department.

Parker also said that before he interviewed Mrs. Routier, he went over the evidence with Rowlett police and visited the crime scene.



What's Up?

Hermleigh boosters to meet

Hermleigh Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school library.

Donkey basketball tonight

Snyder High School girl's basketball program will bring donkey basketball to Tiger Gym at 7:30 tonight. Tickets for adults and high school students are $6 at the door. Elementary, junior high students and senior citizens pay $5 at the door.

Windbreak trees deadline

The deadline for ordering windbreak trees is Friday. For more information or to place an order, come by the Upper Colorado SWCD office at 5309 Big Spring Hwy. or call 573-6317.

Valentine's dance planned

Hermleigh freshman class will sponsor a Valentine's dance from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Towle Park Barn. Admission is $5 per couple, $3 per person. Children K through 6th grade can get in for $1.50.

Order WTC curb logos now

Phi Beta Kappa students from Western Texas College will be painting the WTC logo on curbs Saturday, weather permitting. Donations go to help students attend the state meeting in March. Call Carolyn Osborn at 573-8511, ext. 313, for information.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by a new series titled The Story of the Bible. The program continues at 7 p.m. Monday. The next tape is "Why I Know Christianity Is True," followed by lesson three in The Story of the Bible: "The Son."

Fair board meets Monday

Scurry County Fair board will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the chamber of commerce.

DPS cites new regulations

Effective Monday, persons applying for or renewing driver's licenses will have to show proof of their Social Security numbers. Proof required is the card issued by the Social Security Administration, payroll or employment records and income tax documents. Facsimilies and metal flea market-type identification cards will not be accepted.

Grief support group

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

Chili supper planned

New York bound choir students are selling tickets for a chili supper to be held Tuesday in the high school cafeteria. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat meal are $5.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

Circus tickets being sold

Representatives from Circus Gatti will be contacting local residents offering tickets to the circus, which will held at Scurry County Coliseum on Feb. 18. Scurry County Sheriff's Posse is sponsoring the event.

Scurry Youth Center

Scurry Youth Center, located at the Boys & Girls Club, is open Friday and Saturday evenings from 7 until 11. To participate, you must have a current Boys & Girls Club membership or pay $1 admission.

SNS needs financial help

Snyder Neighbors Sharing, which repairs homes of persons over 65 or disabled, is in need of donations for the April 26 workday. Donations can be mailed to SNS, P.O. Box 541, Snyder, or dropped off at Sam Robertson's Insurance or the West Elementary School office.

Central Elementary yearbooks

Central Elementary is selling yearbooks for $6. Orders will be taken until Monday.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Tiger baseball fund-raiser

Chances for a $500 trip certificate from Premier Travel will be sold for $2 each by Snyder baseball players, with a drawing set for 1 p.m. March 1. Proceeds will be used to purchase baseball equipment and help with travel expenses. Contact any high school baseball player for tickets, or call 573-3155, 573-7145, 573-7437 or 573-3298.

Pick 3

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

5-8-9

(five, eight, nine)

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-27-41-46-48-50.

Estimated jackpot: $18 million.

Number matching six of six: none.

Matching five of six: 107. Prize: $2,320.

Matching four of six: 6,851. Prize: $131.

Matching three of six: 141,581. Prize: $3.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: $25 million.