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Stenholm bombed with questions on Air Force plan for area flight training

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

The possibility of the U.S. Air Force selecting the Snyder area for a new low-level bomber training site dominated a town-hall meeting this morning with U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm.

More than an hour of the 90 minute session centered on questions from Buster Welch, Heritage Environmental Preservation Association (HEPA) founder, and from others concerned about the Air Force's plans.

Stenholm said the Air Force will release its recommendation on Jan. 21 and then there would be a 30-day window for citizens to analyze the findings and to respond.

The congressman said demonstrations would be scheduled within that 30-day period so citizens could see and hear for themselves what type of flight training is being planned.

"I want to see it with my own eyes and hear it myself. I don't want to go on hearsay or speculation. I want us to deal with facts," Stenholm said.

The congressman said he urged everyone to attend the demonstrations so they, too, can hear the noise level and see what disturbance the bombers might create.

He said the demonstrations would likely be held at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, but it might be possible for them to be held over Snyder.

Stenholm said last week's leak by Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., had not helped the controversial issue.

"The early leak has not been helpful," he said. "This is a recommendation. The final decision will not occur any sooner than 30 days."

Sen. Bingaman issued a press release last week announcing that the Air Force would recommend the low-level training missions come to West Texas. New Mexico is among four options considered by the Air Force.

Stenholm said Snyder is considered a preferred alternative because of its existing airport. A decision to utilize the Snyder area would also mean enhanced radar equipment with additional storm warning capabilities for the area.

He also said there would be positive economic benefits for whatever area is selected.

"Thirty new jobs and a $1.7 million payroll will go somewhere. Snyder is the prime location because of the airport, but that is up to Snyder."

Welch asked if the Air Force could force the flight training on this area.

Stenholm didn't answer directly, saying, "The training is necessary for our Air Force in order to have the defense we need. There will be an answer on the 21st. All of the concerns have been considered. I have been very much a part of looking at the ramifications and all the pluses and minuses. There will be pluses and minuses."

Welch then asked, "Are they going to push it over on us?"

"I can't answer that," Stenholm replied. "I promise each and everyone of you we will have an opportunity to look at the findings before a final decision is made."

Welch also questioned how farmers could conduct cloud seeding with the training flights occurring.

"I have to go on what the experts say that this is not a problem," Stenholm said.

The congressman also said that he had hoped the training area would go to New Mexico.

"I'll make no bones about it, I had hoped this would go to New Mexico, but, with the amount of traffic and training out there, they are fully loaded is what they tell me."

Welch said his concerns are that the Air Force says 3,000 feet right now, but would lower that level when the actual training begins.

Stenholm suggested a community action team be created with an 800 number that would report such incidents and keep communication lines open.

Welch showed a picture of a West Texas landscape and bluff and asked, "Would you like to be on that bluff when one of those big bombers skimmed over you?"

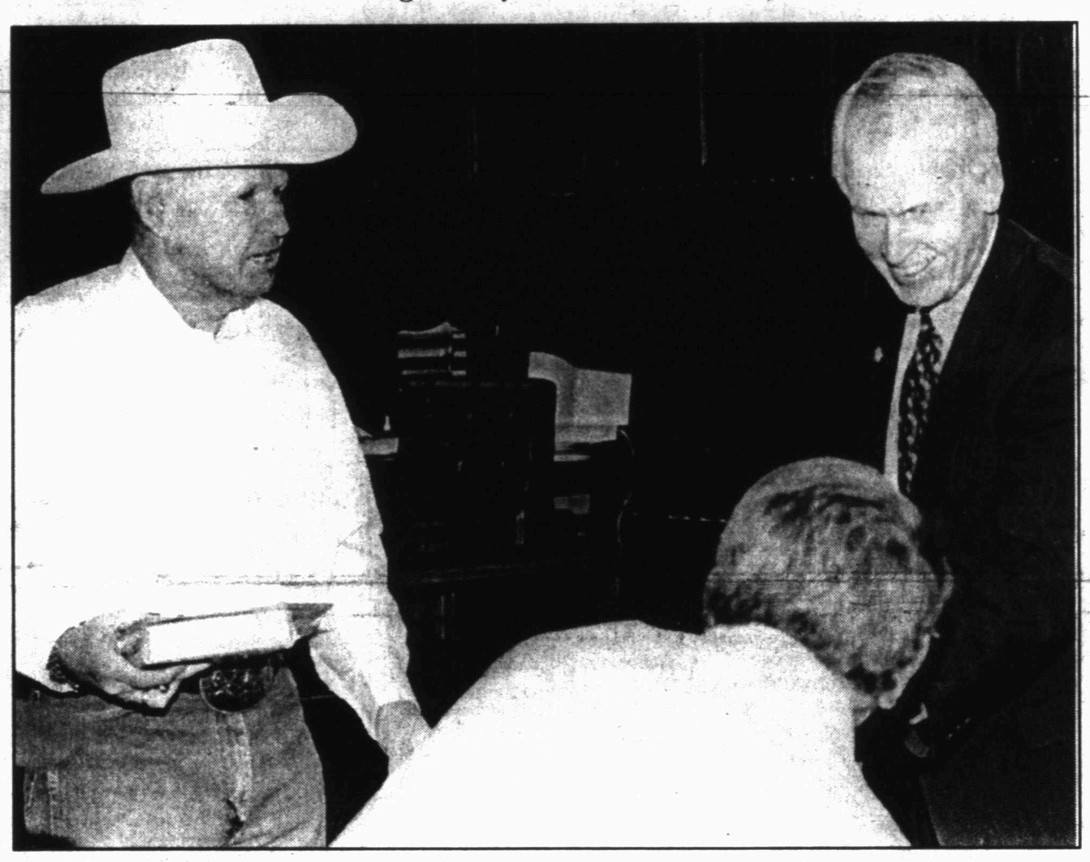
Stenholm responded, "It's not going to skim over you. They are not going under 3,000 feet."

In the last 30 minutes, the senator also answered questions concerning world trade, the impact of the drought on this region and current crop insurance practices.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said Tuesday that President Clinton will propose significant changes in federal farm programs that would be similar to the legislation proposed last year by Stenholm.

Stenholm said his bill would help prevent farmers from going bankrupt during a bad year by providing them with enough supplemental income to raise their total to the average they would have made during a normal year.

Snyder's town-hall meeting was one of several planned in the 17th District by Rep. Stenholm this week.



STENHOLM MEETING — U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm reaches to shake the hand of a constituent as Buster Welch looks on. Some 50 people attended the town-hall meeting this morning. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Folks don't really decide their future. They choose their habits, and their habits decide their future."

Snyder residents David and Rebecca Phillips knew we needed help. When they renewed their subscription, their payment was folded inside a publication called, "Have a Good Day."

Since they were kind enough to pass it on to us, we think some of the items may help you get the year off to a great start.

A newspaper guy in Florida is hoping that the new year will be better for him.

The journalist and his doctor agreed that it was less than brilliant to try and squash a coin under a train.

The news guy, Kevin Rowe, suffered a fractured skull, broken ribs, a dislocated shoulder and a collapsed lung after being struck by a train while trying to place a penny on a track.

He had hoped a south-bound train would run over the coin, but what he didn't bargain for was that a north-bound train would strike him.

"There are not many people as stupid as yours truly," Rowe said. "I should be dead. I was very much aware of the first train, but I was utterly oblivious to the second."

His doctor agreed. "Here, you have a normal, educated guy who's out playing on train tracks. Luckily, he should be fine."

(It has been suggested that we go play on the freeway, but never on the train tracks.)

And they couldn't even blame this on the Y2K bug.

A couple in Billings, Mt., may have the ultimate in a misprinted bill.

When the family's electric bill arrived, the husband immediately notified the bank that their account might be a tad overdrawn because payment of the utility bill is done automatically.

The power company's bill said the couple owed $50 billion.

The corrected version looked much better. The second billing revealed they owed a mere $39.95.

A one last thought from the newsletter to help us all remain positive as we start the year 2000.

"An optimist never worries about tomorrow – and neither does a pessimist, because he already knows everything is going to turn out wrong."

Janet Reno upholds ruling to return boy to father in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno today upheld a decision giving custody of Elian Gonzalez to his Cuban father and said any challenge to that ruling must come in federal rather than state court.

To allow the 6-year-old boy's Florida relatives time to challenge that decision, Reno wrote to their lawyers that the government is postponing its Friday deadline for turning him over for return to Cuba. She did not give a new deadline or say what steps the federal government might take next to enforce its decision.

Reno brushed aside a state court ruling Monday that the boy must remain in the United State until a March 6 hearing. She said the state court order "has no force or effect" on the Immigration and Naturalization Service's decision in the case.

"The question of who may speak for a 6-year-old child in applying for admission or asylum is a matter of federal immigration law," Reno wrote. The question of who speaks for the boy "remains one of federal, not state, law."

Lawyers for the family visited Reno here last week to press their argument that she overrule the INS decision. Weighing their arguments, Reno wrote, "I am not currently aware of any basis for reversing ... (that) decision."

WTC registration gets underway Thursday

Registration for the spring 2000 semester at Western Texas College gets underway Thursday with sophomores registering in the morning.

Sophomores will register from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. using the following schedule.

Persons with last names A-F will register at 8:30 a.m. while students G-O will register at 9:30 a.m. Registration begins at 10:30 for persons with last names P-Z.

Freshman students will register from 1:30 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. according to the following schedule.

Freshmen with last names A-F will begin registering at 1:30 p.m. while those with last names G-O start at 2:30 p.m.

Registration starts at 3:30 p.m. for freshman students with last names P-Z.

Evening students register from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Classes toward an associates degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, along with vocational programs in computerized business technology, welding, criminal justice, golf and landscape technology, early childhood education and licensed vocational nursing.

Classes begin Tuesday as the campus is closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. The last day to register for classes or to add or change a class is Jan. 24.



ALL-STATE CHOIR STUDENTS — These three Snyder High School students were named to the All-State Choir for 2000 following auditions in Midland Saturday. Shown from left are Crissida Tyler, Matt Coronado and Michael Compton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Choir students receive honors

Three Snyder High School choir students fared well at the Area Audition at Midland High School on Saturday. They competed along with 19 other students on their specific voice part for five positions in the TMEA All-State Mixed Choir for 2000.

First soprano Crissida Tyler, was selected to the All-State Mixed Choir, ranking fifth of the 20 sopranos who competed. She is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler.

Michael Compton, a baritone, also ranked fifth out of his voice section and earned a position in the All-State Mixed Choir. He is the son of Donald and Linda Compton.

Matt Coronado, a second tenor, was selected as a first alternate to the Mixed Choir, ranking sixth in his voice part. He is the son of Joe and Geneva Coronado.

All three students are juniors and are members of the A Cappella Choir. This is the second year in a row for Tyler to be selected to the All-State Choir. In 1999, these three students competed at this same level.

The students will perform in concert on Feb. 20 in San Antonio at the Texas Music Educator's Association's annual convention.

Ronda Haire, SHS choir director, said, "These students have worked very hard on this music since June to receive this honor. It took a lot of persistence and discipline. We are very proud of each of their accomplishments and are looking forward to hearing a wonderful concert in February.

"It is such an incredible experience for these students to get the opportunity to perform in a choir of this magnitude at this time in their young lives. It will be something they carry in their memory for years."

ASK US

Q.-What is the construction between Snyder National and Scifres Tire?

A.-An employee parking lot for Snyder National Bank.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Tuesday, 72 degrees; low, 37; 7 a.m. Wednesday, 45; no precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low, upper 30s. Light SW wind to NE 5-10 mph after midnight. Thursday, sunny, high upper 60s, NE wind 5-15 mph.

Kalyn Hildreth
Sunny

Sunset: 6:02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:44 a.m.
Of 11 days in 2000, the sun has shone 11 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

It is easy to live for others, everybody does. I call on you to live for yourself.
—Emerson

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Bayer's aspirin ads claimed too much, government decides

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aspirin is one of the cheapest heart-protecting drugs available — but it only helps certain patients, not everybody. Now Bayer Corp. must spend $1 million for a consumer education program making sure Americans get that message, to settle government charges that its advertising oversold aspirin's benefits.

"Aspirin is not appropriate for everyone, so be sure to talk to your doctor before you begin an aspirin regimen," say the full-page ads Bayer must run in four national magazines between February and May.

Bayer also will distribute free consumer brochures titled "Aspirin Regimen Therapy: Is it right for you?"

The Federal Trade Commission charged that a series of Bayer ads made unsubstantiated claims that regular aspirin use could help the general population prevent heart attacks and strokes.

But while aspirin can be a powerful heart protector for some people at high risk of a heart attack or stroke — and also can reduce the risk of death during a suspected heart attack — it's not recommended for just anyone.

There is little if any evidence that it helps the general population, said Dr. Rodman Starke of the American Heart Association.

It has side effects that can harm some people.

And the dose for heart patients isn't the same as what people pop for a headache.

That's why the Food and Drug Administration insists aspirin therapy for heart attacks and strokes be done under the direction of a doctor — and why the FTC carefully checked for accuracy the $1 million consumer education campaign Bayer is running to settle the charges.

"For healthy people without any symptoms of heart disease, the risks of an aspirin regimen may outweigh the benefits," Bayer's new consumer brochures acknowledge.

In addition, Bayer will pay $30,000 to both New York and Connecticut to settle similar state charges.

The message is "very simple: Talk to your doctor," said Dr. George Sopko, a National Institutes of Health cardiologist, who worries Bayer's earlier ads implied simply taking aspirin, instead of dieting and exercising, was enough therapy. "Aspirin is only part of it. It is not 'the' therapy."

So who should consider aspirin?

—Anyone who has previously had a heart attack, a "mini-stroke" or an ischemic, or clotting, stroke; anyone with the chest pain called angina; or anyone who has had an angioplasty or coronary bypass operation, the new Bayer brochures advise.

—If you suspect you're having a heart attack, seek emergency medical care immediately. But because studies show aspirin reduces the risk of death during a suspected heart attack, talk to your doctor now about whether taking aspirin while awaiting the ambulance would be a good idea, the brochures say.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2000

Advancement and recognition in your chosen field of endeavor is a strong possibility for you in the year ahead. This may be due to some important adjustments you make for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) By shoring up the foundation today regarding a matter than has been hanging fire for some time, you should be able to reap the desired results from it for which you've been hoping. 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 $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Where you were denied cooperation previously, you should now find the needed support necessary for what you need. Several persons who have disappointed you could now do an about face.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Make conditions that influence your reputation, finances or status are your prime targets today. The aspects look especially favorable for you in these three areas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to select activities that stimulate your imagination and allow you to work with your hand and mind collectively. Creative involvements will prove to be most pleasurable for you today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you've been having trouble finding some kind of merchandise you're seeking, follow a couple of offbeat leads today. Through good detective work, you'll uncover the item at your price.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Don't be surprised if you begin seeing signals of increased popularity today. Improved conditions are in the offing where your social life is concerned.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take advantage of any small opportunities that come your way where your work is concerned today. Little things could mean a lot, which you'll discover as time goes by.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be extra attentive today to what's being said when out with pals at a luncheon or gathering. Sound bits from social affiliations could provide you with valuable information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The kindness of a family member or one of their contacts could benefit you in an unusual way today. What transpires, however, will occur with minimum fanfare.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Get out and start moving around today, especially if you've been a bit bored lately. An outing to a new venue where you can see fresh faces and sights will prove invigorating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your efforts at work can prove to be exceptionally rewarding today, so it behooves you to put out a little extra. The wheel is turning and it could be your turn to cash in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Ventures or enterprises that you either originate or manage could prove to be luckier for you than usual today. Think big, so you can yield big.

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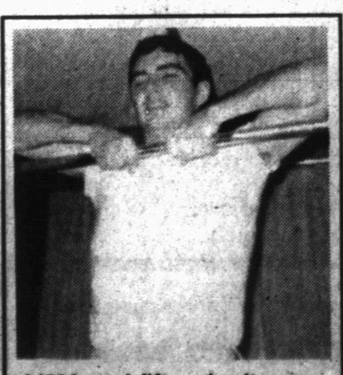
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Ford offers air bag system to prevent rollover ejections

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is phasing in side air-bag curtains on sport utility vehicles that are designed to cover the windows to prevent the ejection of passengers in rollover crashes.

The new system, to be made public today at the Detroit auto show, will be phased in on SUVs within three years starting with some 2001 models as optional equipment, Ford officials said.

In designing the system, Ford is responding to highway crash data that show pickups and sport utility vehicles, which have a higher center of gravity, roll over more than cars.

Forty-seven percent of all fatalities in light trucks — which include SUVs — result from rollover, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In comparison, 22 percent of car deaths involve rollovers.

More than 9,400 people died in rollover crashes in 1997, the latest year statistics were available.

Most often rollover deaths involve passengers being ejected from the vehicle. Government officials and automakers have repeatedly said that wearing seat belts is the single most important way to prevent passengers from being ejected in a rollover crash.

"We've looked at the most threatening current driving conditions and developed new technologies to improve the protection for our SUV drivers and their families," said Helen Petrauskas, Ford's vice president of environmental and safety engineering.

The system has a sensor located between the passenger and driver seat that can measure the amount of vehicle tilt and trigger the air bag curtain. The curtain would deploy downward in milliseconds from the edge of the roof closest to the window, covering both the front and back row of seats.

The curtain would remain inflated for six seconds, which Ford says is about the time it takes the average vehicle to roll over up to three times. The curtains are attached to the vehicle using tethers at the front and back to help prevent passengers from being thrown out of the vehicle during rollovers.

The curtain also is intended to reduce head injuries in side-impact crashes, Ford said.

Several automakers, such as Mercedes and Volvo, have air bag curtains that inflate across the windows in their cars. BMW has an air bag that inflates in the shape of a tube that hangs near the top of the window.

Educators cheer upholding expulsions

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — School board members reacted with relief as a judge upheld their right to expel six students for fighting at a football game.

"Central to this is an issue of local control," said Jacqueline Goetter, president of the Decatur School Board. "We cannot have outside pressure."

U.S. District Judge Michael McCuskey ruled Tuesday that the district did not act improperly or deny any constitutional rights when it expelled the students following a Sept. 17 fistfight.

The ruling was a blow to the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his crusade against "zero tolerance" anti-violence policies in schools.

Jackson promised an appeal and said he planned two rallies in Decatur — one Saturday night, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, and another Jan. 24 in protest of the decision. He also said he had scheduled a conference Jan. 25 in Springfield on "zero tolerance" policies.

"The judge's conclusion was harsh, with radical disregard to the future of the children," Jackson said during a news conference in Chicago.

The teens initially were expelled for a maximum of two years. The students claimed the school board treated them unjustly because they are black and violated their right to a fair hearing.

After intervention by Jackson and Gov. George Ryan, the school board reduced the expulsions to one year and agreed to allow all six teens to attend alternative schools that are not a part of the district.

Goetter said board members held firm despite months of pressure and national publicity because they felt the authority to punish unruly students is key to providing safe schools.

McCuskey, who heard three days of testimony last month, noted that the students' actions threatened the safety of the community. The fight cleared the visitors' bleachers but caused no serious injuries.

"Just because no weapons other than fists and feet were used by the students does not mean that innocent people were not harmed, frightened, and forced to flee the stands to avoid serious injury," the judge said.

Lisa Boyd, a local hairdresser, said most of Decatur's residents are ready for the issue to die for the sake of this blue-collar town's reputation.

"We're tired of everything being trashed because of this," she said.

Survivors may get federal grants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The families of six Massachusetts firefighters who died in a Dec. 3 warehouse blaze may get $146,000 each from the federal government next month.

The Worcester Fire Department officers died when two went into the burning warehouse to look for homeless people possibly trapped inside and four others went in to rescue the first two when they got into trouble.

All six families applied last month for one-time financial awards provided by the Justice Department's Public Safety Officers' Benefits program. The program is designed to help survivors and families of federal, state and local law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, ambulance crew members and corrections officers who die or are permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty.

Bureau of Justice Assistance spokeswoman Sheila Jerusalem said Tuesday the families applied Dec. 10, which began an information-gathering process that usually lasts 90 days. The department takes about two weeks to issue the checks after all information is gathered, so "they could get the money at the end of March," Ms. Jerusalem said. "We'll be working on it as fast as we can."

In fiscal 1999, which ended last Sept. 30, more than 200 families received more than $29 million in death benefits under the program. Additionally, $800,000 in disability benefits was paid last year to five public safety officers whose catastrophic personal injuries on duty left them unable to work.

Federal Consumer Protection has determined that the fuel saving theories of this advertisement are 100% accurate.

Platinum Device May Increase Gas Mileage

BOSTON - National Fuelsaver Corp. of Boston has developed a low cost automotive accessory called the Platinum Gasaver which has the theoretical ability to increase gas mileage while meeting all emission standards.

With a simple connection to a vacuum line, the Gasaver adds microscopic quantities of platinum to the air-fuel mixture entering the engine.

Platinum has the unique ability to make non-burning fuel burn. With platinum in the flame zone you increase the percentage of fuel burning in the engine by 22%, from 68% of each gallon to 90% of each gallon.

Since unburnt fuel is pollution, that additional 22% of each gallon would normally burn when it reaches the platinum surfaces of the catalytic converter.

Unfortunately, the converter's burning process takes place in the tail pipe, where the heat and energy produced from burning this fuel cannot be harnessed to drive your vehicle.

But when the Gasaver adds platinum to the air-fuel mixture, 22% more of each gallon burns inside the engine so that, in theory, 22% fewer gallons are required to drive the same distance.

After studying this process for five years, the government concluded: "Independent testing shows greater fuel savings with the Gasaver than that claimed by the developer."

In addition, the Gasaver has received patents for cleaning out the carbon deposits and raising octane, making premium fuel unnecessary for most vehicles.

Joel Robinson, the developer, commented: "We have sold over 400,000 Gasavers. To our surprise, as many people buy the Gasaver because it extends engine life (by cleaning out the abrasive carbon deposits) as buy it to increase gas mileage or to raise octane."

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Vehicle Number	Miles/gal. without Gasaver	Miles/gal. with Gasaver	Percentage Increase
59	12.0	17.8	48.3%
63	11.3	16.6	46.9%
53	14.1	20.7	46.8%
51	13.0	18.8	44.6%
56	12.2	17.1	40.2%
64	9.6	13.3	38.5%
60	13.3	17.9	34.6%
55	9.8	13.1	33.7%
68	14.3	18.4	28.7%
50	10.8	13.9	28.7%
62	14.1	17.6	24.8%
66	15.8	17.5	10.8%
57	14.4	15.9	10.4%
54	13.1	14.0	6.9%
65	12.9	11.3	-12.4%
Average	12.7	16.3	28.3%

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-12-00
♠ A J 9 5
♥ Q 6
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ A K 8

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

East
♠ Q 10 8 7
♥ K 10 8 5 2
♦ J 10 6
♣ J

South
♠ K 4
♥ 9
♦ A K 4
♣ Q 9 6 5 4 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

The best player and writer?

If you asked aficionados to name the best-ever player-writer, Englishman Terence Reese would probably come out on top. He learned bridge when 7 years old, being taught by his parents, who had met at a whist drive. He wrote many excellent books for experts and was a superb technician at the table. Reese didn't suffer fools gladly and was quick to rush into print if he read something with which he did not agree. His review of "Contract Bridge in 20 Lessons" was "This author should hasten to take them." As you can tell, Reese had a very dry sense of humor, and he loved soccer.

In this deal, Reese was in a laydown five clubs. Yet as it was a pairs event, an overtrick would be valuable. West led the spade six. How would you plan the play?

Leading dummy's first-bid suit is not a good idea. West should have selected the diamond two. And that would surely have held the contract to 11 tricks.

Reese found a great deceptive play. He put in dummy's spade nine, but when East covered with the 10, Reese ducked!

It was hard for East to find the heart switch. His diamond-jack return looked much more appealing. Reese won with his king, unblocked the spade king, cashed the diamond ace, and drew trumps ending in the dummy. Now, Reese's last diamond disappeared on the spade ace. When the spade queen didn't drop, Reese ruffed a diamond in hand. Happy to see the 3-3 split, Reese entered dummy with a trump, then discarded his heart nine on the diamond eight.

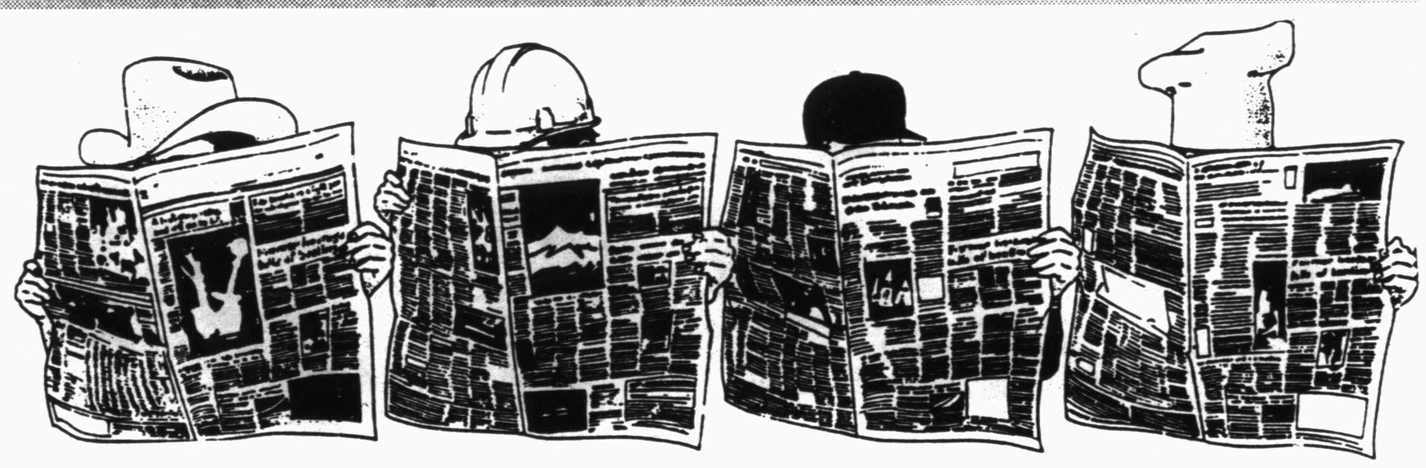
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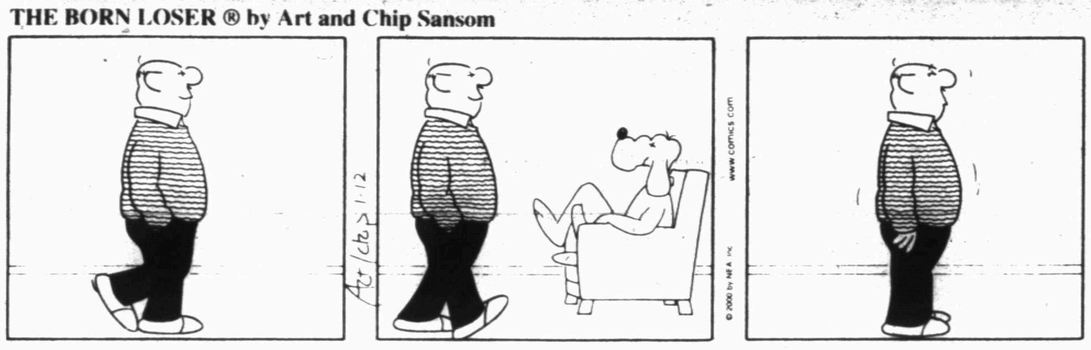
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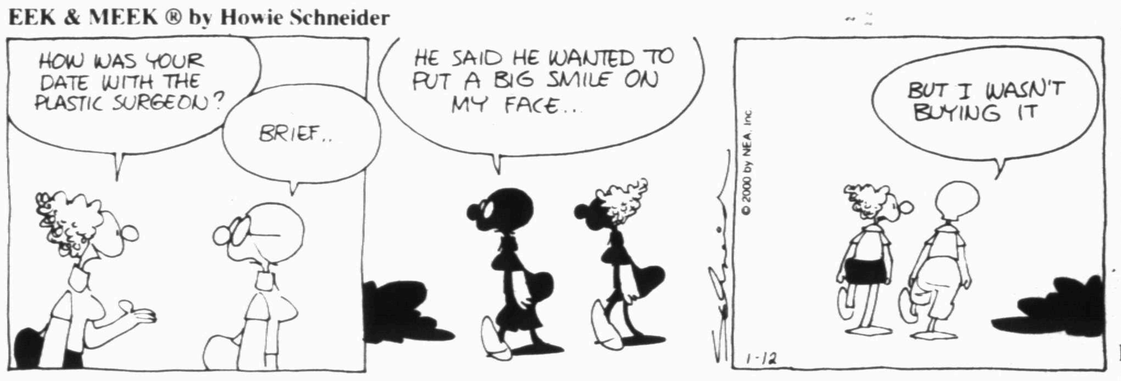
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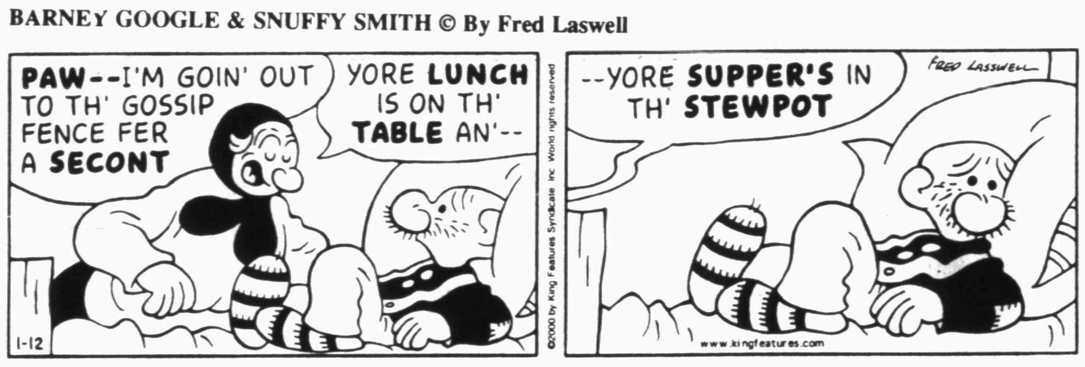
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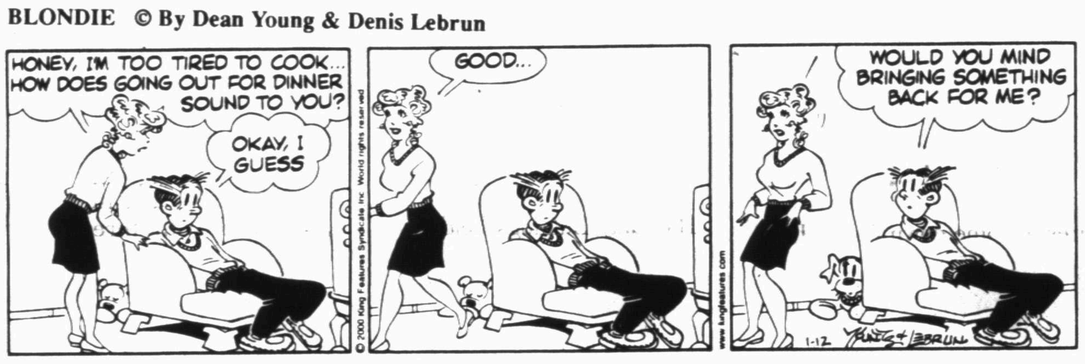
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ACROSS

1 Treats unjustly
7 Arm parts
13 Antiseptic liquid
14 Get
15 Siberian treeless tract
16 Unwholesome vapor
17 Mas' guys
18 New Zealand parrot
20 With it
21 Endless
25 Ithaca's place (2 wds.)
28 — Jessica Parker
32 One or the —
33 Sleep noise
34 Rustic step
35 Office machine
36 Much larger
37 Olivia de Havilland
39 Completely
41 Baseball player Mel —
44 Ear (comb. form)
45 Simpleton
48 Nut case
51 Crystalline gem
54 Fatal
55 Afternoon sleep
56 Pries
57 Earliest born

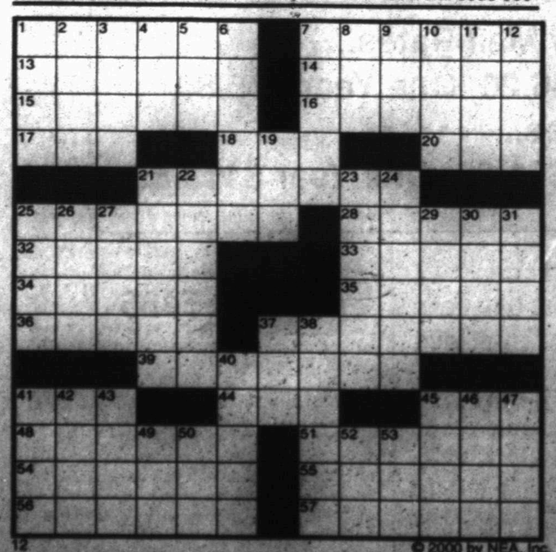
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2 Church court
3 Songs of praise
4 Pinch
5 Econ. indicator
6 Hunter
7 Grown girl
8 Baseball stat
9 Give — — whirl
10 Cloth belt
11 Duration
12 Ginger cookie
19 Aircraftsman
21 Small hole
22 Bullfighter
23 Attack
24 Football coach Tom —
25 Snack
26 "— —, Brute"
27 Tory's foe
29 Went by car
30 War god
31 Towel word
37 Fedora, e.g.
38 Plaza Hotel girl
40 Items in a kit
41 Night birds
42 Adolescent
43 Former Yugoslav leader
45 River in France
46 Units of Siamese currency
47 Deed
49 Greek letter
50 Skip stones on water
52 Grease
53 Guided movie, "The —"

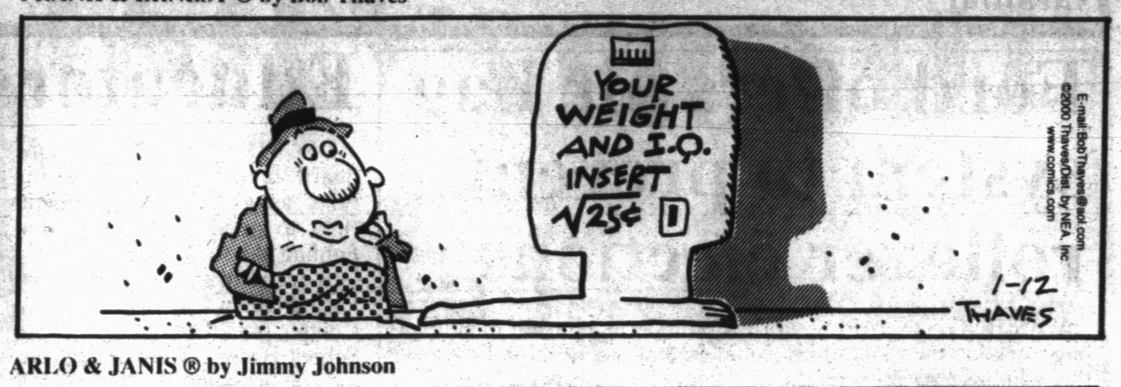
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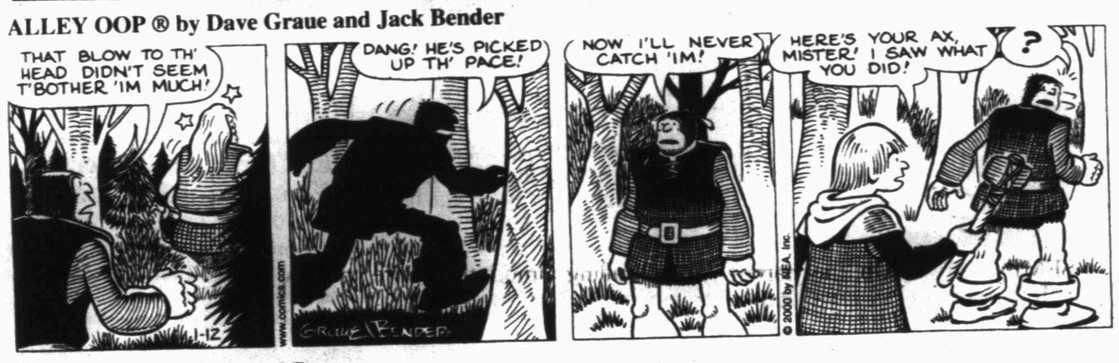
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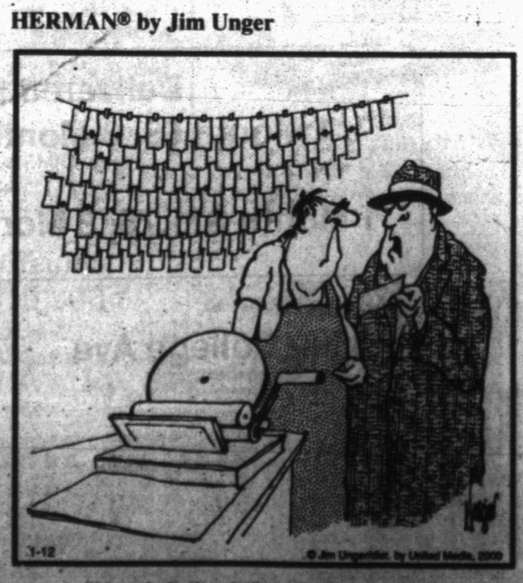
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SPORTS

Lady Tigers outlast Big Spring, 40-39

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — This one had it all.

There was a clock controversy and some post-game frustration. But in between it all, the Snyder Lady Tigers managed to overcome the Big Spring Steers for their second district win.

Ashley Delce dropped in the game-winning bucket with 10 seconds left to lift Snyder to a 40-39 victory Tuesday night over Big Spring.

The win comes on the heels of the Lady Tigers' three-point win over Andrews, and keeps Snyder in a tie for District 5-4A's top spot with Sweetwater and Lake View.

"I don't care if they're all this close," SHS coach Sam Tipton said following his team's second consecutive nail-biter. "As long as we're ahead by one point when it's over, it's a whole lot of fun."

But things weren't quite so fun two quarters earlier when a controversy over the clock allowed Big Spring two free throws with under a second left in the first half to give the Lady Steers a 22-19 advantage at the break.

After Snyder missed a free throw with eight seconds left, the clock didn't start until the Lady Steers reached their own end of the floor. Melissa Forth was fouled with less than a second showing, to the ire of Tipton.

The Snyder coach argued his point, but following a lengthy meeting between the officials, Forth was allowed to attempt the free throws. She drained both for a three-point margin.

"The clock didn't start when it was supposed to, and the clock keeper admitted it started late," Tipton said of the incident. "But the officials said since they didn't see it, they couldn't determine how much time should have elapsed. So Big Spring got the free throws."

Snyder quickly rebounded from the setback when Cameron Mackey and T'Leah Eicke drained three-pointers in the first two minutes of the third quarter to give Snyder a 26-25 lead.

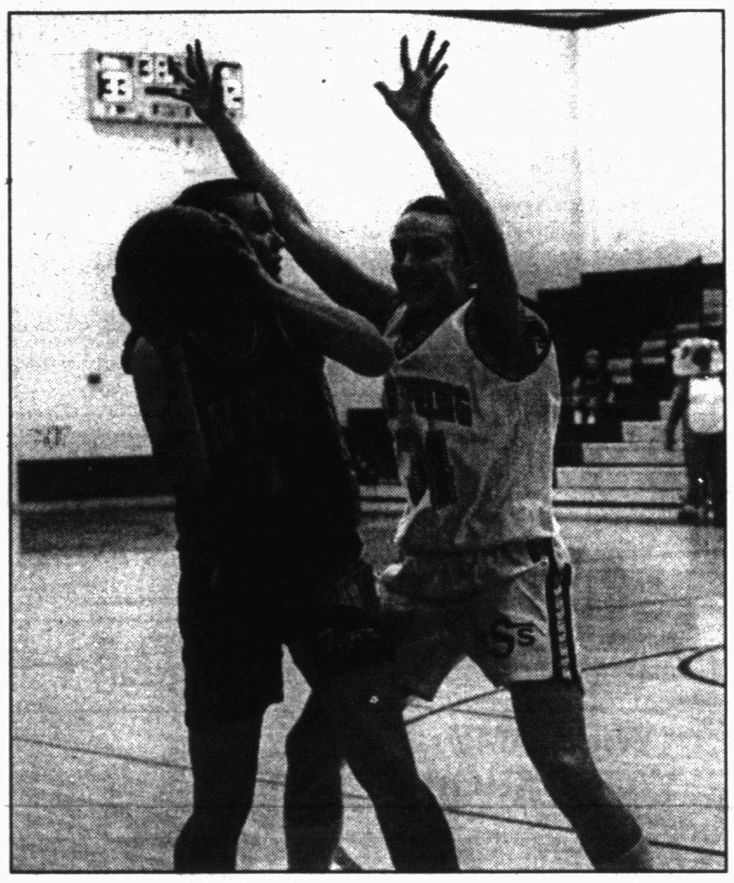
Neither team would lead by more than one point for the remainder of the game, as the two squads matched each other basket for basket.

Knotted at 33-33 when the final period began, Big Spring took its final lead of the night, 39-38, with 58 seconds left.

In action for only the second time in the past 11 games, Delce scored all seven Snyder's points in the final frame. But with 48 seconds on the clock, the junior post missed the front end of a one-and one and Big Spring garnered the rebound.

With the Lady Steers in possession of the ball and the lead, Tipton gathered his troops during a timeout.

"We didn't go over strategy during the timeout," Tipton stated. "I just said, 'If you believe hard enough, then Big Spring will give you another chance to win this ballgame. And if you believe hard enough that you'll win the game, then you will. And I believe we're going to win.' And evidently the girls did, too."



IN CLOSE CONTACT — Snyder junior Kristen Murray looks for an open teammate as Big Spring's Latrisha Rollins applies pressure during the Lady Tigers' 40-39 district victory Tuesday night. Snyder (2-0) hosts Fort Stockton (2-0) Friday night at 6 o'clock. (SDN Staff Photo)

Big Spring gave the Lady Tigers their opportunity when Brittany Bryant couldn't convert from the free-throw line with 23 seconds left in the contest.

Snyder maneuvered down court, and missed a shot from the baseline, but Delce was there to recover. She grabbed the rebound over two Lady Steers and scored with 10 seconds showing on the clock.

Big Spring managed two shot attempts on their next trip but couldn't convert as the buzzer sounded.

"This team couldn't have overcome this kind of adversity a few weeks ago," Tipton remarked. "But now they believe in the system and they believe they can win.

"I'm as proud of this ballclub as I have been of any team I've coached. By all rights, you aren't supposed to win this kind of game on the road in a hostile environment. But these kids truly believe that no matter what happens, they will find a way to win. And they're giving all they've got to do that. That's something we call Tiger Pride, and these kids have it."

Following the final buzzer, Big Spring's frustration showed through when some fans threw ice at Tipton and his team as they were leaving the floor. Two police officers and administrators from both schools were able to limit the hostility, and no further incidents took place.

Delce finished with a team-high 15 points, while Kameron Kallemeyn added 13, including the Lady Tigers' first eight points of the game.

Snyder can improve to 3-0 in the district standings with a win Friday over Fort Stockton at the SHS gym.

Snyder	13	06	14	07	— 40
Big Spring	06	16	11	06	— 39

Snyder
Kallemeyn 5 3-4 13, Eicke 1 2-2 5, Voss 1 2-2 4, Mackey 1 0-0 3, Murray 0 0-2 0, Delce 7 1-4 15. **Totals 15 8-14 40.**
Big Spring
Forth 4 6-6 14, Rollins 5 1-2 12, Pudliner 1 0-0 2, Gwynn 0 1-2 1, Johnson 3 0-0 6, Flenniken 2 0-0 4, Bryant 0 0-1 0. **Totals 15 8-11 39.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 2 (Eicke, Mackey), Big Spring 1 (Rollins). Rebounds: Snyder 26 (Delce 7, Kallemeyn 7), Big Spring 22 (Johnson 5). Total fouls: Snyder 11, Big Spring 16. Fouled out — None.

District 5-4A Girls

	District		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Snyder	2	0	7	12
Sweetwater	2	0	20	2
Lake View	2	0	9	12
Big Spring	0	2	10	10
Andrews	0	2	6	12
Fort Stockton	0	2	6	20

Tuesday's results: Snyder 40, Big Spring 39; Lake View 50, Andrews 46; Sweetwater 68, Fort Stockton 15.
Friday's games: Fort Stockton at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Sweetwater.

Tigers fall short of Indians again

SEMINOLE — On the hardwood, the Seminole Indians have the Tigers' number.

Snyder fell to the 3A state-ranked Indians for the third time this season Tuesday night, dropping a 70-65 decision to wrap up its non-district schedule with a 13-9 mark.

As in the last meeting, Snyder rallied late to knot the score, before Seminole pulled it out in the final minutes.

After trailing almost the entire contest, the Tigers pulled even at 59-59 with two minutes remaining. However, the Indians answered with an 11-6 run to close out the game.

"Our kids played hard all night," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "We battled back to tie the game in the fourth quarter, but then we struggled some on the defensive end in the last few minutes, and Seminole was able to make a run."

The Tigers got balanced scoring, with Jamaal Wofford hitting from the outside, and Sonny Cumbie and Jared Thornhill working inside.

Wofford poured in a team-high 16 points, with Cumbie adding 14, and Thornhill posting 13.

Snyder begins the defense of its District 5-4A title Friday when it hosts Fort Stockton at 7:30. The battle for district supremacy figures to come down to the Tigers and Panthers, who are considered the top two squads in the league.

Snyder	11	14	19	21	— 65
Seminole	17	14	17	22	— 70

Snyder
Wofford 5 5-7 16, Cumbie 3 8-10 14, McAnaw 3 0-0 7, Pinkerton 2 2-3 6, Hester 2 0-0 5, Thornhill 6 1-2 13, Kerr 0 2-2 2, Knirsch 1 0-0 2. **Totals 22 18-24 65.**
Seminole
Sheets 6 6-6 18, Ogden 6 1-2 13, Alaniz 5 2-2 12, Nichols 4 1-2 10, Espinoza 4 0-1 8, Ralech 3 0-0 6, Cavazos 1 0-0 3. **Totals 29 10-13 70.**
Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Wofford, McAnaw, Hester), Seminole 2 (Nichols, Cavazos). Total fouls: Snyder 17, Seminole 17. Fouled out — Pinkerton.

Ira registers two league wins against Westbrook

WESTBROOK — The Lady Bulldogs got a much-needed district win, and the Ira boys registered their 19th victory of the season during Tuesday night's visit to Westbrook.

The Lady Bulldogs held Westbrook to single digits in the first and last quarters to improve their league record to 1-1 with a 48-37 win.

The Ira boys got all the offense they needed in the first two periods, building a 21-point halftime lead, before cruising to a 73-53 victory. The Bulldogs improve to 19-2 overall, and 2-0 in district competition.

Action was tight throughout the girls' battle. Ira held a slim three-point lead at halftime, but outscored the Lady Wildcats, 26-18, in the second half to pull away.

Morgan Clements spurred the effort with 18 points, while Tara Allen added nine. Celeigh Sterling tallied eight points, with Jamie Goolsby dropping in seven. Michelle Nettles and Korby Calley finished with three points apiece.

In the boys' battle, Ira poured in 28 points in the second quarter to fuel its first half run.

Logan Daves rattled home a game-high 26 points, with Jerek Brown adding 15. Nathan Smith drained 10 points, and Richard Wilkins notched nine. Jose Juarez accounted for seven, and Bryce Wilkins chipped in two.

Both Ira squads will be in action again Friday when they visit Sands. Girls' action gets underway at 6:30, with the Bulldogs starting at 8 p.m.

Cards notch first district win

HERMLEIGH — Hermleigh boys' and girls' squads have matching district records of 1-1, but they took a different route to get their.

The Hermleigh boys responded from a district opening loss to knock off Blackwell, 70-55, Tuesday at Cardinal gym, while the Lady Cards fell to 1-1 with a 64-52 setback to the Lady Hornets.

For the Cardinals, their recipe for a victory was simple — get the ball to Joey Garza or Caleb Callaway.

Garza poured in 26 points and hauled down 10 rebounds, while Callaway finished with 21 points and 13 boards.

Hermleigh led from the opening tip, building a 37-28 advantage by halftime.

Billy Lambaren tallied 11 points for the Cards, with Andy Luna adding 10, and Jared Higgins posting two.

In the girls' match-up, Blackwell used a second-quarter spurt to distance itself from the Lady Cardinals. Leading by only a bucket after the first period, the Lady Hornets outscored Hermleigh, 19-11, over the next eight minutes to go on top, 33-23.

Crystal Jackson paced the Lady Cardinals with 16 points, while Randi Herrington dropped in 14. Brandy Wood and Samantha Smith tallied eight points apiece, with Sheena Callaway adding six more.

Both Hermleigh squads will be in action Friday when they visit Highland. The Lady Cardinals tip off at 6:30, with the boys to follow at 8 p.m.

OU shuts down Baylor, 76-43

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — No. 16 Oklahoma held Baylor to 13 first-half points while bombarding the Bears from long range and coasted to a 76-43 victory Tuesday night.

J.R. Raymond scored 20 and Eduardo Najera had 18 for the Sooners (14-1, 2-0 Big 12), who held Baylor to four field goals in the first half and 32 percent shooting for the game.

The Bears (9-4, 0-2) were held to the second-fewest points in a half in school history.

College Basketball Scores

MEN
EAST
Delaware 90, Drexel 77
Hofstra 84, Towson 70
Liberty 60, Boston U. 59
Miami 71, Seton Hall 63
Penn 80, Lafayette 76
Quinnipiac 96, Brown 95, OT
Siena 93, Rhode Island 72
Syracuse 76, West Virginia 63
SOUTH
Auburn 66, Kentucky 63
Radford 96, Concord 66
South Alabama 93, Norfolk St. 75
Tennessee Tech 131, Toccoa Falls 57
MIDWEST
Akron 62, Ohio 60
Dayton 76, Xavier 72
Michigan St. 77, Indiana 71, OT
Saint Louis 76, S. Illinois 64
UMKC 79, S. Utah 70
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 76, Baylor 43
FAR WEST
No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST.
WOMEN
EAST
Albany, N.Y. 72, Stony Brook 61
Fairfield 67, Marist 46
Maine 70, Rice 51
Niagara 97, Cornell 73
Quinnipiac 71, Cent. Connecticut St. 68
SOUTH
Austin Peay 79, Murray St. 73
Furman 90, Appalachian St. 69
W. Kentucky 75, Miami 68
Wofford 66, W. Carolina 51
MIDWEST
Nebraska 81, Kansas 69
Notre Dame 80, Seton Hall 52
Toledo 83, Bowling Green 63
SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
Cal Poly-SLO 69, Fresno St. 65

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	11	.667	—
New York	21	13	.618	1½
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	4
Orlando	16	19	.457	7
Boston	14	19	.424	8
New Jersey	14	20	.412	8½
Washington	12	23	.343	11
Central Division				
Indiana	22	11	.667	—
Milwaukee	20	15	.571	3
Detroit	18	15	.545	4
Charlotte	18	16	.529	4½
Toronto	18	16	.529	4½
Cleveland	15	19	.441	7½
Atlanta	12	21	.364	10
Chicago	5	27	.156	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	24	12	.667	—
Utah	22	11	.667	½
Minnesota	17	15	.531	5
Denver	17	16	.515	5½
Dallas	11	24	.314	12½
Houston	10	24	.294	13
Vancouver	10	24	.294	13
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	30	5	.857	—
Portland	26	8	.765	3½
Seattle	22	13	.629	8
Sacramento	20	12	.625	8½
Phoenix	19	14	.576	10
L.A. Clippers	10	23	.303	19
Golden State	6	28	.176	23½

Tuesday's Games
Washington 117, Toronto 89
New York 95, Chicago 88
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Seattle 101, Phoenix 88
Dallas 109, Golden State 102
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Cleveland at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
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Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

After sluggish season, Gailey fired in Dallas

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones considered asking coach Chan Gailey to make some changes to his offense.

Then Jones decided it would be better if he just changed coaches.

Jones fired Gailey on Tuesday, two days after his second season ended just like the first: with a blowout loss in the first round of the playoffs.

Gailey's undoing was an offensive philosophy that didn't get the most out of Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and other holdovers from teams that won Super Bowls following the 1992, '93 and '95 seasons.

"We had some success, but we didn't have the kind of success I thought we'd have," Jones said. "I thought a fresh approach, a change, doing something different for the Erik Williamses, the Emmitt Smiths, the Troy Aikmans, the Michael Irvins, just might be the ticket.

"They tried their hearts out to try to make it productive. We just aren't as productive offensively as we need to be, and we haven't been for the last two years."

Jones is likely to hire someone with ties to the system that did work in Dallas, the one installed by Norv Turner and continued by Ernie Zampese.

A possible front-runner, then, is Mike Martz, who worked for Turner with the Redskins, then used his knowledge to build a record-setting offense as St. Louis' offensive coordinator this season. He'll be a candidate for several of the other four NFL job openings, although no one can talk to him until the Rams' season ends.

Another option might be Gary Kubiak, Denver's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. If Jones goes to the college ranks, as he did when he hired Jimmy Johnson and Barry Switzer, Texas' Mack Brown or even Houston Nutt of Arkansas, Jones' alma mater, could get a look.

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Mugger makes high wire escape in N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP) — As if following a scriptwriter's cue, a mugger chased by police ran into an office building, jumped between two skyscrapers, stole a pizza deliverer's uniform and vanished out the front door.

Police sparked the stunning chase when they responded to a report of a street knife robbery in midtown just before noon Tuesday.

Officers chased the suspect six blocks, where he ran into an office building and jumped into an elevator. He arrived at the 19th floor a step ahead of police, who had to take another elevator.

Before police could reach the 19th floor, the mugger, who is believed to have committed seven other knifepoint robberies and a stabbing, darted through an office and jumped out the window.

Witnesses thought he had plummeted to his death. Instead, police say he dropped 35 feet and landed on a window air conditioner abutting the office building next door.

Police didn't immediately know that the suspect had landed unscathed and crawled through the window into the neighboring building. Then he darted into an elevator.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Aide shouldn't dispense drugs

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a certified nurses' aide who is employed at an alcohol- and drug-treatment facility. We have no doctors or nurses on staff.

Frequently, I have to deal with newly admitted patients who arrive with tons of medication. I am expected to dispense these drugs to our clients. However, I worry about my liability. If I refuse to hand out the drugs, I will be fired. If I administer medication, which I am neither qualified nor licensed to do, I could be sued if a problem develops.

I am not signing this letter because I fear retribution from my superiors. Nonetheless, I hope that you will print it to help other people in my predicament.

DEAR READER: And print it I have.

Your concerns are completely justified and I am amazed, even shocked, that your employers allow such a policy to exist. Although state regulations differ, I cannot imagine a statute that permits a CNA to administer prescription drugs without meticulous medical supervision. In fact, you may unknowingly be breaking the law, a position that leaves you vulnerable to both criminal and civil prosecution. In my view, an alcohol/drug-treatment facility should have — at the very least — a physician on staff or on call.

While, in an ideal world, a registered nurse ought to be dispensing your clients' medication, you do have options.

I assume that none of your clients arrive with medications that have not been prescribed by a physician. Therefore, you have every right to telephone their physicians, document (in writing) their orders, and administer the appropriate medicines with the doctors' approval. This is not an ideal situation, but at least it will partially take you off the hook.

More important, you must review your concerns with your supervisor or manager. If the patients are to be allowed to take their own medications, your responsibility ends. However, if this is not the case, an appropriate health-care professional should be hired and identified to provide this service.

Your loss of a job (if it comes to that) is a small price to pay for relieving you of legal disaster. If push comes to shove, request the services of an attorney — or complain to the state health department. You should not be placed in a compromising position; learn what your state laws are and take it from there. Let me know how this plays out.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What causes finger and toenails to look as though they are infected with fungus, such as thickening, a yellow hue and a foul smell?

DEAR READER: A fungus infection. You have described the classic look of a fungus-infected nail. To confirm the diagnosis, a doctor should order a fungus culture of the material under the nail. Then, assuming the results of the testing are positive, the doctor can order the appropriate antidote — commonly, Sporanox or Lamisil therapy.

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Today is the 12th day of 2000 and the 22nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1966, "Batman" premiered on the NBC television network. The show starred Adam West and Burt Ward.

On this day in 1970, Nigeria's civil war ended.

On this day in 1981, "Dynasty" premiered on the ABC television network.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edmund Burke (1729-1797), political writer-statesman; John Hancock (1737-1793), American Revolutionary leader; John Singer Sargent (1856-1924), painter; Jack London (1876-1916), writer; Tex Ritter (1907-1974), singer-songwriter; Joe Frazier (1944-), boxing great, is 56; Rush Limbaugh (1951-), talk-show host, is 49; Howard Stern (1954-), radio personality, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, the New York Jets defeated the Baltimore Colts 16-7 in the third game of the Super Bowl.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time." — E.B. White

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 6) and first quarter (Jan. 14).

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AT&T Corp s	54½	51	11-16	52⅝ + 1⅜
Albertsons	33	32⅜	32⅞	
Alltel	78⅛	77	7-16	78⅛ + 11-16
AmerOnline s	65	59	61	9-16—2 15-16
AndarkPtr	34⅛	33	7-16	33 7-16— ⅛
AtlRichfld	78	7-16	77	3-16 77 11-16—1 7-16
ATMOS Egy	19	13-16	19	11-16 19 11-16— ⅛
Aviall	8⅜	8⅛	8¼	— ¼
BP Amoco s	57⅛	56⅜	56	7-16—1 5-16
BakerHughes	23	5-16	22	11-16 22 13-16— ¾
Bank of Amer	49¼	46	46	9-16 + 7-16
BellAtl	57⅝	56⅛	57	3-16—195-256
BellSouth	44⅝	43	11-16	44½ + 1-16
Beth Steel	8	5-16	7	15-16 7 15-16— ⅜
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CBS Corp	62	5-16	60¼	61 —1 7-16
Caterpillar	51⅞	51⅛	51½	+ ¾
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Coastal	34⅛	33	5-16	33 7-16—11-16
CocaCola	61¾	60	11-16	61⅝ + 13-16
ColgatePal s	63	15-16	62	13-16 63 15-16
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GenElec	152⅞	150	11-16	152 + 3⅛
GenMills s	33	13-16	33	3-16 33⅝ + ¼
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GaPacGP s	50	49	3-16	49 15-16 + ⅛
GlobalMar	17		16⅛	16⅜ + 1-16
Goodrich	28		27⅞	27 15-16
Goodyear s	28	9-16	28	28½ + ⅜
GtAtlPac	27	13-16	27⅜	27 13-16 + 5-16
Halliburtn	40½	39	9-16	39 9-16—15-16
Hanson ADS	40		39⅞	39⅞—11-16
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HomeDepot s	62	1-16	60	13-16 61½— 1-16
HoneywellIntl	59½	59	1-16	59¼ + ⅜
IBM s	120	13-16	118¼	120¼ + 1⅝
IntlPaper	56½	55¼	56½	+ 11-16
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Kroger Co s	19	1-16	18¼	18 15-16 + ⅝
Lilton	51	1-16	50¼	50 11-16 + 11-16
LockheedM	20¾	20	20	11-16 + ¾
Lowes Cos	54	3-16	51¾	52¾ — ⅞
Lubys	10⅛		10	10 1-16 + 1-16
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Tandy s	47		45	7-16 45¾ — 1⅛
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Texaco	58	1-16	57¼	57 15-16 + 5-16
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TexasInst s	101	7-16	98	7-16 101 1-16 + 1 9-16
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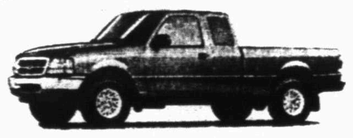
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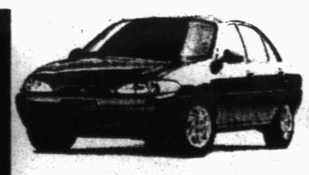


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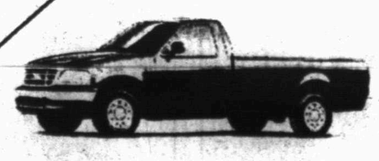
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By Greg Gruben, County Extension Agent

Transplanting native plants

Many desirable native or wild Texas plants are adaptable for the home landscape. The native are hardy to local weather conditions, local soils, and perhaps more tolerant of local garden insects and diseases.

Most natives are easy to grow, yet the task of successfully transplanting the desired native from the wild is often difficult and must be done with care.

The wet, cold days of winter are ideal times for transplanting plants, both native or cultivated species. Due to cold, the plants are dormant or in a state of rest, and will not suffer the shock of moving and the interruption of growth.

Special precautions must be taken when selecting native plants for transplanting. Even though these plants are hardy, it is often difficult for the homeowner to substitute the natural or native woodland environment which nature has provided.

The gardener must first ask if he or she can provide growing conditions similar to those in which the plant now thrives. If not, leave the plant to nature.

Before digging, the homeowner must decide which native plants will best fit his or her landscape needs. It would be unwise to select a native dogwood for a sunny location, since dogwood demands shade or overhead protection.

The planting area for the new plant should be well prepared prior to transplanting. Dig the planting hole both wider and deeper than the native plant's root system. Add woods loam, peat or humus or, preferably, the type of soil from which the native is taken. Have leaf mold and loam on hand to fill in or work around the new plant's rood system.

In choosing the native plant to transplant, do not attempt to transplant an overly large specimen. Small plants are usually more vigorous. They grow faster and are easier to handle. It may be necessary to tag the plants in the wild while in leaf of berry to be sure of a positive identification.

Young elms, void of foliage, often resemble native Redbud. Not all hollys will produce berries. In selecting yaupon, deciduous holly and American holly, choose the female plant with berries.

Particularly in the case of large specimens, it may be well to prune the root system of the selected native prior to digging. Prune the plant's lateral roots at least one growing season prior to complete transplanting. Making spade cuts around the plant helps it to adjust to shock prior to transplanting and develop a more intensive root system.

When transplanting, lift the plant with a ball of earth if possible. Wrap the ball with a moist burlap sack or similar material for easy transferring and to prevent disturbance of the root system.

Plant the native plant at its normal growth depth immediately after digging. Water well after planting, and mulch over the root areas with leaves, straw, or leaf mold.

Pruning transplanted plants is often difficult for the gardener, but usually is essential for viability. Cut back the upper branches and end shoots of limbs to compensate for loss of root area and to encourage new branching and foliage growth come spring. Some of the foliage should be stripped or removed from evergreen plants.

Some of the most desirable and abundant native plants that may be transplanted now include Dogwood, Redbud, River Birch, Sassafras, Cherry, Laurel, Native Oaks, Elms and Maples.

Regardless of your choice, be sure you transplant with caution and care, otherwise, leave it to nature.

Meeting set Friday

Concern for the erosion of our entire area's economy will bring together producers from Oklahoma, West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Low prices for almost all commodities have dealt a massive blow to the nation's multi-billion dollar agriculture industry and thus the economy.

Farm and trade policy will see major changes this year. Hearings will soon begin that will affect all, and they may take place with or without producers' input. New policies may be influenced by others who do not necessarily have producers' best interests at heart.

This meeting is designed to let numerous farm organizations and/or independent farmers and ranchers have personal input into new farm policies.

The time has come for the collective thoughts of area producers to be heard as they speak from the heart about the future of agriculture. Together we can make a difference.

The meeting will be held at the A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Boulevard West in Amarillo at 1 p.m. Friday. For additional information, contact Don Kimbrell, 806-984-1106.

Livestock health agreement may help horse enthusiasts

Tate Livestock Health officials in Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Mississippi have forged a reciprocal livestock health agreement, making it easier for horse enthusiasts to travel between and within these states with their equine.

On Jan. 1, the group ushered in an "Equine Passport" that is valid for six months and can be used in lieu of the certificate of veterinary inspection (health paper), good for only 30 to 45 days, depending on the state in which it is presented.

"We spent months working with the other states to develop the passport, so owners could easily travel with their animals to rodeos, trail rides, competition and events within the four states," said Dr. Beals, Texas state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "TAHC regulations prohibit the use of the Equine Passport for entry into pari-mutual race tracks. All other major shows and events welcome either the new document or a certificate of veterinary inspection.

"Private veterinary practitioners have been supportive of the passport, as it cuts down on filling out paperwork for their clients who are on the rodeo, trail ride or other event circuit," said Dr. Beals. "Owners who compete, ride or show frequently within the four participating states may find that the passport suits their needs perfectly. Now they can choose either a certificate of veterinary inspection or the passport, either of which will be acceptable. Anyone interested should talk with their private veterinary practitioner."

Dr. Beals explained that one advantage of the passport is the stepped-up surveillance for the insecure viral disease Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), or "Coggins." Equine traveling under a passport must have an EIA test run every six months, instead of every 12 months, which is the requirement for a certificate of veterinary inspection. "That will give greater assurance that the equine (horse, donkey, male, ass or zebra) hauled most frequently among the four states are free of the disease," said Dr. Beals. The EIA test paper, known as a VS10-11, must be carried with the passport document. The equine also must be individually identified with a permanent tattoo, brand or microchip-type implant.

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts, County Extension Agent

Consider food safety when reusing plastic and paper

In the spirit of "reuse or recycle," many of us feel good when we microwave leftovers in plastic margarine tubs we've saved and reused our plastic grocery bags as food-storage containers.

Both are ecologically sound practices, but are they safe food practices?

Not, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Here's what experts with USDA's Meat and Poultry Hotline have to say about these and other food packaging questions consumers often ask.

Q. Is it safe to microwave (heat) foods in margarine tubs or cottage cheese containers?

A. No. Cold food-storage containers are intended for those uses only. They have not been tested or approved for any other use, including cooking. Margarine tubs and cottage cheese containers are not heat stable and chemicals from the plastic may migrate into the food during heating, including microwave heating.

Q. What about the use of plastic and other packaging materials in the microwave oven?

A. Microwave foods in packaging materials only if the package directs, and then use only one time. Materials suitable for the microwave include oven bags, wax paper, plastic wrap. However, make sure the plastic wrap doesn't touch the food and don't reuse the wrap.

Q. Is it safe to use plastic grocery or trash bags for food storage?

A. This is not a recommended practice, especially for plastic trash bags. They generally aren't made of food-grade plastic and chemicals from them may leach into the food, especially raw food such as fresh produce.

Q. Is it safe to use paper grocery bags for cooking?

A. Again, USDA'S answer is no. Grocery bags are not intended or formulated for cooking foods. Levels of components, such as metal fragments, glue and chemicals may be present at higher-than-acceptable limits and can migrate into the food. These bags may not be sanitary, particularly since they're stored under a variety of conditions.

Q. What about packaging that accidentally gets cooked in a conventional oven, such as the giblet bag inside a turkey:

A. The giblet bag and absorbent pad that comes with it clearly are not intended to be cooked. However, if this happens and the packaging materials remain unaltered (that is, they don't melt or come apart), the giblets should not be used but the turkey surrounding is considered safe to eat. However, if the packaging materials have melted or changed shape in any way, experts with USDA'S Meat and Poultry Hotline recommend against using the turkey for food safety reasons.

For additional information on the safety of food packaging materials, call USDA'S Meat and Poultry Hotline toll-free at 1-800-535-4555.

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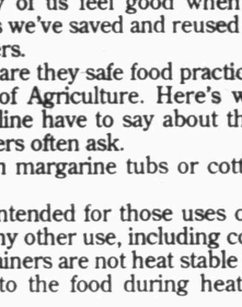
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RETIREMENT RECEPTION — A retirement reception in honor of Dan Cotton and Vesta Orr, hosted by Big Country Electric Cooperative, was held Tuesday afternoon at the Snyder Country Club. Cotton has been the cooperative's attorney for 32 years, and Orr is former general manager of Midwest Electric Cooperative. Jerry Terrell, former general manager at Stamford Electric Cooperative, also attended. Pictured are Jerry Stapp, Big Country general manager, Terrell, Orr and Cotton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Testimony begins in Dallas councilman's corruption trial

AMARILLO (AP) — The $1,000 payments that a taxicab company owner gave to Dallas City Councilman Al Lipscomb for 31/2 years swayed his votes, prosecutors contend.

Testimony began today in Lipscomb's federal corruption trial, the day after an all-white jury was seated.

A longtime civil rights leader, Lipscomb is immensely popular among Dallas' black community. A judge moved the trial to Amarillo in hopes the case would be heard by a jury without preconceptions.

Lipscomb is charged with 65 counts of bribery and conspiracy for accepting payments from taxicab owner Floyd Richards. Prosecutors say the payments directly affected the way Lipscomb cast his votes as a city councilman, thus defrauding the federal government.

Defense attorneys for Lipscomb said during opening statements Tuesday that the $36,000 in cash payments he accepted from Richards had no effect on the way he voted during his tenure in city government.

The payments began while Lipscomb was not serving on the city council and continued following his second election to the council in 1995. He still serves as a city councilman.

"I can accept money as a politician all day long," defense attorney Billy Ravkind said. "As long as I reserve the right to exercise my own independent judgment, I am not a crook."

Prosecutor Michael Uhl, however, said Lipscomb failed to disclose his relationship with Richards and the money he was receiving, part of which went to his re-election campaign. Lipscomb received cash payments, free taxi rides, cars and other benefits valued at about $100,000, prosecutors said.

Lipscomb voted against Richards' taxi companies before accepting a series of $1,000 cash payments, said Uhl. But he said Lipscomb's council votes on taxi issues changed after he began accepting the cash payments.

Once the payments were disclosed, Lipscomb recused himself from voting on issues involving Yellow Cab Co., but continued to lobby on the company's behalf, Uhl said.

Richards, who has agreed to testify against Lipscomb in exchange for a lighter sentence, knew he could benefit by having Lipscomb on his side, Uhl said.

"He started paying Mr. Lipscomb in January 1995 because he needed more help getting Yellow Cab accepted in the minority community," Uhl said. "He'll tell you that he expected out of those payments that Mr. Lipscomb would not vote against his issues."

Ravkind said Uhl's representation of the men's relationship is off-base.

"These men became precious, precious friends," he said. "The FBI couldn't find a smoking gun. Floyd Richards will tell you that the FBI told him that they didn't understand why a white man with a lot of money would give it to a black man with no strings attached."

Ravkind said Richards gave money to Lipscomb for the same reasons white businessmen have historically given money to black leaders.

"Civil rights leaders ... are basically politicians," he said.

Some of Lipscomb's supporters have expressed concern he will not receive a fair trial in Amarillo, where no black jurors were selected for his trial.

Lipscomb said he is just happy the jurors are all American.

Obituaries

Dean Simpson

1931-2000

A memorial service for Jesse Dean Simpson was set for 11 a.m. today in the Belvue Baptist Church in Hobbs, N.M. The Rev. Bruce Kirby was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Houston.

Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Simpson, 68, was found dead Saturday, Jan. 8, at his home near Lake Thomas. Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds said Mr. Simpson had died earlier in the week due to apparent natural causes.

Born June 11, 1931 in Fort Worth, Mr. Simpson was a retired truck driver. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include two sons, Carroll Simpson of Houston and Larry Simpson of Pasadena; four daughters, Beverly Powell of California, Theresa McSwain of Bryan and Elizabeth Smith and Kelly Espenosa, both of Louden, Tenn.; a brother, Jim Simpson of Diamond, Mo.; a sister, Lola Mae Tillitson of Tulsa; and 21 grandchildren.

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Flossie Ford

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DENVER CITY – Flossie May Byers Ford, the mother of Bobby Ford of Hermleigh, died Monday, Jan. 10, in Canterbury Villa Care Center.

Funeral service for Mrs. Ford, 81, is set for 10 a.m. Thursday in the Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Gene Benningfield officiating. Burial will follow in the Gaines County Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Roger Pool Funeral Home.

Born May 30, 1918 in Kiefer, Okla., she married Isaac Lean Ford in 1933. He died in 1983.

Mrs. Ford had lived in Denver City since 1938 and she was retired from Yoakum County Hospital and worked at St. Williams Catholic Church. She was a member of First Assembly of God.

She also was preceded in death by two daughters, Lovada Lean Ford and Dona Joan Franklin.

Survivors include two other sons, Bill Ford of Angleton and Gary Don Ford of Terrell; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Search still on for workplace shooter

MIAMI (AP) — Police were searching South Florida on Tuesday for a man believed to have fatally shot his boss and co-worker after being fired.

The family of Mario Betancourt issued a statement asking him to surrender.

"Your family loves you very much and we don't want anything bad to happen to you," said the statement, read by Hialeah Capt. Jerry Freeman.

Police said that Betancourt went to The Padding Store in Port St. Lucie Monday afternoon. After owner Richard Mashler fired him — Mashler's wife said Betancourt was suspected of stealing — Betancourt went to his van.

Formal acceptance of resignation set

Ira ISD board of trustees will formally act on the resignation of principal Rodney Schneider when they meet Thursday morning at 7:30.

Schneider has been named superintendent of the Whitharral ISD in Hockley County.

Trustees will also consider a one-year extension of Supt. Rick Howard's contract as they will meet in closed session to discuss the extension.

Howard's current contract expires in 2002.

In other matters, the board will hear the regular monthly reports from Howard, including financial statements, and consider budget amendments.

Court OKs some stops by police

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police sometimes at least can stop and question people because they ran at the sight of a police officer, the Supreme Court ruled today.

In a 5-4 decision, the justices said police had enough reason to stop a Chicago man who ran after spotting officers in an area known for narcotics trafficking.

"Nervous, evasive behavior is a pertinent factor in determining reasonable suspicion" to justify a stop, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court. "Headlong flight — wherever it occurs — is the consummate act of evasion."

"Allowing officers confronted with such flight to stop the fugitive and investigate further is quite consistent with the individual's right to go about his business or to stay put and remain silent in the face of police questioning," Rehnquist said.

In other decisions today, the court:

—Said Congress can protect motorists' privacy by barring states from selling the personal information on driver's licenses. The law does not violate states' rights, the justices said in a unanimous decision. The case involves South Carolina's challenge to the 1994 Driver's Privacy Protection Act, enacted in response to the 1989 killing of actress Rebecca Schaeffer by a stalker who got her address from drivers' license records.

Police recover stolen Honda

Snyder police recovered a stolen 1986 Honda Accord Tuesday after store employee Glen Holley noticed it parked behind Wal-Mart shortly before 8 a.m.

The vehicle, which belonged to Michelle Spencer, had been reported stolen Saturday night from the 900 block of 23rd Street.

In other activity Tuesday, Bob Fowler requested an officer at the former Cotton Minute Market in reference to someone breaking out the front glass of the building with a brick. A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

Daniel Allen reported the theft of a pink 20-inch Western Flyer bicycle at 8:35 p.m. from the 800 block of 26th Street. Officers filed a report for Class B theft.

Two persons were arrested Tuesday.

Department of Public Safety troopers arrested a 40-year-old female at 11:39 p.m. on CR 644 while investigating an accident.

An occupant of the vehicle had an outstanding capias warrant for failing to pay a fine after being ticketed for an improper turn.

Officers also arrested a 31-year-old male at 4:54 p.m. for failing to pay a fine for not wearing a seat belt. He was taken into custody in the 2800 block of Ave. N.

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Masonic Lodge

Scurry Masonic Lodge No. 706 will work in the E.A. Degree starting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. All Masons are invited.

WTSB anniversary

An open house to commemorate the 50th anniversary of West Texas State Bank will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the bank, 1901 26th Street.

Evening of praise

East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st Street, will present an Evening of Praise with Ken Young and Hallal Music at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Jeremiah People

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present Jeremiah People, America's premier Christian musical theatre group, at 7 p.m. Monday. The public is invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Second Coming," followed by "Getting to Know God's People and Praise."

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

WTC dance

The Western Texas College Intramural Department will host a fundraiser dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21, in the National Guard Armory. The dance will feature DJ Danny Gonzales of Post. Admission is $8 a couple and $5 for singles. WTC students with a valid college ID will be admitted free.

Ira yearbooks

Ira 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale through Wednesday, Jan. 26. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Each student will be photographed. Class group pictures also will be taken for grades K-12.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Jan. 31.

WTC driver education

Registration for driver education at Western Texas College continues for the Jan. 24 class. The class will end on Feb. 22 and the cost is $300. Call 573-8511, ext. 229 to reserve a spot in the class.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

7-1-4

(seven, one, four)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-13-14-25-38

(eight, thirteen, fourteen, twenty-five, thirty-eight)

Supporters formally decide to nominate Putin for leader

MOSCOW (AP) — Scores of top Russian politicians, business leaders and cultural figures formally nominated acting President Vladimir Putin as a presidential candidate today, throwing their support behind the man widely seen as a shoo-in.

The acting president now must formally state his consent and present half a million voter signatures by Feb. 13 to be registered for the race. His backers said they could easily meet that deadline.

"I think the signature-gathering procedure will take no longer than 10 days," said Chukotka regional governor Alexander Nazarov, who joined about 200 other Putin supporters in a Moscow hotel to announce the nomination.

The elite group included the president of the Russian republic of Tatarstan, Mintimer Shaimiyev, who recently defected from a rival camp led by former Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov.

Boris Yeltsin named Putin his preferred successor when he appointed him prime minister last summer, and cemented that preference by making Putin acting president after suddenly resigning Dec. 31.

Many Russians admire Putin for his perceived vigor and strong leadership, which contrast sharply with Yeltsin's frequent illnesses and absences from office during his second term. Many also support Putin for the military's campaign in breakaway Chechnya, though that war could yet backfire on Putin if the military gets bogged down.

Putin's potential opponents in the race include Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov; liberal economist and leader of the Yabloko party Grigory Yavlinsky; ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky; and an assortment of marginal players.

Primakov, Putin's most serious rival, is likely to abandon the race, according to an ally's remarks Tuesday.

Putin is a former KGB official.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Psychic's advice clouds picture for woman in fog

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, who is wonderful, is always trying to help me out, so she suggested I meet "Phyllis," her psychic. For $35, Phyllis told me about my present, my past and my future.

She told me that "Johnny," the man I've been involved with for the last five years, is my soulmate — and if I want him to propose, I will need to get spiritual cleansing. That means she and a few other people will meditate for six weeks on my behalf to disperse the dark cloud that is interrupting my life and relationship and causing me to fail in life. She says that's the reason life has been so difficult financially and personally, and things won't improve without a spiritual cleansing. The cost is $500.

I have been divorced for 16 years and I'm raising three kids on my own with no child support. I've been trying with no luck to convince Johnny to marry me, and I've been out of work for two months because of knee surgery. I'm beginning to think I'm never going to get what I want out of life. That's why I went to see Phyllis for answers.

Is this as silly as I suspect it is, Abby? Or do I need some professional counseling? Please help me decide. — GETTING NOWHERE IN OXNARD, CALIF.

DEAR GETTING NOWHERE: I'm pleased to help — and in doing so I can save you $499.67. I don't need a crystal ball to see that unless Phyllis is offering a double-your-money-back guarantee along with her spiritual cleansing, she's trying to take you to the cleaners. You don't need spiritual cleansing or professional counseling. You appear to be completely in touch with reality.

After five years, Johnny should know whether or not he wants to settle down with you. If he refuses to make a commitment, face it — you and he have very different goals. If it's marriage you want, he may not be your soulmate after all. That's not a black cloud over your head; that's life.

Your knee will heal, and you'll be back in the work force soon. If you can no longer work on your feet, you'll have to find something more sedentary.

Consider this: Life is a series of new beginnings, and new beginnings are positive. If you lack the faith to believe it, talk to some members of the clergy. Faith is their business.

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DEAR ABBY: Each year, I am grateful for the many blessings in my life, especially during the year-end holidays. However, I have one problem that plagues me every Christmas. Two female relatives criticize my food preparation, my decorating choices, my clothing, my appearance, my child-rearing practices and my choice of gifts.

Because tradition dictates that family be included in our Christmas celebrations, I feel I must include them each year. However, I would like to stop them from being critical. They are both from an older generation, and I don't want to appear disrespectful. How can I tell them next year without offending them? — FRUSTRATED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You can't — because hypercritical people are also usually hypersensitive when criticism is reflected back at them. I offer this bit of advice instead: Just because a jackass brays doesn't mean you have to listen. Tune them out.

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CONFIDENTIAL TO "THINKING OF BAILING": To quote Winston Churchill, "Never give in, never give in, never, never, never give in." You have invested too much of yourself, your time and your money to quit now. In two more years, you'll attain your goal and you won't be sorry.

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1999: One of driest years on record

By MICHELLE KOIDIN
Associated Press Writer

After another year of drought in Texas, farmer Rodney Ripple says he's just glad his wife, a school principal, has a job off the farm.

In 1999, Ripple grew half or less of the cotton he normally grows on his farm in Tom Green County in West Texas.

"When you've got a lack of rainfall and 100-degree-plus days, that's just pretty hot on the cotton plant," he said.

Last year was one of the driest on record in the state, the Texas Department of Agriculture said Tuesday.

Agency spokesman Allen Spelce said 36 Texas counties are eligible for disaster assistance because of drought declarations by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman. Another 58 counties have requested such declarations.

Rainfall totals in 1999 were below half of the annual average in several parts of the state.

South central Texas, which includes the Austin and San Antonio areas, received 15 inches of total rainfall, compared with a 34.48-inch annual average.

Rainfall in north central Texas, including the Dallas and Fort Worth areas, was 18.94 inches, compared with an annual average of 34 inches. The Edwards Plateau, including San Angelo, received 10.84 inches, which compares with an annual average of 24.01 inches.

Spelce said reservoirs are at a 22-year low.

"Some ranchers are hauling water and moving livestock to other pastures," he said. "Despite last week's rains, some 71 percent of Texas ranges and pastures are in poor to very poor condition."

The real problem, officials say, is that the dry year followed two of the worst droughts of the century, in 1996 and 1998.

"If this was a one-year situation, it wouldn't be all that unnatural, all that significant," said Jeff Ripley, county extension agent in Tom Green County. "But three of the five years have been really bad."

"All of our surface water that's used to water livestock is basically gone," he said. "They're having to be watered out of wells, and those wells are weakening as well. Crops have been a total disaster basically."

Hardest hit in the county was the wheat crop, and cotton was well below average, he said.

Texas Farm Bureau spokesman Gene Hall said $8.7 billion in farm relief from Congress in 1999 saved several farmers.

"If not for that assistance, a lot of Texas farmers wouldn't be around in the spring," said Hall.

Mike Jones, spokesman for Gov. George W. Bush, said state officials are watching the situation closely and are better prepared now because of the Texas Drought Preparedness Counsel, an organization made permanent this year by the Legislature.

The counsel, he said, will coordinate the efforts of several state agencies concerning the drought.

Report: Pilots urged to race storm

DALLAS (AP) — Just before an American Airlines jet crashed in a thunderstorm, a company dispatcher urged the crew to race the bad weather to their destination, The Dallas Morning News reported today.

The captain and 10 others were killed in the accident last June at Little Rock, Ark. The jet was given numerous warnings by the control tower that potentially dangerous weather was moving through the area.

According to records obtained by the newspaper, a dispatcher at the company's operations center in Fort Worth warned the pilots of thunderstorms approaching Little Rock and told them to try to beat the weather.

"I suggest expediting our arrival in order to beat the TRWS (thunderstorms) to LIT (Little Rock) if possible," the message said. It was followed by a request for the crew to acknowledge.

The dispatcher also told the pilots that thunderstorms were "on the left and right, and LIT is in the clear. Sort of like a bowling alley approach."

The MD-80 skidded off a runway with 145 people aboard on June 1, 1999. It hit a bank of runway lights, then crashed into a steel walkway near the Arkansas River. The plane broke apart and burst into flames.

First Officer Michael Origel, who survived with a broken leg, has told investigators the plane approached the airport through a break in the clouds. He said he saw the runway during the entire approach.

American Airlines officials said any decision to land falls to the captain, and crews are not penalized for diverting to other cities to avoid bad weather.

"The company flight manual prohibits flights from entering bad weather, except where known thunderstorm-free routes exist and are followed," airline spokesman John Hotard said. "The dispatcher was providing information that a thunderstorm-free route did exist."

Gregg Overman, a spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association, said union officials knew of the transcripts and did not think the message pressured the crew.

"You could interpret it as simply telling the crew they had a window of opportunity," he said.

The investigation has centered on Capt. Richard Buschmann's decision to land in rapidly worsening weather.

Investigators also are looking into the weather, crew fatigue and whether the pilots might have neglected to set the spoilers, panels that pop up to slow the plane down on landing.

Mother denied custody of son

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A judge said she ruled in the child's best interest when she awarded custody of a 3-year-old boy to a police officer rather than his mother, who admitted smothering her infant daughter in 1992.

Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Louise Scrivener said Tuesday the boy appears "stable, loved and loving," which she credited to Laura Blankman, the Montgomery County officer who has cared for Cornilous most of his life.

The case pitted supporters of Blankman, who is white, against those who contended a black child would fare better with a black biological parent who had turned her life around.

Scrivener also ruled Cornilous must spend one night a week with his mother, LaTrena Pixley, 26. But Pixley must continue with individual therapy and prove that she has food, electricity, a working phone and $50 in cash before each visit.

The ruling devastated Pixley, who is considering an appeal, said her attorney, Ralph E. Hall Jr.

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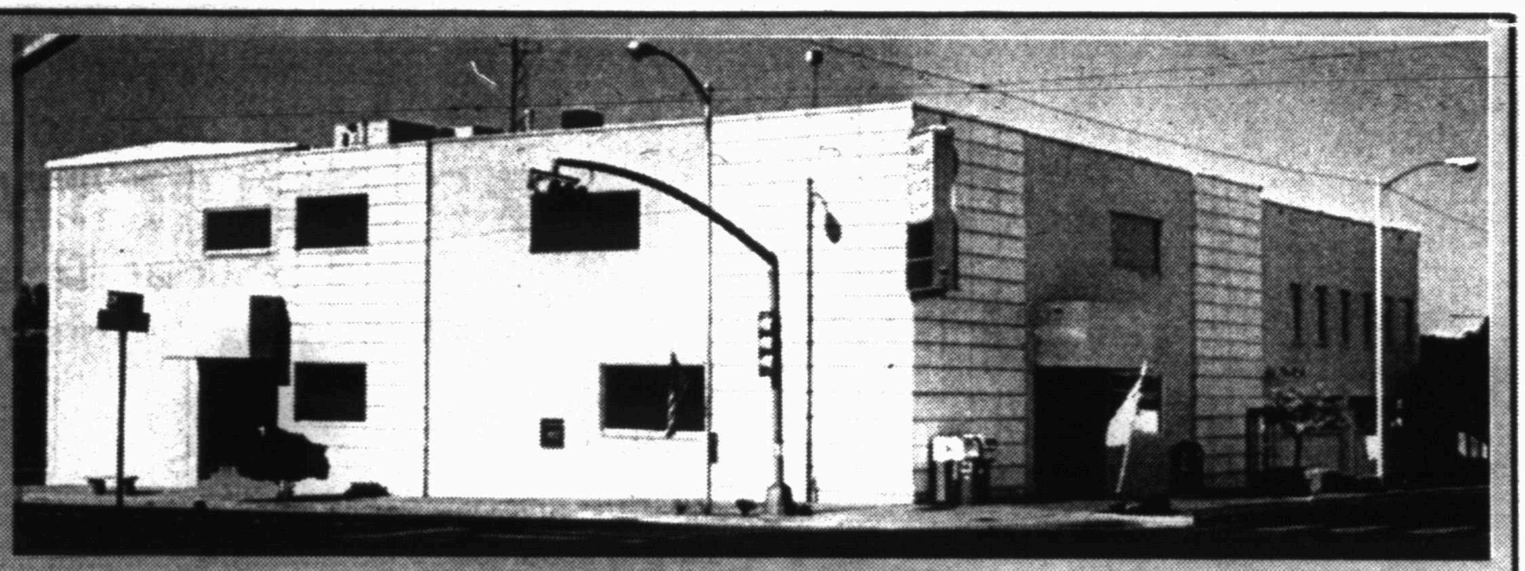
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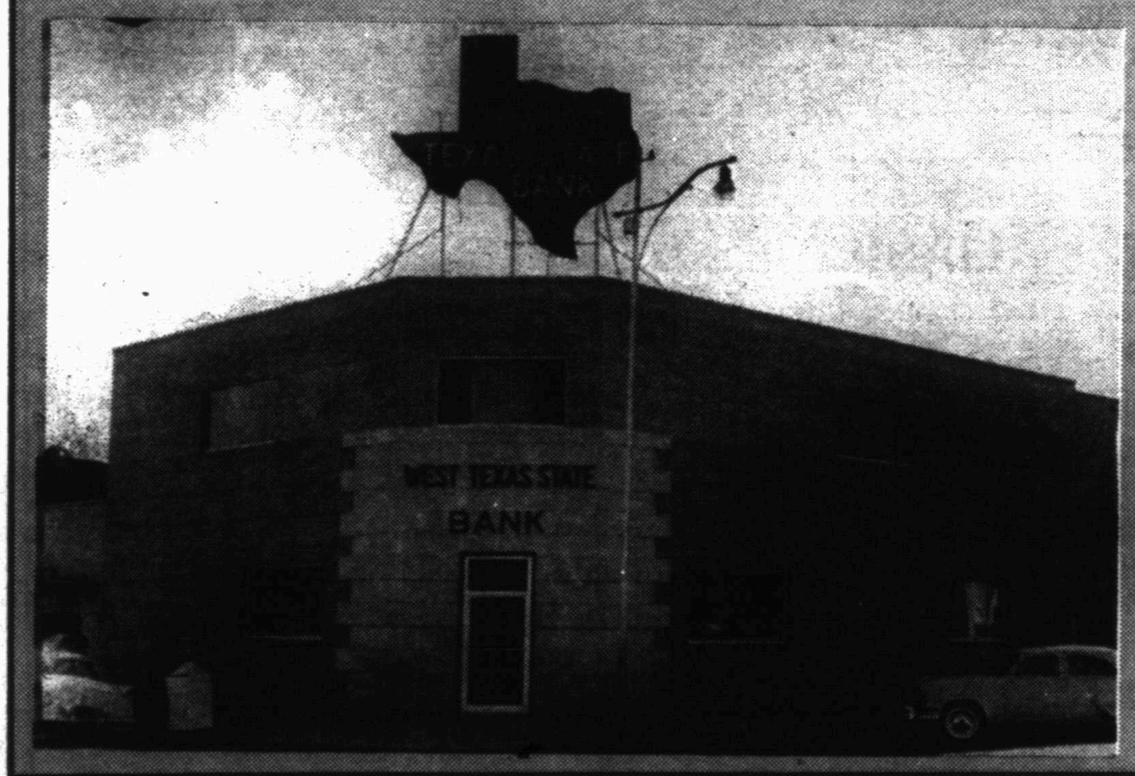
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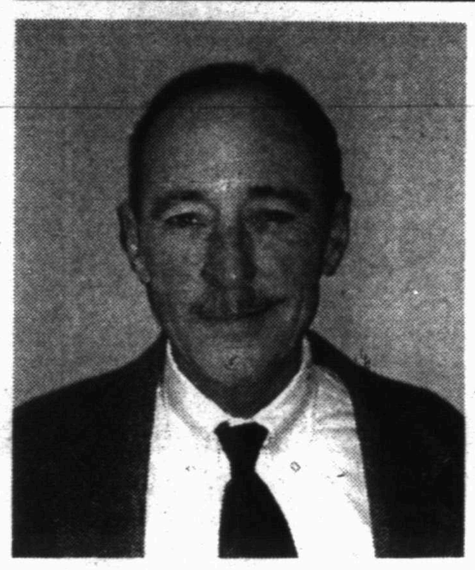
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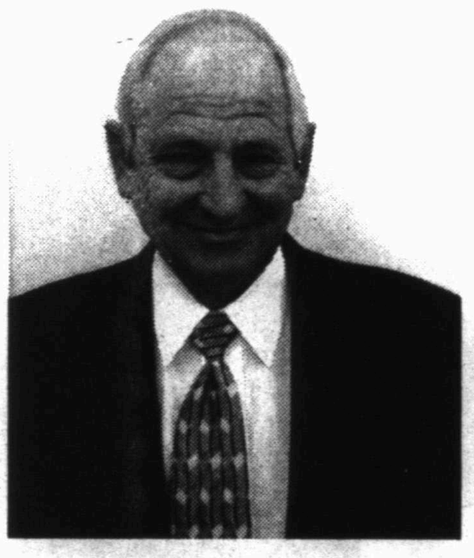
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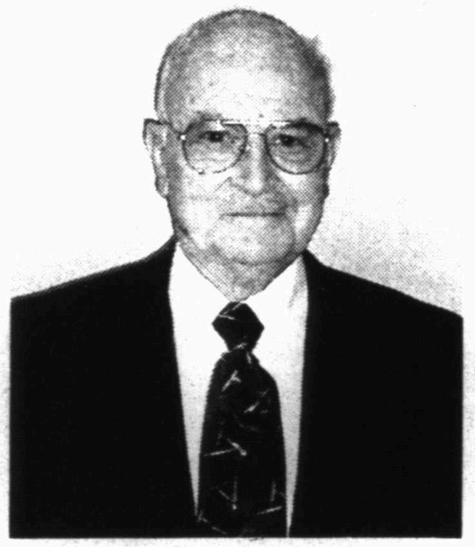
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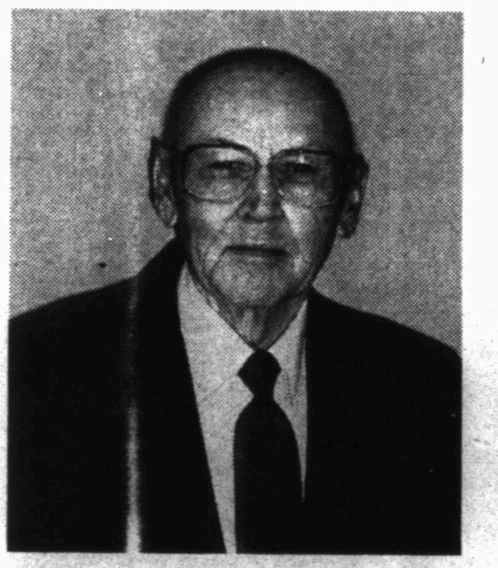
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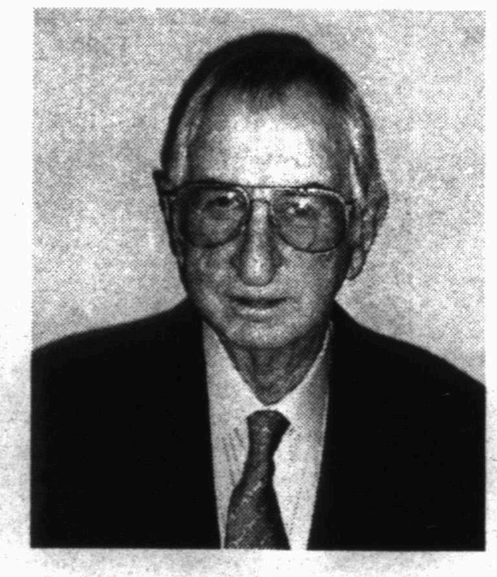
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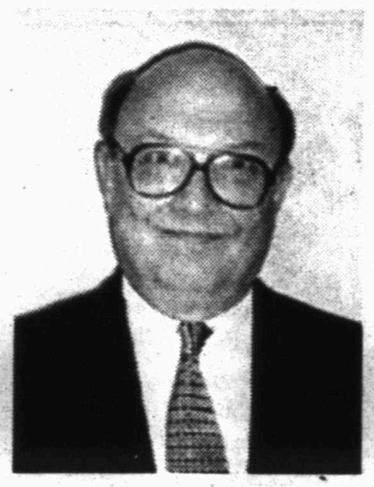
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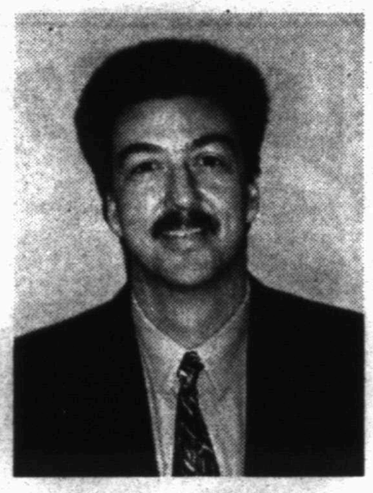
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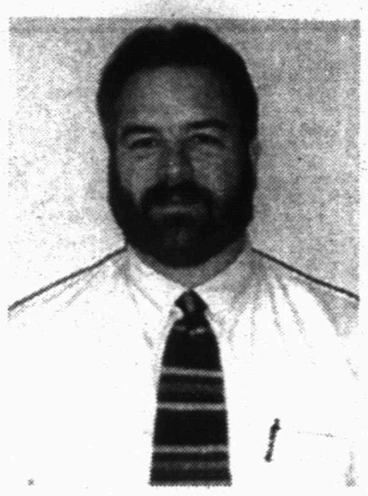
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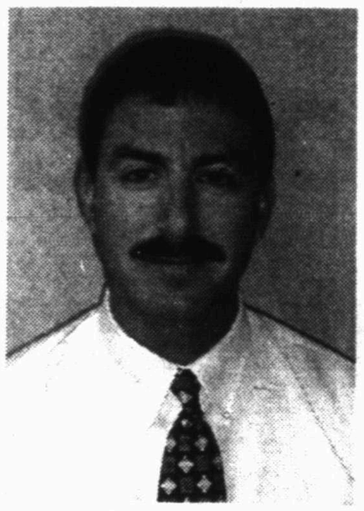
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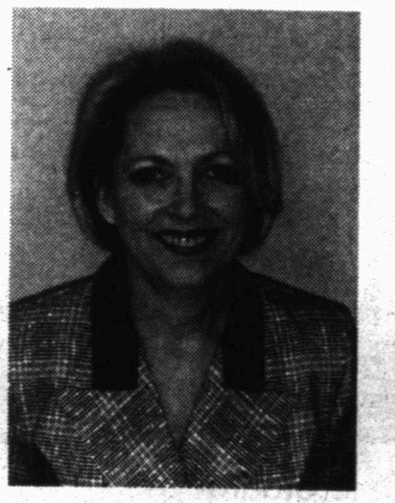
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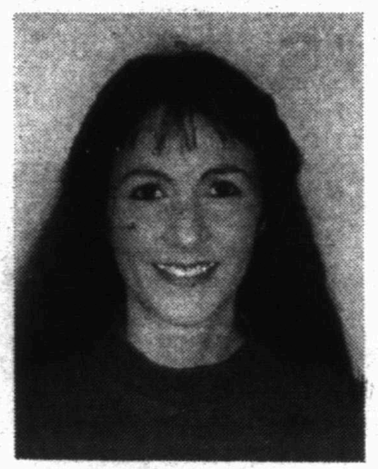
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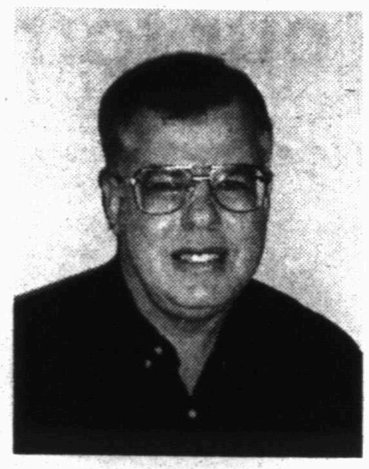
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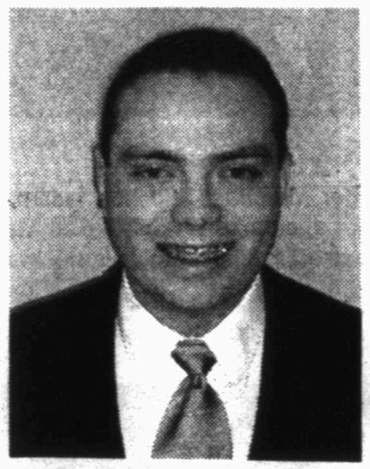
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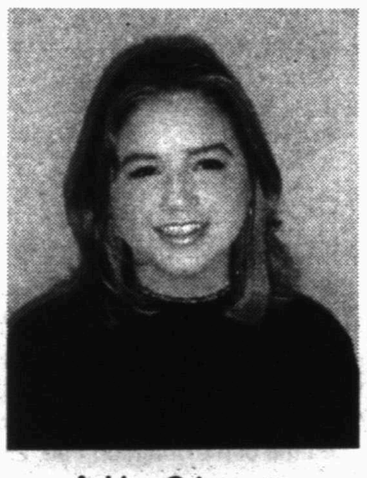
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Pat Brantley
Senior Vice President

Jana Eubank
Assistant Vice President

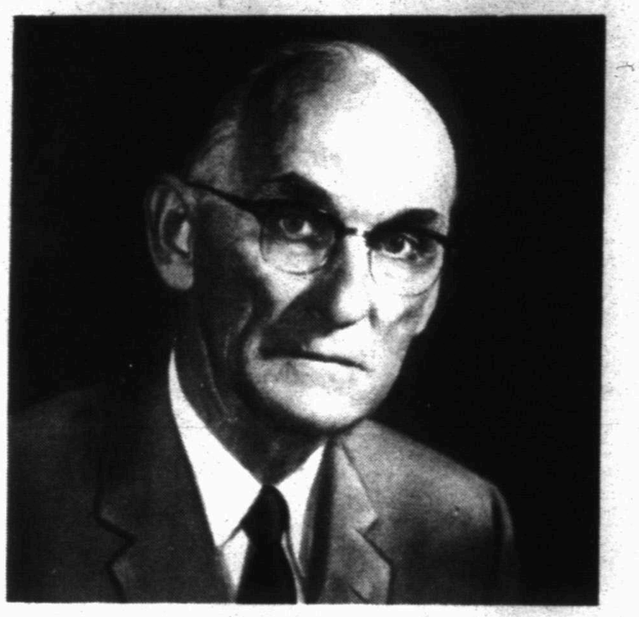
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Vice President

Curtis Skelton
Vice President

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Our Officers and Employees say,
"Thank you very much for banking with us."

A tribute to our former directors



H.H. Eiland

Horace Eiland was a founding director of WTSB. He served as chairman of the loan committee from 1953 until his retirement from the board in 1969. He was named vice president (in-active) in 1954. From 1957-59 he served as president of the bank. Mr. Eiland was a rancher and auto dealer.



Wayne Boren

Wayne Boren, an insurance man, was an original director and was named chairman of the board from 1950 until 1974. In 1974 he was named vice chairman of the board. In 1980, he was named honorary chairman of the board.



Hugh Taylor

Hugh Taylor, a Snyder merchant and businessman, was one of the charter directors of West Texas State Bank. He served as a director until he sold his stock and resigned in 1961.



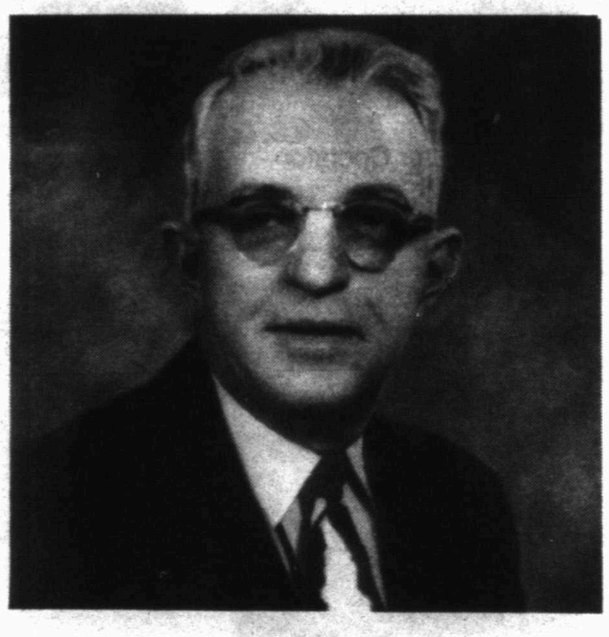
C.V. Thompson Sr.

C.V. Thompson Sr. served as a member of the board of directors from September of 1953 until his death in March of 1971. Mr. Thompson was a Scurry County rancher.



Nathan Wade

Nathan Wade, a rancher and farmer in Scurry County, joined the WTSB board in 1955. He served on the board until March 15, 1966 when he was fatally injured in an automobile accident.



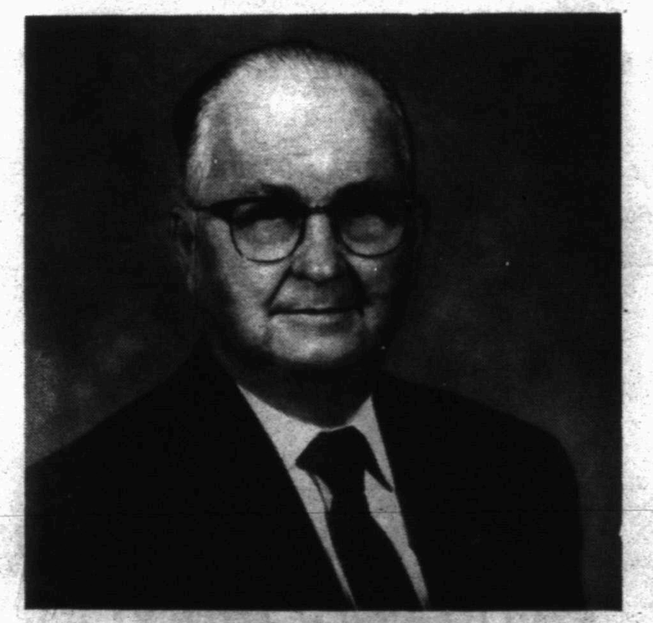
Dan Gibson

Dan Gibson, a cattleman, served as a member of the board from 1962 until the time of his death on Feb. 25, 1966.



Herman Doak

Herman Doak, Gulf Oil Distributor, was one of the original directors of West Texas State Bank. He served as director from 1950 until 1987.



H.W. Cargile

H.W. Cargile came to West Texas State Bank in 1950 and was serving as Senior Chairman of the Board at his death in 1999.



Charles Henderson

Charles Henderson served as a director of West Texas State Bank from 1979 until his death in 1992.

A tribute to our former directors

B.C. Drinkard
Banker, 1950-1956

M.H. McWhirter
Investor, 1950-1952

C.V. Thompson Jr.
Rancher, 1960-1962

George E. Parks
Rancher, 1950-1961

Raymond L. Tollett
Cosden Executive, 1952-1953

Bilby Wallace
Rancher, 1966-1970

Weldon Johnson
Rancher, 1950-1954

Wade Pipkin
Ford Dealer, 1953-1954

Carlton Chapman
Banker, 1979

Nolan Watson
Banker, 1950-1955

D.M. Cogdell Jr.
Ranching, 1954-1961

Holman Odom Jr.
Rancher, 1970-1986

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In 1949, oil exploration indicated things were about to change in Scurry County. Realizing the boom town potential, a group of business leaders decided a new financial institution was needed.

Application for a state bank charter was filed in April of 1949 and the charter was granted in September the same year. Organizing directors authorized the $16,000 purchase of a lot on the southwest corner of the square for the new bank – a location that still serves the institution that now has assets over $85 million.

After approval of the application, 1,000 shares were sold at $200 per share. Initial capital was $100,000 and $75,000 in reserves.

On Jan. 14, 1950 the West Texas State Bank opened its doors and the first business day was a Saturday. More than 2,000 persons visited the bank that day. Deposits kept coming until past 10 p.m. By the end of the first day, deposits were $1.5 million and increased to $2.3 million by the end of the first week.

Wayne Boren, an insurance man in Snyder, was named chairman of the board of the new bank and Nolan Watson was elected its president. Other officers were Horace H. Eiland, vice president; Hugh Taylor, vice president, H.W. Cargile, cashier; and Olian Vinson, Billy Lloyd and Billy Holman as assistant cashiers.

The first directors were Wayne Boren, Herman Doak, B.C. Drinkard, H.H. Eiland, Weldon Johnson, M.H. McWhirter, George E. Parks, Hugh Taylor and Nolan Watson.

Drinkard, a federal employee at the time, served on the bank board until March of 1956. He later became president of the Citizens Bank in Brownwood.

Horace Eiland, an auto dealer, served on the board until 1969. Eiland became chairman of the loan committee in 1953 and in 1954 he was named vice president (in-active). For three years, from 1957-59, Eiland served West Texas State Bank as president. In 1960 he became chairman of the executive committee.

After serving as chairman of the board from 1950, Boren became vice chairman of the board in 1974 and served in that capacity until 1980 when he was chosen honorary chairman of the board. Boren died in 1984.

George E. Parks, a rancher, served on the board until April of 1961 and Herman Doak, another original director, served until August of 1983 when he became an advisory director.

Hugh Taylor, a Snyder businessman, served on the board until 1961 when he sold his stock. Another charter director, rancher Weldon Johnson, sold his stock and resigned from the board in April of 1954.

M.H. McWhirter, an investor from Monahans, served on the board for two years. The other original director, bank president Nolan Watson, continued until his resignation at the end of 1955.

Following Watson's departure as president, H.H. Eiland took over the duties on an in-active basis for three years. During that time, H.W. Cargile, who had been added to the board in 1952, was named executive vice president.

Cargile became president in 1960 and was named chairman of the board in 1974. At the same time, an employee who had come up through the ranks, Martin Brooks, was named president.

Starting in 1950 and advancing to cashier in 1954, Brooks was later named a vice president and cashier in 1958. In 1960 Brooks was elected executive vice president and in 1974 he became president.

Bill C. Parker was named President and CEO in 1986. At that time Brooks was named Chairman and Cargile was named Senior Chairman. Cargile remained in that capacity until his death in 1999.

Other persons have served on the WTSB board over the years. They include Raymond L. Tollett, Cosden executive, from 1952-53; auto dealer Wade Pipkin from 1953-54; C.V. (Whit) Thompson Sr. from 1953-71; rancher D.M. Cogdell Jr. from 1954-61; rancher and farmer Nathan Wade from 1955-66; C.V. Thompson Jr. from 1960-62; rancher Dan Gibson from 1962-66; rancher Bilby Wallace from 1966-70; and Carlton Chapman in 1979.

A current director is Bill Eiland who joined the board in March of 1956. Eiland, son of H.H. Eiland, also serves as vice-president (in-active).

Other directors include R.C. Patton, who became a director in May of 1966. Dale Stuard became a director in December of 1969. Rancher Holman Odom was named to the board in 1970 and remained there until 1986.

John Greene, executive vice president, became a director in 1979. Vice president Charles Henderson also became a director in 1979 and remained in that capacity until his death in 1992.

Auto dealer Harold Denson became a director in 1980, and attorney Dan Cotton joined the board in 1983. Terry Martin was named to the board in 1996, and James Brown was named a director in 1999.

At the end of the first year of operation, WTSB had assets of $5.9 million and deposits of $5.6 million. Fifty years later the bank has total assets of $85 million and total deposits of $78 million.

From a 4,000 square foot beginning, WTSB has had numerous expansion projects, including adding a second floor in 1952. The landmark time and temperature sign was first posted in 1961.

In 1964, drive-in banking facilities were added, and those motor bank facilities were enlarged in 1971.

On June 13, 1996 the First National Bank of Rowena was purchased by WTSB and was renamed West Texas State Bank of Rowena.

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TOTAL DEPOSITS		TOTAL ASSETS
$millions	1950	$millions
5.6		5.9
	1955	
7.9		8.5
	1960	
6.7		7.4
	1965	
11.6		12.7
	1970	
15.3		17.1
	1975	
28.8		32.1
	1980	
48.0		55.0
	1985	
92.9		103.1
	1990	
84.4		92.7
	1995	
72.2		81.4
	1999	
78.0		85.2

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