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Ask Us

Q—Is there a limit on how much money I can earn and still draw Social Security payments?

A—If you are 64 or younger you can earn up to $7,7440 this year without reducing your Social Security payments. For every $2 over that amount, you lose $1 in Social Security. If you are age 65 through 69, the 1992 limit is $10,200 and for every $3 you make over that, you lose $1. There are no limits for the amount you can earn if you are 70 or older.

In Brief

Soviet unrest

MOSCOW (AP) — At least four people were killed in the shelling of a hospital as fighting escalated between Armenians and Azerbaijanis for control of the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh enclave, news agencies said Saturday.

The regional capital of Stepanakert and several other villages, both Armenian and Azerbaijani, came under heavy artillery and rocket fire Friday night and Saturday morning, the independent Interfax news agency said.

Local

Diabetes

A local diabetes support group will meet at noon Thursday in the Senior Center.

The group is open to all ages.

Class of '67

The Class of 1967 will have a reunion planning meeting Thursday at 6 p.m. at the corner of Huffman and Clairemont Highway.

Anyone who wishes to take part should contact Christi Devers at 573-1650.

Taste of Italy

Grace Lutheran Church, 5500 College Ave., is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23.

Tickets are $4.25 for adults and $2.50 for children age 10 and under. Take-out plates will be available.

Closed

Scurry County offices — including the courthouse, library, museum, health clinic and extension center — will be closed Monday in honor of President's Day.

Commissioners Court will be postponed until 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Also celebrating a holiday Monday will be local financial institutions.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 71 degrees; low, 41 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 42 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 3.89 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low in the mid 40s. South wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 70s. South wind 5-15 mph becoming southwest to west 15-20 mph and gusty during the afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Sunrise Sunday, 7:24 a.m. Sunset Sunday, 6:30 p.m. Sunrise Monday, 7:24 a.m. Of 45 days in 1992, the sun has shone 38 days in Snyder.



SPEECH TOURNEY — Lucy Moorefield, left, and Becky Fletcher of Odessa prepare for their events in the Ben Brock Memorial Invitational Speech Tournament held at Western Texas College Saturday. Some 24 high schools entered the competition, in preparation for district contests. (SDN Staff Photo)

Filing period opens Monday

Council, ISD, WTC boards

Monday is the first day to file for the May 2 school, college district and city council elections in Scurry County.

The elections involve filling 13 positions on five boards: Snyder, Ira, and Hermleigh ISD, Scurry County Junior College District, and Snyder City Council.

With the exception of the four seats up for election on Snyder City Council, all are at-large positions.

The filing period ends March 18. Early voting will begin April 13 and end April 28.

Snyder City Council seats up for election are District 1, held by Vernest Tippens; District 2, held by Jack Denman; District 3, held by Mike Post; and District 4, held by Jack Greene.

In order to file for candidacy, a person must live in the district in which he or she seeks to represent. Voting will also be by district only.

Filing, early voting and the election on May 2 will all take place at City Hall.

Positions up for election on the Snyder Independent School District board of trustees are two at-large seats, currently held by Sam Robertson and Luann Burleson. Those filing for candidacy may live anywhere within the Snyder ISD. Filing and early voting will take place at the Snyder ISD administration building on 37th St. Voting on May 2 will take place at City Hall.

Rudy Gutierrez, who has been in teaching and administration since 1971, has already announced his intention to run at-large for Snyder ISD board of trustees.

Positions up for election on the Western Texas College board of trustees are Place 3, held by Howard Sterling, and Place 4, held by Robert Hargrove. The positions are at-large, and any eligible person residing in the Scurry County Junior College District may file for candidacy; however, candidates must designate when filing whether they are filing for Place 3 or Place 4. Filing and early voting will take place at the administration building on the college campus. Voting on May 2 will take place at City Hall, Ira Community Center and Hermleigh High School.

Ira ISD has at-large positions up for election this May. They are Place 1, held by Suzanna Wilson; Place 6, held by Keith Clements; and Place 7, held by Wylie Oliver.

The election for Place 1 is to complete the final year of a three-

(see FILING, page 10A)

Democrats forecast passage of tax-cut bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats predict the House will quickly approve their plan to provide $200 tax breaks to most workers while raising taxes on the rich, setting up a showdown with a rival plan by President Bush.

The measure completed Friday by Democrats on the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee would cut taxes by about $90 billion over the next five years, mostly for people making under about $80,000 a year.

It also would cut the top corporate tax rate by 1 percent and include a capital gains tax cut.

"I just hope after corporate America and the middle class read this bill that they will be as enthusiastic about it as we are," committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., said.

To pay for the relief, the measure would increase the top income tax rate and also create a 10 percent tax on those who earn more than $1 million a year.

President Bush immediately frowned at word that the Democratic plan would raise taxes and did not include his proposal for a $5,000 tax credit for some homebuyers.

He accused Democrats of writing "a scheme that raises taxes" and added "I don't want to compromise" as he promoted his own economic plan during a stop at a construction site in Maryland.

Backers of the Democratic plan

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City, county...

Sales tax rebates down

Sales tax rebates were down for the month of February in most area cities, including Snyder.

The City of Snyder received $94,296.21, an amount down 7.98 percent from the $102,473.52 received in February of 1991.

Abilene, Andrews, Colorado City, Lamesa, Lubbock, Odessa, Post, Rotan and Sweetwater also noted decreases in sales tax rebates compared to a year ago.

Scurry County received $67,095.12, down 2.51 percent from the $68,820.13 taken in a year ago.

Year-to-date totals for Snyder show a total of $159,300.90 received, down 6.49 percent from the $170,360.50 received the first two months of 1991.

Scurry County marked a 3.91 percent increase compared to the first two months of 1991, from $107,682.22 to $111,888.74 received since the beginning of 1992.

February's payments include taxes on December sales and reported in January by businesses filing monthly sales tax returns with the state. Merchants send in the taxes to the state comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its share and returns to cities, counties and other taxing entities their portion of the local sales tax.

A list of area cities and rebates for February follows:

—Abilene received $2,219,639.73, down 3.22 percent from the $2,293,480.74 received during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $3,350,303.56 is down 0.51 percent.

—Andrews received $76,556.43, down 7.66 percent from the $82,910.92 received during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $122,512.06 is down 11.27 percent.

—Big Spring received $413,964.36, up 6.84 percent from the $387,445.04 received in February of 1991. The year-to-date total of $582,159.32 is up 2.67 percent.

—Colorado City received $46,646.23, down 7.35 percent from the $50,345.92 received dur-

(see SALES, page 10A)

Commonwealth split over military issues

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Nearly half of the former Soviet republics have vowed to form separate armies, saying the Commonwealth of Independent States should concentrate on economic issues rather than defense.

Heated wrangling over the military has sapped the commonwealth's ability to deal with economic chaos as the republics try to repair the damage wrought by decades of Soviet control.

At the third summit of the 9-week-old organization that drove the Soviet Union into oblivion, Ukraine, Moldova and Azerbaijan flatly refused Friday to remain in a unified conventional military.

Belarus said it would eject all commonwealth forces within two years, and Uzbekistan is said to be considering a similar move.

Russia has threatened to form its own army if the 11 republics in the commonwealth do not support a unified force. Russia's military would be far more potent in manpower and weaponry than the forces that could be raised by other republics.

But the specter of a Russian army is, to many, less threatening than a unified commonwealth force. Ukraine contends a unified military would dominate and intimidate the individual republics.

Ukraine President Leonid Kravchuk, in a news conference after the closed-door summit, underlined the military split, but said the commonwealth is still viable.

"Saturday two groups of governments were defined: a group that agreed to unified control of armed forces and a second group that will form its own armed forces," Kravchuk said.

For PTK...

Induction ceremonies Sunday

Western Texas College Phi Theta Kappa chapter will induct 36 new members during ceremonies scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

Phi Theta Kappa is a nationally recognized honors faternity for junior college students.

New sophomore members to be inducted are Janice Beard, Denise Blythe, Richard Lack and Anne Overhulser of Snyder, Marie Cardinas of Colorado City and Steven Spangh of Dallas.

Snyder freshmen to be inducted are Sharon Bigham, Anita Brown, Tracy Burks, Malli Galloway, Shae Gowin, Matt Hancock, Hope Heaton, Dave Holmes, Emily Irons, Tommy Linsley, Theresa Martin, Marilyn Mitchell, Tish Morrell, Lillie Russell, Terry Stephens, Diane Tolbert, Elias Torres and Scott Vincent.

Other freshmen inductees are Taylor Cavnar of Houston, Dana Chisum of Jayton, Greg Comb of Muleshoe, Brooke Cooper and Charlotte Upshaw of Colorado City, Cinthia French of Stephenville, Dusty Green of Borger, Tami Kajas of Crowell, Kashaun Morris of Roby, Jeff Price of Sweetwater, Mark Stansell of Fluvanna and Bo Azpicueta of Madrid, Spain.

New members admitted during the fall semester will also be inducted. They include Anna Burton, Norma Gutierrez, Freddy Herrington, Linda Hinojos, Sally Howard, Susan Johnson, Jackie Kimbrell, Kim Lewis, Andra McKinney, Thad Myers, Fred Sawtelle, Greg Slicker and Sabrina Warren.

Qualification for membership to Phi Theta Kappa is based on the student's overall grade point average — at least 12 semester hours with a 3.2 average — and is by invitation only.

CMH board to convene noon Monday

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will handle routine business during an accounts payable meeting, scheduled for noon Monday.

The meeting had originally been set for last Friday at noon, but was postponed.

Among the items on the agenda are a medical staff report, an annual performance evaluation and licensure report, and discussion of blood pressure clinics and the purchase of orthopedic equipment.

The board will also adjourn to a Foundation meeting to discuss the transfer of leased equipment to the hospital and the purchase of a stair-stepper.

A hospital tour is also on the agenda.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Some people are well-informed — they can complain on any subject."

Jack Smartt, despite his obsession with and passion for Blue Bell ice cream, will probably live to a ripe old age. His longevity likely will be traced to the therapeutic lift he gets from making our blood pressure rise.

Just to see a reaction, he brought by a copy of the Spur newspaper which had a copy of a column by Jim Reynolds of the Tulia Herald.

Reynolds wrote about lawyers and said, "...attorneys are much like ministers: good'uns are invaluable and the other kind are unneeded, at best."

He added that Travis County leads the state with one lawyer for every 137 persons, which includes infants, children and retired persons. A study revealed 4,616 lawyers residing in or near Austin.

Dallas County has a lawyer for every 186 people, a total of 10,565. Harris County has one attorney for each 214 residents for a total of 14,273. Potter County (Amarillo) has one lawyer for each 226 persons and Midland has one lawyer for every 330 people.

Jack is always promoting his industry. He thinks they ought to bring back, just for lawyers and reporters, the electric chair.

In Wisconsin, there was a proposal before the legislature to have an open-hunting season for lawyers.

The State Department of Natural Resources urged the legislature to reject the proposal saying: "We could never keep up with the demand for permits."

This is for real:

A restaurant owner in Bangor, Maine has been inspired by the state's bickering over the budget deficit. It now offers on its menu a "politician's burger." For just a buck and sixty-five cents, you get fried baloney on a hard roll.

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Grand jury no bills 3 police officers

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas County grand jury has declined to indict three police officers involved in the deaths of a colleague and two suspects during a botched drug sting.

Undercover detective Lawrence Bromley, 32, was killed last Dec. 11 by multiple gunshot wounds after a shootout in a restaurant parking lot.

Also killed in the gun battle were drug suspects Frederick Moore, 21, and Jerry Taylor, 17, who was unarmed.

Officials determined Bromley was shot by his colleagues, who saw muzzle flashes inside a parked car and were unsure where the officer was sitting.

Police Chief Bill Rathburn hailed Friday's decision, saying grand jurors "did the right thing" by not indicting Sgt. Brent Wilson and detectives Tim Smith and R.L. Baird.

"That whole incident is a terrible tragedy, but I don't think there was any criminal action by anyone — by any of the officers," Rathburn said.

Bromley and another undercover officer, Catherine Hall, apparently were supposed to be in the front of the parked vehicle during the drug sting, but Bromley ended up in the back seat with one of the suspects, officials said.

During the drug buy, Moore apparently pointed a gun at Bromley and a struggle ensued. Bromley apparently managed to get his gun out and fire three shots at Moore.

Believing Bromley and Ms. Hall were in danger, the three backup officers fired into the car, striking Bromley and Taylor, officials said.

Bromley, a 10-year police veteran, was pronounced dead on arrival at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Curtis Taylor, the father of one of the slain drug suspects, said he was angered by the grand jury's decision.

"They shot my son down, and he didn't have no kind of gun," Taylor said. "You can't beat this system. They make this system so they can break it if they want, I guess. But to make it all right to kill an unarmed kid?

The grand jury on Friday did indict on various charges five men accused of being accomplices of Taylor and Moore.

Another officer, narcotics detective Harold Hammons, died on Jan. 22 when another officer's shotgun accidentally discharged and struck him in the neck.

The second death in less than six weeks prompted Rathburn to assemble an independent task force to study departmental procedures.



SHS SWEETHEARTS — Chosen as favorites in a recent SHS coronation ceremony were, from left, Charles Busby and Brandi Doyle, industrial arts; and Minerva Gonzalez and Billy Delao, cross country. (SHS Photo)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Boneless Barbecue Ribs
Whole Kernel Corn
Baked Beans
Tossed Salad
Peanut Butter Cookies

TUESDAY
Hamburger Steak w/Onions
French Fries
Mixed Vegetables
Creamy Cole Slaw
Cheese Apple Crisp

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Asparagus
Yellow Squash
Pear Half w/Cheese
Cherry Turnover

THURSDAY
Liver & Onions
Macaroni & Cheese
Spinach
Sliced Tomatoes
Pineapple Pudding

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Parslied Potatoes
Pinto Beans
Carrot-Raisin Salad
White Cake w/Chocolate Icing

Activities listed at Senior Center

Scurry County senior citizens are invited to take part in a spelling bee planned in the Senior Center early in April. Practice sheets for the bee are now available in the center office. The state finals for the Senior Citizens Spelling Bee will be held in Abilene on April 26 as part of the 11th annual Joint Conference on Aging sponsored by the Texas Association of Senior Centers and other agencies.

Senior citizens who give volunteer time in the center and to the community are reminded that they need to report their hours by Feb. 28. Volunteers will be honored at the annual awards banquet on April 10 in the Scurry County Coliseum. Future plans call for moving the awards banquet to March in 1993 and volunteer hours earned in March this year will be recognized at that time along with other hours accumulated.

Surplus commodities will be distributed to eligible Scurry County residents through the Senior Center on Wednesday. Hours of distribution will be 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Persons receiving the food items are asked to enter through the north doors. Guidelines for eligibility are posted in the center.

The Monday game day in the center will feature Skip Bo, with play starting at 9:30 a.m. Senior Citizens who prefer to play dominoes, cards or other games are invited to arrange those games at the same time. A Snooker Tournament is also planned on Monday morning.

Hoss Clayton and his band will be performing in the center's dining room at 11 a.m. Tuesday. The Senior Saints will perform at 11 a.m. Thursday. The center's Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Nursing Center for a performance at 10 a.m. Friday.

About 20 senior citizens are now participating in the weight control program at the center. They meet to weigh in from 10-11 each Tuesday morning. In addition to a record of weight gains or losses, the members receive moral support for reaching their goal.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings the indoor swimming pool at Western Texas College is reserved for senior citizens participating in swimnastics. Men and women interested in joining the group may get additional information in the center office.

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DECA FAVORITES — Kristi Pruitt and Leddy Lewis were named DECA sweethearts at Snyder High School's coronation. (SHS Photo)

'Roots' author mourned

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Alex Haley's grave site is just a few paces from the porch where he listened to family stories from his grandmother and aunts. Those stories sparked his interest in his roots and broadened the nation's understanding of family.

Friends and family gathered Friday at a Memphis funeral home to remember Haley, who died of a heart attack Monday at age 70. He was to be buried Saturday at his childhood home in Henning, about 50 miles north of Memphis.

The grave site is on property formerly owned by his maternal grandparents, Will and Cynthia Palmer. It is now a state museum in recognition of the author's international fame.

William Haley, the author's son, said the grave site is just a few feet from the porch where his father listened to his grandmother and aunts talk of family and was inspired to write his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "Roots: The Saga of an American Family."

"The things that shaped him into the person he was happened there," he said.

Haley was born in Ithaca, N.Y., but raised from infancy in Henning by his maternal grandmother. His father, a college professor, was studying in the North, and his mother, a grammar school teacher, died young.

In "Roots," Haley blended fact and imagination in tracing his family back six generations to Kunta Kinte, a West African slave. His rich descriptions of his ancestors' lives set off a wave of interest in genealogy, lasting long after the book faded from best-seller lists.

The book sold millions of copies, was translated into at least 37 languages and was adapted into an ABC television miniseries that drew 130 million viewers.

Haley first started writing on Coast Guard ships during World War II.



A MILE OF PENNIES — North students have taken on quite a project this semester — collecting a mile of pennies which they intend to donate to Snyder Neighbors Sharing. Jerry Mullis, computer proctor, who is spearheading the project, said she tries to get the students involved in one big project per school year. At the time this photo was taken, students had collected more than 30,000 pennies. Fifth and sixth grade students have been asked to compute how many pennies will constitute a mile. Students shown with one of seven finished rolls and one uncompleted roll are from left, Shawna Mills, Tina Tavarez, Leticia Anderson, Isabel Flores, Robbin Nobles and Audrey Griffin. Ray Courtney, principal, is helping to hold a finished roll. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. Air Force unveils new tanker trainer at Reese AF Base

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Beech Aircraft Corp. is delivering the first of 211 T-1A Jayhawk tanker trainers ordered by the Air Force under a $1.5 billion contract.

Rollout ceremonies were to be held Saturday in a hangar at Reese Air Force Base, which is getting 41 of the modified Beechjet 400As. Four other training bases also will receive the aircraft.

Reese Wing Commander Col. Bill Henny is to welcome Lt. Gen. Joseph Ashy, head of the Air Force Air Training Command, Jack Brabham, president of Beech Aircraft Corp., and Lubbock Mayor B.C. "Peck" McMinn at the ceremony.

The craft, said base spokesman Master Sgt. Ralph Monson, represents a return to earlier training days at Reese. Student pilots will be given two options for training rather than all of them pursuing fighter bomber experience.

The T-1A "will be used as part of our transition to what we call 'specialized undergraduate pilot training,'" Monson said.

All pilots will receive initial experience on the T-37 trainers but then use either the T-38 fighter or the T-1A tankers for further work.

In the past, Monson said, Reese trained pilots in two tracks with the T-33 and B-25. But when the B-25s were phased out, Reese went to single-track training on T-38s.

However, some T-38s are older than the pilots flying them, Monson said.

Having the T-1As means the Air Force will receive graduates with better training on the tanker aircraft that they'll actually fly, Monson said. The presence of the T-1As also will extend the lives of the T-38s by reducing their flying time, he added.

The first students will not actually begin studying with the new plans until January 1993, Monson said.

In the Reese curriculum, he said, students will spend their first phase of learning in the classroom, followed by initial flight training in T-37s.

At that point, students will then split. Those destined to fly such planes as the KC-135 tanker and C-5 transport will train on the T-1A. Those headed for future fighter pilot training will fly the T-38s, Monson said.

Rushdie supporters, Iran meet

LONDON (AP) — Author Salman Rushdie says his supporters have met with Iranian diplomats in an attempt to lift a 3-year-old death sentence ordered after his book "Satanic Verses" was declared blasphemous to Islam.

Rushdie, making a rare public appearance Friday night, said the meeting at the Iranian Embassy earlier in the day was the first direct contact between his backers and Iran.

"Even though the Iranians said the 'fatwa' (the religious edict calling for Rushdie's death) could not be withdrawn, the fact that they agreed to see us was hopeful," said Rushdie in a speech marking the third anniversary of the call for his murder.

The visit to the embassy was led by Frances D'Souza, chairman of the International Committee for the Defense of Salman Rushdie.

Rushdie, 44, has been guarded by British police since Feb. 14, 1989, when the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued the fatwa demanding his death. Rushdie has made few public appearances and lives in hiding.

The first public schools for girls in Saudi Arabia weren't approved by the government until 1960.

TAX TIP #8

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Kin, mourning caver, thanks friends who returned body

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A memorial service was to be scheduled Saturday for an Indianapolis caver who died in Mexico almost a year ago, but whose body was only recently recovered by cavers from Texas and other states.

A team of caving friends from the Midwest spent about a year planning the recovery of the body of Christopher F. Yeager, 25, who died in a March 1, 1991 accident in a cave believed to be about 4,500 feet deep and one of the 10 deepest in the world.

A group of determined caving friends from Indiana, Ohio, and suburban Chicago that left on Jan. 24 were joined by cavers from Texas, Mexico and Poland in getting Christopher's body out.

Not all of the 37 people at the recovery site went into the cave, but all were part of the team effort, she said.

A team entered the cave Feb. 5 and used a hauling system with ropes and pulleys to gradually pull the body to the surface Feb. 8.

The body was returned to Indiana Thursday night.

Yeager's mother, 55-year-old Willadean Yeager of Coatesville, called the effort a remarkable labor of love.

"These people felt so strongly about it, and had such a kinship going with Chris they just wouldn't let it lay. They worked several months putting it together. It is a definite tribute to Chris," Mrs. Yeager said.



HONORED — Outstanding students for January at Snyder Junior High are, from left, Candace Barrow and Clayton West, both seventh graders, and Veana Clay and Saby Albarez, both eighth graders. These students were chosen by their teachers for citizenship and effort. (SDN Staff Photo)

SBI votes to help first-time policy buyers

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance voted 2-1 Friday to help first-time buyers of auto liability insurance get policies at equitable rates.

The new rule prohibits insurance companies from denying automobile liability insurance or charging higher rates to drivers solely because they were previously uninsured.

"While the compromise represents some give and take on everyone's part, the final product is victory for Texas drivers, especially those who have gone without coverage for economic reasons," said Insurance Board Chairwoman Claire Korioth.

Board member Richard Reynolds, the dissenter in the vote, said the rule is "unreasonable and unnecessary." He added that it "dictates unwarranted business practices for agents."

The rule was created in December through negotiations between several major insurers, the Board and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel.

At the December hearings on the proposal, Amy Johnson of OPIC said 12 million motorists have insurance while 3 million others are seeking initial coverage.

Insurance industry spokespersons argued that uninsured drivers could be high risks to the companies, thus possibly forcing rate increases.

The Insurance Department announced that it will investigate an industry claim that previously uninsured drivers have a disproportionately high number of claims.

For the first 120 days the rule is in effect, insurers must charge previously uninsured drivers rates that do not penalize them for their lack of prior coverage.

During the rule's first 180 days, initial policyholders who were charged a higher rate prior to the rule's adoption may renew their policies at the insurer's "lowest applicable rate."

When setting individual rates, insurers may not consider the applicant's current or previous insurer, including a higher-risk carrier or the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan, known as the assigned risk plan.

An insurer must warn a first-time buyer who has had no more than one accident and one traffic ticket in the past three years if the company plans to quote a price that "equals or exceeds the premium" available from the assigned risk plan.

The rule will go into effect 20 days after the board files it for publication in the Texas Register.



SWEETHEART — Annie Ragland, left, was named sweetheart for the SHS boy's basketball team at a recent coronation ceremony. Also pictured is Steven Bollinger, who served as escort. (SHS Photo)

Financial Focus

The rich are getting richer, and the poor are getting poorer. Right?

Not necessarily, says Dr. Thomas Sowell, an economist and senior fellow at The Hoover Institution in Stanford, Calif. We may just be getting the wrong impression from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).

For example, $184 biillion in government welfare is not included in the CBO's calculations. "Food stamps, public housing and Medicaid are among the non-cash benefits that are left out," writes Dr. Sowell in a recent Forbes editorial.

In addition, capital gains are computed and reported incorrectly by the CBO, according to Sowell.

Then there's "household income". The fact that some households earn more because more family members work and bring home more total income does not constitute a social inequity. However, the CBO treats it that way. The total income of a household comprised entirely of wage-earners may be compared to the income of another household where no one works.

Finally, Sowell says that with an ever-changing mix of individuals labeled "rich" and "poor", "both groups put together are probably no more than 10 percent of the population." His conclusions are based on a University of Michigan study that found that in a seven-year period, nearly half of the families in the top and bottom 20 percent of the income bracket at the beginning of the study were no longer there are the end of the period. The chronically poor, "those in the bottom 20 percent in income for the past eight out of 10 years," constitue only 3 percent of the population.

From the amount of domestic policy targeted at this group, you might expect it to be much larger. The fact is, by relying on the CBO's "who's-rich-and-who's-poor" figures, no more than 10 percent of the population is dictating policies that affect the other 90 percent at any given time.

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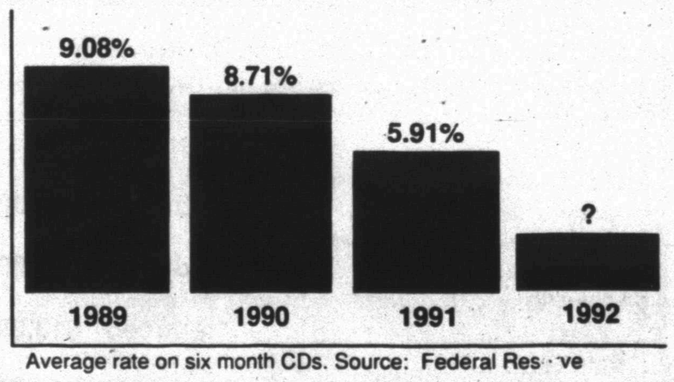
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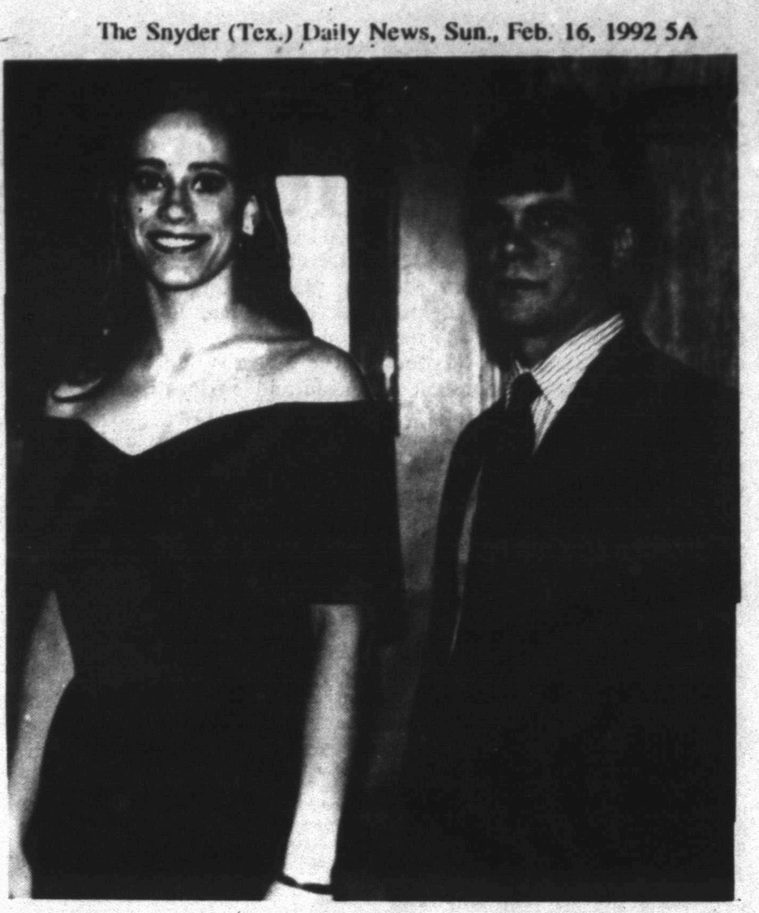


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RECEPTION HONORS GRADS — Cogdell Memorial Hospital hosted a reception in the doctor's lounge honoring the graduates of vocational nursing at Western Texas College Wednesday. Welcomed by Director of Nursing Lana Chambers are, from left, Ronnie Bilberry, Nancy Brunson, Toni Everett, Delmira Garza, Becky Manning, Bekki McKay, Rolando G. Peralta, Roxanne Wright and Kim Zimmer. (SDN Staff Photo)



FRENCH CLUB — Joellen King and Curry Koening were recently named French Club sweethearts at a Snyder High School coronation ceremony. (SHS Photo)



CAPPED IN CEREMONY — Nursing students in a capping ceremony were honored by Cogdell Memorial Hospital with a reception in the doctor's lounge Wednesday. Members of the vocational nursing class at WTC are, from left, first row, Denise Carter, Danny Gambol, Teresa Herrera and Sandi Martin; back row, Debbie Moore, Kimberly Neves, Terry Orr, Tracy Pruitt, Jeni Rinehart, Joanne Tovar and Lana Turner. (SDN Staff Photo)

Contract engineer wins slander suit

HOUSTON (AP) — A former contract engineer for Houston Lighting & Power has won a $6.5 million judgment against the utility after a federal jury found he had been slandered by a supervisor.

Rafiq A. Danawala worked at the South Texas Nuclear Plant until January 1990, when he was fired after his supervisor, William Wellborn, accused him of falsifying an internal accounting document.

The alleged falsification was a harmless error, said S. Tanner Garth, Danawala's attorney.

Garth said his client was fired because he had reported Wellborn to company officials for doing poor work.

"Bill Wellborn had poor performance reviews and was getting in trouble with his bosses," Garth said. "It was clear to us that Wellborn was out to get him."

Wellborn didn't mention Danawala by name, but he disseminated the reasons for Danawala's dismissal at a meeting of plant contract workers, Garth said.

Defamatory statements may be deemed slanderous if the speaker accuses a person of a crime or injures that person's reputation, business or career.

"Falsification is a very serious charge in the nuclear industry," Garth said. "Within a few months, Rafiq talked to a contract engineer in Maryland who had heard about it. The dissemination, we believe, was far outside any interests that HL&P had."

Jurors in U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes' court awarded Danawala $1.5 million in compensatory damages and $5 million in punitive damages.

Local cancer drive set here May 7

The American Cancer Society has chosen May 7 as the date for its one night only, "Lights On For Cancer Drive."

This door-to-door campaign will be conducted for two hours only and those who support this organization are asked to turn their outside lights on during that time. Donations may also be made during that period.

Pre-fundraising contacts will be made from April 6-17.

Local plans are being announced this far in advance because a number of other cancer drives are now being conducted through the mail throughout the U.S.

These other fundraising drives are not related to nor are they sanctioned by the local American Cancer Society Board.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the upcoming local drive, call 573-6857 or 573-9489.



EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED — The Council for Educational Excellence has recognized specific academic achievements by Snyder Junior High School students who are in the realm of excellence and going beyond the expected norms. Receiving this award for the first six weeks in language arts is Vanessa Kimmel (from right); second six weeks in history, Jeff Hobbs; and the third six weeks in math, Ana Hernandez. (SDN Staff Photo)

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In the early months of 1836 General Sam Houston, commander of the Republic of Texas Army sent out a call for men to fight Santa Anna's invading army. A group of German-Texans from Cat Springs, in present-day Austin County, responded to the call. To protect the community's cattle from the invading Mexicans, women of the area became cowgirls. They mounted horses and drove the cattle to Louisiana until the war ended.

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2-4A basketball...

Levelland trips Tigers

LEVELLAND — The Snyder Tigers were ice-cold from the floor Friday night in a 61-46 loss to Levelland in District 2-4A basketball action that dashed already-slim playoff hopes.

The Tigers' loss and Estacado's 88-53 win over Dunbar mathematically eliminated SHS from postseason consideration.

While Snyder was suffering a 26 percent shooting night against the Lobos, Levelland was hitting at a 50 percent clip that, according to Tiger coach Bud Birks, turned out to be the big difference in the game.

"Every team has to go through games like this," he said. "The ball just wouldn't go in.

"We had some good shots by some good players. Hayward (Clay), Barron (Wesley) and Jeffrey (Wortham) all missed shots from two or three feet away.

"That's not to take anything away from Levelland," Birks stated. "They played well and they deserved to win.

"We just didn't shoot well, at all."

The Lobos jumped out to a 15-5 first-period lead that was trimmed to four points, 28-24, by halftime on a 19-13 second-quarter surge by the Tigers.

The second half proved to be fatal for Snyder's chances as Levelland outscored SHS 33-21 in the last two periods.

Clay hit 16 points to lead the Tiger attack followed by Wesley with 10.

Levelland's Cleveland Dawson, Sedric King and Brad Pitts each contributed 14 points to the winning cause.

The Tigers slip to 17-13 for the season and 3-6 in district games with Friday's loss.

Levelland stays in a deadlock for second place in the loop with Estacado. Each team sports a 6-3 2-4A slate with one game left to play.

In Friday's early game, Levelland's junior varsity knocked off Snyder, 49-36.

Snyder's final game of the season will be a home affair against Lubbock Dunbar Tuesday at Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder	5	19	12	9	-45
Levelland	15	13	20	13	-61

Leading scorers: Snyder — Clay 16, Wesley 10; Levelland — Dawson 14, King 14, Pitts 14. **Records:** 17-13, 3-6; Levelland 20-7, 6-3. **JV score:** Levelland 49, Snyder 36.

District 2-4A

Boys

Team	Season		District	
Lamesa	21	10	8	1
Levelland	20	7	6	3
Estacado	16	15	6	3
Snyder	17	13	3	6
Frenship	16	15	3	6
Dunbar	6	20	1	8

Friday's games
Levelland 61, Snyder 45
Estacado 88, Dunbar 53
Lamesa at Frenship

Tuesday's games
Dunbar at Snyder
Levelland at Lamesa
Frenship at Estacado

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	31	17	.646	—
Boston	28	21	.571	3½
Miami	24	26	.480	8
Philadelphia	24	26	.480	8
New Jersey	21	29	.420	11
Washington	17	32	.347	14½
Orlando	12	38	.240	20

Central Division

Chicago	41	9	.820	—
Cleveland	31	16	.660	8½
Detroit	28	22	.560	13
Atlanta	25	25	.500	16
Milwaukee	24	25	.490	16½
Indiana	21	30	.412	20½
Charlotte	15	34	.306	25½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	33	18	.647	—
San Antonio	28	21	.571	4
Houston	26	24	.520	6½
Denver	19	30	.388	13
Dallas	14	35	.286	18
Minnesota	9	39	.188	22½

Pacific Division

Portland	35	14	.714	—
Golden State	31	15	.674	2½
Phoenix	32	18	.640	3½
LA Lakers	29	20	.592	6
Seattle	26	24	.520	9½
LA Clippers	24	25	.490	11
Sacramento	17	32	.347	18

Friday's Games
New Jersey 107, Philadelphia 99
Atlanta 112, Orlando 107
Indiana 107, Milwaukee 100
Houston 105, Boston 99
Denver 105, Dallas 85
Seattle 108, San Antonio 91
LA Clippers 104, Phoenix 97
Washington 108, LA Lakers 92
Portland 107, Sacramento 106

Saturday's Games
New Jersey at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Detroit at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 2 p.m.
Miami at Charlotte, 2:30 p.m.
Boston at LA Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
LA Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

s p o r t s

SHS golfers shoot 351 at tournament

BIG SPRING — One thing you can say about the Snyder Tigers' boys' golf team, they are consistent.

The Snyder links squad scored a team-total 351 Friday to take 14th place after one round of the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

The Tigers scored 351 on both rounds of their season-opening tournament in Odessa last week as well.

"We've got to get off that 351," laughed golf coach Bob O'Day.

Snyder, led by senior Roe Patterson and sophomore Jeff Armstrong with an 86 each, completed the first round at Comanche Trails Country Club trailing Plainview by one stroke and leading Odessa Permian by seven.

Host Big Spring sat atop the leader board after Friday's round with a 307 tally, including a one-under 70 from individual leader Charlie Garcia.

Andrews, led by Chad Campbell's third-best 73, was second with a 308 followed by Lubbock Monterey's 311, a 319 by Monahans and Midland High's 333.

Lamesa, a member of District 2-4A along with Snyder, was in ninth going into Saturday's final round with a 339 total.

"I'm real pleased that we played within 12 shots of Lamesa," said O'Day. "They have got to be the favorite in our district.

"And," he added, "Plainview is just ahead of us by one stroke."

Plainview will begin 2-4A competition in the 1992-93 school year.

"Now that other district (3-4A) is another story," O'Day continued. "They are beating some good 5A teams.

District 3-4A is represented in this tournament by Big Spring, Monahans, Andrews, a surprising San Angelo Lake View team that was in seventh place Friday, and Sweetwater, which turned in an eighth-place 338 in the first 18 holes.

Trailing Patterson and Armstrong for Snyder are sophomore Adam Scott with an 88, and 91s from senior Curry Koening and junior Cody Wunderlich.

Saturday's second round in the 36-hole tournament was to have been played at Big Spring Country Club.

Big Spring Invitational
Boys
at Comanche Trails C.C.
First round

Team scores — Big Spring 307; Andrews 308; Monterey 311; Monahans 319; Midland 333; Coronado 336; Lake View 337; Sweetwater 338; Lamesa 339; Midland Lee 340; San Angelo Central 340; Abilene Cooper 346; Plainview 350; Snyder 351; Permian 358; Ft. Stockton 362; Lubbock High 376; Palo Duro 379; Crane 385; Stanton 397; Caprock 399; Coahoma 402; Colorado City 415.

Medalist standings — Charlie Garcia, Big Spring, 70; Chris Rogers, Sweetwater, 71; Chad Campbell, Andrews, 73.

Snyder scores — Roe Patterson 86; Jeff Armstrong 86; Adam Scott 88; Curry Koening 91; Cody Wunderlich 91.



DONATION FOR NEW BACKBOARDS — Representatives from organizations involved stand under the new glass backboards donated for use by boys' and girls' Little Dribblers at Travis Gym. Chevron's Employee Involvement Program donated $750 for the purchase of the backboards which will be used by both Little Dribbler leagues, which play their games at the facility. Pictured, from left to right, are Harvey Pinkerton of Chevron, Larry Braziel, vice-president of boys' Little Dribblers, Jesse Perkins of Chevron and girls' Little Dribbler president Joe Roemisch. (SDN Staff Photo)

McMillan advances to semis

ABILENE — Snyder's Kevin McMillan notched a pair of opening-round victories at the Abilene Tennis Tournament to advance into Saturday's semifinals.

McMillan, normally a doubles competitor, is playing singles because his partner, Marcus Best, is out of the tournament due to missing his allotted number of days from school with extracurricular activities.

The Snyder senior defeated Wylie's Williams (no first names listed), 6-0, 6-0 in his opener, then turned in a 6-7 (7-4), 6-1, 6-4 over Lester of Ft. Stockton to earn a spot in Saturday's semifinals against Abilene High's Hailey.

In addition, the girls' doubles team of Robin Cave and Christina Gonzales earned a semifinal berth by winning twice Friday.

The SHS pair clipped Ft. Stockton's Falcon-Ramos team, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, and got past Cooper's Herman and Murray, 6-4, 6-4, to gain a spot against Abilene High's Demmitt and Vaughn Saturday.

Snyder's Jason Warren lost, 6-2, 6-1 to Mulkey of Abilene High Friday in boys' singles, but recovered to claim a 6-3, 6-1 victory against Wilkins of San Angelo Lake View.

Warren was to have taken on Sweetwater's Howard in Saturday consolation bracket action.

In girls' singles, Snyder's Amy Hererra fell to Gee of Abilene Cooper, 6-0, 6-1, before defeating Ft. Stockton's Tarango, 6-0, 6-4.

Hererra and Cooper's Smith were to face off in Saturday action.

Kelly Farmer of SHS pounded Phipps of Breckenridge, 6-2, 6-1, to earn a spot against Rawlings of Sweetwater in Saturday's final round.

Abilene Tournament
Snyder results
Snyder players listed first

Boys' singles — McMillan def. Williams, Wylie, 6-0, 6-0; Warren lost to Mulkey, Abilene High, 6-2, 6-1; McMillan def. Lester, Ft. Stockton, 6-7 (7-4), 6-1, 6-4; Warren def. Wilkins, 6-3, 6-1.

Girls' singles — Hererra lost to Gee, Abilene Cooper, 6-0, 6-1; Farmer lost to Nicholas, Wylie, 6-3, 6-1; Farmer def. Phipps, Breckenridge, 6-2, 6-1; Hererra def. Tarango, Ft. Stockton, 6-0, 6-4.

Boys' doubles — Aguirre-Gayle lost to Rick-Leverett, Brownwood, 6-1, 1-6; Hess-Kennedy lost to Stanfield-Roberson, Abilene Cooper, 6-1, 6-1; Aguirre-Gayle lost to Chrismer-Petree, Wylie, 6-1, 7-5.

Girls' doubles — Cave-Gonzales def. Falcon-Ramos, Ft. Stockton, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; Papay-Wright lost to O'Loughlin-Runnels, Abilene Cooper, 6-4, 6-1; Papay-Wright lost to Ramos-Bates, Sweetwater, 6-4, 6-4; Cave Gonzales def. Herman-Murray, Abilene Cooper, 6-4, 6-4.

SDN sports week

Monday, Feb. 17

Basketball
Snyder freshmen boys at Colorado City at 7:30 p.m.

Tennis
Snyder freshmen host Colorado City.
Snyder Junior High hosts Colorado City.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Basketball
Snyder Tigers host Dunbar. JV at 6:30 p.m. Varsity at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Basketball
Western Texas College Lady Dusters host Weatherford JC at 6 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.
Western Texas College Westerners host Midland College at 8 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

Baseball
Snyder baseball exes vs. 1992 Tigers at 5 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Friday, Feb. 21

Tennis
Snyder varsity A team at Big Spring tournament.
Snyder varsity B team at Garden City tournament.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Golf
Snyder Country Club Ground Hog Tournament begins with 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Tennis
Snyder varsity A team at Big Spring tournament.
Snyder varsity B team at Garden City tournament.

Baseball
Snyder Tigers at San Angelo Lake View at 1 p.m. for scrimmage.

Bowling News

JACK AND JILL
2-12-92

Team	W	L
Sonic	57	27
Outlaws	54½	29½
Better-n-Nuttin	48	36
Champions	46½	37½
Timely Finance	46	38
Misfits	45	39
Matthies Const	44½	39½
Garcia Tire	41½	42½
Snyder Paint-Body	40	44
Club 250	39	45
Matco Tools	39	45
Strugglers	38	46
Silver Bullet	35	49
Hillside Mem Gdn	34½	49½
Just One Pin	33½	50½
Lucky 7	32	52

High Series: Jimmy Fletcher 521; Laura Clark 522. **High game:** Chuck Warren 229; Laura Clark 213. **High handicap series:** Darell Highfield 600; Linda Stack 639. **High handicap game:** Strick Posey 206; Trudy Garcia 250.

200-500: Laura Clark 213, 522; Chuck Warren 229; Strick Posey 511; Jimmy Fletcher 521; Brenda Hook 504; Linda Stack 516; Billie Jackson 504; Linda Head 512.

Converted splits: Charlie Teague 3-10; Mark Thompson 3-10; Roger Batchelor 3-10, 2-5-7; Kenneth Kellner 3-10; Barbie Highfield 3-10; Ronnie Clawson 3-10; Tom Seabourn 3-10; Jester Pippin 2-5-7; Jeff Frederick 2-5-7; Linda Stack 3-5-10; Wanda McAnelly 5-7; Vicky Renshaw 2-7.

KOFFEE LEAGUE
2-11-92

Team	W	L
Patterson's Used Cars	57	31
SOS	56½	31½
IF&C	50½	37½
Gifts by Jane	46½	41½
House of Treasures	42½	45½
Everybody's	41½	46½
R.D.'s Wld	39	49
Spanish Inn	23½	64½

High Series: Bernie Sealy 543; Grace Beauchamp 543. **High game:** Grace Beauchamp 201. **High handicap series:** Terri Blocker 672. **High handicap game:** Jenny Rainwater 227.

200-500: Grace Beauchamp 201, 543; Bernie Sealy 543; Dawn Fish 503; Terri Blocker 510.

Splits converted: Bernie Sealy 4-6-7-9-10; 6-7-10; Icy Foree 5-8-10; Darlean Rankin 4-5-7; Lynn Wormeringer 5-7; Helen Kellar 5-7; Linda Stack 5-10; Terry Blocker 3-10; Vicky Renshaw 3-10; Sylvia Fletcher 3-10.

COMMERCIAL
2-11-92

Team	W	L
City of Rotan	80	40
Stephens Ofc Sup	72½	47½
Key Kennels	64½	55½
Pro Parts	57½	66½
WTP Energy	53	67
Wilson Mtrs	52	68
Reef Chemical	50½	69½
Bar-H-Bar	50	70

High Series: Doyle Graham 605. **High game:** Doyle Graham 245. **High handicap series:** Tommy Early 657. **High handicap game:** Lynn Smith 230.

Splits converted: J.C. Harrison 4-5; Bob Motley 6-9-10, 4-9; Ronny Autry 4-5; Jim West 3-10; Don Johnson 2-7, 3-10; Carl Stokes 3-10, 2-9-10; Max Vincent 3-10; Bill Stephens 4-5; Kyle Herrley 3-6-7-10.

ROLL N HOPE
2-10-92

Team	W	L
Cotton Patch Casuals	54	30
E.D. Walton	51	33
Louise's Coffee Shop	49½	34½
IGA	38	46
LaRoux State Farm	38	46
Musselwhite Trucking	37½	46½
Pro Bail Bond	37	47
City Nat'l Bank	33	51

High Series: Cindy Loper 612. **High game:** Emma Braziel 220. **High handicap series:** Debbie Massingill 696. **High handicap game:** Deborah Pruett 280.

Splits converted: Sue Womack 3-10, 3-10; Carolyn Sharp 2-7; Dot Motley 5-10; Karen McAnelly 5-6-10, 3-9-10; Linda Head 5-10.

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Ground Hog tourney slated at SCC

Snyder Country Club will open its 1992 golf tournament schedule Feb. 22-23 with the annual Ground Hog Tournament.

Competition begins both days with 1 p.m. shotgun starts in the two-man select-shot scramble.

Entry fee is $60 per team and prizes will be Golf Shop gift certificates.

Early registration is encouraged by club pro Rick Mammolite. For more information or to sign up call Mammolite at 573-7101.

Junior Teenage League to meet

An organizational meeting for Snyder Junior Teenage Baseball League is set for Thursday, Feb. 20, at West Texas State Bank.

Coaches, managers, umpires, officers and directors are invited to attend to begin planning for the 1992 season.

Dusters cancel game with RJC

Monday's scheduled non-conference basketball meeting between the WTC Lady Dusters and Ranger JC has been cancelled.

The Lady Dusters' next appearance will be Thursday's home game against Weatherford Junior College. The WTC women get back into Western Junior College Athletic Conference action Monday, Feb. 24 at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

A Feb. 27 home date against Clarendon College is the final game of the regular season for WTC.

Exes game is changed to Feb. 20

Snyder's 1992 Tigers will battle SHS baseball standouts from the past in an exes game set for Thursday, Feb. 20 at Moffett Field.

The event was originally set for Tuesday, but was moved back to avoid conflicts with the Tigers' Tuesday night home basketball game and to allow for local radio coverage.

The game is a fund-raiser for Snyder High School's baseball program. Admission is free but donations will be accepted during the game.

Included on the roster for the exes are Ronnie Lewis, Ralph Lewis, Wesley Bishop, Ricky Beard, Jimmy Velasquez, Toby Goodwin, Shawn Ragland, Kelly Ragland and others.

The game, expected to become an annual event, is slated to begin at 5 p.m.

Rotary Club slates spike tourney

Snyder Rotary Club is sponsoring a co-ed volleyball tournament Saturday, Feb. 22, at Snyder Junior High School.

Entering teams will be divided into power and intermediate divisions.

The deadline to enter the charity tournament is Wednesday. For more information or to sign up, call 573-3916.

Western Texas booster club meets

Western Texas College athletic boosters will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral for a Dutch-treat lunch.

Anyone interested in sports at WTC is invited to attend.

Rebels accused of point-shaving

LAS VEGAS (AP) — One of this city's best known gambling figures told the FBI he was certain that UNLV athletes did not shave points during last year's Final Four.

Lem Banker said he told agents that players on the Runnin' Rebels, unbeaten and ranked No. 1 at the time, wouldn't have dumped the Duke game in the national semifinals last March.

The Rebels lost to the Blue Devils, 79-77, in a major upset after going unbeaten in 34 games.

Banker's response Friday came on the heels of a report in the Las Vegas-Review Journal that federal authorities were checking rumors that UNLV players may have shaved points last season.

The FBI probe in an outgrowth of an investigation announced two weeks ago in which federal authorities subpoenaed university records relating to convicted sports fixer Richard Perry.

Banker, who makes his living betting sports events, is a nationally recognized authority in the industry.

"I told the FBI there is no way they would dump a championship game," Banker said. "I told them there was nothing to it. They were undefeated. Whoever's starting these rumors is just pouring more salt in the wounds. There is no way these kids would do anything wrong. It was the biggest game of their lives. If they played Duke again, they would still have been five-point favorites. They just had one bad game and Duke played a better game."

Fords are favored in Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A week filled with racing, qualifying and practice has done nothing to change the obvious fact that the Ford Thunderbirds are the cars to beat in Sunday's Daytona 500.

Other than two-time defending Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt winning one of the twin 125-mile qualifying races Thursday in a Chevrolet Lumina, the General Motors teams haven't had a whole lot to smile about at Daytona International Speedway.

Despite some crashing and banging on the 2.5-mile oval the last couple of days, five of the top six cars in the 42-car lineup are the sleek Thunderbirds.

Sterling Marlin won the pole position for Sunday's race and Junior Johnson teammate Bill Elliott, a two-time Daytona winner, earned the outside spot on the front row in time trials.

Earnhardt holds the third starting spot with Morgan Shepherd's T-Bird alongside and the Fords of Mark Martin and Davey Allison right behind.

The GM teams refuse to believe that speed alone will win the 200-lap feature. They are pinning their hopes on a combination of speed and handling.

"It's going to take handling and some teamwork," said Ernie Irvan, the defending Daytona 500 winner and a fourth-row starter after helping fellow Chevy driver Earnhardt to his victory Thursday by drafting with him to the finish line.

Winter Olympics...

Blair speeds to second gold

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — Bonnie Blair, you just won your second gold medal at the Winter Olympics, a feat no American woman had accomplished in 40 years. What are you going to do now?

"I'm going to Lillehammer" would be music to the ears of medal-hungry Americans — not to mention the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The best-loved resident of Champaign, Ill., hasn't said yet whether she wants a trip to Norway to defend her two titles in the 1994 Games.

But she did drop a tantalizing hint after capturing the gold in the 1,000-meter speedskating competition Friday night: "I love what I'm doing. I love skating."

Germany held the medals lead going into Day 8 of the Albertville Winter Games today with 14 — all but three of them won by former East Germans. Austria had an unprecedented 13, the Unified Team was next with 10, Norway had eight and host France a near-record seven.

Bjorn Dahlie of Norway today deprived countryman Vegard Ulvang of a third gold medal by capturing the men's 15-kilometer cross-country ski race in 38 minutes, 1.9 seconds. Ulvang was 53.4 seconds behind for the silver and Giorgio Vanzetta of Italy was another second back for the bronze.

The United States, thanks largely to a certain 27-year-old speedskater, had three golds and four medals overall.

Seeking a U.S. bobsled medal for the first time since 1956, Brian Shimer and NFL running back Herschel Walker were sixth-fastest this morning after the first of four heats in the two-man competition. The push time for U.S. sled 1 was out of the top 10. Britain and Canada were the surprise leaders.

Blair bolted cleanly from the starting line in the third pairing, after a track record of 1:22.60 had been set in the first race by Christine Aaftink of the Netherlands.

The Blair Bunch of more than 50 friends and relatives from Champaign, Ill., urged her on with non-stop chants of "Go, Bonnie, Go," but Blair said she was so focused she heard only a roar.

Maintaining perfect form, Blair covered the distance in 1:21.90.

As the time flashed on the board, the Blair Bunch howled and whistled with delight. Only one — Blair's 73-year-old mother, Eleanor — stayed quiet in those first delirious moments. She couldn't hold her breath the whole race as she had during the 500, she said, "but I'll tell you my heart was going pitter-patter, that's for sure."

Ye was perhaps too eager, planting her front skate on the starting line, instead of behind it. Warned to step back, she turned around with a look of annoyance and reset herself.

She started a little slower than Blair, but turned in a fast first lap of 29.9, a tenth of a second faster than Blair. Ye was 48.58 on the second split at 600 meters, .29 behind Blair. Ye then stormed ahead to cut .27 seconds off the lead in the final 400 meters, not quite enough to win.

When Ye came in at 1:21.92, just ahead of bronze medalist Mo-

Blair, the first American athlete since Heiden to win at least two golds in the same Winter Games, said she hasn't made up her mind yet about going on to race in the Lillehammer Games in 1994.

Medal count

By The Associated Press
Through Feb. 14
24 medal events

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	5	6	3	14
Austria	4	5	4	13
Unified Team	3	3	4	10
France	3	3	1	7
Norway	3	1	2	6
Finland	2	1	2	5
United States	3	0	1	4
Italy	1	2	1	4
China	0	2	0	2
The Netherlands	0	1	1	2
Canada	0	0	1	1
Czechoslovakia	0	0	1	1
Japan	0	0	1	1
Sweden	0	0	1	1
Switzerland	0	0	1	1



AWARD WINNERS — The Snyder Springers recently captured first place in tumbling competition at a Lovington, N.M. meet. Pictured above are members of the team that placed in the gathering including, back row from left, Cara Best, Jessica Brown, Laura Greene, Shannon Hall, Brittany Drummond and Latricia Rollins. Middle row from left, Kristen Harless, Patricia Brzozowski, Anna Williams, Hailey Putnam and Taylor Daniels. Front row from left, Misty McClure, Kelby Dunn, Jessica Yanez, Briana Burk, Kristell Fitts and Ashley Jenkins. (Contributed Photo)

Buhner, Milacki win in arbitration

NEW YORK (AP) — Two players got big victories in salary arbitration while three others avoided hearings by agreeing to multityear contracts.

Seattle outfielder Jay Buhner and Baltimore pitcher Bob Milacki won in decisions announced Friday.

Cincinnati outfielder Paul O'Neill agreed to a $10.5 million, three-year deal and Toronto outfielder Devon White agreed to a three-year contract with an option worth a total of $10 million guaranteed. Seattle pitcher Brian Holman, who probably won't pitch this season following surgery, agreed to a $1.55 million, two-year contract.

Boston infielder Jody Reed and Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers went through with hearings Friday, leaving 22 remaining in arbitration with one week remaining. Owners have won eight of 12 cases decided thus far.

Arbitrator Gil Vernon chose Buhner's request of $1,445,000 rather than Seattle's offer of $750,000, giving the outfielder a five-fold increase from his 1991 income of $247,500. Buhner hit .244 in 1991 with a team-leading 27 homers and 77 RBIs.

In Baltimore's first hearing since 1980, arbitrator Anthony Sinicropi awarded Milacki $1.18 million instead of Baltimore's offer of $700,000. The 27-year-old right-hander was 10-9 with a 4.01 ERA last season and made $280,000.

O'Neill, who made $1,075,000 last year, gets a $1 million signing bonus and salaries of $2.5 million this season and $3.5 million in each of the next two years. He led the Reds in homers (28), RBIs (91) and doubles (36) in 1991.

White, who made $800,000 last season, gets a $1 million signing bonus, $2 million in 1992, $3.25 million in 1993 and $2.75 million in 1994. The Blue Jays have an option for 1995 at $4 million with a $1 million buyout. White batted a career-high .282 last season with 17 homers and 60 RBIs and won his third Gold Glove.

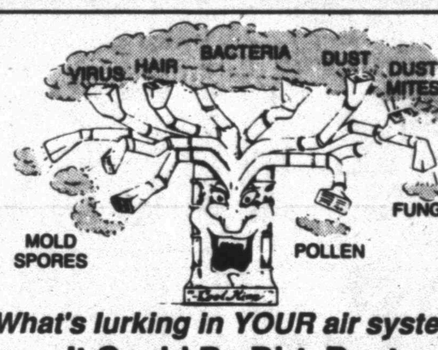
Holman was 13-14 in 30 starts in 1991, when he made $355,000. He gets $600,000 in 1992 and $950,000 in 1993, with the chance to earn another $875,000 in bonuses during the second season based on starts and days on the active roster. The 27-year-old right-hander underwent rotator cuff surgery on Oct. 10 under the direction of Dr. Frank Jobe.

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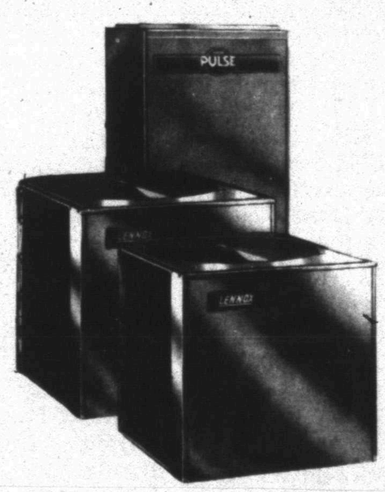


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DISTRICT 8A
DATE OF ISSUANCE: February 6, 1992
RULE 37 CASE NO. 109,438
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant, Lakewood Exploration, 500 W. Texas, Suite 935, Midland, TX 79701, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the distance between wells requirement to drill, Well No. 2, White Buffalo Lease, 80 Acres, Section 175, Block 97, H & TC RR Co. Survey, Diamond -M- (Canyon Area) Field, Scurry County, being 6.7 miles in a southwest direction from Snyder, Texas.
The location of this well is as follows: 480' from the north line and 330' from the east line of lease. 480' from the north line and 330' from the east line of survey.
Field Rules for the Diamond-M-(Canyon Area) Field are 330/933, 40 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 6900 feet.
Prusuant to the terms of Rule 37(h)(2)(A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimun lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the applications with cross examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mickey Dodson, Agent, at (915)682-6373.
If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6718.
RULE 37 CASE NO. 109,438
If you wish to request a hearing of this application, you must fill out, sign and mail or deliver to the Austin office of the Railroad Commission of Texas the enclosed notice of intent to appear in protest. A copy of the intent to appear in protest must also be mailed or delivered on the same date to application at the address shown above. This intent to appear in protest must be received in the Railroad Commissions Austin office by March 19, 1992. If no protest is received within such time, the requested permit will be granted administratively.
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Cogdell has open house for Heart Gym

Some 350 area residents attended the open house for the Heart Gym at Cogdell Memorial Hospital Thursday.

During the open house, 228 persons took advantage of one-day-only reduced cost health screening tests. Seventy-eight of those attending joined the fitness center, making them eligible to receive a free follow-up on the tests in August.

The new facility now has 205 participants, and is designed to serve as a fitness center and for cardiac rehabilitation purposes.

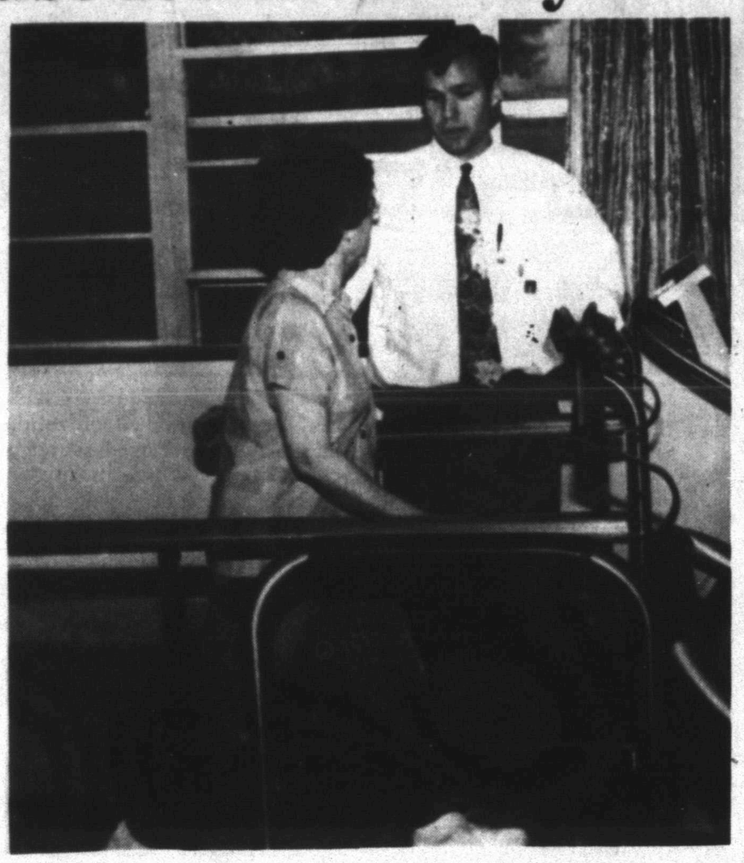
Participants are placed on individualized exercise programs based on the results of a fitness evaluation. Programs may be designed to meet goals such as weight loss, toning muscles or building stamina.

The cardiac rehabilitation program can benefit patients who have had a heart attack, bypass surgery or have been diagnosed with heart disease.

Patients in any of these catagories are encouraged to check with their physicians for a referral to the program and possible reimbursement from private insurance or Medicare.

Matt Cross serves as program coordinator for the Heart Gym.

A one month membership in the Heart Gym, which is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., is $20 for one adult and $35 for two adults in the same family. There is no limit to the number of visits.



HEART GYM — Betty Musick tries out the treadmills at Cogdell Hospital's new cardiac rehabilitation center as coordinator Matt Cross explains the exercise program. (SDN Staff Photo)

Police work two accidents

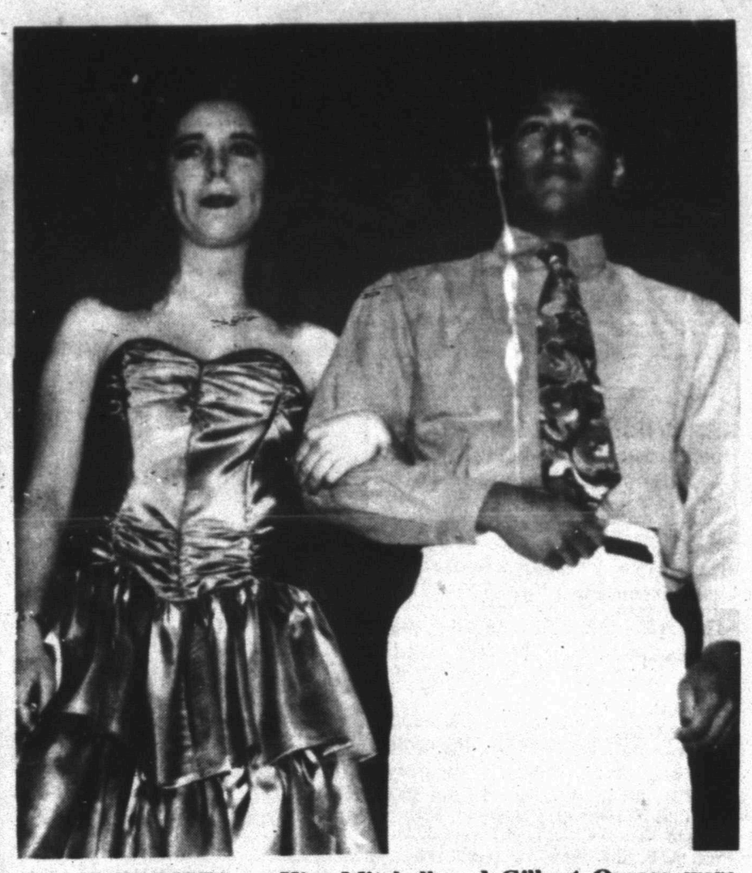
Snyder police worked two traffic accidents and took a report of criminal mischief Friday.

Officers worked a two-vehicle accident at 11:20 a.m. in the 2500 block of Avenue I. Involved were a 1990 Ford van driven by Carol Richards of Abilene and a parked, unoccupied 1989 Chevrolet pickup owned by TU Electric.

A second minor accident was worked by police in the 4100 block of College Avenue at 1:46 p.m. Involved were a 1981 Chevrolet driven by Esmeralda Cerda of 3008 Ave. F and a 1989 Cadillac driven by Peggy Eubank of 1801 Cedar Creek.

No ambulance or wrecker was needed in either mishap.

At 8:22 p.m., a female called to report that someone had broken a storm door at 2901 Ave. W. Officers filed a report of Class B criminal mischief.



SUN FAVORITES — Kim Mitchell and Gilbert Orosco were named sweethearts for the Students Uniting with Nature group at Snyder High School's coronation. (SHS Photo)



BASKETBALL FAVORITE — Wacey Parks, left, was named sweetheart of the Snyder High School girl's basketball team during Thursday's coronation. Also pictured is escort Melanie Duncan. (SHS Photo)

Another big rain storm hits California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Drenching rains and heavy snow hit an already-soggy California Saturday, the latest in a week of storms that have left at least eight dead and caused an estimated $23 million damage.

An Alaskan storm drenched Southern California after plowing into Northern California on Friday night with 40 mph winds.

In Santa Barbara, city workers rushed to build a sandbag dike around a mobile home park after rain sent a creek spilling over its banks. The water began to recede before reaching the trailers, but work continued Saturday on the makeshift dike, said police Sgt. Merlyn Kelly.

The storm dumped an inch of rain on Santa Barbara, about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles, and up to 3 inches in the mountains above it, said Dion Hamilton, a National Weather Service forecaster in Los Angeles.

The rain was moving toward Los Angeles, where officials closed 651 schools in preparation Friday. Most of the 133,000 sandbags that city fire stations had on hand Thursday night had also been put to use by Friday afternoon as emergency workers prepared for more floodwaters.

"We've had a lot of damage and we expect with the saturation there's going to be additional flooding and mudslides," said Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Tom Hehir.

Gov. Pete Wilson, who toured mud-slathered areas hardest hit by the unrelenting storms, said Southern California had suffered its most serious flooding in a decade.

Local arrested on forgery charge

Scurry County sheriff's deputies made two arrests, one for forgery and revocation of parole, on Friday.

Twenty-three year old Billy Joe Collins of Route 3, Snyder was arrested on an indictment out of Nolan County on felony charges of forgery.

Collins was transported to Nolan County jail where he is currently being held on charges of forgery and on blue warrants from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles for revocation of parole.

At 9 a.m. Friday morning, a 21-year-old male was arrested on 33 counts of issuance of bad checks in Scurry County.

Pounded from both sides, Bush seeks voters' support

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — President Bush, making a final pitch for support in New Hampshire, Saturday assailed "attack dog tactics" from challengers and defended his economic program against new assaults.

"I'm in a tough race, but I've been in tough races before," Bush told cheering supporters at an airport rally as he arrived for a weekend of campaigning before Tuesday's leadoff primary.

The supporters broke into chants of "Four More Years."

The president, holding a copy of the budget he sent to Congress last month, denounced as "absolute lies" accusations by both Democrats and GOP challenger Patrick Buchanan that he had abandoned a proposed $500 increase in the tax exemption for families with children.

"It's there. It's in this bill. And I want Congress to move on this just as soon as possible," Bush said.

The family tax exemption increase was not included in a streamlined series of seven proposals that Bush wants Congress to enact by March 20. He said he has not abandoned the rest of the plan, and wants the whole package passed by the end of the year.

Hearing to be held on Pan Am probe

ROME (AP) — Libya said Friday it would hold a public hearing on U.S. and British demands that two Libyans be turned over to face charges in the 1988 bombing of Pan AM Flight 103.

The move appeared to be a play for time in the face of a possible Western embargo if Libya does not surrender the two men. They are described in indictments as intelligence agents who helped plan and carry out the bombing of Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in which 270 people died.

Diplomats at the United Nations said Thursday that Washington, London and Paris have agreed on a resolution imposing an arms and air embargo on Libya until it hands over the two men, who are also wanted for the bombing of a French UTA flight over Africa in 1989. That attack killed 170 people.

A draft of the resolution is expected to be circulated among the 15-member U.N. Security Council as early as next Friday, and a council vote is expected by the end of the month. Diplomats said the proposal was certain to pass.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the resolution calls for an embargo on all sales of weapons and military equipment to Libya. It also bans air travel to and from Libya and the sale of airline parts and equipment to the Libyan airline.

Libya's announcement Friday, carried on the state-controlled news agency JANA, said a Supreme Court judge assigned to the Pan Am case would hold "an open investigation session" with the two Libyans. The report, monitored in Rome, did not say when or where it would be held, or what it was expected to accomplish.

No one answered the phone at the Libyan Justice Ministry, and the hotel lodging a British lawyer who was assisting the two Libyans said the attorney was no longer there. Mohammed Sarid, an official at the Information Ministry in Tripoli, said he knew nothing about the hearing.

Col. Moammar Gadhafi has denied the two Libyans were intelligence agents and insists Libya will never turn them over to British and American authorities.

Gadhafi said on French television Thursday that four Libyan officials suspected in the bombing of the French UTA flight were willing to go to France to face charges.

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Golden Terrace Village Apartments will be accepting proposals for Total Lawn Maintenance. Proposals should include a monthly rate for each of the 12 months with a total for the year starting April 1, 1992. Include in the proposal all mowing, edging, trimming and feeding of trees or shrubs, planting of grass, trees or shrubs, fertilizing and performing any needed minor repairs to sprinkler system. Golden Terrace Village will furnish all necessary supplies. Bidder should include a list of references. If the proposal is accepted, proof of Workers' Compensation and Liability coverage will be required. Proposals will be accepted no later than March 2, 1992. Proposals or questions should be addressed to Alisa Cain, Golden Terrace Village, 2006 37th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549. (915) 573-1416.

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Sales tax rebates

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ing the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $72,638.08 is up 0.70 percent.

—Lamesa received $68,984.02, down 10.68 percent from the $77,235.55 received during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $101,618.47 is down 10.92 percent.

—Lubbock received from the $2,160,036.36 received $2,148,032.77, down 0.56 percent during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $3,235,730.64 is down 0.14 percent.

—Odessa received $1,059,402.68, down 6.53 percent from the $1,133,419.73 received during the same month one year ago. The year-to-date total of $1,548,783.97 is down 5.99 percent.

—Post received $21,553.85, down 15.09 percent from the $25,383.78 received in February of 1991. The year-to-date total of $31,360.95 is down 11.60 percent.

—Roby received $2,757.42, up 4.25 percent from the $2,645.05 received during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $5,325.17 is up 51.73 percent.

—Rotan received $20,493.39, down 0.11 percent from the $20,515.06 received during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $27,958.90 is up 8.26 percent.

—San Angelo received $919,277.15, a 3.79 percent increase over the $885,671.02 received a year ago. The year-to-date total of $1,331,341.41 is up 2.51 percent.

—Sweetwater received $168,150.87, down 7.01 percent from the $180,818.35 received during the same month a year ago. The year-to-date total of $261,204.63 is down 7.11 percent.

Filing

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year term formerly held by Bo Robinson. Mrs. Wilson was appointed to the post in January after Robinson resigned.

All three board positions are at-large; however, candidates must file for Place 1, 6 or 7.

Filing and early voting will be held in the superintendent's office. Voting on May 2 will take place at Ira Community Center.

Two at-large places, currently held by Donald McHaney and Ronnie Price, are up for election on the Hermleigh ISD board of trustees. Any eligible person residing in the boundaries of the district may file. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the May election will take office.

Filing, early voting and voting on May 2 will take place at Hermleigh High School.

Democrats predict

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are preparing for a vote by the House within two weeks. The Senate plans to begin writing its own package in late February.

In an election year in which Democrats have decided to make the fairness of the tax system a major issue, their package's centerpiece is a tax credit of up to $200 per wage earner in each of the next two years. Couples could get up to $400.

The size of the credit depends on a worker's wages, but about 80 percent of all workers would get the maximum credit, Democrats said.

To pay for the credit, the top income-tax rate would be boosted to 35 percent from the current 31 percent, generally affecting individuals earning more than $105,000 and couples making more than $185,000.

In addition, a new 10 percent tax would be levied on the portion of a person's income exceeding $1 million, affecting about 60,000 people.

Ways and Means Democrats said the richest 1 percent of Americans, with incomes averaging $392,025, would see their taxes increase by $11,184. On average, the remaining 99 percent of Americans would see their taxes cut, with people earning an average $37,826 getting a tax reduction of $285.

In an effort to round up support, Democrats include some provisions that would be palatable to conservatives and business interests.

The plan would cut the top corporate tax rate from 34 percent to 33 percent and allow people to withdraw money from Individual Retirement Accounts without penalty for first-time home purchases or for medical and educational expenses.

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Feb. 15, 1992

Today is the 46th day of 1992 and the 56th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1965, Canada officially adopted a new flag, as the Red Maple Leaf replaced the Union Jack.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cyrus McCormick (1809-1884), inventor; Charles Tiffany (1812-1902), merchant; John Barrymore (1882-1942), actor; Harold Arlen (1905-1986), composer; Harvey Korman (1927-), comedian, is 65; Ken Anderson (1949-), football star, is 43; Jane Seymour (1951-), actress, is 41; Melissa Manchester (1951-), singer-songwriter, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1932, Eddie Eagan won a gold medal as a member of the victorious American four-man bobsled team, becoming the only athlete ever to win gold medals in both the Winter and Summer Olympics. Eagan had been Olympic light heavyweight boxing champion in 1920.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I would like to find a stew that will give me heartburn immediately, instead of at 3 o'clock in the morning." — John Barrymore

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1895, Louisiana received its greatest snowfall, as 22 inches fell in Rayne, 50 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 11) and full moon (Feb. 18).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Our neighborhood restaurant never serves instant coffee. You're lucky if you get a cup inside of 20 minutes.

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THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Feb. 16, 1992

Today is the 47th day of 1992 and the 57th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1959, Fidel Castro became premier of Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edgar Bergen (1903-1978), ventriloquist; Sonny Bono (1935-), singer, is 57; LeVar Burton (1957-), actor, is 35; John McEnroe (1959-), tennis player, is 33; Kelly Tripucka (1959-), basketball player, is 33; Mark Price (1964-), basketball player, is 28.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1984, American Scott Hamilton held off a strong challenge by Canadian Brian Orser to win the gold medal in figure skating at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I began a revolution with 82 men. If I had it to do again, I would do it with 10 or 15 and absolute faith. It does not matter how small you are if you have faith and a plan of action." — Fidel Castro

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1903, Pokegama Falls set Minnesota's all-time record lowest temperature of -59 degrees.

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TODAY'S BARB
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Why can't they make a biscuit for puppies that tastes better to them than your house slippers?

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Couple sells son to deputy

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A Galveston couple has been charged with selling their 3-year-old son to an undercover sheriff's deputy for $10,000 and trying to sell two older children, officials say.

Robert Leonard McBee, 38, and Robbie Lee McBee, 31, were arrested Wednesday after selling their youngest son to Galveston County deputy J.L. Campbell, authorities said Friday.

The couple, who are free on $10,000 bail each, could received up to 10 years in prison if found guilty of selling their child.

Gene Daniel, regional administrator for Children's Protective Services, described the unemployed parents as mentally "slow." But Campbell said he was sure they knew what they were doing.

"I told them I was taking the child to New Orleans to be sold on the black market," Campbell said. "I told them his name would be changed. A first-grader could have understood what I was telling them.

"They didn't have a problem with any of that. And then they began discussing the possibility of selling their 4-year-old and their 7-year-old."

When the McBees accepted the money, they weren't aware that the state had already taken custody of the 3-year-old boy, Campbell said.

CPS took custody of the couple's 4-year-old daughter in November 1990. The 7-year-old son has lived with an aunt since November 1990 and is developing well, Daniel said.

CPS told authorities about the couple after being contacted by McBee's cousin, Campbell said.

The cousin, who had been caring for the 3-year-old for several days, told officials the couple planned to sell their children to an unidentified Harris County woman. Police don't know who the prospective buyer was.

Campbell said the cousin helped arrange the sale to sheriff's deputies. The mother set the purchase price during a phone call, and the father also said he wanted to sell the boy.

Pecos Co. sheriff can monitor private jail

FORT STOCKTON, Texas (AP) — The Pecos County sheriff must provide regular, on-site monitoring of a private jail, the attorney general said in an opinion.

But it's up to a state commission to ensure it complies with state jail standards, he added.

The opinion was requested by former 83rd District Attorney Richard Barajas on behalf of Pecos County Sheriff Bruce Wilson.

The Pecos County jail was one of six private facilities built in six Texas counties, including Pecos, by private prison developer N-Group Securities of Houston. All remain empty except the Angelina County facility, which houses overflow inmates from Harris County.

A Pecos County grand jury has indicted N-Group and two of its executives on deceptive trade practices charges that allege the company skirted state bidding laws when it built the facilities.

N-Group denies any wrongdoing.

"Sheriff Bruce Wilson was unsure if the facility was not complying with state standards whether he had the authority to shut it down or not," Barajas, currently a justice on the 8th Court of Appeals in El Paso, said Friday.

The attorney general said the only duty of a sheriff with regard to a privately-operated detention facility is to exercise regular, on-site monitoring.

Attorney General Dan Morales said in the opinion that an operator of a private jail must obtain certification of compliance with state jail requirements from the state Commission on Jail Standards.

Suspended police officer convicted

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal jury has found a suspended police officer and his wife guilty of stealing more than $240,000 from the bank where she worked.

Jack Weldon Nealy Jr. and Lisa Silvas Nealy face sentencing April 28 and could receive up to 30 years in prison for collaborating in the heist at Texas Commerce Bank in San Antonio.

The jury in U.S. District Judge Ed Prado's court took one hour and 45 minutes to return the guilty verdict.

Prosecutors called the robbery an "inside job," with Ms. Nealy allowing her husband to take $242,624.

AP Tax Tips

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most Americans pay all their federal income tax by having it withheld from their paychecks. Receiving any kind of income that is not subject to withholding may necessitate making additional payments each quarter.

Even if all your income is from wages, you still may not be paying the right amount in advance. Getting a big refund means you are letting the government use your money interest-free. Sending a sizable check with your tax return could subject you to a penalty for underpaying.

You can correct the problem by filing a new Form W-4 with your employer. Use this form to calculate how many withholding allowances you want to claim. In 1992, each allowance will avoid withholding on $2,300 of income.

In figuring allowances, you must take into account how many dependents you have for tax purposes, the size of your itemized deductions and whether you claim any tax credits, such as for child-care expenses.

Taxes generally are not withheld from some types of income, including earnings from self-employment, most interest, dividends and capital gains. If you have a considerable amount of such income, you may need to pay some additional tax each quarter to avoid owing a large sum when you file your return next year.

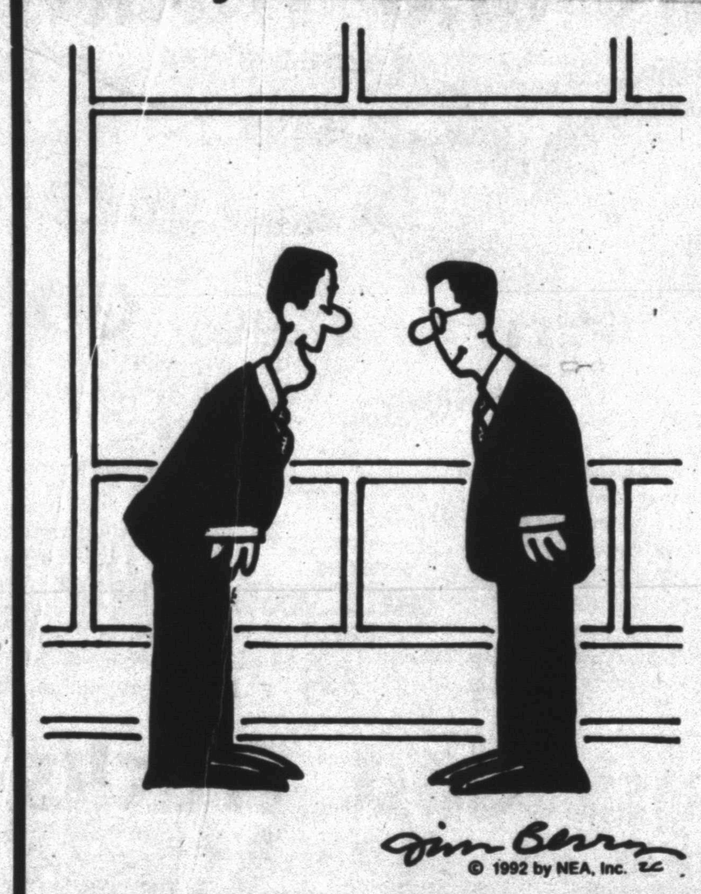
For 1992 you must pay in advance — through withholding, quarterly payments or a combination of the two — 90 percent of your estimated 1992 liability or 100 percent of 1991 liability, whichever is smaller. The rule does not apply unless your estimated liability for 1992 is $500 or more.

There is a new and tougher rule for some high-income taxpayers: If your 1991 adjusted gross income exceeded $75,000 and you expect that figure to rise by at least $40,000 in 1992, you must make advance payments totaling at least 90 percent of this year's liability. You no longer have the option of basing estimated payments on last year's liability.

Quarterly payments are due April 15, June 15, Sept. 15 and next Jan. 15.

See IRS Publication 505 for more information on withholding and estimated taxes.

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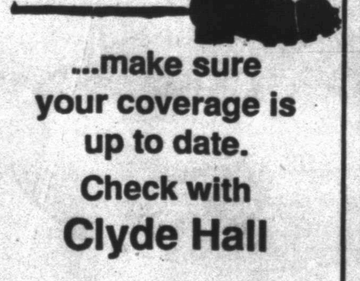
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'Cut Your Own Taxes and Save'

Tips on lowering your gross income

By George W. Smith

How do you reduce your gross or total income? Income adjustments are the first step to reducing taxable income.

Since these adjustments are taken as a reduction against gross or total income to arrive at adjusted gross income, they are far more valuable than itemized deductions. After claiming the adjustments, taxpayers still have the option of either itemizing deductions or claiming the standard deduction.

Consider these adjustments carefully since adjusted gross income also controls the amount of your deductions for medical expenses, casualty losses, charitable contributions and miscellaneous itemized deductions.

Performing artists

Unreimbursed business expenses of a performing artist may be deductible as an adjustment to gross income and need not be itemized if all the following criteria are met:

1) Services are performed for two or more employers during the year (but services for which less than $200 is received are not taken into account).

2) Business expenses attributable to those services exceed 10 percent of the gross income from those services.

3) Adjusted gross income is $16,000 or less without including expenses as a performing artist.

Payments to an IRA, Keogh account, or SEP

Don't overlook an IRA or SEP retirement plan. If you qualify for an IRA or SEP, the plan did not have to be in existence as of Dec. 31, 1991, but payment must be paid to your trustees no later than midnight, April 15, 1992, for an IRA. Unfortunately, there is no extension of additional time allowed for making an IRA contribution. SEP contributions may be made through Thursday, Oct. 15, 1992, with the proper extensions.

Subject to certain limitations, you may not be entitled to a full IRA deduction if either you or your spouse actively participated in a qualified retirement plan. However, you may continue to make non-deductible IRA contributions. Income earned from IRA, Keogh and SEP funds (such as dividends and interest income) is tax deferred.

Self-employed health insurance

Self-employed individuals may deduct as an adjustment to income a portion of health-insurance premiums paid for themselves, their spouses and their dependents. The deduction is limited to the lesser of 25 percent of such costs or net earnings from self-employment. The portion of medical insurance premiums not deducted as an adjustment to income is treated as a medical expense that may be taken as an itemized deduction on Schedule A.

Adjusted gross income also controls the amount of your deductions for medical expenses, casualty losses, charitable contributions and miscellaneous itemized deductions.

No deduction is allowed unless the self-employed person provides medical insurance for employees (if any) on a non-discriminatory basis. Further, no deduction is allowed if the self-employed individual is eligible to participate in a health plan of an employer or a spouse's employer.

The 25 percent deduction does not reduce self-employment earnings for purposes of figuring self-employment tax or contributions allowed to a Keogh or SEP plan.

Self-employment tax deduction

Self-employed individuals, regardless of age, are liable for self-employment tax if they have net income of $400 or more from operating a business or profession. This includes operating as a sole proprietor, in partnership with others, or as an independent contractor. The self-employment tax is figured on Schedule SE, Social Security Self-Employment Tax, which must be attached to Form 1040. Self-employed persons are entitled to an income tax deduction up to one-half of their Social Security self-employment tax liability.

If you have income from self-employment and owe self-employment tax, you can deduct one-half of that tax on line 25 of Form 1040. This expense as a deduction began with the 1990 Form 1040.

Penalty for early withdrawal

Although federal requirements mandating premature withdrawal penalties for time deposit accounts and certificates of deposits (CDs) have been lifted, financial institutions may still levy their own penalties. A penalty for withdrawing funds from a time deposit account or CD prior to maturity is an adjustment to income. Reporting the interest and accounting for the penalty on the tax return is a two-step process. The financial institution will provide you with Form 1099-INT, which will show gross interest earned and the penalty charged for the year.

First, report the full amount of interest that was credited to your account during the year as income. Then report the penalty you were charged on page 1 of Form 1040 under Adjustments to Income. That amount will be subtracted from your total income to arrive at adjusted gross income.

Alimony

Alimony or separate maintenance payments that are required to be paid to your spouse or former spouse are deductible as an adjustment to income. Property settlements are not alimony. You must include your spouse's or former spouse's Social Security number on your return.

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Snyder ISD Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Lucky Charms
Toast
Grape Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Biscuits, Gravy
Orange Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Toast
Buttered Rice
Pineapple Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Blueberry Muffin
Apple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Taco
Grape Juice
Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hot Dog
French Fries
Buttered Corn
Chilled Applesauce
Milk

TUESDAY
Chicken Fried Steak
Cream Gravy
Baked Potato
Diced Carrots
Hot Roll
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Beef-n-Cheese Nachos
Pinto Beans
Pears
Fresh Corn Bread
Milk

THURSDAY
Chicken Pot Pie
Tossed Salad, Ranch Dressing
Chilled Peaches
Peanut Butter Cookie
Milk

FRIDAY
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Pineapple Chunks
French Bread
Milk

Special Event: At North Elementary Only — "Pizzazz Day"

Homemade Pepperoni Pizza
Tossed Salad, Ranch Dressing
Chilled Peaches
Peanut Butter Cookie
Milk

Commodities distribution set Wednesday

Commodity distribution this month will be Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 9 until 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 2603 Avenue M. All participants are asked to enter through the north door and to bring paper sacks or boxes to transport commodities.

Income eligibility guidelines for all citizens of Scurry County are posted at the Senior Center.

Dahomey, on the West African coast, became independent in 1960 but did not begin calling itself Benin until 1976.

Ira sets TEAMS & TASS dates

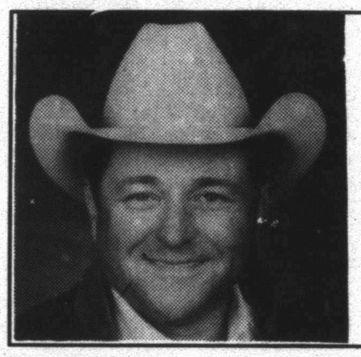
Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who have not passed all sections of the exit-level TEAMS or TAAS tests but have met all other graduation requirements may register to retake the section(s) not mastered.

Registration packets are available at any high school campus, district central office, or education service center. Registration forms must be completed and returned to Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5 p.m. on March 11.

To be admitted to a testing site on the day of testing, an out-of-school student must have an admission letter and picture identification, such as a driver's license.

Ira school will be administering the TEAMS exit-level tests on April 1 and April 2, and the TAAS exit-level tests on March 31, April 1 and April 2, in the school library beginning at 8:30 a.m.

For further information about out-of-school registration, you may call 1-800-552-0302 or the principal at Ira at 573-2628.



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FBI arrests woman who fled before hearing guilty verdict

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Mifflin County woman who fled in May minutes before a jury convicted her of third-degree murder was arrested Friday in Odessa, Texas, the FBI said.

Linda Mae Miller, who faces up to 20 years in prison for shooting her husband, Thomas, in 1990, was arrested without incident with Debra Ann Degouw, a friend who had fled with her, the FBI said.

Last spring Miller's trial took an interesting turn when her son, Ryan, then 11, unexpectedly testified that he had shot his father as the man slept.

District Attorney Timothy Searer argued that the boy, who had been granted immunity from prosecution, was trying to save his mother.

An FBI firearms expert called by the prosecution said the rifle Ryan claimed to have used was not the gun that killed his father.

Agent Robert Murphy said the gun used was disassembled after being fired. Police said they found the trigger assembly and a clip with three live rounds in Miller's purse.

After nearly eight hours of deliberation May 3, the jurors asked for a clarification of the difference between first- and third-degree murder, the only options besides acquittal. They returned a guilty verdict less than a half hour later.

Miller did not wait, disappearing from her lawyer's office shortly after the jury requested the clarification.

Name That Whale: and the winner is from Melville

NEW YORK (AP) — Drumroll, please: It's time for Name That Whale!

Two rare baby belugas received their names Friday and met the humans who won the New York Aquarium's Moby-moniker contest.

One winner's maiden name was Whalen and she's from Melville. (However, historians say the Long Island hamlet apparently was not named for "Moby Dick" author Herman Melville.)

The newly named whales are the longest-surviving belugas born in captivity.

The name contest began Nov. 27. Entries included Percy, "short for persevere," and Raffi, after the children's entertainer famous for "Baby Beluga."

"We had a lot of Borises, a lot of Coneys (as in Island, the aquarium's home); Nathan (of hot dog fame), Brighton (Beach), Brooklyn, a few Dodgers," said spokesman Rick Miller.

And the winning names are ...

... Like any contest worth its sea salt, you'll have to wait.

The whales have different moms, but the same dad, Newfy.

Natasha's son, born Aug. 7, is about 5 feet long; Kathi's son, born Aug. 14, is around 6 feet.

The beluga boys, accompanied by Moms, shyly greeted the women who named them: Kim Pestour of Melville and Pia Proios of Queens.

"We feel like we're the godmothers to the whales," said Proios.

The winners' prizes include scuba lessons (though not in the whale tank) and a whale tongue-petting session.

"It's a very pleasant tactile sensation for them, like a person getting their shoulders massaged," said Miller. (And who discovered that whales liked this? Jonah?)

"It was so neat touching the baby in the mouth: it was so soft," said Pestour. "One time I stopped touching him, he spurted a little water to get our attention. My fingers still smell like fish."

Aquarium staff sent the judges 50 or 60 entries that "were representative of something: where the whales came from, or Brooklyn, or something marine related or scientific," said Miller.

Suggestions to name the whales after competitors' dogs or children, though touching, were filed elsewhere.

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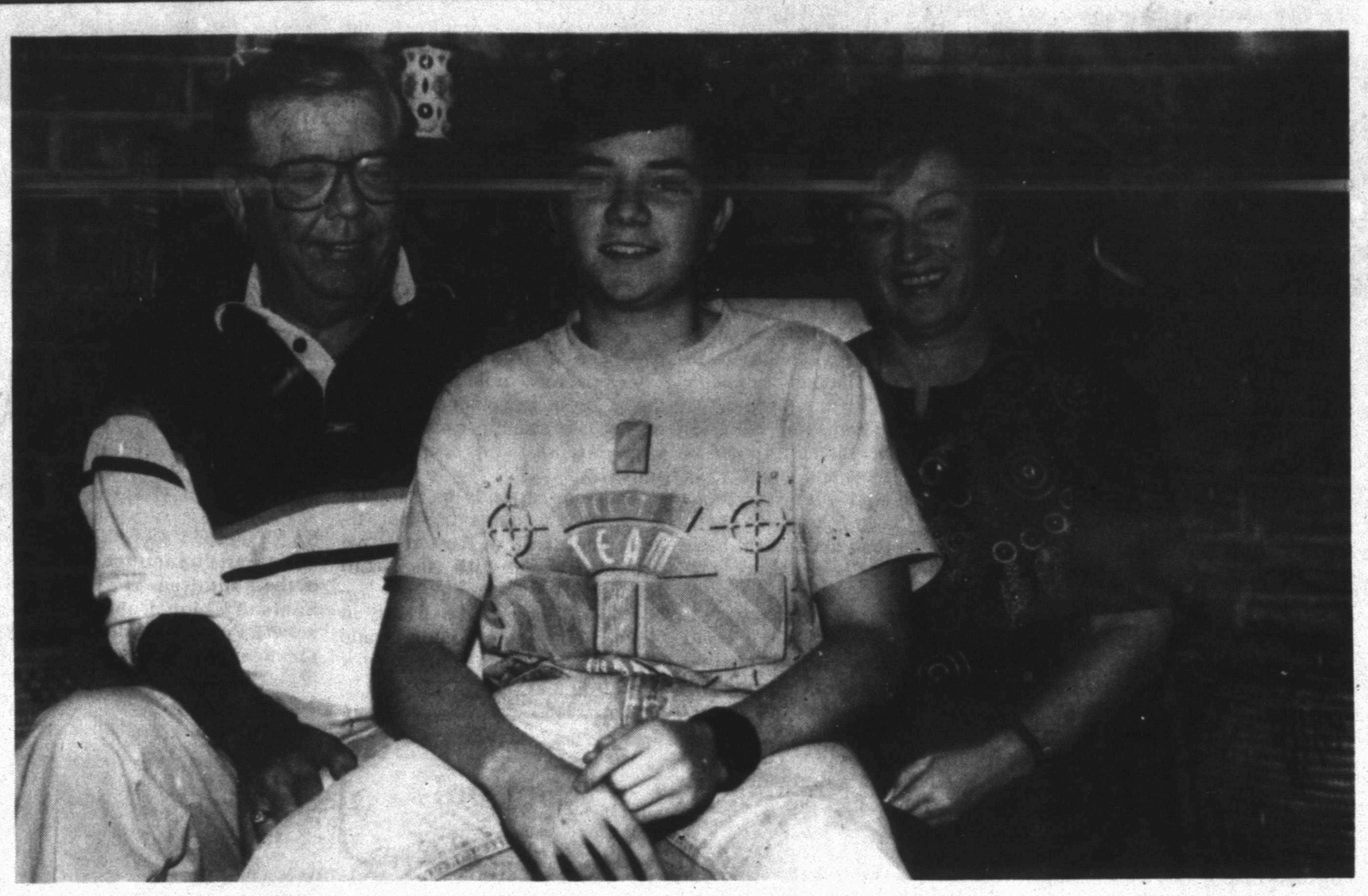
Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

After living in Indonesia for five years, Jim and Kathi Johnson, their son, David, a freshman at Snyder High School, and their cat, Mario, experienced "reverse culture shock" when they relocated to Snyder in August of 1991.

A long-time employee of Mobil Oil, Johnson spent five years in Indonesia, in particular in a remote part of Sumatra, training the natives to handle jobs then held by ex-patriots.

Previously, he worked 10 years in Nigeria. For the first five years, Kathi and then newborn David and another son, Bryan who is presently a senior at the Hawaiian Prepatory School, lived in that country. But for the remaining five years, Johnson's family lived in Houston while he commuted to an off-shore oil rig.



BACK IN TEXAS — Jim and Kathi Johnson and their son, David, have been living in Snyder since they returned from a five-year stay in Indonesia. They have also lived in Nigeria. Jim works for Mobil Oil and while working abroad, one of his main duties was to train native citizens in each country so that they could fill positions held by ex-patriots from other countries including the U.S. (SDN Staff Photo)

Since Jim's job keeps them out of the country for years, the Johnsons said they have always kept Houston as their "home base."

Each family member, including the family pet, has had to deal with reverse culture shock since moving back to the U.S.

For David, it meant attending a school (in this case Snyder High School) where he wasn't the only boy in his class. He likes having more classmates even if it means less individualized instruction than he enjoyed in Indonesia.

Last month's six-inch snow was also a first for David, who enjoyed playing in it. Previously, he had only seen a few flurries.

Having a maid and access to a chauffeur gave Kathi more time to pursue other activities while living in Indonesia. She has had to adjust to doing the family chores which means less free time. But, she recently joined the Putting on the Ritz group and is looking forward to becoming involved with the restoration of the old theatre.

In Indonesia, she and a friend helped establish a community theatre group.

Mario, used to Indonesia's tropical weather, balked at the cold weather and snow which dominated last month. When offered a chance to go outdoors, he would tentatively sniff the cold air then opt instead for a warm indoor perch.

Jim is enjoying the challenge and excitement of his new job, and, for once he isn't training a native to take his place.

Even though Jim has worked for Mobil for several years, his position at Salt Creek — maintenance specialist — is different from any other oil field job he has held previously.

In Indonesia, he served as the offshore senior superintendent and in Nigeria he was offshore senior supervisor. Jim said he has always liked the diversity and challenge of each new position. Since Mobil's technical language is English, he said language has never been that much of a problem for him.

But Kathi, David and Bryan have all had to learn Bahasa Indonesian because they lived in a remote part of Sumatra.

"It took about six months before I felt comfortable with the language," Kathi said.

The Johnsons lived in a Mobil provided compound located in a remote section of Sumatra which is only one of about 1,300 islands which make up Indonesia. The company generated its own power.

Mobil employees, usually expatriots from the U.S. and other countries, usually lived in the compound. They included people from Great Britain, Ireland and Canada, as well as other countries.

Within the compound, Mobil employees dressed as they chose. But once outside the compound women could not wear shorts or sun dresses because they were not allowed to expose their arms in public. The Muslim religion dominated that area of Indonesia, they said.

Kathi said all of Mobil's employees kept eachother informed about the local customs and taboos. Due to the remoteness of the compound, she said they had to learn to create their own entertainment such as dinner parties and outings to a beach located 20 minutes away. Various kinds of boats were also available.

Mobil provided a sports complex which featured a variety of activities from tennis and swimming to baseball for its employees.

"Since we were all so isolated we really had to depend on each other a lot. We became an extended family," Kathi explained.

The compound was located close to the jungle and it was not

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unusual for monkeys to play and groom each other while the Johnsons observed them through their binoculars.

David attended a school sponsored by Mobil which offered instruction through the eighth grade.

At the time David left, he was one of three students in his eighth grade class and there were only 48 students throughout the school.

Had the Johnsons remained in Indonesia, he would have had to attend a boarding school like his older brother.

Kathi said they chose the Hawaiian school for Bryan because they knew others who had attended it.

The Johnsons found the Indonesian people to be very "family oriented, reserved and quiet." They believe it is impolite to show anger because they will "lose face."

Since jobs with the American embassy were so highly regarded, the Indonesians were anxious to learn how to speak English and often sought help from Kathi and her friends during afternoon "coffees."

She said they also had to learn not to place the Indonesian people in a position where they would have to say "no."

Jim said he found the Indonesian men to be apt students who "learned fast and well." Since job competition is so tough over there he said they are "always open to learning new things."

In addition, they said the Indonesians are very artistic people who can create just about anything with their hands.

While living in Sumatra, the Johnsons occasionally visited other parts of Indonesia, including Bali, which is about 98 percent Hindu. They had a different outlook on life, but the Johnson family said they did not have any problems adjusting to different parts of the country.

The Indonesians do not celebrate Christmas but out of respect for the beliefs of the family, Kathi said, the Indonesian man who took over Jim's duties called them this past Christmas Eve. All the other native employees of Mobil also faxed Christmas greetings for the family, complete with signatures.

Kathi said they have always shopped for Christmas presents during the summer during visits to the U.S.

The Johnsons said they found Bali "more relaxed and laid back than Sumatra," and they valued their tourism very highly. They are mainly rice farmers and believe in honoring the long and customary funeral marches.

They also saw terrorists' rice patties growing on the hillside.

Kathi summed up Bali by saying it was "like living in a National Geographic special."

Indonesia enjoys tropical weather the year round, and it is not unusual for temperatures to soar above 100 degrees, the Johnsons noted. It is definitely the kind of weather which requires air-conditioners and the power to run them. Any kind of strenuous exercise can be done only during the early part of the day.

Available health care in Sumatra was surprisingly good as a doctor from England who worked at the compound had lived there for years and was quite familiar with all the native illnesses.

In the event of a medical emergency, Kathi said they could have been flown to Singapore within two hours in a Mobil plane, so she never really worried about their health.

While the Johnsons never had a medical emergency while living in Indonesia, they did have quite an experience a few years ago when David broke out with Dengue Fever once while they were in the U.S. The subsequent rash and high fever puzzled two different pediatricians who had no idea what they were dealing with.

The airline imposed a brief quarantine and wouldn't let them get on the plane until David's condition cleared up. Kathi took pictures of the rash and made notes which she later shared with their doctor in Sumatra.

He immediately identifed it as Dengue Fever which is spread by the bite of a mosquito. David apparently had been bitten just before the family left Indonesia for the U.S. but the fever did not make itself known until after they arrived here.

Even though they enjoyed living in Indonesia, Kathi said they were ready for a change after five years. Their Nigerian experience was somewhat different though.

In 1977, when Jim was first transferred to Nigeria, Bryan was 2½ years old and David was a newborn.

"I was never afraid of the people, but I did fear for my family's health while there," Kathi said.

It took them a long time to get acclimated and shopping was difficult because they had to visit all four stores located downtown in the hopes of finding necessary supplies.

Prior to leaving for Nigeria, Kathi said she stocked up on as much baby food and supplies as she could and shipped them overseas.

Living abroad also meant having to shop for Christmas presents in July.

Frequent power failures were a way of life because the compound where they lived did not generate its own power. They never knew whether they would have water either. At times, though, the family had to bathe by candlelight (when water was available) while waiting for the power to be restored.

After five years, Jim's work schedule was changed. Kathi and the boys moved to Houston and Jim followed a 28-day schedule of work and time off for the next five years. Every 28 days, a helicopter would pick him up on the offshore rig and take him to the airport for the 44 hour trek to spend the next month with his family.

In addition to living abroad, the Johnsons have also vacationed in various others parts of the globe.

David, who said he loves traveling and visiting foreign countries, likes Australia and said he "wouldn't mind living there someday."

Kathi also liked Australia and New Zealand, but she and Jim both said the best vacation they've had so far was 10 years ago when they visited the Seychelles Islands, "an unspoiled paradise on earth" which at that time had only had an airport for two years.

They loved the Coral Reefs and the clear, blue water of the area as well.

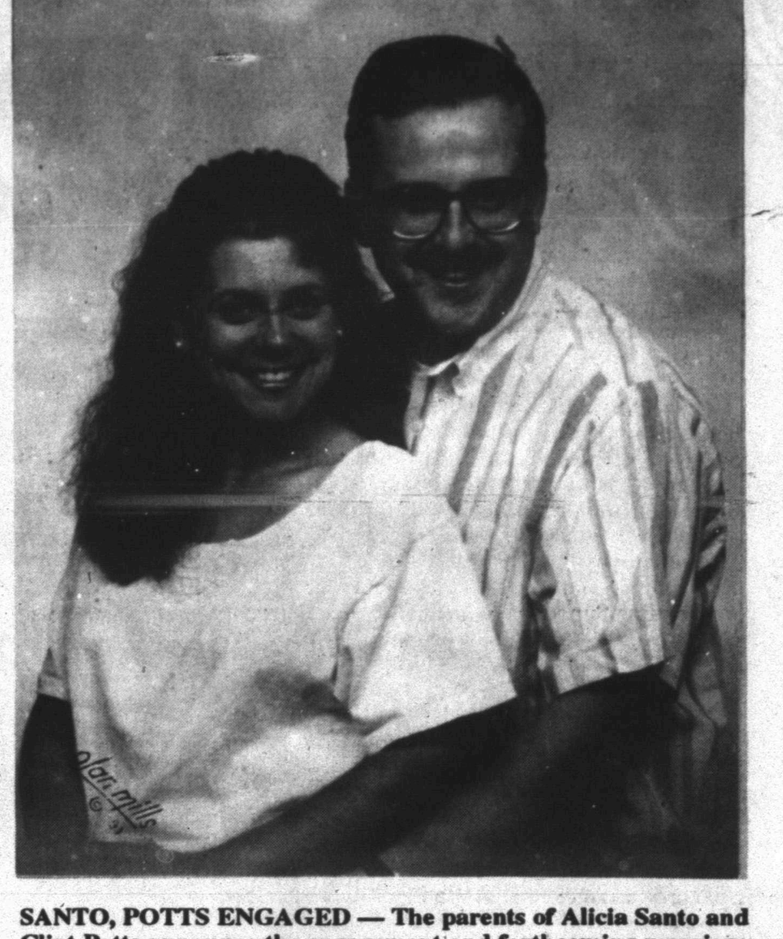
Another memorable vacation was in Kenya where they saw lionesses nursing their cubs. The lions took no notice of the Johnsons because they were used to people.

A "nerve-wracking experience" involved being in the midst of a herd of elephants while riding in a Volkswagen. While impressive, they said they realized what might have happened if the elephants had been spooked.

After several months in Snyder, the Johnsons' new lives are beginning to take shape as each pursues work, school or community activities.

They are currently building on to their home so that they can "finally unpack all of the things we brought back with us from Indonesia."

While happy to be living in Snyder today, they wouldn't trade their experiences abroad for anything.



SANTO, POTTS ENGAGED — The parents of Alicia Santo and Clint Potts announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children. The future bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Santo of Chino, Calif., and the prospective groom's mother is Elizabeth Potts of Snyder. A wedding has been planned for April 11 in Orange, Calif. (Contributed Photo)

Hermleigh ISD School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Juice
Biscuits, Sausage
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Waffles, Syrup
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
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FRIDAY
Frruit
Blueberry Muffins
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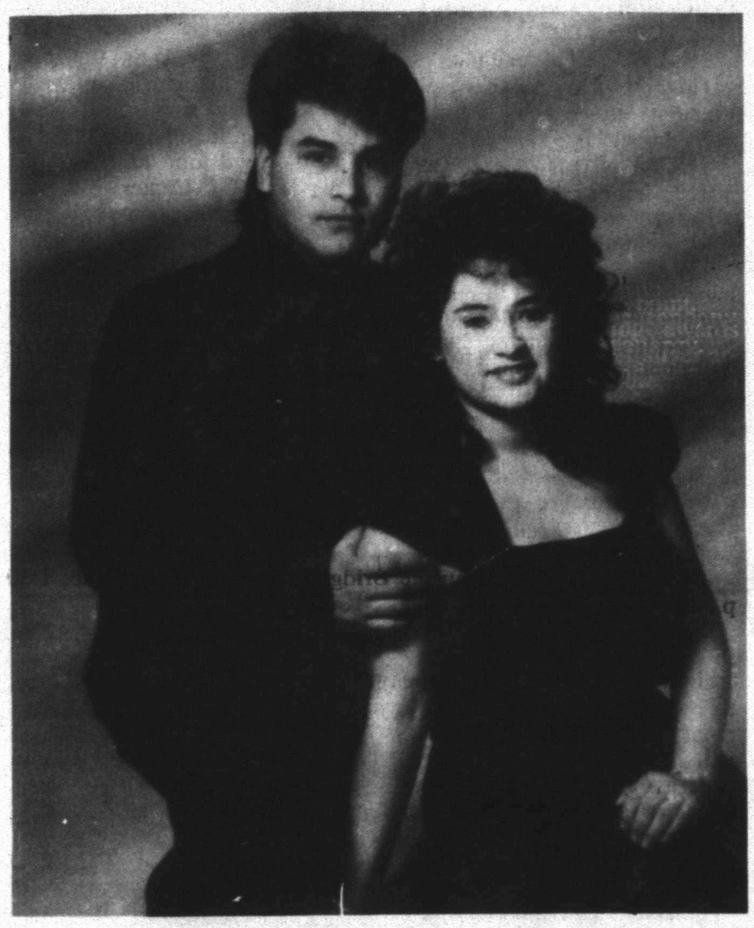
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Steak Fingers, Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered English Peas
Hot Biscuits
No Bake Cookies
Milk

TUESDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Blond Brownies
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Fried Squash
New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Peach Cobbler
Milk

THURSDAY
Glazed Ham
Green Beans
Sweet Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding
Milk

FRIDAY
Corn Dogs
Macaroni & Cheese
Tomato Wedges
Pink Applesauce
Milk



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — The parents of Rita Bustamante and Stephen Gilbert Ybarra announce the engagement of their children. Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bustamante Sr. of Vernon are the parents of the future bride. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ybarra of Crowell, formerly of Snyder. A March 21, 4 p.m., wedding has been set in the New Life Baptist Church. Both are 1990 graduates of Vernon High School and are employed by Wright Brand Foods, Inc. Miss Bustamante is personnel secretary and Ybarra is a production worker. (Contributed Photo)

Mexican dinner, entertainment planned

The board of directors of the Martha Ann Woman's Club has planned a Mexican dinner for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the clubhouse, located south of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The dinner, including entertainment, is $6 for adults and $3 for children. Proceeds will be used for upkeep of the building.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP; Senior Center; 1 p.m.; board meeting at 12 noon.

Free blood pressure clinic; Fluvanna Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

American Cancer Society; Cogdell Memorial Hospital, board room; 5 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group; Trinity United Methodist Church's parlor; 7 p.m.

Stargazers Home Extension Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

VFW Post 8231 and Auxiliary; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. For information call: JoAnn at 573-9839; Dorothy at 573-6712; Anne at 573-8322; or Shirley at 573-8881.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Ira Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

Sport Card Swap Club; Willow Park Inn, for information call 573-1961; 7 p.m.

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

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic; Hermleigh Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

Scurry County Penwomen; 1:30 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Honey Do's Extension Homemakers Club; 2307 41st St.; 9:30 a.m.

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

Diabetes Support Group; Senior Center; open for all ages; 12 noon.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; 12 noon.

Free blood pressure clinic; Dunn Community Center; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 p.m.

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; Prk Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 77333677 rr 7733956; 8 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-5524 days, 573-2101 nights; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-9924. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Mexican Dinner; $6 adults, $3 child; entertainment; 6:30 p.m.

Alateen Step Study Group; Park Club at Winston Park; For information, call 573-8929 or 573-5164.

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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Foree, born on July 4, 1916, in Williamson County and Mrs. Foree, born on July 10, 1919, in Kansas, were married in Big Spring. They have lived in Snyder since their marriage.

Retired, Mr. Foree's previous occupations were with Black & Foree Construction and State Department of Welfare. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Mrs. Foree is a member of the Rebekah's. They are also members of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Their children are Mrs. Jimmy (Patsy) Gifford of Buchanan Dam; Robert Foree of Midland; Kenneth Foree of Lewisville; and Mrs. Jerry (Betty) Morgan of Snyder. They have nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Scurry County Library News & Views

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"Crimson," by Shirley Conran.

"Hook," by Terry Brook.

NON-FICTION

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"How and Where To Look It Up," by Sherwood Harris.

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Duplicate Bridge Scores

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed seven tables.

N-S

1. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
2. LaVern Lee, Billie Sue Stuard.
3. Mary Beth Vestal, Margaret Birdwell.

E-W

1. Dorothy Rosson, Bessie Collins.
2. Martha Fagin, Sue Carter.
3. Polly Ballard, Verdi Kimbro.

TUESDAY

Jane Hinton directed four tables.

1. Bessie Collins, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Shirley, George Stewart.
3. Louis Thompson, Jane Hinton.
4. Julian Jones, J.O. Morrison.

Gentle Dove Menu

MONDAY
Vegetable Soup

TUESDAY
Beefy Mexican Soup

WEDNESDAY
Potato Soup

THURSDAY
Fiesta Rice

FRIDAY
Beans

When fights break out between nursing monk seal mothers, the mothers are likely to exchange pups, and either they can't tell whose pup is whose or they don't care, says National Geographic.

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by Phillip Alder

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♥ Q 6 5 3
♦ 6 4
♣ A Q 7 4 2

WEST
♠ A K 5
♥ K 10
♦ J 9 5 3 2
♣ 9 6 5

EAST
♠ 9 6 4 3
♥ J 9 8 7 2
♦ K 10 8
♣ 3

SOUTH
♠ Q J 8 7
♥ A 4
♦ A Q 7
♣ K J 10 8

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT*	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

*15-17 points

Opening lead: ♦ 3

Try to assess South's fate

By Phillip Alder

When defending, if you think the contract must go down, take your time to ensure that you find the right plays. But if declarer will succeed by working out the distribution of the cards, try to play in tempo, not making any revealing hesitations.

After a simple Stayman auction, West led the diamond three: four, king, seven. Back came the diamond 10. Declarer won with the ace, crossed to dummy with a club to the queen and then led the spade two to his queen. Knowing that misleading partner wouldn't matter on this hand, West, New Yorker Sy Feldman, won with the *ace*. Then he cleared the diamonds.

Now South ran his club winners, throwing a spade from hand. West had to make two discards, coming down to four cards. If he kept one diamond, the spade king and both hearts, Feldman realized he wouldn't beat the contract. Declarer would lead the spade 10, safely establishing his ninth trick. Having seen this coming, Feldman smoothly discarded the heart 10 and spade five, keeping both his diamond winners.

True, South could have made his contract by playing a heart to the ace, but he had been misled by the spade ace. He called for the spade 10. He was dismayed when West won with the king and cashed two diamond tricks to defeat the contract.

West defended well, but South insulted East. An expert East would have put up the spade king at trick four to try to win the trick and protect his partner's entry before the diamonds were established.

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Addresses needed for class

Anyone having information about the Snyder High School 1977 classmates are asked to contact Pam Murray at American State Bank, 573-4041 or 573-9437.

Addresses are needed for Susan Banks, Scott Birdsall, Tommy Buerger, David Campbell, Randy Collum, Brenda (Cooper) Williamson, Cindy Cox. Johnny Curtis, Debra (Dyer) Burbon, Agapito (Pete) Estrada, Joe Garza Jr., Julian (Alice) Gutierrez, Cynthia Hailes and Inge Hefel.

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Hollaway, Steve Hood, Curtis Johnson, Onis Loyd, Jerry Martin, Matt McCarty, Luann (Morgan) Harris, Frank Osborne, Bonnie Sue Perkins, Melinda (Pippen) Hunley, David Reyes and David Rice.

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The directors are asked to be present for a meeting at 12 noon.

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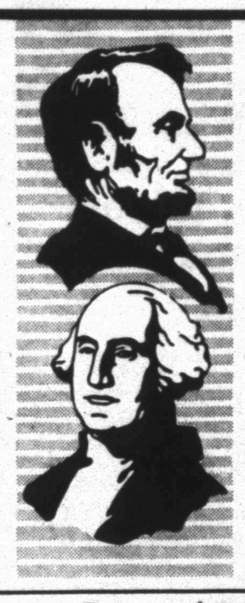
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Businessman rebuts grand jury's charges

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas businessman, charged with not paying for about two dozen American Airlines flights, says he will be vindicated when his case goes court.

"I paid for every ticket used or flew on complimentary tickets earned by my frequent travel," William E. Gibson said Thursday, a day after a federal grand jury indicted him on 25 fraud counts.

The indictment alleges Gibson between July 1989 and March 1991 bought full fare tickets on American, switched them with an invalid ticket after he got his boarding pass and then returned the unused valid ticket for a refund.

"We believe we were the victim of a highly sophisticated scheme and as soon as we discovered it we took actions to report it to law enforcement authorities," said Dave Schwarte, associate general counsel for the Fort Worth-based carrier.

Gibson will respond to the charges in federal court Feb. 28.

In a phone interview, he said he paid for every ticket he used or flew on complimentary tickets earned in American's frequent flier program.

"Every ticket I ever used had my name on it and my (frequent flier) number. If there was something there that American didn't like, they wrote me every month, they knew how to reach me," Gibson said.

"American gate agents have been very, very accommodating to frequent fliers," he said. "They have allowed people to use tickets that maybe they shouldn't have used. Now the airline is saying 'We shouldn't have done that.'"

"We always try to accommodate our best travelers," Schwarte said. "But we certainly do not look the other way when we have any consumer who is using tickets that are bogus."

American has a reputation for vigorously patrolling use of its tickets. But Schwarte said Gibson's alleged scheme is one of the most sophisticated the airline has encountered.

"There's just been nothing exactly like the allegations in grand jury indictment of Dr. Gibson," Schwarte said.

A trial could shed a rare spotlight on the complex fare practices and pricing bonuses of a major airline.

Gibson said his troubles with American began last August when he was prevented from boarding a flight at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The airline then revoked the frequent flier miles that he, his wife and 9-year-old son had accrued.

In November, he filed suit against the airline in state court asking for the return of the frequent flier incentives, which he values at more than $80,000 plus other damages.

The grand jury's indictment of Gibson also included one count of bank fraud for allegedly swiping $43,000 from American Federal by submitting receipts for tickets which he had refunded to the airline.

Police attack fans outside singer's hotel

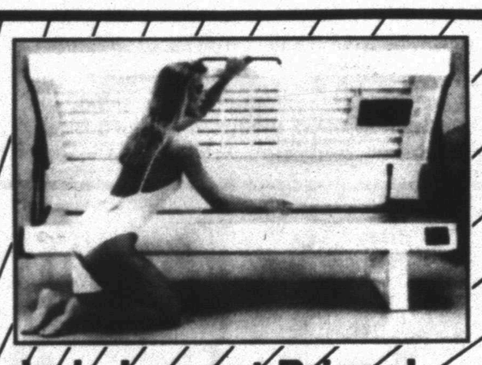
ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Police armed with truncheons and whips attacked thousands of teen-age fans outside Michael Jackson's hotel overnight.

The incident occurred after a day of clashes Thursday between police and anti-government protesters in which 12 people were reported injured and 143 were arrested. However, the two events did not appear to be related.

Since his arrival Thursday, the rock star has been accompanied by paramilitary troops wearing riot helmets.

Thousands of his fans gathered outside his hotel Thursday night, following a government invitation broadcast on official radio to "the youth of Ivory Coast" urging them to give the singer a warm welcome.

The attack on the crowd of teenagers, many of whom were chanting "Michael, Michael!" occurred without warning.



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Dear Abby

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Aunt's Will Gets in the Way Of Givers Hoping to Receive

DEAR ABBY: An aunt of mine died recently. She had a will in which she stated that everything she owned should go to me.

Several people who had given my aunt gifts over the years have asked for their gifts back. Do you consider this proper behavior? I say, "Yes." My son says, "No." We will respect your judgment.

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DEAR LORAINE: I agree with your son. Once a gift is given, it becomes the property of the person to whom it was given.

Had your aunt wanted those gifts returned to the givers, she would have made that stipulation in her will.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it wrong for a person to want to open his own mail? I am a 57-year-old man, married to the same woman for 35 years.

My wife opens letters that come to our house addressed to me. When I complain, she insists that it is her "right" to open my mail; then she says, "If you have nothing to hide, why should you care if I open your mail?"

Abby, I have never given my wife any reason to believe I fool around. I am home every night, do not frequent bars, and I have nothing to hide. I do attend seminars out of town for the company I work for, but I am gone only two or three nights, once a year. Please answer this in your column, but do not use my name, initials or city. Thank you.

STRAIGHT ARROW

DEAR STRAIGHT ARROW: Opening mail addressed to another — spouse or not — without permission is inexcusable. Everyone, married or single, has a right to his or her privacy. And you have every right to insist upon yours.

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DEAR ABBY: Concerning the writer who received used luggage for Christmas: Having worked in retail, I sold everything from luggage to lingerie so I've had plenty of experience with people returning merchandise.

I've had jackets returned with business cards in the pockets, as well as change. When I sold luggage, I've had people buy luggage and come back in anywhere from three days to three months asking to return it. Abby, often the luggage was scuffed and scratched, and they all said the same thing: "That must have happened when I put it in the car." One person even had the gall to return a duffel bag with the airline baggage tags still attached!

When I worked in ladies' lingerie, a woman returned a slip that had obviously been worn — it was wrinkled where she sat and the fragrance of perfume was a dead giveaway.

I called the manager over to let her handle it. The customer got away with it because she was a good customer and in that store their policy was "the customer is always right."

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DEAR READERS: I love this time of year. The bingeing of the holiday season has come to an end, and everyone is frantically trying to stick to their New Year's Resolutions, having slipped only occasionally.

This year, Feb. 16 through Feb. 22 is International Forgiveness Week, so perhaps there's still time to slip in one more important resolution for 1992 — be forgiving.

If you are a card-carrying member of the human race, there is at least one person who needs your forgiveness. (Or perhaps, it's you who needs to be forgiven?) So climb aboard the mea culpa bandwagon and read on:

Former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Robert Muller wrote the following especially for International Forgiveness Week:

DECIDE TO FORGIVE

Decide to forgive
For resentment is negative
Resentment is poisonous
Resentment diminishes and devours the self
Be the first to forgive,
To smile and to take the first step,
And you will see happiness bloom
On the face of your human brother or sister.
Be always the first
Do not wait for others to forgive
For by forgiving
You become the master of fate
The fashioner of life
The doer of miracles
To forgive is the highest, most beautiful form of love.
In return you will receive untold peace and happiness.

Here is the program for achieving a truly forgiving heart:

Sunday: Forgive yourself.

Monday: Forgive your family.

Tuesday: Forgive your friends and associates.

Wednesday: Forgive across economic lines within your own nation.

Thursday: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.

Friday: Forgive across political lines within your own nation.

Saturday: Forgive other nations.

Only the brave know how to forgive.

A coward never forgives.
It is not in his nature.

Robert Muller

P.S. Many years ago, long before I became Dear Abby, I came across this particularly poignant description of forgiveness: "Forgiveness is the fragrance of the violet which still clings to the heel that crushed it." — attributed to George Roemisch

And now, Dear Readers, if you have read this in my column before, please forgive me. I devoutly believe this message is worth repeating. A favor, please? If this piece has inspired you to forgive someone, I want to hear from you.

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Brooke English dominates actress' life

EDITOR'S NOTE — Legions of performers pay their dues in daytime soap operas before moving on to nighttime TV and films. Only a few, such as Emmy Award-winning actress Julia Barr of ABC-TV's "All My Children," play the same role for years. Barr's alter ego, Brooke English, has dominated her life since she began the role 16 years ago.

By DANA KENNEDY Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — She's Brooke English, the poised, successful journalist who's juggled an overheated love life and complicated family ties for 16 years in close-knit Pine Valley. Turbulence often surrounds her friends and family, but Brooke is rock-solid.

At the moment, she's pausing thoughtfully on the stairs in a local restaurant, recalling something in her past before she rejoins her ex-husband at their dinner table. It's an emotional moment. As she stares wistfully into space, the red light on the ABC-TV camera abruptly goes off.

Her reverie is broken. Brooke English emits a shriek. "What's my next line?" she yells, careening down the stairs and across the set.

Flinging open the flimsy prop door, she grabs a script she's hidden outside. After scanning it, she stashes the script under a table and runs back to assume her position on the stairs. She purses her lips, the red light goes on and Brooke English is very much back in control. Or so it seems.

The woman who's really in control is Julia Barr, a 40-ish actress who lives in Englewood, N.J. with her husband and daughter. Since 1976, Barr has worked in character as Brooke English for 12 hours a day, four or five days a week on daytime's second-most popular soap opera, "All My Children." About 7 million people watch the show every day.

Barr spends almost as much time during one week being Brooke English as she does Julia Barr.

Even her friends, she says, "sometimes slip and call me Brooke."

Soap work is demanding. A sitcom like "Who's the Boss?" tapes 26 episodes every year. Soaps like "All My Children" churn out 260 episodes annually.

Major characters like Barr usually memorize between 20 and 40 pages of dialogue a day. It's grueling work; blue-collar acting. "Every night is opening night," says Agnes Nixon, 62, who created "All My Children" 21 years ago and remains head writer. "There's not much room for mistakes."

> ***"But we're two totally separate people. Brooke is more serious and organized. I'm much more of a goof. And what she does for a living is totally foreign to me."***

Cast members on soaps depend on each other and there's little time for prima donnas, feuds and jealousies. But sometime there is friction. Two leading men on daytime's top-rated soap, "The Young and Restless," got into a fistfight over who had the last line while taping a scene last month and police were called to the studio.

Barr, who won a Daytime Emmy Award for best supporting actress in 1990, says she chose to stay with the show all these years because she wanted a secure job during her daughter's childhood.

Sometimes the two worlds of Julia Barr and Brooke English collide in unsettling ways. In 1979, Barr and a boyfriend went to the Caribbean and discovered a nude beach.

"We decided to stay there and got undressed," Barr recalls. "We're standing there naked and I suddenly see this big fat woman waving at me and yelling, 'Hey, Brooke!'"

Over the years, her character has become a parallel identity and responsibility. Barr suggests storylines involving Brooke to the show's writers. She fields correspondence from viewers, many of whom react strongly to certain storylines, such as when Brooke English's daughter was killed by a drunk driver.

Barr monitors the kind of clothes Brooke wears and the lines Brooke speaks, insisting on different jewelry or a script change if she thinks something is inappropriate.

"But we're two totally separate people," she says. "Brooke is more serious and organized. I'm much more of a goof. And what she does for a living is totally foreign to me."

They're both petite, with reddish-blond hair and blue eyes, but Barr, who wears jeans and cowboy boots off-camera, will tell you elegant Brooke English doesn't even resemble her.

"I just don't feel she looks like me," Barr says. "Even when I get all made up to go out with my husband I look different. It's the clothes, the whole thing."

But over 16 years, there have been eerie similarities between Barr and Brooke English. When Barr began the role, she and her character were both young, single and had had problems with their mothers.

Both Barr and Brooke English have been married twice and both have given birth to a daughter. Soap being soap means Brooke has not fared as well as Barr. Her second marriage failed. Barr's is solid after 10 years. Brooke's daughter was killed by a drunk driver. Barr's daughter is alive and well.

But the years have been kind to them. Brooke began on "All My Children" as a spoiled, manipulative teen-ager. She's now one of the moral backbones of the show. Barr, who underwent therapy to deal with a difficult childhood, says she's grown in a similar direction.

Actress Ruth Warrick, who co-starred in "Citizen Kane," and plays Brooke's aunt on the show, remembers Barr as "kind of unhappy" when she joined the cast.

"Julia was not very communicative," Warrick recalls. But she also remembers the day two years later when things changed between them — both on and off-camera.

"In the storyline she was falling in love and getting hurt, the way she'd hurt others," Warrick says. "My character had been a little bristly to her, but then she started to be more loving. One day, the lines we were saying were real. I remember being on the set and saying the lines and feeling it happen in real life. I got chills up my spine."

Because Brooke English is a sympathetic character, Barr does not encounter the crazed fans who confront soap villains, like her co-star, soap queen Susan Lucci, when they're out in public.

Barr begins work at 7:30 a.m. in a rehearsal hall at the ABC studios on Manhattan's West Side. The actors straggle in, sipping coffee and gazing blearily at their scripts. When they begin "dry blocking," no one seems to know their lines.

They consult their scripts like high school thespians and recite the lines woodenly, hooting at the love scenes and goosing each other.

Learning all those lines, says Barr, depends on the actor. But hardly anyone comes in with the day's script memorized.

"Whenever I get a script, I read it right away," she says. "I spend a half hour with a script every night. But I find my most productive work is with the actor the next day."

Having played Brooke English for 16 years, Barr is uncertain when, if ever, she will relinquish Brooke and the salary in the "healthy six-figure range" she commands.



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Drug therapy controls heart rate

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband recently suffered from ventricular tachycardia while on vacation. What happens with this condition, and what effect will the Procan have on his heart?

DEAR READER: Ventricular tachycardia refers to a serious and potentially fatal alteration in the heartbeat, during which electrical charges in the cardiac muscle compete with the heart's natural pacemaker. This causes short bursts of rapid pulse that can, unless treated, progress to a runaway heart rate and shock. Thus, ventricular tachycardia may be a warning sign of more dangerous events to come.

This abnormality usually produces no pain and patients are unaware of it. The irregularity is usually discovered on an EKG or during a stress test. The prognosis is quite favorable in young, active adults who are treated. In older patients, usually with heart conditions, ventricular tachycardia is an ominous development needing more supervision.

Procan (procainamide) is a good choice. When given in the usual therapeutic doses, the drug inhibits extra beats in the heart and reduces any irritability of cardiac muscle. If your husband takes the medicine as prescribed, he should do well and have no more ventricular tachycardia. Make sure, of course, that he checks back with his doctor for appropriate follow-up.

DEAR DR. GOTT: More than 10 years ago I was diagnosed with mitral valve prolapse. My only prescribed medication is penicillin prior to and following dental work. I participate in an aerobics class three times a week and now notice missing or faint beats when monitoring my pulse. Is this a concern?

DEAR READER: Mitral valve prolapse, a common and generally harmless disorder, is marked by floppiness or weakness of part of a heart valve. It is often associated with bursts of rapid and/or irregular pulse, which, in most cases, need no treatment.

However, if the episodes of abnormal pulse occur frequently or are associated with symptoms (such as lightheadedness or weakness), treatment with pills may be necessary to suppress the abnormal heart rate. Beta blockers and calcium-channel blockers are used for this purpose.

As you pointed out, prophylactic antibiotics are necessary, before dental work, to prevent infection of the mitral valve.

Return to your doctor for an examination, which should include a Holter monitor to document the frequency and severity of your rapid or irregular pulse. Inasmuch as you appear to have no really serious consequences of your mitral valve prolapse, I'm certain that no additional therapy is required. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, your doctor should make that determination.

Although mitral valve prolapse is not related to diet, you seem appropriately interested in preventing cardiac disease. Therefore, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eating Right For A Healthy Heart." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I understand that any relation of aluminum to Alzheimer's disease has not been definitely resolved, yet wonder if there is a link to the use of over-the-counter antacids, most of which are primarily aluminum hydroxide.

DEAR READER: This is a very perceptive question. I have been wrestling with it ever since the initial reports showing that Alzheimer's patients have elevated levels of aluminum in their brains. Although no reputable medical authority has, to my knowledge, blamed aluminum as a cause of Alzheimer's disease, the relation is intriguing.

I know several intelligent people who avoid aluminum hydroxide antacids and all anti-perspirants (which contain aluminum salts) for just this reason. Should we also stop cooking in aluminum pots? What about storing foods in aluminum foil?

I don't know the answers to these questions. I am not aware of studies linking Alzheimer's disease to common sources of aluminum. However, I remain cautious to the point of avoiding the unnecessary ingestion of aluminum. Call it paranoid if you wish, but I remember when no one recognized the dangers of lead-based paint and the potential hazards of mercury-containing dental amalgam. Many metals are harmful to humans, so I believe in being prudent until scientific investigation proves that environmental aluminum and Alzheimer's are unrelated.

To provide further information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Alzheimer's Disease" and "Fads I — Vitamins and Minerals." Other readers who would like copies should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: What would cause blood blisters to form on the inside of my mouth and on my tongue?

DEAR READER: Blood blisters are localized collections of blood and lymph fluid, caused by infection or injury. Hence, any trauma severe enough to cause bleeding into the skin can produce blood blisters. Similarly, pockets of viral or bacterial infection may also lead to these characteristic lesions.

In the mouth, poorly fitting dentures are a common cause of blood blisters. Also, people who inadvertently bite the insides of their cheeks or their tongues may experience painful blood blisters. Repeated attacks, without preceding injuries, suggest recurring viral infections in the mouth. You should check with your dentist about the cause of your blood blisters.

I should add that clotting deficiencies, seen with vitamin deficiencies and leukemia and as a consequence of some medicines (such as aspirin), will lead to petechiae, small red spots of hemorrhage in the skin. If you have any of these flat, painless lesions (that resemble red freckles), you should alert your doctor, who will order blood tests. However, if your problem is confined only to the mouth, the dentist can advise you.

Several years ago, I used to refer patients to an ear-nose-and-throat specialist who was a very qualified professional. He was technically proficient, but my patients often complained that he was brusque and indifferent. He rarely spent more than a few minutes with each patient, and he seemed unable to establish any real rapport.

This specialist subsequently became very ill, required extensive surgery for an aneurysm and — after many months of recuperation — returned to work on a part-time basis. The change in his personality was remarkable; I noticed it and so did the patients I continued to send to him. They usually thanked me for the referral, saying that they had never met a doctor who was so sensitive and sympathetic. He sometimes spent 30 minutes or more explaining afflictions and treatments to patients, seemed to take a genuine interest in them as people, and never failed to make sure all their questions were fully answered. In short, the specialist underwent a total personality change as a result of becoming a patient himself.

A few weeks before he retired (because of continuing ill health), I asked him about his new attitude. He explained that before surgery, he believed being a good doctor was synonymous with being a good technician; he didn't take the time to get to know patients because he really didn't care about their problems and fears. However, his own surgery and serious disease completely modified his orientation; he came to realize that patients need warmth and understanding as well as technical skills.

This specialist's metamorphosis is not unique. Many medical educators now realize that being a patient makes a doctor better appreciate the inequities of the traditional doctor/patient relation. Doctors who are ex-patients (as I am) often comment that the experience gave them a different perspective on disease, in the following ways.

- Patients need understandable explanations of what is wrong with them and what can be done about it.
- They also need consistency and compassion.
- No one is more interested in the patient's illness than the patient himself.
- Doctors must explain all available options.
- Support groups are important and often disseminate more useful information than do the doctors.
- Continuing care is vital.
- Doctors constitute only a small portion of the people who make up a patient's day in hospital, but they must orchestrate what goes on, including patients' medical, social and insurance concerns.
- Good physicians listen, try to understand and empathize.
- Patients want relief.
- Insurance forms are dreadful.

I didn't make up these conclusions; they were published in Modern Medicine as part of a round-table discussion by doctors who were former patients.

Being a real patient is an impractical way for healers to experience the flip side of medical care. However, at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center in Long Beach, Calif., family-practice residents do the next best thing: Their first day of residency is spent, literally, IN the hospital — IN bed, "diagnosed" with a serious illness, at the mercy of doctors and nurses unaware of the residents' true identities. As a result of this adventure, the fledging doctors usually conclude that a hospital is a totally different phenomenon for physicians than for patients. Invariably, the doctors emerge more caring and attentive to their patients.

For training programs long on science but short on humanism, this kind of immersion can be truly educational. Unfortunately, it is far from being universal or even customary. But it should be.

Patients who don't have an ex-patient doctor should search for a practitioner who communicates, is honest, shows compassion and understands the principle that no one — even doctors — wants to be a patient.

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Candidates hope upcoming elections will help them out

ATLANTA (AP) — Logic dictates that Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey head West from New Hampshire. But he went to Georgia instead, campaigning with one of the New South's political dynamos, state Rep. "Able Mabel" Thomas.

As Kerrey told an audience why he should be president, Thomas was bragging about how she could help him get there. But, "I can't do much without any money and I don't have any right now," she said.

Campaign money is not yet flowing South, as the Democratic presidential campaigns are pouring most of their resources into New Hampshire.

The candidates are praying for a boost that will propel them into the next dozen state contests, where a total of 497 delegates can be collected before the biggest prize day of the season — Super Tuesday.

These dozen "window" states will winnow the field before March 10, when 11 mostly Southern states hold primaries or caucuses, and give the candidates lessons in regional politics.

"The New Hampshire winner is in the driver's seat," said Democratic strategist Thomas Donilon. "Everyone else has to carefully pick targets and try to get some victories."

Going into New Hampshire, most candidates have one or two of these targets in mind. Kerrey, for example, is strong in South Dakota and Colorado. Tom Harkin, an Iowa senator, is the early favorite in Minnesota and competitive in South Dakota. Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton has a head start in Georgia and South Carolina.

Former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas is counting on a strong New Hampshire showing to propel him into Maine and beyond. Washington state is the closest former California Gov. Jerry Brown has to a regional favorite, although he is not considered a leading contender even there.

A competitive wild card among the window states is Maryland, where Clinton, Harkin, Kerrey and Tsongas all are making significant efforts. Kerrey and Clinton also have made preliminary pushes in Nevada.

Because they are low on money, the candidates have barely made efforts in several of the states in this group: Idaho, Arizona, Wyoming and Utah, as well as American Samoa.

The first cut could come in New Hampshire, where Tsongas needs a win and the bottom two candidates likely will face severe money troubles. Any shakeup in the field will scramble the strategies for states that follow.

"New Hampshire serves the role of telling voters in the later states what the deal is, who's for real," said Democratic National Committee political director Paul Tully. "Someone who does well in New Hampshire will probably get a hearing in the other places even if they are outside the home region."

That's why Kerrey was in Georgia recently over the objection of his New Hampshire staff: if Clinton falters and Kerrey surges in the North, the Nebraskan will try his hand in Clinton's Southern base.

"I am trying to encourage people who are supporting Bill Clinton to make me their No. 2 choice," Kerrey said during his trip.

Public Record

New Vehicle Registrations

Larry Arredondo, 1992 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Roy and Susan Rosson, 1992 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Mary Heredia, 1992 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Rickey Daniell, 1992 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

S.W. Suther, 1992 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Jimmy Morales, 1992 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Norman and Suzie Burgess, 1992 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, 1992 Chevrolet Pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Filed in District Court

Javier Martinez and Eva Garcia vs. Myron Fenton, declaratory judgment.

Faith Baptist Church vs. Aracelio Callazo and Roberto Martinez, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Clyde O. Reynolds, judgment for plaintiff.

In the marriage of Charles Herman Lieb and Shirley May Lieb, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Mary Alice Smith and Wesley Wayne Smith, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds

Loretta J. Voss to Billy John Voss, et ux, the east half of Section 173, the northeast quarter of Section 170 and the east half and southwest quarter of Section 188, Block 97 of H&TC survey.

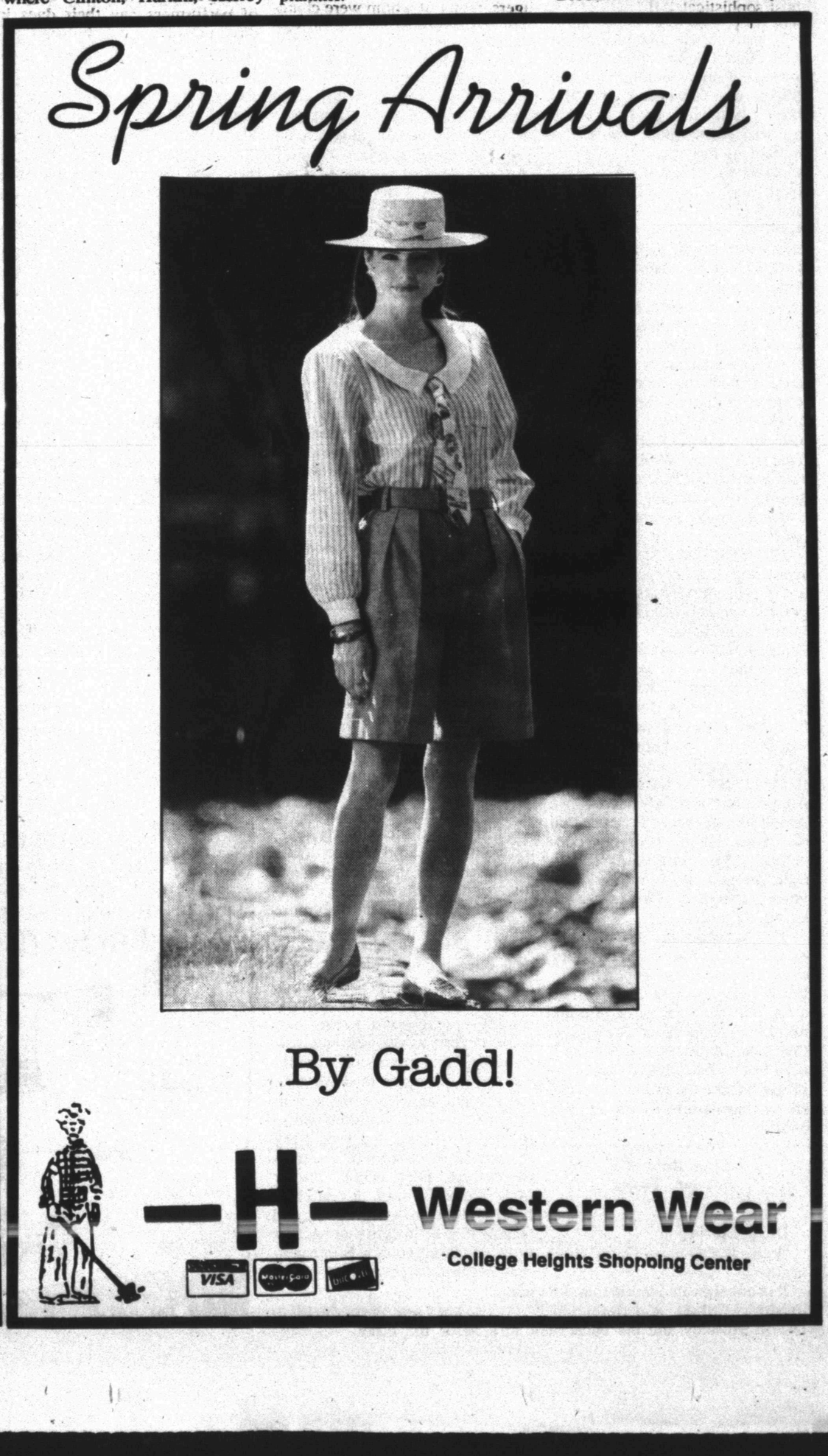
Henry Dever, et ux, to Keith Matthies, et ux, the east 51.4 feet of Lot 2 and the west 17.2 feet of Lot 3, Block 2 of Sunrise Addition Number 2.

Eula Mae Montis to Harold Wade, et ux, the north 43.2 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lots 5 and 6 in Bates subdivision of Section 98, Block 3 of H&GN survey.

Warren C. Rasberry, et ux, to Marjorie Ann Brown, the east 49 feet of Lot 14 and the west 26 feet of Lot 13, Block 7 of the Highlands Addition.

J.A. Dove, et ux, to Ann Gernandt, a 3.67 acre tract in the southwest quarter of Section 131, Block 97 of H&TC survey.





SDN Opinion Page

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I was at the Thursday night board meeting, to hear the vote, and I learned so many, many things in that short length of time that I would like to share with the people of this community.

For one, I have met so many wonderful, loving, warm-hearted people, parents, teachers, and principals, that have stood for what they believe in, and feel in their hearts as to what was right for them and their children. We all as parents, try our hardest to meet our childrens' needs; try to raise them in the right manner, love and adore them, and always, I repeat ALWAYS, worry about them, especially in the world they live in, and the issues they have to deal with — from the terror of kidnapping, drugs and AIDs — we all worry, to where something of this nature, that was a security for them and is being taken away is very hard to accept, especially when these are our children, the length of time, we've had to deal with this, and for the board to have presented it to us in the fashion that they did, which everyone has said was a "Done Deal" in the beginning. But, all in all, I have learned there are a lot of strong people in this town, that do care whether this is over or not. I have learned to never ever again think a simple school board member isn't vital to our community, as to what any outcome might be. My child is my concern. I wish the board could have proven to me that they were more concerned over all of this, and thought our questions as parents, teachers, taxpayers and so on, were important enough to try to work on the flaws, problems, and safety matters of this one proposal, for the sake of our children. To me — it is so very, very, sad to think that they stand for our children, but have ignored so many matters in this proposal and have no answers. Did this board actually think we as parents, with the short length of time we had, could believe or go for this, or that we as a community just don't care? I believe we all have proved that we do care — we care a lot — we're strong and are getting even stronger. The turnout at the high school, again spoke for itself.

All in all, I now know that our scool board is very important — and I will NEVER take that for granted again. I clean house when I see that things are a mess, unorganized, and a shame to see. I hope that by the time this proposal actually works, that is, if and when it does — that we will have a clean house with warm concerned, caring faces, to be proud of "our school board."

Mrs. Parker, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart — we all felt like there was a chance that our board cared about our concerns, and our children's education, as you do, but they have voted differently. One is a very strong number!

This has been hard on a lot of us, — but — now we all have open eyes, open minds and open hearts. I truly believe we have all learned a lot, and have gained as a community — support and friendship, love and concern — and I can't help but end this letter saying — please excuse the grammar teachers — but "It ain't over till it's over!"

Thank you,
Tina Roland
Snyder, Texas

Dear Editor:

Well, the Dalton Gang rides again.

It is unbelievable to me that our illustrious SISD superintendent Dalton Moseley and his band of yes persons on the school board could, in good conscience, implement his program for our children after such a public outcry.

Why did we even go through the motions of having public meetings if the thoughts of the people being affected by the plan were completely disregarded?

I am, however, proud of the vote by the representative of my district, Geraldine Parker, who had the intestinal fortitude to stand up and vote no.

Moseley's rallying cry since he began force-feeding us his new program was that we'd save bushels of money.

Mr. Moseley, I have a plan that could save us even more.

First, we divide Snyder into two halves, north and south. Then we simply bus the children from the northern half of the city to Lubbock, and the kids from Snyder's south side to Abilene.

Just think of the money we'd save, since obviously, that's all that is of interest in this situation.

To the rest of the citizens of Snyder: I remind you there is a school board election slated for May in which the at-large positions will be voted upon.

Remember the way the voting public was treated in this matter when you cast your ballot.

Phil Riddle
Snyder, Texas

Dear Editor,

Where is the City Council when you need them?

Maybe they should have addressed the School Board before they voted to close North Elementary.

Wasn't it just last month that they were able to get a sales tax increase passed by making people believe that if they didn't approve it, Snyder would dry up and blow away, but if it passed, which it did, that we would have a potential boomtown here due to the "economic development" that this money has been earmarked for?

Surely the School Board must have overlooked this minor detail, but the City Council should have reminded them. It's just a matter of time before we are going to be sitting in the middle of a booming metropolis. And we are going to need all of our schools, maybe even a few new ones. It doesn't hurt to think big, the School Board and City Council certainly do.

Valorie Boyce
Snyder, Texas

Dear Editor:

I recently read an article in your paper about the remarkable treatment for a child with scoliosis. The operations she has braved and the work she has done to recover from each operation speak well of her, and her determination to lead a normal life despite her condition. I think it only fair to mention that not all scoliosis treatment has to be done with surgery and/or braces. Many times children respond well to exercises that work with the musculature involved, strengthening it, as well as other approaches to care. The key is in early detection. The medical community does not take the same approach to scoliosis as does chiropractic. Where the medical community says to wait and see what happens to the curve, how fast does it progress, does it get worse when the child hits puberty, etc., the chiropractic profession looks at that time as the time to work toward correction of the condition. Later, when the curve is more progressed and the muscle has had time to contract and form scar tissue, treatment is more difficult and the recovery process much slower. In very few cases, will the patient not respond to at least some degree to the treatment offered by chiropractors. The point I am trying to make is don't take any one doctor's word on the condition of a child. Children are to important to take that risk. Seek the advice of doctors of different professions D.C., D.O., and/or M.D. Each will look at that child from a different perspective and be able to give insight that another professional might not. Some general points for parents to check are:

1. The head may appear to tilt to one side or the other.

2. One shoulder appears higher than the other.

3. One shoulder blade seems to "stick out" farther from the back than the other side.

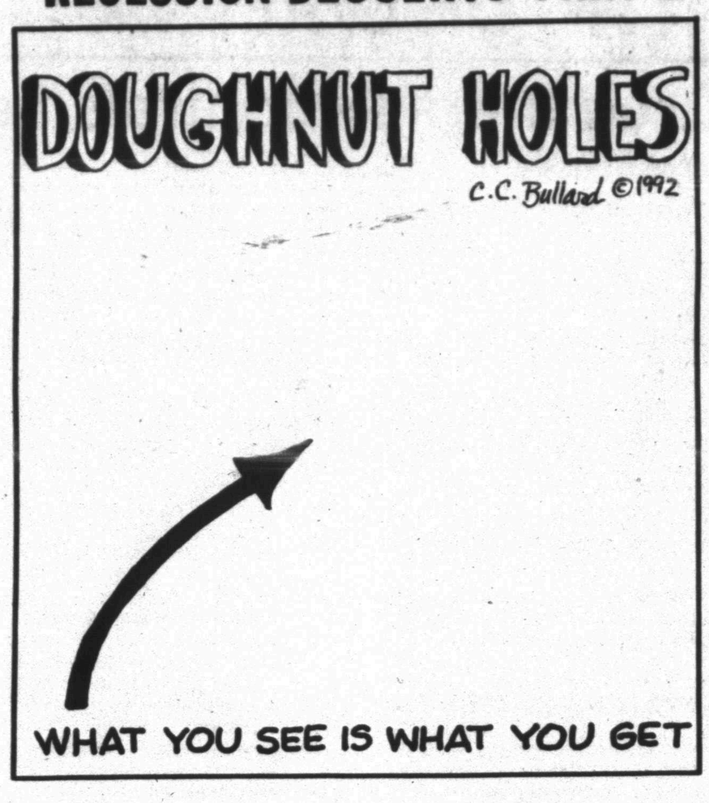
4. An arm seems to hang farther away from the body than the other.

5. The shirt or blouse seems to bunch up on one side.

These points need to be checked with the child standing evenly on both feet, relaxed, feet together, head up, looking straight ahead with arms hanging at sides. Females are more commonly affected than males at about 4.5:1. Most at risk are adolescents from 9-15 years of age. A scoliosis responds better to treatment at its earliest stages than after waiting an extended period. If anyone has questions concerning treatment of a scoliosis condition and wants to know more about options, they may contact the American Chiropractic Association, the American Medical Association or this office. Again check with different professions to find the best treatment for you or your child.

In Good Health,
James C. Hanks D.C.

RECESSION DESSERTS PART I



Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

5 YEARS AGO

Commissioners approved a committee recomendation to hire a San Antonio engineering firm for improvements at Winston Field.

John Billy Koonsman, owner of Koonsman Ranch, was elected a director of the Texas Hereford Assn. at the organization's annual meeting in Fort Worth.

Carlos Hernandez, son of Henry and Maria Hernandez of Snyder, was promoted to airman first class in the U.S. Air Force. Hernandez was a general purpose vehicle maintenance mechanic in West Germany with the 66th Transportation Squadron.

10 YEARS AGO

Robert Lovelace was winner of the Voice of Democracy contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Whataburger on South College Avenue was given a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Gold Coaters of the chamber of commerce.

Five couples from the Church of God renewed their wedding vows in a special Valentine ceremony on Sun., Feb. 14, 1982. They were Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pyburn and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lawson.

15 YEARS AGO

Nancy LaRoux of Snyder Jaycee-ettes won the first place trophy in the "Speak Up" contest at a district convention in El Paso. Her five minute speech was taken from a line in the Jaycee Creed.

Marine Lance Corporal Jose A. Villareal, son of Mrs. Pauline Villareal, reported for duty with the third Marine Division in Okinawa.

Roy and Rayburn Burgess established a pharmacy 20 years ago when they moved to Snyder from Quitaque. Jerry McWilliams purchased the Roy Burgess interest five years ago and a large business sign was put up in February of 1977.

20 YEARS AGO

Kathy Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hess of Hermleigh, was winner of the county contest in 4-H public speaking for girls under 14 years old.

25 YEARS AGO

Travis Junior High ninth grade girls volleyball team beat Big Spring Runnels with Linda Armstrong high point girl with 12 points, and Connie Shuler following with 9. Runnels beat Travis eighth and Barbara Moffett was high point girl with 5 points and Dana Weaver with 4.

The sprint relay team at Snyder High School consisted of Leon Riggins, Kent Noble or M.C. Powell, Teddy Brown and Curtis Clay.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

This weekend, I read a very haunting, lyrical book called, "The Dead Girl," by Melanie Thernstrom. On the surface, it is, technically, a true-crime story about a lovely young college student named Roberta Lee who disappeared while jogging one day. Weeks later, her sad and beaten body was found and eventually, her boyfriend was charged with the murder.

But this book differed from any true-crime I've ever read, in that it was written by Roberta Lee's best friend. In powerful, sweet prose, this Harvard graduate captures the essence of adolescent angst, youthful searching, and the life-shattering aftermath of grief. One poignant fact which stands out above all others is that Roberta Lee, dead at the age of twenty, had never known happiness in her life.

I suppose you're thinking she was abused or molested by adults somewhere along the way, or fought her way through poverty or bigotry — but you would be wrong. Roberta Lee, and her friend Melanie Thernstrom, knew privilege and comfort from youth. Their parents loved them and did their best for them. Still, just days before her murder, Roberta Lee had dropped out of college. She'd written dozens of letters to her friend filled with her confusion and disillusion and sense of failure.

In one moving scene, Thernstrom relates a quarrel Roberta had with her mother, a Chinese-American immigrant, in which she admitted that she was unhappy and her mother was at a loss over what to do about it, and so did nothing. In my mind, that passage stood out in red — although it did not appear that way on the page. Roberta said, "It must be funny for her, having had such a hard childhood in China and finally coming to America and Dad being so successful and a computer science professor at MIT and also starting his own company and this nice house in Lexington (a posh suburb outside Boston) and all these things so I can grow up happy and privileged without having to struggle as they did, and after all this — after all this, with absolutely nothing to struggle about or against or for, why look: ***I'm just miserable.***"

Were I the author, I would not have had the last three words set in italics. I'd have had this in bold print: **"...with absolutely nothing to struggle about or against or for..."**

As parents, those of us who have had to struggle all our lives against poverty or bigotry or abusive families or whatever, often have a very common desire to create an environment for our kids in which they don't have to fight as hard as we did. If we can make things somehow easier for them, we think they will be humbled and filled with graditude. We think they will somehow learn from our lessons and our mistakes.

But it doesn't work that way.

At the very least, they take it for granted, and at the most, the truth is that, like Roberta Lee, they feel cheated by life. Because what we should never forget is that it is the STRUGGLE which gives us the personal triumphs that make life worth living. While it may not be the struggle itself that creates happiness, its the OVERCOMING of struggle which builds that strong sense of self that enables us to tackle the next struggle with courage and resourcefulness.

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SDN Week In Review

SUNDAY
February 9

Jonisue Cogdell Stiff, who continued a family tradition of philanthropy by donating land for the establishment of Western Texas College, died Friday at her home on the Colorado City Highway.

MONDAY
February 10

Gins from around the area reported little progress in recent weeks, due to rainfall and muddy field conditions.

TUESDAY
February 11

Western Texas College trustees called for the May board election, approved the hiring of one employee and the resignation of another, and heard a presentation from the Science/Social Science Division.

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board discussed a membership drive and plans for the annual awards banquet.

WEDNESDAY
February 12

Applications have been accepted from five states for the latest correctional officer daytime academy, according to Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education at Western Texas College.

THURSDAY
February 13

Hayward Clay and Tonya Warren were named Mr. and Miss SHS for 1991-92 in a morning ceremony at Snyder High School.

Ronald T. (Andy) Anderson, Scurry County chief deputy sheriff since 1981, died Wednesday afternoon in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a two-month battle with cancer.

FRIDAY
February 14

Snyder Public Schools trustees voted 6-1 to approve an elementary school reorganization plan which calls for the closing of North Elementary and instituting grade-level campuses for grades 2-6.

Over 350 students from area schools are to participate in the fourth annual Ben Brock Memorial Invitational Speech Tournament Saturday at Western Texas College.

Mobil, operator of the Salt Creek Field in Kent County, confirmed that approval for a C02 injection project has been approved.

State Rep. David Counts, during an appreciation day in his honor, said he is encouraged about Snyder's prospects for a second state prison.

Bush administration follows uncertain course

By Barry Schweid
AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III offered a plum — U.S. diplomatic recognition — to Azerbaijan this week despite its questionable treatment of Armenians and the low grades Baker has given the newly independent republic on human rights.

But recognition is being withheld from Croatia and Slovenia, which have broken away from Yugoslavia's central government, even though Germany and several other European countries accept their independence.

Cuba, meanwhile, is being treated with icy disdain. Formal ties were broken in 1961 after Fidel Castro ordered the expulsion of 87 American diplomats at the U.S. Embassy on spy charges. Full relations have never been restored, although contact is maintained through small diplomatic missions in each other's capitals.

The situations are different. Azerbaijan, along with 14 other former Soviet republics, is a separate nation now. While Croatia and Slovenia make the same claim, and all 12 members of the European Community and Canada accept it, the Bush administration is concerned that U.S. recognition might contribute to violence.

A tenuous cease-fire is in place. Two people were reported killed and seven wounded in eastern Croatia on Thursday and U.N. Secretary-General Boutros-Boutros Ghali has accepted a recommendation by former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance that peace keepers be deployed quickly.

Swimming against the European tide, Baker's State Department is insisting that change must be peaceful — and it declines to promise that recognition is in the offing.

Baker, in proposing to recognize Azerbaijan, said President Ayaz Mutalibov had promised to fulfill all U.S. requirements for recognition. He included respect for human rights among them.

"We have no reason to believe the assurances will not be followed through," Baker said after meeting with Mutalibov in Azerbaijan's capital this week.

Putting aside the fact that the leaders of the nations emerging from the former Soviet Union are likely to find it expedient to make agreeable statements, the same logic is not being applied to Cuba.

Policy makers in a succession of U.S. administrations concluded that recognizing Castro's government would not advance human rights in Cuba.

And the Bush administration, like its predecessor, has been especially sensitive to the views of conservative groups within Florida's Cuban exile community, which are adamantly opposed to any reconciliation with Castro.

Azerbaijan is waging war on Armenians in the small enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh. It also has imposed a blockade on neighboring Armenia — which supports Nagorno-Karabakh's desire to secede — leaving Armenia virtually without fuel and heat for the winter.

Tensions between Muslim Azeris and Christian Armenians are longstanding. The Bush administration is concerned that the conflict could spark the eruption of other simmering ethnic disputes that the Kremlin managed to suppress.

In Yugoslavia, though, the rebellion of Croatia and Slovenia also has its imitators. But the Bush administration is not employing diplomatic recognition as a device to dissuade other outbreaks.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Barry Schweid has covered diplomacy for The Associated Press since 1973.

AP analysis

Support continues for Georgia escapee

FRITCH, Texas (AP) — A state representative from the Panhandle says he hopes the governor will look kindly on a man who escaped from a Georgia prison nearly 17 years ago and has since been a model citizen in this tiny community.

State Rep. David Swinford, R-Dumas, says 43-year-old James Sanders has been behind bars long enough for burglary and theft convictions nearly 20 years ago and should now be rewarded for good behavior.

"You commit burglary these days and you never see the inside of a prison," Swinford said Thursday. "Why should he be punished for the way laws were 20 years ago.

"He has lived with his escape on his conscience for all these years. Let's do what's best for Sanders, the city of Fritch and the taxpayers in Texas and Georgia."

Sanders, 43, was arrested Jan. 25 by FBI agents after escaping from a prison in Jefferson County, Ga., nearly 17 years ago.

Sanders is being held in the Hutchinson County Jail in Stinnett without bond.

Georgia officials have said they want Sanders back. But Swinford says he will attempt to talk Gov. Ann Richards out of issuing a governor's warrant, which would allow Sanders to be extradited.

Hundreds of Fritch residents say Sanders, who was serving an 11-year sentence after being convicted on burglary and theft charges, has led an exemplary life since his escape, spending more than the past decade as a husband, father and tax-paying citizen.

Swinford said he would like to have Texas assume responsibility for Sanders' punishment, possibly through community service.

"If Gov. Richards was convinced what the people in Fritch are saying is true, she certainly could talk to the governor of Georgia and drop the extradition proceedings and agree to have him do so many hours of community service," Swinford said.

Sue Middaugh, a friend of the Sanders family, said more than 600 Fritch residents have signed petitions urging Sanders be forgiven and allowed to resume his life with wife, Randy, and daughter, Jamie, 11.

"The 600 people in Fritch know him the best," Swinford said. "If they think it's worth signing petitions and all this, we owe them the chance to present their case."

Georgia officials say the community support means nothing.

The petition "doesn't factor into the equation at all as far as we're concerned," said Lisa Phillips, a spokeswoman for the Georgia Department of Corrections.

"As far as we're concerned, someone we were housing escaped," Ms. Phillips said. "We're going to bring him back."

Nearly 40 of the escaped convict's friends and supporters attended a detention hearing Wednesday, where Sanders' attorney Jeff Blackburn attempted to persuade the court that Sanders was not a flight risk.

Hutchinson County Judge David M. Willard on Wednesday denied bond for Sanders.

Fritch is a town of about 2,500, located 40 miles north of Amarillo.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Feb. 15, 1992

You might attempt several ambitious undertakings in the year ahead. You have what it takes to succeed, provided you operate within your means and talents.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There's a chance today that, in order to expedite matters, you might take on some assignments you're not qualified to handle. Instead of advancing your cause, you might retard it. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If possible, avoid all types of risky ventures today. Play everything close to the vest, and don't look for or expect something for nothing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could be extremely frustrating today to please family members or relatives, regardless of how hard you try. Nevertheless, give it a shot anyway.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be in a gregarious mood today and a trifle more talkative than usual. Be very careful you don't disclose things you shouldn't to the wrong set of ears. Weigh your every word.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Proper management of your resources could be a problem early in the day. Later, though, you'll get a better grip on things and lock the barn door. But, the horse may have run away by then.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Instead of being self-directed today, you might wait for others to tell you what to do and how to do it. Unfortunately, what serves their best interests may not serve yours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not leave up to chance today things that could adversely affect your work. If you don't control matters, the results could be undesirable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Conditions are tricky for you today in your social involvements. Don't get drawn into a situation where one friend, who has something to resolve with another pal, uses you as a pawn.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your ambitions are easily aroused today, and this is admirable. But you may not achieve your objectives due to poor tactics and procedures. Think your moves through carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It behooves you to consider the advice offered you by associates today. But, there is also a danger you might be unduly influenced by unsound suggestions. Be discriminating.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you are presently involved in a financial arrangement that is running rather smoothly, do not make unwarranted changes at this time. It could kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to be diplomatic and forgiving when dealing with close friends today, even though their behavior might provoke you to do the opposite.

Your Birthday

Feb. 16, 1992

Substantial progress can be made in the year ahead by sharing the good things that are forthcoming with those who have helped you in the past. You're in a new cycle and, in order to succeed, you must be unselfish, not self-serving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Dealings with others on a one-to-one basis might not be your strong suit today. The fault you see in your counterpart might be due to the mote in your eye. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might be more inclined to find excuses why something can't be done instead of doing what needs doing today. Unattended duties will only get worse.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) In social situations today, you might not display your customary ingratiating qualities. In fact, friends who get on your bad side might be dealt with rather harshly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're good at achieving your objectives today, but, unfortunately, you might select targets that produce hollow victories. Strive for meaningful goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't operate under the assumption today that you're the only person on the planet capable of conceiving bright ideas. Companions will resent it if you belittle their concepts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Cautiously scrutinize involvements today where it looks like you can generate big returns from nominal investments. Your seed money could be just the tip of the iceberg.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Those you pal around with today will have a strong influence on your attitude. Companions who see only storm clouds could have you reaching for your umbrella, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's an individual you're involved with who is never satisfied, regardless of what you do. This individual is likely to be pounding on the complaint desk again today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be very careful you do not malign a mutual friend in the presence of others today. If you do, there's a chance that what you say will put the focus on your own shortcomings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If there is something of importance you want to do today, it's best not to involve others. They could actually retard your progress instead of help you reach your goal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you're presenting information that you want others to believe today, be certain you have facts at your disposal. You may may be both questioned and challenged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Old obligations have a way of resurfacing at the most inconvenient times. Something you've been trying to keep submerged may come up out of the water today.

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Trustees withhold support

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The head of the Richmond-based Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has told the agency's trustees either to confirm him in his role through 1995 or get a new man for the job.

But fundamentalist trustees who control the 90-member board refused to go along with R. Keith Parks' request Wednesday for a quick vote, delaying it until the board's April meeting in Clemson, S.C.

Meanwhile, they voted to hold a special private meeting with him March 19-20 at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

Country Life

Cont. From 6B

To my mind, the most self-confident and happiest man I know of in this country is Arnold Schwarzenegger, not because he is rich and famous, but because he made himself what he is today. He had to fight against everything from a language barrier to being considered not much more than a furniture mover — and a rather stupid one at that. And yet look at the empire he's built. Not only is he the hottest box office draw in Hollywood and the highest paid (twelve million bucks for "Terminator 2"), but his real estate holdings and business enterprises would equal that of a small country.

He and his beautiful wife, Maria Shriver (of the Kennedy clan), now have a baby girl and another child on the way. I have to wonder: Will he smooth a path for his children? Make things easier for them? After all, they will already be rich, which Bill Cosby says is a major count against them. What kind of challenges will they be able to overcome?

Let's hope he holds his natural parental instincts in check somewhat, that he allows his beloved offspring to struggle just a little bit to achieve their own goals, so that they, too, can experience personal triumph in their lives.

Otherwise, they may find themselves one day jogging down that same path as Roberta Lee, feeling frustrated, unfulfilled, lost and drifting. I wouldn't wish that on anybody. Life's just too short.

Prosecutor says new ethics law may end free lunches

AUSTIN (AP) — State legislators inadvertently may have put more teeth into the new bribery law than they intended, the Travis County prosecutor says.

"There ain't no free lunch," District Attorney Ronnie Earle told the Texas Society of Association Executives, an organization of trade group directors and lobbyists.

While revisions in the bribery law, part of last year's ethics reform legislation, have not eliminated lunches and other freebies for lawmakers, Earle warned the trade group that the rules of lobbying are changing.

"It is possible to commit the crime of bribery by buying a member (of the Legislature) something," Earle said.

The ethics reform legislation followed two years of news reports detailing spending by lobbyists in the millions of dollars on entertainment, gifts and trips for members of the Legislature.

A few lobbyists say they have stopped entertaining legislators because they fear getting snared by changes in the bribery law. Others continue spending money on lawmakers, although taxpayers now give legislators $85 a day in expenses for meals and lodging.

"Everyone has a list of 'shall nots'," Earle said. He offered one absolute rule on how lobbyists can stay out of trouble: "Go Dutch."

In his speech Thursday, Earle said lobbyists concerned about whether they can buy a lawmaker lunch may be missing the point.

"People are worried about children going hungry instead of a legislator going hungry because he can't find someone to buy him lunch," said Earle, who led the prosecution of House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, who last month pled no contest to two misdemeanor ethics charges.

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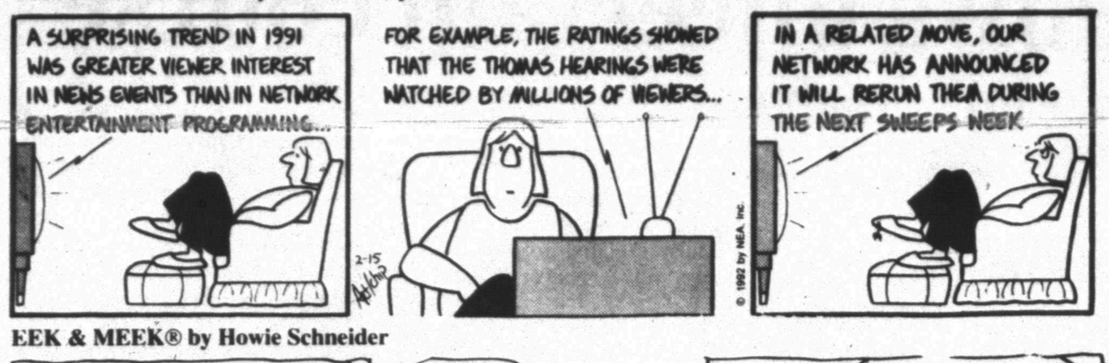
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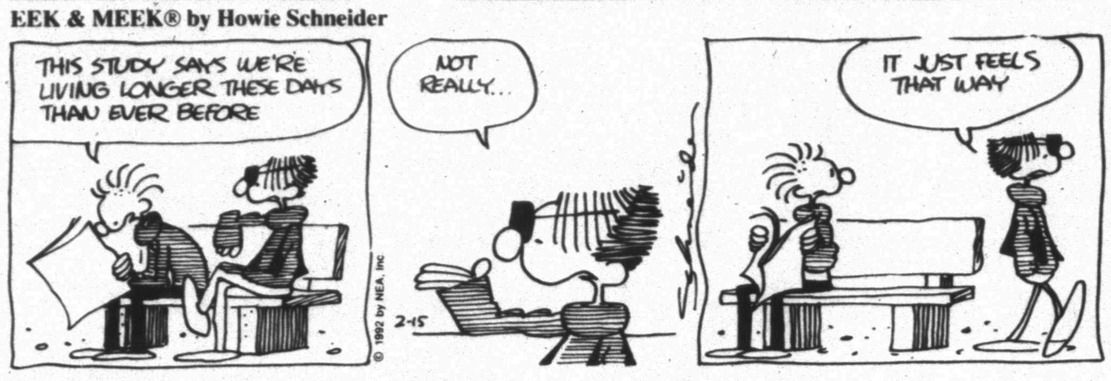
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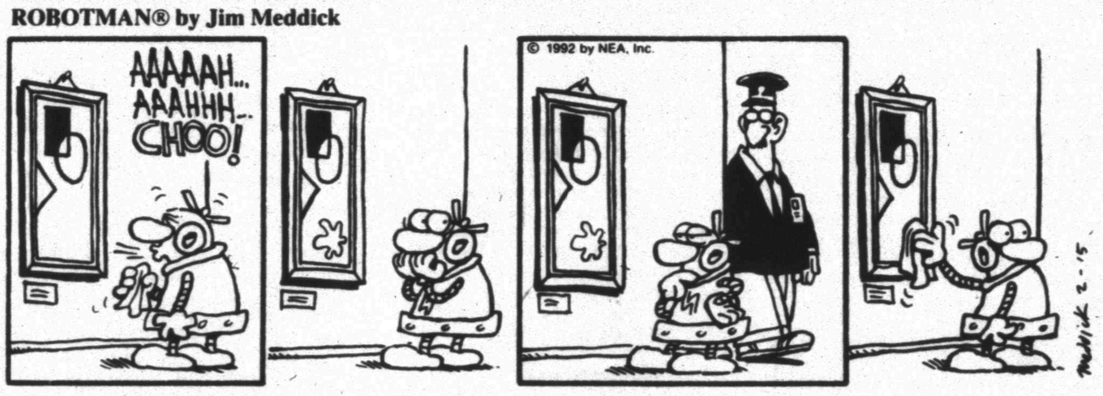
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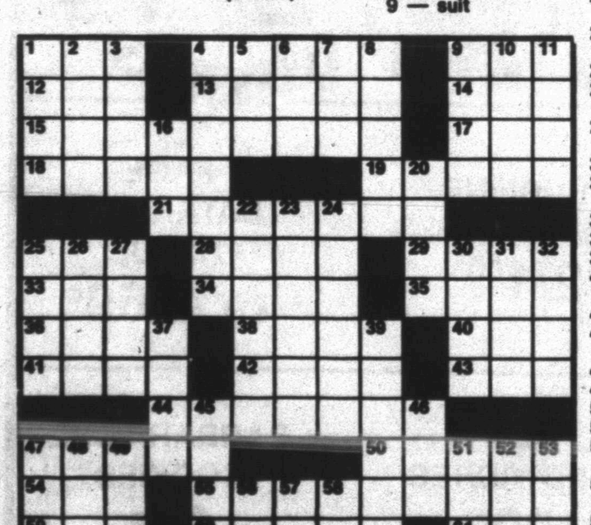
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Political prognosis dim for health care plan

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — An upset election pushed the health care question onto the national political agenda, but it's likely to remain an argument without an answer long after the voters choose between President Bush and his challengers.

There's no dispute on the need for surgery, only a waiting room debate about how drastically to operate and where to send the bill. That's not likely to be settled amid the pressures of a presidential campaign, despite the claims of Democratic congressional leaders that they can deal with health care this year.

"... No significant and lasting reform of our health care system has ever been enacted in a presidential election year," said Rep. Richard A. Gephardt, the House majority leader, suggesting it may be different in 1992.

It won't be unless consensus replaces contention on health care reform, and the intensifying campaign precludes that, certainly between Bush and his rivals, and probably among the Democrats themselves.

The White House hadn't planned to venture a detailed health care plan until later, perhaps next year. But the political strategy changed after the Nov. 5 special election in which appointed Pennsylvania Sen. Harris Wofford won his seat in a landslide upset, after a campaign in which he pushed health care reform.

A month later, Bush promised a comprehensive administration proposal.

The program Bush proposed 10 days ago would work through the current health insurance system, with tax credits to help lower and middle income Americans pay for coverage, and vouchers for the poor. The estimated cost would be $100 billion over five years with the means of financing to be negotiated with Congress.

But the Bush plan drew instant denunciations from Democrats in Congress and from the five Democrats campaigning for the Tuesday's New Hampshire presidential primary.

Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, who has made a detailed national health insurance plan his lead issue, called the president's proposal malpractice by a witch doctor. The others were as critical if not as colorful.

Kerrey advocates government health insurance covering all Americans, administered through the states, with a payroll tax of 4 percent on employers and 1 percent on workers to finance it. He says the new tax would be more than offset by cost reductions from the current system.

He introduced his plan as a bill last year, but it hasn't gone anywhere. Kerrey said that will change if he runs strong in New Hampshire. The Nebraska senator said in an interview that no health plan is likely to pass this year. "My strong belief is that the dynamics of national health insurance can only change with the election of a president," he said.

In his speeches and campaign advertisements, Kerrey promises that if he wins the White House, he'll get national health insurance enacted in his first 100 days.

Senate Democratic leaders favor what's called "play or pay," a plan that would require employers to buy private health insurance for their workers, or pay a 7 percent to 8 percent payroll tax to get them covered under a new government insurance system.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton backs a similar system, Paul Tsongas, the former Massachusetts senator, would reform private health insurance with a plan called "managed competition," former California Gov. Jerry Brown wants a single payer government insurance system, and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin advocates coverage for all Americans, details to come.

Harkin said that if he won, within his first month he'd summon representatives of everyone involved "and hammer out a consensus bill."

That's a complex and confusing array of proposals, especially when it's put in the shorthand of a political campaign.

Bush has said government insurance would be a step toward socialized medicine. "I will not endorse nor go with a nationalized — they used to say socialized medicine — a nationalized plan that will guarantee only long lines, indifferent service and very high taxes," the president said.

Meanwhile, the problem is getting worse — health care cost more than 12 percent of the gross national product in 1990, and without change, that would hit 20 percent by the year 2000.

The issue won't be settled without compromise, consensus, or a landslide election that mandates change. John F. Kennedy made Medicare a major issue in his 1960 presidential campaign, but it took another six years, Lyndon B. Johnson's election sweep, and the Great Society Congress, to get it enacted.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 25 years.

AP analysis

LTV files second plan outlining reorganization

DALLAS (AP) — LTV Corp. Friday filed a second plan to end its long-running bankruptcy, proposing the elimination of its current stock and giving primary ownership of the steel and energy conglomerate to creditors.

The plan has won support of LTV's major creditors contingent on the company's ability to renegotiate the labor contract of its steelworkers, LTV chairman David Hoag said in a statement.

The plan was filed in a hearing before U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Burton Lifland in New York.

Hoag said the company wants to finish a new contract with the United Steelworkers of America in the next few weeks and schedule a hearing with Lifland and creditors on financial disclosure information that would accompany the plan when it is put to a vote of creditors.

In addition, the new plan hinges on the final sale of LTV's aerospace and defense units to a joint venture of Lockheed Corp. and Martin Marietta Co.

An LTV attorney in New York indicated the sale, tentatively reached on Feb. 3, could be finalized next week. A company spokesman, however, said it may take longer.

Trading of LTV's stock was halted this morning when the company went into bankruptcy court.

The company first proposed a plan to reorganize its $6 billion in debt last May 1. That plan emphasized LTV's liability to the federal pension agency, which won a Supreme Court fight with the company over who must restore $3 billion to three underfunded LTV steel pension plans.

The new plan by LTV also gives high priority to the pension fund liability, which would be paid back over 30 years.

Under the plan, LTV's existing common and preferred stock would be eliminated. New stock would be issued but 50 million shares would be set aside as payment to unsecured creditors. Another large block would be reserved for contributions to the pension plans.

The company estimates unsecured creditors would receive 4 percent to 53.8 percent of their claims under the new plan. In the original plan, that range was 2.6 percent to 50.3 percent.

LTV entered bankruptcy in July 1986 burdened by the underfunded pension plans and other debt. The case is one of the largest and longest-running bankruptcies in U.S. history.

Since the original filing, LTV has sold its Sierra Research and AM General subsidiaries. AM General, maker of the Humvee military vehicle, was sold in Lifland's court last month during a bidding war won by the New York-investor group Renco.

Collection of Maoist songs cause furor

BEIJING (AP) — One of China's hottest-selling pop music albums has a cheerful disco beat and lyrics from the violent Cultural Revolution, glorifying Mao Tse-tung as China's "reddest sun."

"Red Sun: Songs of Mao Tse-tung" has sold 1.7 million copies since its release in December, and it has sparked considerable controversy in the process.

Reasons for the album's popularity are varied, alternately alarming and amusing many Chinese. Both reformists and hardliners are invoking Communist China's founder to back their agendas, though many young people treat Mao-mania as a joke. Others just like the music.

The cassette has 30 songs from the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, when Mao rallied millions of youths to smash temples, burn books and imprison bureaucrats and intellectuals in his name. Tens of thousands of people were killed and millions of others uprooted.

Zhou Jianchao, manager of the China Record Co.'s Shanghai branch, which produced the cassette, said it's popular because the songs are adaptations of familiar tunes.

"When young and middle-aged people listen to it, they feel these are their songs," he said in a telephone interview.

To increase the commercial appeal, the songs have been set to a disco beat that fits oddly with the Mao-cult lyrics:

"The golden sun rises in the east,
Its radiance is endless.
Great teacher, brilliant leader,
Respected and beloved Chairman Mao,
Red sun in our hearts,
Long live Chairman Mao."

Zhou said sales of 100,000 copies qualify an album as a "hit." But it is impossible to gauge this album's genuine popularity because purchases by schools and work units usually inflate the sales of political tapes and books.

He said his company decided to "dig up old songs" as a change from the Taiwanese and Hong Kong pop songs that dominate China's music industry.

The switch is not for the better, Shanghai's Liberation Daily newspaper said in an acidic commentary Monday.

"We cannot create again create a god and a personality cult," said the commentary. It was signed with a pen name, Shang Que, and the newspaper refused Thursday to disclose anything about him.

"To say that the public is using 'Red Sun' to cherish the memory of that time, is tantamount to saying that people who now can say anything they want are nostalgic for an era when they could be criticized for every word; that people who can shop at ease today are nostalgic for a time when each family was rationed."

"Our society is complicated and people's motives are subtle," he added, hinting but not directly charging that the tape was made for political motives.

Mao's memory has already become a pawn in a complicated power struggle between reformists and conservatives in the current leadership. Over the past year, both groups have taken to quoting Mao to bolster their positions.

Many young people ridicule the "Mao fever." Some students wear Mao T-shirts with the words, "Study hard and get ahead," to express cynicism about forced political study.

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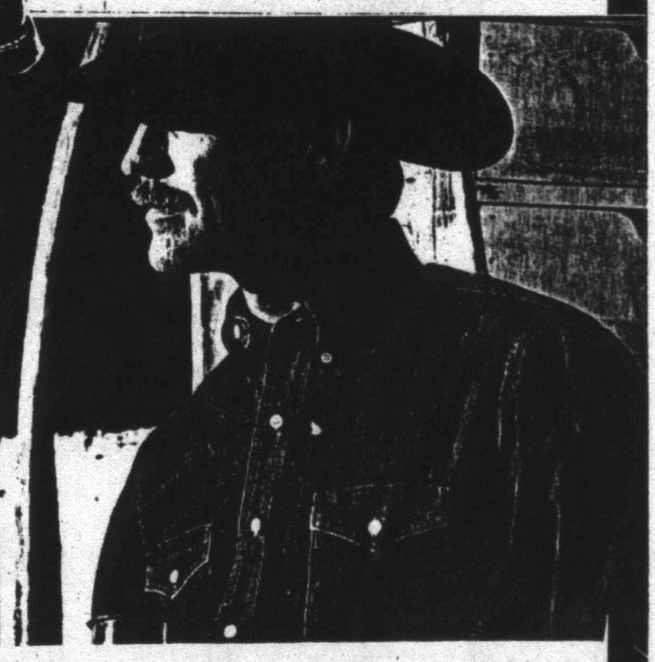


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Space agency dedicates new control center

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA dedicated two multimillion-dollar centers to be used for the planned space station and expressed confidence in the program despite the abrupt resignation of the agency's top official.

NASA Administrator Richard Truly was forced to resign Wednesday as head of the space agency.

"The process goes on no matter who's the administrator," said Frank Hughes, chief of the space station training office.

More than 200 people attended Thursday's dedication ceremony at Johnson Space Center, held in what will be the primary mission control room for the U.S. space station.

Just minutes after the ceremony, Truly told employees in a televised address that he counts saving the space station as one of the agency's major accomplishments in the past year.

Arnold Aldrich, associate administrator for space systems development, said Truly's resignation "certainly puts a cloud over" NASA's immediate plans, at least until a successor is named. Truly will remain in the job until April 1.

"Nevertheless, for space station Freedom, we have a solid plan and a solid budget proposal," Aldrich said after the dedication. "Although we expect a tough congressional session this year on the 1993 budget, I believe we're well prepared to present the case and move the space station Freedom forward."

Congress and scientists debated last year whether to continue funding for the $30 billion-plus space station. NASA is seeking $2.25 billion for the station for the next fiscal year, a 10 percent increase over 1992.

NASA plans to start building the station in late 1995. Officials hope to have four astronauts living and working in the station full time by the year 2000.

The new $417 million control center will serve as the hub for all space station operations beginning with the second shuttle assembly flight in early 1996. Mission Control, located next door, still will communicate with crews traveling to and from the orbiting laboratory.

NASA's Mercury and early Gemini programs were managed from Cape Canaveral, Fla. Mission Control took over flight control beginning with Gemini 4 in 1965.

Astronauts are to start using the new $405 million space station training center in 1995. The center will house a life-size, working model of the station.

Admitting power controversy continues

HOUSTON (AP) — The Legislature's interest in private psychiatric hospital abuses has brought an ongoing dispute between psychiatrists and psychologists to the fore, a newspaper says.

Psychiatrists and psychologists have been squabbling for at least a decade over who should have the power to admit patients to private psychiatric hospitals, the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

Traditionally, psychiatrists — medical doctors who specialize in treating mental illness — have had a monopoly in admitting patients to hospitals.

Psychologists blame psychiatrists for many hospital wrongs, while psychiatrists say allowing psychologists to admit patients would hardly improve the situation.

Psychologists hold Ph.D.s in psychology but are not physicians. Legislation repeatedly has been defeated that would explicitly allow psychologists full staff privileges, including the ability to admit patients. Only five states and the District of Columbia have such explicit laws.

Two years ago, though, a handful of private hospitals took advantage of what some describe as Texas' nebulous laws to allow psychologists to admit patients.

In December, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation responded to concern about lax admission procedures at private psychiatric hospitals by ending that practice.

The Texas Department of Health followed suit, extending the ban to the psychiatric wards of private general hospitals.

"Treatment that is based on a psychiatric assessment without benefit of a medical examination poses a significant risk to the patient and constitutes a significant risk management issue to health-care providers and mental health professionals," TDMHMR officials ruled.

Tom Cook, president-elect of the Texas Psychological Association, described the ruling — recently made permanent — as "misguided."

"The rules mean that any doctor, including your dermatologist, could certify you for psychiatric hospitalization, but your psychologist couldn't," Cook said. "You're taking away people with 10 or 11 years of training from admitting."

Cook suggested that the restrictions on admissions by psychologists do little to protect the public.

"I think this is a cheap shot," he said. "It's an attempt to capitalize on a controversy to win a turf battle."

Randy Phelps, president-elect of the Houston Psychological Association and a clinical psychologist, said his profession will continue to lobby Texas lawmakers to get the new rules changed. He says any "credentialed member of a hospital's medical staff" should be allowed to admit patients.

Several psychologists said the rules will restrict Texans' access to care because some 60 of Texas' 254 counties have psychologists but lack psychiatrists.

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Credit checks for loans by students criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some educators and lawmakers fear that students will be denied the college educations they need to get good jobs under a measure that, ironically, is designed to help some 2 million jobless Americans.

The law that extended unemployment benefits for an extra 13 weeks last November included a provision requiring students over 21 to undergo credit checks when applying for federally guaranteed student loans.

Students would pay $25 for the credit checks, designed to weed out borrowers who are likely to default on the loans.

The provision drew little attention when the $2.7 billion jobless bill was passed, but it's now being attacked by those who say it will prevent thousands of low-income students from going to college or trade schools.

"The greatest irony is that many unemployed workers who are helped by one part of the law will now be ... denied the education and training they need to get a job," said Stephen J. Blair, president of the Career College Association.

Supporters hope the provision will prevent some costly loan defaults. But critics believe the credit reports will block students from qualifying for loans because most have low incomes with poor or inadequate credit histories.

The White House Office of Management and Budget estimates the government can save between $15 million and $25 million through the credit checks and another requirement that older students with poor credit histories have co-signers on federally guaranteed student loans.

But David Carle, an aide to Illinois Sen. Paul Simon, said the Congressional Budget Office has estimated the savings to be negligible.

Simon and Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., are leading efforts to rescind the provision before the Education Department finalizes rules later this summer to start the credit checks.

Simon plans to offer a bill to repeal the measure when the Senate begins debate next week on reauthorizing the Higher Education Act.

He believes a more useful tool in dealing with student loan defaults is another provision that authorizes guaranty agencies or the Education Department to garnish up to 10 percent of a student's wages if he or she defaults on a loan.

Classmates angry over attention given students

JOHNTOWN, Texas (AP) — Six of the 197 students at a northeast Texas high school have tested positive for the AIDS virus, and their classmates are angry that the news media has descended on their school.

"I don't particularly like what's going on now," B.J. Thompson, an 18-year-old senior at Rivercrest High School, said Thursday. "It makes us look bad."

The national average infection rate is one in 250 people.

Some students were angry at the media for coming to the school Thursday after the cases were reported by The Dallas Morning News. Television crews and reporters attending a news conference were met with shouts of "Go home!"

School officials don't know the identities of the students who have tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS, superintendent Freddy Wade said at a news conference. He added that officials won't try to find out or have them removed from school.

"An individual has a right to privacy," he said. "I don't waste my time questioning it."

Neither school nor health officials could say why the six students sought testing. The six told health officials they contracted the virus through heterosexual sex.

"Should I be around them? Should I go out with this guy? You know, you're scared," said Julie Hammond, a 15-year-old sophomore. "I was devastated. I can't believe that many people, you know, have the AIDS virus."

Reliable statistics for HIV infection in Texas aren't available, said officials at the Texas Department of Health. Of the 14,782 Texans with full-blown AIDS, 58 are between age 13 and 19, according to the department's survey updated last week.

School officials were informed in November that six students had the virus, but didn't tell teachers and students until December, Wade said.

Parents have never been formally notified, Wade said, although the community was aware of the situation.

Students and health officials praised school authorities for their handling of the situation.

"They show us films and they're being real open," said Donna Strain, a 17-year-old senior.

Teachers have been issued rubber gloves and told to treat all injured students as if they have the AIDS virus.

"I am so proud of that school district," said Dona Spence, HIV-AIDS case manager at the Ark-Tex Council of Governments in Texarkana, where the six students went for counseling. Spence notified school officials of the cases.

"They're really trying to educate their kids. They are living in the real world," Spence said.

However, although none of the infected students participate in extracurricular activities, two junior varsity girls basketball games were canceled when opponents refused to play Rivercrest.

At other games, opposing athletes won't shake hands. "They won't touch us," Miss Strain said.

Rivercrest High School in Johntown serves the areas around Bogata — pronounced Ba-GO'-da — which has a population of 1,421 and Talco, a town of about 700 people. The area is about 100 miles northeast of Dallas.

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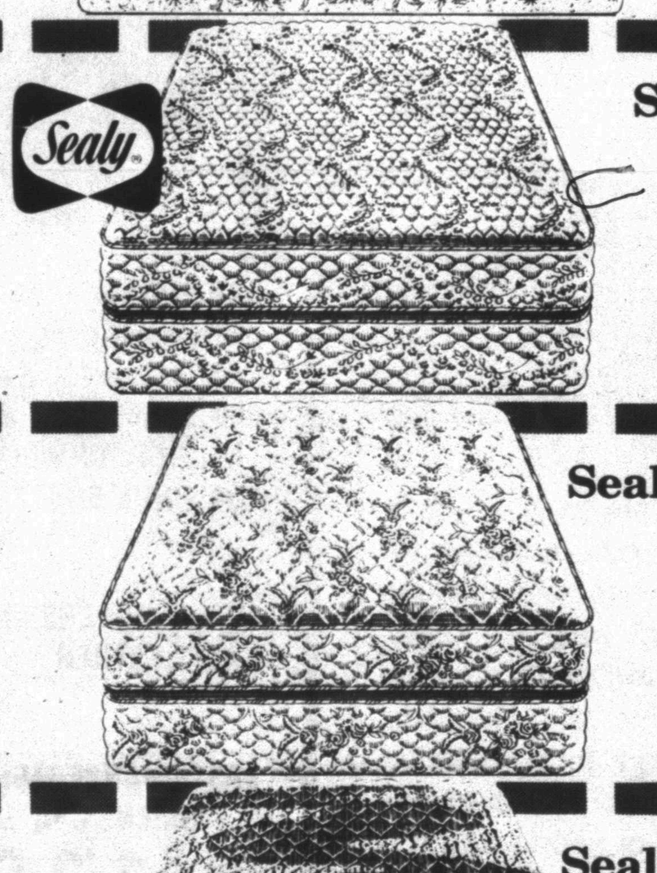
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