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Ask Us

Q—Is it illegal to raise fighting roosters in Scurry County?

A—It is illegal to hold rooster fights in the state of Texas, including Scurry County. However, it is not illegal to raise the birds for sale or to fight out of state.



DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Local

Boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 this evening in the high school student center.

AL Post 181

American Legion Post 181 will have a meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. concerning the activation of a new squadron for the Sons of the American Legion. Guest speakers will attend.

'Amahl'

Ritz Theatre's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be held Thursday through Sunday in the North Elementary auditorium.

Call the senior center at 573-4035 from 2-5 p.m. weekdays for reservations.

Holiday gala

Martha Ann Woman's Club will present its "Holiday Gala," a taste of Snyder, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will include the WTC Community Chorale and Hand Bell Choir. Several local restaurants will provide refreshments.

Suppers

Snyder Child Day Care will hold a chili supper on Friday and a spaghetti supper Saturday from 6 p.m. until 7:30, at the former North Elementary building prior to the Ritz Theatre production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

Fund-raiser tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children. Call 573-7403 for reservations. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 60 degrees; low, 25 degrees; high Sunday, 63 degrees; low, 23 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 25 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.10 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 60s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph, gusty during the afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:41. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:24. [illegible] has shone 325 days in Snyder.



BELL PERFORMERS — Inspiring Christmas music will be performed by the Western Texas College Bell Choir and Community Chorale during Tuesday's "Holiday Gala," set for 7 p.m. at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets are $3.50 and will be sold at the door. Among the bell players are, from left, instructor Jerald Garner, Andrea Garner, Jeannie Rice, Diane Flippo, Joann Snider, Melissa McCright, Janet Halbert, June Kimmel and Barbara McGee. (SDN Staff Photo)

County insurance to increase

10 percent hike to affect employees, retirees

A 10 percent increase in employee health insurance premiums and a budget amendment to finance detention space for juvenile offenders were approved Monday during a meeting of the Scurry County Commissioners Court.

The 10 percent hike in insurance costs will affect both employees and retirees. The court also unanimously approved a rate of 102 percent of actual costs for Cobra-eligible insured. These are former employees who are eligible for insurance for up to 18 months after leaving the county payroll.

County Auditor Eddie McHaney said the law allows the county to charge up to 102 percent of the actual premium. The 10 percent increase for county employees would be a maximum increase of $7.40 per month for family coverage. All new rates are effective Jan. 1 when a new health-insurance plan also becomes effective.

Under the plan approved two weeks ago by commissioners, there is a $300 deductible for an individual and $900 per family. The plan will pay 90 percent if Cogdell Hospital is used and 80 percent if the employee uses St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. Both hospitals also offer discounts on the total bill, a savings to both the county and the insured.

If another hospital is used, the plan will pay only 60 percent. The plan provides exceptions in the case of an emergency or if preferred hospitals do not offer needed medical procedures.

When the plan was approved, it was stated that the new program would have saved the county $283,000 over the past two years, had it been in effect.

A budget amendment totaling $35,039 was also approved. The funds will be used to pay daily detention for juvenile offenders.

Probation officer Larry Thompson said those being locked up as juvenile offenders are those who repeatedly commit offenses. "Our only other option is to turn 'em loose," Thompson said. "If we did that it would be a license to steal."

Thompson said juvenile offenders, if unpunished, would continue to commit burglaries because they would reason "what are they going to do to you?"

The county must pay from $79 to $89 per day for incarceration of juveniles. The county now contracts with approved juvenile fa-

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Peace talks resume

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The PLO and Israel, negotiating how to implement their peace accord, renewed talks today at odds over the extent of Israel's withdrawal from occupied lands and the timetable for reaching agreement.

Palestinians argue that Israel must start pulling out troops by a Dec. 13 deadline set down in the accord to prove the credibility of the peace process. Israel says a delay of a few days or weeks would not be important.

An Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and Jericho on the West Bank is a major component of the Sept. 13 pact, which puts the two sectors under Palestinian administration as a model for greater Palestinian self-rule within five years.

Nabil Shaath, the chief Palestinian negotiator, accused Israel today of stalling plans for withdrawal to put pressure on the Palestinians.

"The Israeli logic is totally rejected," Shaath said after a meeting with Foreign Minister Amr Moussa of Egypt.

But in Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told lawmakers that reaching a solid agreement was more important than meeting the deadline. He said difficulties were expected because of security concerns.

"This isn't the same as a treaty with an Arab country and we draw a line, and we say we are on this side and you are on the another side," Rabin said. "Here the situation is more complex ... first of all from our point of view, security is important."

Rabin has to move cautiously because escalating violence between Palestinians and Israelis has eroded public support in Israel for the pact.

In a new threat to the accord, gunmen loyal to PLO chief Yasser Arafat opened fire on five Israeli police and army stations in Gaza today. No one was reported hurt in the attacks by the Fatah Hawks vigilante squad, which ended its truce with the Israeli army after Israeli undercover agents killed a Hawk in Gaza on Sunday.

Justices agree to reconsider church-state separation rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to reexamine its landmark 1971 ruling on how far government may go to accommodate religious practices without violating the constitutional doctrine of church-state separation.

The court voted to use a case involving a New York school district created for children of a Hasidic Jewish community to reconsider its longstanding rule for enforcing the constitutional requirement.

The high court has relied on that ruling in deciding many church-state issues over the past 22 years.

The justices also:

— Left intact a $4.3 million award a subway station mugger won against the New York City Transit Authority after he was shot and paralyzed while trying to escape.

— Ruled that imprisoned political candidate Lyndon LaRouche can collect federal matching campaign money for his 1992 presidential bid.

— Agreed to decide whether federal regulators can force lawyers for failed savings and loans to pay damages for not exposing insider wrongdoing.

— Rejected an insurance industry challenge to a Virginia law that requires managed health-care systems to accept the participation of doctors and hospitals willing to accept reimbursement rates.

— Refused to disturb a South Carolina income tax on out-of-state businesses that have no physical presence in the state but license the use of its trademarks there.

In the church-state case accepted for review today, New York courts ruled that the creation of the Kiryas Joel Village School District was an unconstitutional government endorsement of religion.

The justices could have granted review and limited the issues in the case to avoid reconsidering the 1971 ruling. But today's order reflected no such limitation.

The high court has allowed the district to continue operating pending final action in the case.

Smothering trial to begin Tuesday

HEREFORD (AP) — Attorneys prepared to begin selecting jurors Tuesday in the trial of a woman accused of smothering her infant daughter in 1984.

Two hundred twenty-five potential jurors have been summoned to the Deaf Smith County Courthouse.

Tanya Thaxton Reid, 36, was indicted for murder last March in the death of 8-month-old Morgan Reid.

The baby stopped breathing Feb. 7, 1984, and was treated at Deaf Smith General Hospital. She died the next day at an Amarillo hospital.

Ms. Reid was extradited this summer from an Iowa prison, where she is serving a 10-year sentence for endangering her 3-year-old son.

Testimony in her 1989 trial in Des Moines showed Robert Reid experienced breathing problems [illegible] was removed from his mother's care. Expert witnesses said Ms. Reid suffers from a psychological disorder in which she hurts children to get attention.

State District Judge David Gulley in Hereford has decided to admit evidence about a Dumas child who stopped breathing while Ms. Reid was baby-sitting in 1974. She called paramedics, who revived the child.

Amarillo attorney Charles Rittenberry said his client wants to testify.

"She feels very strongly that she shouldn't be convicted because she didn't do anything," Rittenberry said.

Morgan died of apnea, he said, and her autopsy revealed no signs of abuse. He said he will present evidence the infant was sick.

"These doctors, whenever they can't figure something out, they blame Mom," Rittenberry said.

District attorney Ronald Saul declined to comment.

Court will review death penalty case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed today to decide whether federal courts may delay a death-row inmate's execution to appoint a lawyer to file a constitutional challenge of the inmate's conviction.

The court said it would hear a Texas death-row inmate's appeal of lower court rulings that refused to delay his execution.

Frank Basil McFarland was convicted in a state court in Tarrant County for the Feb. 1, 1988, stabbing death of Terry Hokanson, who was slain after being introduced to McFarland at the bar where she worked in Arlington.

State court upheld his conviction, and the Supreme Court denied review last June.

A state judge then scheduled McFarland's execution for Sept. 23 and later delayed it until Oct. 27.

McFarland, who is indigent, asked a federal judge in Fort Worth to delay the execution and appoint a lawyer who would file a federal appeal challenging McFarland's conviction on constitutional grounds.

U.S. District Judge John McBryde refused to delay the execution, saying he had no authority to do so because McFarland had filed no such constitutional challenge.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed in a decision issued Oct. 26.

"A petitioner does not have a right to an automatic stay pending the filing of his first habeas petition," the appeals court said.

The Supreme Court granted a delay pending action on today's case.

In the appeal accepted for review, McFarland's temporary lawyers asked how McFarland could get an attorney "if he is put to death before his counsel has an [illegible] on his behalf because no court will stay his imminent execution?"

Water seminar set at college tonight

The public is invited to a seminar on water quality for farmstead and rural home uses this evening at 7 o'clock in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre.

Speakers will include Willie Crenwelge, soil scientist with the SCS in Lubbock, on water standards for home, livestock and crop use; and Dr. Michael Hickey, soil chemist with TAEX in Lubbock, on water testing, sampling, analysis and interpreting [illegible]

Other speakers will include Mark Holscher, director of the Permian Basin Underwater Conservation District in Stanton, on underground water pollution scources and solutions; and David Stubblefield, director of the Mitchell County Farm Bureau, on creation of the Rolling Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

The program is being sponsored by the Scurry County Extension Program Council, the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conserva[illegible] tural Extension Service, and the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

Lawsuit charges parole board rules are not being followed

HOUSTON (AP) — An East Texas woman believes the Texas parole board could have prevented her daughter's rape and murder if the agency had only followed its own rules.

Three-time convicted rapist Jerry "Animal" McFadden was given a job at Tyler-based Smith Tank & Equipment Co. upon his release from prison in 1985.

Five months after he was fired, McFadden was wanted in connection with three East Texas slayings. He was convicted in the murder of Suzanne Harrison, an 18-year-old high school cheerleader.

Miss Harrison's mother is suing the Texas parole board, claiming the agency's failure to check in with McFadden's employer once he was fired resulted in her daughter's death.

McFadden's employer, Jim Blair of Smith Tank, says he had no idea the new employee was a thrice-convicted rapist when he hired McFadden. Now Blair wonders why state parole authorities never warned him he'd hired a man who once kidnapped a coworker, raped her repeatedly and choked her into unconsciousness.

Mary Ann Harrison Hester intends to prove — through her lawsuit — that the parole board was negligent and could have prevented her daughter's death.

McFadden, 45, is now on death row awaiting lethal injection for Miss Harrison's death.

The lawsuit claims the ex-con's parole officers were supposed to follow agency rules requiring them to make visits to their charges' workplaces, says Ed Blizzard, a Houston lawyer representing Ms. Hester.

"My position is, if they can't do it, then why have a rule saying they have to do it? They either need to change the rule ... and eliminate the rule from the parole manual, or they need to follow it," Blizzard said.

Parole board legal counsel, William "Rusty" Hubbarth, refused to discuss specifics of the lawsuit.

Parole board critics believe more could be done to protect businesses from unwittingly hiring parolees who pose a threat to the community. They say:

—Board members should force parole officers to check in with employers to verify employment.

—Bosses should thoroughly check the backgrounds of prospective workers.

—Parole officers should visit sex offenders more frequently, because they reoffend at higher rates than other criminals.

—Special parole field units should send officers on random visits to parolee job sites.

As it stands, parole officers rarely go to their charges' job sites, critics say. Instead, they glance at paycheck stubs their parolees present to them on their regular visits.

Prison authorities released McFadden in July 1985 to East Texas, where he found a job with Blair's company.

One evening in late August 1985, McFadden drove to the trailer park where a co-worker lived and made a grab for her 13-year-old daughter, authorities said. The next day, he was reprimanded by Blair.

Eventually, Blair fired McFadden for missing work and showing up drunk, Blair said.

Five months later, on the evening of May 4, McFadden drove to Lake Hawkins and pulled a gun on a Tyler couple, the victims said. He demanded money, but they had none. So he settled for a beer.

About 7 p.m., Suzanne Harrison and her best friend, Gena Turner, 20, joined their friend, 19-year-old Bryan Boone, for a drive around the lake in his pickup truck. Authorities found Boone's truck a few hours later at the lake.

Miss Harrison's body, was found the next afternoon at a roadside park about 20 miles from the lake. She had been raped, beaten and strangled.

The day after her body was found, police arrested McFadden near Mineola, accusing him of the gunpoint robbery of the couple at Lake Hawkins.

Four days later, authorities found the bodies of Turner and Boone in a ditch near Ore City. Both had been shot to death with a .38-caliber pistol. McFadden, a suspect in those slayings, has never been tried for them.

Meanwhile, Ms. Hester directs her anger at parole authorities.

"If only they had done their jobs," she says, "my child would be with me today."

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Ask doctor about chest soreness

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 34-year-old female and have been taking Inderal since the age of 15 because of an irregular heartbeat. I now have a constant soreness and tenderness around the area of my heart and cannot find an explanation. I keep forgetting to mention this to my doctor, even though the problem has persisted for a couple of years. Can you offer guidance?

DEAR READER: I would be unduly presumptuous were I to attempt to diagnose your chest soreness. Rather, you should return to your doctor, describe your symptoms and follow his advice.

Having said this, I can now take a stab at what you DON'T have. Angina is unlikely: You're too young to have coronary artery disease and the pattern of discomfort doesn't fit. I doubt that you have inflammation of the heart covering (pericarditis), which causes chest soreness that ordinarily doesn't last more than a few days.

Peptic disease and gallstones usually cause a characteristic pain (burning and colicky, respectively). Similarly, the discomfort of pleurisy or a collapsed lung is sharp and intermittent. More likely, you probably have either chest wall syndrome (recurring chest pain of unknown cause), intercostal myalgia (tender muscles between your ribs), or a tender breast.

See your doctor; he should be able to sort out the cause of your symptoms by examining and testing you further (with blood tests and X-rays), and offer recommendations.

Inderal, a beta-blocker, is often used to prevent attacks of rapid pulse that may be caused by mitral valve prolapse (weakness of part of a heart valve). Neither Inderal nor MVP ordinarily cause chest soreness or tenderness, although MVP can cause periodic chest discomfort that patients often describe as "aching."

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At this time it is necessary for me to use a public Laundromat. While the attendant tries to keep the appliances clean, I worry about the risk of skin disorders, such as scabies, lice and pinworm. Are my fears unnecessary?

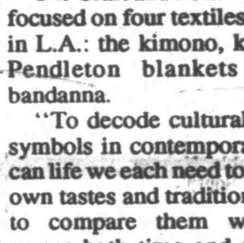
DEAR READER: Certainly, hot wash water will kill any of the parasites you mention.

Could they be left from a previous customer's dirty clothes on a counter? Possibly.

However, if the attendant periodically spruces things up and you pick only clean surfaces to fold your clothes, I don't believe you have to worry.

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Some long held traditions are now becoming fashion

WASHINGTON (AP) — For hundreds of years, the people of Ghana have worn brightly colored kente cloth in traditional ceremonies. In America, the same patterns now appear on everything from sneakers to baseball caps and have become symbols of black pride.

In some ways, the popularity of kente has been a boon for Ghana. But these days much kente is made by machines, not hand-woven.

Silk thread has given way to rayon, and much of what looks like kente isn't woven at all, but copies of the patterns printed onto cheap fabric.

The story of kente — traditional and modern — can be found in "Dress Codes: Urban Folk Fashions," a new exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution. Its aim is to make people think about the cultural history of the clothes they choose to wear.

"Dress Codes" was created at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles. But it opens first at the Smithsonian's Experimental Gallery, a space set up as a laboratory for exhibit creators.

There, museum staff can gauge visitors' reactions and change the parts of the exhibit that don't work.

The Craft and Folk Art Museum focused on four textiles often seen in L.A.: the kimono, kente cloth, Pendleton blankets and the bandanna.

"To decode cultural signs and symbols in contemporary American life we each need to look at our own tastes and traditions, in order to compare them with others across both time and social context," said exhibit director Marcie Page of the Craft and Folk Art Museum.

In a room where visitors can learn to knot bandannas, they also learn the history of the seemingly all-American fabric. It turns out that, like kente, it has its origins far away — in an ancient Indian tie-dying technique called bandhanni.

Bandhanni cotton squares first reached a wider market in the 17th century, when the British-owned East India Co. brought them back to Europe. Europeans used the squares to wipe up their snuff stains.

In America, they quickly became popular political mementos — with pictures of presidents and campaign slogans printed on the fabric. The first known political bandanna dates back to 1776, and shows George Washington on horseback.

The kimono, too, has wandered far from its roots. In America, it's more often thought of as a bathrobe than as ceremonial dress. But there are specific meanings behind each color, fabric and pattern of traditional Japanese kimonos.

According to tradition, for instance, young women can wear rosy hues while older women are expected to wear colors and patterns that are decidedly more subdued.

Western reinterpretations of the kimono have also made it loose, billowing and unrestrictive. But in Japan, the exhibit explains, kimonos can be stifling and restrictive, forcing the wearers to sit ramrod straight and walk slowly.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1993

In the first part of your annual birthday cycle, you might be doing more giving than getting, but don't let this upset you. There will be a reversal where you'll be the one who ends up the recipient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An agreement you recently negotiated which hasn't turned out as fair as you thought it would can be readjusted today to benefit everyone concerned. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're now in a very good earning cycle where rewards for competent performance could be larger than usual. No one will have to tell you to do your best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) One of your greatest assets is your ability to get along with persons form all walks of life. It isn't likely you'll be bored with anyone's companionship today, nor will they with yours.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Give as much attention as possible today to an important matter you're anxious to finalize. You're a strong finisher and you should be able to conclude things the way you envision.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a possibility you might meet someone new today or within the next few days with whom you'll have a great deal in common. It's a relationship that could grow strong very quickly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Opportunities to enhance your material security could present themselves in an unusual manner at this time. Don't feel they are too good for you and must be meant for someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might have to handle a difficult matter similar to one you successfully managed recently. The ingredients are essentially the same, so use tactics that worked previously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Success is possible today in an arrangement where you'll lean on the arm of someone you help. Neither of you can progress unless you're aided by the other.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You might appear restless and impatient to others today, but, in reality, you'll be searching for sound ideas and persons who can articulate them. Other environments or groups will seem dull.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your greatest successes today are likely to come from involvements that have humanitarian elements. Focus on things that can benefit groups.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you have a winning attitude today your thinking will be reflected in all your endeavors and relationships. Unfortunately, the opposite could be true if pessimism prevails.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're well equipped to handle changes and adjustments today, even those you do not personally orchestrate. What you do will also benefit others as well as yourself.

Judge buys gang locks for reduced sentences

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County justice of the peace often takes the law by the scruff of the neck.

Tony Polumbo, who serves the county's third precinct, is buying pigtails and long locks from some teen-age offenders in exchange for reduced sentences.

"The purpose is to give these kids a different mind-set or image, try to get them away from the subculture and into the mainstream again," Polumbo said. "About 80 percent accept my offer."

In the case of a Baytown 13-year-old with a tail that hung from his otherwise close-cropped head, Polumbo fined the teen-ager $430 after he admitted assaulting a youth as part of a gang initiation rite. The youth agreed to convert the fine to 80 community service hours and then sold his thin ponytail for 15 of those.

"It was worth it," the unidentified teen-ager said after his haircut.

However, two other teens opted to keep their locks.

"It looks better long this way," explained one, a 16-year-old gang member sentenced to 144 community service hours for abusive language and disorderly conduct at school.

Polumbo left the Texas House after 16 years to become a justice of the peace three years ago. He prides himself on being unconventional.

"When you deal with youngsters, you can't deal with normal," he said. "Our goal is to connect. Most kids are used to being beat on and using their unfortunate situations to act ugly. I try something different."

The haircuts are not his only answer to rising crime among youths. Other unusual sentences include:

—Assigning teens who speed to attend five funerals.

—Sending juvenile offenders to work in nursing homes or with the disabled.

—Assigning offenders community service projects that have to be completed with each other, instead of an individual assignment.

—Placing offenders on teen courts to see the other side of the justice system.

"We've seen some troubled kids make big changes," said court clerk Elvia Sanchez. "Sometimes the judge just brings those kids into his office to let them tell their problems. Many are just looking for attention."

"A Listener's Guide To A Happier Home"
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Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

One ticket purchased in Houston correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The ticket is worth $9 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 5, 6, 7, 31, 39, 42.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 101 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,918. There were 7,710 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $90. And there were 140,210 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $3 million.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in this order:

9-5-2
(nine, five, two)

Funds sought for new LBJ Park center

JOHNSON CITY (AP) — Officials of the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park have asked the National Park Service to reconsider the denial of money to operate a new visitors center.

The current visitors center at the historic park is a small room and back porch in a house across the street from the 36th president's boyhood home in Johnson City, about 40 miles west of Austin.

The new facility will include exhibit space, a sales area, two auditoriums for showing a new movie about Johnson, an archival library, storage space, and a headquarters for the park officials, who currently work in the second floor of the city's post office and in scattered office space around town.

Construction on the $8.4 million center is nearing completion. But officials learned this month that a $240,000 operating budget increase for the facility that was requested for next year had been turned down.

Park Superintendent Randy Jones said Congress allocated only half of the money requested by the National Park Service this year for park operations. In turn, the agency chose not to provide funding for the visitors center.

Chinese street signs cause furor

HOUSTON (AP) — Street signs displaying Chinese characters are necessary in a city where four percent of the city's 1.6 million population is Asian, backers say.

But opponents see the Chinese signs, which are placed atop their English counterparts along intersections, as an insult.

For others, the idea of placing Chinese street signs above the regular English signs is ridiculous and a waste of city money.

Eight years ago, Chinese language street signs were posted in the old Chinatown section of downtown Houston.

But now, miles away in southwest Houston, there are new pockets of Chinese neighborhoods. At the request of the Taiwanese and Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the city added the Chinese language signs to 22 intersections in and around Bellaire Boulevard at a cost of $1,350 to taxpayers.

That area, referred to as "Little Taipei," has become a bustling center where business signs are often in Chinese instead of English.

"A lot of my friends' parents or newcomers to that area don't speak any English," said Jackson Chang, a Houston businessman who has helped promote the street sign campaign.

"It's very difficult for them to read English signs. By putting in the Chinese signs, it's a great plus to them," Chang said.

But Jerry Weber, who lives seven houses from one of the new signs, isn't so supportive.

"Nobody ever asked me. Nobody came by with a petition. It's an insult to me," Weber said.

"I didn't move here to live in China or Vietnam. I'm an American. If I wanted to live that way, I'd go to China or Vietnam. But they came to my country and they need to adopt our ways," he said.

Oil Patch News

Fisher County

Marshall R. Young Oil Co. will drill the No. 1 Barbee, a 5,900-foot wildcat located six miles northeast of Rotan. Location is in Section 180, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Howard County

Cobra Oil and Gas Corp. will drill the No. 1-9 Davidson, a 9,500-foot wildcat located six miles north of Big Spring. Location is in Section 9, Block 32, T&P survey.

Nolan County

Champlin Exploration Inc. will plug and abandon the No. 1-R.J.C. Young, a 3,780-foot wildcat located 11 miles southeast of Sweetwater. Location was in Section 5, Block X, T&P survey.

Enrich Oil Corp. will plug and abandon the No. 1-82 Double M Ranch in the Double M field, six miles southwest of Maryneal. Drilled to a depth of 7,113 feet, location was in Section 82, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Southland Royalty Co. will plug and abandon the No. 1 Mary Colvin in the Suggs field, 4.3 miles southwest of Blackwell. Drilled to a depth of 6,675 feet, drill site was in Section 271, Block, 1-A H&TC survey.

Southland Royalty will plug and abandon the No. 2 Mary Colvin in the same field, 4.3 miles southwest of Blackwell. Total depth was 6,600 feet, and location was in Section 271, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.



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Water board trying to change its image

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Water Development Board, attac' ' for being a developers' playground, is trying to emerge from the depths of its past reputation.

With lawsuits charging special interests and bad planning, the agency has far to go.

Many see the board as a heedless bank that doles out millions of dollars to developers with no grand plan and little concern for the environment.

The board's chairman, Houston investor Charles Jenness says the agency's image is changing. But even Jenness' role is questioned in at least one suit settled this year.

Money is loaned by the board to local governments at below-market interest rates for water lines, sewage plants and other water projects. It has made $3.1 billion in loans and grants since 1957.

"Water is the most important resource we have in this state, period," said Jenness. "We need to take a leadership role so we never have a problem like Southern California."

The board has become a major partner in planning for the future redistribution of water in East. Texas to drier regions in the state.

But the critics still remain.

Current and former employees accuse the agency of squandering chances to promote water conservation initiatives.

Others point to questionable projects.

One example is the still-incomplete Greens Bayou flood-control project in Harris County.

About 77 people who own homes or businesses along the bayou's lower reaches filed suit against the board and others connected with the project. They say the ill-conceived drainage work upstream of them sent torrents of water into their homes and businesses in 1989 and 1992. The suit goes to trial next year.

Although the Harris County Flood Control District and the Texas Department of Transportation contributed money for it, the project would not have gone forward without a $7.85 million water board loan. The board was dropped from the suit because of a technicality.

But the taint remains.

Plaintiffs say the project caused water to speed downstream after heavy rains.

"Whenever they dug out all those channels, draining all that pasture land, that water had to go somewhere," said Kaydene Jordan, whose house was flooded three times. "It got dumped into Greens Bayou."

The project also was at the heart of a lawsuit filed last year by the board's former deputy executive administrator, Dan Dodson, under the Texas Whistle-Blower Act.

Dodson was fired by Craig Pedersen, board executive administrator, in February 1992. Two months later, he sued Pedersen and Jenness.

Dodson claimed in the lawsuit, settled in April for an undisclosed sum, that he had gone to Pedersen and others with concerns about a possible conflict of interest involving Jenness.

Pedersen subsequently was "instructed" by Jenness to fire Dodson, the suit says.

Dodson pointed to Jenness' "substantial" financial interest in The Mischer Corp. when he voted in 1987 to make the loan for the Greens Bayou project.

Millions of persons with bad teeth can't afford dental care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of Americans with rotting teeth and other oral diseases aren't seeing dentists, primarily because they can't afford it, according to a study released today.

Americans' overall oral health has improved dramatically in recent years, with the advent of fluoride and better dental education, said the report by the Public Health Service.

But minorities, the poor and the elderly still have too many cavities, untreated and decaying teeth and diseases from gingivitis to oral cancer, PHS concluded.

More than half of children ages 5 to 17 have cavities, the report said.

A fourth of all children — the poor, those whose parents didn't finish high school, but mostly minorities — get 75 percent of the cavities. Ninety-one percent of Indian and Eskimo children have at least one by age 15, making them the most affected group.

About 12 percent of white children have decayed teeth, compared with 27.2 percent of minorities; less than 1 percent of white children lose teeth by age 17, compared with 3.2 percent of minorities; and only 69.6 percent of minority children get cavities filled, compared with 87.5 percent of white children.

Adults fare no better. About 7 percent of white Americans have decayed teeth, compared with 22 percent of black Americans. Ninety-three percent of whites had their cavities filled, compared with 78 percent of blacks.

In 1989, about 7.2 million Americans ages 18 to 64 had lost all of their teeth. And last year, doctors diagnosed 30,000 new cases of oral cancer, which killed 8,000 people.

The main problem is cost, PHS concluded. Some 150 million Americans have no dental insurance.

President Clinton's health care package includes proposals to provide general dental care, including preventive services, for children and to provide emergency dental services for adults.

The poor are especially hard hit. Less than 4 percent of the nation's dental bills are paid by public programs, the report said. The poor pay 56 percent of their dental bills out of pocket, compared with only 19 percent of doctor bills.

Ivan P. Pavlov showed in 1879 that the production of gastric juices could be achieved without the introduction of food into the stomach, an experiment that led him to develop the theory of conditioned reflex.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-1141 or 863-2349.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

TUESDAY

Dodson House will be decorated for the holidays.

Scurry County Genealogical Society; Scurry County Library.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 7 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.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M, 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101 573-1141 or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Christian Women's Club's prayer coffee; in the home of Georgia Gray, 2513 31st; 10 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club Christmas Luncheon; MAWC; hospitality committee hostesses, Mary Ann Key, LaVerne Hood, Sandra Browning; 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogd ll 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, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦3
♣J 8 3

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♥8 4 2
♦J 8 4
♣K 10 9 6

SOUTH
♠A 9 8 6
♥A K
♦A K 9 7
♣7 5 2

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ 3

Keep it in your pocket

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal was sent in by Dr. John Sturgul, who lives in Moscow. No, not the Moscow behind the rusting Iron Curtain, but the one in Idaho. Dr. Sturgul is a lecturer at the University of Idaho.

It is high time the one-no-trump opening showing 16-18 points, and the even worse two-no-trump opening showing 22-24 points, were put out to pasture. If you open one grape with a balanced 21 points, you will miss a lot of easy games.

The two-heart overcall will shock most of you, but it is *en vogue* with some tournament players. Since they assume that they will never bid a game against a strong-no-trump opening, all overcalls promise only suit length, not high-card strength.

Three hearts was Cue-Bid Stayman. Then Blackwood led to the thin slam.

From West's bid, declarer expected the club finesse to work, but he saw that it could be held in reserve. Declarer won the opening lead in hand, drew two rounds of trumps, unblocked the A-K of hearts, discarding a club from the dummy, and cashed two more rounds of diamonds. Then he cast adrift with a trump.

If West had won the trick and switched to a club, declarer would have needed the finesse to work. But East had the master spade, and he was endplayed. Either he could lead a club into dummy's A-Q tenace, or he could play a heart, conceding a ruff-and-discard on which dummy's club queen would disappear.

A good example of not rushing to a premature conclusion — about the club finesse.

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Places in the News

GREECE

Greece has elected a socialist government again, which could spell trouble for NATO and for the European Community.

In a stunning political comeback, the Socialist Party, led by former Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, won a majority of seats — 167 of 300 — in the parliamentary elections. The majority means Papandreou, 74, will be returning to the office he held for more than a decade.

In 1990, Greece elected a conservative government under Prime Minister Konstantinos Mitsotakis, after a cloud of alleged corruption weakened the Socialists. But the conservatives enjoyed only a very narrow majority, and over the past two years Mitsotakis' popularity plummeted over economic austerity measures he imposed.

For most of his years in office, Papandreou was generally antagonistic to the United States, NATO and the European Community. Prior to his defeat, for example, he refused to renew leases for U.S. military bases. Within 90 days of Papandreou's defeat, his successor, Mitsotakis, renewed the leases.

Papandreou won the election running on a nationalistic platform. With the disintegration of the Yugoslav federation, Greece sees itself as the dominant political and economic force in the Balkans.

Papandreou has threatened to confront the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia over use of that name, which Greece believes belongs to it. He also promised a major campaign to protect the rights of the Greek minority in southern Albania.

In addition, Papandreou will move to end any kind of economic sanctions against Serbia for fomenting factional war in Bosnia. Papandreou opposes the view held by the United States and European leaders that Serbia represents a danger to stability of the Balkans.

Greece sees Christian Serbia as a major ally in its struggle against Muslim Turkey to become the dominant power in the region, and it sees the Serbs as a major market for its products and wants no impediments to trade.



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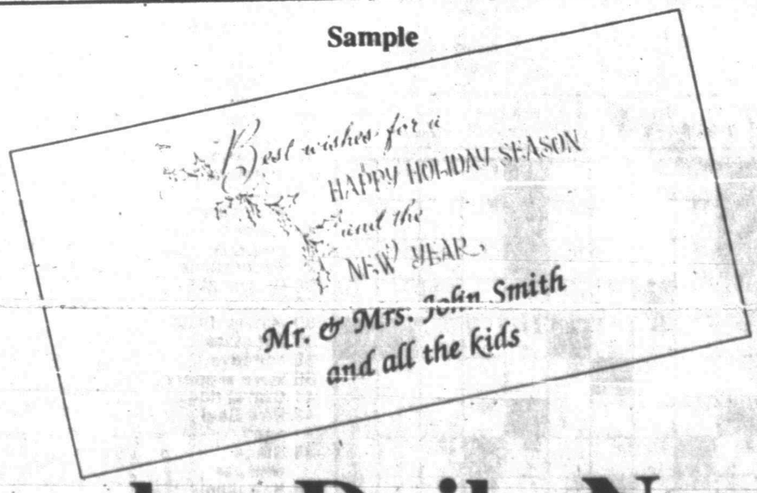
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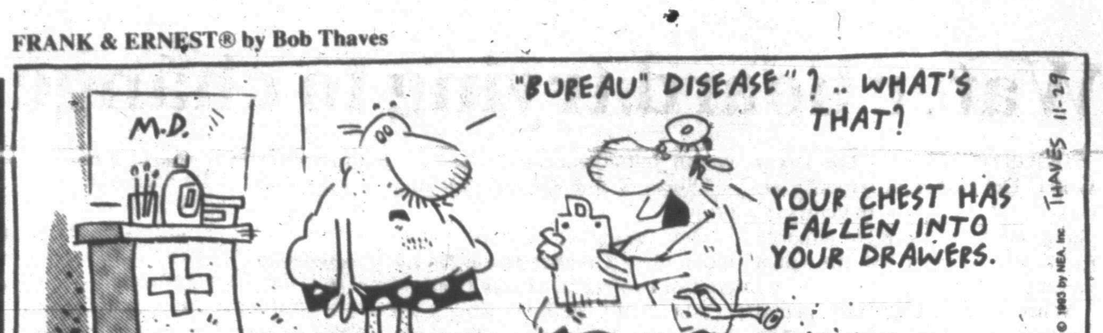
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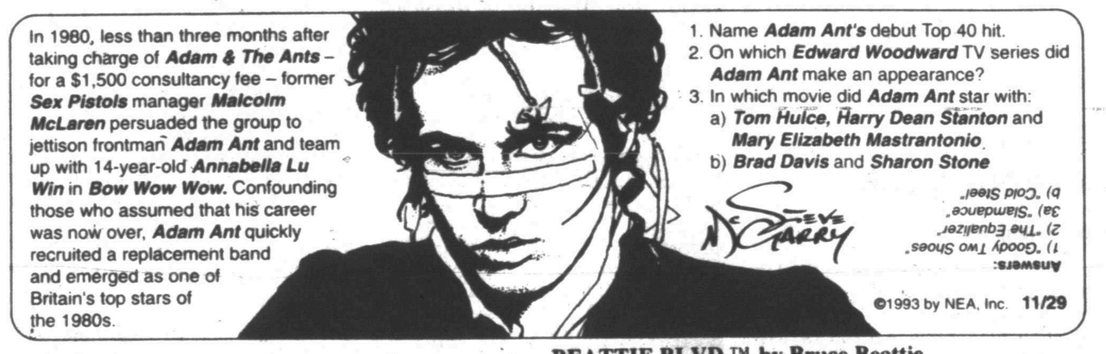
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16 Lavish fondness
17 Highway
18 Put up stake
20 Eerie
22 Uses chair
24 Light — — feather
25 Nearer
28 Cape Kennedy rocket
31 Broadcast
32 Cheese coating
34 Fibber
35 Actor — Wilder
37 Large birds
39 Bind
40 Fill with love
42 — of London
44 Genus of rodents
45 Take — — from me
46 Ineffective
49 — Gras
53 Relative of bingo
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58 Singer — Adams
59 Hit lightly
60 Impudence (sl.)
61 Bartlett, e.g.
62 River in Germany

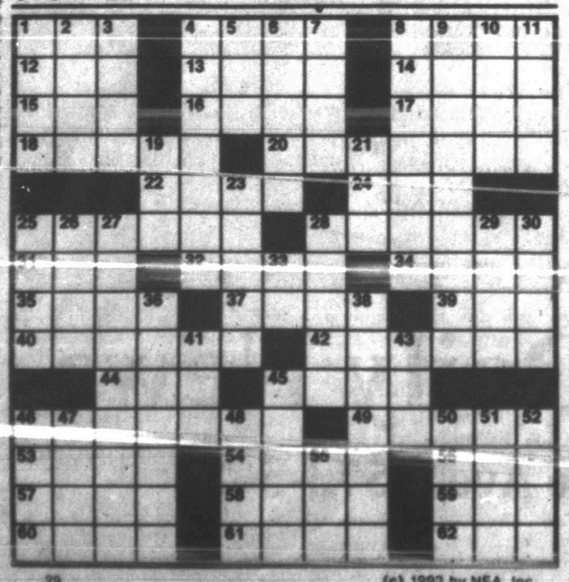
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19 A letter
21 Headgear
23 One who attempts
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27 Decorations
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SPORTS

Winters trims SHS in tourney contest

WOLFFORTH — Snyder's Lady Tigers wound up a brutal 3-game appearance at the Frenship Turkey Classic basketball tournament with a 65-48 loss to Winters in the seventh-place game on Saturday.

Snyder had played and lost to Class 5A Monterey and Odessa High in their previous starts at the tourney.

"We went down there and played some really good teams," said Snyder first-year coach Steve Qualls. "We knew we were going to see some good talent, but that's really the only way to get better is to play good teams.

"I feel like we learned a lot about what we can and can't do," the coach continued. "And I'm still confident in these girls.

"What we have to do is put together a full game. Every game we played at the tournament we played really well for three quarters.

"For instance, Winters outscored us 25-9 in the first quarter, but we stayed with them the rest of the way."

The Lady Blizzards led by 20, 39-19 at halftime. The SHS girls outscored Winters, 29-26 in the final 16 minutes.

Senior Meriah Worthen was the Lady Tigers' top producer canning 18 points. Annie Ragland added 15 for the 2-4 Snyder squad.

In other tourney action Saturday, Frenship captured the event crown with a 52-49 win over a feisty Sudan squad, Lubbock Monterey took third place with a 69-48 win over cross-town rival Coronado, Odessa scored a 52-50 win over Littlefield in the fifth-place game, and Lubbock High wound up in ninth position after a 58-52 win over Lorenzo.

Snyder	9	10	7	22	-48
Winters	25	14	16	10	-65

Leading scorers: Snyder — Worthen 18, Ragland 15; Winters — Edwards 24, Biddix 14; Records: Snyder 2-4; Winters 2-3.

Frenship Turkey Classic
Wolfforth
Thursday's games
Monterey 61, Littlefield 55
Sudan 63, Lorenzo 41
Frenship 54, Lubbock High 23
Coronado 64, Odessa High 49
Snyder, bye
Winters, bye
Friday's games
Consolation quarterfinals
Odessa 50, Lubbock 33
Littlefield 70, Lorenzo 43
Championship quarterfinals
Monterey 60, Snyder 31
Coronado 46, Winters 37
Consolation semifinals
Odessa 55, Snyder 36
Littlefield 62, Winters 41
Championship semifinals
Sudan 53, Monterey 50
Frenship 66, Coronado 45
Saturday's games
Ninth place — Lubbock High 58, Lorenzo 52
Seventh place — Winters 65, Snyder 48
Fifth place — Odessa 52, Littlefield 50
Third place — Monterey 69, Coronado 48
Championship — Frenship 52, Sudan 49

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press 1993 college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and ranking in the previous poll:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida St. (42)	11-1-0	1,508	1
2. Nebraska (17)	11-0-0	1,480	2
3. West Virginia (1)	11-0-0	1,410	5
4. Auburn (2)	11-0-0	1,366	3
5. Notre Dame	10-1-0	1,339	4
6. Tennessee	9-1-1	1,255	6
7. Texas A&M	10-1-0	1,139	8
8. Miami	9-2-0	1,075	9
9. Florida	9-2-0	1,029	7
10. Wisconsin	8-1-1	1,018	10
11. Ohio St.	9-1-1	878	12
12. North Carolina	10-2-0	844	13
13. Penn St.	9-2-0	810	14
14. UCLA	8-3-0	720	15
15. Boston College	8-3-0	694	11
16. Alabama	8-2-1	630	17
17. Arizona	9-2-0	551	19
18. Colorado	7-3-1	476	18
19. Oklahoma	8-3-0	423	16
20. Kansas St.	8-2-1	384	20
21. Indiana	8-3-0	321	21
22. Virginia Tech	8-3-0	241	22
23. Michigan	7-4-0	230	23
24. Clemson	8-3-0	141	24
25. Michigan St.	6-4-0	34	25

Others receiving votes: Southern Cal 32, Louisville 31, Fresno State 23, Cincinnati 18, Virginia 13, North Carolina State 12, Washington 11, Arizona State 4, California 4, Wyoming 4, Ball State 2.

Houston streak at six games after 23-3 win over Steelers

HOUSTON (AP) — It's been a long journey back to respect for the Houston Oilers.

Winning five games in a row didn't quite do it but Sunday night's 23-3 victory over Pittsburgh for their first six-game winning streak in 31 years is starting to turn heads.

The Oilers (7-4) have the AFC Central Division lead for the first time this season and they're playing as a cohesive unit.

Warren Moon passed for 295 yards, including a 66-yard strike to Haywood Jeffires, and William Fuller had four of the Oilers' six sacks in a total team effort, their best of the season.

The Oilers had beaten weaker teams during it's five-game run but beating the Steelers (6-5) means to the Oilers that they are back on top.

"People tried to discredit our winning streak saying it was against bad teams," Moon said. "But this game gives us a little more respect. The people can see that we're a true contender now."

Bright smiles have replaced the gloom that pervaded the Oilers lockerroom seven weeks ago when they were 1-4 and Jack Pardee's job was on the line.

"It's got to be our best of the year," Pardee said. "To hold a team like that down, they are explosive but we controlled their running game and held down their passing."

Both defenses put on a show in the brutal and scoreless first quarter. There were three sacks in the first two minutes of the game. Pittsburgh didn't cross midfield until the second quarter.

Al Del Greco kicked a 43-yard field goal and Gary Brown ran three yards for a touchdown for the Oilers and Gary Anderson's 42-yard field goal in the second quarter helped the Oilers to a 10-3 halftime lead.

Houston's defense held the Steelers on four straight downs from the Oiler 40 at the end of the second quarter and the offense struck quickly to start the third period with Moon's 66-yard touchdown pass to Haywood Jeffires.

"That (66-yarder) was a big point," Pardee said. "We got the touchdown before the half and we kept them from scoring. Then we got that score in the third quarter and that set the tone."

Jeffires and Ernest Givins helped maintain the tone of the game. Jeffires caught seven passes for 139 yards and Givins had five catches for 86 yards, setting the club's all-time career receiving record with 484 catches.

Moon completed 21 of 34 passes for 295 yards and threw one interception, vastly improved over the previous five games against the Steelers when he completed five touchdown passes and threw 15 interceptions.

"I was a little more nervous going into this game than most, but I usually play well when I'm nervous," Moon said.

"My problem back when we were losing is that I was feeling a little sorry for myself, because I thought I was getting a raw deal. I thought I was being judged on a couple of bad times out rather than a whole career. The whole team was playing poorly, not just me."

Del Greco added kicks of 21 yards in the third quarter and 28 yards in the fourth period to complete Houston's scoring and keep the Oilers on their roll toward the playoffs.

It's start over time for the Steelers, who looked like the class of the league three games back when they dissected the Buffalo Bills 23-0. But they followed with a 37-12 loss to Denver last week and Sunday's defeat at Houston.

"All I can say right now is we're not playing good football," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said.

Several Steelers, including quarterback Neil O'Donnell and cornerback Rod Woodson, refused to talk after the game, but cornerback D.J. Johnson praised the Oilers.

"I don't know if they considered themselves at the top of their game but they looked good to me tonight," Johnson said. "Moon did a good job. He was threading the needle."

Pittsburgh had won five of the last seven games gainst the Oilers.

JV boys rip Big Spring

Snyder's junior varsity boys remain undefeated following Saturday's 61-35 hammering of Big Spring.

The Tigers jumped out to a 30-18 halftime lead, then rolled for 31 second-half points.

Snyder was led by Beau McLeod's 15 points. Wayne Braziel added 11 and Jeff Hobbs and Page Patterson put in eight apiece.

The Tigers, now 4-0, will host Seminole Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. at Travis Gym.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Miami	9	2	0	.818	234	186
Buffalo	8	3	0	.727	202	152
N.Y. Jets	7	4	0	.636	240	170
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	154	233
New England	1	10	0	.091	126	223
Central						
Houston	7	4	0	.636	256	180
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231	196
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	202	225
Cincinnati	1	10	0	.091	128	251
West						
Kansas City	8	3	0	.727	204	170
Denver	7	4	0	.636	283	197
LA Raiders	6	5	0	.545	194	201
Seattle	5	6	0	.455	174	186
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	164	195
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
N.Y. Giants	8	3	0	.727	206	138
Dallas	7	4	0	.636	234	169
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	175	212
Phoenix	3	8	0	.273	200	195
Washington	2	9	0	.182	165	256
Central						
Detroit	7	4	0	.636	210	176
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	238	188
Chicago	6	5	0	.545	171	147
Minnesota	5	6	0	.455	179	217
Tampa Bay	3	8	0	.273	153	274
West						
San Francisco	8	3	0	.727	332	196
New Orleans	7	4	0	.636	224	229
Atlanta	5	6	0	.455	228	250
LA Rams	3	8	0	.273	151	246

Thursday's Games
Chicago 10, Detroit 6
Miami 16, Dallas 14
Sunday's Games
Atlanta 17, Cleveland 14
Cincinnati 16, Los Angeles Raiders 10
New Orleans 17, Minnesota 14
New York Jets 6, New England 0
Green Bay 13, Tampa Bay 10
Philadelphia 17, Washington 14
Denver 17, Seattle 9
Kansas City 23, Buffalo 7
New York Giants 19, Phoenix 17
San Francisco 35, Los Angeles Rams 10
Houston 23, Pittsburgh 3
Monday's Game
San Diego at Indianapolis, 9 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 5
Atlanta at Houston, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Denver at San Diego, 4 p.m.
New York Giants at Miami, 4 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 6
Philadelphia at Dallas, 9 p.m.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	9	2	.818	—
Orlando	6	5	.545	3
Boston	7	6	.538	3
Washington	6	6	.500	3½
Miami	5	6	.455	4
New Jersey	4	9	.308	6
Philadelphia	4	9	.308	6
Central Division				
Atlanta	9	4	.692	—
Charlotte	8	5	.615	1
Cleveland	5	6	.455	3
Chicago	5	7	.417	3½
Detroit	5	7	.417	3½
Indiana	3	8	.273	5
Milwaukee	2	10	.167	6½
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Midwest Division				
Houston	13	0	1.000	—
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Utah	8	5	.615	5
Denver	6	6	.500	6½
Minnesota	3	8	.273	9
Dallas	1	11	.083	11½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	10	1	.909	—
Phoenix	8	2	.800	1½
Portland	7	5	.583	3½
Golden State	6	6	.500	4½
LA Clippers	5	6	.455	5
LA Lakers	5	9	.357	6½
Sacramento	4	8	.333	6½

Saturday's Games
New York 112, Detroit 85
Miami 114, Charlotte 100
Atlanta 111, Philadelphia 79
Cleveland 101, Seattle 90
LA Lakers 96, Minnesota 92
Washington 112, Orlando 110
San Antonio 104, Dallas 80
Denver 111, New Jersey 89
Milwaukee 89, Boston 85
Phoenix 120, Utah 98
Houston 82, LA Clippers 80
Sunday's Games
Golden State 91, Detroit 88
Portland 120, Sacramento 109
Monday's Games
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Indiana at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

Schoolboy football playoff pairings

by The Associated Press

Class 5A Division I
SEMIFINALS
Euless Trinity (13-0) vs. Plano (12-1), Saturday 3 p.m., Texas Stadium
Aldine Eisenhower (11-2) vs. Converse Judson (12-0-1), Saturday 2 p.m., Astrodome

Class 5A Division II
QUARTERFINALS
Region I
Abilene Cooper (10-2-1) vs. Lewisville (12-0-1), Saturday Noon, Texas Stadium
Region II
Temple (10-3) vs. Killeen (8-4), Saturday 2 p.m., Waco Floyd Casey Stadium
Region III
Aldine MacArthur (9-4) vs. La Porte (11-1), Saturday 5:30 p.m., Astrodome
Region IV
Alice (10-3) vs. Victoria (13-0), Saturday 8 p.m., Austin Memorial Stadium

Class 4A
QUARTERFINALS
Region I
Andrews (11-1) vs. Stephenville (13-0), Saturday 2 p.m., San Angelo Stadium
Region II
Waxahachie (13-0) vs. Sulphur Springs (12-1), Saturday 8 p.m., Texas Stadium
Region III
A&M Consolidated (12-1) vs. La Marque (11-0), Saturday, 5 p.m., Pasadena Memorial
Region IV
Austin Westlake (13-0) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (12-0), Saturday, 2 p.m., Corpus Christi Stadium

Class 3A
QUARTERFINALS
Region I
Perryton (12-1) vs. Southlake Carroll (13-0), Saturday 2 p.m., Abilene Shotwell Stadium
Region II
Gainesville (12-1) vs. Tatum (13-0), Saturday 2 p.m., Bedford Pennington Field
Region III
Columbus (11-1-1) vs. Waco Robinson (10-3), Friday 7:30 p.m., College Station Kyle Field
Region IV
Cuero (10-2-1) vs. Lampasas (12-1), Friday 8 p.m., San Marcos Bobcat Stadium

Class 2A
QUARTERFINALS
Region I
Springlake-Earth (12-0-1) vs. Goldthwaite (11-2), Saturday 3 p.m. Abilene Shotwell
Region II
Pilot Point (13-0) vs. Boyd (13-0), Saturday 7:30 p.m., Bedford Pennington Field
Region III
Groveton (10-2-1) vs. Omaha Paul Pewitt (12-1), Saturday 7 p.m., Tyler Chapel Hill
Region IV
Wimberley (12-1) vs. Freer (12-0), Friday, 7:30 p.m., San Antonio Southwest

Class A
QUARTERFINALS
Region I
Seminole (10-2) vs. Sudan (11-2), Friday 7:30 p.m. Seminole
Region II
Robert Lee (12-0-1) vs. Crawford (11-1), Friday 7:30 p.m., Brownwood
Region III
Gunter (12-0) vs. Tenaha (10-1-1), Saturday 2:30 p.m. Lindale
Region IV
Bremond (12-0-1) vs. Bartlett (8-5), Saturday 7:30 p.m., Troy
Six-Man
SEMIFINALS
Ropes (10-2) vs. Dell City (12-0), Friday, 8 p.m., Monahans
Panther Creek (13-0) vs. Guthrie (12-1), TBA

Saturday cage action...

Tigers nip Big Spring, 55-53

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Snyder captured a 55-53 nondistrict basketball win over District 3-4A favorite Big Spring on Saturday, due mostly to a never-give-up attitude.

"We won because we hustled," said SHS coach Bud Birks. "They have a good team, but we stayed in the game because we hustled and we played good defense."

The Tigers had to overcome an 11-of-28 game from the free-throw line, technical fouls on two starters, and a 20-14 first quarter deficit.

"We got started kind of slow, but we came back in the second quarter," Birks reported. "The guys really stayed in the game with their effort. We were aggressive all day, sometimes to the point of letting our emotions get away from us.

"The big thing I see," he said, "is that we missed way too many free throws. If we had made just eight of the 17 we missed, it would have been a 10-point game."

Trailing by six at the start of the second period, the Tigers rolled off seven straight points on an Adrian Sneed jumper from the top of the key, a scoop layup by Tyson Cromeens, and a three-point play on a bucket and a free shot by post Jimmy Henry.

Snyder's lead grew to four points on a Henry put-back that set the tally at 28-24 with under two minutes to go in the first half.

Big Spring drew to within a point on two free shots by Torbin Lancaster and a freebie from Mark Smith before Sneed drove the lane for a hoop that gave the Tigers a 30-27 advantage at the break.

Snyder's lead stretched to 49-43 in the fourth when Jim Pat Griffin grabbed an offensive rebound and canned the deuce.

Smith chipped in a pair of backets in the final minute, but Sneed, who finished with a game-high 20 points, added two steals and four points in the same stretch to allow the Tigers to hold on for the victory.

Henry, who was tagged with a technical foul early in the final period, wound up with 13 points, and teammate Jon Patrick, who was slapped with a "T" in the second, scored nine points before fouling out.

Big Spring was paced by Lancaster's 15 and 10 from Tyrone Banks.

Snyder, now 3-1, will host Seminole in a 7:30 p.m. nondistrict meeting Tuesday at SHS.

Big Spring	20	7	10	16	-53
Snyder	14	16	9	16	-55

BIG SPRING (53) — Anderson 1 0-0 3; Tenezas 1 2-2 4; Waters 2 0-0 4; Hughes 3 1-3 8; Banks 3 4-9 10; Lancaster 4 7-9 15; Smith 3 3-4 9; TOTALS 17 17-27 53.

SNYDER (55) — Cromeens 2 3-4 7; Griffin 1 0-2 2; Sneed 9 2-8 20; Key 0 0-1 0; Patrick 2 3-5 9; Post 3 0-0 6; Henry 5 3-8 13; TOTALS 21 11-28 55.

3-point goals: Snyder 2 (Patrick 2), Big Spring 2 (Anderson 1, Hughes 1); Total fouls: Snyder 21, Big Spring 20; Fouled out: Snyder — Patrick; Technical fouls: Snyder — Patrick 1, Henry 1; Record: Snyder 3-1.

Alamo Bowl matchup is set

DALLAS (AP) — It may not be the Rose Bowl, but the inaugural Alamo Bowl has a matchup between the Big Ten and Pacific-10 that officials say gets their New Year's Eve game off to a great start.

California was chosen unanimously Sunday over Arizona State to face Iowa in the first postseason game at San Antonio's new Alamodome. The Golden Bears (8-4) and Sun Devils (6-5) tied for fourth in the Pac-10, giving Alamo Bowl officials their pick between the two.

"Arizona State is very deserving as well, but at 8-4 we feel California is the right choice for us," Alamo Bowl spokesman Bob Gennarelli said.

"Any time you can get a Big Ten and Pac-10 matchup in the postseason, it creates a lot of excitement. I don't think we could ask for much more for a first game."

The Alamo Bowl was supposed to match up the Pac-10's fourth-place team and the third-place finisher from the Southwest Conference.

But only two SWC teams had the six victories over Division I-A foes required for a postseason berth, so the Alamo Bowl on Friday invited the Hawkeyes (6-5).

As for the SWC's two bowl-bound teams, Texas Tech will play No. 19 Oklahoma in the Dec. 24 Hancock Bowl in El Paso and No. 7 Texas A&M isn't sure who they'll in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Third-ranked West Virginia (11-0) is the obvious choice for Cotton Bowl officials, but under bowl coalition rules the Mountaineers can decline the offer. They could make $1.1 million more by going to the Sugar Bowl.

Should West Virginia head for New Orleans instead of Dallas, the Aggies (10-1) likely would play No. 5 Notre Dame (10-1) for the second straight year. The Fighting Irish won the Jan. 1, 1993, game 28-3.

"I don't know what to say, other than, obviously, West Virginia has that option," Cotton Bowl general manager Rick Baker told The Dallas Morning News. "We know what we're going to do. Everyone has options. We know they have that option."

West Virginia coach Don Nehlen has said repeatedly that his team deserves a shot at the national title since it is one of only two undefeated teams.

But with the Orange Bowl more likely to take Nebraska and Florida State — the two top-ranked teams in the consensus coalition poll — the Mountaineers would rather go for the bigger bucks, sources told the Morning News.

The mystery will be solved Sunday.

The Hancock Bowl ended any suspense over its choice Sunday night when they chose to invite the Sooners (7-3-1) instead of No. 18 Colorado (8-3).

OU got the nod because they have better name recognition, said John Folmer, chairman of the game's selection committee.

Couples helps blank Palmer in Skins Game

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Fred Couples was embarrassed.

Not because he missed a shot in the Skins Game, but because he sank a pair of easy putts that helped shut out Arnold Palmer in the 18-hole event, won by Payne Stewart for a record third consecutive year.

One of Couples' putts, a 20-foot comebacker after a poor chip, came on the 15th hole Sunday at the Bighorn Golf Club.

"It's like I wasn't even trying to make it," Couples said. "If I don't make it, then the greatest player there's ever been wins a big skin and I'm happy and he's happy and television is happy and everybody's happy."

Said Palmer: "That's the way it goes."

Couples made the putt, halved the hole with Palmer and set it up for Stewart to gain $120,000 with a birdie on the next hole. That boosted Stewart's earnings to $220,000 for the day and a winning $280,000 total.

After that, it was just a question of whether Palmer, 64, who got into the four-man field as a replacement for John Daly, would avoid the shutout. After the 17th was halved in par, it appeared the most popular player golf has known would be able to pull it off.

On the par-4 18th, Palmer's approach was about 18 feet from the flag. Paul Azinger, troubled with a bad back, shot into the water. Stewart missed the green and Couples hit an iron some 30 feet from the flag.

After Stewart chipped close, Couples sank his long, downhill putt for a birdie and said "that's the worst I've felt all year." Palmer then missed his shorter effort and it was over.

Couples finished second at $260,000 in what was essentially a two-man Skins Game.

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Sting which nabbed killer, began with one lucky break

DETROIT (AP) — Prosecutors and police admit the chain reaction that sent Toni Cato Riggs back to court facing charges in her Gulf War veteran husband's slaying started with a lucky break on a Texas highway.

That's where Panola County Sheriff's deputies stopped a couple with 10 kilograms of cocaine in their car trunk. Only two days earlier, investigators say, the woman had sat in a hotel room with Cato Riggs and heard her hint she had her husband killed to collect on his life insurance.

After her arrest, Rosita Gonzales De La Paz told Drug Enforcement Administration officials about the conversation, setting in motion Cato Riggs' subsequent arrest, investigators told The Detroit News for a story Sunday.

"She had no idea of the magnitude of what she was saying," Detroit Police Cmdr. Gerald Stewart said of De La Paz's subsequent interviews with federal agents.

The events were "astounding ... like lightning strike," said Wayne County Prosecutor John D. O'Hair.

Cato Riggs, 25, faces a hearing on murder and conspiracy charges Thursday. She is jailed without bond.

Her husband, Army Spec. Anthony Riggs, was shot to death outside his in-laws home in March 1991, just days after he had returned home from the Gulf War. His death drew international attention as an example of random urban street violence, until his wife and her brother were arrested and charged with murder.

In April 1991, a Detroit judge dismissed the murder charge against Cato Riggs, ruling that a confession by her triggerman-brother, Michael Cato, couldn't be used against her.

Riggs received her insurance payout in early April 1992, after a federal judge ruled that the $150,000 check be signed over to the law firm that defended her.

Later that month, she traveled to Houston with De La Paz to pick up more than 20 pounds of cocaine, the News reported. Cato Riggs flew back to Detroit before the drugs were delivered, and her friends were arrested after they were stopped on U.S. 59.

De La Paz pleaded guilty to a lesser charge in August 1992 in exchange for cooperating with the DEA. She told agents about Cato Riggs shortly after her arrest, DEA spokesman Robert Bagg said.

But the puzzle didn't come together until street sources tipped DEA agents in Detroit about Riggs' continued desire to enter the drug trade. She had contacted an informant who was involved in a massive federal task force investigation that led all the way back to a drug cartel in Colombia, the News said.

"My biggest fear was that something would leak out and alert her," Stewart said. "That was the biggest cliffhanger. There were maybe four of us in the (Detroit Police) department who knew."

Sometime in mid-1992, the government informant introduced Riggs to DEA Special Agent Richard Crock, who set up the sting with another agent. The pair recorded Riggs describing her role in the Texas deal, offering to serve as a drug mule who could transport cocaine by swallowing bags of it, and recounting the scheme to kill her husband.

"As (the agents) were listening to her speak, they had to keep from going over the table the way she was talking about murder," Bagg said. "They were outraged over what they were hearing. It was appalling."

Police note one arrest

Snyder police made one arrest and worked cases of criminal mischief over the weekend.

Police arrested a 19-year-old man on a warrant for criminal trespass at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of 25th Street.

At 4:39 p.m. Saturday, Snyder ISD employee Bill Denson notified officers of some broken windows at Snyder High School. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

At 6:17 p.m. Sunday, Snyder Cablevision employees notified police of some damage in the 4400 block of Avenue U. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Town & Country convenience store employees notified police of a gas drive off at 9:07 p.m. Sunday. A report for Class C theft was filed.

Deputies work several cases

Scurry County deputies are working cases of burglary and theft reported over the weekend.

At 5:25 p.m. Friday, deputies received a call that the Shana Killian residence in the Graves Trailer Park had been burglarized. Taken were a CD player, 13-inch television and speakers, valued at about $1,000.

At 12:41 p.m. Saturday, Dorothy Matthews reported the theft of two 16-gauge shotguns and a 20-gauge shotgun from a county residence.

And at 12:42 p.m. Sunday, Johnny Martinez requested deputies in reference to someone stealing two roosters from 807 N. Ave. M. The roosters are valued at $100 each.

Deputy Joe Cheyne said all three cases are under investigation.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Jackie Corbell, Stephenville; Jeffrey Martinez, Winters.

DISMISSALS: Barbara Duckworth, Frederick Lopez, Wilma Sharp, Jeffrey Martinez.

Census: 44 (Med.-9, Long-Term Care-34, CCU-1).

Police: slain teen-ager knew her attackers

MARSHALL (AP) — Susan Van Orden and Kendrick Deroy Allen were neighbors at a Karnack mobile home park, so she thought nothing of giving him and two friends a ride from the fast-food restaurant where she worked.

But what Allen, on juvenile probation for assaulting her three years ago, and his friends really wanted was her parents' car, police said. And they were willing to kill her to get it, according to detectives investigating her murder.

Investigators say the trio took Miss Van Orden, 16, to an isolated area Thursday night, shot her, beat her to death, took her parents' 1988 Ford Tempo she was driving, picked up two friends and headed west.

They were bound for California, but got caught speeding early Friday about 90 miles away in Canton, police said. Instead of pulling over, they began a chase that ended in a wreck and the unraveling of the crimes.

Allen, 17, was charged with capital murder, investigators said Sunday. He was held without bond in the Harrison County Jail.

Four other juveniles were being held in the Willoughby Juvenile Center in Marshall.

"We are continuing our investigation to decide what charges will be brought (against the juveniles)," said Capt. Keith Fletcher of the Marshall Criminal Investigation Division.

The events of the case outlined by police are simple.

Thanksgiving night in Marshall was cold, as it was in much of Texas. Allen and his friends used the excuse of the low temperatures to lure their way into Miss Van Orden's car, said Marshall Police detective Billy Alford.

"They asked her to give them a lift down the street. Once in the car they pulled out the weapon and abducted her," he said.

Alford said Miss Van Orden was shot in the left arm with a .22-caliber rifle, then the rifle butt was used to beat her repeatedly on the head. It was pounded so hard, the butt broke off, Alford said.

Miss Van Orden's fully clothed body was found by a city worker around 8:45 a.m. Friday as he made a routine check on a nearby water pump.

"They didn't want to leave any witnesses," he said. "They had planned to kill her and they did."

School officials will consider admissions policy at Texas school

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — School trustees in the border town of La Joya vote next month on a proposal to slow the growth of the district by 1,000 students a year by denying admission to Mexican pupils.

Officials say students from Mexico, nearby communities, other parts of Texas and even out of state are contributing to La Joya's skyrocketing growth.

If the proposal is approved, students living in the district 10 miles west of McAllen would be denied admission next fall if they are living there just to attend school.

The rule could deny thousands of Mexicans entry to their classrooms, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its Sunday editions.

Jerry Doyle, superintendent of the 12,000-student district, says he and school trustees expect they will be sued over the policy.

"We expect a (court) challenge one of these days in the next year," Doyle said.

La Joya's attorneys believe the district is on sound legal footing to enact a strict admissions policy that would force new and some existing students to prove they are not living in the district or claiming to live there just to attend classes.

Like other schools in South Texas, La Joya has many students who live with relatives and provide notarized documents to prove their residency, officials said.

Under the new policy, notarized statements would not be accepted as a sole test of residency, and in many cases a legal guardianship order from a court would be required for the child to remain in school.

State law requires that districts educate all children living within their boundaries, whether they reside there legally or not.

The Texas Education Agency advises districts of the laws to use when developing residency policy. It has warned La Joya officials that they may be inviting a lawsuit by adopting the admissions policy.

Joe Johnson, TEA's director of accelerated instruction, said that until two years ago, districts could deny admission to students who didn't live with parents or guardians, if the sole reason for living in the district was to attend school.

In 1991, the Legislature changed the law, stipulating that if children aren't living with a parent or guardian, they can attend school only if they are not there to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities, he said.

"What the Legislature was saying was that the previous law was too restrictive, and students were being denied admission to school who, perhaps, should not have been denied admission to school," Johnson said.

"When one looks at what La Joya ... is proposing, one might be concerned that the way that they're interpreting the law is exactly what the Legislature eradicated when they passed (the 1991 law)," he said.

If La Joya is sued, Doyle said, the district may ask other border districts to join in defending the admissions policy. If the policy survives a court challenge, those districts could adopt similar requirements.

McAllen Superintendent Jose Lopez is inviting La Joya officials to hear their plans.

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Lunar eclipse seen by moon watchers

By The Associated Press

Earth's shadow draped slowly across the moon early today to the delight of moon-watchers gazing at the continent's most widely visible lunar eclipse in 11 years.

"It's spectacular. It's wild. It's beautiful. Especially the setting — on a clear night against the tall buildings," said Tom Proffitt of Cincinnati as he watched the moon disappear above Rockefeller Plaza in New York City just before 12:30 a.m. EST.

"I thought it was a light on top of a skyscraper, it was so clearly defined," said Christopher Paduano of Stamford, Conn. "And to see it change so fast!"

The moon also shone brilliantly across the South, Southwest and central Midwest in clear, sometimes cold, skies before it was covered by a shadow with a red to copper finish.

Clouds eclipsed the eclipse in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Salt Lake City. Los Angeles had a view, but the sky was overcast elsewhere along much of the West Coast, disappointing viewers in San Francisco and Seattle.

The moon began entering the Earth's shadow at 10:27 p.m. EST Sunday, and was totally eclipsed from 1:02 a.m. EST until 1:50 a.m. EST today.

In Los Angeles, more than 1,500 eclipse watchers gathered at Griffith Park Observatory to strains of "Blue Moon" and other appropriate tunes.

"Through a telescope, there is a very definite red in the deepest shadow of the eclipse," said astronomer John Mosely. "On the outside part it is a bluish, pearly white. Subtle but beautiful."

Near Boston, the clouds that worried moon-gazers Sunday evening lifted like a curtain over the strange moon.

"It's crystal clear," said Frank Masciulli of Whitman, Mass., as the eclipse reached totality. "It's a pretty picture."

In Atlanta, about 400 people took turns watching the eclipse through the Fernbank Science Center's big telescope. But with temperatures at freezing, most people scurried into the unheated observatory, looked at the image and hustled back to their cars.

Lunar eclipses occur once or twice a year, but Sunday night's was advertised as the most widely visible total eclipse in North America since July 1982. The next highly visible lunar eclipse isn't until Sept. 26, 1996.

In New York City, park rangers guided 30 people through the eclipse at Shea Stadium, between home plate and third base.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	681/2	673/4	683/8	+1
Albtsn s	251/2	251/4	253/8	+1/4
Alldsignal	721/2	721/4	723/8	+1/8
Alltel s	265/8	263/8	261/2	-1/8
AmStores	413/4	41	411/8	-1/2
Amer T&T	56	555/8	553/4	-1/8
Ameritech	773/4	771/2	775/8	+3/8
Amoco	531/4	521/8	523/8	-7/8
AndarkPtr	431/2	411/2	411/2	—21/4
Arkla	8	77/8	77/8	-1/8
ArmcoInc		57/8	53/4	57/8
AtlRichfld	104	1017/8	1023/8	—21/2
ATMOS	271/4	263/4	263/4	-1/2
BakerHughes	21	197/8	197/8	—1 1/8
BancTexas	13/8	11/4	11/4	-1/8
BellAtl	597/8	591/2	593/4	+5/8
BellSouth	58	563/4	58	+11/8
Beth Steel	173/8	17	173/8	-1/8
Borden	165/8	163/8	165/8	
Caterpllr	861/4	853/4	861/8	+1/2
CenSoWst	303/8	30	301/4	+1/4
Chevron	845/8	841/4	845/8	-7/8
Chrysler	545/8	541/4	541/4	+1/2
Coastal	283/4	285/8	285/8	-1/4
CocaCola	425/8	421/8	421/2	+1/4
ColgatePalm	583/8	58	581/8	+1/4
ComlMetl	355/8	351/2	355/8	-1/8
CooperIn	503/4	503/4	503/4	+1/4
CyprusAmax	22	213/4	22	+1/4
DalSemicn	141/8	135/8	133/4	-1/4
DeltaAirl	593/4	59	595/8	+1
DigitalEq	375/8	371/8	371/4	
Dillard	413/4	411/4	411/4	-1/4
DowChem	583/4	583/8	583/8	-1/8
DresserInd	201/4	20	20	-1/4
DuPont	481/4	477/8	477/8	-1/4
EstKodak	613/4	613/8	615/8	+1/4
Enserch	183/4	181/2	181/2	-3/8
Exxon	615/8	61	611/2	-1/4
FlowerInd	187/8	187/8	187/8	
FordMotor	623/8	617/8	617/8	+5/8
GTE Cp	377/8	373/8	375/8	+1/4
GaDyn	917/8	913/8	913/4	+1/4
GenElct	991/4	985/8	99	+1/2
GenMills	613/4	61	613/4	+1/2
GenMotors	543/4	533/4	545/8	+3/4
GenMotors E	291/4	29	291/4	+3/8
GaPacif	721/2	721/4	723/8	
GlobalMar	43/8	37/8	4	-3/8
Goodrich	441/2	443/8	443/8	+1/4
Goodyear s	415/8	413/8	415/8	-1/8
GtAtlPac	283/4	281/2	281/2	-1/4
Gulf StaUt	19	19	19	
Haliburtn	315/8	30	301/8	—11/2
Hanson ADS	207/8	205/8	207/8	+1/2
HoustInd	461/4	457/8	46	-1/8
IBM	561/8	55	55	-3/4
IntlPaper	665/8	66	661/2	+1/4
JohnsnJns	443/8	437/8	44	-1/8
K mart	24	233/4	24	+1/4
Kroger	185/8	183/8	185/8	
Litton	651/4	643/4	651/8	+5/8
vjLoneStar	2	17/8	17/8	-1/8
Lowes	52	517/8	517/8	-1/8
Lubys	211/4	21	211/4	
Maxus	57/8	55/8	53/4	+1/8
MayDS s	447/8	441/8	445/8	+1/2
Medtronic	761/4	757/8	76	+5/8
Mobil	751/4	735/8	74	—11/4
Monsanto	673/4	673/8	673/8	-1/4
Motorola s	957/8	94	941/4	—17/8
Nationsbk	471/2	471/8	471/4	+1/2
Navistar s	253/8	251/4	251/4	
Nynex s	431/2	431/8	431/2	+5/8
OryxEngy	193/4	191/8	191/4	-7/8
PacTelesis	563/8	557/8	561/4	+1/4
PanhECp	211/4	21	21	-1/4
PenneyJC s	541/4	537/8	54	+1
Pennzoil	571/8	565/8	563/4	-3/8
PepBoys	25	243/4	243/4	
PhelpDodge	451/8	445/8	445/8	-5/8
PhilipPet	283/8	273/4	281/8	-1/2
PilgrmPrd	71/4	71/8	71/8	
Polaroid	351/4	351/8	351/8	+1/8
Praxair	165/8	161/8	165/8	+1/2
Primerica s	401/4	401/8	401/4	+1/4
ProctGamble	575/8	567/8	571/4	+15/8
PubS NwMx	10	97/8	97/8	
SFePacCp	20	197/8	20	
SaraLee	267/8	261/2	265/8	+1/8
SearsRoeb s	567/8	56	561/8	+1/8
SherwinW	335/8	331/4	333/8	+1/4
SmthBchADS	293/8	291/4	293/8	+1/8
SmthBc eqt	267/8	265/8	267/8	
Southern Co	437/8	431/2	433/4	+3/8
SwAirlines s	35	333/4	343/4	+1 1/4
SwBell s	421/2	42	423/8	+3/4
Sprint	343/8	335/8	333/4	-5/8
SterlingChm	37/8	37/8	37/8	
SunCo	321/8	311/2	317/8	+1/4
TNP Ent	171/4	171/4	171/4	
Tandy	461/4	461/8	461/8	-1/4
TempInl	491/2	483/8	491/2	+7/8
Tenneco	497/8	491/2	495/8	
Texaco	631/2	625/8	627/8	—1
TexasInd	26	251/2	26	+//
TexasInst	651/2	641/2	65	+5/8
Tex Util	443/8	441/8	441/4	+1/8
Textron	55	543/4	543/4	
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TritonEngy	311/8	303/8	301/2	—1
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US West	471/8	461/2	463/4	+3/8
USX Delhi	183/4	181/2	183/4	
USX-Marathn	171/8	165/8	165/8	-1/2
USX-USS	371/8	363/4	363/4	-1/4
UnCarbde	203/4	201/4	201/4	-3/8
UnPac	641/2	64	641/2	+1/2
UnitedTech	62	613/4	62	+3/8
Unocal	271/4	263/4	267/8	-1/2
WalMart s	303/8	297/8	301/4	+3/8
WstnGasRs	32	311/4	311/4	-7/8
WestghEl	143/8	141/8	143/8	+1/8
WinnDixie	561/8	553/8	561/8	+7/8
Woolwth	231/8	227/8	227/8	+1/8
Xerox Cp	823/4	821/8	823/4	+7/8
ZenithE	73/4	75/8	75/8	

Court upholds tax judgment against drug dealer, wife

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today left intact a $1.7 million tax judgment against an imprisoned drug trafficker and his wife, who is in prison for her part in a federal judge's murder.

The court, without comment, rejected arguments by Jamiel and Elizabeth Chagra, formerly of El Paso that lower courts erred in calculating their tax liability and in refusing to grant them attorneys' fees.

Chagra is serving a 30-year term in federal prison for operating what federal prosecutors said was a large and powerful drug ring in the Southwest.

He also was sentenced to 10 years for obstructing an investigation of the slaying of the federal judge who had been scheduled to handle his case.

Mrs. Chagra was convicted of conspiring to commit second-degree murder in the 1979 shooting death of U.S. District Judge John H. Wood in San Antonio. She also is serving a 30-year sentence.

The case acted on today involves an Internal Revenue Service audit of the Chagras' tax liability for 1977 through 1981. The IRS said the two owed $6.3 million in back taxes and fraud penalties, but a U.S. Tax Court judge reduced the amount to $1.7 million.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judgment, and the government seized the couple's El Paso home and other assets to cover the payment.

In the appeal acted on today, the Chagras' lawyers said the appeals court wrongly affirmed the tax court's decision not to allow a $915,000 deduction for a 1978 payment of a gambling debt.

The couple's lawyers also said the appeals court erred in saying it was up to the Chagras to prove that their income in 1980 and 1981 came from a non-taxable source.

The appeal also contended that the 2nd Circuit court should have reviewed the tax judge's refusal to award them attorneys' fees.

Justice Department lawyers said the appeals court's ruling was correct.

The case is Chagra vs. Commissioner of Internal Revenue, 93-249.

Computer billing error will cost doctors, pharmacists and others

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — A company that is paid nearly $10 million a year to administer the state government's health-care programs for the poor accidentally overpaid some providers.

So the company, Electronic Data Systems of Dallas, wants the providers to repay the money to the state.

But hundreds of doctors, pharmacists and mental health centers are angry about the mixup, The Wichita Eagle reported Sunday.

More than 300 pharmacists were told they owe the state $106,000 because they were overpaid by EDS. The company also has told several hundred doctors and about a dozen mental health centers that they owe the state $114,000.

Keith Unrein, who runs Unrein Pharmacy in Plainville, didn't bother to protest his bill for $3.92. But Wichita pharmacist Tom Purcell is fighting his $3,200 bill.

"This is a stressful situation. It's a case of the little guy taking on the big guys," Purcell said.

Kansas pays EDS, a Dallas-based company owned by General Motors, $9.8 million a year to administer programs for the poor.

EDS spokeswoman Cathie Hargett said health-care providers billed the state for services to people who weren't eligible for Medicaid at the time of service. EDS should have caught the mistakes, but didn't because of an error in its computer program.

Most of the mistaken billings involve poor people who weren't eligible for Medicaid until their property had been sold to pay earlier medical bills. The dispute focuses on services provided within days of that eligibility being confirmed.

Hargett and state officials said health-care providers must pay back the money. But health care providers don't all agree.

Dana Creitz, a state Board of Pharmacy member from Parsons, was told his pharmacy had been overpaid by more than $2,000 since 1988. After he filed an appeal, the amount was reduced to $81.50.

Creitz, however, doesn't want to pay anything because he didn't do anything wrong, he said. He said EDS should pay for it because EDS made the mistake.

Creitz won an earlier hearing before a state review panel. EDS and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services have appealed that ruling.

EDS has processed Kansas Medicaid payments for the past 15 years, and is now in the fourth year of a five-year contract.

Paisley, Adams both say British are lying about IRA contacts

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The British government has disclosed it had secret contacts from the IRA this year and clandestine communications with a pro-IRA party for years, but the top British official for Northern Ireland says they didn't amount to negotiations.

The disclosures first appeared in Sunday's London newspaper The Observer.

After that report, Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew was forced to admit the contacts and communications. But in a Belfast news conference, he denied Britain had been negotiating.

Until now, Prime Minister John Major and Mayew have denied the government has been in touch with either the outlawed Irish Republican Army or Sinn Fein, a legal party that Britain describes as the IRA's political wing.

Mayhew said this year's moves started only after the IRA leadership sent him a message in late February. He said it stated "the conflict is over" and asked for British "advice" on how to end the IRA's 23-year military campaign against British rule.

Mayhew said it would have been irresponsible for him not to have responded to such overtures.

Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams told a Belfast news conference Sunday night: "This particular phase (this year) of the contact was initiated by the British government. Mayhew is telling lies from beginning to end."

Liberal leader elected during Honduras vote

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — From political prisoner to president, Carlos Roberto Reina celebrated his rise to power with a promise to clean up corruption and strengthen Honduras' fragile democracy.

"No more crooks in public affairs!" Reina shouted to screaming, flag-waving followers after his election late Sunday. "When you find a public thief, tell me. I have a machete here to cut off his fingers."

But Reina, 67, an attorney who favors a free market tempered by government social programs, faces a major challenge: coexistence with the country's still-powerful military.

Reina's chief rival, Oswaldo Ramos Soto of the ruling National Party, conceded defeat and offered congratulations, a remarkably calm handover of power between two parties that have often fought civil wars.

Honduras has now put together a string of four peaceful civilian presidential elections for the first time in its turbulent 172-year history — an indication the country is consolidating its democratic system.

74-year-old rancher becomes first mayor

RIO GRANDE CITY (AP) — The last time this border city had a mayor was 60 years ago. At that time, mayor-elect Basilio Villarreal was 14 years old.

The 74-year-old rancher and businessman was elected Saturday and is being sworn in tonight.

With 1,458 votes, Villarreal bested Ricardo Gutierrez, a 47-year-old oil distributor who collected 1,242 ballots.

The city's new leader, with his white cowboy hat, blue jeans and polished boots, has the look of old South Texas. But Villarreal presented himself as the candidate who is beyond the reach of the county political "machine."

"With my experience, I think I can contribute much to organizing as a city and making things better," he said after Saturday's election. "We have to take things a step at a time because there is a lot to be done."

Voters in Rio Grande City, the county seat of 16,000 approved city incorporation this spring. Four weeks ago they elected five members to their first City Council.

"It's extremely unusual for a community that large to finally incorporate. I can't recall a time when a city started out with 15,000 or 16,000 residents. It's just unbelievable," said Frank Sturzl, director of the Texas Municipal League, an organization of cities.

The community experimented with incorporation once before, existing as a city from 1926 until 1933.

"At that time, it was during the Depression, and they couldn't collect their taxes," said Lauro Lopez, 70, a recently elected councilman.

Obituaries

Edith Lee

1920-1993

MULESHOE — Services were set for 2 p.m. today in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel for Edith Lee, 73, who died Friday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Burial was to follow in the Muleshoe Cemetery.

She was the mother of Brenda Hill of Snyder.

Born in Cloudy, Okla., she married Frank Lee on Sept. 26, 1936 in Clovis, N.M. A homemaker, Mrs. Lee was a Senior Companion Worker in Muleshoe and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Lee of the home; another daughter, Lawanna Stroud of Muleshoe; a brother, Howard Roebuck of Baltimore, Ohio; a sister, Georgia Norris of Roswell; three grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 16 great-stepgrandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

H.C. Hardegree

1923-1993

SAN ANGELO — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Southgate Church of Christ for Herbert Craig Hardegree, 70, who died Saturday in a San Angelo Hospital. Burial will follow in the Belvedere Cemetery.

He was the brother of C.T. Hardegree of Snyder.

Born in Winters, Mr. Hardegree was a long-time resident of San Angelo and owned Hardegree Lumber Co. from 1969-88. He was a member of the Southgate Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Hardegree of San Angelo; two sons, Mike Hardegree and David Hardegree, both of San Angelo; a daughter, Cindy Bright of Austin; two other brothers, Kenneth Hardegree of Abilene and Jimmy Hardegree of Colorado City; a sister, Arlene Hammer of Colorado City; four grandchildren; and eight njeces and nephews.

Brownsville officials say immigrants cost money and crowd campuses

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A member of the Brownsville Independent School District believes the federal government should provide emergency funds to educate the thousands of illegal Mexican immigrants enrolled as students in border schools.

"Nobody questions the right of these children to an education," Eddie Gonzalez says. "But I do question who should pay for it."

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld a decision several years ago by U.S. District Court Judge Filemon Vela of Brownsville ordering BISD to educate all children in its jurisdiction regardless of immigration status.

District figures show that 10,644 students entered the district from 1989 to 1993. Forty-seven percent were illegal immigrants from Mexico, The Brownsville Herald reported in Sunday editions.

"These children are coming in without a mainstream U.S. education and that creates a gap in our educational system," school board President Philip Cowen said. "We have to close that gap. That is the burden we have to face."

From Aug. 16 to Sept. 15 of this year, 836 new students entered school. Of those, 447 — or 53 percent — were illegal Mexican immigrants.

U.S. citizens, legal Mexican immigrants and legal immigrants from other countries comprise 17 percent; the remaining students, including the illegal Mexican immigrants, were listed as "impacting the district," the newspaper reported.

The school district has a total of 39,400 students.

Gonzalez said Mexican children have crossed the border to attend U.S. schools since the founding of the city along the Rio Grande.

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cilities in Lubbock and Nolan counties.

A proposal to close a county road in Precinct 4 was tabled until all information can be received by the court.

Also approved were line-item budget transfers for five departments.

For the district attorney, $500 was placed in travel, $140 in continuing legal education, $145 for bonds and $20 for dues. The funds come from law books and part-time salaries.

Transferred to Precincts 1, 3 and 4 from the consolidated precinct fund was $2,000 each for tires and tubes. Approved for the extension service was $200 for travel and $100 for supplies from the equipment line.

County Judge Bob Doolittle presided at the meeting. Commissioners present were C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

KDAF knocked off the air in the Metroplex

DALLAS (AP) — KDAF-TV, the Dallas-area Fox affiliate, remained off the air Monday morning, but engineers had isolated the blackout's source as a transmission line problem at the Cedar Hill tower site, an official said.

Kathy Saunders, vice president and general manager, said Channel 33 officials were working to establish an uplink to "get back onto our cable systems."

Non-cable subscribers, however, still would not be able to get KDAF's signal until the malfunction is repaired. Ms. Saunders said she did not know what caused the problem.

"It could be weather-related. It could be an equipment malfunction," she said.

KDAF went off the air at 8 p.m. Saturday the station's [illegible] said was the station's longest loss of service in its seven-year history.

Aidid rants, raves at U.N.

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Mohamed Farrah Aidid denounced the United Nations anew today and demanded it leave peacemaking in Somalia to a neutral body of African countries, international donors and Somalis.

The Somali faction leader also proposed that all political factions meet for talks in the Somali capital the first week of January.

Aidid has boycotted the latest U.N effort at peace, an international donors conference that starts later today in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa. Somali faction leaders were expected to meet Tuesday and Wednesday on the sidelines.

Aidid spoke to reporters at his National Alliance faction compound in southern Mogadishu, his stronghold. It was his first news conference since the United Nations suspended a warrant for his arrest two weeks ago.

He rejected a committee set up by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali at that time to investigate last summer's attacks on U.N. forces.

Police burst into home of Dr. Kervorkian

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — Police burst into the home of death doctor Jack Kevorkian as three guests arrived, kicking them all out for more than three hours as they searched the apartment, Kevorkian said.

The doctor said police came to his home at about 8:45 p.m. Sunday as his sister and two friends came to the door.

"Is this going to happen every time someone visits me who (police) don't know," Kevorkian said. "If I go up to a stranger and say 'Come on up to my house,' is that wrong?"

Kevorkian, who has been present at 20 suicides since June 1990, said no suicides had been planned for Sunday night.

Sgt. Thomas Wightman said detectives with a warrant began searching Kevorkian's apartment around 12:30 a.m. today and left about 30 minutes later. He would not say when Kevorkian was kicked out of the apartment and would not comment further.

Kevorkian's lawyer, Michael Schwartz, said the police officers did not have a search warrant when they entered the apartment.

"It wasn't issued until after they already barged in," he said. "It was a completely unconstitutional act on their part."

Dear Abby



High School Wallflowers Should Bloom at Last

by Abigail Van Buren

1993 Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR READERS: I have a problem. An unmarried female reader signed "What to Wear?" asked if she should wear a figure-flattering cocktail dress, with a long slit up the thigh, to her 15th high school reunion dinner dance. She said she had been a timid, nearly invisible wallflower in school. Her sister advised her to wear something more conservative, and I agreed with the sister.

Did I get letters! Here's a sample:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "What to Wear?" just plain stank! I am 44, and have attended all my class reunions as well as my husband's, and the cocktail dress is appropriate for the occasion.

A lot of us were wallflower types in high school. Some were overweight, others were skinny and flat-chested, and many were shy late-bloomers. I say that those who developed into attractive, confident people should go and "strut their stuff!"

CATHY P. IN PEABODY, MASS.

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DEAR ABBY: In high school, I was a tall, skinny, pimple-faced girl everyone made cruel jokes about. I was always picked last for everything.

Today, I am a successful, confident married woman with many friends. What a turnaround! I recently attended my 10th reunion wearing a figure-flattering cocktail dress, and the attention I got was overwhelming! The former "jocks" who never knew I existed, and the cheerleaders who had made fun of me in school, not only noticed me, but now wanted to know me better!

FORMER CATERPILLAR, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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DEAR ABBY: I attended my 10-year high school reunion last year. I, too, had been a wallflower who had never been invited to join any clubs. I wore an attention-getting (yet tasteful) dress, and the reaction from my former classmates (especially the men) did wonders for my self-esteem. It was well worth the price of the dress if I never wear it again.

P.T. IN LAKELAND, FLA.

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DEAR ABBY: I can't believe you told "What to Wear?" to save the attention-getting dress for another occasion.

Everyone accused Scarlett O'Hara of being a "floozy" — so what? That doesn't mean she was one.

I identify with "Ms. What to Wear." I went to my 10-year reunion 40 pounds lighter, owning my own business, single, and feeling good about myself ... and that's what you should have told her to do.

FEELING GOOD IN DENVER

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DEAR ABBY: You were way off base with your advice to "What to Wear?" Whether we like it or not, society places a significant amount of emphasis on physical appearance. In a couple of weeks I'm going to my 20th class reunion, and I'm wearing a black mini-dress. I exercise daily and watch my diet. I'm a confident, attractive woman with a high-paying career and two fine grown children.

For work, I dress conservatively, but in the evening, I am more daring.

My advice would have been, "Wear that dress ... and I hope you turn every head in the room."

HARTFORD, CONN.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "What to Wear?" is more suitable for a 40th class reunion. That's the time for the sensible suit and the pictures of the grandchildren. For now, she should show off her best assets and have a good time. By the way, Abby, I'm a male.

J.B. IN JONESBOROUGH, TENN.

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Mental patients suffer in Yugoslavia

KOVIN, Yugoslavia (AP) — Half-naked, barefoot, skeletal patients wander along freezing corridors reeking of urine at a hospital that once was a decent home for the mentally ill.

Many of the 1,000 patients are wracked with tubercular coughs, and most are ridden with lice.

In nearby Bosnia, bewildered mental patients also have suffered terrible deprivations. But war has not directly touched Serbia, the republic that together with Montenegro makes up today's Yugoslavia.

Here, the mental patients' grim conditions are evidence of Yugoslavia's disastrous economy.

War expenses, gross mismanagement and a trade embargo imposed as punishment for inciting war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia all have crippled the economy, pushing medical care to the brink of collapse.

"When a patient is about to die, I send him home. I want him to die in dignity," said Dr. Dusan Jagodic, director of the Neuropsychiatric Hospital in this village 35 miles east of Belgrade.

Built in 1911 as barracks for the Austro-Hungarian army, its 11 buildings have housed psychiatric patients since 1924. At the end of 1993, treatment is beginning to resemble what it was generations ago.

Patients sleep restlessly on beds with no linen, in mostly unheated hospital rooms. Without proper medication or sedatives, some of them are prone to violence, and they have broken a TV set, wash basins and windows.

Sometimes doctors and nurses simply must tie them up for their own protection.

"Unfortunately, we have to go back to the old psychiatric methods we all believed had been forgotten forever," Jagodic said.

His list of needs is as basic, and pressing, as one from a hospital in neighboring Bosnia: heating fuel, food, clothing, footwear, hygenic supplies, medicine.

"Our patients may not know the reasons for what is happening, but they can feel cold, hunger and anger like anyone else," said Mira Okiljevic, the head nurse.

The United Nations imposed a tough trade embargo 18 months ago on Yugoslavia.

Medicine, food and other humanitarian supplies are exempt from the sanctions, but medical shipments must be approved by the U.N. sanctions committee. Even then there is little hard currency to pay for them.

Unlike the Yugoslav government, doctors here do not blame all their woes on the trade ban.

"You cannot just give up, always blaming somebody else," said Dr. Slobodan Dostanic. "For example, I could have just cried out for help, leaving my patients to freeze or die of hunger, while blaming the world."

Instead, he and his nurses scrounge old uniforms and underwear from a nearby army base, and gather old clothing and footwear collected by children at local schools.

Unfortunately, Jagodic said, "the number of private donors and others who used to help the hospital regularly is diminishing daily." Aid brought by humanitarian organizations is insufficient.

"If only we could get more fuel, half of our problems would be solved immediately," said Okiljevic during a stop in one particularly rancid ward. "When it's warm and we can wash clothing and linen, it's like heaven to us and the patients."

"We are used to this urine smell," he added. "We cannot get rid of it in this ward. They simply do not go to the toilet because it's even colder there."

Nearly all the patients have lice.

"It becomes even worse when they scratch themselves and inflict wounds all over their faces and bodies. And we don't have proper medicine to cure that, either," Okiljevic said.

Charge! holiday shoppers are off to a good beginning

by The Associated Press

People bought more frills and luxury items at many of the nation's department stores over the long weekend, giving retailers an encouraging start to the Christmas shopping season.

Several big store owners said Sunday that consumers, while budget-conscious, were buying less-than-necessary items.

"It's a healthy sign," said Myron E. Ullman III, chairman of R.H. Macy & Co. Inc. He said fine jewelry, cashmere and velvet clothes sold well.

The prospect of a good Christmas season was heartening to retailers who last year had their first decent holiday season in four years. But with business bumpy for much of the year, store owners who depend on the holidays for half their annual profits still were nervous.

"The only thing that's been consistent is its inconsistency," Bloomingdale's Chairman Michael Gould said of retail sales.

Bloomingdale's had a strong weekend, with sales up nearly 11 percent on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from the same period a year ago.

Macy's posted surprisingly strong sales in New York City over the weekend and did well at its store in Orange County, Calif. Sears, Roebuck and Co. also reported better-than-expected sales.

Retailers in the Midwest and on the East Coast lost some business to foul weather. But since the rain, sleet and snow came so early in the season, they expect to make up the sales before Christmas.

Some of the strongest business at Sears stores came in the company's Brand Central departments, where electronics, appliances and computers are sold, said John Costello, a senior vice president.

Sales of men's sportswear were surprisingly strong at Bloomingdale's and Macy's stores. Stores also did brisk business in coats, boots and gloves.

At Pier 1 Imports, one of the best-selling items was red and green holiday china, Chairman Clark Johnson said.

At Dayton's, Hudson's and Marshall Field's department stores, one best seller was pricey — a $250 espresso maker.

But consumers generally are frugal and practical in their gift selection. "Shoppers are clearly looking for value," Costello said.

Sales are expected to slack off now that the first weekend is over and then gradually pick up until a final big push the last 10 days of the season.

Retailers planned to lure shoppers with discounts and special offers during the slower period. Sharper cuts may come if consumers — many of them holding out for bargains — don't respond.

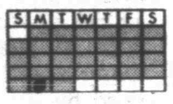
"We're dealing with a cautious and conservative consumer, and cautious and conservative people look before they buy," said Ann Barkelew, spokeswoman for the Dayton Hudson Corp., which owns Target and Mervyn's stores.

On July 16, 1969, Apollo 11, carrying astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins, blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first mission to the surface of the moon.

DATE BOOK

Nov. 29, 1993

Today is the 333rd day of 1993 and the 69th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1929, explorer Richard E. Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gaetano Donizetti (1797-1848), composer; Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888), writer; Busby Berkeley (1895-1976), director; C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), writer; Adam Clayton Powell (1908-1972), politician-minister; Madeleine L'Engle (1918-), writer, is 75; Chuck Mangione (1940-), musician, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1890, the Midshipmen sank the Cadets, 24-0, in the first annual Army-Navy game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love, and not one of us is going to come off very well." — Madeline L'Engle

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1975, New Mexico received its greatest 24-hour snowfall when 34 inches fell on Red River.

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TODAY'S MOON:

Full moon.



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Women lawmakers new to Congress, influence tone rather than policy

By Karen Ball
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The women who came to Congress in record numbers this year didn't cause any grand policy shifts, but they dramatically altered the image and tone of a place long seen as a clubby fraternity.

Women waged legislative fights that led to small gains on abortion funding, easy passage of an abortion clinic violence bill and increased funding for attacking breast and ovarian cancer. They also helped make sure Head Start got full funding, workers got family leave guarantees and violence against women was addressed in the crime bill.

But mostly, said Rep. Karen Shepherd, D-Utah, one of the newcomers, they have brought issues women care about to center stage. "The fact that we're present and arguing changed the whole tenor of debate on the floor," she said.

Women tripled their Senate numbers in the 1992 elections, from two to six seats. They added a seventh with Kay Bailey Hutchinson's election in Texas this year to finish a partial term. In the House, women doubled their numbers and now hold 47 of 435 seats.

Still, those totals represent just 11 percent of the House, and 7 percent of the Senate.

"Because our numbers are still pitiful, it's not a great record," Shepherd said. "This Congress is 20 years behind the nation. It's nothing to crow about. I'm glad everyone of us is here, and we made a difference. But it's just one little tiny dot above being tokens."

The women brought a perspective different from that of veteran male politicians.

On President Clinton's jobs stimulus plan, for instance, while the men talked of economic theory and pointed to grafs and charts, the women spoke of families and communities.

"We put a very real face on the debate that has not been there before," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., one of the five new Senate women.

"It's much easier to vote against an economic theory than a real story about a family," said Murray, who campaigned as a "mom in tennis shoes" determined to bring a mother's outlook to Congress.

Women's rights groups had feared the newcomers would merely try to fit in to a place steeped in tradition where freshmen are taught to fall in line behind leaders with seniority.

"My worst nightmare was that because their numbers were so small, they'd just want to go along, because there is a club atmosphere," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority. "But they're making it clear they're not just going to go along. They're going to do something different."

The women produced some unprecedented moments:

When Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., author of the ban on public funding of abortions, made what was viewed as a derogatory statement about women on welfare, black female lawmakers like Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Ga., surrounded him on the floor.

"They essentially said, 'You're not going to do that anymore. You're not going to cast aspersions anymore on the women we represent,'" Smeal said.

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Business economists see modest 1994 growth

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy will grow next year at a modest pace that will leave unemployment stuck just about where it is now, some of the nation's top business forecasters said today.

The National Association of Business Economists said investment spending by businesses and housing construction should be the shining stars of a generally lackluster economy next year.

"While the immediate prognosis for the economy is favorable, we remain concerned about the underlying strength of the recovery," said William Dunkelberg, NABE president and dean of the business school at Temple University.

The group's panel of 43 forecasters said they expected the economy to exhibit the same stop-and-go pattern it has demonstrated since the recession ended in March 1991 — with the economy spurting forward for a quarter or two, only to be slowed by various forces.

It blamed the protracted period of lethargic growth on a variety of forces, from cutbacks in the defense industry and weakness in non-residential construction to continued layoffs by some of America's largest corporations.

The slow growth will help keep inflation well under control and for that reason, NABE said it expects interest rates to stay low.

NABE made the following predictions.

ECONOMIC GROWTH: The overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, will expand by 2.8 percent in 1994, the same growth rate that the group is forecasting for this year. For 1992, the GDP grew by 2.6 percent after falling 0.7 percent in the recession year of 1991. For the current October-December period, the group predicted a significant pickup in growth to above 3 percent, reflecting a rebound from last summer's floods and higher auto production.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The unemployment rate will average 6.5 percent next year, only slightly improved from the current 6.8 percent.

INFLATION: Consumer prices should post modest gains of 2.9 percent for this year and 3.3 percent for 1994 as the weak economy helps to keep a lid on wage and price pressures. Prices were up 3.1 percent in 1992.

TRADE: The deficit in the current account, which includes trade in merchandise and services, should rise from $96 billion last year to $110 billion this year and $124 billion in 1994. The increase was blamed on weak economies overseas that have reduced demand for American exports and a rise in the value of the dollar over the past 18 months that make U.S. products more expensive in many foreign markets.

INTEREST RATES: Short-term interest rates will gradually creep up as the Federal Reserve begins to tighten credit next year in an effort to stay ahead of any inflationary pressures. The yield on three-month Treasury bills was projected to increase from its current level of around 3 percent to 3.6 percent by the end of 1994 and to 3.9 percent by September 1995. Long-term interest rates, set by market forces, are currently near 6 percent. They should remain little changed over the next year, ending 1994 at 6.2 percent and then rising to 6.5 percent by September 1995.

Man says he met Oswald in Russia

EL PASO (AP) — Aron Vigushin remembers how agitated the young American grew when Vigushin boasted about his prowess with a rifle.

"He didn't like that I bragged about my success," Vigushin recalled. "He was hurt by a statement that somebody was a better shot than he was."

The incident took place in 1960 on a rifle range in the Soviet city of Minsk. The agitated American was Lee Harvey Oswald, a 21-year-old recent defector to the Soviet Union.

Three years later, Oswald would be accused of gunning down John F. Kennedy as the president rode in a Dallas motorcade.

It wasn't until five or six years later that Vigushin learned that the man accused of assassinating the U.S. president was the same man he had known briefly in Minsk.

Vigushin told The El Paso Times he doesn't remember much about Oswald, except that he never cared much for him.

"He was maybe the first American I saw at all," said Vigushin, now a drafting instructor at El Paso Community College.

Americans were an uncommon sight in the Soviet Union at the height of the Cold War, he recalled.

Vigushin said he met Oswald through a mutual friend in Minsk.

"I visited my friend's house because his sister played violin and I played violin. I saw him in this house," Vigushin said. He said his friend and Oswald were part of a small counterculture movement then developing in Minsk.

"My friend liked to read a lot. His interest was to learn something about different countries. He read some Western books and liked to talk to Oswald about these things," Vigushin said.

Vigushin said he soon grew uncomfortable around his friend and Oswald. "I didn't like this movement at all," he added.

In the 30 years since their brief encounter, he says he has only vague recollections of Oswald.

Pirate attacks increase on high seas

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Chinese workers who boarded the hijacked Australian freighter Erria Inge to cut it up for scrap smelled rotting flesh and followed the stench.

In the long-unused refrigerator, they found the remains of 10 men who had been splashed with gasoline and burned to death.

The killings, the men's identities and why their bodies were left aboard remain a mystery.

"If you murder some people, you certainly wouldn't leave them where you killed them. You would throw them overboard," said Erik Boas, the Australian owner of the ship, which was hijacked in 1991 and re-registered several times.

The hijacking of the 17,000-ton Erria Inge and its deadly last voyage before being scrapped underline the growing audacity and viciousness of pirates in Asian waters.

This year, the International Maritime Bureau had recorded more than 90 pirate attacks by Nov. 20. Mazlan Abdul Samad, director of the bureau's office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, said many more go unreported.

Recorded attacks totaled 106 in last year and 107 in 1991, but only 33 in 1990 and just three in 1989, according to the bureau, which was set up by the International Chamber of Commerce to monitor piracy.

The International Maritime Organization, a U.N. agency, agrees that piracy is on the rise in Asia.

Capt. Edward Agbakoba, its ranking expert on piracy, said by telephone from London that the agency had tallied about 450 pirate raids since 1984, and "We reckon that we receive reports of about half the attacks that happen."

Forty-nine of the attacks investigated by the Maritime Bureau from January through August 1993 occurred in the South China Sea and north Asia, and only 10 were outside Asia. Previously, the Strait of Malacca, between Sumatra and Malaysia, had been the most dangerous passage.

Pirates scoot out from shore in speedboats to board and seize larger ships, forcing captains to post watchmen and keep firehoses ready to repel boarders. Some even wrap their hulls with barbed wire.

In most cases, pirates board a vessel to loot the captain's safe, which may contain tens of thousands of dollars for payroll and port fees.

They also steal cargo and sometimes go right for a particularly valuable freight container, indicating they have inside information. Hijackings, as in the Erria Inge case, are less common.

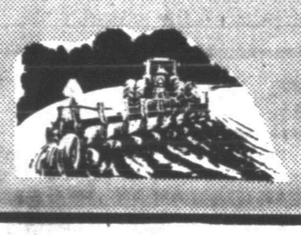
Sometimes, ships are left adrift and could run aground or endanger other vessels. In one 1992 attack, a supertanker carrying nearly 1.7 million barrels of crude oil drifted for an hour near Singapore after pirates tied up the crew.

Once hijacked, a ship is not all that hard to conceal. It can be re-registered fairly easily by bribing the right people in the right country, and coastal police tend to avoid involvement in cases outside their jurisdiction.

"Everybody says it's out of their authority because it happened in international waters," Boas said.

After being re-registered, stolen ships are hired out to haul legitimate cargoes. Some of the cargoes are delivered, others hijacked.

Such was the fate of the Erria Inge, hijacked from India in April 1991 with $2.5 million worth of soya meal aboard that was sold in Bangkok.



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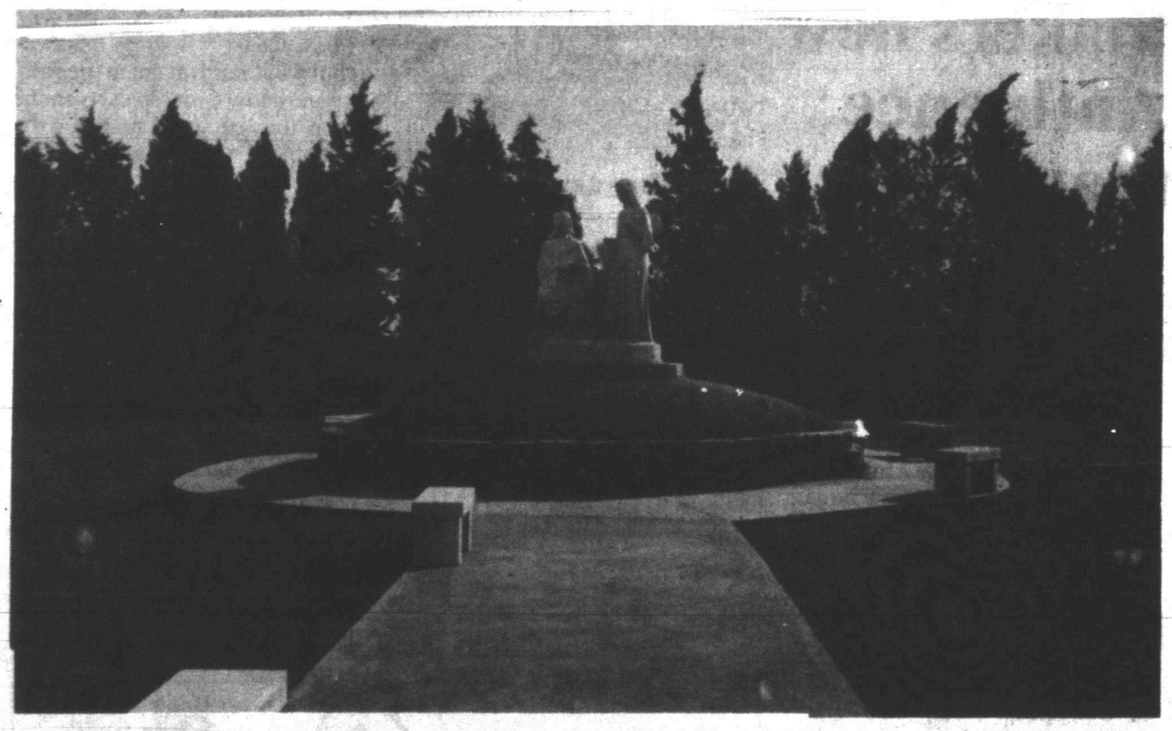
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THE BEAUTIFUL HILLSIDE MEMORIAL GARDENS, Snyder's perpetual care cemetery, is located on the Colorado City Highway. (SDN Staff Photo)

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