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Ask Us

Q—Why do you have to get an application to vote early by mail? You don't have to fill out an application if you vote early in person.

Q—Any registered voter may vote early in person for any reason. However, those voting by mail must be either 65 or older, confined in jail, disabled, or expect to be absent from the county for the remainder of the early voting period and on election day. They must indicate their reason on the application.

Local

Class of 1982

Snyder High School Class of 1982 will have a committee planning meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. in the TU Electric Reddy Room.

Senior parents

Snyder High School parents of seniors will meet today at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria to plan graduation activities.

Genealogy

A genealogy meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the chamber of commerce building.

Jean Smith will be in charge of the program. Visitors are welcome.

Banquet

Tickets for Tuesday's chamber of commerce banquet are on sale at the chamber office, college, hospital, financial instuitutions and various businesses for $12.50 each.

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Lena Guerrero will be guest speaker for the 7 p.m. event.

Exes reunion

All Dark, Bookout and Dermott School exes are invited to a meeting Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Dermott School on the coliseum grounds.

Those attending will set a date and elect officers for a school reunion. For information, contact Dayton McCarter at 573-3093.

Early release

Tuesday will be an early release day for Snyder school students.

Students will be dismissed at 2 p.m. and buses will run regular routes.

Elementary teachers will meet on their newly assigned grade level campuses to discuss plans for next year. Junior high and high school teachers will meet on their respective campuses.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 78 degrees; low, 48 degrees; high Sunday, 69 degrees; low, 40 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 41 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 6.85 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 40s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Tuesday, becoming mostly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 7:02 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:32 p.m. Of 89 days in 1992, the sun has shone 81 days in Snyder.

Body discovered Sunday in cistern

Evidence points to Snyder man missing for 5 months

A body found in a cistern one mile off U.S. Highway 84 Sunday may be that of a Snyder businessman missing for almost five months.

Law enforcement personnel believe the body may be former Fast Oil Change owner Paul Edward Milford, who was reported missing Nov. 4.

"From the name Paul on the belt, a general match of the clothing he was wearing the last time he was seen and the approximate size of the body, we feel like this could be our missing person, Mr. Paul Milford," Snyder Police Lieutenant Steve Warren said.

The body was sent to the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas for an autopsy to determine identification and cause of death. Lt. Warren said the autopsy was to begin at 7 a.m. today. He was expecting a preliminary report early this afternoon.

The body was discovered about 1 p.m. by Snyder truck driver Paul Wilson, who was working near Fluvanna. He stopped at a vacant house on Farm Road 612 out of curiosity.

According to Sheriff's Deputy Kerry Fritz, Wilson went through the house and around the yard, "just looking around." Eventually, he looked into the cistern, where he discovered the body. He then drove back to Snyder and called the sheriff's department.

As the first rescue workers and law enforcement officers began to arrive, Lt. Warren photographed the scene. Three spent shotgun shells were found, one of which was obviously newer than the others.

Warren bagged the shells, on the doubtful chance that they may be evidence.

The tension was broken momentarily when County Judge Bob Doolittle, standing only a few yards from the cistern, suddenly gave out a yell and jumped back. He had almost stepped on a small rattlesnake, which was quickly disposed.

Rescue workers laid a ladder on the back of a firetruck and fastened a pully to one of the rungs for a makeshift hoist. Perry Westmoreland, Snyder EMS director, then climbed down a second ladder into the cistern.

Standing in murky water 3½ feet deep, he had the grim task of securing the body to ropes. A vehicle was then used to pull the main rope and slowly lift the body to the top of the cistern, 13 feet above.

About 30 people, mostly law enforcement officers, fire department personnel and volunteers and Snyder and Borden County EMS officials, aided in removing the body.

"Now, we wait and see what the autopsy shows," said Warren.

Milford was last seen on the evening of Nov. 2 at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

When he did not open his business the following Monday, a friend became concerned and called police.

An employee of Fast Oil Change, 43-year-old Arthur Lee Harding, left town on Nov. 4, ac-

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RESCUE OPERATIONS — Rescue personnel work to remove a body from a cistern behind a vacant house near Fluvanna Sunday. Pictured clockwise from left are Snyder EMS Director Perry Westmoreland, Police Lt. Steve Warren, volunteer fireman Garry Kubena, Robin Smauley and Borden County EMS official Freida Campbell. (SDN Staff Photo)

BODY DISCOVERED — A Snyder truck driver discovered a body in a cistern behind this vacant house, along Farm Road 612, one mile southwest of U.S. Highway 84. Police believe the body may be that of missing Snyder businessman Paul Milford. (SDN Staff Photo)

Perot names 'interim' running mate

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot today named retired Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale as his "interim" running mate in a maverick race for the White House.

Perot, the Dallas billionaire who is subject of a petition campaign for president, said Stockdale had agreed to serve as his vice presidential candidate until a permanent selection is made, which would be about the time of the major party conventions this summer.

"Until then, Admiral Stockdale has agreed to allow his name to be placed with mine on the petitions, so that volunteers can continue," Perot said in a statement.

More than 25 states require a president and vice president team on write-in petitions.

Stockdale led the first bomb attack on North Vietnam in 1964. He was shot down and captured a year later and spent the next 7½ years in solitary confinement.

Stockdale, 68, spent 37 years in the Navy and was the senior naval prisoner of war for eight years in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for an act of self-sacrifice to protect other prisoners of war. He holds 26 other combat decorations.

After retirement in 1979, he joined the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, where he is a senior research officer. He is the author of two books, including "In Love and War," which Stockdale co-wrote with his wife Sybil. The book was turned into a made-for-TV movie in 1987.

"Admiral Stockdale is an outstanding American patriot who has served his country in peace and in war," Perot said. "I very much appreciate his participation in this effort to let the American people be heard."

Stockdale was not immediately available for comment at his office in Stanford, Calif.

Perot last month told a national TV audience he would run for president if volunteers placed him on the ballots of all 50 states. A Draft Perot movement has sprung up since, involving hundreds of volunteers in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and organizers in every state.

More than 1 million calls have been fielded by volunteers at a 100-line phone bank Perot established in his office building March 12. Last week, Perot augmented the phone system by 1,200 lines through a marketing operation in Florida.

Perot, 61, has built his maverick run for the White House on a populist return-the-government-to-the-people theme.

Independent candidacies historically have fared poorly in presidential campaigns. A self-made billionaire has never run, however, and observers say Perot's bid could take advantage of voter resentment at incumbents and Washington insiders.

Perot made his fortune in the computer services business. In 1961, he founded Electronic Data Systems. He first became well known nationally for his work on behalf of U.S. prisoners of war in Vietnam.

Here, according to the Perot Petition Committee, are the states that require a running mate for a presidential candidate who is subject of a draft filing.

Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland.

Massachusetts, Minnesota,

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Democrats elect state delegates

Delegates attending the Scurry County Democratic Convention Saturday elected representatives to the state convention and considered numerous resolutions — including one in support of Snyder's proposal for a second prison unit.

Elected as Scurry County delegates to the state convention were Elizabeth Jenkins, Enid Turner, John Terrell, Janice Mitchell, Willard Gladson and County Chairman Hassie Sneed.

Named as alternates were E.J. McAnally, Cindy McAnally, Billy Haynes, Carol Haynes and Mrs. Willard Gladson.

The county convention approved a resolution in support of Snyder's efforts to secure a second prison in Scurry County.

Democrats also adopted a resolution in favor of a National Health Care plan. Also approved was a resolution to prohibit smoking in public places.

Democrats rejected two proposed resolutions. One was a proposal to allow for initiative and referendum. A second resolution rejected was in support of a state income tax.

WTC athletics topic for board workshop

Western Texas College's athletic program will be the focus of a board workshop this evening.

Dr. Harry Krenek, WTC president, said the "total athletic program," with an emphasis on future planning, is the reason for the 6 p.m. meeting.

"I think they (trustees) want to look at basketball, the rodeo program and golf, and perhaps some other sports they might want to consider, baseball being the most prominent one," Krenek said.

Whether to keep basketball and golf, a long debated topic for several years, may not be a question. The majority of trustees have already indicated their belief that those sports are important.

"I think everyone has realized a long time ago that our basketball programs have been having difficulty for several reasons," said Krenek. "For one, we've tried to limit the recruiting area. And I think we realize that our coaches have a disadvantage in that most other schools have assistants. Also, our recruiting/travel budget is considerably smaller than Midland, Howard, South Plains, Odessa — most of the colleges we compete with."

In order to compete we may have to make some adjustments in our program — if our goal is the regional tournament."

Western Texas' men have not qualified for regional play since 1984.

The board could consider putting more money into the basketball program, or changing to a non-scholarship program.

Krenek said that a study on baseball will also be reviewed at tonight's meeting.

County tables bids on mower for Pct. 4

Scurry County Commissioners this morning tabled bids on a mower for Precinct 4 and accepted a bid for seal coating rock for county roads.

Bids were received from two local companies for a 15-foot rotary, flex-wing mower for use in Precinct 4.

Key Brothers Implement submitted three bids, including a John Deere model 1518, at a cost of $8,641; a John Deere model 1508, at $8,441; and a Rhino brand mower at $6,554. All of these prices included trade-in of the precincts present mower.

Snyder Truck and Tractor submitted a bid of $6,885, with trade, on a Bush Hog brand mower.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Jerry Gannaway requested that the bids be tabled until he has a chance to compare the mowers. A bid will be accepted at the April 13 meeting.

The Tex-sand Company of Sweetwater was awarded the bid for approximately 8,000 tons of aggregate rock to be used for seal coating county roads in all four precincts. Cost to the county will be $4 per ton.

Commissioners voted to advertise for bids for hauling of seal coating rock to Scurry County from Sweetwater. Bids will be opened at 11 a.m. April 13.

Payment of bills and minutes from the March 16 meeting were also approved by the court.

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

Frustrated electorate hears Brown's message

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jerry Brown's furious assault on the "check-bouncing, midnight-pay raising, rip-off artists" of Washington has struck a nerve with an electorate whose long-running ire with politicians only got worse when the economy turned sour.

"They got a pay raise — you got a pink slip," Brown likes to tell blue-collar crowds, a line that fits in nicely with his basic theme — the few and greedy at the top have corrupted the system to lap up all the nation's wealth for themselves.

Connecticut voters overwhelmingly agreed with Brown's critique: more than 72 percent of those who voted in last week's primary — which Brown won by a narrow margin — said they thought his criticisms of the political system were accurate.

Because Americans have always had a somewhat dim view of politicians, analysts say the sorry economy may be much of the reason Brown's message has taken hold.

"It's grounded in economics more so than any mistrust of the political system," said Larry Hugick, a Gallup executive who has done polling on Americans' discontent.

The highest that Congress' approval rating has been over the past several decades is 40 percent, Hugick said. Now, it's about half that.

"The public's mood has depressed severely since this last recession," Hugick said. "People are worried about their future, worried about their jobs, worried about their children. It makes government a bigger target than ever before. People are looking for some way to vent that frustration."

The House bank scandal, last year's dead-of-night pay raise by the Senate and a general anti-incumbent mood has helped Brown, too.

In his flashy shelling of the status quo, Brown invites the disgruntled aboard his "We The People" campaign, which limits contributions to $100. He rails against a system of big-money interest, which he says allows only "fat cats" who contribute $1,000 campaign checks to have any influence with lawmakers.

"They're more interested in perks and the gravy train than solving America's troubles," Brown says.

This past week in New York, Brown has told the story of how Thomas Jefferson started the Democratic Party. Jefferson, the story goes, was on a botanical journey up the Hudson River when he decided that the Federalists back in Washington were creating an aristocracy for the privileged few.

The same kind of "oligarchy of greed" has gripped the establishment now, Brown says. When Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, he "didn't say we the big shots, we the $1,000-check writers, we the politicians ... It's 'we the people.'"

That feisty, take-it-back, outsider image is selling. It's also clear that Brown — former California governor and savvy fundraiser -isn't seeing his current message hampered by his past.

"I have anger toward politicians and the corporate elite," Dale Montez, a 22-year-old college student, said after hearing Brown speak Friday in Wisconsin.

"Someone has to stand up to it. Jerry's my man," he said.

But Atlanta pollster Claibourne Darden thinks much of Brown's support is drawn from what he calls the "drop-dead-Bill-Clinton-vote" rather than any appeal for Brown.

"You have to divide Jerry's support in two groups," Darden said, calling one a protest vote against the front-running Clinton. The second group is "the fringe, anti-social group. The ones who put eight stickers on their automobiles," Darden said.

Americans fed up with the economy just aren't voting this year, Darden said, noting the low turnout that's occurred in almost every primary.

"During a time of economic turmoil, people should come out to force a change. This time, they're just staying home," he said.

Authorities may destroy Ruby's gun

WASHINGTON (AP) — The gun Jack Ruby used to kill Lee Harvey Oswald, sold at auction last year by Ruby's brother, now sits in a police evidence locker after a man was arrested over the weekend for carrying it onto the grounds of the Capitol.

Capitol Police confirmed Sunday night the arrest of Robert Luongo, whom The Washington Post described as a representative of the $220,000 gun's owner. Luongo was quoted as saying he feared the .38-caliber Colt Cobra would wind up being destroyed — the common fate of all firearms seized in the District of Columbia.

Luongo, 37, of Ocean Ridge, Fla., was held in jail overnight after his arrest on Saturday, police said. He was released after posting bond Sunday.

Capitol Police spokesman Dan Nichols described the gun seized from Luongo as a Colt Cobra six-shot .38-caliber revolver with the serial number 2744-LW. The Post said that was the serial number on the gun Ruby used to shoot Oswald on Nov. 24, 1963, two days after the assassination of President Kennedy.

"He approached our officers and said he had an historical gun in a locked gun case in his possession," said Nichols, who added he could not confirm whether it was Ruby's gun. "The fact that the gun is historically significant is not relevant to our case," he said.

Nichols said it would be up to a judge to decide whether the gun would be destroyed. It was taken as evidence and is being stored in an evidence locker at Capitol Police headquarters, he said.

Luongo told the Post he meant no harm and that he considered the unloaded gun — bought at an auction in December — to be more a piece of history than a weapon.

He said he was in Washington to appear with the gun on cable television's "Larry King Live" program Friday night and had decided to do some sightseeing before heading home, the paper said.

Luongo contended that police knew he was carrying the gun in a locked brief case for nearly 30 minutes before he was arrested.

A man who answered the telephone Sunday night at Luongo's Florida home hung up on an Associated Press reporter.

The incident revealed the identity of the gun's owner, Anthony Pugliese of Florida, who had sought to preserve his anonymity, the Post said.

The paper quoted Capitol police as saying that Luongo was standing on the Capitol's east plaza Saturday afternoon when Foley entered the building. The officer told Luongo who Foley was, and Luongo reportedly said, "I bet he'd like to see the gun I have in my case."

The officer became concerned and asked to look in Luongo's case, the Post said, adding that police said the man was arrested immediately afterward and did not have a chance to speak to Foley.

The paper said Luongo disputed the police version of events, contending that he told police he was carrying Jack Ruby's gun before the officer pointed out Foley as the speaker entered the capitol.

Luongo contended he waited about a half hour until Foley left the Capitol and approached the speaker, introduced himself and after a brief conversation walked away without opening the case, the Post said. Luongo said he was arrested moments later.

Luongo was charged with a misdemeanor count of carrying a pistol without a license. He was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday in D.C. Superior Court.

The gun's ownership was in dispute for years, and Ruby's brother, Earl, sold it for $220,000 at a New York auction in December. Earl Ruby had said he intended to use the proceeds to pay back taxes and legal expenses of his brother, who died of cancer in 1967.

Alternative candidates must get signatures to get on ballot

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Petition drives, not the ballot box, will determine which alternative candidates are on the presidential ballot in Oklahoma this fall.

Under Oklahoma law, Ross Perot, Green Beret Lt. Col. Bo Gritz, and Andre Marrou, the Libertarian Party's presidential nominee, have to get 34,132 signatures to be placed on the state's ballot.

Oklahoma law requires them to get signatures equal to 3 percent of total votes cast in Oklahoma's last presidential election.

They have until July 15 to gather the necessary signatures and submit them to the state Election Board.

Former Nixon staffer Howard Phillips has an additional 11,434 signatures to get because his group is trying to form a political party.

Under state law governing formation of a political party, Phillips' supporters must get signatures equal to 5 percent of the total votes cast for the state office receiving the highest number of votes in the last general election.

In this case, they have to get 5 percent of the votes cast in the governor's race.

Phillips' supporters must submit the signatures to the state Election Board by June 1.

Supporters of Perot, the most well-known of the other presidential hopefuls, have launched a highly publicized petition initiative to include him on the ballots in a number of states, including Oklahoma.

Perot, who would run as an independent candidate, has said he will not get involved in the race unless he's on the ballot in every state.

Marrou was the Libertarian Party's vice presidential candidate four years ago.

Gritz's campaign literature says the Enid native is the most decorated Green Beret commander, with 62 citations for valor.

Gritz, now a Sandy Valley, Nev., resident, headed "Operation Lazarus" in 1983. The operation was aimed at establishing whether American servicemen still were being held in Southeast Asia.

In February of that year, his team of commandos was forced to flee Laos after coming under attack.

Phillips, who is now based in Vienna, Va., has been chairman of the Conservative Caucus since 1974. During the Nixon administration, he headed the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

Marrou, 53, is a former state legislator from Alaska. He said he hopes to appeal to those who believe that government at all levels has usurped control over the lives of individuals, in direct violation of the Constitution.

Ric and Lin Evans of Ponca City head Gritz's petition drive in Oklahoma. Paula J. Walters-Gorden of Broken Arrow filed notice of intent to organize the Taxpayers Union of Oklahoma.

Ms. Walters-Gorden says the move is intended to get Phillips on the ballot.

Pat Clancy of Tulsa is coordinating efforts in the Tulsa area to get Perot on the ballot. R.C. Sevier White of Norman is heading efforts to get Marrou on the state ballot.

Two horses have started in Breeder's Cup races four times, El Senor and Precisionist.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

March 31, 1992

You might become deeply involved in two very unique enterprises in the year ahead. They will deal with items with which you'll initially be unfamiliar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could be exposed to a career opportunity of a fleeting nature today. A rapid response on your behalf will be required, because the opportunity will exit the scene as quickly as it entered. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A friend who is separated from you in miles, but not in spirit, is eager to get in touch with you at this time. This individual could have some very interesting information for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This could be a very promising day for joint ventures. Something extraordinary might develop that will have advantages for both you and the other party involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There are indications you might enter into a partnership today with another for a unique and mysterious purpose. Your ally will be someone in whom you place considerable trust.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you use your resourcefulness and ingenuity today, there is a strong possibility you could generate income from a source other than your usual one. Once you get a good idea, act on it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This could be an exciting day for you romantically — if you are an unattached Virgo. You might be finally introduced to someone you've been eager to meet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Tasks you've been unable to complete could be finalized to your satisfaction today — if you make them priority projects.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your first ideas are likely to be your best ones today, especially where your social interests are concerned. If you follow initial inclinations, a good time is almost guaranteed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You are likely to have more luck today in endeavors that allow you flexibility than those which are tightly structured, especially if they are of a financial nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you come up with better concepts today, don't be reluctant to discard old, unproductive ideas. What you conceive could be quite ingenious, or, at the least, a big improvement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It looks like you will generate the types of returns you've been anticipating, but they might not come to you along the routes you envisioned. Who cares, as long as they arrive?

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone you've recently met appears destined to become a close friend. Each day, you'll find you two have more and more common interests.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter M. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 64-year-old female who has been trying to get rid of head lice for the past six months. My doctor gave me a prescription I used faithfully, the state department of health sent information I read thoroughly, yet the lice remain. My nerves are shot, I can't sleep, I've lost weight. Help!

DEAR READER: I'll bet you do get rid of the lice each time you take treatment — but you experience re-infection.

Lice are parasites that attach to hair shafts and cause severe itching when they feed. Although they don't live long off the body, they can survive on clothing and bed linen long enough to re-infect you (or someone else). Also, they are easily spread from one person to another.

To eradicate the lice, everyone in your family must be treated simultaneously with one of the anti-louse drugs, such as NIX or Kwell. Then you must dry-clean or launder all fabrics with which you and your family were in contact. This includes clothes, towels, bed linen, hats and scarves. Brushes and combs should be sterilized (boiled). The upholstery should be cleaned.

In other words, you want to eliminate all the places these tricky critters could hide. If you're thorough in your approach, I'm sure your lice problem will disappear.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My parotid gland swelled up a year ago and hasn't gone down since, even with medication. I've had a chest X-ray, blood workup and seen an ENT man. Since I work for a paper manufacturing plant with chemicals around constantly, could this be the cause for my discomfort?

DEAR READER: I suppose some chemical in your environment could have affected your parotid gland, one of the salivary glands in your cheeks. However, with all the federal regulations concerning safety in the workplace, I think this is implausible.

More likely, your parotid gland is swollen because of a blocked duct (causing saliva to buildup in the gland, instead of draining into the mouth) or a growth. For example, tumors of the parotid gland are painless, often malignant and should be removed. Of course, there are other causes of parotid swelling, such as infection, but these are the most common.

I'm surprised the ear, nose and throat specialist didn't recommend biopsy or a test called sialography (X-rays of the salivary duct to diagnose a stone). In my opinion, persisting parotid enlargement is cause for concern and should be thoroughly investigated. Ask your family doctor to refer you to a surgeon or for a second ENT opinion.

To provide further information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach To Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Dear Abby

'Homefront' Fans Are Happily Hooked to TV on Wednesdays

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for plugging "Homefront" on ABC-TV. I, too, am hooked on it, but we might not be seeing it much longer.

In Chicago, it was on only twice last month. Once, its time slot was filled with "Mobs and Mobsters." (What can ABC be thinking?) It's hard enough for a new show to make it these days without bouncing it all over the schedule.

Anyway, here's hoping we can watch "Homefront" for many years to come.

SHARON R. PORTERFIELD,
PARK RIDGE, ILL.

DEAR SHARON: You and I aren't the only ones who are hooked on "Homefront." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are also avid "Homefront" fans. We love it! The characters and story line are wonderful. We panic when it's pre-empted or moved around. We hope this terrific show stays on for a long, long time.

FAY AND MARK GRANTHAM,
BARTOW, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I — especially our 14-year-old daughter, Amber — are also hooked on "Homefront." This is the "quality television" for which people have been asking the networks for years.

M.J. NARKAWICZ,
ST. PETERS, MO.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been reading your column in the Desert Sun ever since you started more than 30 years ago, so when you recommended "Homefront" on television, we took your word for it and tuned in to find out what kind of show Abby could get "hooked" on.

Our married daughter and her husband were over for dinner that evening and they stayed to watch it with us. Now there are two more couples who are hooked on "Homefront."

LONGTIME ABBY FANS
IN PALM SPRINGS

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DEAR ABBY: I read in the San Francisco Chronicle that you are "hooked" on ABC's "Homefront." So am I. I love it.

I heard a "soap" expert on a radio talk show say that if people care about "Homefront," they'd better write to ABC because its contract has not been renewed yet, and it may not be.

I'm sure your plug helped, but another boost couldn't hurt.

LORETTA GOULD,
SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.

DEAR LORETTA: Thanks for alerting me. I was not aware that the situation was so crucial.

Readers, if you're as hooked on "Homefront" as I am, please write to: Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, Calif. 90067, and make your feelings known. The voice of the people is tremendously powerful.

And if you're not hooked yet, watch ABC-TV, Wednesday night, and you will be. Trust me. (10 p.m. Eastern and Pacific Standard Time; 9 p.m. Central and Mountain Standard Time).

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"How to Be Popular" is an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person. To order, send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

J.J. Key has completed the No. 7 Key in the Revilo field, four miles southeast of Fluvanna. The well was finaled to produce 30 barrels of 37.9 gravity oil and 110 barrels of water. Perforations were from 2,705-819 feet, and location is in Section 457, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kent County

John L. Cox has completed the No. 1-D Godfrey in the Michelle Kay field, 20 miles west of Girard. The well produced 80 barrels of 29 gravity oil and 13 barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 290-1 with perforations from 5,799-844 feet. Location is in W. F. Gilbert survey No. 2.

Garza County

Graham Royalty Ltd. will drill the No. 316-T-S North Huntley unit in the Huntley field, three miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,700 feet, drill site is in Section 1,214, J.R. Galbreath survey.

Howard County

J. McShane Inc. will drill the No. 1-T Clare Adams in the Brooking field, five miles north of Knott. Planned for a depth of 10,500 feet, drill site is in Section 37, Block 34, T3N, T&P survey.

Image Energy will drill the No. 1 Mallard, a 7,800-foot wildcat located three miles southwest of Vincent. Location is in Section 15, Block 25, H&TC survey.

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

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

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

Scurry County Genealogical Society; Chamber of Commerce building; Jean Smith program, "How to Write a Query;" visitors welcome; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Al-Anon; CADA office on the square, 2513 College Ave., 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christians Women Club prayer coffee; 9:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; CADA office on the square, 2513 College Ave. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

Clinton's biography will be published

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A pro-Bill Clinton book that defends the Arkansas governor against marital infidelity has been co-written by a Hillsboro man and should be in bookstores by April 10.

Jim Moore, whose past works include a book on the Kennedy assassination, has teamed with former Arkansas broadcaster Rick Ihde to write "Bill Clinton: A Young Man in a Hurry."

Moore said he hopes the unauthorized biography, published by The Summit Group of Fort Worth, will help voters make an informed choice in the presidential campaign. Moore grew up in Arkansas and worked for a Clinton gubernatorial campaign in the 1970s,

"I think anyone who wants to decide who to vote for can only judge Clinton on one thing, and that's his record," Moore said. "I think one can read the book and determine whether or not to vote for him."

He said he began writing the book with Ihde last October and the two finished last month.

"It seemed to me, looking at the field of candidates that he was most likely to get the nomination," Moore said. "I didn't know what was going to happen. I knew it would be a gamble."

The seven-chapter book details Clinton's life from his childhood through his marriage to Hillary. It also outlines his service as Arkansas' governor.

One chapter rebuts charges that Clinton had an affair with former acquaintance Gennifer Flowers. The book says Flowers' story had several inconsistencies.

"You recall that Gennifer Flowers mentioned that Bill Clinton had a favorite wine," the book says. "Knowing the candidate as you do, you sincerely doubt that part of Flowers' story, because you know that true to his word, Clinton just does not drink."

Moore's past works include "Conspiracy of One," which argues that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the 1963 JFK murder. He also wrote "Rampage: Mass Murder in Arkansas," which details a 1986 tragedy in which 14 people were killed.

Methadone deaths reported in Harris Co. surpass heroin

HOUSTON (AP) — Deaths attributed to methadone use have reached an all-time high in Harris County despite increased efforts by state and federal authorities to regulate its use, a published report says.

Fourteen deaths were caused by methadone, a synthetic substance used to treat heroin addiction, last year in Harris County, which includes Houston and its suburbs, the Houston Chronicle reported in a copyright story Sunday.

Eight other deaths were attributed to overdoses of heroin, morphine and other opiates, the newspaper reported.

Health officials blamed the jump on the synthetic drug's illegal sale.

"Obviously, we have to intensify our efforts," said Ken Davis, chief investigator of the Texas Department of Health's food and drug division, which regulates methadone clinics in the state. "We've got a problem that we need to take care of."

Critics of methadone say the statistics prove the substance is as deadly as the disease it's used to treat.

"If somebody were selling bad booze on the streets, everybody would be up in arms," said Al Dugan, a former chairman for the Cenikor drug treatment program in Houston. "The problem is that methadone is very dangerous and can be fatal almost before anybody realizes it."

Methadone, developed by the Germans during World War II as a substitute for the painkiller morphine, is now used in drug treatment to suppress heroin and morphine withdrawal symptoms.

Officials blamed the methadone deaths on illegal sales of the synthetic drug combined with increased difficulty in obtaining heroin. A key source of methadone appears to be dosages addicts take home from methadone clinics.

"They (addicts) are going to go for whatever is the easiest to obtain, and the cheapest," said John Moseman, head of drug diversion for the Houston office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Of the 20 methadone clinics operating in Houston, only two are non-profit. The rest are private, for-profit businesses.

The Texas Board of Health is currently considering tougher regulation of methadone. A public hearing on the changes is set for Tuesday in Austin.

Attempts Sunday to reach officials at five methadone clinics were unsuccessful because the clinics were closed.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♣ A K 3

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♣ Q 7 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

Two arrows in the quiver

By Phillip Alder

Even though you don't need to be a mathematician to play good bridge, it helps to know some percentages. When there are two lines of play available, it is useful to be able to calculate the approximate probabilities of success so that you can decide which line is better.

Cover the East-West cards in the diagram and plan the play in three no-trump. West leads the spade king and has no intention of switching suits.

When playing in no-trump, always start by counting your top tricks. Here there are eight: one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and three clubs. Where will the extra trick come from?

Clearly the heart suit can produce a third trick, but if you have to lose a trick in the process, the defenders will surely cash a fatal number of spades. You must get the ninth trick without losing the lead.

If either opponent has the singleton heart queen or the heart finesse works, you will get a third heart trick. Chance of success: a little over 50 percent.

The other possibility is a 3-3 club break: a 35.5 percent shot.

This suggests that taking the heart finesse is right. But on this hand it is possible to try both suits. After winning trick one or two with the spade ace, lead a heart to your ace and cash the club queen. Finally, play off dummy's A-K of clubs. Has the suit broken 3-3? If so, cross to hand in a red suit and cash the club seven for your contract. If not, try the heart finesse.

Combine your chances whenever you can.

Readers are invited to send card-play questions to Phillip Alder, in care of this newspaper. They can be answered only through the column.

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Researcher outlines new development in cancer study

HOUSTON (AP) — A new use for gene therapy that helps track the effectiveness of bone marrow transplants could be a first step toward curing some cancers, researchers say.

In the technique, bone marrow cells genetically "marked" for identification are transplanted, said Dr. Albert Deisseroth, who heads the research effort at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital.

"I want to convey the message that there is hope; there are new directions. We are opening new doors and eventually we'll be able to implement strategies to help people," Deisseroth said. "They may be less toxic, easier to endure and more effective. That's our goal."

He said the procedure could help make possible genetic manipulations to cure deadly cancers for which current treatments are relatively ineffective, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

"The progress being made may be faster where the diseases are invariably fatal," he said. "The balance sheet for the potential gain is clearer.

Scientists alter cells genetically either to distinguish them from other cells or to change their behavior.

Deisseroth has used the marking technique in a patient with chronic myelocytic leukemia, which causes an overproduction of white blood cells and ultimately is fatal. He plans to try the procedure on nine more patients.

His goal is to alter bone marrow cells so they are more resistant to the toxic effects of chemotherapy, a cancer treatment.

After 14 months of work on the processes, Deisseroth says he is applying for federal approval.

Researchers say the marking project is important because it could give doctors a way to evaluate bone marrow transplants using a patient's own marrow. In the procedure, called an autologous transplant, doctors reintroduce the patient's own bone marrow after eradicating the cancer.

Deisseroth said he marks the patients cells by introducing a gene that causes resistance to an antibiotic.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

March 30, 1992

Today is the 90th day of 1992 and the 11th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, the United States purchased Alaska from Russia for $7.2 million, the purchase referred to as "Seward's Folly."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Francisco de Goya (1746-1828), painter; Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890), painter; Frankie Laine (1913-), singer, is 79; Peter Marshall (1927-), TV game show host, is 65; John Astin (1930-), actor-director, is 62; Warren Beatty (1937-), actor-director, is 55; Eric Clapton (1945-), musician, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1889, John T. Reid unveiled the nation's first golf course, a converted New York cow pasture. It was named the St. Andrews Golf Club in honor of the famed Scottish links.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In a way, I'd rather ride down the street on a camel than give what is sometimes called an in-depth interview. I'd rather ride down the street on a camel nude. In a snowstorm. Backwards." — Warren Beatty

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1977, Hartford, Conn., set its all-time March high as the temperature soared to 87 degrees.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 25) and new moon (April 3).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

In an election year, all politicians are men of promise.

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Student received 9-week punishment over incident

DESOTO, Texas (AP) — The parents of a popular DeSoto senior are fighting school officials who had their son sent to an alternative school for nine weeks after beer was found in a truck he had driven to school.

Chris Nardiello was summoned to the principal's office at DeSoto High School two months ago. Drug- and alcohol-sniffing dogs had alerted authorities to three unopened beer bottles in his 21-year-old brother's pickup he had driven that day.

Principal Judy Moss sentenced Nardiello to nine weeks at an alternative school. He also was banned from the high school campus for much of his last semester.

Nardiello, who has served all but 10 days of his punishment, has maintained the beer wasn't his, but rules are rules, Ms. Moss said.

"I've been consistent," she said. "Alcohol, drugs and weapons carry one of two punishments — either alternative school or expulsion."

The boy's parents, Al and Pat Nardiello, immediately protested the punishment, saying their son's strong academic and athletic record should have been considered.

School administrators and the school board upheld Ms. Moss' decision, so Al Nardiello decided to take things into his own hands. He's running for the school board against incumbent Paul Proctor and three others.

"It's too late for Chris, but maybe I can prevent what happened to us from happening to another child or another family," he said. "We wanted fair punishment. To punish him the way they did was just shameful."

The controversy has spread from the school, where "Free Chris" buttons were printed, to the community, where 300 people signed a petition calling for a review of the punishment.

"We think he got wronged," said senior Kory Pippin. "They didn't even consider what kind of kid he was, and we think that's terrible."

Mandrell not responsible

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Country singer Barbara Mandrell and her husband were not liable for injuries suffered by a woman who fell on a stairway aboard the couple's yacht, a jury ruled.

Pamela Schneider, 27, of Tallahassee, slipped on a vinyl floor covering in 1986 while working as a crew member aboard the vessel.

The 72-foot yacht was chartered to a New York man at the time, but Schneider contended Mandrell and husband Kenneth Dudney, as owners, were responsible.

Dudney said Friday's verdict was "very much a relief."

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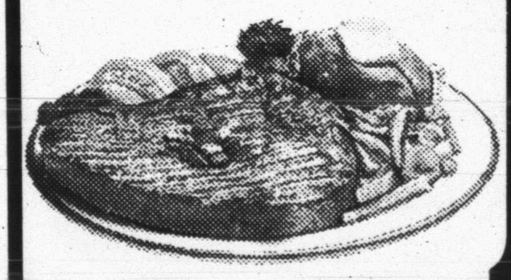
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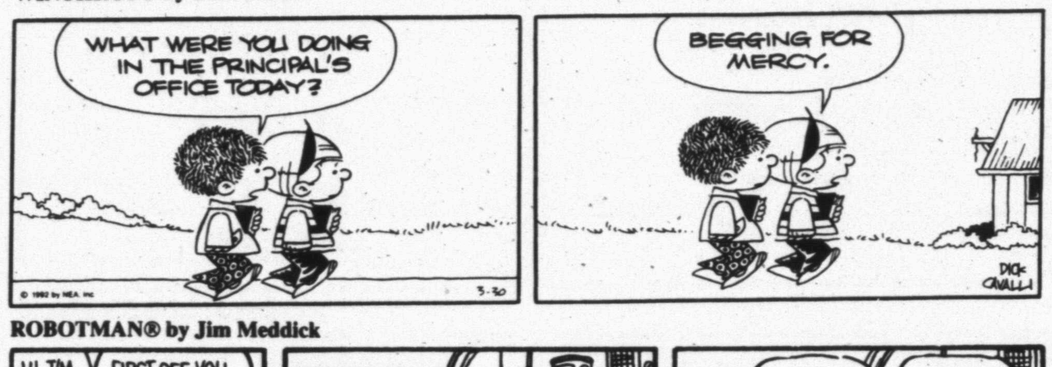

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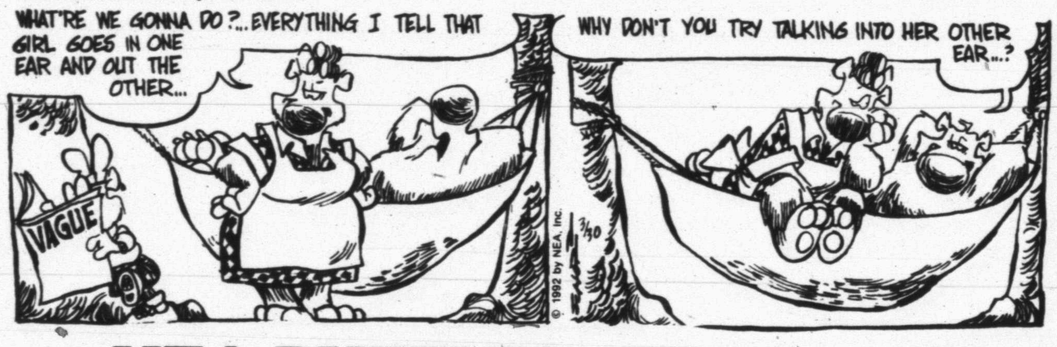

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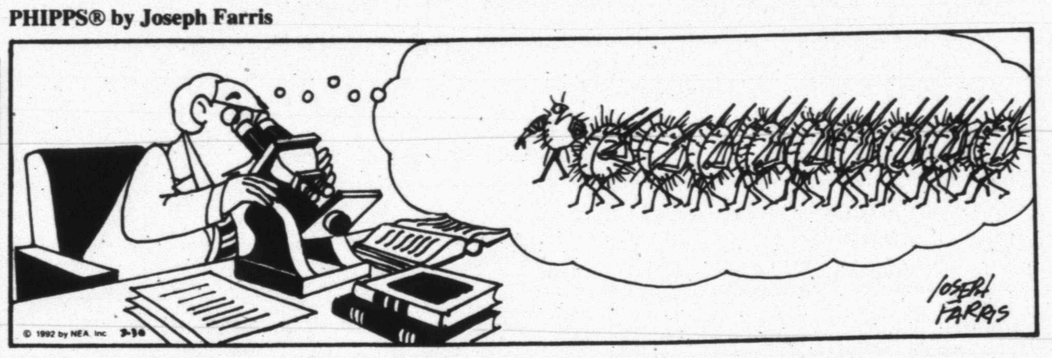

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6 Ski race
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12 Ungentlemanly men
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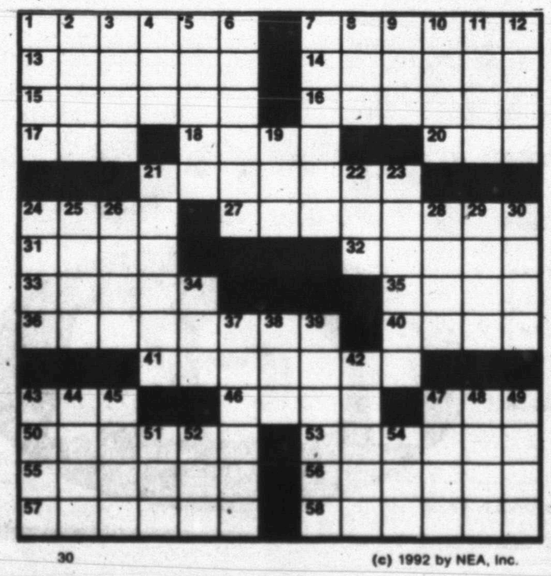

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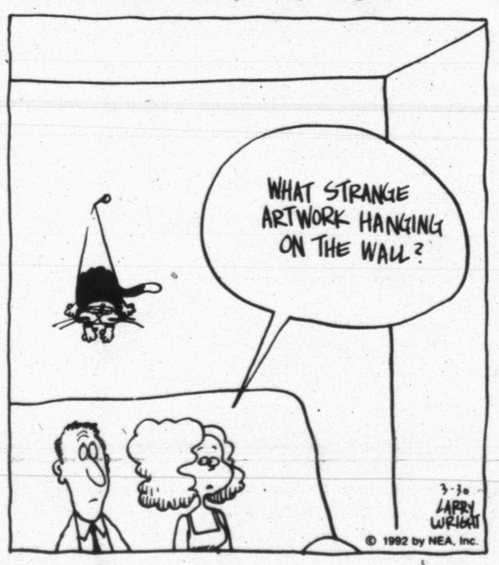

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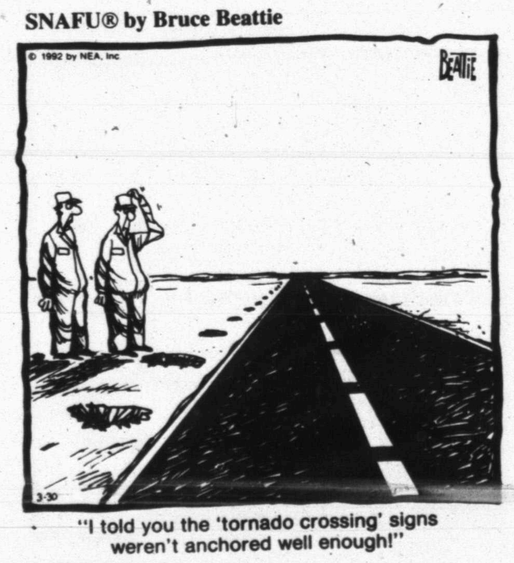

"I told you the 'tornado crossing' signs weren't anchored well enough!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MY DAD LIKES THE SUNSHINE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE TO *SHOVEL* IT."

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Lady Tigers claim 7th at Abilene meet

ABILENE — Snyder girls' track coach Patty Grimmett was very pleased with her squad's seventh-place finish at the weekend Abilene All-America City Track Classic.

"The kids did a real good job," said Grimmett. "We were running without a lot of kids because of the prom Saturday night.

"We didn't even run any of the relays."

"Plus," she added, "we had a lot of kids running in events they had never run before."

The Lady Tigers gathered 34 points at the meet, trailing Division II winner Abilene Wylie's 116, Breckenridge with 114, 92 points from Ft. Stockton, San Angelo Lake View with 49, Granbury's 44 and 43 from Andrews.

Individual standouts included Trina Thompson, who claimed first in the 100 meters with a 12.74 clocking and third in the 200 meter event with a time of 27.22, and Annie Ragland, who, for the third time this season, copped first place in the high jump, posting a 5-0 effort.

Thompson edged out Merkel's Hope Ward, a 12.82 sprinter in the 100, and finished just .83 of a second behind Ward's 26.39 winning time in the 200.

Sonya Pennington took sixth for the SHS girls in the 100 meters with a 13.67 time.

Others placing for the Lady Tigers included Vicki Green, a shot putter who registered a 33 6-1/4 heave for third, and Joellen King, whose 14 5-1/2 long jump was good for sixth position.

Snyder's girls will compete Saturday in the Levelland Invitational Track Meet, then will travel to Seminole for the April 11 Indian Relays.

The District 2-4A meet will be hosted by SHS April 17-18 at Tiger Stadium.

All-America City Track Classic
Abilene

Division II team standings: 1. Abilene Wylie 116; 2. Breckenridge 114; 3. Ft. Stockton 92; 4. San Angelo Lake View 49; 5. Granbury 44; 6. Andrews 43; 7. Snyder 34; 8. Merkel 25; 9. Sweetwater 22; 10. Brownwood 18.

Snyder competitors

High jump: 1. Annie Ragland, 5-0. **Shot put:** 3. Vicky Green, 33-61/4. **Long jump:** 6. Joellen King, 14-51/2. **100 meters:** 1. Trina Thompson, 12.74; 6. Sonya Pennington, 13.67. **200 meters:** 3. Trina Thompson, 27.22.

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All-Sports Banquet...

Coach honored at WTC fete

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

An emotional presentation to long-time women's basketball coach Kelly Chadwick highlighted the annual Western Texas College Booster Club All-Sports Banquet Saturday night.

Following special recognition to competitors on the college golf and basketball teams, men's cage coach Kelly Green stepped to the podium to honor Chadwick for his seven years in charge of the Lady Dusters.

Chadwick recently tendered his retirement from coaching, effective at the end of the current semester.

"The two of us share a special friendship," said Green, on the verge of tears. "Since I came here last year, I've been able to talk to him like I talk to my dad.

"The coaching field will miss a good man." Green's remarks were topped by a standing ovation.

The awards portion of the banquet opened with the presentation of the Western Texas golf team followed by Chadwick's awards to the Lady Dusters.

Stephenville freshman Cinthia French made three trips to the speaker's stand Saturday, picking up awards as team steal leader, assist leader and defensive MVP.

French led the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with 100 steals in the 1991-92 basketball season. She also finished with 57 assists.

Navasota sophomore La Shunta Jackson earned honors for top field goal percentage, rebounding and was the Dusters Most Valuable Player.

Jackson hit over 50 percent of her attempts from the floor in the just-completed campaign, to finish 10th in the WJCAC. She wound up eighth in the conference in rebounding with a team-best 186, or 6.9 per game.

Other awardees from the women's squad included Canyon sophomore Diane Mendez, who took home the free-throw shooting plaque for her 82.8 percent average, and Sherry Hoffpauir, who nailed over 40 percent of her three-pointers, to wind up tops on the team in that category.

"These girls have been very pleasant to work with, and they're an intelligent group," Chadwick said. "This group, in spite of us not winning the number of games we wanted to, is probably one of the nicest and smartest groups I've ever worked with."

Green honored Baton Rouge, La. sophomore Terrance Ross as the squad's defensive MVP, while Michael Crowe, a sophomore from Dallas, was tabbed the winner of the Inspirational Award for leadership.

Camden, Ark. freshman Jon Gaston was cited for earning All-WJCAC honors and freshman Todd Gray, of Columbus, Ohio, was named Most Improved.

When presenting Gray's plaque, Green talked of the cager's penchant for rap music.

"He's a member of a real elite fraternity," Green joked. "I Likea Rappa."

Cheerleaders were also presented, followed by closing statements from athletic director and golf coach Milton Ham.

"Not to be lecturing," he said, "but life is a journey. The friends you make at college, especially the ones you make on athletic teams, will never be forgotten.

"You'll never forget WTC," he concluded, "and we won't forget you either."

College basketball...

NCAA Final Four set

by The Associated Press

Knight vs. Krzyzewski. The Fab Five vs. the Five Who?

Next Saturday's Final Four games will feature a coaching clinic between Indiana's Bob Knight and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, and a mysterious matchup between Michigan's fabulous freshmen and Cincinnati's unheralded Bearcats.

Can Krzyzewski outsmart Knight, his former coach at Army and one-time boss at Indiana? Can Duke become the first repeat national champion in 19 years, or can Indiana give Knight his fourth title, tying him with Adolph Rupp for second on the all-time list?

Will Michigan's talented teenagers bring the Wolverines their second championship in four years? Or will Cincinnati bring back memories of its glory years and become only the fourth school to capture three NCAA titles?

Those and other questions will be answered in Saturday's semifinals and next Monday's championship game at the Metrodome in Minneapolis. No. 15 Michigan (24-8) will play No. 12 Cincinnati (29-4) in the first semi, followed by a collision between top-ranked Duke (32-2) and No. 5 Indiana (27-6).

Michigan and Cincinnati gained the final two spots in the Final Four by beating conference rivals Sunday.

Herb Jones and Nick Van Exel helped Cincinnati beat Great Midwest Conference foe Memphis State for the fourth time this season, 88-57 in the Midwest Regional final. The rout, Memphis State's worst defeat since 1981, sent the Bearcats to their first Final Four since 1963.

Chris Webber had 23 points and 11 rebounds as Michigan avenged two earlier losses to Big Ten champion Ohio State with a 75-71 overtime victory in the Southeast title game.

Webber sent the game into overtime with a rebound basket that tied it at 63 with 31 seconds left. The Wolverines then dominated the extra period, outscoring Ohio State 12-4 over the first 41/2 minutes before the third-ranked Buckeyes scored two meaningless baskets at the end.

Michigan coach Steve Fisher, who has tried to downplay the hoopla over his young team, helped cut down the nets.

"Everybody kept telling me (that we could go to the Final Four), but I was skeptical," he said. "I believe now."

It was the second regional final to go into overtime, the first time that's happened in NCAA tournament history. Duke beat Kentucky 104-103 Saturday on Christian Laettner's buzzer-beater in overtime.

Jones had 23 points and 13 rebounds, and Van Exel added 22 points as Cincinnati continued its mastery of Memphis State.

"I'm kind of numb. I don't really know what to say," Bearcats coach Bob Huggins said. "We don't have egos and people who worry about statistics. We've just got guys who want to win."

The Bearcats dominated on Sunday, holding Memphis State to 36 percent shooting while hitting 60 percent of their own shots.

"They execute and they do things they have to do. What else can I say?" Memphis State coach Larry Finch said. "They've done it convincingly each time."

Tigers star Anfernee Hardaway was held to 12 points on 4-of-9 shooting. He picked up three first-half fouls and fouled out with 5:28 left in the game.

Michigan freshman Jalen Rose scored six of his 20 points in overtime, including two free throws with 32.4 seconds remaining to clinch the victory over Ohio State.

Ohio State's leading scorer, Jim Jackson, scored 20 points but also hurt the Buckeyes with nine turnovers.

"They grew up," Jackson said of the Fab Five. "We looked like the team that hadn't been there before."

NCAA glance

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EAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 28
At The Spectrum
Philadelphia
Duke 104, Kentucky 103, OT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 29
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Michigan 75, Ohio State 71, OT

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 29
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Cincinnati 88, Memphis State 57

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 28
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.
Indiana 106, UCLA 79

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Metrodome
Minneapolis
Semifinals
Saturday, April 4
Michigan (24-8) vs. Cincinnati (29-4), 5:42 p.m.
Duke (32-2) vs. Indiana (27-6), 30 minutes after

Championship
Monday, April 6
Michigan-Cincinnati winner vs. Duke-Indiana winner, 9:22 p.m.

Little League slates registration

Signups for Snyder Little League baseball will be held today through Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the TU Electric Reddy Room at 2301 Ave. R.

Eligible players must be 8 years old but not 13 years old by July 31.

The $20 registration fee includes insurance, cap and a team picture.

Players need to bring a parent and a birth certificate when signing up.

Teenage League signups begin

Registration begins today and runs through Wednesday for Snyder Texas Teenage League Baseball.

Signups will be held at AJ's Silkscreens from 5 to 7 p.m. all three days.

Cost to play is $40 per player. Players must bring a birth certificate and a parent to register.

Players must be 13 but not over 15 as of Aug. 1.

Love's record-tying 273 good for crown

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) — First, Davis Love III got mad. Then he got even.

And by getting even with some gamblers in the gallery, he got ahead in the golf tournament and went on to the biggest triumph of his career, a four-shot victory in the prestigious Players Championship.

"It's difficult to think of everything this means," Love said Sunday after he had turned back late bids by Nick Faldo and Phil Blackmar with a couple of magnificent shots down the stretch.

To start with, there's the $324,000 first prize, which boosted his season's earnings to $585,465.

Then there's a spot in the year-ending, non-aligned, $2.5 million World Championship, along with the World Series of Golf and the Tournament of Champions.

And a 10-year exemption from qualfying in PGA Tour events.

Perhaps most importantly, it's recognition from his peers and a major advancement in his career.

"Davis has been a good player for a long time," said veteran Tom Watson, one of four tied for second.

"He just wasn't able to step up to that next level. Winning this elevates him to that level."

Love's march to that higher level was triggered by an incident on the par-3 eighth hole, where he missed the green far to the right.

When he went into the trees and trash to play his second shot, he overheard some spectators talking.

"Some guys in the gallery were betting 3-1 and 5-1 that I wouldn't get it up and down," Love said. "I tried not to let it bother me, but I just got mad. I just decided I was going to chip it in on them."

He did, then walked over to the astounded bettors and said: "I hope you lost on that."

The birdie put him in front for the first time.

Love secured his fourth career victory with a closing 5-under-par 67, the best round of the day, and a 273 total, matching the tournament record on the TPC at Sawgrass.

Faldo, the English ace who scored consecutive Masters victories in 1989-90, shot 74 and tied for second at 277 with Blackmar, Watson and British Open champion Ian Baker-Finch of Australia.

Exhibition baseball

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Mets 4, Houston 0
Texas 7, Chicago White Sox 1
San Diego 3, Oakland 2
Chicago Cubs (ss) 5, San Francisco 2
Milwaukee (ss) 4, Chicago Cubs (ss) 3
California 13, Cleveland 3

Sunday's Games

Houston 2, Atlanta 0
Montreal 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 11 innings
Detroit 9, Minnesota 6
Boston 6, Philadelphia 3
Baltimore 11, Toronto 7
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Mets 8, Los Angeles 6, 10 innings
Texas 4, Pittsburgh 2

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-New York	46	25	.648	—
Boston	42	30	.583	4½
Miami	34	38	.472	12½
New Jersey	31	39	.443	14½
Philadelphia	31	41	.431	15½
Washington	23	49	.319	23½
Orlando	17	54	.239	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Chicago	58	13	.817	—
x-Cleveland	48	22	.686	9½
Detroit	42	30	.583	16½
Atlanta	35	37	.486	23½
Indiana	35	38	.479	24
Milwaukee	30	41	.423	28
Charlotte	28	42	.400	29½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	46	24	.657	—
San Antonio	42	29	.592	4½
Houston	37	35	.514	10
Denver	23	49	.319	24
Dallas	18	54	.250	29
Minnesota	11	60	.155	35½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Portland	51	21	.708	—
Golden State	47	23	.671	3
Phoenix	47	25	.653	4
Seattle	40	32	.556	11
LA Clippers	39	32	.549	11½
LA Lakers	38	32	.543	12
Sacramento	24	48	.333	27

x-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

Washington 113, Charlotte 97
Miami 109, Orlando 100
Golden State 153, New Jersey 148, OT
Chicago 126, Cleveland 102
Phoenix 121, Denver 101
Portland 115, Houston 95
New York 92, Seattle 87
LA Clippers 103, Milwaukee 95

Sunday's Games

Detroit 107, San Antonio 103
Sacramento 112, Minnesota 86
Boston 117, Atlanta 93
Dallas 105, Denver 98
New York 107, Portland 96
LA Lakers 117, Philadelphia 88

Monday's Games

San Antonio at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Chicago at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Houston, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

SHS thinclads finish eighth

MONAHANS — Snyder's boys' track team, working shorthanded, managed 32 points and an eighth-place finish at the Sand Hills Relays here Saturday.

"We were tickled to death with the way things came out," said SHS coach Tommy Doyle. "Most of our juniors stayed here for the prom, so we ran a lot of younger guys.

Included in the team's 32 points were the first two gold medals of the season for the squad.

Sophomore Eddie Martinez turned in a 21-2 leap in the long jump and freshman Jason Miller hopped 40-5 in the triple jump for top honors in each event.

Miller also gathered a fourth-place finish in the 110 meter high hurdles with his 16.8 clocking.

Todd Iglehart heaved the shot 44-10 for fourth for Snyder, while Randy Fisk took fifth in both the 100 and 200 meter dashes with times of 11.8 and 23.0 seconds.

In addition, SHS miler Jesus Parra wound up seventh with his 5:02 clocking.

Melchor Parra posted a 4:59 in the mile to take third in the junior varsity division.

The Tigers will be back in action Saturday at the Levelland Invitational Track Meet.

Snyder will host the District 2-4A meet April 17 and 18 at Tiger Stadium.

Sand Hill Relays
Monahans
Snyder competitors

Shot put: 4. Todd Iglehart, 44-10. **Long jump:** 1. Eddie Martinez, 21-2. **Triple jump:** 1. Jason Miller, 40-5. **110 meter hurdles:** 4. Jason Miller, 16.8. **100 meter dash:** 5. Randy Fisk, 11.8. **200 meter dash:** 5. Randy Fisk, 23.0. **1600 meters:** 7. Jesus Parra, 5:02. **1600 meters (JV Division) 3. Melchor Parra, 4:59.**

Four managers — Donie Bush, Gabby Hartnett, Eddie Sawyer and Roger Craig — won pennants but not one World Series game.

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Schramm critical following surgery

DALLAS (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys president and general manager Tex Schramm is in critical condition after undergoing quintuple bypass heart surgery.

Schramm, 71, apparently suffered a heart attack Friday in Key West, Fla. He was flown on Saturday to Baylor University Medical Center and on Sunday a cardiogram revealed a life-threatening 90 percent blocked arteries, doctors said.

Schramm was in surgery for more than six hours Sunday, said Dr. Walter Berman, a Baylor cardiologist.

The surgery involved bypassing five damaged areas in Schramm's heart. Veins were removed from his leg for the reconstruction, said Baylor administrator Wilbur Smith.

"He came out of surgery highly successfully," said Smith.

Schramm is expected to remain in critical condition in the intensive care unit for three to four days. He will require at least a six-week recuperation period, Berman said.

Schramm was alert, in good spirits and joked with doctors as he was taken into surgery, Berman said.

Schramm was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year, becoming the first NFL general manager to be so honored.

Although he never played or coached in the National Football League, Schramm was elected as a contributor. He was general manager and president of the Cowboys from the team's inception in 1960 until 1988.

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Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 25
Notre Dame 74, Manhattan 58
Florida 74, Purdue 67

Friday, March 27
Virginia 76, New Mexico 71
Utah 84, Rhode Island 72

Semifinals
At New York
Monday, March 30
Florida (19-12) vs. Virginia (18-13), 7 p.m.
Notre Dame (17-14) vs. Utah (23-10), 20 minutes after

Championship
At New York
Wednesday, April 1
Third Place, 6:45 p.m.
Championship, 9 p.m.

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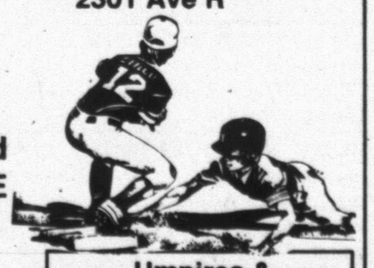
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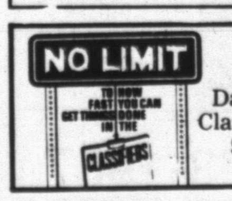

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April marks 10th anniversary of Paris tornado

Editor's Note: Bob Wieland was the first AP reporter to reach Paris after the deadly 1982 tornado. He spent the next three days watching the battered North Texas city dig out. As this year's tornado season begins, Wieland returned to Paris to see how officials have upgraded the warning system.

By Robert G. Wieland
Associated Press Writer

PARIS, Texas (AP) — Dick Boots has done everything to warn residents about severe weather but go door-to-door.

Problem is, that's what some people, wary since a deadly 1982 twister struck at the start of tornado season, want the city's emergency management coordinator to do.

"With all the methods of warning that we put in Paris, people relied more and more on the city to warn them, almost to the extent of 'come knock on my door and tell me we've got severe weather,'" Boots said.

"Well, we can't do that and people have got to take it upon themselves ... and begin monitoring weather conditions."

The last Friday of every month, this city 100 miles northeast of Dallas tests the storm warning system installed since the killer tornado dipped from an eerie green sky 10 years ago Thursday.

Eleven people were killed and more than 200 people were hurt April 2, 1982, as a twister carved a path of destruction one-half mile wide and five miles long across the center of Paris, causing about $50 million in damage.

The storm struck at 4:01 p.m., hurdling Travis Middle School on the west side of town and then churning eastward at up to 40 miles an hour.

Almost everything in its path was destroyed, with strange exceptions. Victory Baptist Church was reduced to rubble, but A.M. Aikin Elementrary School across the street was almost unscathed.

Paris Lumber and Building Materials Center was demolished, but 37 people jammed into the vault survived.

"It was fairly well packed," recalls Wes McKee, who still works at the store, which has been rebuilt.

Children of customers sat on filing cabinets during the 63 seconds it took the storm to pass, recalls Margie Holmes.

"We opened the door and you could see right out the roof there," said Kyle McCarley, whose family owns the lumber store.

More than 1,300 homes were destroyed or damaged, leaving one tenth of the city's population of 25,000 homeless. The towns of Reno and Blossom east of Paris also were hit.

Since 1982, a state-of-the art warning system controlled from the basement of City Hall has been installed.

A portable generator provides power to a bank of radios linking the emergency center with hospitals, ambulances, police and fire units and the outside world.

Five huge yellow sirens erected around the city warn residents who are outside. For those watching television, Boots can use any touch-tone telephone to interrupt programming on all cable TV channels. Schools, hospitals and large businesses are warned by special radio receivers.

Many citizens have also bought the $210 receivers.

But Boots is not satisfied. He can alert people to threatening weather. But unless citizens take precautions at that stage, it will be too late when the storm strikes, he said.

"After 1982, my main concern was people got the false sense that every tornado was going to be like '82," Boots said. "We followed it in for 40-45 minutes before it hit town, and that was the biggest problem to make people understand that 99 times out of 100 you don't have that warning.

"You may have seconds, you may have a couple of minutes or whatever."

For example, the most severe weather Paris has faced in the past five years has been at night, with two twisters striking exactly one year apart in 1990 and 1991: at 2 a.m., May 3.

Tracking storms in the dead of night is hard for spotters, but at least most people are home.

The last thing Boots wants is for people to jump in their cars and head for shelter elsewhere.

Many of the 53 people killed by the 1979 Wichita Falls tornado died in their cars fleeing homes that were untouched by the massive storm.

"They're better off right in their own home, in an interior closet, a bathroom, or if they're fortunate enough to have a storm shelter," Boots said.

He's convinced Paris lives can be saved if people use common sense and heed his warnings.

His system is geared to "give people a little more warning ... give them a little more time to prepare," he said.

Women take the reins on new public affairs program

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of women is challenging male-dominated public affairs television with a new talk show aimed at bringing a feminine perspective to the economy, health care, politics and other topics.

"To the Contrary" premieres Friday on public television with an all-female team.

"We will differ from other talk shows in a number of ways — and not just the fact that we are all women," said Bonnie Erbe, the Washington journalist who had the idea for the program and will moderate it.

"You are never going to see people sitting around talking about whether Sam Skinner is doing a great job as White House chief of staff," Erbe said. "We want to talk about issues that people care about."

Nancy DeStefanis, founder of Women are Good News, a San Francisco organization that monitors the status of women in the news media, applauds the concept. "Women have been almost invisible on public television public affairs shows for the past 20 years," she said.

Although most such discussion programs are dominated by men, CNN recently marked the first anniversary of Catherine Crier's Crier & Co., a half-hour talk show featuring a panel of female policy experts.

DeStefanis' group, in a survey last year, found that 15 percent of the guests appearing on "Inside Washington," "McLaughlin Group," "McLaughlin One on One," "Washington Week in Review" and the "MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour" were women.

"Even when you do have one woman sitting around the table with the guys, she may not be able to express her views as fully as she might like," said Julianne Malveaux, a University of California economist who'll be a panelist on "To the Contrary."

Linda Chavez, radio and television commentator and former Reagan White House aide, said that in a recent trial-run discussion on guns, she and her fellow panelists "talked about them in terms of more and more women owning guns and what it means to have a gun in the home."

The April 3 program will deal with the economy.

"Obviously, I think the economic downturn has had a disproportionate impact on women, not only because of the service jobs that are typically female and are being eliminated, but because of two paychecks being cut to one and child care being less affordable," Malveaux said.

Erbe said the panelists, four women a week in addition to the moderator, will be balanced between liberals and conservatives. The program is produced by Maryland Public Television.

Regular panelists, in addition to Chavez and Malveaux, will be Nina Totenberg, legal affairs correspondent for National Public Radio and MacNeil-Lehrer, and Kate O'Beirne, a vice president of the conservative Heritage Foundation. Others will be on from time to time.

Gallery marks anniversary of early 'photo reporter'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jacques Callot lived two centuries before photography was invented, but this master of etching ranks as one of the world's earliest "photo journalists."

"His inventive, elegant prints accurately recorded international events of the day and serves as an early form of visual journalism," the National Gallery of Art says in noting the 400th anniversary of his birth with highlights of his work.

Callot, who worked in France, Italy and the Netherlands, did 1,438 etchings and about 2,000 drawings before dying at age 43.

Among them are illustrations of coins, fans, hunts, actors, beggars, a slave market, a gypsy parade, European celebrities, the building of a major bridge in Paris and two series on the horrors of war that have inspired many other artists and photographers since his time.

"For the first time in the history of western art, war was stripped of glamor and romance, and the miseries of the common people caught in the conflict are precisely shown," wrote critic Guy Walton.

His most famous print is "The Fair at Impruneta," a town near Florence, Italy, done in 1620. It includes 1,138 people, 137 dogs, 67 donkeys and 45 horses.

A much bigger print from 10 combined plates illustrates the siege of the French port of La Rochelle in 1628.

Callot retouched the plates on which he drew his sketches, giving them repeated baths of acid — somewhat like the way a careful photographer prepares his negatives — to help enhance parts of the image.

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Telescope conks out...

Atlantis' research flight extended by NASA

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Atlantis' astronauts today grappled with a conked-out telescope and described life and work in space for TV cameras after NASA added an extra day to the shuttle flight.

The first shuttle mission devoted to studying the atmosphere was extended Sunday from eight to nine days at the request of scientists overseeing its experiments. The shuttle will land Thursday at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A sensitive ultraviolet telescope quit working early today when it lost power during an observation, apparently because of a blown fuse.

Ground controllers tried unsuccessfully throughout the morning to power the telescope back up. They planned to flip the switch on and off via ground commands every hour, but said they did not expect that to work.

There was no immediate word on whether the problem was related to voltage trouble experienced by the telescope last week. The telescope was down then for more than a day; ground controllers got it working again by changing the temperature of the instrument.

NASA said the telescope had made 19 successful observations before the second problem struck. Reseacher Charles Donnelly said that's enough "to keep us busy for the next six or eight months as we analyze the information."

Astronauts have used the telescope, the only astronomical instrument aboard, to observe faint ultraviolet light from stars and galaxies. The light cannot be seen from the ground because it cannot penetrate Earth's atmosphere.

The latest malfunction will not jeopardize data already gathered by the telescope, said Ernest Shannon, spokesman for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

Last Thursday, a blown fuse disabled another Atlantis instrument, an electron beam gun. It had been used to generate artificial auroras and was intended to aim radio waves at students with special receivers.

The astronauts themselves cannot fix fuses. The instruments are located in the open cargo bay, which would require a risky space walk to reach.

Atlantis' crew members today explained some of the scientific instruments aboard the shuttle and took a short break to float and smile for the TV cameras.

"Good morning, world. We're glad to have all of you aboard to join us having so much fun, and hope we're giving you lots of data," commander Charles Bolden Jr. said as he floated past the cameras, carrying silver bags containing his breakfast.

Crewman Michael Foale displayed a set of personal stereo headphones.

"I've been listening to Vivaldi's 'Four Seasons' today," he said.

It take the shuttle 11/2 hours to complete an orbit of Earth.

Fighting continues in Cambodia

SISOPHON, Cambodia (AP) — The first of about 375,000 Cambodian refugees slated for repatriation under U.N. auspices crossed a dusty bridge today into their troubled homeland, which despite a peace accord is still at war.

The 527 refugees were greeted in this western city by Prince Norodom Sihanouk and other Cambodian officials, who handed them orchids on a makeshift stage in a welcoming ceremony held amid a blare of pop music. Some refugees had languished in border camps in Thailand for more than a decade.

Most of the returning refugees looked nervous, anxious and confused. Some smiled and waved, while others appeared resolute.

On Sunday, Cambodia's government announced a major operation against communist Khmer Rouge guerrillas in northern areas of the country.

The government and the Khmer Rouge have accused each other of initiating the recent upsurge in fighting by trying to seize more territory before full deployment of U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Sihanouk told reporters a top government official had told him fighting was continuing in the north-central province of Kompong Thom, where the government has been clashing with the Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

The prince led one of the noncommunist guerrilla factions, and now is chief of the national reconciliation body that will work with the United Nations to govern Cambodia until elections can be held.

The persistence of fighting adds to the dangers the refugees face in returning to a ravaged land: marauding bandits, mines, the risk of disease, the chance they will not find enough safe land on which to live.

One returning refugee, 37-year-old Sok Nang, said he was very happy to finally be home. But he added, "I am afraid because my brothers are still fighting."

Deoun Ui, who had been in Khmer Rouge territory in Thailand and was returning with her husband and four children, said she was very happy to leave the Site 8 camp "because I am free from the Khmer Rouge and can see my relatives in Cambodia."

Another returning refugee, Saray Thi, said she pitied the friends she left behind at Site 8 because they remain under the Khmer Rouge, which killed hundreds of thousands of people during three years of fanatical rule that ended when Vietnam invaded Cambodia in late 1978.

The refugees, guarded by Malaysian troops of the U.N. contingent, had been driven from the Thai town of Aranyaprathet into Cambodia's Poipet district, then on to a reception center in Sisophon district.

The refugees will stay in Sisophon for two to three nights before resettling in villages.

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Births

Kenneth and Erma Pearson of Snyder are parents of a baby boy born at 8:46 a.m. on March 27 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and three ounces.

On the Issues

Developing high-speed rail transportation

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the views of the major presidential candidates on the question: "Do you favor federal aid to develop high-speed rail lines similar to the ones in Japan and parts of Europe?"

DEMOCRATS

—Jerry Brown: "Since the beginning of the campaign, I have supported high-speed rail as a fuel-efficient means of transportation which will create hundreds of thousands of jobs."

—Bill Clinton: "Yes. I strongly support the development of high-speed rail because we need to ensure that we possess a transportation system that boosts American productivity and international competitiveness."

REPUBLICANS

—George Bush: The Bush administration has decided not to spend $725 million Congress authorized to develop a prototype magnetic levitation high-speed train, electing instead to fund further research on the system.

—Patrick Buchanan: A spokesman said that Buchanan has not taken a public stand on the issue.

Clinton acknowledges marijuana use

by The Associated Press

Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged that he tried marijuana while at Oxford University, but it caused little furor on the campaign trail. Rival Jerry Brown steered clear of the latest personal news about Clinton and focused on the environment in Vermont and Wisconsin.

GOP challenger Patrick Buchanan scheduled a speech outside the Capitol today to outline a plan to overhaul Congress. He then planned to fly to Wisconsin and Minnesota for a full day of campaigning Tuesday.

Clinton made his admission about marijuana during a televised debate Sunday with Brown, who appeared on the New York show from Wisconsin.

A questioner noted that Clinton had always answered questions about drug use by saying he had never broken state or federal law. Asked if he had broken any international drug laws, Clinton said:

"When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two and didn't like it. I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again." Clinton was at Oxford as a Rhodes scholar from 1968 to 1970.

Clinton later said he answered the question because "no one had ever asked me the direct question before ... and I really do believe that public people really do have a right to some privacy."

Asked if he knew he was breaking English law when he smoked marijuana, Clinton said, "I assumed it was against the law, but when we got there they told us that as long as we did it inside our apartments or whatever nobody would hassle us. ... But I was not into that."

The 1992 campaign is the second presidential race to have candidates who went to college in the 1960s, when marijuana use became common on many college campuses.

In the 1988 campaign, Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt acknowledged smoking marijuana in their youths. Other candidates denied ever trying the drug, but the revelations had little impact on the campaign.

Their admissions followed the withdrawal of federal appellate Judge Douglas Ginsburg's Supreme Court nomination when he disclosed he had smoked marijuana with his students at Harvard University.

Clinton's acknowledgment seemed to have little immediate impact on this year's race.

Brown, who has waged vicious attacks against what he called a "scandal-a-week" candidate, refused to engage on the drug issue while saying he never broke any drug laws.

Brown himself faced a news account criticizing his past political and business dealings. He confirmed a Washington Post story about his role as a director of a biomedical firm whose parent company paid a $400,000 penalty to settle charges that it falsely promoted an anti-AIDS drug.

Obituaries

Mrs. Hernandez

1931-1992

Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for Mrs. Virginia A. Hernandez, 61, of Snyder. Fr. Joe Augustine will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel.

Mrs. Hernandez died Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

Born on March 14, 1931, in Bastrop, she was married to Joe Hernandez on Nov. 29, 1953 in Snyder.

Survivors include her husband, Joe, of the home; three sons, Joe Louis of Snyder, George A. of Garden City, Kan., and Ralph A. of Snyder; one daughter, Virginia Rodriquez of Snyder; two brothers, Thomas Alonzo of Snyder and Lupe Alonzo of Junction; two sisters, Leonor Ramos of Midland and Amelia Benitez of Snyder; and 13 grandchildren.

Nova Creswell

1920-1992

Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hermleigh First Baptist Church for Nova Dee Creswell, 72, of Hermleigh. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery. The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor, will officiate. Assisting will be the Rev. Allen Culp, a grandson.

Mrs. Creswell died Sunday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Jan. 4, 1920, in Fluvanna, she was a longtime Hermleigh resident and a member of the First Baptist Church there.

Survivors include two sons, Brian Creswell of Cushing, Okla., and David Creswell of Slaton; one daughter, Bobbie Culp of Hermliegh; her mother, Snow Kennedy of Snyder; three brothers, Bill Love of Snyder, Kenneth Kennedy of Lubbock and Clyde Kennedy of Arkansas; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Police note two arrests

Snyder police made two arrests and handled several other reports over the weekend.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old man at City Automatic Laundry at 2:28 p.m. Saturday for driving with a suspended license.

At 3:34 a.m. Sunday, police arrested a 20-year-old man for driving while intoxicated and minor in possession in the 1200 block of East Coliseum Drive. The man passed an intoxilyzer test and was booked only on the possession charge.

Officers took a report of Class A criminal mischief Sunday after a man complained that someone had spray painted the walls of a residence at 2311 Ave. N. A male juvenile has been identified as a suspect in the case.

At 9:20 p.m. Sunday, officers were contacted by a woman who said her son had attempted to commit suicide, then left home. The 16-year-old boy was located and escorted back to his parents. An offense report for attempted suicide was filed.

In one other report, Glenna Glover reported to police at 1:41 p.m. Saturday that her nine-year-old son Rocky was bitten by a dog at the Central Elementary playground. The dog's owner was located and the animal was taken to West Texas Animal Clinic for observation.

Police also handled several domestic disputes and complaints of loud music over the weekend, all without incident.

Russia denies 'nuclear' leaks of any kind

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian officials today sought to allay fears that the former Soviet Union's nuclear weapons, scientists or reactors pose a threat to world security.

Western experts have criticized the reactors built by the Soviet Union as poorly designed and operated. They also have voiced concern about whether Russia's economic problems might cause some nuclear experts to be lured away by nations like Libya and Iraq that are trying to develop nuclear weapons.

"The fears about nuclear secrets leaving Russia do not have any basis," a Russian Security Ministry spokesman, Gen. Alexander Gurov, told reporters at the former KGB building in Moscow.

But Col. Mikhail Dedyukin, the security ministry's deputy chief for military affairs, acknowledged that "nobody can guarantee that scientists might go abroad illegally."

Markets — Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	741/4	737/8	737/8	-1/8
Albtsn	431/8	423/4	43	
AlliedSignal	527/8	521/2	521/2	
ALLTEL Cp	381/4	381/8	381/4	+1/8
AmStor s	323/8	321/4	321/4	-1/8
Amer T&T	411/8	401/2	41	+5/8
Ameritech	567/8	563/8	563/4	+1/4
Amoco	437/8	431/8	433/4	+1/8
AndarkPtr	207/8	201/2	201/2	-1/4
Arkla	93/8	91/4	91/4	
ArmcoInc	53/4	51/2	51/2	-1/8
AtlRichfld	991/8	985/8	983/4	-1/2
BakerHugh	163/4	163/8	165/8	
BancTexas	21/2	21/2	21/2	+1/8
BellAtl	411/2	413/8	411/2	+1/8
BellSouth	441/8	437/8	44	+1/8
Beth Steel	151/4	151/8	151/4	+1/8
Borden	321/8	32	321/8	+1/8
Caterpllr	503/8	50	501/8	+1/8
Centel	401/4	393/4	401/4	+1/2
CenSoWst s	253/4	255/8	253/4	+1/8
Chevron	64	633/4	633/4	-3/8
Chrysler	177/8	173/8	173/4	+5/8
Coastal	221/2	223/8	221/2	
CocaCola	831/4	823/8	821/2	-1/4
ColgateP s	48	477/8	477/8	-1/8
ComlMetl	231/8	23	23	
CooperIn	541/2	541/8	541/4	-1/4
CyprusMn	21	207/8	207/8	-1/8
DallSemicn	91/8	87/8	91/8	
DeltaAirl	623/4	621/2	625/8	
DigitalEq	541/2	537/8	541/8	-3/8
Dillard	1243/4	1223/4	1241/2	+3/8
DowChem	607/8	60	60	-7/8
DresserInd	191/4	191/8	191/8	
DuPont	473/4	473/8	473/8	-3/8
EstKodak	41	403/4	41	+1/4
EljerInd	91/4	91/8	91/4	
Enserch	123/8	121/4	121/4	
Exxon	551/4	55	551/8	
FtCtyBcp	13/4	15/8	13/4	+1/8
FlowerInd	16	153/4	16	+3/8
FordMotor	391/8	38	387/8	+5/8
GTE Cp	303/8	301/8	303/8	+1/8
GnDynam	641/2	641/4	641/2	+1/4
GenElct	763/8	76	763/8	+1/4
GnMill	643/8	641/8	641/8	-1/4
GenMotors	371/4	363/4	367/8	+1/8
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GaPacif	671/4	661/2	661/2	-3/8
GlobMar	11/2	11/4	11/2	+1/8
Goodrich	501/2	501/8	501/4	
Goodyear	66	651/2	651/2	-1/4
GtAtlPac	313/4	315/8	313/4	-1/4
Gulf StaUt	127/8	123/4	123/4	-1/8
Haliburtn	231/2	23	231/8	
Hanson	191/8	19	19	-1/8
HoustInd	42	417/8	42	+1/8
IBM	837/8	831/4	835/8	+3/8
IntlPaper	741/2	733/4	74	
JohnsJhn	961/4	955/8	957/8	-
K mart	523/8	52	52	+3/8
Kroger	173/8	171/4	173/8	
vjLTV Cp	3/4	11-16	11-16	
Litton Ind	97	967/8	97	+1/8
vjLoneStar	43/8	41/4	43/8	
Lowes	391/4	383/4	383/4	-1/2
Lubys	167/8	165/8	165/8	
Maxus	63/4	65/8	63/4	-1/8
MayDSt	577/8	573/4	577/8	
Medtrn s	753/4	747/8	753/8	+1/4
Mobil	591/2	591/8	591/8	-3/4
Monsan	661/8	653/4	66	+1/8
Motorola	753/4	751/4	751/2	
Nationbk	455/8	451/8	451/4	-1/4
Navistar	33/4	35/8	35/8	
Nynex	707/8	705/8	703/4	+1/8
OryxEngy	191/2	193/8	193/8	-1/4
PacTelesis	381/4	377/8	381/4	+3/8
PanhECp	143/8	141/4	143/8	
PenneyJC	637/8	63	637/8	+1/4
PepBoys	223/8	215/8	22	-5/8
Phelps Dod	817/8	803/4	803/4	—1
PhilipPet	231/8	23	231/8	+1/8
PilgrmPrd	61/2	61/2	61/2	-1/8
Polaroid s	29	285/8	285/8	-3/8
Primerica	403/4	403/8	405/8	+1/4
ProctGamb	1001/4	991/2	995/8	-3/8
PubS NwMx	113/8	111/4	113/8	-1/8
SFePacCp	113/8	111/8	113/8	+1/8
SaraLee	511/2	51	511/2	-1/8
SearsRoeb	453/8	447/8	451/4	-1/8
Shrwin s	271/8	267/8	27	+1/4
SmthBchm	74	74	74	+7/8
SmthBch eq n	667/8	665/8	663/4	+3/8
Southern Co	311/2	311/4	313/8	+1/8
SwstAirl	363/4	361/2	363/4	+1/4
SwstBell	583/8	581/8	581/4	+1/4
Sprint	227/8	223/8	227/8	+3/8
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TexasInst	331/8	325/8	33	+1/4
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Unocal	21	203/4	203/4	-1/8
WalMt	535/8	531/4	533/8	+1/8
WestghEl	191/8	19	19	
Woolwth	301/2	301/4	301/4	-1/8
Xerox Cp	73	723/4	73	-7/8
ZenithE	91/4	9	91/8	

Airline pilot killed after he asks revelers to move party

ESCONDIDO, Calif. (AP) — When Myron "Mike" Haag asked two men to move their party away from his front yard, they responded with obscene language and a fatal beating.

Authorities say the men smashed the back of Haag's skull and left him brain-dead. After praying for a miracle, Haag's wife, Patricia, and other relatives decided to remove him from life-support systems and donate his organs.

The 54-year-old American Airlines pilot and former Marine was pronounced dead at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Palomar Hospital in Escondido.

Pat Haag, 51, said Saturday night's attack on her husband occurred just outside the northern San Diego County home where they raised their three children and lived for the past 20 years.

More than once, Haag's relatives said, he had asked revelers there to quiet down.

Mrs. Haag heard loud voices about 10:30 p.m. Saturday and went outside, where she saw her husband falling to the ground and three men driving away in a white pickup, said Castillo.

The assailants fled north along an easement adjacent to the Haags' home on San Pasqual Valley Road, he said. The easement leads to an outdoor area known as "the teepee," a popular hangout among Escondido youths who frequently park their cars there and drink alcohol.

Detectives are investigating the killing, but no arrests have been made, sheriff's spokesman Manny Castillo said.

Body

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companied by his girlfriend, 28-year-old Nina Jonell Henderson.

They are still unaccounted for.

A billfold belonging to Milford was discovered in Abilene on Monday, Nov. 11, and his 1982 GMC Suburban was found abandoned in a parking lot there on Nov. 14.

Margin is the term applied to the practice of purchasing securities in part with borrowed money, using the purchased securities as

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The Dutch first settled in Delaware near present Lewes in 1631, but were wiped out by Indians.

According to the Bureau of the Census, 32 percent of single men aged 25 to 34 were living with their parents in 1990.

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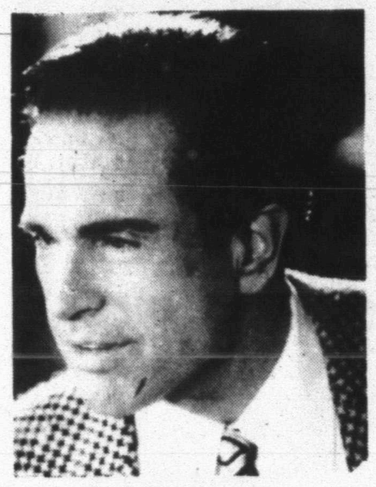
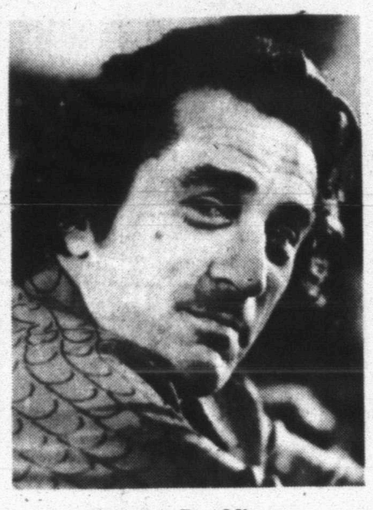


Warren Beatty
Best Actor Nominee
"Bugsy"



Robert De Niro
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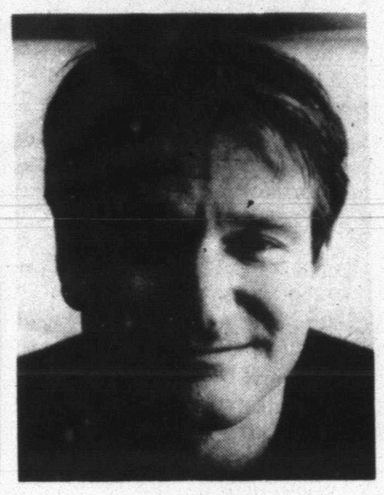

Robin Williams
Best Actor Nominee
"The Fisher King"

Geena Davis
Best Actress Nominee
"Thelma & Louise"

Laura Dern
Best Actress Nominee
"Rambling Rose"

Jodie Foster
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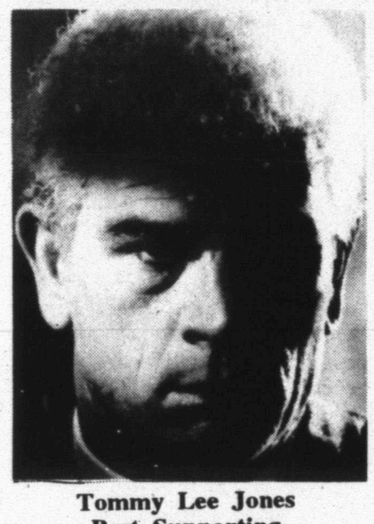

Tommy Lee Jones
Best Supporting
Actor Nominee
"JFK"

Harvey Keitel
Best Supporting
Actor Nominee
"Bugsy"

Ben Kingsley
Best Supporting
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"Bugsy"

Michael Lerner
Best Supporting
Actor Nominee
"Barton Fink"

Jack Palance
Best Supporting
Actor Nominee
"City Slickers"

Diane Ladd
Best Supporting
Actress Nominee
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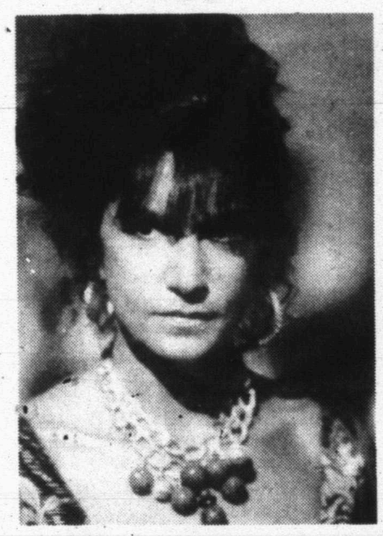

Mercedes Ruehl
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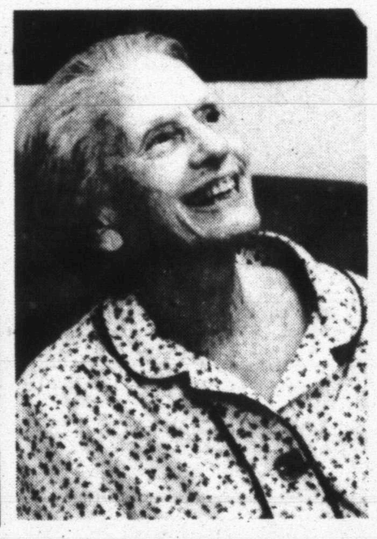

Jessica Tandy
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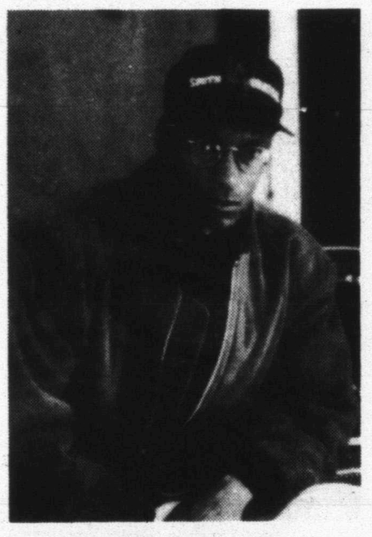

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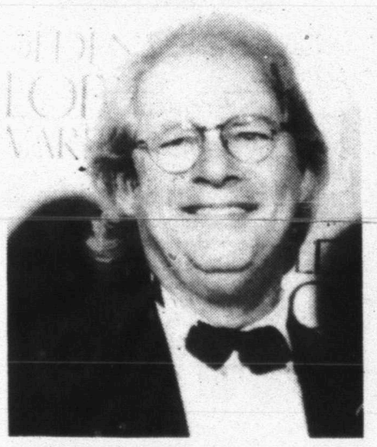

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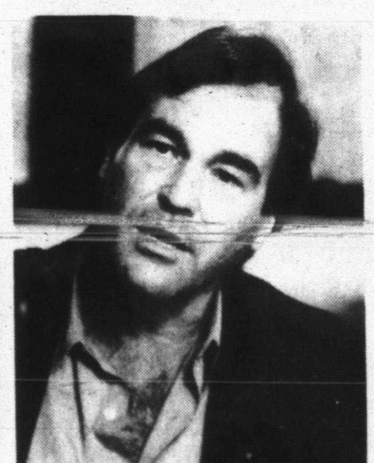
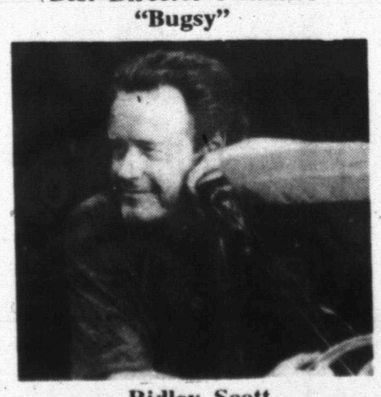


Oliver Stone
Best Director Nominee
"JFK"

Jonathan Demme
Best Director Nominee
"Silence of the Lambs"



Ridley Scott
Best Director Nominee
"Thelma & Louise"

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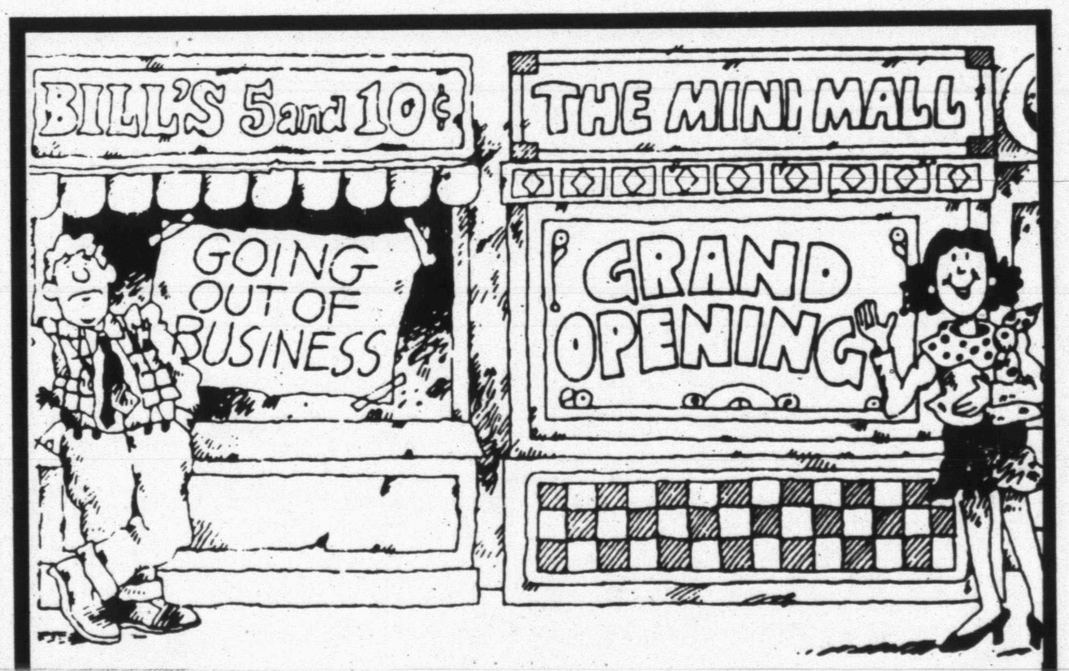

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Young innocents die in Detroit violence

DETROIT (AP) — It was a drug deal gone bad, and 7-month-old Clyde Jackson was caught in the middle — literally. A gunman used him as a shield against a hail of gunfire.

Clyde's death last year was nothing new in America's decaying Motor City. At least six children were killed in Detroit last week, three in the firebombing of a reputed crack house.

At least 13 children have been slain since October 1990; five or more of those deaths were drug-related.

"Children are treated like their lives don't matter, like no one cares," said Clementine Barfield, founder of Save Our Sons and Daughters, a support group for those who have lost a child to violence. "How many more children will have to die before we realize we have to take action?"

A survey in Detroit's high schools found every student knew of someone who had been slain — a neighbor, a family member or a friend of a friend, Barfield said. In elementary schools the figure was about 80 percent, she said.

"They witness violence, and they live with violence," she said. "They grow up living in fear."

The latest victim was 3-year-old Donald Goines, who was among three people killed early Saturday when gunmen riddled a car with bullets.

Early Wednesday, Molotov cocktails were thrown into a reputed crack house where Charles Simpson, 2, and his sisters Erica, 3, and Laeisha, 4, had been left by their mother. The children died in the fire, along with a woman who tried to rescue them.

Police said the bombing may have been revenge for a ripoff in which buyers were sold fake drugs. No arrests have been made.

Some children become victims before they're born.

At Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, a 1990 study of 1,000 newborns found 44 percent had traces of illegal drugs in their systems, said Dr. Enrique Ostrea, the hospital's chief of pediatrics. The hospital is a referral center for pregnant women who did not get proper prenatal care.

In fiscal 1991, Wayne County's Social Services Department investigated 308 cases of congenital drug addiction, up from 128 in fiscal 1987, said spokeswoman Margaret Anzinger.

"We have lost the ability to be shocked by it because it has become so common," Anzinger said. "You sit here every day and you say, 'Geez, things are only going to get worse and worse.'"

There seems to be no easy solution.

Proposals include stricter gun-control laws and better education of children and adults on how to cope with problems created by poverty, drugs and broken families.

The National Center for Community Policing at Michigan State University advocates a return to the neighborhood beat cop and prosecution of low-level drug dealers.

"No matter how large the city is, it actually breaks down into a large number of small neighborhoods," said Bonnie Bucqueroux, the center's associate director. "The problem with traditional law enforcement is they're always going for the kingpin while the smaller dealer causes chaos in the community."

Robert Berg, Mayor Coleman Young's spokesman, refused to say what the city is doing.

"If there was a magic wand, we'd have waved it a long time ago," he said. "Everybody is frustrated, but you're not going to solve this by scapegoating."

Berry's World

Shuttle crew appearing at Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' crew will make a guest appearance at tonight's Academy Awards. Meanwhile, gay rights activists upset over "The Silence of the Lambs" and other films threatened to disrupt the show.

"The Silence of the Lambs," with seven nominations, had the most momentum going into the ceremony. Nominated for best picture, it collected top prizes from the Directors Guild of America and the Writers Guild of America in recent weeks.

But activists upset with the portrayal of homosexual villians in that film, in "JFK," also nominated for best picture, and in the new movie "Basic Instinct," have said they will cause a commotion.

Rick Wilson of Queer Nation said the gay-rights group would block cars going to the show.

Ric Robertson, executive administrator of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, said, "We will do whatever we can to make it a safe and enjoyable evening for the guests and fans and everyone."

There was little the Academy could do to help Oscar host Billy Crystal, who was fighting the flu. He planned to emcee the ceremonies despite the illness, which forced him to cancel an appearance at Saturday night's taping of the American Comedy Awards.

Academy officials refused to say where or how the seven Atlantis astronauts, not scheduled to land until Thursday, would participate in the 64th annual Academy Awards, nationally televised from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on ABC beginning at 9 p.m. EST.

The astronauts sent down a video for the academy on Friday. In a scene inadvertently shown on NASA television, one crew member appeared to be holding an Oscar.

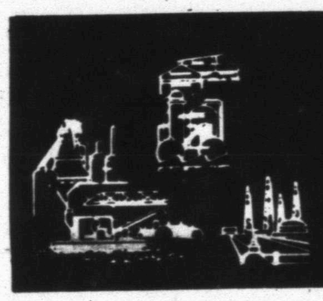
The likeliest possibility was that the astronauts would join in the presentation of the honorary Irving Thalberg award to "Star Wars" creator George Lucas, who also was responsible for "Indiana Jones" and "American Graffiti."

"Bugsy," nominated as best film, had the most nominations with 10. Other best picture nominees were "JFK" and "The Prince of Tides." "Beauty and the Beast," the first animated film nominated for best picture, was expected to win for best score and song.

The best actor race figured to comes down to Warren Beatty of "Bugsy," Anthony Hopkins from "The Silence of the Lambs" and Nick Nolte from "The Prince of Tides."

The key in the best actress category was whether "Thelma & Louise" stars Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis would split support from the academy's 4,981 voters, allowing Jodie Foster from "The Silence of the Lambs" or Laura Dern from "Rambling Rose" to win.

Ernie Lombardi, a slow base runner, twice led the National League in batting.



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The smell of spring

Theft may force puppeteers to end tour of U.S. early

HOUSTON (AP) — The theft of a rented truck containing $50,000 worth of equipment may force a group of puppeteers from China to end their tour of the United States prematurely, the group's tour manager says.

The truck also contained the group's luggage and about $5,000 in cash when it was stolen from the parking lot of a southwest Houston hotel on Saturday night.

Tour manager Chris Barnes said the truck contained about 50 puppets, sets, props, audio and lighting equipment.

If the equipment isn't returned within five days, he said, the group, none of whom speaks English, will probably have to return to China.

"They (the group) think it's very tragic and are very upset," Barnes said.

After performing in San Antonio, the group, called the Shanghai Rod Puppet Theater, stopped at Houston Saturday to have the truck serviced while en route to Mobile, Ala.

They awoke Sunday to discover their rented truck missing, Barnes said.

"The last time I saw the truck was midnight (Saturday)," he said. "I got up about 8 (a.m.) today, and it was gone."

Barnes said a $3,000 reward is being offered for the return of the equipment.

Barnes said this is the group's second tour of North America, performing at universities, high schools and government agencies. The tour began March 13 and the group has performed in California, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico with a stop in El Paso.

Rod puppeteering is a 2,000-year-old art form that was performed for emperors, rulers and warlords, Barnes said.

The group, he said, primarily performs Chinese folk tales like the popular Monkey King and others designed to expose U.S. audiences to a piece of Chinese culture.

The puppeteers are well-trained, spending as many as four years learning their skills, and made all of the puppets.

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