WTSB head calls bank 'sound, solvent'

Bill Parker, newly named president of West Texas State Bank, told the annual gathering of bank stockholders Tuesday the institution is "sound, solvent and viable."

Parker, who was named president of the bank last Nov. 19, told the group that WTSB now has $66 million in total assets, enough to "support us and another bank."

"Our deposits would support $23 million in additional loans and our liquidity would support a bank 2½ times our size. I am going to tell that to the rumor club," he said, a reference to talk in the community the past several months regarding the bank's strength.

He repeated one bank-related figure twice to the group, calling it "the best part."

"Our reserves are six times greater than the average reserves maintained by the 839 banks in our peer group," he said.

He noted later this reserve amount was "after" the bank had eliminated "assets that were of no value."

He referred to these written off amounts earlier in his presentation, noting "We shot ourselves in the foot more than once. It was expensive, we have no excuses and it will not happen again."

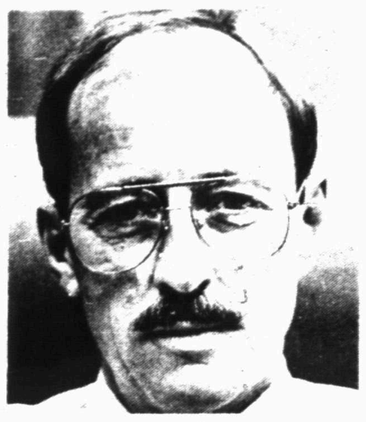
During a question and answer session, he noted, "These (amounts) had accrued over a three or four year period, and we eliminated them all at one time."

Parker offered comments to the bank's customers, saying "we are sticking with you," and also took time to compliment fellow financial institutions in Snyder.

"Let me put a plug in for Snyder financial institutions," he said, "We have three banks and one locally owned S&L. In looking at (their) reports, I think we have a great deal to be proud of here."

Following Parker's remarks, the stockholders voted unanimously to re-elect the

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BILL PARKER
...offers comments...

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Go-ahead given for ISD vote signup

A final hurdle was cleared early Wednesday morning for the April 4 Snyder school board election and potential candidates for that ballot are now encouraged to begin signing up immediately.

The deadline to file for five school board positions will be March 20, a Friday.

The deadline to register to vote in the election is this coming Friday, March 13. This may be done at the county clerk's office in the courthouse.

School officials indicated the administrative offices located at 2901 37th St., closed up until now due to spring break, will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the remainder of this week to allow candidates to file.

Wednesday morning, U.S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward of Lubbock gave a final go-ahead for the ballot by indicating he would sign documents approving the interim election now slated April 4.

The final approval had been 'on hold' pending signed agreements from both sides and Woodward's signature.

Under the agreement, the seven-member board will be comprised of four elected to represent single member districts and three elected at-large.

The April 4 ballot will decide five positions on the board. These include three at-large positions and two single member district seats.

Of the single member district positions, one will be a representative from the newly formed District 1, the only district which has a greater than 50 percent minority population.

Also to be elected will be a trustee representing District 4, comprised of all rural areas served by Snyder ISD outside the city limits in addition to the city developments located south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The ballot has been scheduled as part of a settlement reached in the voter discrimination lawsuit filed in October of 1985 against the school district by five local plaintiffs and the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) based in San Antonio.

Since that filing, the school board's membership has been "frozen."

Under terms of the agreement, two of the current five school board members will remain on the board after the April 4 ballot. Remaining will be Mike Jordan, incumbent board president, and Charlene Light. Both of their terms would then expire in the spring of 1988.

Under the new board arrangement, they will represent two of the four newly created single member districts based upon their place of residence.

Of the three remaining board members, J.D. Hinton has indicated he would be a candidate for one of the three at-large seats.

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Clements issues apology

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Bill Clements, apologizing for his role in allowing payments to Southern Methodist University football players, says he hopes the school's agony will serve as a lesson to others who might cheat.

"I am very, very hopeful — and that's the only word I guess I can use — that our institutions ... will have learned a good lesson from this episode," Clements said.

Clements on Tuesday admitted error by being one of those to authorize continued cash payments to players after some SMU officials discovered the booster-financed program.

"To those rightfully upset and angry about the decision, I am truly sorry," said Clements, a former SMU student and twice chairman of the school's board of governors. "We made a mistake at SMU. I made a mistake at SMU."

Speaking to a news conference, he renewed his call for other school officials involved to come forward and promised to cooperate with a Methodist Church investigation of the affair.

Last week, he touched off a wave of new investigations at SMU by saying he and some other school governors and administrators knew in 1984 or 1985 of booster payments to football players. He said they decided to continue some payments while trying to "phase out" that system.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has banned SMU from playing football this year and limited its 1988 season to seven road games for rules violations which occurred while the school already was on a probation handed down in August 1985.



BLOOD DONATIONS — Snyder Kiwanis Club member Bob Cole watches closely as donor technician Randy Beckham of United Blood Services of Lubbock prepares to take his donation Tuesday. The Kiwanis Club won a competition among local civic clubs for the most donors contributing in Tuesday's effort. (SDN Staff Photo)

Kiwanis Club tops donor competition

Snyder Kiwanis Club members were far and away the winners Tuesday at a civic club competition conducted to boost donors at the regular Scurry County blood drive.

The club registered 67 percent of its membership to win a traveling trophy provided by United Blood Services of Lubbock. UBS co-sponsors local drives along with the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

The civic club coming in second was the Snyder Jaycees with 26 percent of its membership.

Tuesday's drive included 188 individuals registering with 172 blood pints drawn.

The effort also saw gallon donor pins presented to 13 longtime donors. These included:

—One-gallon pins: Diane Beard, Neva Huddleston, Martha Neves and Danny Pierce.

—Two-gallon pins: Elizabeth Jenkins, Leonard Keller, Jesse Perkins, Shirley Jones, Temi Matthies and Anthony Whittenburg.

—Three-gallon pins: Chery DeVoll, Cecil Boren and Jimmy Layne.

Blood drive officials also offered thanks to the leaders and members of Cub Scout Pack 161, which helped in cleanup efforts Tuesday night. They included Cubmaster Ed Stagner and adult leaders Wesley Dabney, Kathy Dabney, Gary Grant, Thelma Deere, Peggy Byrom and Margie Lambaren; and Cubs Freddy Lambaren, Gary Grant, Mark Stagner, Junior Suarez, Michael Burton, Jeannette Sosa and Joey Sosa.

The next regularly scheduled blood drive is May 5.

DE students win contest

This past weekend in Corpus Christi, Snyder High School's Marketing and D.E. Programs, "DECA-Free Enterprise Project," beat out 13 other high schools from across the state to capture first place in the State Free Enterprise Project competition.

The Texas Education Agency, DECA and Phillips 66 jointly sponsored the Free Enterprise Project competition. Janice Godair, Deanne Hood and Kevin Pruitt served as chairmen for the project. SHS marketing and D.E. teacher, Jim Rosson, serves as adviser to the DECA group.

After receiving the highest number of points possible and winning at area and state levels, the local project will compete at the end of April in New Orleans.

This is the second consecutive

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The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Beware of folks who say they'll invest your money as their own--it may soon be."

Arriving in the mail last week was a publication that highlighted the 50-year newspaper career of Abilene Reporter-News publisher Stormy Shelton.

Because we've know Shelton over the years, we read through the book and learned something we didn't know about the Snyder Daily News.

We knew that Harte-Hanks once owned the Snyder Daily News and that Houston Harte's two sons once operated the paper. But we never knew that the late C. T. McLaughlin had a hand in it.

According to the article, McLaughlin--a rancher, oilman and civic leader--wanted the growing town of Snyder to have "more than a weekly newspaper."

In 1950, near the start of the oil boom, McLaughlin approached Houston Harte. It wasn't long before Ed Harte, Stormy Shelton and young Houstie Harte became owners of the SDN.

Because of the efforts of C. T. McLaughlin, there is a daily newspaper in Snyder. Most towns the size of Snyder are served by semi-weekly publications.

Sign of the times: Because of recent changes in the tax laws which allows a business to deduct only 80 percent of a business lunch, a restaurant in the oil city of Houston has offered a novel approach.

The eating establishment has knocked 20 percent off its "oil barrel lunch" to make up for the decreased deductibility. Cards on the table read:

"The government took and La Dolombe d'Or will give it back."

Just in case you're interested, there's another bit of vital economic news. According to the Moet Index, the "good life" is costing more in New York City.

The Index tracks prices of a dozen luxuries--revealing a 6.2 percent inflation rate. Included in the index's market basket is a Rolls-Royce, champagne, and a mink coat.

Times must be tough!

Youth caught after chase

Scurry County law enforcement officers assisted in the pursuit and capture Tuesday night of a 16-year-old Plainview youth accused of stealing a car in Amarillo.

Events leading to the capture began around 10:45 p.m. when Garza County authorities reported to sheriff's deputies a gas theft from a station in Post.

Deputies later spotted the suspect vehicle traveling south on U.S. Highway 84 north of Snyder and attempted to stop the car.

The driver reportedly refused to stop and sped through town toward Big Spring. At that point, a Snyder police unit joined the chase.

The suspect was eventually captured when both Big Spring and Snyder law enforcement of-

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Ask Us

Q. — If Snyder is chosen for the prison site, how much will the property owners be taxed each year to support it?

A. — None. If the state built such a facility, it would be state maintained. If it was built by a private investor, the site would actually go on the tax rolls for Scurry County and would create tax income for local taxing entities.

In Brief

Gets new trial

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today ordered a new trial for Robert Excell White, who has been on death row longer than any other inmate.

White was convicted of capital murder in the May 11, 1974, death of gas station clerk Preston Broyles, who, with two other men, was killed by machine gun fire after being ordered to lie on the floor of the store in McKinney.

White, who has been on death row since Aug. 26, 1974, told investigators he and an accomplice robbed the gas station and killed the victims.

The appeals court granted White's request for a writ of habeas corpus because of improper testimony from Dr. James Grigson, a Dallas psychiatrist who testified that White would continue to be a threat to society if not executed.

Two versions

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County sheriff's detectives are sorting through two sharply different versions of the slaying of a man shot by an off-duty sheriff's sergeant as the man's sister and several others watched.

Investigators said Sgt. Jay C. Coons told them his gun discharged as he and William Carroll Dozier struggled over it outside Dozier's north Harris County apartment.

But Dozier's sister, Teresa, and several other witnesses said Dozier was holding his hands up and trying to convince Coons to put his gun away when the officer, dressed in civilian clothes, shot him in the chest at point-blank range.

"William was in front of him, and he put his hands up and he was going, Please, please put the gun up," Teresa Dozier said.

Local

Tubb on HBO

Local fans of Snyder's Barry Tubb may view him Thursday on a short presentation to be aired on HBO Cinema Showcase. The 30-minute program offers short films by graduate film students.

It will air locally Thursday at 9 a.m. and at 3:30 p.m.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 42 degrees; low, 22 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 37 degrees; .03 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1987 to date, 3.04 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight: fair and cold with lows in upper 30s. Wind south 5 to 10 mph. Thursday: fair and warmer with highs in upper 60s. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph.

Oil imports bill is introduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and 24 co-sponsors have introduced legislation setting up a framework for regulating the flow of imported oil that triggers action if imports account for 50 percent of domestic demand.

The Texas Democrat said the country needs to beware of the threat increasing reliance upon foreign oil would be to the nation in a crisis, and invoked the memory of gas lines that resulted from the Arab oil embargo of 1973.

"There are indications the administration does not fully appreciate the national security dangers posed by our rising dependence on foreign oil," Bentsen said Tuesday.

He noted that "by the end of 1986 oil imports were flooding into the U.S. at 6.3 million barrels a day, compared with 3.9 million barrels a day in 1985. As a result, our dependence on foreign oil last year rose to nearly 40 percent, far above the 27 percent level in 1985."

The Bentsen bill, which enjoys bipartisan support among its sponsors, is designed to check that by requiring the president send to Congress each year a three-year projection of U.S. oil production, demand and imports.

In any year when oil imports are projected to top 50 percent, the administration would also be required to submit within 90 days, for congressional approval, a plan designed to reduce the level of foreign oil below 50 percent.

Congress would then have 90 more days to act on the president's plan.

"The question is how to focus the administration's full attention on the national security threat resulting from increasing foreign oil dependence," said Bentsen, chairman of the Finance Committee that has jurisdiction over trade legislation in the Senate.

"I believe the most effective way is for Congress to adopt an energy policy which requires a careful monitoring of our energy dependence and action by the president if that dependence threatens to rise above 50 percent."

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a co sponsor, said the bill gives the United States an energy policy and takes away from OPEC the ability to ride roughshod over the pricing mechanisms of the free market through its powers as a cartel.

"America's energy policy today is being made in foreign countries when they meet in fancy hotels in Geneva," Breaux said. "It's time that America's energy policy be made in America, by Americans."

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Thursday, March 12, 1987

In the year ahead you will be treated fortunately in several areas which have been rather arid in the past. The most noticeable improvements will be career and material oriented.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There are indications you'll do something exceptional today which will win you the respect of your companions. It won't be easy to pull off. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be negative regarding the outcome of an idea with which you've been toying. If put to the test today, you'll discover your fears are groundless.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't leave important matters dangling today. Conclude them to your satisfaction, even if you have to work longer and harder than you anticipated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Any serious agreements you make today must be fair to both parties. Be sure they're designed so the terms can't be altered later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make an effort to get proper remuneration for services rendered today. If you are a poor collector, the bill could go unsettled for quite a while.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your abilities as an organizer are much better today than they were yesterday. You'll get things done without ruffling anyone's feathers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try to be more watchful than usual today of those who come under your charge. Your alertness will spot and fend off potential problems or complications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A cherished old friend you haven't seen much of lately is eager to hear from you. Call or drop by his or her place today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A way can be developed today to strengthen your economic foundations. The start may not be too auspicious, but it has potential.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something of consequence can be accomplished today, especially if you use a lesson you've learned from a past, painful experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Success is in the offing for you today, but it might not come too easily. If you find yourself against the wall, that's the time to really start pushing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You have more friends in your corner today than you may realize. Several pals will be trying to solve a problem for you that you've been unable to solve yourself.

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Cardinal serves as guardian of faith

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the driving force behind the Vatican's document on procreation, is a tough-minded conservative who has led Pope John Paul II's crackdown on dissent in the church.

Since the West German-born cardinal was chosen in 1981 to head the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he often has been described as the second most powerful man in the Vatican.

The congregation, which acts as the guardian and promoter of Roman Catholic orthodoxy, issued a major document Tuesday that sets out the Vatican's position on fertilization techniques.

Among other things, the document condemned surrogate motherhood, test-tube births, cloning and experiments on living embryos. However, it left the door open to research on helping sterile couples conceive and withheld judgment on fertilization techniques that do not substitute for marital intercourse or result in deaths of spare embryos.

The pope and the silver-haired Ratzinger, who turns 60 next month, repeatedly have stressed that dissension within the church of more than 800 million followers cannot be allowed to continue.

During John Paul's pontificate, the congregation has issued more than 30 major documents on doctrine and morals, and taken disciplinary action against more than 10 churchmen whose views were judged in conflict with church teaching.

Ratzinger attended the Second Vatican Council, 1962-65, as a theological adviser and supported many of its actions. But over the past two decades he is said to have become disillusioned by what he perceives as excesses.

In a recent book, he said the church must find a "new balance after the exaggerations of an indiscriminate opening to the world."

Among other things he has led the crackdown against priests and theologians who apply a Marxist analysis to society in their struggle to help the poor in the Third World — the so-called "liberation theology."

The Rev. Leonardo Boff, a Brazilian friar and exponent of liberation theology, was sentenced to a year of penitential silence by Ratzinger's Congregation.

Last year, the Congregation revoked the teaching credentials of the Rev. Charles E. Curran, a professor of moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., because of his liberal views on sexual issues.

Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn in Bavaria in 1927, the son of a policeman and a hotel cook, and grew up in Nazi Germany. He was ordained a priest at age 24.

Dear Abby



Readers Write to Put a Lid On German Bathroom Law

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This concerns "J.F. in Vancouver, Wash." who visited Munich, Germany, where she took a tour of eight model homes open to the public. He was shocked to find that all the homes had bathrooms located about six feet from the front door. On inquiring of the salesman, he was told that homeowners were required by law to provide toilet facilities for anyone who asked to use them!

He asked if you had ever heard of such a thing and you replied, "Never."

Abby, I recently saw a TV program showing several interiors by Swedish and Norwegian home designers, and they all had indoor bathrooms by the front door, so maybe there is such a law abroad.

LOUISE S., EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: Being German, I would like to put my 2 cents in about the model homes in Munich. A Vancouver visitor was shocked to see the bathroom located near the entrance of the house. It is not a "bathroom" with a shower and tub; it is simply a toilet and a washbasin — to accommodate guests, so they do not have to go into the family's living quarters to use the facilities. There is no such "law" requiring homeowners to let strangers in to use the toilet. I know; I have lived all my life in Germany.

BORN GERMAN, PORT ST. LUCIE, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: Having lived in Holland for eight years, I think the salesman must have been pulling that tourist's leg. I am not sure about Germany, but I know for a fact that the building codes in Holland state that bathrooms must be separated from the general living quarters by two doors for reasons of privacy. These bathrooms are always located in the front hallway. However, there is no *law* requiring a homeowner to open his door to a stranger from off the street.

LEX BORGER, LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the person who wondered why bathrooms in Bavarian homes were built so they were accessible to the public: I don't know the official reason. However, having been born in Bavaria, I suspect that the centuries of beer drinking have prompted the town fathers to legislate an oasis of comfort for emergencies.

HELEN WATKINS, MISSOULA, MONT.

DEAR ABBY: It is my impression that "J.F. in Vancouver" got a stupid answer to a stupid question. I spent seven years in Munich, and no, you do not have to let strangers into your home to use the bathroom, kitchen, broom closet or anything else. The architect put the bathroom near the front door because nothing infuriates Germans more than children running in and out of the house to use the john. This way, the neighborhood kids can use the bathroom without running across the wall-to-wall carpet with their dirty shoes.

Apparently "J.F." not only lacks a sense of humor, but also displays a certain amount of hostility toward people of other cultures, or the salesman would not have tied that bear on him — as the Bavarians would say.

I'll bet the Bavarian salesman is still laughing at that gullible Yank.

A.N.M., DENTON, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I have traveled widely in Bavaria and never heard of such a "law," but I haven't been there in the last dozen years, so maybe a law was passed by a suburban municipality in the meantime.

I know Bavarians, and they are the world's greatest tricksters, with an almost perverted sense of humor, so one of this type might have told what he considered a too-nosy visitor this tale with a straight face.

Practically every German town has public toilets that smell to high heaven, but they are available to the bladder-deficient public, and in a country that idolizes the manufacture, sale and consumption of beer, that's a sizable populace.

Anyway, no well-bred German would think of asking to get into a private home to relieve himself. He'd rather be arrested behind a bush than be embarrassed by asking a stranger to open his toilet door. Few Germans would let a stranger into their home to use the telephone — much less the toilet. (Nor would any New Yorker!)

WORLD TRAVELER

Berry's World



"Oh, dear! He's lapsing into that DETACHED STYLE again."

Bill would reopen Roloff homes

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Members of the church once pastored by the late Rev. Lester Roloff are planning a rally in support of a bill that would allow reopening of two youth homes that Roloff founded.

Roloff bitterly fought state attempts to require the Rebekah Home for Girls and the Anchor Home for Boys to obtain a state license. He died in a plane crash in November 1982, and the homes were moved in 1985 to Missouri rather than comply with Texas' licensing requirements.

State Rep. Ted Roberts, R-Corpus Christi, is putting the finishing touches on a bill that would allow the homes to return to Corpus Christi.

"The alternative to licensing is disclosure, and my bill would require the youth-care facility to disclose its written policies to parents and guardians," said Roberts.

The bill, Roberts said, would require child care facilities to establish written policies in 20 areas of operation in order to be exempt from state licensing requirements.

The Rev. Wiley Cameron, who succeeded Roloff as pastor of People's Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, is gathering his troops for a rally Thursday at the state Capitol in support of the legislation.

Cameron said he expects between 100 and 150 supporters of People's Baptist Church to travel to Austin for the rally.

The homes, now operated on the campus of Calvary Bible College outside Kansas City, Mo., were founded by Roloff, a radio evangelist who maintained that licensing of church-sponsored homes violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

The deadline for filing bills to be considered this legislative session is Friday. Roberts said the bill will be filed by the deadline.

A territorial government was established in Florida in 1822.

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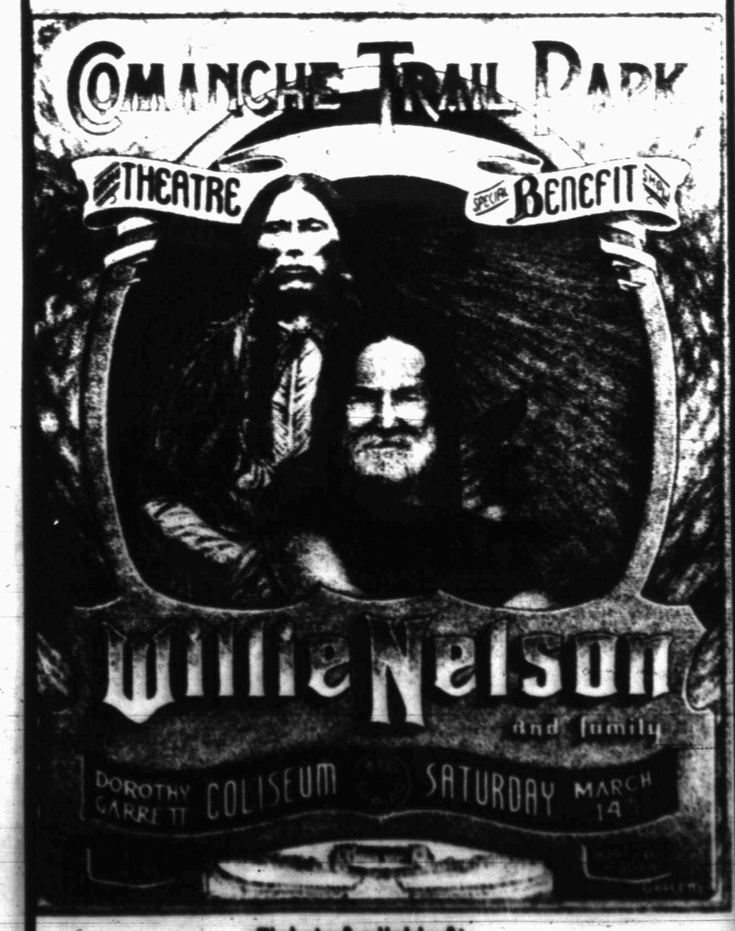
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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters; Scurry County Museum; 2:30 p.m.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-0414.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you are a pregnant teenager in need of help, meet with Maria Montes of Catholic Family Services of Lubbock from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Scurry County Welfare offices in the Senior Center on Ave. M. For more information, call 573-9967.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, a program for out-of-control eating; St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall; 2214 42nd St. All are welcome; the meeting is free; 4 p.m. For more information, call Joann at 573-9839.

Weight Watchers of West Texas; basement of First Presbyterian Church; 6 p.m. New members welcome and should register at 5:30 p.m.

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Alateen; for the children of alcoholics; Trinity United Methodist Church; 7 p.m. For more information, call 573-2101.

Musical Coterie; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Sheriff's Posse; Posse Clubhouse, Gary Brewer Rd.; 7:30 pm.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park Building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

FRIDAY

Story Time for Preschoolers; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.

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

Tiger Shark Swim Club; WTC; 6-18 years of age; 4-5:30 p.m.; for more information, call Mike Harrison at 573-8511 ext 283.

Alcoholics Anonymous; Ave. K and 13th St.; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-8325 or 573-2101.

SATURDAY

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-6604 or 573-0414.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Winston Park building, off 37th St. in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-4870 or 573-1357.

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

Diamond M Museum, open from 1-4 p.m.

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

2 solons announce red tide amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Texas congressmen have won approval for their amendment that requires the government to designate the Gulf Coast fishing industry in the throes of a disaster because of last fall's red-tide outbreak.

The measure would require the Small Business Administration chief to offer fishing businesses federally subsidized loans at rates as low as 4 percent for terms as long as 30 years.

The amendment from Reps. Mac Sweeney, R-Wharton, and Jack Brooks, D-Beaumont, was attached in subcommittee to the Fiscal Year 1987 Supplimental Appropriations Bill on Tuesday.

"The prolonged red tide last fall, followed closely by intense rainfall and flooding, has hurt the Texas fishing industry more than some hurricanes I can think of," Sweeney said.

"Just because this disaster doesn't fit the SBA's narrow definition of a disaster is no reason to deny help," he said.

Small businesses in the coastal regions have been denied disaster relief through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program since the tides last year because, unlike a hurricane or tornado, the Texas Gulf Coast disaster does not fit their definition of a "disaster," said Brooks.

The red tide, caused by a single-cell marine organism, killed an estimated 22.2 million fish, which washed up along a 300-mile stretch of Texas beach last fall.

Brooks said the state has seen such severe red tides only on two other occasions, in 1935 and 1955, but that this was the worst. It affected the coast from Houston to the Mexico border and lasted for two months.

Because 30 of the 60 species of red tide produced poisonous toxins which oysters and mussels retain, harvesting of these shellfish was banned along 75 percent of the Texas coast, he said.

"In Galveston County alone, over 40 certified oyster plants, 60 seafood docks, 300 to 400 resident boats and approximately 3,000 people directly associated with the oyster industry have been impacted," Brooks said. "Total losses are estimated to be from $5 million to $10 million."

Galveston County was one of several Gulf Coast counties that requested disaster declarations that were rejected by the SBA because in 1981 Congress removed a provision in the law which provided disaster status for red tides.

Other counties seeking federal aid were Calhoun, Aransas, Refugio, Victoria and Matagorda. Sweeney said he approached Brooks and proposed drafting the amendment after the SBA declined a request from Calhoun County officials and Texas Gov. Bill Clements for disaster status.

Under the Sweeney-Brooks amendment, the SBA would not only be required to accept red tides as disasters, but extend that definition to apply to those fishing-industry related businesses effected by over-harvesting because of a compression of the fishing fleet.

Those businesses hurt by bay closures, heavy rainfall, flooding or the runoff of waters since Sept. 1, 1986 would also be covered.

"We will begin an intense lobbying campaign within the Texas delegation to see that this legislation is made law," Sweeney said.

License plate bill stalls

AUSTIN (AP) — The sponsor said wealthy Texans with an eye for a status symbol would love them, Arab sheiks would love them and husbands who love their wives would love them.

But the House had some questions about them — so Rep. Bill Carter's plan to allow the sale of gold-plated license plates disappeared from the floor Tuesday and went back to committee.

The major complaint was a provision in the Carter bill that would guarantee a specific Houston foundry a monopoly, and potentially large profits, on the $1,000 bronze plates with gold-plated letters and numbers.

Carter, R-Fort Worth, said the owner of Championt Co., which owns the foundry, brought the idea to him.

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Officials: rating is a warning

AUSTIN (AP) — The decision by Moody's Investor Service to lower its credit rating on Texas' general obligation bonds is Wall Street's way of telling the state to balance the books, Texas officials say.

For the first time since 1962, Moody's on Tuesday lowered the bond rating from Aaa to Aa.

"The state's billion-dollar deficit and a tax system that is overly dependent on the oil and gas industry have made the folks at Moody's nervous, and that's why they've downgraded our bonds," said Comptroller Bob Bullock.

In announcing its decision, Moody's cited the state's troubled economy for its action.

"The strongest and singlemost factor is the economic shock that's happened to Texas over the last year ... and the magnitude of the financial problems," said Claire Cohen, an analyst with Moody's.

The oil-price drop since November 1985 has created state government budget deficits and sent the Texas jobless rate soaring. Ms. Cohen said Moody's believes the state is in for a long-range shakeup.

"The economy seems to us to be making a fundamental change in Texas and seems likely to have an effect for a long time," she said.

According to Bullock, a reduction in bond ratings can cause borrowing costs on newly issued debt to rise one-half to one percentage point a year.

Moody's said Texas has enjoyed a Aaa bond rating since 1962. The Aa rating is the firm's second-highest category, and only 11 states currently have been assigned the Aaa rating, she said.

The Aaa rating is followed by Aa-1, Aa, A-1, A, Baa-1, Baa, Ba-1, Ba, B-1, B, Caa, Ca and C, the firm said.

Bullock spokesman Tony Profitt said the state's rating remains solid: "Aa is still high-quality bonds. There's no question about that."

Bullock noted that Standard and Poor's lowered its bond rating for Texas a half-notch last year, "and suggested at the time that the state take steps to balance the books by the end of the 1987 fiscal year."

The comptroller has projected that the state faces a $1 billion deficit in the current fiscal year and a $4.8 billion deficit over the 1988-89 fiscal years.

Moody's action shows the need to concentrate on economic development, said Reggie Bashur, press secretary to Gov. Bill Clements.

"This emphasizes the fact that the No. 1 priority is the economy. We have to do all we can to create jobs and provide incentives to improve economic development and turn the state around," Bashur said.

"We know what we have to do and that means abandon the campaign rhetoric, face our responsibilities and enact a tax bill that will take Texas into the future," Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said.

"The alternative is to dismantle vital services and face further downgrading of our credit rating," Hobby said.

State Treasurer Ann Richards said Moody's action "clearly reflects the perception on Wall Street that the state of Texas must get its house in order.

New bill gets cold shoulder

AUSTIN (AP) — An anti-smoking bill that would have allowed a father to be fined if he gave his 17-year-old son a cigarette got a cool reception from some Texas senators.

Sen. Cyndi Krier, R-San Antonio, offered the measure Tuesday, saying it would raise the permissible age for sale or delivery of tobacco products to a minor from 16 to 18 years.

The bill, however, fell four votes shy of the 25 needed to bring it up for debate. A second Ms. Krier bill to strengthen restrictions against smoking in elevators passed 29-1 and was sent to the House.

She said both bills were approved by the American Cancer Society.

Ms. Krier said the main purpose of her attempt to raise the legal age for possession of tobacco products was to stop cigarette companies from giving free cigarettes to youngsters.

"We want to stop them giving away free cigarettes until the kids are actually addicted," she said. "Hopefully we can prevent another generation from starting smoking until they know more about the dangers of cancer."

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Bridge

James Jacoby

NORTH 3-11-87
♠ A 8 7 5
♥ Q J 7 6 5
♦ -
♣ K 10 5 3

WEST
♠ 10 9 3
♥ 10 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ Q 9 7 2

EAST
♠ K Q 6 4 2
♥ 8
♦ A Q 8 3 2
♣ 6 4

SOUTH
♠ J
♥ A K 4 3
♦ 10 9 7 6 5
♣ A J 8

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East

West	North	East	South
		1 ♠	Dbl
1 NT	2 ♠	3 ♦	4 ♥
4 ♠	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Opening lead ♦ 4

A daring slam

By James Jacoby

After South's takeout double in today's game, West anticipated that North would have values to bid. West decided to bid one no-trump first and then bid spades at the two-level, a good way to show his limited values. Note what happened. North intended to bid four hearts, but it cost him nothing to cue-bid his spade control first. When East showed his second five-card suit, South really got carried away when he jumped to four hearts, but since the bidding told him that his partner would be short in diamonds, he wanted to play in game. That was enough for North, who promptly bid the slam.

After the diamond lead, declarer took a simple approach. He ruffed the diamond in dummy, played the spade ace, ruffed a spade, and led the club jack to West's queen and dummy's king. Now another spade was trumped low. Declarer cashed the heart ace, ruffed another diamond and ruffed dummy's last spade with his heart king. A low club to the 10 allowed him to play dummy's remaining high hearts, and the club ace was his 12th trick.

It's too bad that West stuck in that one no-trump bid, since that caused declarer to play him for the club queen, but which of us, holding six high-card points and hearing our partner open the bidding, would think the opponents were about to bid a slam?

A new book by James Jacoby and his father, the late Oswald Jacoby, is now available at bookstores. It is "Jacoby on Card Games," published by Pharos Books.

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Dr. Gott



Peter Gott, M.D.

Have physician check growth

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — My 11-year-old son's penis is the size of a 1-year-old's. He had a groin hernia operation at 2 months. Could this account for the lack of growth?

DEAR READER — Hernia surgery should not in any way affect the size of the penis. Perhaps your son is slow to mature. Have him checked by a pediatrician to make sure that there is no glandular cause for his lack of growth.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I am 77, have myasthenia gravis and pernicious anemia, have had two periods of unconsciousness recently and have an apparently incurable facial itch. I also cannot read any longer and wonder if a cataract operation would help.

DEAR READER — The presence of both myasthenia gravis (a defect in the movement of nerve signals between nerves and muscles) and pernicious anemia (a lack of intrinsic factor in the stomach to process vitamin B12) suggests that you are suffering from autoimmune diseases. This means that you have become allergic to certain normal parts of your body. If the autoimmune reaction involves blood vessels as well, it can cause strokes, poor circulation and vision problems.

Cataract surgery will help — if you have cataracts. However, you need a thorough medical examination by an internal-medicine diagnostician to discover if your ailments are caused by a disease (or diseases), such as arterial inflammation, that could be treated without surgery.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I am 75, male, hypertensive and have trouble sleeping. My doctor prescribed Restoril, but it leaves me with "sleeping-pill hangover." Are there any alternatives?

DEAR READER — Insomnia is a common complaint and it has many causes. If you are taking medicine for hypertension, the drugs could contribute to your sleeping problem, so might other diseases, including depression.

If your doctor has checked you out and found you to be normal, I suggest that you ask him or her to change you from Restoril to another sleeping medicine. There are many available, for example: Benadryl, an over-the-counter antihistamine, often is useful for insomnia. You may have to try several types before you find one that agrees with you.

Remember that insomnia often reflects underlying tension and anxieties. It is best to address these concerns rather than to rely too heavily on sleeping pills.

What is cholesterol and how can it be controlled? For more information, write for Dr. Gott's new Health Report, UNDERSTANDING CHOLESTEROL. Send $1 and your name and address to P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to mention the title.

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A) All items accepted for resale must be seasonable, fashionable, sized, clean, and in good condition.
B) All garments must have been recently cleaned or laundered, pressed, and brought in on hangers. Otherwise we will not accept them. We accept no more than 20 items each consignment day from consignor.
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2) Any item in lay-away is considered sold and may not be reclaimed by the consignor.

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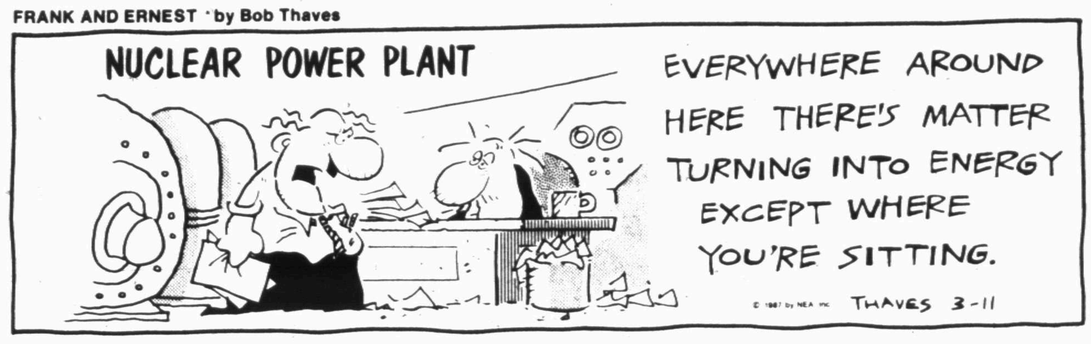
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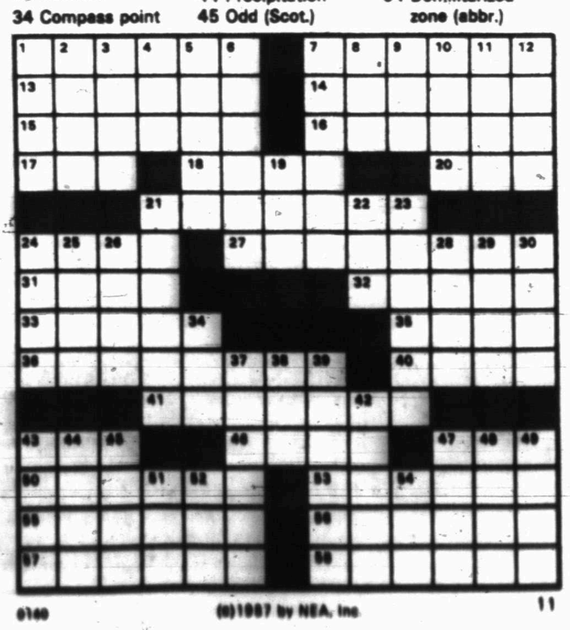
1 Changing course
7 Verse
13 Glossy paint
14 Inequitable
15 Hairpiece
16 Depends
17 Conclude
18 Contemporary painter
20 Acorn, e.g.
21 Sequence of rulers
24 Strange (comb. form)
27 Locates
31 TV's talking horse (2 wds.)
32 Elf
33 Out of the way
35 Actor ____ Dullea
36 Gypsum type
40 Italian family
41 Broke word
43 Electrical unit
46 Give the alarm
47 Multitude
50 Actress ____ Kitt
53 Chicory
55 More agile
56 Time of year
57 Scheduled
58 Stiffening

DOWN

1 Ballet leap
2 ____ ____ the ground floor
3 Signal speed unit
4 Little devil
5 Destitute
6 Collects
7 Judge
8 Made of (suff.)
9 Football league (abbr.)
10 Profit
11 Place
12 Formerly
19 Medieval poem
21 Totter
22 — of war
23 Pulled (sl.)
24 December, holiday (abbr.)
25 Gaelic
26 Playwright ____ Simon
28 Ballerina's strong points
29 Send forth
30 Parched
34 Compass point
37 Internal
38 ____ for two
39 Exit
42 Boredom
43 Alley of stables
44 Precipitation
45 Odd (Scot.)
47 Heroine of opera
48 Furnace
49 Piece of ice
51 Small bird
52 Laugh syllable
54 Demilitarized zone (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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"One chance in a million of hitting the lottery and I lose. One chance in a million of having my tax return audited and I win."

DENNIS THE MENACE



Central sixth graders cook African meal

Central sixth graders in Caddye Claborn's and Virginia Trevey's classes have finished a unit on Africa and black history. To end the unit students prepared dishes typical of West Africa. These included Jollof Rice, a stew from Gambia, Kulikuli, a peanut ball from Nigeria, and Banana Fritters, a popular dish in any part of Africa.

Students learned that the ingredients in the dishes are popular in America too. They found that many of the ingredients came here with the slaves. The students prepared the food themselves in the classroom with the assistance of two room mothers, Louline Collins and Darlene Harrison. After the meal Coach Milton Ham showed slides of his trip to Africa.



AFRICAN MEAL--Central sixth graders in Caddye Claborn's class prepared an African meal Friday. Louline Collins assisted. Students pictured are Angelica Almanza, Raquel Alvarado, Billie Bennett, Mike Bernal, Vadrian Clay, Barretta Collins, Grace Garcia, Andrew Gutierrez, Christina Hernandez, Marta Herrera, Lori Ann Martinez, Rogelio Martinez, Kevin McCullough, Gabriel Rodriguez, Louis Soliz, Cedric Thomas, Omar Walters and Sara Wyatt. (SDN Staff Photo)



MEAL PREPARATION--Central sixth graders in Virginia Trevey's class prepared an African meal Friday. Students pictured are from left, Christina Ramirez, Cherry Flippen, Catalina Garcia and Tobi Burt. Dishes prepared included Jollof Rice, a stew of West Africa, banana fritters, and kulikuli, a peanut ball. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jury rules in favor of Laredo newspaper

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — An attorney for the Laredo Morning Times hailed a libel suit verdict as a momentous event for the news media after a jury decided that the newspaper did not libel two bankers in stories about drug money.

Jurors, who had heard two weeks of testimony, deliberated about eight hours Tuesday before delivering the verdict in favor of the newspaper.

"It's a very important day for the media and for the press and these journalists," said Times attorney Tom Coghlan of San Antonio. "The most important thing was that the articles were deemed to be totally true and we're obviously elated with that, because that's what we believed all along."

A.R. Sanchez Sr. and his son, A.R. Sanchez Jr., had filed a $58 million lawsuit against the newspaper, former publisher Mike Herrera III, editor Odie Arambula and managing editor Bill Bouldin.

The Sanchezes, who owned the now-defunct Laredo News, declined comment as they left the Webb County Courthouse with their attorneys and could not be reached later for comment.

Majority stockholders of Tesoro Savings & Loan Association, the Sanchezes claimed two stories published in the Times on March 17, 1985, hurt them and their business.

The main story appeared originally in the Dallas Times Herald and was distributed by The Associated Press. It ran under the headline, "Tesoro Linked to Drug Money," and quoted federal agents as saying Mexican businessman Mardoqueo Alfaro Magarino was depositing millions of dollars in numerous accounts in U.S. border city institutions, including Tesoro.

"Talent is what you possess ... genius is what possesses you," according to American literary critic Malcolm Cowley.

Texas House approves private prisons bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite objections from a lawmaker who said it brought to mind "horror stories" of years gone by, the House has backed a plan to let private companies build and run prisons.

The Senate-approved bill, with several minor House amendments, now returns to the Senate for review. The House voted 122-19 approval Tuesday.

Floor debate featured an unsuccessful attempt to give the governor final say in private-prison contracts, as well as complaints from Rep. Al Price about the concept.

"Nobody should have the right to incarcerate anybody except the state," said Price, D-Beaumont.

"It has not been very long ago in our history when we had the involvement of private persons in the penal work of our state. In this state and indeed many other states across the South, we saw all kinds of abuses that have been more than adequately documented to give each one of us real serious problems with privatization of prisons," he said.

"As a matter of fact, I find it reprehensible that anybody would do anything in terms of making money based on the misery of others," he told colleagues.

Price predicted private prisons would "make it possible to relive many of the horror stories that occurred in this state between 1865 and 1925."

The House rejected an amendment by Rep. Bill Ceverha, R-Dallas, that would give the governor the final word on contracts for the construction of private prisons.

Ceverha said the governor could serve as "the objective third party" to review contracts between the Texas Department of Corrections and private prison firms.

"This is not a political power play in any sense," Ceverha said.

But the amendment, backed by Gov. Bill Clements, was tabled in an 80-46 vote.

Under the bill, TDC would be allowed to contract with private companies and counties for construction and operation of minimum- and medium-security prisons. The facilities would have to meet all state and constitutional standards.

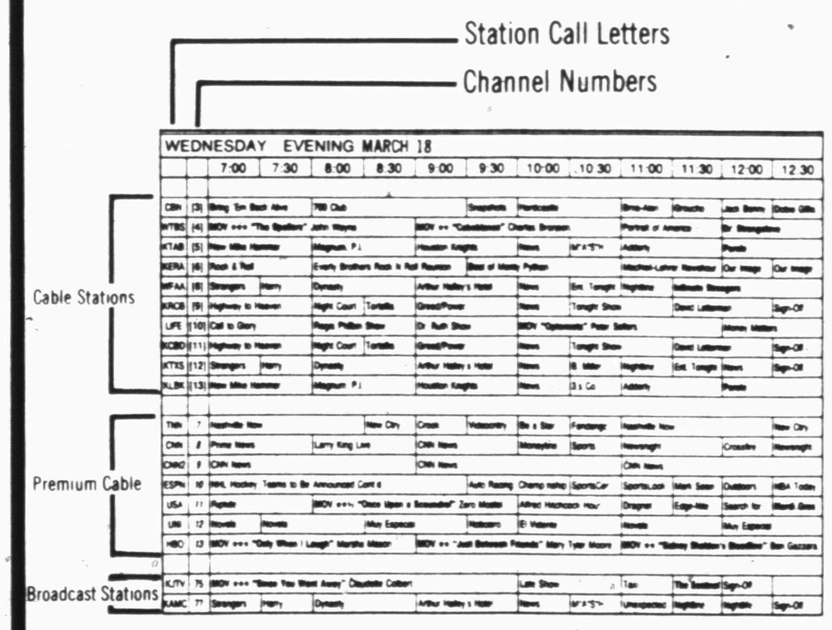
"I think it's time we go ahead and use this vehicle to help relieve the prison overcrowding we have," said House sponsor Rep. Clint Hackney, D-Houston. "The federal court, I think, can be shown through this legislation that we are moving post-haste to try and solve the problem."

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Tigers set to host baseball tourney

Coach Albert Lewis has his fingers crossed today, hoping that the Snyder Baseball Tournament scheduled to begin here Thursday will go off as planned.

The Tigers have had to cancel over half of their games already this season, including Tuesday's contest with Odessa Permian, because of adverse weather. Tuesday's game, to have been played in Odessa, was scrapped because of rain.

The annual Snyder Tournament opens with Lamesa playing Lubbock High at 1 p.m. on Moffett Field - site of the entire three-day event. At 3 p.m., Pecos and Lubbock Dunbar take the field and at 5 p.m. the Tigers entertain Abilene Wylie.

Levelland received a first-round bye, and will play the Wylie-Snyder winner at 5 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's slate calls for the consolation game at 12:30 p.m., third place at 3 p.m. and the championship tilt at 5 p.m.

Snyder, 1-3, will likely open against Wylie with shortstop Brad Gartman as leadoff batter. He'll be followed by second baseman Van Echols, left fielder Scott Lanier and right fielder Kenneth Pickering. First baseman David Martinez will bat in the fifth spot, followed by centerfielder Dennis Martinez, designated hitter Michael Long and third baseman Albert Rodriquez. The pitcher--possibly Skip Coward or Casey Hale--will bat ninth.

Long will be the designated hitter for catcher Lee Fletcher.

Snyder Tournament
March 12, 13, 14
Thursday, March 12

1:00 p.m.- Lamesa vs. Lubbock High.
3:00 p.m.- Pecos vs. Lubbock Dunbar.
5:00 p.m.- Abilene Wylie vs. Snyder.
Note- Levelland receives bye.

Friday, March 13

12:00 p.m.- losers of Lamesa-Lubbock High and Pecos-Dunbar games.

2:00 p.m.- winners of Lamesa-Lubbock High and Pecos-Dunbar games.

5:00 p.m.- winner of Wylie-Snyder vs. Levelland.

Note- loser of Wylie-Snyder receives bye to consolation finals.

Saturday, March 14

12:30 p.m.- consolation.
3:00 p.m.- third place.
5:00 p.m.- championship.

Area high school students named to all-district teams

Ira and Hermleigh put several students on the All-District 17-A basketball teams announced this morning.

Seniors Jill Roemisch, 5-4 from Hermleigh, and Cathy Crowder, 5-9 from Ira, were named co-Most Valuable Player in the girls division.

Joining them on the first team were 5-8 junior Dana Pennington from Ira and 5-7 sophomore Beverly Sandefur from Hermleigh.

First-team choices in the boys division included seniors Mike Martini and Brent Bearden of Ira and Jeff Roemisch of Hermleigh.

Other area girls chosen were Suzy Foster and Kaila Barbee, seniors from Ira, and Tisha Crumley, freshman from Hermleigh - all to the second team.

Honorable mention went to Crystal Church and LaFonda Ford of Hermleigh and Michelle Holmes and Lana Bedell of Ira.

Second team area choices in the boys division were Arthur Sanchez and Tim Kotrla of Hermleigh and Reyez Juarez of Ira. Chosen honorable mention were Brent Withers of Ira and Rodney Foster and Ben Smith of Hermleigh.

GIRLS DISTRICT 17-A

CO-MVP- Jill Roemisch, 5-4 senior, Hermleigh, and Cathy Crowder, 5-9 senior, Ira

FIRST TEAM– Dana Pennington, 5-8 junior, Ira; Beverly Griffin, 5-8 senior, Loraine; Stephanie Pierce, 5-7 senior, Westbrook; Cheryl Alvarez, 5-7 junior, Loraine; Beverly Sandefur, 5-7 sophomore, Hermleigh

SECOND TEAM– Terry Munoz, 5-5 junior, Loraine; Suzy Foster, 5-5 senior, Ira; Kaila Barbee, 5-7 senior, Ira; Michelle Williams, 5-4 senior, Loraine; Tisha Crumley, 5-3 freshman, Hermleigh

HONORABLE MENTION– Katie Walls, 5-7 junior, Westbrook; Michelle Holmes, 5-3 sophomore, Ira; Lana Bedell, 5-6 senior, Ira; Jolinda Troutt, 5-8 junior, Loraine; Crystal Church, 5-8 freshman, Hermleigh; LaFonda Ford, 5-3 freshman, Hermleigh

BOYS DISTRICT 17-A

MVP– Frankie Fuentes, junior, Westbrook

FIRST TEAM– Eddie Benitez, senior, Loraine; Mike Martini, senior, Ira; Brent Bearden, senior, Ira; Joe Vasquez, senior, Loraine; Ramiro Fuentes, junior, Westbrook; Jeff Roemisch, senior, Hermleigh

SECOND TEAM– Reyez Juarez, senior, Ira; Freddie Benitez, senior, Loraine; Cannon Clayton, junior, Westbrook; Arthur Sanchez, junior, Hermleigh; Tim Kotrla, senior, Hermleigh

HONORABLE MENTION– David Blauvelt, senior, Westbrook; Rodney Foster, junior, Hermleigh; Brent Withers, junior, Ira; Ben Smith, junior, Hermleigh; Luis Leija, freshman, Loraine.

Mesker upset

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Top-seeded Dianne Fromholtz-Balestrat of Australia and eighth-seeded Niege Dias of Brazil advanced to the third round, but 13th-seeded Marcella Mesker of The Netherlands was upended in a first round match at the $75,000 Virginia Slims of Arizona women's tennis tournament.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
x-Boston	45	16	.738	—
Philadelphia	34	28	.548	11½
Washington	32	28	.533	12½
New York	20	42	.323	25½
New Jersey	17	44	.279	28
Central Division				
Detroit	40	20	.667	—
Atlanta	41	21	.661	—
Milwaukee	39	24	.619	2½
Chicago	32	28	.533	8
Indiana	29	32	.475	11½
Cleveland	23	39	.371	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Dallas	39	22	.639	—
Utah	33	28	.541	6
Houston	32	30	.516	7½
Denver	25	37	.403	14½
San Antonio	22	40	.355	17½
Sacramento	19	42	.311	20
Pacific Division				
x-L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
Portland	38	24	.613	10½
Seattle	33	30	.524	16
Golden State	31	32	.492	18
Phoenix	24	37	.393	24
L.A. Clippers	10	49	.169	37

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Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 121, Washington 79
Philadelphia 100, Cleveland 91
Detroit 116, New York 93
Seattle 136, Houston 127, 2 OT
Atlanta 113, San Antonio 106, OT
L.A. Lakers 143, Denver 107
Golden State 125, Sacramento 114

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Phoenix at Boston
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Seattle at Dallas
Utah at Denver
Golden State at L.A. Clippers

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SPORTS

Booster says former UH coach Bill Yoeman asked for his help

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) - A University of Houston booster who helped raise $10,000 that allegedly was passed on to football players says he did so after former head football Coach Bill Yeoman asked for his help.

"When you love and respect someone and he asks you for help, you help without asking questions," Baytown businessman Frank Terry said. "No coaches ever asked except Coach Yeoman."

Terry held a press conference Tuesday outside his home a day after the university released a memorandum quoting him as saying he and other supporters raised money so Yeoman could make payments of $250 to $500 to some players who came to school early.

The memorandum was part of an in-house investigation conducted by a Houston law firm in response to allegations that Yeoman and his assistant coach violated National Collegiate Athletic Association rules by paying players.

In a report conducted by the same firm and made public last week, Yeoman said he occasionally gave players money for humanitarian reasons, but never more than $35.

Terry's voice quaked and tears welled up in his eyes several times Tuesday as he talked about the university. His two children and wife stood beside him.

"On three occasions, I did raise funds for coach Yeoman at his request," he said. "He asked, I did it. I wished I hadn't. I loved the guy and I wanted to help."

Terry said he understood that the money he helped raise - $3,000 two different times and $4,000 on one occasion - was used to pay off bank notes. Yeoman, he said, always apologized when he asked for help.

But Terry said he did not know exactly how much money was paid to the players who arrived early.

"I just know the players that came in early got compensated," he said, adding that he did not witness any transactions but that Yeoman told him about the payments.

Yeoman, who resigned last fall after heading the Cougars for 25 years, has refused to comment, but university President Richard Van Horn defended him, calling his career "long and distinguished." Yeoman currently serves the school as a $103,000-a-year fund raiser.

Terry too praised Yeoman and Van Horn on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the head of the school's Athletic Advisory Committee said he will offer a resolution today to cut Yeoman's ties with the university.

Also on Tuesday, Dick George, one of the boosters Terry named in the report, declared that "Frank Terry is out of his gourd, and you can quote me on that."

When asked about some boosters' denials, Terry said he had told the truth and that others had to make up their own minds on what they would say.

"Unfortunately, I was one of the ones to do the dirty work," Terry said Monday. "I don't have anything to hide. I'm going to make one statement and then be through with it. I'm for free information."

On Tuesday, Terry would not talk about who else was involved in raising money.

"I can't tell the story of others," he said. "I can only relate my story."

Several boosters have denied the claims.

"I think Terry is a fine fellow," accountant Archie Sylvia said. "I don't know why he went off half-cocked on this."

Added businessman Frank Cole, "This guy (Terry) fabricates more darn stories. I haven't had much dealings with him socially for a year, because he comes up with some of the most outlandish stories. It got to a point where people didn't want to listen to him."

Another booster, Bob Warner, said, "Bill Yeoman never asked me for one penny of illegal funds. Mr. Terry never needs to worry about an occupation. Evidently he can write fairy tales better than most writers."

In the report, Terry says he gave Yeoman $3,000 prior to the 1982 or 1983 season. On another occasion, Terry collected about $4,000 from about six boosters.

Talks with Parrish collapse; Clemens ponders holding out

by The Associated Press

Catcher Lance Parrish makes his pitch later this week to join the Philadelphia Phillies while Boston pitcher Roger Clemens may be close to catching a plane home.

Two of baseball's more prominent spring soap operas took new twists Tuesday when last-ditch negotiations to avoid a grievance arbitration and enable the Phillies to sign Parrish collapsed, while one of Clemens' agents said that sitting out the 1987 season is an option being "seriously considered" by the American League's MVP and Cy Young winner.

The arbitration to settle the dispute between Parrish and the Phillies is scheduled for Thursday in Tampa, Fla. The Major League Baseball Players Association claims the Phillies agreed to a $1 million, one-year contract with free agent Parrish, the former Detroit catcher, and then tried to insert a clause that Parrish would sue baseball for alleged collusion against signing free agents.

Phillies President Bill Giles said the club never agreed to the contract without the no-suit clause.

Today is the day the Red Sox have promised to begin fining the unsigned and AWOL Clemens $1,000. Clemens fired back when agent Randy Hendricks said Tuesday that "starting Wednesday, our offer to the Red Sox will increase by $1,500 a day. I'm tired of reading the Red Sox have the hammer. Other people have hammers, too."

Hendricks described Clemens as "determined, disappointed and insulted."

"We understand the consequences if he doesn't play all year," Hendricks added. "We realize we'll lose bargaining position and seniority. But he's prepared to take the most punitive action he can. Let the Red Sox understand their commitment to winning and putting good players on the field."

Hendricks called the Red Sox' offer of $500,000 "ridiculously low."

Meanwhile, Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd, sidelined by tendinitis in his pitching shoulder, threw on the sideline for the second straight day without apparent pain.

The Red Sox got some more good news when pitcher Bruce Hurst checked into the clubhouse one day after he had to leave a game with pain in his groin.

"I felt a twinge and we'll keep it iced down for a couple of days, but I'm hoping that all I did was break an adhesion," said Hurst, who missed seven weeks last season with a pulled groin muscle. In other developments:

-Pitcher Kirk McCaskill said he will report back to the California Angels today, ending his six-day holdout over a contract dispute. The Angels had said they would fine McCaskill $1,000 a day beginning Monday.

-The Toronto Blue Jays renewed shortstop Tony Fernandez' contract for an undisclosed amount. He had sought $500,000 and the team offered $350,000.

In his first spring game Tuesday, Fernandez had a double and a sacrifice fly in Toronto's 4-3 victory over Boston.

Exhibition Results

-Lee Mazzilli's two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth inning gave the New York Mets a 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros for the defending world champions' first spring triumph in four games.

-Fred Lynn hit a two-run homer as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the Minnesota Twins 14-4 for their first victory in four games.

-Joel Davis became the first Chicago pitcher to work three innings, allowing one run as the White Sox edged the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-3.

-Mike Diaz hit two home runs and drove in five runs as another group of Pirates beat the Kansas City Royals 10-7.

-Tom Herr and Jack Clark each drove in two runs in a four-run fifth inning as the unbeaten St. Louis Cardinals beat the Detroit Tigers 9-7. Clark finished with four RBIs and Herr also had a solo home run.

-Mike Scioscia's two-run single capped a five-run second inning that carried the unbeaten Los Angeles Dodgers to a 5-4 victory after the Atlanta Braves scored four times in the first inning off Fernando Valenzuela.

-George Wright, one of several outfielders competing for jobs left vacant by Tim Raines and Andre Dawson, paced a 12-hit Montreal attack with a single, double and homer as the Expos and Red Sox played to an 8-8 tie.

Bass Club meets Thursday night

Snyder Bass Club's March meeting will be held Thursday at Towle Park Barn, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The site has been changed in order to facilitate a club "swap" night. All club members are urged to clean out their unwanted outdoor equipment and bring it to the Towle Park for a club-wide "garage sale." Members may buy, sell or trade for items of their choice.

Also at the meeting, prizes will be awarded for the Month-Long Tournament which ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Wendell Pinkerton is currently the leader with 14-pounds, 5-ounces.

In addition, a new Charter and By-Laws will be offered to club members for approval.

The club's next tournament is scheduled for this weekend at Oak Creek. Headquarters will be the Sportsman's. Fishing will begin at 6:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and will end at 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Only members of Snyder Bass Club are eligible to compete, however, memberships are being accepted at this time.

Registration for the tournament, as well as new membership fees, will be accepted at Thursday's meeting.

Contestants may also register at the lake before competing.

Escape attempt

MACCLENNY, Fla. (AP) - Former race-car driver John Paul Sr., accused of drug smuggling, and another inmate threw a stinging mixture of hot sauce and Pine Sol in a guard's face, then unsuccessfully tried to get over a 12-foot-high fence at Baker County Jail, officials said.

The guard, who was wearing glasses, recovered quickly and fired a shot that caused the two inmates to surrender, authorities said.

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NCAA tournament roundup...

'Have-nots' just glad to be in tournament

by The Associated Press

Was it fair to favor Fairfield? Idiotic to invite Idaho State? Peculiar to pick Penn? Silly to select Santa Clara?

Like it or not, agree or not, believe it or not, these four have-nots - with a combined record of 61-56 - are in the NCAA Tournament will such haves as Nevada-Las Vegas, North Carolina, Indiana and Georgetown.

The have-nots weren't invited to college basketball's biggest shindig. They crashed the party as automatic qualifiers from their respective conferences.

Once inside, they got the sporting version of the table nearest the kitchen - first-round games against some of the top basketball teams in the country.

But does that bother these teams? Not on your life.

"We're going to enjoy this trip," Santa Clara Athletic Director Tom O'Connor said of his team, the West Coast Athletic Conference tournament champs who will take an 18-13 record into their game against Big Ten power Iowa on Friday at Tucson, Ariz.

"We're going to spend some money on the trip and say thanks to some people who have helped us," O'Connor said. "And the $80,000 (the school's share of the first-round proceeds) is not entirely athletic department money. In the next week, we'll be talking with the administration about how it will be used.

"But it will have a significant impact on athletics. We're going to put it toward some needs, and I'd like to put it in some scholarships."

Mitch Buonaguro, coach of a Fairfield team that split 30 games, tried to put the best possible face on the Stags' first-round assignment - No. 4 Indiana at Indianapolis.

"I think it is a tremendous thing to play Bobby Knight in Indiana. I think it will be a very difficult game, but the kids will be up for it," Buonaguro said.

"Indiana, the top seed, in Indiana, in the Hoosier Dome is tough," forward Tim O'Toole understated. "We will go in and do our best."

No concession of defeat, however. That's a theme sounded by coaches and players of all four teams, who are anxious to prove they belong.

"We wouldn't be very good competitors if we didn't think that we could go down there and try to pull something off," Penn Coach Tom Schneider said.

Where the Quakers, 13-13, are going is Charlotte, N.C., and the team they'll be trying to pull something off against is second-ranked North Carolina.

"We're loose. We have no pressure on us," Penn center Bruce Lefkowitz said. "They're No. 2 in the nation. They have a little (pressure) on them. ... I expect to surprise a few people down on Tobacco Road."

Lefkowitz and crew surprised Memphis State in 1985 when, as the 15th seed, they extended the Tigers before falling 67-55. Memphis State advanced to the Final Four that year.

"I think that the key thing is that we've had a lot of experience since then against top-ranked teams," Lefkowitz said. "Again, I don't mean to sound like I'm cocky or brash or confident, but I think we can play with these guys."

On paper, the guys facing the biggest test are the Bengals of Idaho State, 15-15, who drew top-ranked Nevada-Las Vegas in a Thursday opener.

"Some people say it's like David and Goliath. It's like our football team playing Oklahoma," Idaho State Coach Jim Boutin said.

Idaho State almost played UNLV earlier this year, but lost to Navy in a first-round game of the Las Vegas Classic.

"When we saw that Las Vegas handled Navy with ease, we were glad we hadn't played UNLV," Boutin said.

There'll be no dodging the Rebels this time, however.

"The thing for us is to be able to handle their defensive pressure. We have to do a very big job in handling that."

How?

"We're not a particularly big team. Maybe a lot of prayers. Knowing that our kids are going to play hard, you hope that you're not going to be embarrassed."

Even if the four apparent misfits don't survive the weekend, they might end up winners in the long run.

'You just can't predict how it will affect recruiting," Santa Clara Coach Carroll Williams said of the tournament exposure. "That's what the whole tournament comes down to, isn't it? Marketing."

NIT tips off tonight...

Marquette, Nebraska tangle

For Marquette Coach Bob Dukiet and Nebraska's Danny Nee, tonight's meeting in the National Invitation Tournament will be a high school reunion of sorts.

While an assistant at Princeton University, Dukiet once spoke at one of Nee's basketball banquets during Nee's coaching days at a New Jersey high school.

"I've known Danny Nee for a long time, and I know his team will be a reflection of him," Dukiet said. "They will be tough, aggressive and will get after you."

The Marquette-Nebraska game at Lincoln, Neb., is one of three opening-night contests that kick off the 50th NIT, the nation's oldest post-season basketball tournament.

In other first-round action, Utah plays at Boise State and Washington is at Montana State.

In Thursday night's games, it's La Salle at Villanova; Rhode Island at Florida State; Cleveland State at Tennessee-Chattanooga; Baylor at Arkansas-Little Rock; Akron at Illinois State; Jacksonville at Vanderbilt and James Madison at Stephen F. Austin.

Six games will be played Friday to wrap up first-round action in the 32-team field: Seton Hall at Niagara; Arkansas State at Arkansas; Mississippi at Southern Mississippi; St. Peter's at St. Louis; Oregon State at New Mexico, and Fullerton State at California.

In his first year at Nebraska, Nee has rekindled a spark with the Cornhuskers. He promised an up-tempo type of basketball and has come through despite lacking some of the personnel he said would be better-suited to the running game.

To make his point that fast-break basketball is what he intends, Nebraska came out running with nationally ranked Oklahoma earlier this year. The 17-11 Cornhuskers couldn't keep up with the blistering Sooners but refused to wilt in a record-breaking 133-97 loss in Norman, Okla.

Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs saluted Nee for trying. Dukiet figures to encounter a similar effort from a determined team and fiery coach.

"We will have to be at our best and have to get back on defense because they will come at us full throttle," said Dukiet, whose team is 16-12.

Nee's team has averaged more than 74 points a game this season. The Huskers ran through a non-conference schedule with a 10-3 record but stumbled early against Big Eight Conference teams.

Nebraska's effort against Oklahoma said something for the determination of a late-season charge that saw the Cornhuskers defeat nationally ranked Kansas 83-81 in overtime at home, Kansas State 78-76, Oklahoma State 79-77 in overtime and Iowa State 66-65.

The teams played common opponents in Colorado, Kansas State and Creighton. Both teams beat Colorado twice. Marquette lost to Kansas State by one point while Nebraska dropped two of three to the Wildcats. Marquette beat Creighton while Nebraska split two games with the Bluejays.

Nebraska and Marquette have met five times previously but not since the 1958-59 season. Marquette leads the series 3-2.



TOURNAMENT BOUND – Western Texas College's Dusters play at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, in the Women's NJCAA National Tournament at Senatobia, Miss. Above, freshman Karen Smith autrographs a basketball after the Dusters won a Region V Tournament crown. (SDN Staff Photo by Noble Young)

Dusters play Tuesday in national tournament

SENATOBIA, Miss. -- Western Texas College, seeded No. 1, will make its first appearance in the Women's NJCAA National Tournament here at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Western's No. 1 seeding is based on results of the 1986 tournament, won by Region V representative Odessa College. Western is the Region V champion this season.

The week-long national tournament begins Monday, March 16, as Lees-McCrae College of Banner Elk, N.C. and Shelby State CC of Memphis, Tenn. take the coliseum floor at 11 a.m.

Western Texas, one of eight teams to receive a first-round bye, will play the winner of Monday's tipoff game at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Lees-McCrae, from Region X, is 20-5 on the season. Shelby State, Region VII champion, is ranked 16th and is 26-4.

Western Texas, 29-3, is the nation's fifth-ranked team.

Seven of the nation's top 20 teams are in Western's side of the bracket, including No. 2 St. Gregory's, No. 3 Florida CC and No. 4 Emmanuel College.

Tickets are $5 per day. Fans may also purchase at tournament pass for $15.

Women's NJCAA National Tournament
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March 16-21
(First and Seconds Rounds Only)
FIRST ROUND
Monday, March 16

Game 1: 11:00 a.m. Monday, Lees-McRae College, Banner Elk, N.C. (20-5) vs. Shelby State CC, Memphis, Tenn. (26-4).

Game 2: 1:00 p.m. Monday, Becker JC, Leicester, Mass. (23-2) vs. Allegheny CCAC, Pittsburgh, Pa. (25-5).

Game 3: 3:00 p.m. Monday, Iowa Central CC, Fort Dodge, Iowa (20-7) vs. St. Gregory's College, Shawnee, Ok. (34-1).

Game 4: 5:00 p.m. Monday, Hilbert College, Hamburg, N.Y. (28-2) vs. Central Arizona College, Coolidge, Az. (28-2).

Game 5: 7:30 p.m. Monday, Kennedy-King College, Chicago, Ill. (19-2) vs. Suffolk CC, Brentwood, NY (20-2).

Tuesday, March 17

Game 6: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, North Dakota State School of Science, Wahpeton, N.D. (29-6) vs. Utah Technical College, Salt Lake City, Utah (23-3).

Game 7: 12:00 a.m. Tuesday, Vincennes U. JC, Vincennes, Ind. (21-8) vs. Delaware Tech. and CC, Newark, Del. (24-4).

Game 8: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Casper College, Casper, Wy. (26-4) vs. Cowley County CC, Arkansas City, Kan. (28-3).

Second Round
Tuesday, March 17

Game 9: 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas (29-3) vs. winner of Game 1.

Game 10: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Snead State CC, Boaz, Ala. (21-4) vs. winner of Game 2.

Game 11: 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Ga. (28-1) vs. winner of Game 3.

Wednesday, March 18

Game 12: 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, Florida JC, Jacksonville, Fla (21-9) vs. winner of Game 4.

Game 13: 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, John A. Logan College, Carterville, Ill. (29-3) vs. winner of Game 5.

Game 14: 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, Moberly JC, Moberly, Mo. (27-2) vs. winner of Game 6.

Game 15: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Kilgore College, Kilgore, Texas (21-7) vs. winner of Game 7.

Game 16: 8:00 p.m Wednesday, Northeast Mississippi JC, Booneville, Miss. (30-0) vs. winner of Game 8.

Tournament continues through Saturday with championship game at 8 p.m. Saturday.

NCAA tourney at a glance

By The Associated Press
East Regional
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Charlotte, N.C.
Texas Christian, 23-6, vs. Marshall, 25-5
Notre Dame, 22-7, vs. Middle Tennessee State, 22-6
Navy, 26-5, vs. Michigan, 19-11
North Carolina, 29-3, vs. Pennsylvania, 13-13

Southeast Regional
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Birmingham, Ala.
New Orleans, 25-3, vs. Brigham Young, 21-10
Alabama, 26-4, vs. North Carolina A&T, 24-5
Illinois, 23-7, vs. Austin Peay, 19-11
Providence, 21-8, vs. Alabama-Birmingham, 21-10

Midwest Regional
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Indianapolis
Missouri, 24-9, vs. Xavier, Ohio, 18-12
Duke, 22-8, vs. Texas A&M, 17-13
Auburn, 17-13, vs. San Diego, 24-5
Indiana, 24-4, vs. Fairfield, 15-15

West Regional
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Salt Lake City, Utah
Georgia, 18-11, vs. Kansas State, 19-10
Nevada-Las Vegas, 33-1, vs. Idaho State, 15-15
UCLA, 24-6, vs. Central Michigan, 23-7
Virginia, 21-9, vs. Wyoming, 22-9

Hawks win eight straight

by The Associated Press

The Atlanta Hawks, winless in their previous five trips to San Antonio, got out of town this time with their eight-game winning streak intact.

"I know this is the first time I've won in this building," Dominique Wilkins said after scoring 37 points in Atlanta's 113-106 overtime victory over the Spurs Tuesday night, the Hawks first win in San Antonio since the 1981-82 season. "When you come in here, the Spurs definitely aren't going to lie down on you."

The Hawks are six percentage points behind first-place Detroit in the NBA's Central Division.

In other NBA games, it was New Jersey 121, Washington 79; Philadelphia 100, Cleveland 91; Detroit 116, New York 93; Seattle 136, Houston 127, in double overtime; Los Angeles Lakers 143, Denver 107; and Golden State 125, Sacramento 114.

SuperSonics 136, Rockets 127

Tom Chambers had a career-high 42 points and Dale Ellis added 35, and visiting Seattle outscored Houston 17-8 in the second overtime.

Pistons 116, Knicks 93

Bill Laimbeer had 20 points and 19 rebounds as Detroit maintained its slim lead over Atlanta with an easy victory in New York.

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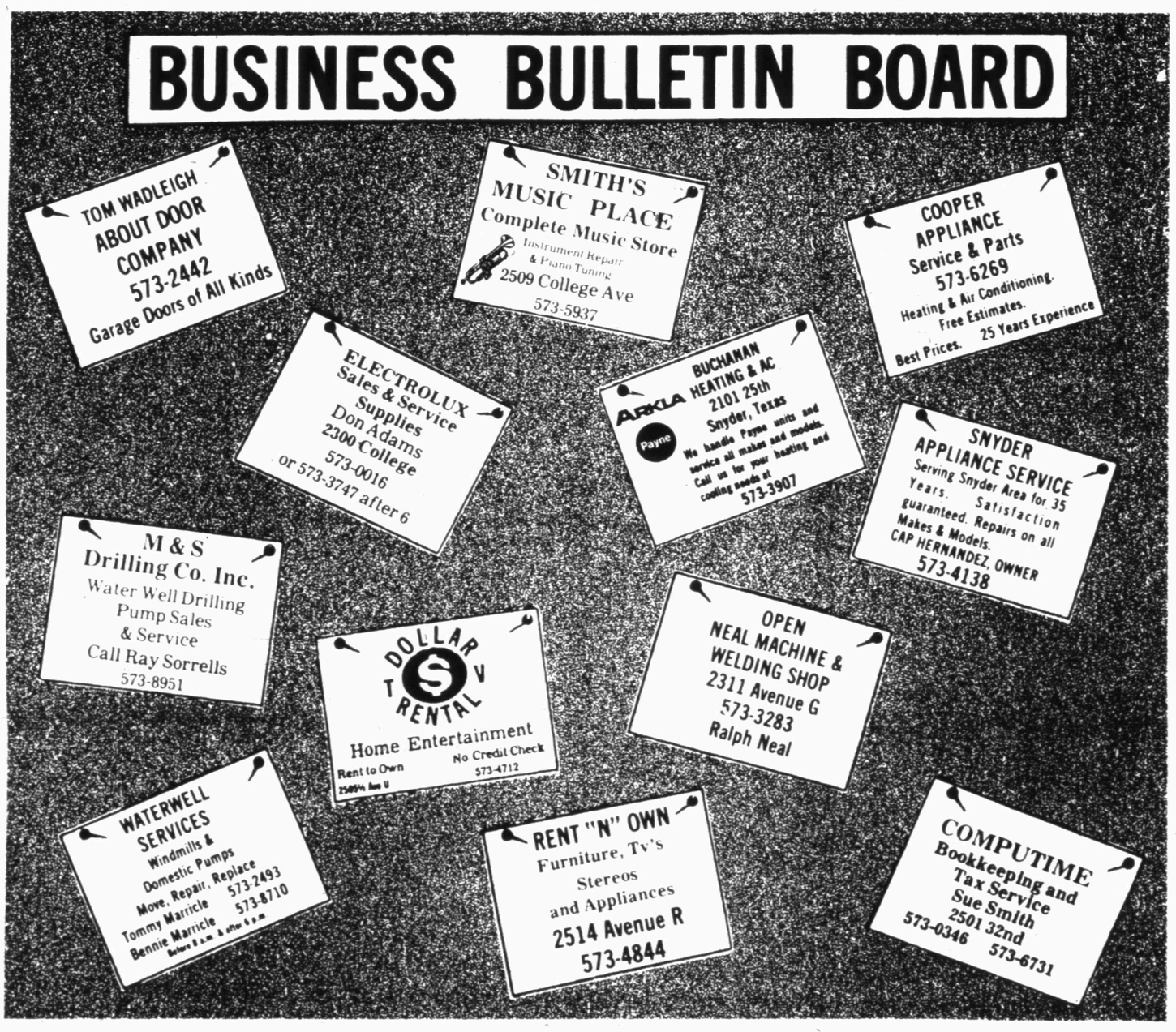
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TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — The American pilot of a U.S.-registered airplane apparently on a drug mission refused to identify himself before Honduran combat jets shot it down, killing all three people aboard, the government said.

No narcotics were found in or around the wreckage of the DC-3 plane in western Honduras, "but it is believed the cargo was thrown out by the crew" shortly before the craft was intercepted, the Honduran armed forces said in a statement Tuesday night.

The plane was shot down at 11:30 p.m. Monday after entering Honduran airspace from Nicaragua and proceeding in a northwesterly direction. The armed forces statement said the plane's path indicated it probably came from Colombia or elsewhere in South America.

Wreckage and human remains were scattered over nearly one square mile near the settlement of El Palmital, according to the statement. El Palmital is near the town of Guarita in mountainous Lempira province, about 6 miles from the border with El Salvador and 108 miles west of Honduras' capital, Tegucigalpa.

The pilot was identified by personal documents as Joseph Bernard Mason, and carried U.S. and Panamanian pilots' licenses, the armed forces said. A spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, speaking on condition of anonymity, said details about Mason were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The other two people on board remained unidentified by early today.

"The detection of the aircraft caused the reaction of our air force, which immediately deployed combat planes," an earlier statement from the armed forces said.

"The crew of the plane did not identify itself," it said. "Because of that, with all peaceful procedures exhausted, the air force carried out warning shots and then shot down the plane."

The armed forces said the crew also ignored orders to land on a specified airstrip.

Authorities said the plane bore a U.S. registration number, 49454, on its exterior, and the Colombian registration HK-313 on the inside.

The statement said the plane's route was similar to that followed by a plane captured three months ago carrying two Colombians and a load of pure cocaine valued at an estimated $500 million.

The twin-engine, propeller-driven DC-3 is a favorite with South American drug smugglers. Built during World War II, the plane can fly long distances at low altitudes and land or take off on short runways, such as the clandestine grass airstrips in Central America commonly used by smugglers flying from South America to the United States.

In Washington, U.S. government sources said they suspected the plane might have been involved in drug smuggling. The Pentagon said no U.S. military aircraft were operating in the area.

In Managua, Nicaragua, the Sandinista government's Defense Ministry said it had no planes similar to the DC-3 and that none of its planes had been shot down.

Police break up airline employee drug ring

NEW YORK (AP) — A $1.5 billion cocaine ring masterminded by a former Pan Am employee used trusted airport workers to bypass customs in Brazil and New York, authorities said in announcing charges against 45 people.

Nineteen of those charged were part of the ring that imported an estimated 200 pounds or more of cocaine a month during the past six years through Kennedy International Airport, authorities said. The others charged were part of smaller rings also based at Kennedy, officials said.

There was no apparent link between the rings and organized crime, the government said.

"It is a case of white-collar people, passenger service agents, who in effect are the system at the airport, who corrupted themselves" to smuggle narcotics, said Robert Stutman, New York chief of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

"Usually, we're trying to catch people who are trying to beat the system," he said Tuesday. "These people were the system, and they became corrupt."

Pan American World Airways, which cooperated with the investigation, said safety was not affected by the smuggling. No pilots were among those charged.

"Those Pan Am employees charged today represent only a very small segment of the company's work force at Kennedy Airport," Martin R. Shugrue, chief executive officer of Pan Am, said in a statement.

The charges come six months after 22 Eastern Airlines employees and one Mexicana Airlines worker were indicted on charges of smuggling cocaine from Colombia through Miami International Airport.

Authorities said the large ring used couriers to pick up the cocaine in Brazil and check it as baggage on a regularly scheduled flight to New York, where they would simply get off the plane and walk away. Sometimes, all evidence that the courier took the flight would be erased from airline computers.

At Kennedy, airport workers either would sneak the contraband past trusting customs agents or immediately reroute the baggage to other U.S. cities or to Canada, officials said. The drugs were allegedly sent to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Nev., Denver, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Atlantic City, N.J., Miami and Montreal.

An informant told agents that in 1983 and 1984 there were regular parties at Pan Am's Clipper Club, "which were hosted by Pan Am employees and featured abundant quantities of cocaine," according to an affidavit made public Tuesday.

In Brazil, the ring operated a cocaine processing laboratory in the mountains outside Sao Paolo that manufactured hundreds of kilograms of the drug under the eyes of three armed guards, the affidavit said.

The alleged leader, Aart Vanwort of Amsterdam, was a Pan Am passenger service agent who retired in 1984. He allegedly recruited nine other present or former Pan Am employees to assist him, the affidavit said.

Of the 45 suspects sought in the investigation, 40 were in custody Tuesday, said Thomas Roche, a spokesman for Maloney.

Sixteen of those arrested worked for Pan Am at one time or another, officials said.

Vanwort, a Netherlands native who is a U.S. citizen, was arrested with his brother Christianus in a Manhattan hotel last week.

Long-term victory seen on Contra aid issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — House GOP leaders, predicting eventual victory in the year's first battle over U.S. aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels, concede that a run of bad news has eroded support they need to sustain the insurgents.

The House votes today on legislation to delay for six months the release of $40 million in military aid originally approved last year and to order the administration to account for all funds already sent to the Contras.

The Senate is expected to vote next week on a resolution to cut off the money altogether.

Republicans and Democrats alike say President Reagan likely will prevail in this first 1987 tug-of-war over Contra aid because there are not enough votes to override a certain Reagan veto. They say many lawmakers believe that blocking the $40 million aid installment would break the congressional commitment made last year.

The $40 million is "in the bank," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

But Democratic leaders say they have a far better chance of killing Contra aid for future years, a prediction that will be tested over the next several months in votes on the $105 million Reagan has requested for fiscal 1988.

Many Republicans reluctantly agree with that, saying their efforts to sustain the aid progam have been hurt by the turmoil of the Iran-Contra disclosures, the recent resignation of popular and moderate Contra leader Arturo Cruz and allegations of corruption within Contra ranks.

"That hasn't helped us," said House Minority Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., speaking specifically of the Iran-Contra affair. "I have to be realistic when I see votes slipping away."

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Compromise on immunity is sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional committees investigating the Iran-Contra controversy, hoping to avoid a public clash with independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh, are seeking a compromise on how swiftly to grant limited immunity to two former Reagan administration officials.

"We will do our utmost to avoid this conflict with the counsel, and I'm sure we can," Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, the chairman of the Senate committee said Tuesday, a few hours after Walsh declared he would oppose any attempt to provide immunity for "at least 90 days."

The congressional committees and Walsh are investigating the secret sale of U.S. arms to Iran and the purported diversion of profits from those sales to the Contra rebels fighting the leftist Nicaraguan government.

Walsh, the government's prosecutor in the Iran-Contra affair, said that if congressional committees move before 90 days to grant limited immunity to former National Security Adviser John Poindexter and former National Security Counsel aide Lt. Col. Oliver North, "we would ... have to do whatever we could to get ourselves as much time as possible to perfect our case."

Walsh said "the danger is substantial" that granting immunity to either North or Poindexter ahead of his timetable would compromise his investigation, which is expected to result in criminal prosecutions.

But while a 90-day delay is longer than lawmakers are seeking, Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H. said it could be 60 days at the earliest before congressional investigators actually question the witnesses.

Under any scenario, Inouye said it could be the end of May or later before any principal players in the drama answers questions in a public hearing.

Walsh also is having trouble with Israel, which has refused to allow him to question Israeli agents involved in the Iran-Contra affair, the Los Angeles Times reported today. The Israeli position is creating obstacles to development of a criminal case, the newspaper said.

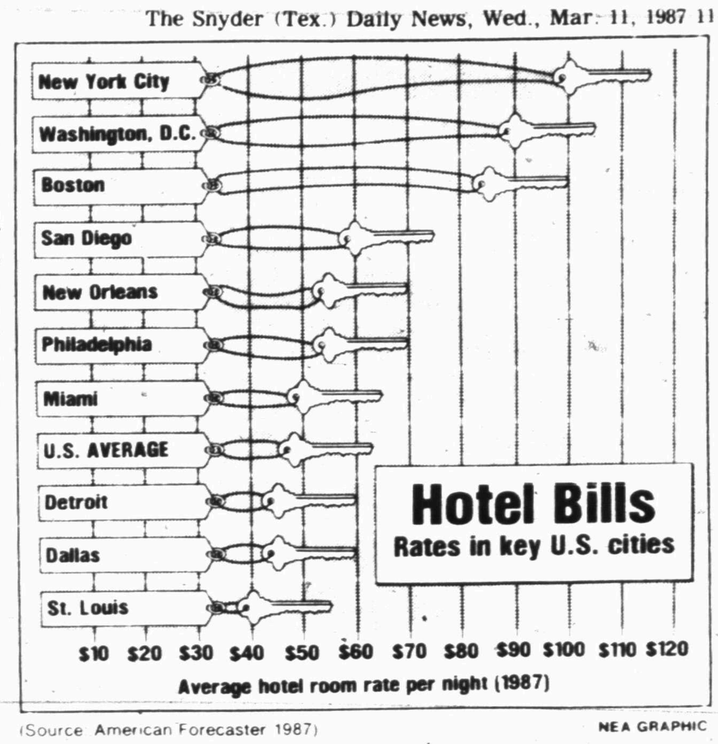
Israeli officials have acknowledged participation in arms sales to Iran but have denied any role in transferring profits from the deal to the Contras.

An Israeli embassy spokesman, Yossi Gal, said Israel "will cooperate fully with all the investigative bodies on a government-to-government basis." Congressional investigators have agreed to submit written questions to Israel, but such exchanges preclude the possibility of the direct questioning of individuals, the newspaper said.

Meanwhile, House Republican Leader Bob Michel, R-Ill., said Tuesday he had told President Reagan that the Iran-Contra controversy has reduced support in Congress for future assistance to the Contras.

"That hasn't helped us. I have to be realistic when I see votes slipping away," he said.

The latest ABC-Washington Post shows 52 percent of respondents don't approve of the way Reagan is handling his job, a further slippage since his March 4 speech, when there was a 48-48 split. Fifty-three percent thought Reagan is not telling the truth about the Iranian arms affair. In particular, they don't believe he forgot when he approved the Iran arms shipments. Fifty-eight percent say he knows when he did, and 72 percent say they think his approval was given beforehand.



(Source: American Forecaster 1987) NEA GRAPHIC

You have to pay $63 a night to stay in the average hotel room in a U.S. city. But the average hotel bill in New York City is $115 a night, and the rate in Washington, D.C., is $105.

Survey says Americans are keeping their teeth longer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's tooth count is rising as more Americans keep their teeth through middle age, but decay and gum disease remain widespread despite regular visits to the dentist, a federal survey says today.

"The news is encouraging," said Dr. Harald Loe, director of the National Institute of Dental Research. "Americans are keeping their own teeth longer."

In the most comprehensive study of its kind, nearly 21,000 adults aged 18 to 103 were examined for the year-long, $3.2 million National Survey of Adult Dental Health which ended last March.

The adult survey results, combined with those of a similar 1980 national study of school children, reveals a dramatic drop in the rate of tooth decay over the previous decade for the majority of the population, Loe said in an interview.

"This is solid evidence that the dental health of the country is improving," he said. "We are doing something right, but we can still do better."

Detailed examinations conducted at 800 business locations and 200 senior centers located throughout the continental United States showed toothlessness has been nearly eliminated in middle-aged adults.

Only 4 percent of employed adults surveyed were missing all their teeth.

Chase ends with arrest

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ficers hemmed him in at a dead end street in that city.

The juvenile suspect was said driving a 1986 Dodge Conquest displaying a stolen California license plate.

As of Wednesday morning, no charges had been filed against him in Scurry County.

DE students win at contest

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year that the local project has had state winners and the second time the SHS's Free Enterprise projects have won state and earned the right to compete on the national level. All 50 states and the District of Columbia will be entering Free Enterprise Projects at the National DECA Competition in New Orleans.

One wreck occurs

A single minor traffic accident was reported in Snyder Tuesday.

Involved in the 8:14 a.m. mishap in the 2500 Block of College Ave. were a 1981 Chrysler driven by Holli Jean Coy of Snyder and a 1979 Chevrolet driven by Aubrey Wilson of 202 36th Pl.

Minor fire noted at local residence

Snyder firemen were dispatched to a reported house fire in the 1100 Block of Ave. P at 1:25 p.m. Tuesday and extinguished a small fire in a heating unit at the Ben Goodman residence.

Damage from he blaze was said confined to the heating unit.

Bank president offers remarks

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bank's 11-member board of directors. These include: H.W. Cargile, senior chairman of the board, Martin Brooks, chairman of the board; Herman Doak, advisory director, and Directors Dan Cotton, Harold Denson, Bill Eiland, John Greene, Charles Henderson, R.C. Patton, Dale Stuard and Bill Parker.

The annual meeting of the WTSB board is slated Thursday. At that time, bank officers for fiscal year 1987 will be named.

School election signup to begin

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Of remaining board members, G.A. Parks Jr. has indicated he will likely not be a candidate again; and Allen Grimmett has not indicated his intentions.

To file as a candidate, individuals must be a resident of the school district and a registered voter.

Dates related to the April 4 vote include:

—March 13: the last day to register as a voter to be eligible to vote in the election.

—March 20: the last day for candidates to file.

—March 24: the first day for absentee voting.

—March 31: the last day for absentee voting.

—April 4: polls open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. with the election consolidated with the city ballot at city hall.

CBS firings has people worried

NEW YORK (AP) — The firing of 214 CBS News staffers has news executives past and present wondering whether the network that set standards for the industry can live up to the legacies of Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite.

"I frankly despair for the future of CBS News," former CBS News President Bill Leonard, retired and living in Washington, said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

All three broadcast networks are faced with projections of diminishing growth in advertising revenue but are stymied by long-term production contracts that account for much of their budget. The short-term answer has been to lay off personnel, and all three networks did, by the hundreds, last year.

Last week, CBS News, with 1,200 news employees, ordered a new round of layoffs, including 14 on-air personnel, and a 10 percent budget cut under a reorganization plan by CBS News President Howard Stringer.

Bureaus in Seattle; Warsaw, Poland; and Bangkok, Thailand, were closed.

The cuts came as more than 500 news writers and editors at CBS and ABC were on strike. Issues in the walkout, which entered its 10th day today, include job security.

The other networks also are preparing reassessments. But the attention paid to CBS News is something of a compliment to the network of Eric Sevareid, Cronkite and Murrow, who was the guiding light of CBS News and the broadcast industry in the 1950s.

"CBS Evening News" anchor Dan Rather set out what he saw as the central issue Tuesday in a column in The New York Times titled "From Murrow to Mediocrity?"

"Our dilemma is this: Are we a business or a public trust? The answer is both. But how is it going to work? Which comes first?" he wrote.

Restaurant reports theft

The manager of Domino's Pizza filed a theft report with local police at 7:39 p.m. Tuesday.

According to investigators, coats, uniforms and plastic cups valued at approximately $300 were said missing. Investigation of the case in continuing.

Officers also investigated a reported "flashing" incident Tuesday afternoon.

An unidentified woman reported at 4:03 p.m. that a man driving a white car with a blue top had exposed himself to her at Kmart.

Local's grandson is honor graduate

QUANTICA, Va.–Students of Computer Operator Course 3-87, located at the Computer Science School here, graduated Feb. 11.

PFC Orvil S. Alls was the honor graduate with an overall average of 99.6. Alls new duty station will be Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.

He was awarded an honor graduate diploma from the school and a plaque from the Marine Corps Association. The four week course provides students with basic concepts of data processing and technical training on computer systems.

Alls is the son of Andy and Shirley Gaston, former Snyder residents, and the grandson of Frances Tatom of Snyder.

Indecency charge filed against man

Police jailed a 33-year-old Snyder man Tuesday night on charges of indecency with a child.

Juan Rodriquez Larralde of 2711 Ave. F remained in the Scurry County Jail Wednesday morning in lieu of bond set at $15,000.

He was arrested at 10:20 p.m. after police investigated a complaint filed earlier in the day by the mother of an 8-year-old girl.

After taking statements from the mother and child, police obtained an arrest warrant for Larralde. He is alleged to have fondled the child's genital areas.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Marshall Boyd, 2203 41st; Cynthia Thames, 3002 42nd; Harvey Morris, Box 514; Ina Adams, Rt. 2, Hermleigh.

DISMISSALS: Lenora Hembree and baby boy, Bennie Sumruld.

Births

Craig and Shawna Mussatto of Moore, Okla. are the parents of a baby boy, Christopher Ryan, weighing nine pounds seven ounces born Wedsnesday morning at Midwest City Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are John and Lynn Wormeringer of Snyder and Ray and Dorothy Mussatto of Moore, Okla.

Cut your own taxes and save

Tax reform cuts rates and loopholes

By Robert Metz

(Thirteenth of 14 articles)

The sweeping changes brought by the Tax Reform Act of 1986 will not, for the most part, affect 1986 tax returns directly. But now is the time to think about next year's filing, in light of what Congress has done.

Tax rates have been cut, but at the same time, many special deductions, exclusions and credits also have been removed or modified. Following are some of the changes taxpayers should know about.

• **Tax rates.** The most significant change made by the 1986 Act is the reduction of the number of tax brackets to two brackets of 15 percent and 28 percent. Although this change would appear to simplify the tax system, just the opposite results because of the phase called "rate adjustment."

For 1987, the tax rates will reflect a blending of the old rates in effect until March 15, 1987, and the new rates that take effect on that date. There will be five brackets. The top rate for individuals in 1987 is 38.5 percent, for individuals with incomes over $54,000 and marrieds with joint incomes over $90,000. (The top tax rate for 1986 returns is 50 percent.) The lowest 1987 tax rate will be 11 percent, for singles with incomes up to $1,800 and marrieds with joint incomes up to $3,000.

In 1988, the two tax brackets of 15 percent and 28 percent will become fully effective. However, once taxable income exceeds $43,140 for singles and $71,900 on a joint return, a 5 percent rate adjustment applies. This rate adjustment cancels the benefit of the 15 percent tax bracket on the first chunk of income, so that when taxable income exceeds $89,560 for singles and $149,250 on joint returns, such individuals in effect pay a flat 28 percent tax.

• **Capital Gains.** The 60 percent capital-gains exclusion has been eliminated so that beginning in 1987, capital gains are fully subject to the same tax rates as ordinary income. Under a special transition rule, the top rate on capital gains for 1987 is set at 28 percent.

• **Income Averaging.** Individuals may no longer reduce their tax by use of income averaging after 1986.

• **Alternative Minimum Tax.** In 1987, the alternative minimum tax rate will rise to 21 percent and will apply to a new group of tax-preference items. The purpose of the tax is to ensure that all individuals will pay a fair share of tax. Hardest hit will be those who have heavily invested in tax shelters, since losses from tax shelters may not be deducted in figuring the income subject to the alternative minimum tax.

• **Personal Exemptions.** The personal and dependency exemptions have been increased in 1987 to $1,900; in 1988 to $1,950; and in 1989 to $2,000.

Upper-income individuals will lose the benefit of the personal exemption in 1988. Another 5 percent surcharge will apply to phase out the benefit of the exemption for taxable income over $89,560 for singles, $126,867 for heads of households, and $149,250 for joint returns.

An individual who may be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return (such as a child claimed as a dependent on a parent's return) may not claim a personal exemption on his or her own return.

• **Standard Deductions.** New standard deductions will replace the current zero-bracket amounts as follows:

Singles, $2,540 (in 1987), and $3,000 (in '88); heads of households, $2,540 (in 1987), and $4,400 (in '88); joint return, $3,760 (in 1987), and $5,000 (in '88).

Singles who are age 65 or blind will be entitled to an additional standard deduction of $750 ($1,500 if both blind and age 65). Married individuals will also be entitled to an additional standard deduction of $600 for age or blindness. This increase in the standard deduction means that many individuals will no longer have to itemize deductions. This will simplify record keeping and tax-return preparation.

• **Children's taxes.** Children under age 14 who have unearned income such as interest, dividends and gains from stock sales may find their taxes greatly increased after 1986. This is because new tax rules will apply to unearned income over $1,000. The first $500 of unearned income will not be taxed. The second $500 of unearned income will be taxed to the child at the child's marginal rate.

Unearned income over $1,000 will be taxed to the child at the parent's marginal rate. If the parent is in the top tax bracket, the child will pay the top tax rate on his or her unearned income.

Parents are also required to obtain Social Security numbers for their children. They can do this free of charge by contacting the local Social Security office.

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(NEXT: Fewer deductions)

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THE NEW TAX RATES

	Singles	Joint Return	Tax Rate
1987	0-$1,800	$3,000	11%
	$1,800-$16,800	$3,000-$28,000	15%
	$16,800-$27,000	$28,000-$45,000	28%
	$27,000-$54,000	$45,000-$90,000	35 %
	Over $54,000	Over $90,000	38.5%
1988	0-$17,850	0-$29,750	15%
	Over $17,850	Over $29,750	28%

TAX RATES for 1987 will reflect a blending of the old rates and the new rates. In 1988, the new tax-reform rates will take full effect.

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Obituaries

A. L. Brownfield

LUBBOCK–Services for A. L. (Andy) Brownfield were set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Woodrow Baptist Church. Entombment was to follow in the Peaceful Gardens Mausoleum.

Brownfield, 83, died Monday at his home. Born in Jones County, he had lived in the Woodrow community 59 years.

He was a former Snyder resident and married Erma Watts in 1925 in Scurry County. He served as a deacon for 40 years at the Woodrow Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Kenneth L. and Melvin K., both of Lubbock, Donald L. of Roscoe and Floyd L. of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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