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Ask Us

Q—Is Tuesday's meeting with the school board going to be the only time parents can speak up before the board votes on Feb. 13?

A—Tuesday's public hearing is the only scheduled meeting at this time. The public can also attend the Feb. 13 meeting, of course.

In Brief

Elephant

PALM BAY, Fla. (AP) — An 8,000-pound elephant went berserk at a big top, running out of the ring with five children and a woman on its back and trying to trample a police officer before being shot to death.

Amateur videotape broadcast nationally showed Kelly, a 27-year-old Indian elephant, knocking down a high-wire platform in the ring as handlers tried in vain to regain control at the Great American Circus on Saturday. Panicked spectators in the crowd of about 500 fled the grandstands.

The woman and children were rescued from the elephant's back while it was momentarily distracted. The elephant grabbed officer Blayne Doyle with its trunk when he rushed to help the passengers.

"She threw me to the ground and then came back over and picked me up with her trunk again and put me under her front feet and started to stomp on me,"

Local

4-H Club

Canyon Reef 4-H Club will meet today at 7 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center.

TEC moves

Texas Employment Commission and West Texas Council of Governments has moved from its location on the square to 1902 37th St.

Ira boosters

Ira Booster Club will meet today in the lobby of the new gym prior to the junior high basketball game.

Disaster

Scurry County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office will be conducting two informational meetings Tuesday at the Fine Arts Theatre on the Western Texas College campus.

The meetings are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1990 and 1991 Disaster Program provisions will be discussed.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 69 degrees; low, 35 degrees; .90 of an inch precipitation; high Sunday, 51 degrees; low, 47 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 48 degrees; .26 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1991 to date, 2.97 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, occasional rain. Low around 40. East to northeast wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, rain likely. High in the upper 40s. Northeast to north wind 10-20 mph. Chance of rain is 60 percent.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:20 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:34 a.m. Of 33 days in 1992, the sun has shone 29 days in Snyder.



NEW OFFICES — Sheriff's Deputy Joe Cheyne, right, supervises a worker from Scurry County's Community Service Work Program this morning at the Noah Project on College Avenue. New office space is being added to the shelter, which serves victims of family violence. (SDN Staff Photo)

Snyder armory among those on preliminary list

A preliminiary list of Texas National Guard armories being considered for closure includes the one in Snyder, it has been confirmed.

According to a study by the Texas National Guard, the economic impact of closing the Snyder armory with its 51 soldiers would be $869,989.

Snyder Mayor Troy Williamson said he is attempting to get more information on the study and determine if there is anything that can be done to keep the local facility from being closed.

"I think it (the armory) is very good for our community. It's a place where some of our men can serve some of their military obligation," said the mayor, a former member of the Texas National Guard. "I think it's a terrific organization. I'd like to keep it for our men, as well as dollars it brings into our communtiy."

Also among the more than 21 armories on the preliminary list are ones at Sweetwater and Stamford. According to the study, closing 21 armories in the state would have an economic impact of nearly $20 million.

According to the study, the economic impact of closing the Stamford armory, with 34 soldiers, would be $923,286. The impact of closing the facility in Sweetwater would be $588,787.

National Guard statistics show there are 138 armories in 177 Texas cities with an average of 50 soldiers assigned to each facility.

Officials have noted that a complete study will not be finalized for 60 to 90 days.

"Nobody knows for sure what's going to happen. Anything is possible," Lt. Col. Edmond Komandosky, spokesman for the Texas National Guard, was quoted as saying.

No one was answering the telephone this morning at the local armory.

According to Rep. David Counts, whose district includes Snyder, Sweetwater and Stamford, there will be a detailed study done on all sites.

"As the Guard scales down, the determination will be made as to which armories can meet the needs now into the future," he said.

The other armories being considered for closure are in Athens, Baytown, Clifton, Crockett, Decatur, Gonzales, Henderson, Jacksonville, Levelland, Luling, McKinney, Mission, Pampa, Port Neches, Shamrock, Sulphur Springs, Tulia and Vernon.

Fuel bids are okayed by county

Scurry County commissioners accepted bids for the purchase of gasoline, diesel and oil for use by the county in a special session today.

The court accepted a bid of four cents per gallon over refinery costs on unleaded gasoline and diesel from Line and Line Oil Company of Snyder.

Bunch Oil Company of Snyder was awarded the bid for supplying motor oil for both gasoline and diesel engines, as well as hydraulic and transmission oil. Cost to the county on all types of oil will be $14 per drum over refinery costs.

McCormick Marketing of Snyder was the only other company submitting a bid.

Commissioners authorized County Judge Bob Doolittle to sign as the local official responsible for supervising the Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, supplemental food program. Shirley Fritz serves as the director of the WIC program in Scurry County.

Bills and minutes of the Jan. 27 meeting were also approved by the court.

Doolittle presided at the meeting. Present were commissioners C.D. Gray, Jr., Roy Idom, Jerry Morgan and Jerry Gannaway.

Americans lack work ethic, says Japanese prime minister

TOKYO (AP) — Just two weeks after a leading Japanese politician created an uproar by calling U.S. workers lazy, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said today that America is losing its work ethic.

Miyazawa's comments came during a nationally televised session of a parliamentary budget committee during discussion of the faltering U.S. economy.

A fellow conservative lawmaker, Kabun Muto, blamed U.S. economic woes partly on what he described as the inability of some Americans to put in their best work efforts on Mondays and Fridays and asked Miyazawa's opinion.

The prime minister said he thought the belief in "producing things and creating value has 'loosened' too much in the past 10 years or so" in the United States.

He said that many American college graduates "landed high-paying jobs on Wall Street and as a result, you and I have seen that the number of engineers able to make products has fallen year after year."

In summing up, Miyazawa said, "I have long thought that they (Americans) lack a work ethic ... to live by the sweat of their brow."

His remarks were not as harsh as those of House Speaker Yoshio Sakurauchi, who last month set off a howl of U.S. criticism when he was quoted as saying American workers are lazy and sometimes illiterate.

The 79-year-old House speaker, whose position is largely ceremonial, later said his remarks were not intended to disparage American workers. But they clearly reflect common attitudes.

Many Japanese view the United States as a nation in decline.

In a Time magazine-CNN poll released Saturday, just 15 percent of Japanese described Americans as hard-working, and 50 percent described them as competitive.

Documents allege drugs were sold at House post office

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal authorities are investigating allegations that clerks in the House post office sold cocaine over the counter and embezzled postal funds to buy drugs, a newspaper reported today.

The Washington Times said investigative documents it had obtained indicated one employee even told House Postmaster Robert V. Rota about the allegations but that Rota "turned his head the other way."

Rota declined comment when asked about the allegations, the newspaper said.

The Times, quoting sources it did not name, said the allegations are being investigated by U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens and the Postal Inspection Office. It also said no members of Congress had been implicated.

It said the investigative documents quoted House postal employees who said several congressional postal clerks and at least one manager regularly used cocaine and embezzled postal funds to finance their purchases.

The newspaper said a Postal Inspection audit last summer found four employees had embezzled about $35,000 in one year alone and that the total amount of stolen stamps and embezzled money could reach as much as $250,000.

Scurry County...

Jobless rate holds at 5.7%

Unemployment in Scurry County remained the same for the final two months of 1991, according to statistics released by the Texas Employment Commission.

The jobless rate had risen to 7.3 percent for October, but dipped to 5.7 percent in November, and stayed at that rate through December, according to the information.

TEC estimates Scurry County had a civilian labor force (CLF) of 11,189 people in December, of which 10,554 were employed. The remaining 635 seeking employment represented 5.7 percent.

—Taylor: 5.3 percent, based on a CLF of 50,890, of which 48,195 were employed.

—Tom Green: 5.7 percent, based on a CLF of 44,052, of which 41,560 were employed.

Employment statewide was 6.7 percent in December, just under the U.S. jobless rate of 6.8 percent.

A glance at the unemployment rate for December in area counties follows.

—Andrews: 6.5 percent, based on a CLF of 22,186, of which 20,743 were employed.

—Borden: 11.4 percent, based on a CLF of 332, of which 294 were employed.

—Dawson: 5.3 percent, based on a CLF of 7,010, of which 6,636 were employed.

—Ector: 7.1 percent, based on a CLF of 53,959, of which 50,114 were employed.

—Fisher: 4.3 percent, based on a CLF of 2,473, of which 2,367 were employed.

—Garza: 3.0 percent, based on a CLF of 2,023, of which 1,962 were employed.

—Howard: 5.3 percent, based on a CLF of 14,813, of which 14,030 were employed.

—Kent: 3.3 percent, based on a CLF of 553, of which 535 were employed.

—Lubbock: 5.6 percent, based on a CLF of 116,200, of which 109,730 were employed.

—Mitchell: 7.3 percent, based on a CLF of 3,623, of which 3,360 were employed.

—Nolan: 7.8 percent, based on a CLF of 8,113, of which 7,480 were employed.

First 150 boat people are returned to Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The first 150 of the thousands of Haitian refugees being returned home by the U.S. government arrived on a Coast Guard cutter today to little fanfare.

Their only greeting at dockside was by Port Authority police, immigration officials and U.S. diplomats monitoring the process.

After passing through immigration, the refugees were given food and $15 each by Red Cross volunteers and sent on their way.

Although the arrival went smoothly, human rights advocates said they feared that many refugees could be killed by army agents once they return to their towns and villages. The United Nations' refugee agency also warned the returnees could be in danger.

The Haitians were denied political asylum in the United States because the government says they are fleeing poverty, not political repression as asylum cases require. The Supreme Court on Friday set aside a federal judge's order that had blocked their return.

The refugees "will be blown to the four corners of the country and where they land many will be silently crushed," said Paul Latortue, a Haitian economist who teaches at the University of Puerto Rico and has been active in refugee affairs.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees issued a statement at its Geneva headquarters today criticizing the decision to send back asylum seekers.

"Continuing reports of serious human rights abuses and violence by security forces since the overthrow of the democratically elected government of Haiti are cause for great concern," it said. "For this reason, UNHCR fears that those being returned may, in fact, be exposed to danger."

Coliseum board agenda includes officer elections

Election of officers and selection of committees are on the agenda this evening for the county coliseum board.

The advisory board met last Tuesday but did not act, due to the lack of a quorum. Only six members of the 12-member board were in attendance.

Tonight's meeting is set for 7 o'clock in the county courtroom.

The election of a president, vice president and secretary are among the first items of business. The board is also expected to appoint at least four committees: finance; marketing, promotion and board development; program; and policy and bylaws.

Newly-hired consultant Bernadette Stephens is to meet with the board. She has been hired under 120-day contract to assist the board in developing a marketing plan for the coliseum, and in determining if a promoter is needed for the facility.

County Judge Bob Doolittle said another duty of the consultant will be to assist the board in establishing reasonable fees for usage of the coliseum.

County officials have said that the coliseum lost $140,000 last year.

Another topic of discussion tonight may be repairs. Board members learned last week that the roof and cooling system would eventually need replacing. Another concern is the sound system, which is outdated.

Hope high for new parks planned in state

HOUSTON (AP) — From the high-tech wizardry of the space era to Central Texas' multiethnic heritage, two attractions opening this year hope to draw on Texas' strong suits to bring millions of new tourists to the state.

The openings of Space Center Houston and Fiesta Texas are expected to boost Texas tourism by 2 million visitors a year.

The state's $18 billion tourism industry will grow rapidly with the addition of the two parks, said Dianne Mendoza Freeman, director of tourism for the Texas Department of Commerce.

"These are the two biggies this year, but we are adding a number of other smaller attractions as well," she said. The tourism industry employs about 364,000 people statewide, she said.

Ms. Freeman said Space Center Houston and Fiesta Texas will create some very strong anchor attractions for Texans, expected to lure large groups on packaged tours and keep them for more than one-day stays.

The 183,000-square-feet Space Center Houston designed by Walt Disney Imagineering, touted as an "experience center," is now under construction and scheduled to open this fall.

Visitors will be able to see, touch and listen to the high-tech equipment developed for the manned space program at the $70 million attraction. They can fly a simulator used to train astronauts, see what it's like to eat lunch and take a shower in space, fly an astronaut's gas-powered backpack and step aboard a space shuttle.

The $100 million Fiesta Texas, the largest theme park built in the United States in two decades, is scheduled for a preliminary opening March 14 and grand opening on Memorial Day.

Built on 200 acres in northwest San Antonio, the park will feature live music provided by 400 entertainers and 13 major rides. It draws upon Central Texas' various ethnic influences, including western, German and Hispanic.

With its international flavor, Fiesta Texas is expected to draw more foreign visitors to San Antonio, already the state's top tourist destination. Officials anticipate the park will generate $6.2 million in sales taxes and pump $997 million into the state's tourism industry, Ms. Freeman said.

The theme park is a joint venture of United Services Automobile Association and Opryland USA. Spokesmen say Fiesta Texas will employ about 295 full-time workers, swelling to between 2,500 and 3,000 during the peak summer season.

Space Center Houston will give the city the anchor attraction it has been lacking and enhance Houston's image as a futuristic city, Ms. Freeman said.

Robert Hodgin, associate professor of economics at the University of Houston-Clear Lake, estimates that once Space Center Houston is built, tourism at the Johnson Space Center will generate about $60 million annually, not counting hotel stays, for the Houston-Clear Lake economy. Half of that will come from Space Center Houston alone.

"It's the biggest thing to hit Clear Lake in several years in terms of a single installation," Hodgin said. "For the first time, visitors will be drawn into the area and likely stay for a couple of days."

Johnson Space Center draws about 1 million visitors annually.

Cities report deadlier January

DALLAS (AP) — When Texans glance back at January 1992, they'll see a month when the homicide rate in many cities outpaced the start of bloody 1991.

Murder is up — in Houston, San Antonio, El Paso — as bizarre brutality marked several of the killings:

—On a rural Parker County road late New Year's Eve, a motorist fires a single shot into a passing vehicle. Sixteen-month-old Billy Joe Brown, asleep in the back seat, is hit in the chest and pronounced dead at 1:20 a.m. New Year's Day.

—A Houston man's van explodes when he starts the ignition. Police say Lam Huu Diep, 44, became the city's first car-bomb fatality on record.

—A 12-year-old Willis sixth-grader admits firing the shots that killed his parents. Juvenile authorities say his 14-year-old friend also played a role, and the boys are in custody.

Texans killed one another last month over a Los Angeles Raiders jacket, gasoline money, a teen-age boyfriend.

"It's frightening when you see the kind of homicides we're having," said Ruth Post, statistician for the Houston Police Department.

Houston logged 61 homicides last month, up from 42 in January 1991. San Antonio recorded 24, up from 11, and El Paso saw six, up from two.

But not all cities felt the increase. Dallas — home to three slayings on New Year's Day alone — recorded 31 last month, down from 40 in January 1991. Fort Worth recorded 10, down from 16 last January.

"You can't really attribute murder to anything," said San Antonio police spokeswoman Sandy Perez. "Murder is just a crime of passion ... that's something that's completely uncontrolled."

Houston police said homicides usually slack off in January, February and March because cold weather tends to keep people at home.

They speculated that mild weather last month may have contributed to the rise.

And such an upswing continues an apparent trend. The latest statistics kept by the Texas Department of Public Safety show there were 1,208 homicides in the first six months of 1991. That compares with 1,033 homicides statewide from January to June of 1990.

Houston's January homicide rate averaged two killings per day. If that continues this year, the city will surpass its record 701 set in 1982.

The surge in homicide rates is putting a strain on law enforcement department budgets and manpower.

Houston officer Mark Clark blamed rising homicide rates on the understaffing of police departments across Texas.

"We're not alarmed by the violence — that goes hand-in-hand with the crime situation," Clark said. "The level of violence has always been there."

Instead, Clark said, officers are frustrated by a growing inability to solve homicide cases. Politicians won't commit adequate funding or resources to law enforcement, he said, and the justice system provides little deterrent.

On Saturday, Houston resident Ruth Belford buried her only child, 14-year-old Evelyn Raquel Belford.

Ms. Belford described Evelyn as an outspoken, friendly girl. The ninth-grader loved science, loved to read and wanted to become a lawyer because she related to people well, her mother said.

Ms. Belford, 36, said she and Evelyn were like sisters.

She said she holds no animosity toward the 16-year-old girl who was taken into custody in connection with Evelyn's stabbing death outside her home last week. Police say the older girl killed Evelyn because she was dating the suspect's former boyfriend.

"All I can remember is my daughter running into the house, calling 'Mama,' and bleeding from the neck," Ms. Belford said.

"My minister told me sometimes tragedies turn into triumph. I'm figuring it out now."

Singer's fan still support him

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country legend George Jones says his fans remind him he's not over the hill yet.

At a recent show in Dallas, an enthusiastic crowd tossed Post-it note pads onto the stage. His current hit, "The Writing On The Wall," is about a woman who leaves her man and leaves Post-it notes on the wall to tell him she's gone.

"Right when you feel you're getting older and maybe things aren't going along the way they should, then you get on stage and people carry on like that — it makes you feel like you're young again and ready to start over," he said.

"I told my wife, I'm 60, but I'm not over the hill yet — I got all those girls out there just a-screaming."

Jones' first hit, "Why Baby Why," made him a star 37 years ago.

Dear Abby



Man's Indecent Proposal Kills Chance of Plantonic Friendship

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old single woman living in a fairly small town. I've worked with a married man for five years, and I would say we are good friends. Recently, he suggested that we meet in another town, have a few drinks and get a hotel room. I was offended, walked away and refused to speak to him for three weeks. He's 42 and has three children.

I started talking to him again, and he hasn't harassed me in any way. He's well-respected in the community, and I've told no one about his suggestion. I really like him a lot, but I would never forgive myself if I were to become sexually involved with a married man. If he had just suggested the drinks and not the hotel room, I might have accepted. I would like to know him better, and there are not many opportunities to talk at work.

Is it OK for us to become closer platonic friends? I don't want to hurt his marriage or his reputation, but I'd like to know him better intellectually, but not physically. I could learn a lot from him. We have not discussed his suggestion since I turned him down. Should I bring it up and make my feelings clear to him?

ARKANSAS LADY

DEAR LADY: This man is not interested in friendship; all he wants is a few hours of sex in a hotel room. Don't worry about hurting his reputation — just take care of your own. Don't meet him alone anywhere, under any circumstances. There is no way you can have an intimate, nonsexual relationship with this man.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I recently read a letter in your column from the woman who went on vacation, and while she was gone, her elderly mother passed away. She was tormenting herself with guilt because she wasn't at her mother's bedside, nor could she attend the funeral.

Several years ago, a friend of mine, an elderly lady, gave me this bit of poetry, which I think is most appropriate:

I would rather have a little rose
From the garden of a friend,
Than have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth shall end.

I would rather have the kindest words
And a smile that I can see,
Than flattery when my heart is still
And this life ceased to be.

I would rather have a loving smile
From the friends I know are true,
Than tears shed around my casket
When the world I bid adieu.

Abby, what one does for the living counts so much more than what is offered after they are gone.

I hope this gives someone who is feeling guilty a sense of peace to know that they did all they could for a loved one while they were still on this earth to enjoy it.

CONNIE FISHER, ECHO, ORE.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "NO NAME, PLEASE IN MEMPHIS, TENN.": You do not have to tell him; it's none of his business. (Is *he* a virgin?)

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Abby's family recipes are included in her cookbooklet. Send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Dr. Gott Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: For some time now I've been trying to address the serious problem of diverticular disease. We all know it is caused by the lack of bulk and roughage in the diet and hits between the ages of 45 and 55. These new liquid diets, such as Instant Breakfast and Get Slim Fast, contain no fiber whatsoever, so diverticulosis will hit at ages of 25 and 30. We must catch the younger generation, and only you and members of your profession can change this.

DEAR READER: You're entitled to your opinion.

According to the information I've received, no one knows the cause of diverticular disease, a common age-related inflammation of the intestinal lining. So I can't agree that "we all know" it's caused by lack of dietary roughage. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't.

Also, I'm not aware that people using liquid protein diets experience diverticulosis at an earlier age than other folks. Did you make this up?

While I endorse your appeal for more roughage in the diet, it's not for the reasons you disclosed. Rather, dietary fiber aids digestion, improves evacuation, may lower cholesterol, and possibly reduces the risk of colon cancer.

I remind you that most adults over 30 have some degree of diverticular disease, which progresses as we age. Therefore, it would be difficult to isolate any causative factors; nonetheless, many theories — such as yours — abound.

You might be more relaxed and content if you stopped worrying about everyone else's diet. You have no control over what they eat (neither do I), and your views are not universally accepted. There are more important life quests than diverticular disease — unless, of course, you're a gastroenterologist.

To provide further information on diverticular disease, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Diverticular Disease." 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've recently been fitted with orthopedic supports to alleviate the pain of a bone spur. Can I expect to resume my jogging and biking in the future, and are there exercises I can do to help correct the pronation?

DEAR READER: I don't know. You should really ask this question of your orthopedic doctor, who should rely on X-rays and a physical examination to diagnose your condition. Ordinarily, once the pain of the bone spur (which acts like a stone in your shoe) has lessened, you can run and bike normally. The purpose of the supports is to alleviate pain by returning the mechanics of walking to normal.

To my knowledge, there are no exercises to correct pronation because, in most cases, this is the body's way of preventing pain and injury from the spur. Again, ask the specialist about this.

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Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Feb. 3, 1992

Impressive changes in your game plan are likely for the year ahead. You've learned a lot from experience, and now you'll know how to select more fruitful targets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You may have an opportunity to disengage yourself from an unproductive arrangement today. Let it go without looking back, and replace it with something new and better. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $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 can acquire better insight now in regard to something you previously viewed from a purely intellectual level. Your feelings and emotions are factors that should also be considered.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If there is an endeavor you've been wanting to initiate but have held off on because of one excuse or another, set a deadline for today. It's a good time to start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Begin to establish loftier objectives than those you've become accustomed to recently. Even if you miss your mark, which isn't likely, your progress will still exceed your old targets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't overlook any opportunities at this time to acquire useful knowledge pertinent to your present plans. You'll find ways to use information gained in this cycle to your advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen attentively to any proposals others present to you today. There is a strong possibility you may be able to do yourself some good through a joint venture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An important matter you've been negotiating could be close to agreement today. Although it's been a tedious process, there is finally a good chance for amicable terms.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a good day to initiate the diet or exercise program you've been contemplating. If you begin today, the odds are you'll stick to it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is an involvement in which you've been wanting to play a more active role. It appears that, if you assert yourself today, you can exercise greater management over this situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Constructive adjustments that affect you, as well as your family, can be made today. Even if others aren't quite ready now, they'll hop on board later, once you get the wagon rolling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Begin to reshape your immediate plans today so they're more concise and orderly. Put your focus on what you intend to accomplish over the next two weeks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be alert today for signs of new financial trends that could be personally rewarding. Plant your seeds now — just don't expect an immediate harvest.

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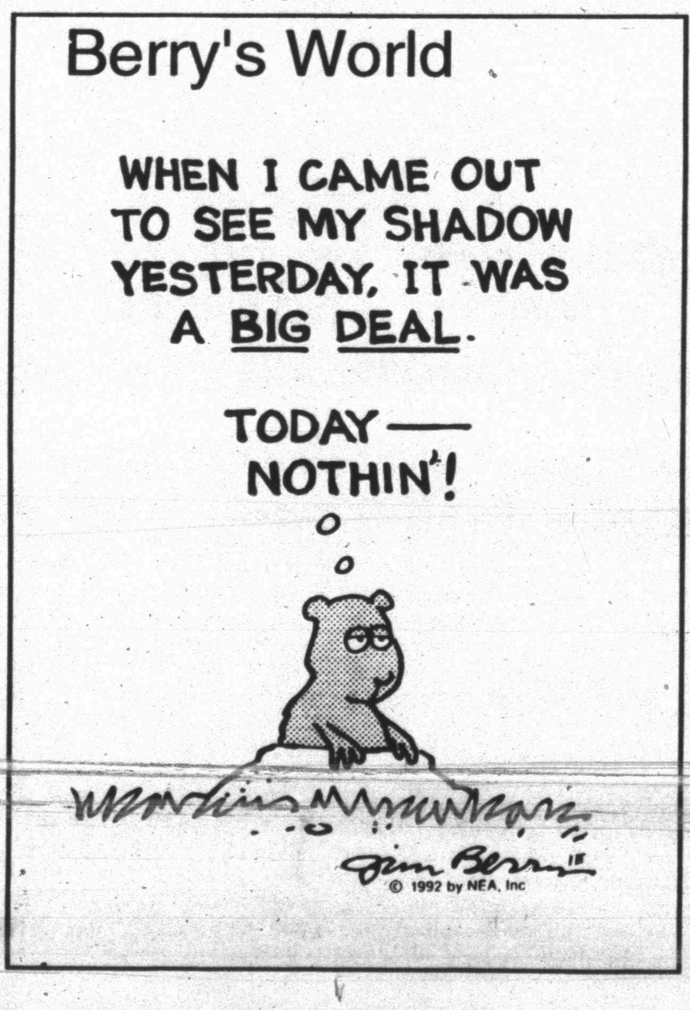
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Oil Patch News

Borden County

Texaco Exploration and Production will drill the No. 6,231 Jo-Mill unit in the Jo-Mill field, 17 miles southwest of Gail. Planned for a depth of 7,575 feet, location is in Section 33, Block 33, T4N, T&P survey.

Garza County

BeeKay Co. will drill the No. 1 Double Mountain Fork, an 8,000-foot wildcat located 8.5 miles south of Post. Location is in Section 8, Block 1, Jasper Hays survey.

Fisher County

Cholla Petroleum will drill the No. 8 ARCO Hill in the Newman field, eight miles south of Roby. Planned for a depth of 3,999 feet, drill site is in Section 11, Block K, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Four C Oil and Gas will drill the No. 3 J.D. Killgore in the Group west field, three miles southeast of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, location is in Section 140, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 69 Owen Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, seven miles east of Forsan. Planned for a depth of 3,500 feet, location is in Section 113, Block 29, W&NW survey.

Conoco Inc. will drill the No. 79 Mary Chalk in the Howard-Glasscock field, six miles east of Forsan. Planned depth is 3,500 feet, and drill site is in Section 124, Block 29, W&NW survey.

J. McShane Inc. will drill the No. 1 Clara Adams, a 10,500-foot wildcat located five miles north of Knott. Location is in Section 37, Block 34, T3N, T&P survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Family Council; Snyder Nursing Center, council room; for information call 573-6675; 7 p.m.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

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

Overeaters Anonymous; Morning Side Baptist Church fellowship hall; 7:30 p.m. Call JoAnn at 573-9839 for information.

Ladies Auxiliary of VFW; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Sparklers Chamber of Commerce Volunteers; The Shack; 12 noon.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Assn.; The Shack; 12 noon.

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

Twentieth Century Study Club; 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

University Women; MAWC; Francene Allen Noah, chairperson, 573-6717.

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.

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.

Snyder Police Auxiliary; community room of Snyder National Bank; 7:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; program, Patricia Warren; 7:30 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

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; home of Temi Matthies; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; Gertrude League and Bernice Parker, program; 9:30 a.m.

Diabetes Support Group Organizational Meeting; Senior Center; open for all persons interested in diabetic information; 10 a.m.

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.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Willow Park Inn; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; VFW; 6:30-8 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; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 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

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.

Senior officers were reportedly involved in friendly fire deaths

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A Fort Bliss captain has claimed that two senior officers destroyed his career to cover up their involvement in the friendly fire death of Cpl. Douglas "Lance" Fielder.

"Poor judgment or direct omissions by two field grade officers resulted in the death of Army Corp. Douglas Fielder and wounding of Sgt. James E. Napier at the hands of United States Army forces," Capt. Bo. H. Friesen said in a Jan. 6 letter to Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Fielder was a Tennessee native.

"The senior officers involved in this incident have evaded responsibility for their actions at the expense of sacrificing their subordinates," Friesen wrote.

Col. Douglas Starr, former 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment commander, has retired and Army officials did not know where he is now living. Lt. Col. John Daly Jr., who commanded the squadron that attack Fielder's unit, has been instructed by the Army not to comment.

Maj. Barbara Goodno, Department of the Army spokeswoman, would only say that an Army investigation is ongoing when asked about Friesen's claims.

Friesen did not wish to be interviewed nor did another soldier who Friesen said left the Army because of the friendly fire incident. Friesen and the other soldier said they hoped to tell their story to the House Armed Services investigations committee now holding hearings on the friendly fire deaths of 35 American soldiers during the Persian Gulf War.

Fielder, a combat engineer, was killed Feb. 27 by friendly fire when the 3rd Armored Cavalry of Fort Bliss, which was part of the 18th Corps during the Persian Gulf War, mistook him and four others for a group of Iraqis.

The Army told Fielder's parents their son had been killed by Iraqis, but friends of Fielder's later told his parents he had been the victim of friendly fire.

The Washington Post reported Saturday that the Army Inspector General's office in a forthcoming report will say communication lapses and miscues were the reason the Army first told Fielder's parents that Fielder had been killed by Iraqis.

On Thursday, Lt. Col. William Reno told the House Armed Services investigations subcommittee that a document explaining Fielder was killed by friendly fire was carried away by the draft from a helicopter that was to evacuate Fielder's body. And he said a second document wasn't available when Fielder's parents were told of their son's death.

Friesen has said his troop fired warning shots against Fielder's unit but that he ordered a cease fire when the group did not fire back.

In his letter to Gore, Friesen said during the cease fire that a Daly "charged into the area and fired the killing bursts."

Friesen claimed Daly and Starr gave him a poor evaluation that destroyed his career.

Friesen told Gore he had been accepted to graduate school at University of Indiana after completing his command at Fort Bliss. He was accepted to attend the Defense Foreign Language Institute upon graduation. Frieden said attending the school would have prepared him to become a Foreign Area Officer, a goal he had worked toward for eight years.

"Shortly after I left command, my follow-on schooling was abruptly canceled. I discovered Starr had given me the worst efficiency report out of the 45 captains that he evaluated," Friesen said.

Friesen said "the troop commander who brought up the rear during the operation, failed to deploy his unit during an alert in Saudi Arabia and personally became lost during several manuevers received one of Starr's highest evaluations."

"I successfully commanded the squadron's lead unit in almost every operation and led the regiment's 200 kilometer movement into the neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia," he wrote in the letter.

"Both the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Daly and the squadron operations officer ... told me that they were counting on me to lead the way for the squadron during Operation Desert Storm. This is not the performance of a substandard commander."

Friesen said he no longer wishes to make a career of the Army.

Gore's office has written Department of the Army Secretary Michael P. Stone asking the Army to respond directly to Friesen's suspicions.

"Sen. Gore is taking very seriously the allegations Friesen has raised and has directly questioned Stone about the investigation going on," said Marla Romash, Gore's press secretary.

But Ms. Romash did not know if the allegations would be part of the House Armed Services investigations subcommittee hearings. A press secretary at the office of Sen. Les Aspin, D-Wisconsin, was in a meeting when called by The Associated Press and didn't return a message Friday before leaving for the day.

Copies of the letter also were sent by Friesen to Secretary of the Army Michael P. Stone, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Georgia and Rep. Ron Coleman, D-Texas.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 2-3-92
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♦ K 4 2
♣ 9 8

WEST
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♥ - - -
♦ J 8 7 5
♣ K Q 10 7 5

EAST
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♥ K J 6
♦ 10 9 6
♣ 6 4 3

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

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣ K

The flower of safety

By Phillip Alder

The Bard wrote, "Out of this nettle, danger, we pluck this flower, safety." The hard part of today's hand seems to be bidding the good slam. But even if a pair reached six hearts, a careless declarer would go down.

Cover the East-West cards and decide on your line of play in six hearts, West leading the club king.

North's three-diamond response was a transfer bid. He was planning to raise a three-heart rebid to four hearts as a mild slam-try. However, when South jumped to four hearts, North continued with a cue-bid. South used Roman Key Card Blackwood, and North showed one key card: either an ace or the heart king. Knowing one key card was missing, South bid six hearts.

The first order of business was to discard dummy's club loser. Declarer won trick one with the club ace, played a spade to dummy's ace (the honor from the short side first) and a spade to the king; then he cashed the spade queen, discarding dummy's club nine.

Now the only remaining problem was in the trump suit. A careless declarer would play the ace and another heart, finishing one down. The more thoughtful player, though, works out how to overcome a 3-0 break. He leads a diamond to dummy's king and then plays a low heart, covering East's card. Or, if East discards, putting up the ace and leading back toward dummy's queen.

In this way, South overcomes a 3-0 trump split in either hand and makes his slam.

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Telephone calls increase each February, Black leader says

DALLAS (AP) — An Arlington scholar says he's glad to speak to clubs about black history, but wishes he got calls throughout the year instead of only during February, designated as Black History Month.

During February, Dr. Marvin Delaney says, his phone rings off the hook. People ask if he will put on a program at their meeting or give a speech to their club.

"It's insulting to those who do African-American programs," said Delaney, who teaches African-American history classes at UTA.

"Folks who don't want to talk to you 11 months out of the year now are calling you in February. It's like we don't know anything the rest of the year.

"We definitely need to begin to de-ghettoize Black History Month," Delaney said.

Delaney's frustrations echo a national debate among black Americans about whether the 66-year-old observance may have become a burden.

Black artists have complained that galleries want to show their works only during February. Some black scholars are angry that they get invited to speak only in February, usually for no pay.

Critics charge that the month is merely an annual vehicle for appeasing white guilt and is a means to exploit blacks. They also argue that setting aside one month invites people to forget about black achievement the rest the year.

Some say blacks would be better off without having a month designated as black history month. Others argue that without the special month, the accomplishments of blacks might be overlooked year-round.

Delaney said he and some of his colleagues have become so dismayed at the glut of requests in February that they refuse to take part in most black history programs.

He said he would like to see people get back to the original intent of the celebration.

"People have lost the meaning of it," Delaney said. "It started as a yearlong study and discussion of African-American history. The month of February was the kickoff."

The special observance of black history began in 1926. February was selected to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, the president who issued the emancipation proclamation, and of Frederick Douglass, a black journalist and statesman.

Delaney said he used to arrange speakers such as black activists Angela Davis or Stokely Carmichael for African-American History Month.

Economic injury disaster loans available from SBA

LUBBOCK — Walter Fronstin, district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) in Lubbock has announced that SBA is accepting applications for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) from eligible small business concerns and small agricultural ccoperatives located in the following Texas counties; Scurry, Childress, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Garza, Hall, Hardeman, Kent, King, Motley and Stonewall.

Applicants must have sustained substantial economic injury because of their dependence upon farmers and ranchers who suffered agriculture damages caused by excessive rainfall which occurred between April 1 and June 30, 1991. To qualify for the EIDL loans, applicants must be unable to secure financing from other sources, and must be considered small by SBA size standards.

This local program, is intended to assist agriculture-dependent businesses and small agriculture cooperatives who sustained a substantial decrease in sales (or other forms of economic injury) directly due to losses incurred by farmers and ranchers to whom the business usually sells.

"Farmers and ranchers" are not eligible for these SBA loans," Fronstin said. "Nor are small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the excessive rainfall."

The interest rate for loans processed under this designation is 4 percent. The loans are limited to the financial needs of the applicant based on the actual economic injury and may be made for up to $500,000. A loan may extend to 30 years, depending on repayment ability.

The deadline for filing applications under this designation is Aug. 10, 1992.

Eligible victims seeking information and loan applications may call toll-free, 1-800-473-0477.

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Williamson get scholarship

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech Ex-Students Association annually provides scholarships to junior college students in the honorary group Phi Theta Kappa who enroll for the completion of their degrees at Texas Tech.

Troy Dale Williamson is one of those students. He graduated from Snyder High School and is majoring at Tech in philosophy.

Troy is a member of Golden Key national honor society, Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society, Pinnacle honor society and Mathematics Association of America.

He is the son of Troy Dean and Barbara Williamson of Snyder.

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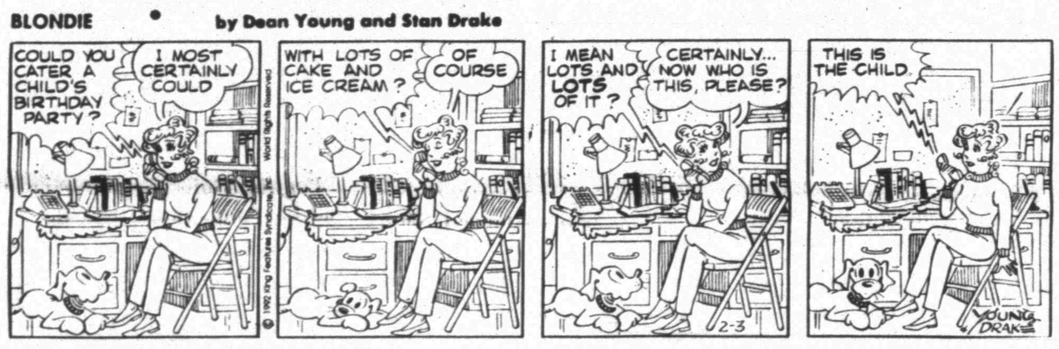
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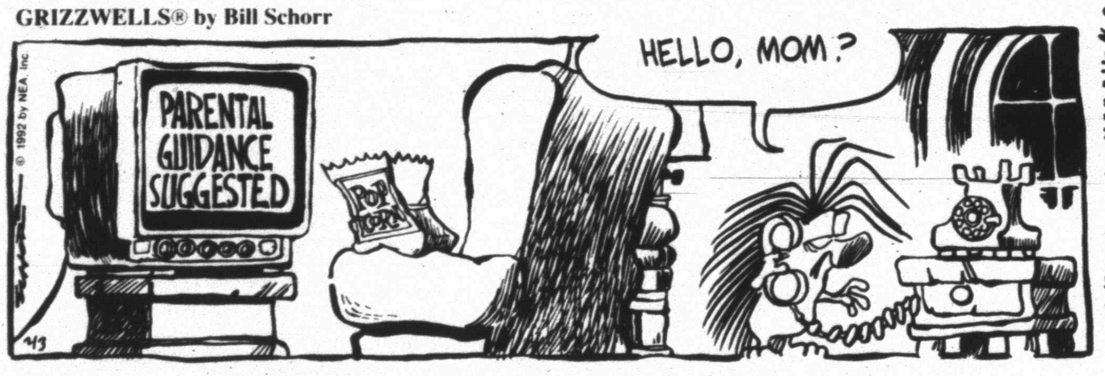
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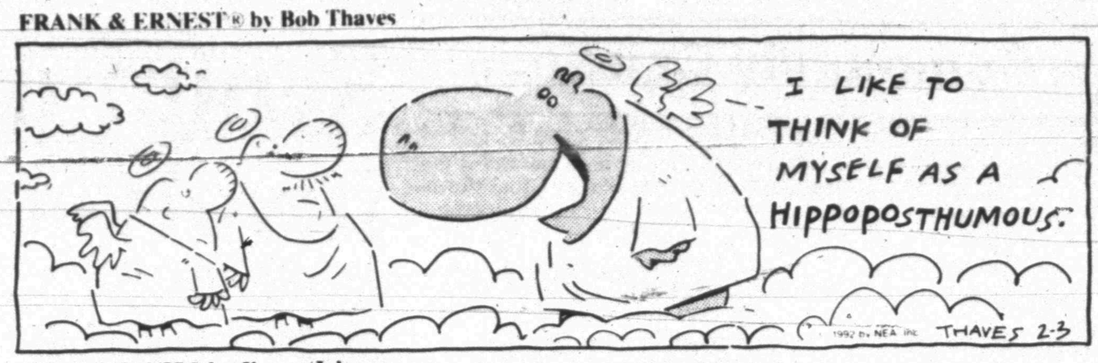
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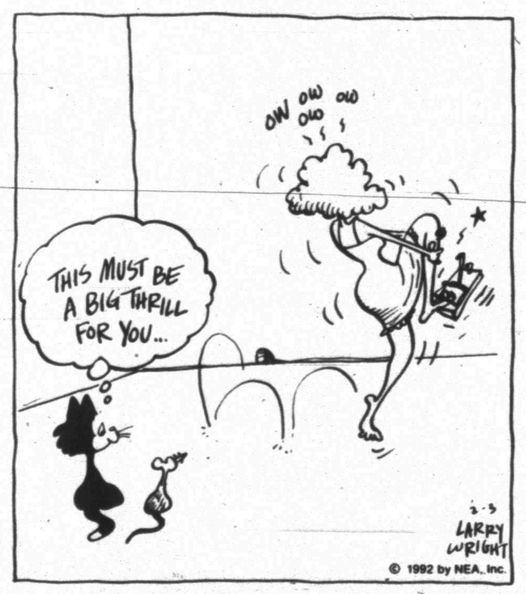
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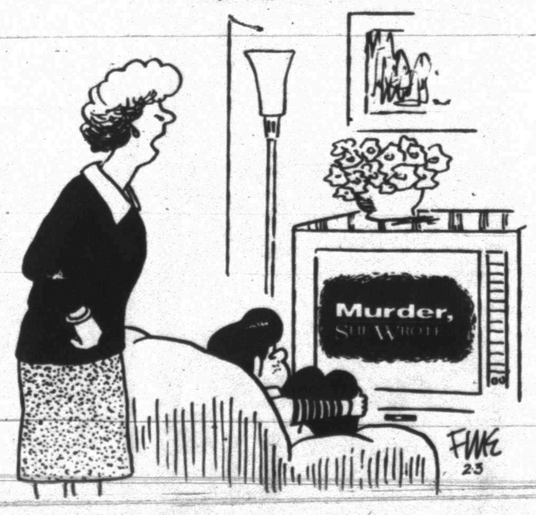
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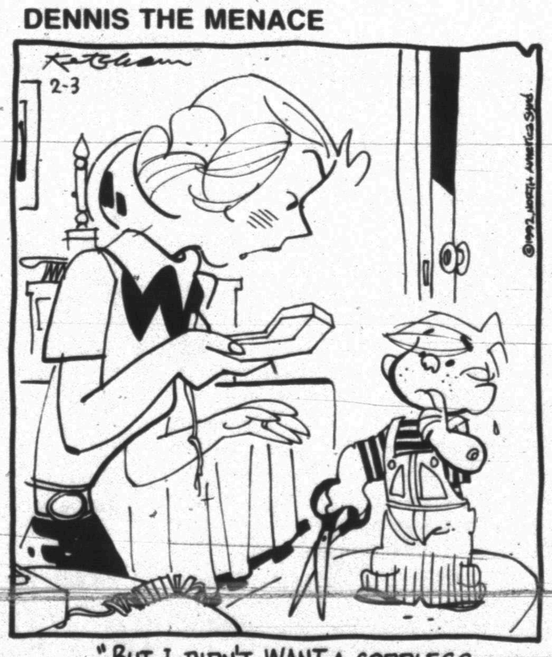
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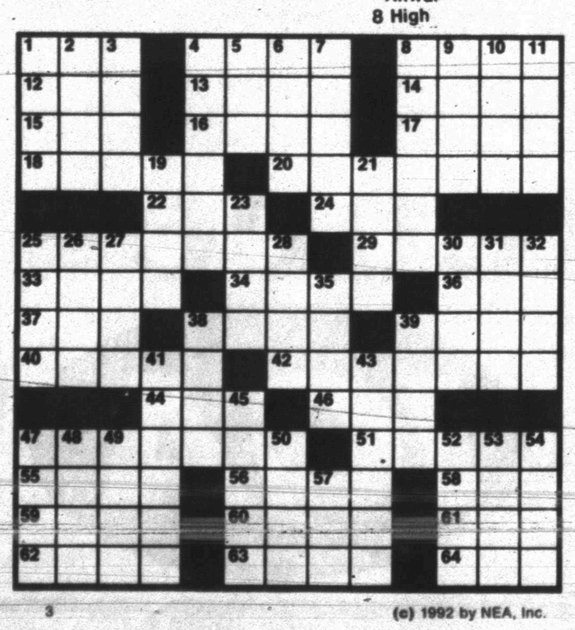
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10 Actress — Moran
11 This (Sp.)
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39 Small taste
41 Evening party
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45 Short sword
47 Small monkey
48 How sweet — —
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50 Dance costume
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Western Texas hosts Wranglers in WJCAC basketball showdown

Two-game winning streaks came to an end for both WTC basketball teams Thursday and they hope to get back on track today when the Odessa College Wranglers and Lady Wranglers come to town.

Western Texas' Lady Dusters were tripped by Howard, 55-39, Thursday, in spite of a good defensive showing.

"We held them to 20 points below their scoring average," said WTC coach Kelly Chadwick. "Any time you can do that to a team as good as Howard, you have done a good job defensively."

Wharton freshman Allison Garcia led the WTC women with 11 points on the night.

Odessa, now 12-12 in all games and 3-4 within the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, is trying to rebound from a 73-68 loss at the hands of No. 3 New Mexico JC on Thursday.

Western Texas brings an 8-14 overall mark and a 2-5 conference record into today's contest.

The Westerners, 12-11 and 4-5, were destroyed by Howard Thursday, 107-77, after consecutive wins over WJCAC foes Frank Phillips and Clarendon.

"We really need to win this game," said Westerner coach Kelly Green. "If we were to be tied with Odessa for that fourth spot at regionals, we would have a big edge in the tiebreaker if we swept them."

The Westerners slipped to 4-5 in Western Conference games Thursday with the loss to Howard.

Even coming out on the losing end, WTC had three players score in double figures.

Sophomore Terrance Ross was good for 18 points while freshman Jon Gaston and sophomore Michael Crowe hit 14 and 12, respectively.

The Wranglers are fresh from a good showing against recently-ranked New Mexico Junior College. Odessa slipped to 5-4 in the WJCAC race and 17-6 in all games after losing 68-64 to NMJC Thursday.

Today's WTC-Odessa contests begin at 6 p.m. when the women take the court at Scurry County Coliseum. The men's game will follow at 8 p.m.

Elsewhere in the league its South Plains at Frank Phillips and Clarendon at Howard in men-women double headers and Midland hosts NMMI in a men-only battle.

Irvin named MVP...

NFC nabs 21-15 Pro Bowl win

HONOLULU (AP) — With less than a full week of practice and the emphasis on sun and fun for the players, the Pro Bowl doesn't figure to be a game marked by intensity and efficiency.

But the NFL's all-star game has its moments, as evident in Sunday's 21-15 victory by the NFC over the AFC.

"It was a good football game that they'll know is played for real," said Detroit's Wayne Fontes, coach of the winning NFC squad.

"It was played by two outstanding teams and it was a good football game. I told the players earlier this week that I was lucky to be here with them. I told them that it was a game played for the pride of the conference. ... It's a great game played by great players."

Despite the short week of work together, there were some fine performances on both sides.

Michael Irvin of the Dallas Cowboys caught eight passes, tying Steve Largent's Pro Bowl record, for 125 yards and was voted the game's MVP.

Washington's Mark Rypien, the MVP of last week's 37-24 Super Bowl victory by the Redskins over Buffalo, threw for two NFC touchdowns: 13 yards to Irvin and 35 yards to Washington teammate Gary Clark. Rypien completed 11 of 18 for 165 yards while playing less than half of the Pro Bowl.

Jerry Rice of San Francisco had seven receptions for 77 yards, including an 11-yard touchdown pass from Atlanta's Chris Miller with 4:04 remaining to bring the NFC back from a 15-14 deficit.

For the AFC, San Diego's Marion Butts rushed for 63 yards on 12 carries and Tim Brown of the Los Angeles Raiders caught five passes for 74 yards.

And the competition was heated enough that a few pushing-and-shoving skirmishes broke out, even more than in most NFL regular-season games.

"There's a real rivalry here," Rypien said. "Even though we had fun during the week, that goes by the wayside on Sunday."

"The game was intense," said running back Gaston Green of the Denver Broncos, a first-time all-star who carried three times for 10 yards.

Said Houston's Warren Moon: "The competitive juices come out on both sides."

Irvin was pleased to be the game's MVP.

"In college, only the best make the NFL. In the NFL, only the best make the Pro Bowl," he said. "And this (MVP) is the best of the best. It was worthy enough for me to call home and tell mom."

Miller, who was 7-of-10 for 85 yards, drove the NFC 85 yards to the winning score, with a personal foul penalty against Derrick Thomas of Kansas City on third-and-10 moving the ball to the AFC 12 and enabling the NFC to go for the touchdown.

Starter Jim Kelly of Buffalo completed six of 10 passes for 68 yards and one TD for the AFC, Moon was 5-of-9 for 54 yards, and Ken O'Brien of the New York Jets was 3-of-9 for 12 yards.

Troy Aikman of Dallas, the third quarterback for the NFC, completed 5-of-8 for 33 yards.

The AFC's other scoring came on field goals of 48 and 27 yards by the Raiders' Jeff Jaeger, and a safety when Raider defensive end Greg Townsend tackled Washington's Earnest Byner in the end zone.

NBA roundup...

Jordan guides Bulls past LA

by The Associated Press

When the Los Angeles Lakers switched James Worthy to guard Michael Jordan, it was the matchup the Chicago Bulls wanted, even if it meant embarrassing a fellow North Carolinian.

Jordan scored 14 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter Sunday, keying the Bulls' 103-97 victory over the Lakers in the first meeting between the two teams at the Forum since last year's NBA Finals.

"We tried to keep the ball out of Jordan's hands," said Worthy, who scored 20 points. "I guarded him to give him a bigger look, but it doesn't seem to make any difference.

"We all knew in the last six or seven minutes Michael would take over."

Even with the taller Worthy on him, Jordan made seven of 11 shots in the final period. The Bulls shot 65 percent in the quarter.

"The difference in the game was I was isolated against Worthy in the fourth quarter, which we wanted to happen," Jordan said. "I would prefer to do some of those moves against someone else, not a North Carolinian."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Golden State 120, New York 113; Washington 114, Orlando 104; Cleveland 106, Minnesota 95; Milwaukee 122, Seattle 106; Miami 118, Charlotte 100; Indiana 128, Denver 122; and Portland 147, Sacramento 107.

For the Bulls, Scottie Pippen had 25 points and 10 rebounds.

Local squad earns 2nd at TKD event

Snyder captured second place in team competiton at Saturday's Sixth Annual West Texas Taekwondo Championship at Scurry County Coliseum.

Granbury, coached by Linda Norton, took first place at the event and Keith Atkinson's Ft. Worth squad finished third.

Snyder team members included Shane West, who copped first in the 11-13 black belt lightweight division in free-sparring and third in forms; Chris Post, a heavyweight in the 11-13 category that earned a first in fighting; Brett Wright, who snagged a first place in his 14-16 black belt heavyweight division in free-sparring and a second in forms; Chris Wright, a men's yellow belt competitor who grabbed first in forms; and Jamie Juarez who led the Snyder-based West Texas Taekwondo Academy team with firsts in both free-sparring and forms as an 11-13 blue belt lightweight.

Others placing first in fighting for the Snyder crew were Jason Miller, Jason Green, Chad Hammack, Arthur Garza and Jared Thornhill.

Lyle Brace led a group of six locals taking second-place free-sparring honors at the event. Also featured in that group were Alex Best, Kendall McCasland, Pam Brace, Sean Duncan and Dwayne Riggs.

Randy Northcutt and Tyson Terry earned seconds in forms for Snyder on Saturday.

West Texas TKD's third place finishers included Eddie Nettles, Micah Brannon, Shelly Grinslade and Jose Bourgeon in free-sparring and Mason Pierce, Thornhill, Diana Green and Will Hardin in forms.

Also competing for the Snyder team was Delbert Johnson, Thomas West, Aaron Bayer, David Johnson, John Brzozowski, Wes Hardin, Kyle Yarbourough, George Rocha, Devon Hammack, Michelle Nettles, Freddie Brown and Larry Brown.

A total of 290 competitors from over 30 schools attended Saturday's meet.

Snyder competitors

First place: Free sparring — Jason Miller, 14-16, yellow belt, heavyweight; Jamie Juarez, 11-13, blue belt, lightweight; Brett Wright 14-16, black belt heavyweight; Shane West, 11-13, black belt, lightweight; Chris Post, 11-13, heavyweight; Chad Hammack, 7 and under yellow belt, lightweight; Arthur Garza, 8-10, blue belt, lightweight; Jared Thornhill 8-10, red belt, heavyweight. **Forms:** Jamie Juarez, 11-12, blue belt; Chris Wright, men, yellow belt.

Second place: Free-sparring — Lyle Brace, men, blue belt, lightweight; Alex Best, 7 and under, yellow belt, heavyweight; Kendall McCasland, 8-10, yellow belt, lightweight; Pam Brace, 11-13, blue belt, lightweight; Sean Duncan, 11-13, black belt, heavyweight; Dwayne Riggs, 14-16, black belt, lightweight. **Forms:** Randy Northcutt, 5-6, yellow belt; Tydon Terry, 7-8, red belt; Brett Wright, 15-16, red belt.

Third place: Free-sparring — Eddie Nettles, sr. men, red belt; Micah Brannon, 11-13, blue belt, lightweight; Shelly Grinslade, 11-13, blue belt, heavyweight; Jose Bourgeon, men, black belt, super-lightweight. **Forms:** Mason Pierce, 5-6, yellow belt; Shane West, 11-12, black belt; Jared Thornhill, 9-10, red belt; Diana Green, women, yellow belt, Will Hardin, 9-10, yellow belt.

8th girls play at Andrews

ANDREWS — Snyder's eighth grade girls won one and lost one on the way to the cosolation game at the weekend Andrews tournament.

The Lady Tigers fell to host Andrews in the opening game, 33-28, in spite of a nine-point effort by Jodi White and eight from Mendy Winter.

Snyder defeated Greenwood in the second round, 23-20, behind 11 points from White, who had 21 points at the tournament.

Snyder fell to Lamesa, 41-30, in the consolation battle with Jami Brown canning 10 to lead the Lady Tigers.

"The girls played real well," said Snyder coach Mike Pappas. "There were several of them running back and forth from Lubbock to Andrews to a choir concert, but they did a good job."

Snyder's eight grade girls are now 4-7. They travel to Sweetwater today.

Andrews 33, Snyder 28

Jodi White 9; Mendy Winter 8; Mandy Baker 6; Kayla Drain 2, Veana Clay 2; Jami Brown 1.

Snyder 23, Greenwood 20

Jodi White 11; Kelly Clay 4; Niki Clayborn 3; Edwina Brooks 2; Veana Clay 2; Tami Tucker 1.

Lamesa 41, Snyder 30

Jami Brown 10; Mandy Baker 6; Mendy Winter 5; Kayla Drain 4; Sterling Cave 2; Lindsey Griffin 2; Jodi White 1.

SWC basketball...

Horned Frogs upset Houston

by The Associated Press

It's not officially The Year of the Horned Frog yet but Moe Iba's veteran-dominated Texas Christian outfit is showing it won't back down from anybody.

Michael Strickland scored 11 of his 14 points in the second half Saturday night as the Frogs seized control of first place in the Southwest Conference race with a 67-54 victory over pre-season favorite Houston.

The two teams meet again in Houston on March 3 in the game that could very well decide the title. TCU hasn't won an SWC basketball crown since 1987 and Houston hasn't earned one since 1984, back when Guy V. Lewis was the coach.

TCU is 16-4 overall and 5-1 in the SWC. Houston is 15-4 and 4-2.

"Houston has an NCAA team and we've got to beat people like that when we have a chance," Iba said. "We needed to win this game very badly. It was a big ballgame for us."

With the game tied at 46-all with 8:55 to go, TCU took control behind Strickland and reserve center Kurt Thomas.

Thomas made a bucket, then Strickland scored on a four-point play and the Frogs were off on a 12-0 run that had the sellout crowd of 7,166 fans jumping in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Strickland was fouled on a three-point basket then made the free throw.

Thomas finished with eight points as a substitute for foul-plagued Reggie Smith who had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

"This was a real big win, one of the biggest," Strickland said. "Now we have to make it mean something by defeating Texas Tech Wednesday night."

The Cougars were led by Sam Mack who had 21 points and nine rebounds.

Elsewhere in the SWC, Dexter Cambridge's return to the Longhorns was a big bust. Cambridge only scored 12 points in a 92-79 loss to Rhode Island.

Rice (14-6 and 4-2 in the SWC) stayed in the thick of the league race with a 66-56 victory over Southern Methodist.

Brent Scott scored 23 points to pace the Owls, who climbed into a second-place tie with Houston and Texas.

Bowhunters name winners

Snyder Bowhunters Association held its first monthly club tournament of 1992 Sunday and crowned winners in seven divisons.

Adam Owens copped top honors among Mini-Cubs, Randy Rainwater took first place in the 9-12 year-old Cubs division and Dell Blackwell won in the Youth Aided category.

Marshall Early claimed first in Youth Open, Jenny Rainwater was tops in the Female Bowhunter Release section and Dale Byrd captured first place in the Male Recurve Unaided competition.

Snyder's Jerry Early and Abilene's Kyle Johnson shared top honors in the Male Bowhunters Release category.

Archers shot at 20 3-D targets and the event was run according to International Bowunters Organization rules.

The Association's next shoot is scheduled for Sunday, Mar. 1 at 2 p.m..

For more information about the club, contact Dr. Jerry Early at Scurry County Veterinary Clinic and Bow Shop at 573-1717; Malcolm Rainwater at 573-0657; Byrd at 573-0227; Darryl Boone at 573-2851 or Gale Titus at 573-9009.

Former Tiger hurler pitches perfect game

ALPINE — Former Snyder High School pitcher Jamey Morton is making his presence felt at the collegiate level.

The Lubbock Christian University sophomore hurled a perfect game Saturday, defeating Sul Ross State University 10-0.

"It feels really great," Morton told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. "We made some good defensive plays, (catcher) Matt (Spay) did a good job behind the plate on pitch selection, and our offense produced runs when we needed them."

"I had put together a couple of shutouts in high school, but this was as close as I've gotten to a no-hitter."

Morton's perfect game came in abbreviated fashion as the Chapparals' lead caused the game to be called on the 10-point rule after five innings.

Morton, now 1-0, struck out two and needed only 48 pitches to take the win.

The Lobos' Gilbert Rojas came close to breaking up the no-hitter when he led off the second inning with a shot to right-centerfield.

Lubbock Christian outfielder Tim Belk made a diving catch for the out and Morton did the rest.

The no-hitter was only the second perfect game in LCU history and the first no-no since 1984.



JAMEY MORTON

JV boys trip Dunbar 58-54

LUBBOCK — Snyder's JV boys nipped Dunbar Friday, 58-54, behind Tyson Cromeens' 15 points and Tory Garza's 14.

The Tigers trailed 14-11 at the end of one quarter. However, a strong second-period comeback put SHS on top 24-23 by halftime.

Snyder's third-quarter zone defense closed up the inside for the Panthers but three three-pointers to end the frame put Dunbar in the lead once again, 43-38.

Garza hit eight points in a 20-point explosion in the final eight minutes that gave the SHS junior varsity the win.

Others scoring for Snyder Friday included Jon Patrick with seven, Jimmy Henry and Chris Sutherland with six apiece, Jim Pat Griffin's four, three by David Krenek and two each from Marcelino Aguirre and Anthony Alvarez.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	28	16	.636	—
Boston	27	18	.600	1½
Philadelphia	23	23	.500	6
Miami	22	24	.478	7
New Jersey	19	26	.422	9½
Washington	15	29	.341	13
Orlando	11	34	.244	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	39	7	.848	—
Cleveland	30	13	.698	7½
Detroit	26	20	.565	13
Atlanta	23	22	.511	15½
Milwaukee	21	23	.477	17
Indiana	18	28	.391	21
Charlotte	12	33	.267	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	30	17	.638	—
San Antonio	26	18	.591	2½
Houston	24	20	.545	4½
Denver	17	27	.386	11½
Dallas	13	31	.295	15½
Minnesota	7	37	.159	21½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	31	13	.705	—
Golden State	28	13	.683	1½
Phoenix	30	16	.652	2
LA Lakers	27	17	.614	4
Seattle	22	24	.478	10
LA Clippers	21	24	.467	10½
Sacramento	14	31	.311	17½

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia 126, Boston 110
Detroit 89, Atlanta 80
Utah 104, Dallas 90
Phoenix 106, Houston 92
LA Clippers 99, New Jersey 88

Sunday's Games

Golden State 120, New York 113
Washington 114, Orlando 104
Cleveland 106, Minnesota 95
Milwaukee 122, Seattle 106
Chicago 103, LA Lakers 97
Miami 118, Charlotte 100
Indiana 128, Denver 122
Portland 147, Sacramento 107

Monday's Games

Golden State at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

WJCAC basketball

MEN

Team	Season		Conference	
Midland	17	5	7	1
South Plains	17	6	7	2
NMJC	20	3	7	2
Odessa	17	6	5	4
Howard	17	6	4	5
WTC	12	11	4	5
NMMI	10	13	3	6
Clarendon	6	12	1	8
Frank Phillips	3	17	1	8

Thursday Jan. 30

Howard 107, WTC 77
South Plains 88, Clarendon 68
NMJC 68, Odessa 64
NMMI 122, Frank Phillips 103

Monday, Feb. 3

Odessa at WTC
South Plains at Frank Phillips
Clarendon at Howard
NMMI at Midland

WOMEN

Team	Season		Conference	
Howard	20	3	7	0
NMJC	21	2	6	1
Odessa	12	12	3	4
South Plains	15	9	3	4
Frank Phillips	9	10	2	4
WTC	8	14	2	5
Clarendon	10	8	1	6

Thursday, Jan. 30

Howard 55, WTC 39
South Plains 88, Clarendon 79
NMJC 73, Odessa 68

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Texas drug program funding due cut

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas congressman says years of work fighting drugs along the state's border is threatened by a little-noticed provision in President Bush's 1993 budget.

The president's proposal would strip $6 million allocated for Texas to deal with drug trafficking along the border, said U.S. Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-San Antonio.

But he and other border congressmen plan to back legislation to restore those funds when Congress drafts its version of the budget later this year, Bustamante told the San Antonio Express-News.

"The president talks a lot about giving increased federal drug interdiction assistance to the border areas, and then this is what we get," Bustamante said in Washington.

The proposed cut comes close to this month's inter-American drug conference in San Antonio Feb. 26-27. The meeting will be the second such meeting among leaders of the United States, Mexico and five Andean nations.

Last year, the administration and Congress allocated $86 million nationwide for state and local law enforcement agencies under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas grant program.

More than half the total — $48 million — went to federal programs in Los Angeles, Miami and other cities labeled by the administration as major drug-trafficking centers.

Texas received $6 million of the remaining $38 million.

Houston received $2 million for local narcotics interdiction, the Texas Department of Public Safety $2.75 million for anti-narcotics personnel, Laredo $250,000 for an anti-money laundering task force, Hidalgo County $500,000 for more equipment and sheriff's deputies, and El Paso $500,000 for salaries and equipment.

Bush's budget proposal for the 1993 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, would cut the $86 million by 45 percent, wiping out the allocations for Texas and other states on the Mexico border.

The budget says the remaining $50 million "is designated to support ongoing federal programs."

John Curtis, criminal justice analyst with the Texas-federal relations office in Washington, said state and local law enforcement agencies would be hardest hit by losing the $36 million normally used to boost the fight against drugs.

"These budget cuts, if put into effect, would be very real for El Paso and Laredo," Curtis said. "This money goes for salaries and equipment, not fancy radios or helicopters."

However, the Bush administration says state and local entities could draw money from other areas of the anti-narcotics efforts in the budget.

Bruce Carnes, director of planning, budget and administration for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said Bush's budget would provide a total $100 million increase to local entities.

According to Carnes' figures, $1.5 billion is earmarked for local entities in various programs. The amount in the proposed 1993 budget totals $1.6 billion, he said.

Included in Bush's 1993 budget is $2.2 billion for interdiction efforts by federal agencies and would provide 200 new U.S. Border Patrol agents for the Southwest border.

Bustamante said border areas want more federal agents, in addition to more federal funds to help their communities fight the influx of narcotics in their neighborhoods.

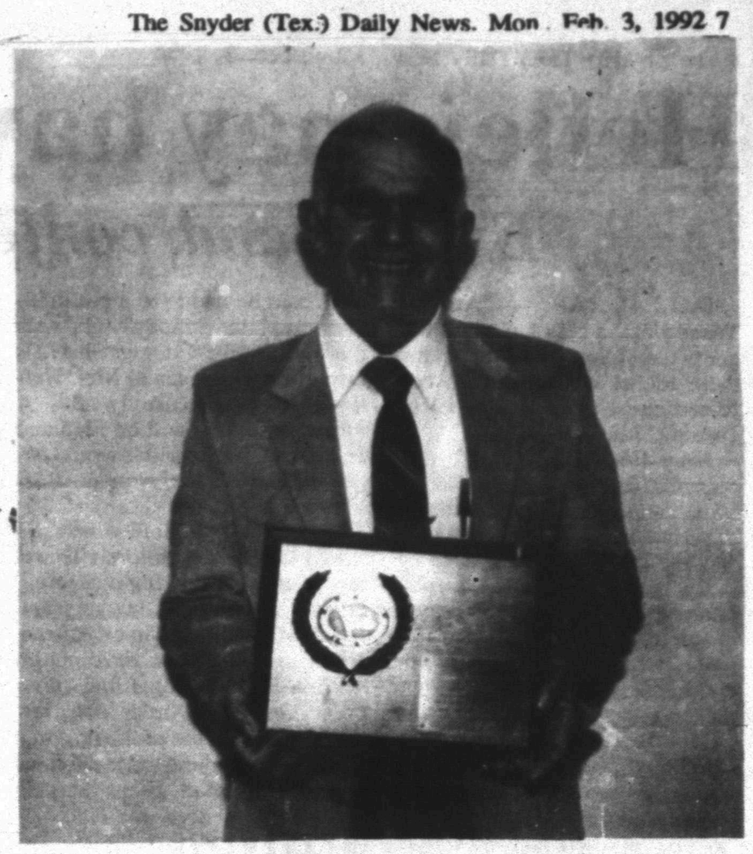
Curtis said the Texas-federal relations office will work with key congressional members to restore funding to the grant program.

If the funding is restored to the previous level by Congress, it is doubtful the administration would oppose the move, Carnes said.

Reading preference

GARDINER, Maine (AP) — Actors Martin Landau and Ted Danson favor works by Mark Twain. Journalist Linda Ellerbee likes Joseph Heller's "Catch-22."

They were among scores of notables asked by librarian Glenna Nowell to name their favorite books for a list she puts together to entice more people into public libraries. It's distributed for National Library Week April 5-11.



RETIRING — Allan Rollins, Maintenance Technician III for the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, is retiring after 38 years of service. Rollins was honored recently at a retirement reception. (SDN Staff Photo)

Just where is the great middle class in the U.S.?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here's to the great American middle class, whoever they are.

Feeling neglected in the past and now fawned over by politicians, middle-income folks earn 68 percent of the nation's wages, file 53 percent of the tax returns and ante up 53 percent of the taxes.

More or less. A lot more or a lot less, depending on who is included.

While somebody in Washington can tell you how many Americans went bowling in 1970 (52 million) or how much office space in Houston was vacant in 1987 (32 percent), nobody can say with certainty who belongs to the middle class.

"It means anything you want it to," says analyst Paul Merski of the Tax Foundation. He figures an income range of $25,000 to $50,000 is a safe guess.

Robert McIntyre, director of the labor-funded Citizens for Tax Justice, guesses lower and higher.

"The $20,000-to-$75,000 range is where they ought to focus tax relief and get the money from the really rich, since that's where all the money went in the '80s," McIntyre said.

"Middle income means whatever constituency Congress wants to appease at the moment," says Roy Cordato of the conservative Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation.

When Democrats demand tax relief for the middle class, they never say who they have in mind. What's a $61,000-a-year voter going to think if you promise a tax cut only to those making $60,000 or less?

President Bush's aides had left the impression for two months that his State of the Union message would have its own middle-class tax relief. But the relief fell short of expectations.

The president used the words "middle class" only once in the speech — and that was in a reference to health care, not tax relief.

Ask Americans, as a pollster did recently, and 90 percent will say they are in the middle class.

That allows Bush to say, for example, that "60 percent of the people who benefit from lower capital-gains (taxes) have incomes under $50,000," leaving the impression that a capital-gains cut is a middle-income break.

But most recipients of any individual tax break have incomes under $50,000. That's because more than 97 million couples and individuals — 86 percent of all taxpayers — fit that description.

It's a different story when you talk money. Those 97 million got less than 14 percent of the $143 billion of capital gains earned in 1989.

So, is $50,000 the dividing line between middle class and upper class? Not necessarily. That can depend on many variables, including geography, family size and how income is defined.

If you define middle class as having adjusted gross incomes between $15,000 and $75,000, the IRS will tell you that in 1989 those people earned 49 percent of the interest income, had 68 percent of the taxable pensions and claimed 59 percent of the itemized deductions.

The House Ways and Means Committee and the Congressional Budget Office use Census Bureau data to divide families into five groups of equal size. In round numbers, the poorest group of married couples with children had 1989 cash income under $22,700; the second, up to $34,100; the third, up to $45,500; the fourth, up to $62,200; and the richest one-fifth had income over $62,200.

If the lowest group is poor and the highest is rich, that leaves the second, third and fourth for the middle class. Thus, a non-technical but workable definition of a middle-class family with children: cash income between $22,700 and $62,200.

Researcher tries to save small wildcat

KINGSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas A&I researcher specializing in cats is racing to study the jaguarundi, a small wildcat, before it vanishes from North America.

The slender jaguarundi (pronounced jag-yoo-uh-RON-dee) has been forced south of the Rio Grande by the steady destruction of their natural habitat in South Texas, said Mike Tewes, 34, coordinator of the Feline Research Program at Texas A&I University's Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute.

"We are trying to figure out why they have disappeared from Texas ... but the clearing of its natural habitat has definitely resulted in a decline in numbers," Tewes said.

Jaguarundis, which are gray or reddish-brown, grow slightly larger than the common house cat and have little resemblance to other wildcats, Tewes said.

They have short, widely spaced rounded ears; their gaits are similar to those of weasels; their tails are about 2 feet long; and they eat rabbits, rodents and birds.

Helping Tewes in his study is graduate student Arturo Caso, who is researching jaguarundis for his master's thesis.

Part of that study is being financed by a New Hampshire doctor who was convicted of illegally hunting jaguarundi and ocelot in Mexico and trying to smuggle the pelts into this country.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife officials fined the man $78,000 and turned it over to the Kleberg institute to fund research for protecting the endangered cats.

Last summer, Caso captured a jaguarundi at his parents' ranch in northern Mexico. It was the first captured in more than 10 years of trying by researchers, Tewes said.

"We've already learned that they are active in the daytime and nighttime, and that they live in brush and in high-grass pastures. That in itself is a very significant finding," Caso said.

The cat was fitted with a radiotelemetry collar so that its activity could be monitored, Caso said.

Blood samples were taken from the 8-pound female to study diseases that affect the species.

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Hefley may have fled with children

Ex-husband, confessed rapist-killer, has custody

DALLAS (AP) — An East Texas woman may have fled with her two children rather than return them to her ex-husband, a confessed rapist-killer who has legal custody, his lawyer says.

Janet Hefley, 38, was to have returned her two children, Rachel, 5, and Shane, 3, to Charles Hefley, their father, by 6 p.m. Saturday, according to a court order.

But her friends and the couple's attorneys say she hasn't been heard from since 6:15 p.m. that night, when she telephoned the children's father, to ask him to pick up the children.

Mrs. Hefley's attorney, Clifton "Scrappy" Holmes, said Sunday night the mother was to have dropped the children off at Hefley's home where he lives with his parents in Chandler, Texas, about 11 miles west of Tyler.

"My guess is she's frightened," Holmes said. "She's had all she can stand from the system."

Hefley's lawyer, Allen Boswell, said he had filed a preliminary complaint Sunday night with the Henderson County Sheriff's Department that stated Mrs. Hefley had violated custody rules. A formal complain will be filed and he suspected authorities would begin looking for the woman, Boswell said.

He said Mrs. Hefley was allowed to take the children Thursday evening following a meeting of the couple, their lawyers and Judge Matt Livingston of Athens.

Livingston was to have held a hearing Thursday regarding a temporary restraining order Mrs. Hefley sought to remove the children from Hefley's custody. Holmes said Hefley had been denying Mrs. Hefley access to the children.

The judge postponed hearing the case uhtil Feb. 26, he said.

Livingston had awarded Hefley custody of the two children in June.

Hefley, 44, contends that his wife is mentally incapable of caring for the children. Mrs. Hefley maintains she is a battered wife and that her emotional problems stem from her husband's abuse.

Hefley had been committed to a state hospital in 1965 after a jury found him insane on charges he raped a Fort Worth woman and drowned her two children. He spent about 10 years at the Rusk State Hospital before being released.

Hefley is believed to be the last person to talk with Mrs. Hefley before she was missing. He said his wife had called him at about 6 p.m. and was on the phone with him for a minute.

Holmes said Mrs. Hefley called her husband because she was afraid to drop the children off.

Hefley said, "She had asked me to meet her somewhere and I told her to bring the children on home from where she picked them up from."

He left the house for a walk and returned to find a message on the recorder that said, " 'Chuck, if you want the kids, get them,' " he said.

Hefley said he stayed home while his parents left to search unsuccessfully for the woman and two children.

"I'm very scared for these children's safety ... I know this has been a long, drawn out, emotionally draining custody battle, but I do have custody, and she does not," he said. "I have not personally been in touch with her family, and I feel like someone knows where Jan is, (but) they haven't opted to tell us that."

Obituaries

Mrs. A.C. Preuitt

1892-1992

Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church for Mrs. A.C. Preuitt, 99, longtime Snyder resident. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Wylie "Buff" Hearn, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Mrs. Preuitt died at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at her residence.

Born Feb. 6, 1892, in Erath County, she was married to Arthur Charles Preuitt on June 27, 1922, in Blooming Grove. He died on Sept. 21, 1948. Moving to Snyder in 1920, her husband was a clerk for the Roscoe Snyder and Pacific depot. Following the war, he was an agent for RS&P until his death. They also owned a farm two miles south of Snyder. Mrs. Preuitt was a music teacher. She had attended Kidd Key College in Sherman and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Both were involved in civic and church work for many years.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Virginia and Henry Clark of Snyder; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Ray Taylor

1930-1992

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Ray Taylor, 61, of Snyder who died in the Big Spring's VA Hospital.

Mr. Taylor, born on Feb. 28, 1930, in Little Rock, Ark., was a concrete finisher. He was in the U.S. Army 13 years, serving two tours in the Korean Conflict. He married Eula Fay Gaurcia on July 19, 1989, in Big Spring.

Survivors include his wife of Snyder; a brother, R.B. Taylor of San Diego, Calif.; a nephew, Billy Washington of Phoenix, Ariz.

Quebe Alford

1911-1992

OZONA — Services are set for 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Ozona First Baptist Church for Quebe Alford, 79, who died Friday in a Dallas hospital. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

He was a former resident of Snyder.

Born in Rockdale, Mr. Alford grew up in San Angelo and had lived in Mesquite for the past 14 years. He was a former semi-pro baseball player in West Texas.

He worked for Conoco Oil for 45 years, retiring in 1975 as a drilling superintendent. He served as a member of the West Texas Boys Ranch board, was a former president of the Lions Club and member of the Ozona school board. His wife, Dovie Lee Alford, preceded him in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Beverly Grace Alford of Lubbock, and Darlyne Neubauers and Lana Kay Manning, both of Dallas; a brother, Bruce Alford of San Angelo; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

Police work 3 accidents

Snyder police worked three traffic accidents Saturday, including one which sent six people to Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room with minor injuries.

Snyder EMS was called to 500 Coliseum Drive at 7:38 a.m. Saturday where a 1989 Chevrolet Astro van driven by Glenn Trujillo of Dumas had collided with a 1979 Ford pickup driven by Clistus Addison of Rt. 1 in Snyder.

Taken to the emergency room from the Chevrolet were 5-year-old Glenn Trujillo Jr., 28-year-old Katrina G. Trujillo, 3-year-old Jessica Kamarime Trujillo and 35-year-old Glenn Trujillo Sr., all of Dumas.

Taken to Cogdell from the Ford was 63-year-old Mae Addison. Seventy-one-year-old Clistus Addison was later taken to the hospital by private vehicle.

All six individuals were treated for minor injuries and released.

At 9:46 a.m., officers worked an accident in the 2000 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1990 Pontiac driven by Erna Gerhardt Chauncey of 2006 37th St. No. 7 and a 1976 AMC driven by Margaret Blalock of 2006 37th St. No. 11.

Officers worked a hit-and-run at 4:46 p.m. at 2423 College Ave. Involved was a parked 1990 Plymouth owned by June Lewis of HC 69 and an unknown vehicle which left the scene.

Police note two arrests

Snyder police made two arrests and took reports for a burglary of a vehicle and theft during weekend activity.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male for Class C theft, shoplifting, at 3:44 p.m. Saturday from a discount store on South College Avenue.

At 12:10 a.m. Sunday, officers arrested a 26-year-old male in the North 200 block of Old Lubbock Highway for driving while intoxicated and on Brownwood DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Rosa Valadez of 2902 Ave. F contacted officers at 8:44 a.m. Sunday in reference to someone taking various items from her husband's 1989 Ford pickup. A report for burglary of a vehicle was filed in the case.

At 3:11 p.m., a woman contacted police in reference to her son selling some items without her permission. A report for Class A theft was filed.

A report for felony criminal mischief was filed at 5:02 p.m. Sunday after employees at Snyder Laundry notified police that someone had shot the front windows of the business with a pellet gun.

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, a female subject came to the police department with a 13-year-old female to advise that the juvenile had been sexually assaulted. The case was turned over to the sheriff's office after it was determined the assault had occurred outside the city limits.

Sheriff's office employees said this morning that deputies had not completed paperwork on the case.

In an unrelated report, Sheriff's deputies arrested a 28-year-old Dallas man in the 2600 block of Avenue M early Sunday morning for public intoxication.

Soviet nuclear experts may try to sell secrets

LONDON (AP) — Economic hardship in the former Soviet Union virtually assures that nuclear mercenaries will sell expertise or hard-to-track components to nations trying to build a bomb, Western defense experts say.

"Everything is up for grabs," said Dr. Martin Navias, a lecturer in the Department of War Studies at Kings College, University of London.

"The rapidity of the collapse makes it an area where people with money can get what they want. The ability of the republics to control what they've got inside is very weak. That is the essence of the problem."

Unconfirmed reports say Iran and Libya have hired Soviet nuclear scientists and bought technology, and that other would-be nuclear states are shopping for talent and weapons.

Gary Milhollin, director of the Wisconsin Project on Nuclear Arms Control in Washington, said the "greatest risk is that the Soviet nuclear and missile infrastructure will be sold component by component, and that Soviet experts in nuclear and missile production will find their way to dangerous programs in the developing world."

Those experts are the key to proliferation because components or weapons cannot be sold, stolen, or smuggled without their collusion.

As Navias put it: "The problem is not one of proliferating warheads, but one of unemployed eggheads."

Paul Beaver, publisher of Jane's Defense Weekly, said the pool of Soviets with first-hand knowledge of building nuclear weapons is so large — about 30,000 to 50,000 — that some inevitably will be lured away.

"There are going to be at least a dozen, if not a few hundred, who will see the potential of putting themselves on the market to Syria, India, Pakistan, China, Vietnam, Libya, North Korea, South American countries — you name it," he said in an interview.

Vyacheslav Rozanov of the Kurchatov Institute of Atomic Energy said in Moscow last month that two Soviet scientists turned down salaries of $2,000 a month from Libya, but might say yes if offered more.

Parents want videotape of son's cancer battle returned by burglars

DALLAS (AP) — Thieves who stole Dan and Heather Cooper's video camera last week have robbed the Dallas couple of a two-year record of their cancer-stricken son, Chad.

The camera contained a video tape featuring the 3-year-old child.

"It is of immense value to us. They can hock the camera," said Dan Cooper, who is considering offering a $500 reward.

"I know it is a long shot. I don't know what kind of money it takes, but we've got to try," Cooper said. "How do you put a price on it?"

The Coopers want the tape back because it contains special sequences Cooper and Chad made that Mrs. Cooper hasn't seen. It also contains some sequences with mother and son, which Cooper hasn't seen.

The stolen tape also shows Chad's second and third birthdays and his last two Christmases. Cooper described the footage as a special chronicle of the child's life since his disease developed.

The Coopers say the tape is of no value to the thief.

For some time now, Chad has been fighting cancer, which already has claimed one of his kidneys and has spread to his chest, his father said.

The child frequently undergoes chemotherapy, being hospitalized for at least five days for each treatment.

"He's got the odds pretty heavily stacked against him," Cooper said.

The family returned home Friday after a hospital stay to find they had been burglarized. In addition to the video camera, the thief stole the Coopers' jewelry and small appliances either Thursday night or early Friday morning.

At that time, Chad was finishing a week-long hospital stay for high fever. Whenever Chad is hospitalized, his parents move into his room and stay with their only child 24 hours a day.

Cooper, an orthopedic surgeon, said the tape can be mailed to him at home or at Baylor University Medical Center.

Natural causes cited in death of talk show host's daughter

ERWINNA, Pa. (AP) — Investigators awaited test results to learn the cause of death of talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael's daughter in the family's second tragedy in three weeks.

Allison Vladimir, 33, was found dead Sunday during a visit to her mother's bed-and-breakfast. An autopsy was inconclusive, but the Bucks County coroner said he believed Vladimir died of natural causes.

On Jan. 11, Raphael's youngest son, 19-year-old Jason "J.J." Soderlund, was critically injured in an auto accident near the family's home in Montrose, N.Y., and remains hospitalized.

A friend found Vladimir dead in bed at the 150-year-old Isaac Stover House. The host of the syndicated "Sally Jessy Raphael" show has owned the inn since 1986.

Officials said there were no signs of suicide or foul play and no apparent heart damage. Nor did it seem likely the White Plains, N.Y., resident had overdosed on medication she took for back pain, they said.

Coroner Dr. Thomas J. Rosko said he would learn more from further toxicology tests.

Raphael's spokeswoman, Cindy Schneider, said the talk show host was unavailable for comment Sunday.

Vladimir was one of two daughters Raphael had with her former husband, advertising executive Andrew Vladimir. Raphael is now married to Karl Soderlund, a former TV producer.

Raphael and her son's injuries are the cover story of the Feb. 3 issue of People. The magazine reported that Vladimir, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, was unemployed because of back problems.

Erwinna, a small town of renovated 19th century homes, is about 40 miles north of Philadelphia.

Preliminary report on crash is released

WASHINGTON (AP) — The commuter plane that crashed in coastal Georgia last year, killing former U.S. Sen. John Tower and 22 others, had excessively worn propeller parts, federal investigators said in a report released today.

The National Transportation Safety Board report, which does not assign a cause for the crash, rules out engine malfunction but focuses on extreme wear in the propeller control units.

"Examination of the engines did not disclose any evidence of pre-impact malfunction or failure," the report says.

The NTSB's final report on the crash is several months from completion, said Brent Bahler, a NTSB spokesman in Washington.

Those killed in the crash included Tower, R-Texas; his 35-year-old daughter, Marian; and astronaut Manley "Sonny" Carter Jr.

Tests showed severe wear in the propeller control units could have inhibited the pilot from changing the propeller blade angle.

Simulations done with propeller blades at abnormal angles showed that in most instances, the plane would have crashed short of the runway — as the Atlantic Southeast Airlines plane did last April 5 near Brunswick.

A month after the crash, the Federal Aviation Administration put out an alert service bulletin to the operators of all planes with similar propellers, after finding the excessive wear in the wrecked plane.

The bulletin mandated the inspection of the propellers, after the FAA said there had been three separate incidents in which commuter aircraft pilots cited propeller problems.

ASA inspected and cleared all of its planes.

The Embraer 120 twin-engine turboprop plunged nose-first into a dense clump of trees about three miles from the runway. There were no survivors.

The flight crew had Glynco Jetport in sight and reported nothing unusual in their landing preparations before the plane went down. Witnesses said the plane, while banking left toward the airport, pitched nose down and hurtled toward the ground at high speed.

The plane was not equipped with a flight data recorder or cockpit voice recorder. Tapes of conversations the crew had with air traffic controllers in Jacksonville, Fla. gave few leads into the cause of the crash, investigators said.

The flight did not encounter bad weather, but did travel around some cloud formations, according to the FAA tape. The flight had been en route from Atlanta to Brunswick when it crashed.

Tower, 65, built his 23-year career in the Senate on his military expertise, but questions about allegations of excessive drinking cost him the job he coveted most, defense secretary.

President Bush's 1989 nomination of Tower was rejected by the Senate.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	71	705/8	707/8	+1/8
AlliedSignal	495/8	491/2	491/2	
ALLTEL Cp	393/4	395/8	393/4	
AmStor s	333/4	327/8	333/4	+7/8
Amer T&T	371/4	37	371/8	-1/8
Ameritech	627/8	623/8	621/2	-1/8
Amoco	453/4	45	453/4	-1/8
AndarkPtr	211/8	205/8	205/8	-3/8
Arkla	101/4	97/8	97/8	-1/4
ArmcoInc	5	47/8	5	
AtlRichfld	1053/8	1043/8	1051/4	+1/8
BakerHugh	197/8	195/8	197/8	+1/4
BancTexas	11-16	5/8	5/8—1-16	
BellAtl	461/2	455/8	453/4	-3/8
BellSouth	493/8	491/8	493/8	+1/8
Beth Steel	145/8	143/8	145/8	+1/8
Borden	333/4	333/8	331/2	-1/4
Caterpllr	47	463/4	463/4	
Centel	443/4	441/2	443/4	-1/8
CentSo West	53	527/8	53	
Chevron	641/4	635/8	641/8	+1/2
Chrysler	141/2	141/8	141/4	-1/8
Coastal	235/8	233/8	231/2	-1/4
CocaCola	79	777/8	79	+11/2
ColgateP s	473/8	47	471/4	+1/8
ComlMetl	227/8	223/4	227/8	+1/8
CyprusMn	193/8	191/4	191/4	-1/4
DallSemicn	81/4	8	8	-1/4
DeltaAirl	671/8	661/4	67	-1/8
DigitalEq	525/8	52	523/8	+2
Dillard	124	123	1231/2	
DowChem	55	541/4	545/8	+3/8
DresserInd	191/4	183/4	191/4	
duPont	463/4	461/4	465/8	+1/8
EstKodak	501/4	491/2	50	-1/2
EljerInd	12	115/8	115/8	
Enserch	133/8	131/8	131/4	
Exxon	587/8	581/4	583/4	+1/2
FtCtyBcp	11/2	11/2	11/2	
FlowerInd	17	167/8	17	
FordMotor	303/4	301/8	303/4	+1/4
GTE Cp	313/4	313/8	311/2	
GnDynam	59	58	583/4	+5/8
GenElct	751/2	747/8	751/2	+1/4
GnMill	697/8	695/8	697/8	+1/8
GenMotors	325/8	321/8	323/8	
GnMotrE s	571/8	565/8	563/4	-5/8
GaPacif	651/8	641/2	651/8	-3/8
GlobMar	17/8	13/4	17/8	
Goodrich	43	425/8	43	
Goodyear	605/8	597/8	601/4	-1/8
GtAtlPac	303/8	293/8	301/8	+13/4
Gulf StaUt	117/8	113/4	113/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	263/8	26	261/4	-1/8
Hanson	187/8	185/8	183/4	-1/4
HoustInd	43	427/8	43	
IBM	903/8	891/4	901/4	+1/4
IntlPaper	725/8	717/8	723/8	+1/8
JohnsJhn	1073/8	1065/8	107	-1/2
K mart	49	481/2	487/8	-
Kroger	193/4	195/8	195/8	-1/8
vjLTV Cp	11/4	11/8	11/8	
Litton Ind	921/2	921/4	921/4	-1/4
vjLoneStar	41/4	41/8	41/4	
Lowes	42	407/8	417/8	+7/8
Lubys	157/8	153/8	151/2	-1/4
Maxus	61/8	6	6	
MayDSt	55	545/8	55	+1/8
Medtrn s	88	861/4	873/4	+11/4
Mobil	641/2	637/8	643/8	+1/2
Monsan	633/8	627/8	633/8	+3/8
Motorola	761/2	761/8	761/4	-3/8
Nationbk	437/8	433/8	433/4	-1/8
Navistar	33/8	31/8	31/4	
Nynex	751/4	743/4	75	-1/8
OryxEngy	241/8	235/8	233/4	-1/4
PacTelesis	425/8	421/4	423/8	-1/4
PanhECp	14	133/4	133/4	
PenneyJC	547/8	543/8	543/8	-3/8
PepBoys	171/2	171/8	171/2	+3/8
Phelps Dod	733/4	721/2	725/8	—21/4
PhilipPet	233/8	23	233/8	+1/8
Polaroid s	291/8	281/2	29	+1/2
Primerica	411/2	41	41	-1/2
ProctGamb	1033/4	1027/8	1031/8	-5/8
PubS NwMx	103/8	103/8	103/8	
SFePacCp	121/4	117/8	12	-1/4
SaraLee	533/4	531/4	531/2	-1/4
SearsRoeb	41	405/8	407/8	-1/8
Shrwin s	277/8	271/4	277/8	+5/8
SmthBchm	853/8	851/8	851/4	
SmthBch eq n	781/8	773/4	78	-3/8
Southern Co	325/8	323/8	321/2	-1/8
SwstAirl	323/4	323/8	323/4	
SwstBell	603/8	593/4	601/4	-1/8
SterlingChm	5	47/8	47/8	-1/8
SunCo	281/8	273/4	281/8	+1/4
TNP Ent	205/8	201/2	205/8	
Tandy	241/4	237/8	24	-3/8
TemplInl	521/4	52	52	
Tenneco	35	341/2	35	-1/4
Texaco	597/8	591/2	595/8	-1/4
TexasInd	211/4	211/4	211/4	+1/8
TexasInst	351/2	351/4	353/8	-3/8
Tex Util	391/2	393/8	391/2	-1/8
Textron	361/2	36	361/4	-1/8
Tyler	41/8	4	41/8	
USWst	361/2	361/8	361/2	-1/8
USXMar n	221/2	221/4	221/4	-3/8
USX-USS n	25	245/8	245/8	-1/2
UnCarbde	23	223/4	227/8	-1/4
UnPac s	461/8	451/2	453/4	+1/4
UnitTech	503/4	501/2	501/2	-1/4
Unitel	24	235/8	235/8	-3/8
Unocal	22	213/4	217/8	+1/8
WalMt	543/8	537/8	543/8	+1/2
WestghEl	183/8	181/8	181/4	
Woolwth	295/8	293/8	291/2	
Xerox Cp	761/2	755/8	755/8	—11/2
ZenithE	9	87/8	87/8	-

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Robert White, 2907 Ave. V; Patricia Scott, 3757 Dalton; Leroy Brown, 3001 32nd.

DISMISSALS: Leroy Brown, Roberta Flanagan, Donald Gardner, Lois Davidson.

Census: (Med.-11, Long-Term Care-26, CCU-3).

State guard sets induction ceremony here

The Texas State Guard, 401st Military Police Batallion, Company D, will hold an induction ceremony for new members a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the local National Guard Armory.

The Texas State Guard is a state-organized and administrated militia to assist local, state and federal authorities in times of need.

No prior military experience is needed. Members will be trained in military discipline and procedures in accordance with the Texas State Guard mission.

For more information about Tuesday's meeting, call 573-9049 or 573-2163.

Collider research

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Dutch physicist Richard Wigmans plans to spread his enthusiasm for the super collider to his students at Texas Tech University.

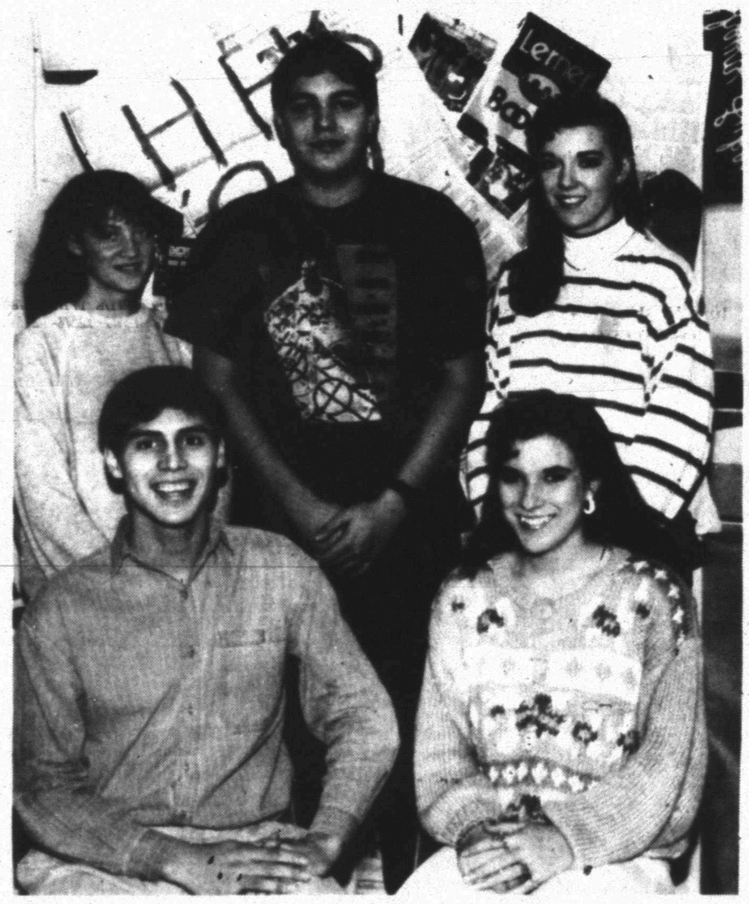
Wigmans, 43, accepted a Tech faculty position to get closer to the giant atom-smasher being built near Waxahachie, south of Dallas.

Asked what effect such knowledge — discovering the essence of matter — would have on the average citizen, Wigmans hesitated, shaking his head in apparent wonderment.

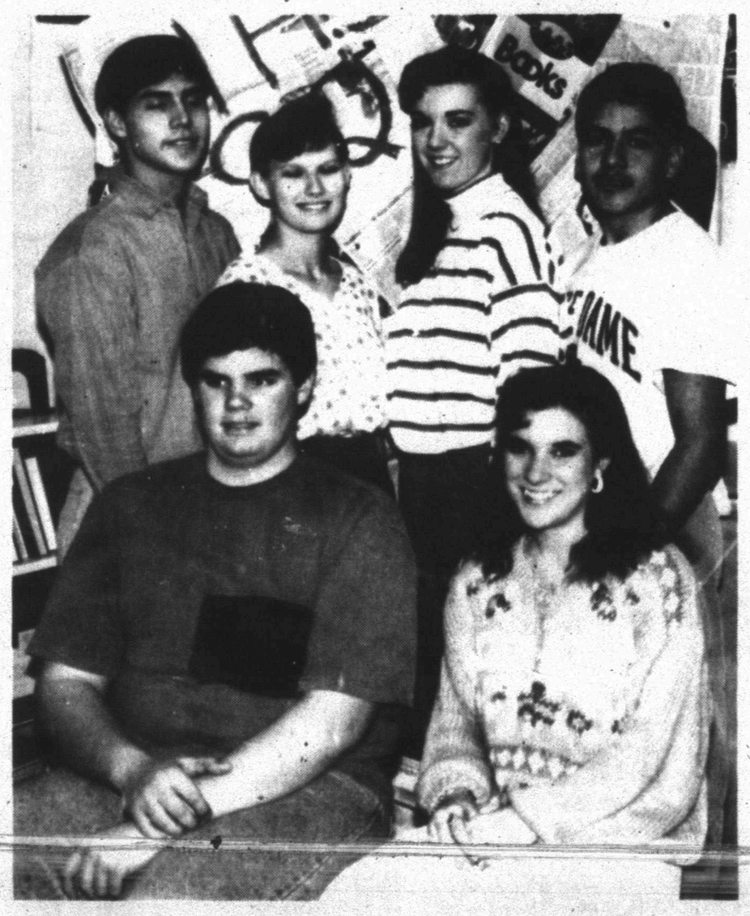
"What impact does a Schubert sonata have?" he countered. "If one asked the question in the sense that 'Can I improve my standard of living if I know the results of this research?' No. I don't think there's an immediate impact from this research.



RECOGNIZED — Students recognized at Hermleigh recently include from left, Rebecca Ramey, FFA Sweetheart, Chris Velasco, FHA Beau; Sheri Sandefur, Basketball Sweetheart; and Billy Breitweiser, Basketball Hero. (SDN Staff Photo)



HEMLEIGH FAVORITES — Class favorites at Hermleigh include from left, standing, Brandy Atkinson, freshman; Chris Lambaren and Sherri Sandefur, sophomores; and seated, Chris Velasco, junior; and Rebecca Ramey, senior. Not pictured are Brendon Blair, freshman; Jennifer Herl, junior; and Christopher Probst, senior. (SDN Staff Photo)



HERMLEIGH HONOREES — Hermleigh students honored last week include standing, from left, Chris Velasco, junior, and Alison Beeks, senior, best-all-around; Sheri Sandefur, sophomore, and Daniel Hermosillo, junior, most popular; and seated are: Lance Price, junior, and Rebecca Ramey, senior, Mr. and Miss HHS. (SDN Staff Photo)



FHA OFFICERS — Hermleigh Future Homemakers of America officers include seated, from left, Stephane Gannaway, junior, treasurer; Melinda Estrada, sophomore, president; Katrina Reynolds, senior, secretary; and Alison Beeks, senior, vice-president. (SDN Staff Photo)

Area students listed on Tech honor rolls

LUBBOCK — Several Scurry County students qualified for the academic honors lists at Texas Tech University at the end of the 1991 fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a perfect 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more credit hours of classwork. Students finishing 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5-3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students named to the Dean's List include: Dayla Jo Church, freshman, accounting; Melissa Camille Hodges, senior, psychology; Janna Lyne Burrow, senior, interdisciplinary agriculture; Andrea Lyn Veazey, senior, elementary education; and Rodney Glenn Foster, senior, agriculture economics.

Those on the President's List include: Jeffrey Wayne Franklin, junior, accounting; Milagros Gonzalez, freshman, mathematics; and Janice Carol Northerns, junior, English.

New plays to open

NEW YORK (AP) — Neil Simon, August Wilson, Lanford Wilson and John Guare are among playwrights opening new shows on Broadway in the next few months.

And the marquees will be filled with big names: Alan Alda, Alec Baldwin, Ellen Burstyn, Glenn Close, Joan Collins, Richard Dreyfuss, Gene Hackman, Gregory Hines, Judd Hirsch, Jessica Lang and Al Pacino.

Area students get Tech degrees

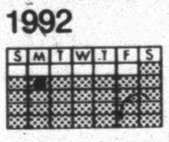
LUBBOCK — More than 1,500 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during December commencement exercises.

Degree recipients from Scurry County included: Terry D'Wayne Davis, bachelor of arts in history; Kelli Lynn Griffith, bachelor of business administration in management; Janna Lyne Burrow, bachelor of science in interdisciplinary agriculture; Rebel Lee Royall, bachelor of science in animal business; and Jayme Leigh Gregory, bachelor of arts in social welfare.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Feb. 3, 1992

Today is the 34th day of 1992 and the 44th day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1962, President John F. Kennedy ordered a ban on nearly all U.S. trade with Cuba.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Greeley (1811-1872), newspaper editor-reformer; Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910), physician; Gertrude Stein (1874-1946), writer; Norman Rockwell (1894-1978), illustrator-painter; James Michener (1907-), novelist, is 85; Fran Tarkenton (1940-), football star, is 52; Bob Griese (1945-), football star-broadcaster, is 47; Morgan Fairchild (1950-), actress, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1948, Dick Button became the first American to win the world figure skating championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Better incur the trouble of testing and exploding a thousand fallacies than by rejecting, stifle a single beneficent Truth." — Horace Greeley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, the second of three consecutive days, trace amounts of snow fell on Phoenix, Ariz. — a weather first.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL® 1992 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.



TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
Congress might act like a bunch of kids from time to time, but there's one game the present Congress won't play: follow the leader.

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Bert Parks, Miss America crooner, is dead at age 77

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Bert Parks, the tuxedo-clad emcee who for a quarter-century serenaded the newly crowned Miss America with the song "There She Is" during her tearful walk down the runway, has died. He was 77.

Parks, who died Sunday at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla after being diagnosed with lung disease, was a singer and announcer, a game-show host on radio and television, a song-and-dance man on Broadway and a guest star on TV.

But it was as the crooner at Miss America pageants beginning in 1956 that he became known to millions.

His firing in 1980 to give the show a younger look generated a letter-writing campaign organized by Johnny Carson.

Parks made a return appearance in 1990 and sang along with a recording of his signature song. He received a standing ovation when he walked on stage, but the appearance was marred by gaffes and he did not return.

"He was a very important part of our history, and because of what he contributed, we have a present and a future," said Leonard Horn, head of the Miss America Pageant since 1987. He praised Parks for "his ability to let the young women be the stars."

In a 1990 interview, Parks ridiculed the pageant's firing of him.

"This was the (time) Ronald Reagan, who's five years older than me, was elected president," he said. "He could run the country, but I was too old to run a beauty pageant. Now is that sick or what?"

After his firing, Parks went on to become emcee of other pageants ranging from a tugboat competition to a contest for dogs.

In an interview, he said that beauty contests are corny and old-fashioned but that he relished the work. "You're rooting for the hometown girl. It's the Cinderella story," he said. "It satisfies our urge for royalty."

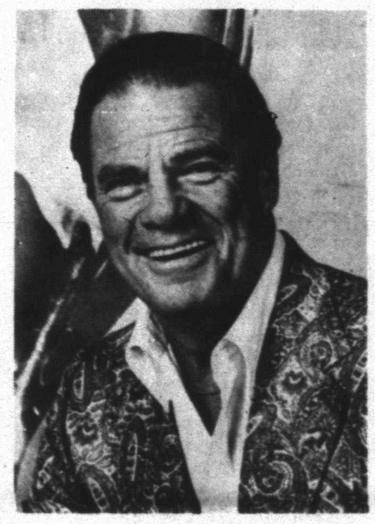
Born Bert Jacobson in Atlanta, Parks changed his name to fit a marquee. He got his first broadasting job at 16 at an Atlanta radio station.

He landed a job as a singer on the "Eddie Cantor Show" and worked as an announcer for CBS from 1933 to 1939.

He was an emcee of radio's "Break the Bank" and "Stop the Music" and followed those programs to television, where his other game shows included "The Big Payoff," "Break the $250,000 Bank" and "Double or Nothing."

He had his own daytime variety show, "The Bert Parks Show," from 1950 to 1952 on NBC.

Parks starred as Professor Harold Hill in the 1960-61 Broadway production of the "The Music Man" and played himself in the 1990 film "The Freshman" with Marlon Brando. In a send-up of his pageant performances, he serenaded a giant endangered lizard that was to be served as the main course of a banquet.



BERT PARKS

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Toyota's new plant to be 'more friendly'

TOYOTA CITY, Japan (AP) — Just as rivals learn to copy Toyota Motor Corp.'s production methods, Japan's top automaker has begun to profoundly change the way it makes cars.

Toyota officials say their new $615 million Tahara plant marks a turning point: featuring amenities to lure workers unwilling to take difficult jobs in today's labor-short market.

The factory includes features not in Toyota's other "lean" plants — employee lounges, pleasant shower rooms, air conditioning and quieter working areas.

The question, skeptics say, is whether Toyota will lose its competitive edge.

"Putting together cars should be the most fun job in the company," said Toyota director Tadaaki Jagawa, who supervised design of the new plant. "But it's the area with the largest dropout rate. So something's wrong."

Just as Henry Ford's moving assembly line altered American industry, Toyota's production innovations have contributed much to Japan's industrial success.

Variations of Toyota's "kanban" system — which focuses on giving added responsibility to workers and slashing waste and inventory — have been widely adopted by Japanese industry, which is closely watching Toyota's new methods.

Under the "kanban" way, Toyota's suppliers, clustered around its main factories in Toyota City near Nagoya, deliver parts in small amounts shortly before they are needed on the line.

Parts made in the factory also are produced in small batches. The system keeps inventories low and — just as important — allows any production problems to be quickly discovered.

Workers can shut down the assembly line so defects can be quickly fixed. But the pace is hectic. Line workers may be asked to perform as many as five tasks in less than a minute.

In contrast, the mass-production methods favored in the United States churn out tens of thousands of cars at a time with workers often doing just one job. Defects may not be discovered until after a production run.

A 1986 study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology said a typical Toyota car is produced with half the number of worker-hours as a car at General Motors Corp., the world's No. 1 automaker.

The Toyota car was found to have one-third fewer defects.

But in today's prosperous Japan, Toyota and many other manufacturers are having trouble attracting employees for the grueling "kanban" regimen.

At the new plant, about 160 miles southwest of Tokyo, the focus is on creating comfortable work conditions instead of minimizing waste and inventory.

"If we don't attract workers, we don't even get to the point of worrying about waste," said Jagawa.

Toyota, which has about 74,000 workers in Japan, faced a peak 6,000-worker shortage last year. Worker turnover was 5.2 percent, compared with 3.2 percent five years ago.

"Maybe we made a mistake in designing such gloomy factories," Jagawa said. "I wish we had used more of our profits to improve working conditions."

The work week is also to be reduced from the current 45 hours to 40 hours by 1993.

Ironically, many of the changes were inspired by Toyota's experience assembling cars in the United States, where cheaper land allows roomier factories.

Toyota, whose sales were up by 7.2 percent last year to $71.4 billion, is the world's No. 3 carmaker after GM and Ford Motor Co.

Small town grieves as son is accused of killing parents

WILLIS, Texas (AP) — No charges have been filed against a 12-year-old boy who police say has confessed to killing his parents.

The bodies of Joyce and Danny Hamilton were discovered Friday in their home in Willis, 40 miles north of Houston.

The couple had appeared to enjoy an idyllic family life that featured weekend horseback rides and hunting and fishing trips with the boy, friends and townspeople said.

"They were family people. They did lots and lots of trips together," said Jenny Drennan, a family friend. "Everywhere they went, they took him (the 12-year-old)."

Hamilton's body was found in the hallway, and his wife's body was discovered in the kitchen. She apparently had been killed while dialing 911 to report her husband's shooting, police said.

Mrs. Hamilton had called her husband, a former construction company owner, home from his new job at the county maintenance department Friday when their boy was reported skipping school.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Department officials said the 12-year-old has admitted to the killings. He and a 14-year-old friend, who they say also has admitted he was involved in the slayings, were in the custody early today of Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Division authorities.

No charges had been filed against the 14-year-old. Their names haven't been released because they are juveniles.

Friends and residents of Willis, a town of 2,486, said they couldn't recall any disciplinary problems with the 12-year-old, a sixth-grader at C.C. Hardy Middle School.

Gayle Martinez, whose family was close friends with the Hamiltons for 12 years, described the child as well-behaved.

"He's a yes ma'am, no ma'am" boy, Ms. Martinez said. "He had his normal teen-age frustrations like other kids, but there was absolutely nothing out of the norm."

Karen Stanley said she is devastated by the shootings of her best friends, but still supports their son.

On The Issues

Aids testing for health care workers

Editor's Note — The Associated Press asks the major presidential candidates a question each weekday about their views on a particular issue and assembles their responses.

Responses were not available for all candidates.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Do you favor AIDS testing of health care workers?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: A spokesman said his position is that "before mandatory aids testing for health-care workers can be considered we must first satisfactorily educate the country about AIDS to eliminate discrimination and to increase AIDS funding for care research and prevention."

—Bill Clinton: A spokeswoman said Clinton has not taken a position on the issue.

—Tom Harkin: "The public is rightfully concerned about the alarming rise in the number of AIDS cases nationwide. The federal government needs to invest more in the fight against this dread disease. ... Health care workers should adhere to universal standards in all areas of service delivery that prevent the spread of disease."

—Bob Kerrey: "We must protect patients and health-care workers from HIV transmission. But I question whether mandatory testing is the best way to accomplish this goal. Instead, I support requiring all health-care facilities to use universal precautions based on CDC guidelines."

—Paul Tsongas: "In the context of medical care, the best way to protect the public is not mandatory testing but enforcement of infection control practices and education of health care workers. Testing, which would have to be done repeatedly to be valid, would give a false sense of security to patients, and might make people less careful in following proper procedures to avoid transmission of the disease."

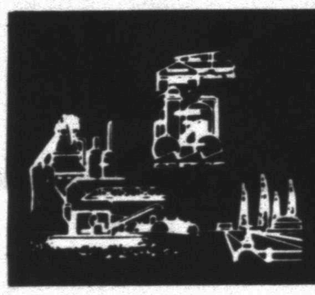
REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: The Bush administration has publicly opposed mandatory AIDS testing.

—Patrick Buchanan: "For those involved in invasive procedures, yes."

—David Duke: Favors testing health care workers for AIDS.

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Ford brothers are different

NEW YORK (AP) — Terence Ford is in the same business as his older brother, Harrison, but that's about where the similarities end.

"I have no wish to emulate Harrison," the 46-year-old said. "Harrison was always more confident and outgoing. I was shy and a lousy athlete. But our three-year age difference prevented any rivalry."

Government: do you want to buy a horse?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government thinks you would love to buy a wild horse. You just don't know it yet.

The Bureau of Land Management is counting on an aggressive public relations campaign to drum up interest in adopting thousands of mustangs and burros that are overwhelming big tracts of western range land.

The campaign is part of a new plan that also calls for closing federally subsidized sanctuaries in South Dakota and Oklahoma that never became self-sufficient.

"I don't think we've done as good a job as we could in getting the word out that these horses and burros are desirable animals," said Michelle Ravnikar, a BLM spokeswoman. "I think we can do a better job."

The plan is the latest twist in a wild horse management program that has been fraught with failure and stories of abused, neglected animals for two years.

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