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Ask Us

Q—What determines whether or not the name of someone who is arrested is printed in the Snyder Daily News?

A—Although all adult arrests are public information, SDN prints the names of those arrested for felony offenses only.

In Brief

Fire claims six

SOMERVILLE, Texas (AP) — A prosecutor said today that a woman found slain with five family members was not murdered because she was a juror on an attempted murder trial

Somerville police found Bobbie Davis, 45, murdered inside her burning home early Tuesday along with her 16-year-old daughter Nicole Davis and the older woman's four grandchildren.

The children were identified as Jason Davis, 4; Denitra Davis, 9; Brittany Davis, 6; and Leaerin Davis, 5.

Officials say the family was killed before the fire was set.

The grandmother, who was unmarried, had been selected as one of 12 jurors Monday for the trial of Frankie Lee Bell, of Caldwell.

Local

Stanfield

There will be a meeting of the Stanfield Parent Council at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school cafeteria.

All parents are welcome.

Fluvanna

Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department will have a "Laredo Supper" and an auction of baked goods on Friday at 7 p.m. in the community center.

Nursing

Snyder Nursing Center will hold its regular family supper at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Family members are asked to bring casseroles, salads and desserts.

Meet Tigers

Snyder High School's annual "Meet the Tigers Night" has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Towle Park Pavilion.

Those attending should bring a covered dish.

SISD buses

SISD Superintendent Dalton Moseley has announced that beginning Monday, buses will depart from each campus at 7:55 a.m.

He said this extra five minutes will allow more time for students who eat breakfast at school, and for tutoring.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 82 degrees; low, 62 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 62 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 21.24 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the lower 60s. Southeast wind 5-10 mph. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the mid 80s. South wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:22. Sunrise Thursday, 7:12. Of 231 days in 1992, the sun has shone 211 days in Snyder.

Bush nomination for a second term to be family affair

HOUSTON (AP) — Republicans nominate President Bush for a second term tonight, sending him and Dan Quayle on the comeback trail with a toast to family values and a prime-time convention boost from the president's No. 1 fan — his wife, Barbara.

In the best of GOP traditions — and campaign strategies — Republicans turned the night of Bush's renomination into a family affair, with speeches by Mrs. Bush and Marilyn Quayle.

Clouding the festivities was Bill Clinton's double-digit lead in the polls, but Republicans from Bush on down promised on Tuesday to fight back with fervor. "He's fired up," Jeb Bush said of his father. "He eats nails for breakfast."

Bush was working on his speech for Thursday's finale of the Republican National Convention, with intra-party feuds still brewing over how far to go in making new economic proposals. The new chief of the Bush White House and campaign, James A. Baker III, was arriving today to referee.

The president wasn't saying much — except to promise some new faces in his Cabinet if reelected. "What I think you'll see, as in any second term, are a lot of changes," Bush said in a PBS interview.

Mrs. Bush was headlining today's convention focus on family values, a favorite Republican theme and the umbrella for attacks on Democrats for supporting abortion rights, gay rights and liberal welfare policies.

"I'm really feeling embarrassed about this," she said of advance hoopla. "This is not the world's great speech."

Democrat Clinton began the day — his 46th birthday — in Atlanta, where he and running mate Al Gore joined Jimmy Carter, the former president Republicans love to hate, for a volunteer housebuilding project.

Carter's name came up time and time again as Republicans worked from a familiar convention playbook.

From keynoter Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, Housing Secretary Jack Kemp and others there was a steady chorus of anti-Clinton and anti-Congress rhetoric, much of it borrowed from Republican campaigns past.

To hear them tell it, Clinton is a liberal, eager to raise taxes, unprepared to be commander-in-chief, captive to special interests and puppet to the Democratic leadership of Congress.

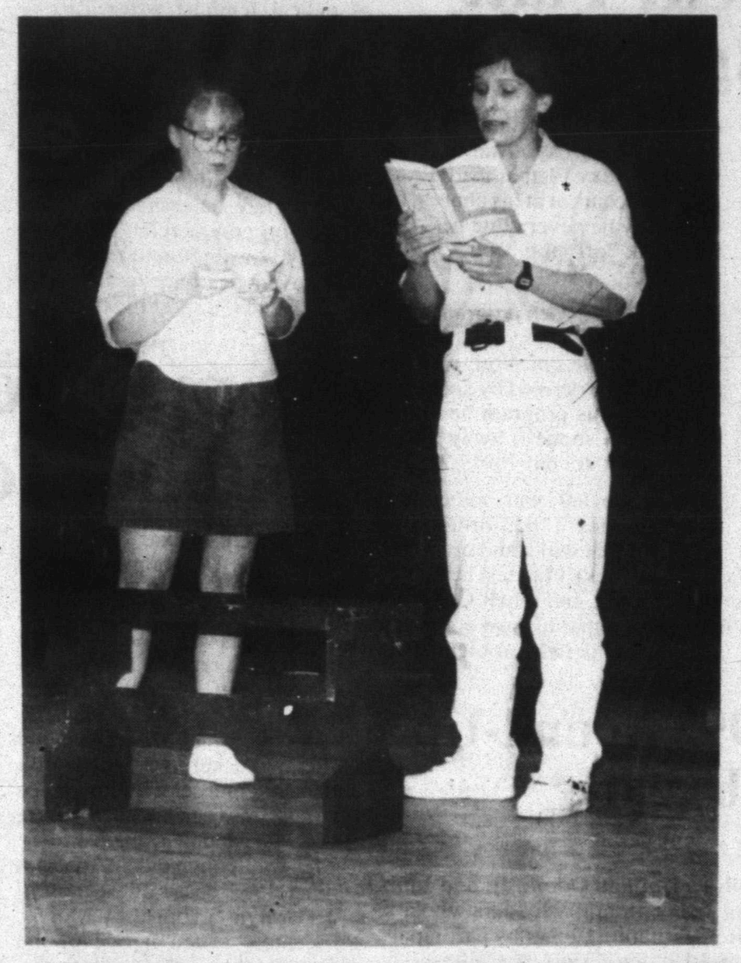
"It doesn't put people first, it puts government first," Kemp said of Clinton's plan. "It doesn't empower people, it empowers bureaucracy. It doesn't encourage investment and growth, it spends, and spends, and spends."

Democrats said Republicans sounded like a broken record, running the last campaign over again because they had nothing new to say. Still, they fired back, not only with harsh words but with biting television ads reminding voters of Bush's broken promise on taxes, and the slow crawl of the economy during the Bush years.

"They haven't had anything positive to say about themselves," Clinton said. "If I were the Republicans, I'd be more worried about what I could do for America than how I could bad-mouth Bill Clinton and Al Gore and Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore."

Even Republican delegates complained that halfway into his convention, Bush had given no reason for four more years.

"He has to tell us where he wants to go," said Wisconsin GOP chairman Dave Optiz. "We'll get him there — he just has to tell us where."



PRODUCTION — Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre fall production of "Steel Magnolias" began Monday evening and will run today from 6-7 p.m. in the junior high school auditorium. Six women's roles will be cast for the production. Pictured auditioning are left, Charlesta Scott and Emily Hataway. (SDN Staff Photo)

Gun show to begin Saturday

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the 11th annual Canyon Reef Gun, Knife and Coin show, scheduled this weekend at Scurry County Coliseum.

The show will open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is sponsored by the local Canyon Gun Club.

The event will host knife, gun and coin booths. New and used guns will be on display as well as accessories for the avid gun collector. The event will also host a taxidermist, a gemstone seller and a booth with vintage model oil trucks.

The show is expected to have over 80 vendors. Admission will be $2 per person. Children under 12 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult.

Area gun enthusiasts may bring their unloaded firearms to trade with vendors.

Canyon Gun Club memberships will be available at the show for $20.

CMH board will convene

Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers will review the financial report and approve accounts payable during its August meeting, set for 7:30 a.m. Thursday in the hospital board room.

Also on the agenda is approval of the hospital's quality assurance plan, a medical staff report and a Foundation advisory committee report.

Board members will also make a presentation to former board member Brenda Hedges.

The only other item of business is approval of past minutes.

Allies give Iraq ultimatum: stop strikes against Shiites

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.S.-led allies have drawn up an ultimatum for Saddam Hussein, threatening to shoot down Iraqi warplanes and helicopter gunships unless air attacks on Shiite Muslim rebels in the country's south are halted.

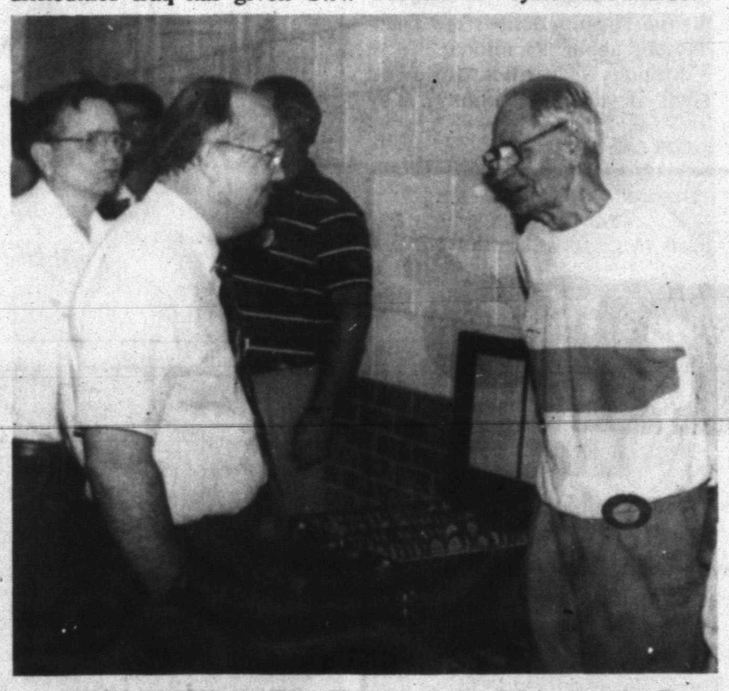
The warning by Britain, France and the United States, described by diplomatic sources on Tuesday, comes as tensions rise over difficulties Iraq has given U.N. weapons inspectors and reports of a stepped-up Iraqi campaign against the Shiite rebels.

A series of attacks on Westerners working in the safe haven established for ethnic Kurds in northern Iraq, including the wounding of a U.N. worker this week, has also angered the allies.

Citing reports of napalm attacks, Prime Minister John Major of Britain on Tuesday accused Saddam of "systematic murder" and "genocide" in his campaign against lightly armed Shiite rebels in the marshes of southern Iraq.

He said he supports setting up a safe haven such as the one established for the Kurds in northern Iraq by the nations that defeated Saddam's forces last year in the

(see IRAQ, page 8)



VISITING LIONS — Tom Haywood, candidate for the Texas State Senate, District 30, attended Lions Club Tuesday. Pictured visiting with Haywood is D.D. Shelburne, right. Also pictured is Jerry Clift, left. (SDN Staff Photo)

Voters need change, says Senate candidate

Saying it's time for a change in government, Republican State Senate candidate Tom Haywood made a day long stop in Snyder Tuesday.

Haywood, president of his own business and consulting firm in Wichita Falls, is opposing Sen. Steve Carriker (D-Roby) in the 30th Senatorial District.

"We need changes in government, no doubt about it," said Haywood, former executive vice president of the North Texas Oil and Gas Association. "Government at all levels is an embarrassment."

"My attitude is that if government would function the way that business does then government could get under control. In a business, you restrict your needs to fit your income. But in government, they look at their needs, then raise taxes to meet them. It's just the opposite of what common sense tells you."

Calling himself a candidate that Perot people could support, Haywood said his is an "issue" candidate. "If people ask, I'll tell them I'm a Republican. But I look at the issues, not the party."

He charged that Carriker is backed by powerful trial lawyers, more interested in controlling the state than helping the people.

"I support meaningful reform, not just reform written by lawyers for lawyers," said Haywood.

"It's a shame to think that what use to be one of the most respected professions in the world...nowdays to say you are a lawyer is almost to make a laughing stock of yourself. And it's all because of a few bad apples."

Haywood said he is "absolutely opposed" to an income tax and is against corporate tax. "You create jobs by reducing taxes, not adding taxes," he said.

A major proponent of term limitations, Haywood said that if elected, he will immediately seek to pass a bill to limit terms of office. If he fails, he said, he will still "obey the terms of the bill" and step down.

"Some longstanding people have served the state well. But you have to look at the system. The system would be better served with limited terms," he said.

He favors limited contributions, and said limits of $1,000 per individual and $5,000 per political action committee "are plenty."

Haywood claims public support for Carriker is not strong, and said his biggest obstacle is name recognition.

"It's tough to go against someone who has been in office 10 years, but I'm working to meet as many people as I can," Haywood said.

Prior to service in energy, Haywood was an educator at Midwestern State University and the University of North Texas.

Budget sessions to resume

County commissioners will continue their budget workshops for fiscal year 1993 as the court reconvenes at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Commissioners began work on the budget on Aug. 6, with two weeks of talks that have included everything from heated discussions over airport personnel to the recent agreement to dissolve the consolidated precinct after one year.

Commissioners have made changes in the 1993 budget requests in an effort to keep the county tax rate near the current effective tax rate of 43.02 cents per $100 property valuation.

The effective tax rate represents the rate needed to raise the same tax revenue as the previous year.

The court recessed Tuesday to give County Auditor Eddie McHaney time to finalize budget figures for presentation to commissioners on Thursday.

The SDN Column — By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The reason candidates have to toot their own horns is because they are lost in the fog."

The appeal of Ross Perot as a possible presidential candidate seemed to be based on the fact that Perot was not a professional politician. Even though he is a billionaire, people were claiming they could identify more with him.

We did a little research and found that there has never been a pure businessman elected president. In fact, there have been more lawyers to serve in the oval office than any other profession.

The number of lawyers elected to the White House stands at 23. John Adams was the first and the most recent attorneys to serve as chief executive were Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Seven persons with occupations listed as "public official" have served as president — including President George Bush although Bush does have a private background in the oil business.

Five professional soldiers have served as president. They include Washington, W.H. Harrison, Taylor, Grant and Eisenhower.

According to our reference book, only one farmer has been elected president. He was former Georgia governor and peanut farmer Jimmy Carter. Ronald Reagan was the only actor ever elected and Herbert Hoover was the only engineer to serve in the White House.

Warren Harding, who served from 1921-23 was the only publisher elected and the only college professor to serve was Woodrow Wilson from 1913-21.

The state giving birth to the most presidents is Virginia. Although President Bush claims to be a Texan, only two presidents were actually natives of the Lone Star State, Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson.

This information should be just about as useful as some of the issues we're hearing debated on TV.

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Just when you thought it couldn't get nastier

HOUSTON (AP) — Just when it appeared the presidential campaign couldn't get any nastier, it did.

Delegates to the Republican National Convention on Tuesday night heard Commerce Secretary Barbara Franklin denounce Democrat Bill Clinton as "a smooth-talkin', slick-lookin' dandy with no experience." Other speakers warned he would be soft on criminals, tear down the nation's defenses and boost spending and taxes.

And that was nice compared with Monday's descriptions of the Democratic nominee as a draft-dodging, pot-smoking, skirt-chasing, gay-rights supporter with a radical feminist wife.

But while speaker after speaker blasted Clinton, President Bush was expected to take a higher road when he addresses the convention Thursday night.

For their part, Democrats weren't taking the attacks lying down. They unleashed two new television commercials in Houston and Washington to run during TV coverage of the convention.

"And now a short break for the facts," the announcer said in one of them. "On Nov. 5, 1990, George Bush signed the second-biggest tax increase in American history. Under Bill Clinton, Arkansas has the second-lowest tax burden per person in the country. Those are the facts. Back to the show."

The Democrats also bought billboards near the Astrodome to remind convention delegates of Bush's broken 1988 pledge: "Read My Lips — No New Taxes."

In Little Rock, Ark., Clinton brushed aside attacks by Ronald Reagan and Patrick Buchanan. "They're mired in yesterday," he said. "You talk about slick. These guys have talked about how prudent they were and they have presided over the 10 biggest deficits in American history."

Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos said Republicans were using negative tactics to try to "distort and destroy."

The Republican convention, coming one month after the Democrats', always had been seen as the starting line for a more combative campaign on both sides. Even though nasty salvos already were being launched, the GOP convention is living up to expectations.

"We talked to tens of millions of Americans last night in undiluted fashion and, I think, drove a message that appeals to the vast majority of the American people," Republican National Chairman Rich Bond said of the opening night.

In his keynote address Tuesday night, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm derided Clinton's economic program as a "lemon for the nation." He said the Democrat was offering America little more than "a sorry record and a little slick rhetoric."

Michigan Gov. John Engler said Clinton's economic plan would ravage the automobile industry. Energy Secretary James Watkins declared Clinton's programs would lead to higher prices at the gasoline pump.

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan declared Clinton's plan for health care would mean "huge tax increases to pay for it," as well as "waiting-room gridlock."

Housing Secretary Jack Kemp recounted Bush's attempts to persuade Congress over the past three years to pass his economic proposals — never mentioning the president's signature on a 1990 tax increase that angers conservatives to this day.

Of the Democrats, Kemp said: "As the unemployment lines lengthen ... they stonewall our pleas for action — and then blame our president and our party for the economic decline."

The real Dicky Flatt takes the night off

DALLAS (AP) — When Sen. Phil Gramm introduced the nation to "the Dicky Flatt" test, the shy printer from Mexia was on hand in Houston to hear Republicans cheer his name.

As he neared the end of his keynote address Tuesday night, Gramm, R-Tex., told the Republican National Convention delegates about his friend Flatt.

With Flatt, 54, looking on from a special box, Gramm talked of the Dicky Flatt test for deciding whether to approve new government programs.

"He works hard for a living," Gramm said. "He is in business with his wife; his momma; and his brother and brother's wife. They have a print shop. They sell stationery and school and office supplies. They work till 7 or 8 o'clock every week night; and they're open on Saturday. And whether you see Dicky Flatt at the PTA or the Boy Scouts or at his church, try as he may he never quite gets that blue ink off the end of his fingers."

"I looked at each program and I thought about Dicky Flatt and I asked a simple question: will the benefits to be derived by spending money on this program be worth taking the money away from Dicky Flatt to pay for it?"

"Let me tell you something, there are not a hell-of-a-lot of programs that will stand up to that test. The Dicky Flatt test is the Republican test and when Congress starts using that test we are going to lick this deficit problem once and for all.

Cattlemen's 1992 Round-Up to benefit rehab center

Charlie Henderson, John Jarrell, R. Holman Odom, Jr. and John Reed are among 250 area ranchers and community leaders who are joining hands to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by participating in the 1992 Cattlemen's Round-Up for Crippled Children.

These Scurry County supporters, who will serve as Snyder area chairmen, will be asking neighbors to join them in donating livestock to be sold at special auctions during September and October.

Sale proceeds are converted into "treatment dollars" which help provide out-patient services for handicapped children and adults at WTRC facilities in Abilene and San Angelo.

Scheduled sale dates for the 1992 Round-Up are as follows:

—Sept. 24, Producer's Livestock Auction, San Angelo.
—Sept. 28, cattle sale, Abilene Auction.
—Oct. 7, special sale, Stephenville Cattle Company.
—Oct. 9, special sale, Central Texas Auction, Lometa.
—Oct. 10, horse sale, Abilene Auction.
—Oct. 14, special sale, Coleman Auction.
—Oct. 15, special sale, Jordan Auction, San Saba.
—Oct. 20, special sale, Eastland Auction.
—Oct. 24, special sale, Colorado City Auction.
—Oct. 26, sheep and goat sale, Junction Stockyards.
—Oct. 17, special sale, Brownwood Auction.

"If ranchers will sell stock at other times of the year, we're hopeful they will make a commitment now and then later ask their local auctions to send the center a check when the stock does sell," said James (Jim) Alexander, CRCC general chairman. "Every day WTRC treats people who are our friends and neighbors. Donating one or more animals is a good way for us to help Rehab help others."

Since 1953, West Texas Rehabilitation Center has provided outpatient treatment services to individuals without regard for age, race, origin or financial circumstances. More than 175 trained professionals deliver quality care in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiology, orthotics, work evaluation, work hardening and support services to more than 13,500 patients annually.

Woman gets 5-year suspended sentence for child's death

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A 60-year-old Oklahoma woman was spared a prison term for killing her young stepdaughter almost four decades ago because too many people rely on her, a Lubbock County district attorney says.

The same jury that convicted Colleen Parker McMorris on Monday of murder without malice returned on Tuesday to assess a 5-year suspended sentence.

She was convicted in the December 1955 death of 22-month-old Carolyn Yvonne McMorris. Prosecutors called it one of the oldest cases in state history.

The case went into the books 37 years ago as an accidental death, but two of the child's sisters went to authorities in August of last year and said they saw her slam their sister to the floor.

"Due to her age and the fact she has all these people depending on her — like her kids who are on welfare and her husband who is close to death — the jury determined that a five-year suspended sentence was the way to go," said Travis Ware, Lubbock County criminal district attorney.

The suspended sentence is similar to probation, except she does not have to report to a probation officer. She cannot appeal the decision either, and can be ordered to prison if she commits another felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Mrs. McMorris, who lives in Oklahoma City, could have been sentenced to up to five years in prison. The jury deliberated Tuesday for about 90 minutes.

Monday's verdict followed eight days of testimony. Kay Clarke and Debrah Callarman testified that they saw Mrs. McMorris, their stepmother, pick up their baby sister by the legs and slam her head against the floor.

The sisters, who were ages 5 and 3 at the time of the incident, withheld the allegations until a year ago. They said they kept silent over the years because they thought the statute of limitations had expired, but came forward after learning there is no statute of limitations for murder.

"It was worth it," Mrs. Clarke said. "We had to come forward. We had to tell the truth about what really happened."

Although trial participants used the current code of criminal procedure, they used penal laws that were in place at the time the child died on Dec. 5, 1955.

Jurors had the option of acquitting the defendant or of convicting her of murder with malice, punishable by up to life in prison; murder without malice; or aggravated assault and battery. None of the offense categories is used, today.

Malice was defined in 1955 laws as a wrongful act done intentionally without just cause or excuse.

Berry's World



"I am NOT in denial!"

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Aug. 19, 1992

Organizational activities could have a special appeal for you in the year ahead. These arrangements tend to benefit you, but you must be careful to budget your time and money wisely, so you don't waste hours and resources.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you might feel a bit superior to your contemporaries today, keep your opinions to yourself. Associates need pats on the back more than you do. Leo, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Leo's Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might not have as much self-assurance today as you usually do. You'll scrap a good idea — if a negative thinker convinces you to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unless you have truly effective suggestions to offer a friend who is trying to sort out a financial problem, it's best not to say anything today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be taken in today by the exterior trappings of an impressive spellbinder. The substance of what this individual is espousing may be void of value.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You're pretty good at telling others what to do and how they should do it. But you may not be as good a listener today when someone offers you sound advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If unflattering comments that were allegedly said by another come back to you today, don't be dismayed when friends consider the source — even if you don't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Get together with your mate today before establishing the ground rules you want the children to follow. If you don't, you may say one thing while your spouse says another.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Where your career is concerned, be extremely careful what you say or commit to writing today. Ill-chosen words could come back to haunt you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not apt to make large errors in the management of your resources today, but, through indifference, you may make a number of small mistakes that add up to a disturbing total.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not make any promises today to family members or relatives you do not think you'll be able to keep. You might not take them seriously, but they will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Carefully screen information you get from others today so you don't pass on inaccurate gossip that could damage another's reputation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're essentially a compassionate person who finds it hard to understand why others aren't as well, such as those you might become involved with today.

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PRODIGIOUS MELONS — Darrel Johnson of Snyder displays two watermelons, each weighing over 80 pounds, that he raised in a large garden plot south of town. He has raised watermelons for almost 12 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Strong

In today's health conscious world, a good report is always exciting! Our reports have been excellent. Recently, Snyder National Bank was named as one of the 88 *FORTRESS* banks in Texas*.

Snyder National Bank was listed in the July edition of The Texas Independent Banker. The designation was based on seven factors, including an equity-to-assets ratio in excess of 10 percent. With assets of $95.1 million, SNB had an equity-to-asset ratio of 10.85 percent and was 18th on the list of total assets.

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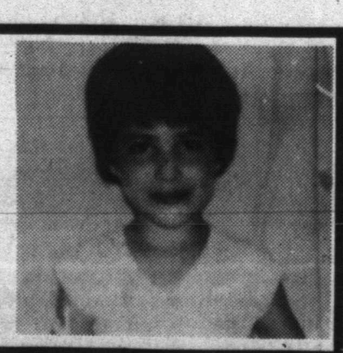
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*Compiled by The Bank Advisory Group, Inc., with data obtained from BankSource by W.C. Ferguson & Company, Irving, Texas.

Now that you're headed for
"forty"
Happy Birthday
"Old Shorty"



Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th; 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.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Senior Citizens' Complaints Cover All the Old Problems

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear Abby is on a two-week vacation. Following is a selection of some of her favorite past letters from 1972 and '73.)

DEAR READERS: Some years ago, I printed a "Confidential to Senior Citizens": "Some of my most fascinating and informative mail comes from senior citizens. Will you please send me a postcard telling me what your biggest problem is? Money? Failing health? Loneliness? Boredom? And if you have no serious problems, send a postcard telling me how you manage to stay happy. A million thanks! — ABBY"

Here's a sample of what they sent me:

DEAR ABBY: You asked senior citizens what their biggest problems were. Money? Health? Loneliness? Boredom?

I can't speak for the men, but I can tell you that the biggest problems most women have are as follows:

When a husband retires, he follows his wife around all day remarking on how she does the housework, cooking, etc., and none of it is complimentary.

Also, he never lets his wife go anywhere alone. He has to tag along because his own interest in sex is waning, and he starts accusing her of seeing other men. In other words, husbands get jealous because they can't perform as well themselves.

Men retire, but we middle-class wives continue to do our regular housework because of our limited income, which has been worsened by inflation.

Doctors who see senior citizens will confirm the above, for which there is no solution at the present time. But with women's liberation, maybe the future will be better for coming generations.

I can't sign my name because all phone calls and mail are monitored here, and I'll have to carry this around in my purse until I can sneak it into a mailbox.

TRAPPED IN FORT MYERS

DEAR ABBY: I try not to think about it, but my children are too busy to come to see me, and if I waited for them to call me on the phone, I'd never hear from them. My grandchildren are no better. They send presents once in a while, but the best present would be for them to visit me more often.

NEGLECTED IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: I am 67 years old, and I am crazy. I got this way taking care of my mother, who is 92. She is positively the most impossible woman who ever lived. Unfortunately, she is in better health than I am. I'd sign this but she'd kill me.

STUCK IN ENCINO

DEAR ABBY: My problem wasn't mentioned in your list. It's impotence, which causes many of us men to feel depressed and dejected. We love our wives, but we can't perform. After the doctor completes our checkups, he smiles and says, "Sex is all in your head." That's humbug!

Here we are in Florida, home of the Fountain of Youth, but like Ponce de Leon, we can't find the well.

READY, WILLING, BUT NOT ABLE

DEAR ABBY: I'm only a kid of 92. Do I qualify for senior citizenship? I don't have any problems, but I've got a lot of relatives who are going to have plenty when I die. I'm leaving everything to the church.

GRANDPA IN PHOENIX

DEAR ABBY: I am 83 and have no problems. Death took my two good wives. Did not dare to try for a third. Afraid I'd get a lemon. I bowl in four leagues and enjoy church. I give better than one-tenth of my income to God because He lets me live well.

ANDY IN JOHNSON CITY, N.Y.

DEAR READERS: This series of responses from senior citizens will be continued tomorrow.

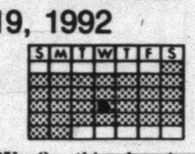
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Aug. 19, 1992

Today is the 232nd day of 1992 and the 61st day of summer.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1969, the British army assumed full responsibility for security in Northern Ireland.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bernard Baruch (1870-1965), financier-U.S. public official; Orville Wright (1871-1948), inventor; Ogden Nash (1902-1971), poet; Malcolm Forbes (1919-1990), publisher; Willie Shoemaker (1931-), jockey, is 61; Jill St. John (1940-), actress, is 52; Bill Clinton (1946-), U.S. politician, is 46; John Stamos (1963-), actor, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1965, Cincinnati's Jim Maloney pitched his second extra-inning no-hitter of the season as the Reds defeated the Chicago Cubs, 1-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To keep your marriage brimming, / With love in the loving cup, / Whenever you're wrong admit it; / Whenever you're right, shut up." — Ogden Nash

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1955, the remains of Hurricane Diane soaked New England to set several records. Westfield, Mass., received 18.15 inches of rain in 24 hours.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Aug. 13) and last quarter (Aug. 21).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
It's a sign your jalopy's getting really old when you consider that getting a speeding ticket is a compliment.

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New lottery game unveiled

AUSTIN (AP) — State lottery officials have unveiled a new scratch-off game called Lone Star Millionaire, and said the $1 million grand-prize drawings will continue at least through April.

The fourth scratch-off game offers cash prizes ranging from $2 to $5,000, or a free lottery ticket, or a ticket that makes the holder eligible for a $1 million drawing, officials said Tuesday.

The odds of winning are one in 4.67, with the vast majority of winning tickets either $2 or free-ticket cards.

Tickets with a single star will be eligible for new monthly $1 million drawings. The odds of finding a star are one in 125.

"We're going to continue the excitement of our million-dollar drawings," said Texas Lottery Director Nora Linares.

Currently, scratch-off tickets with the word "Entry" appearing three times are eligible for the $1 million drawing.

The next 140,000 "Entry" tickets received by Sept. 4 from Lone Star Millions and Texas Match Up games will be used to select the seven finalists for the remaining weekly $1 million drawings, Ms. Linares said.

"Entry" tickets received after Sept. 4, and all the tickets with a star on them from the new game will be eligible for the monthly drawings, she said.

She said that Lone Star Millionaire will be used as the "base game" in which the tickets and grand prize drawings will continue through April.

Gregg Allman now drug-free

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Rocker Gregg Allman says he is now drug-free and wakes before dawn to get his body in shape.

"I work out on the bicycle and treadmill every morning," said the 44-year-old Allman. "I haven't seen any new biceps or muscles yet, but I feel a lot better."

Allman refused to say how long he has been drug-free. But he said he began his new regime in May, when his band started touring to promote its new album. The Allman Brothers perform here at the Meadowlands on Aug. 30.

He was arrested for drug possession in the 1970s and avoided prison by testifying against his road manager in a drug case.

Senators study ethnic adoption policy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio couple's emotional adoption battle has led a Texas Senate committee to question how social workers consider race and ethnicity when matching adoptive children with new families.

Scrutiny by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services came Tuesday in a public hearing resulting from the case of Bud and Cheryl Peacock, who are attempting to adopt a 1-year-old foster child who came to live with them after birth.

The Peacocks took the state Department of Human Services to court after the agency told them they could not adopt the girl because they are white and she is Hispanic. They also were told social workers were trying to find a permanent home for the baby with her older half-sister.

The court case is pending.

"Ethnicity of a child may have been an issue in the past, but it should not be an issue for (adoption) placement in the 1990s," Bud Peacock told the lawmakers.

"It's time for DHS to stop serving their own agendas and start looking at what's in the best interest of children."

Anne Heiligenstein, state director of child protective services for DHS, said when choosing adoptive homes the agency considers race and ethnicity along with other factors, such as sibling relationships.

The agency does not prohibit ethnically mixed adoptions, she said, noting that last year 27 percent of state-supervised adoptions were "cross-cultural."

State Sen. Frank Tejeda, D-San Antonio, has assisted the Peacock family in their court battle and told the Senate committee that ethnicity should not be an obstacle to a "healthy, caring environment for the child."

Gramm's keynote speech gets warm reception from Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas delegation applauded Sen. Phil Gramm's feisty keynote speech at the Republican National Convention, but acknowledged there was little new in the address outside of a confession to failing three grades as a youth.

"The Texas delegation has heard Gramm's speech for years," delegate R.J. Cotter of San Antonio said Tuesday night. "It was probably new to the rest of the country. But he didn't surprise us with anything. Nonetheless, we are behind him 100 percent."

And in the early competition for a possible 1996 White House bid, Texas delegates say Gramm and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp are clear frontrunners.

"Kemp is the guy who gave the speech of his life," Cotter said of the former pro football quarterback's address to the convention Tuesday night. "He is conservative and loved by Texas."

Celia Salomons, a delegate from San Antonio, said Gramm also appeared presidential.

"He was so direct in his speaking," Mrs. Salomons said. "He was on. And when you are on in front of millions of people it has to help build support for 1996."

Gramm blasted the Democratic-led Congress for snuffing President Bush's proposals to solve tax, drug, crime, health care and economic woes.

He hammered Bill Clinton as a used car salesman selling a message with an "axle broken and the frame bent to the left."

The former Texas A&M economics professor who has served in the House and Senate for 14 years also praised Ronald Reagan and Bush for victory in the Cold War.

But it was his confession to failing the third, seventh and ninth grades that caught many off guard.

"I didn't know he failed the three grades in school," said Sarilee Ferguson, a delegate from Waco. "I think people can relate to that. It's inspiring for kids who may be struggling to know they can still achieve success."

Tony Salinas, a delegate from Hebbronville, 50 miles southeast of Laredo, said he too was touched by Gramm's story.

"His not giving up is something we can all learn from," Salinas said. "He has tasted the American dream."

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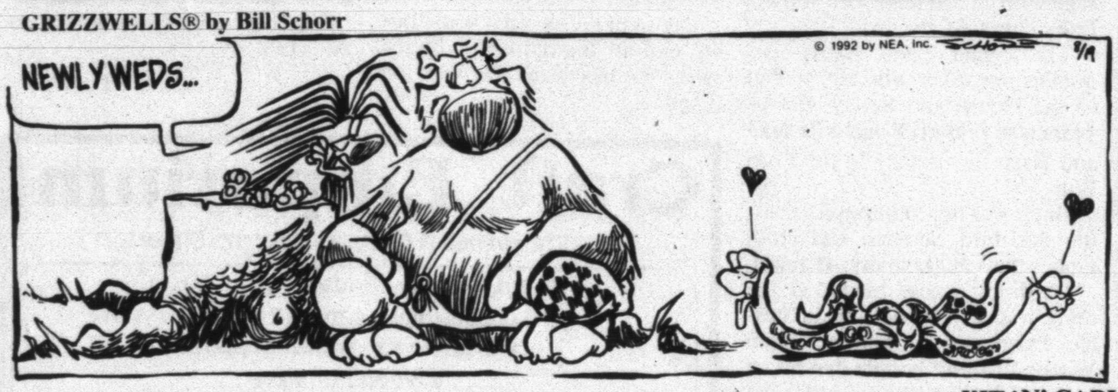
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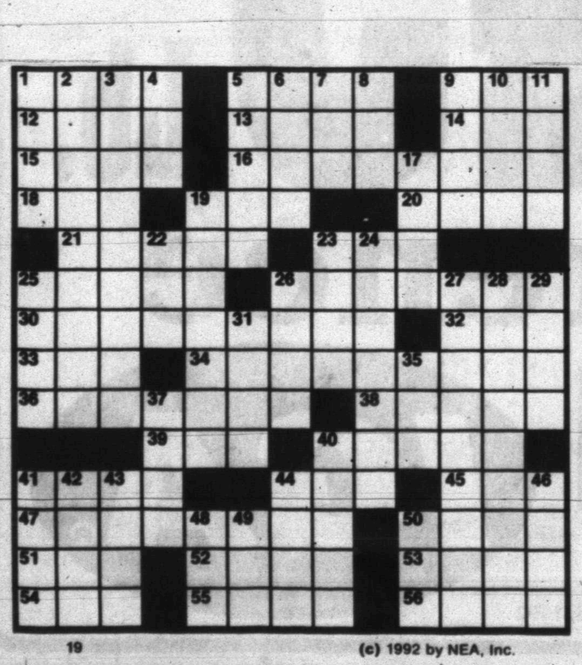
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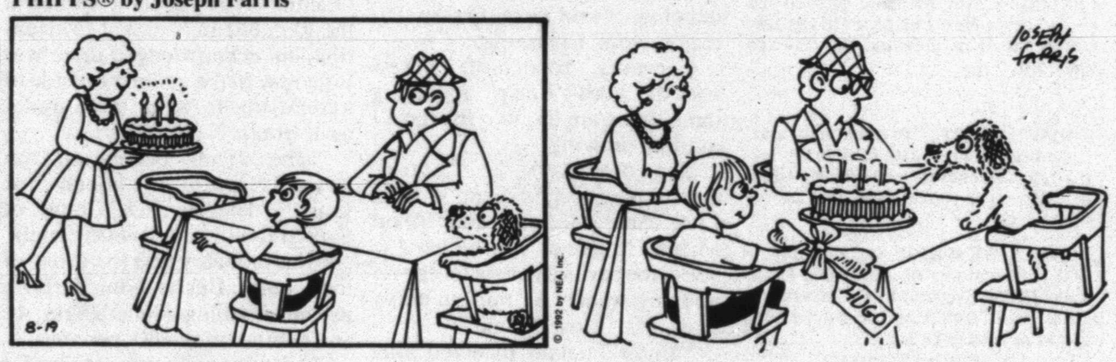
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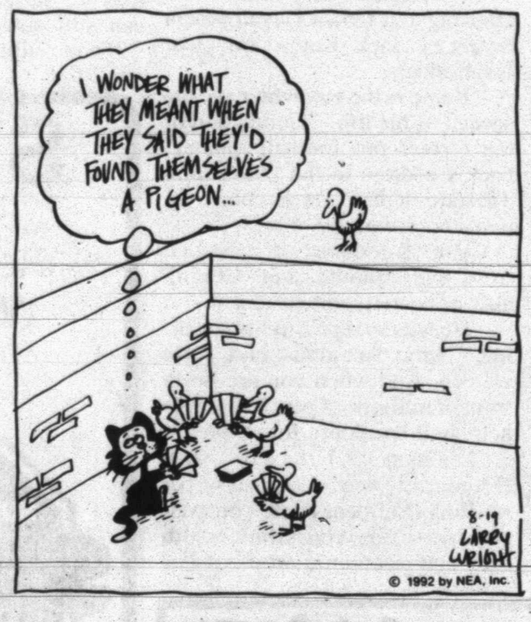


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Spikers draw praise following scrimmage

SHS volleyball coach Patty Grimmett called her spikers' opening scrimmage, a four-way affair against host Andrews, Seminole and Denver City on Monday, "Great".

"I was really pleased with the girls' performance," she said. "We got to scrimmage the JV a little on Friday, but we haven't had a lot of time with six working together on the floor.

"I think for the amount of time we've had and the short time the girls have had to work together, they did a good job."

She continued, "We did well on defense, we served pretty well and our hitters, Joellen King and Melanie Duncan, did a good job.

"We need to work on our blocking, but that will come with time.

"I got to see a lot of girls," reported Grimmett. "And how they'd do in a game situation."

Grimmett will lead her squad into the regular season Friday morning against Pecos in the first game of the two-day Monahans Tournament.

The Lady Tigers will compete in pool play Friday against Pecos at 9 a.m., Alpine at 1 p.m. and at 6 p.m. against Midland Lee. On Saturday, teams will move into a tournament format with a champion being crowned in winners and consolation brackets.

Also competing in Monahans are the JV Lady Tigers who face Buena Vista at noon Friday. The Junior Varsity Division will play a regular tournament both days.

The Lady Tigers will travel to Big Spring Aug. 25 then will compete in the Aug. 28-29 Denver City tournament before getting to play in their home gym Sept. 1 against Plains.

Bird gives in to aching back

BOSTON (AP) — No more amazing no-look passes. No more reckless dives to save the ball. No more miraculous game-winning 3-pointers.

No more Larry Bird playing basketball like no one else can.

The visions flow swiftly like a dream come true. Finally, the wakeup call came: Bird, seemingly superhuman in his best days, really is just a mere mortal.

For two seasons he tried to fight that reality, playing for the Boston Celtics with an aching back that caused him great agony. Increasingly, he couldn't. So it was no surprise that he gave in to the painful truth.

Bird retired Tuesday after a 13-year career that was one of the greatest in NBA history.

"It's something that had to be done," he said. "I've had enough (pain) to last me a lifetime and I can't shake it.

"I put my body through living hell for 17 years," said Bird, who starred at Indiana State.

He lacked great speed and leaping ability. But he was a creative genius, thinking several steps ahead of his opponents. And he was a tough-minded warrior who drooled at the prospect of competing with — and beating — the best.

"I played against some of the best basketball players in the world and I did pretty fair against them," Bird said.

One of them was Magic Johnson, his adversary in three NBA championship series and his teammate on the United States team that won the Olympic basketball gold medal 11 days ago.

"Larry was the only player in the league that I feared, and he was the smartest player I ever played against," Johnson said.

"Larry Bird has helped to define the way a generation of basketball fans has come to view and appreciate the NBA," NBA commissioner David Stern said.

Playing on opposite coasts, Bird and Johnson joined the NBA in 1979 and were instrumental as it grew to new heights of popularity throughout the world. Salaries and TV revenues also soared.

Few played better than the country boy from French Lick, Ind., whose hick-like manner and sometimes tangled syntax masked a strong will and a sharp mind.

He was the college player of the year in 1979 and the NBA rookie of the year in 1980. He won the first of his three NBA titles in 1981. He was the most valuable player in the 1982 All-Star Game. From 1984 through 1986, he won three straight regular-season MVP awards.

He added a new dimension to the forward position. At 6-foot-9, he was a peerless passer who made his teammates better.

He averaged 24.3 points, 10 rebounds and 6.3 assists per game. Only 10 players have more than his 21,791 points, and all had longer careers than his.

His started in 1979, one year after Boston drafted him on the first round after his junior season. The Celtics were 29-53 the season before he arrived and 61-21 in his rookie year.

"When the definitive history of basketball is written," Celtics chief executive officer Dave Gavitt said, Bird "will occupy a special place in the top five players ever to play this game."

"God may have not granted him an all-world body, but from the shoulders to the top of his head and from his wrist to his fingertips, he played the game better than anybody's ever played it and he played it with a heart five times as big as anybody else I ever saw."

New indoor golf gear in use at Travis Gym

Snyder High School boys' golf coach Bob O'Day unveiled the new indoor practice facilities at Travis Gym Tuesday.

The gym, to be used as headquarters for the the boys' and girls' teams from SHS, has been outfitted by the newly-formed Scurry County Junior Golf Association for use by the SHS teams for workouts in inclement weather.

"We're really proud of this," O'Day said. "Now we have a spot to practice, whatever the weather is like."

Included in the new equipment are new practice putting greens, surfaces from which to practice chipping and driving and isometric exercise gear.

O'Day is quick to point out that the equipment is not just for use by the high school golf teams.

"The great thing about this is that so many people can benefit from it," he said.

"This is a Scurry County facility. We already have Jerry Baird (Scurry County Senior Citizen Center Director) organizing lessons for senior citizens.

"Kids who didn't make the golf team can use it, Hermleigh and Ira kids can use it.

"It's a teaching facility, a recreational facility and an exercise facility," said O'Day.

"We have a lot of people at the center," said Baird, "that would love to play golf, used to play golf, but they can't walk as well as they used to.

"They can come over here and practice chipping or just putt."

The senior citizens' classes will be formed at an organizational meeting Monday at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

McDowell shuts out Rangers

CHICAGO (AP) — Jack McDowell pitched a six-hit shutout to defeat Kevin Brown in a duel of the American League's top winning pitchers, and shared hero honors with Tim Raines.

Raines, who has been on a roll since being dropped from leadoff to No. 2 in the batting order, had three hits Tuesday night and scored two runs as the Chicago White Sox defeated the Texas Rangers 3-0.

It was McDowell's first shutout of the season, the fourth of his career, and his major league-leading 10th complete game.

Raines had seven putouts in left-field. He robbed Rafael Palmeiro of a hit with a diving catch and, on another play, went deep into center field to make a catch of a ball that Lance Johnson lost in the lights.

McDowell (16-7) was in total command as the White Sox chipped away for three runs, only two earned, off Brown (16-8) in the first five innings.

It was his 31st career complete game, including a league-leading 15 last season.

Brown gave up nine hits in pitching his eighth complete game but said he was frustrated.

"I've given up 20 hits in the last two games and only about five have been hit hard," said Brown.

The victory was the third straight and 15th in the last 20 games for the White Sox, who improved to 11-1 in their last 12 home games. The Rangers lost their fourth in a row.

Astros edge St. Louis with four-run inning

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Houston Astros are a little tired of talking about their 26-game, 28-day road trip, but they don't mind chatting about how it's going.

"We've really been playing some good ball," manager Art Howe said after Houston edged the St. Louis Cardinals 7-6 on Tuesday night.

Ernest Riles' game-tying pinch-hit single was followed by Craig Biggio's two-run single in a four-run seventh that proved decisive for the Astros.

"We really had some timely hitting tonight," Howe said. "If we keep winning, I'll ask for another road trip like this next year."

St. Louis had a season-high three home runs and still lost. "It's frustrating to hit three home runs in a game for the first time all year and lose," Cardinals manager Joe Torre admitted.

The Cardinals committed two errors, snapping their major league record streak of errorless games. St. Louis had not committed an error in 16 straight games until Tuesday, when they had two.

"Houston played well, but we helped them tonight with some bad plays in the field," said Torre.

After allowing two runs and two hits in the first inning, St. Louis starter Omar Olivares held Houston hitless for five innings. Then he surrendered four hits to the Astros in the seventh.

Baseball glance

By The Associated Press
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	70	49	.588	—
Baltimore	66	53	.555	4
Milwaukee	63	55	.534	6½
Detroit	58	63	.479	13
Boston	55	64	.462	15
Cleveland	54	65	.454	16
New York	54	65	.454	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	72	47	.605	—
Minnesota	67	52	.563	5
Chicago	62	55	.530	9
Texas	59	63	.484	14½
Kansas City	54	65	.454	18
California	53	67	.442	19½
Seattle	48	72	.400	24½

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 8, Minnesota 1
Chicago 3, Texas 0
Toronto 12, Milwaukee 1
Boston 8, California 0
Seattle 8, Baltimore 3
New York 7, Oakland 3
Detroit 5, Kansas City 1

Wednesday's Games

Oakland (Stewart 8-7) at New York (Kamieniecki 2-10), 7:30 p.m.
California (Abbott 4-12) at Boston (Dopson 6-5), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Grant 1-3) at Baltimore (Rhodes 4-2), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Krueger 10-3) at Cleveland (Nagy 12-8), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Linton 1-1) at Milwaukee (Bosio 10-5), 8:05 p.m.
Texas (Guzman 10-9) at Chicago (Fernandez 4-7), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Haas 2-0) at Kansas City (Appier 13-5), 8:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	67	52	.563	—
Montreal	64	55	.538	3
Chicago	58	60	.492	8½
St. Louis	55	62	.470	11
New York	52	64	.448	13½
Philadelphia	50	68	.424	16½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	72	45	.615	—
Cincinnati	67	51	.568	5½
San Diego	64	55	.538	9
San Francisco	56	63	.471	17
Houston	53	66	.445	20
Los Angeles	51	68	.429	22

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 0, 1st game
Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 1, 2nd game
Atlanta 5, Montreal 1
Pittsburgh 5, San Diego 1
Houston 7, St. Louis 6
Chicago 4, San Francisco 1
Los Angeles 4, New York 0

Wednesday's Games

Cincinnati (Hammond 6-7) at Philadelphia (Rivera 2-2), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago (Castillo 6-9) at San Francisco (Swift 8-3), 3:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 18-3) at Montreal (Nabholz 8-8), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Deshaies 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Walk 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Kile 2-7) at St. Louis (Cormier 3-10), 8:35 p.m.
New York (Gooden 6-10) at Los Angeles (Hershiser 8-10), 10:35 p.m.



NEW EQUIPMENT — Snyder High School boys' golf coach Bob O'Day, kneeling, gives some pointers to freshman golfer Page Patterson during workouts on the new indoor practice equipment at Travis Gym. Looking on are fellow frosh Matt Parker, left, and Robbie Huestis. (SDN Staff Photo)

Golf booster club elects officers

A Booster Club for Snyder High School boys and girls golf teams was formed in an organizational meeting Tuesday at the teams' indoor practice facility at Travis Gym.

Alton Patterson was elected president of the newly-formed club, Ronnie Baker was named vice-president, James Brown, treasurer, and Ernie Armstrong, secretary.

Committee members are Terry Huestis, Jacalyn Lowrance and Janice Northerns.

The first function is the Slingin' Sammy Baugh Snyder High School Golf Tournament set for Sept. 5.

Meeting dates have not been set as yet.

Volleyball tournament scheduled

A volleyball tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at St. Elizabeth's Church for queen candidate Misty Molina.

Entry fee is $40 per team for the six-on-six tourney with T-shirts being awarded first through fourth place teams.

For more information, contact Sylvia at 573-7129 or Rudy Garza at 573-4254.

SDN sports week

Thursday, Aug. 20

Hermleigh vs. Dawson at Gail in preseason scrimmage.

Friday, Aug. 21

Football

SHS JV and varsity scrimmage Ft. Stockton in Stanton at 5 p.m.

Ira hosts Blackwell in preseason scrimmage at 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball

SHS JV and varsity at Monahans Tournament.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Volleyball

SHS JV and varsity at Monahans Tournament.

Football

Snyder Tigers host picture day at 9:30 a.m. at Tiger Stadium.

Tennis

Snyder at Big Spring at 2 p.m.

Chargers boast two-way player

by The Associated Press

William "Refrigerator" Perry gained fame by making the occasional switch from defensive lineman to running back, and defensive back Deion Sanders added to his aura by making a few cameo appearances at wide receiver.

Now the NFL may have another two-way player — San Diego Chargers third-year man Steve Hendrickson.

Hendrickson, a running back his first two seasons with San Diego, has moved to outside linebacker.

The switch doesn't preclude the 6-foot, 250-pounder from seeing occasional action on the other side of the ball, however. He also fits into the Chargers' plans as a goal-line rusher and a special teams leader.

"He's done a tremendous job," first-year Chargers coach Bobby Ross said. "He's made a good transition to defense and if push came to shove and we got in a crunch, we could still let him do some things at tight end. To me, he's an invaluable part of our program."

"I'll play anywhere they want me," Hendrickson said Tuesday. "When I was coming out of college someone said he wanted to play where it's warm, but I said I'd catch punts naked for Buffalo if I could play in the NFL."

Cowboys

Back problems slowed quarterbacks Troy Aikman and Steve Beuerlein and leg problems hampered wide receivers Alvin Harper and Alex Wright.

Coach Jimmy Johnson said Harper won't play in Saturday night's game against the Denver Broncos.

Aikman left practice early because of back spasms, and Beuerlein didn't practice at all because of a sore back he hurt during last weekend's exhibition against the Houston Oilers.

Redskins

Negotiations between Washington Redskin officials and agents for holdouts Desmond Howard and Jim Lachey broke off late Tuesday without a deal.

Packers

Left tackle Ken Ruettgers resolved his contract disagreement and will take part in his first training camp practice today.

Seahawks

Seattle and wide receiver Brian Blades are far apart on a new contract as the team completes the final week of training camp.

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West on 1A-3-2-2-shop, $67.5.
212 36th Pl-3-1-1-$32T.
5310 Etgen-lg 3-2-2-den, $84.9.
2809 Denison-3-2-2 shop, $78T.
Quiet Country-1A, $17T.
307 N. Ave T-owner fin, $12.5T.
East-nice home, orchard, 51A.
4304 Lubbock-3-2-2, 50's.
3110 40th-3-2 nice $39,500.
1201 20th-2-1-1CP, $19T.
404 32nd-3-2-2CP, shop, 40's.
500 25th-2-1-CP, $17T.
1800 28th-2-story, $23.5T.
3000 Denison-3-2-2 $69,900.
3709 Sunset-reduced, 3-1-2 39T.
3706 Ave U-3-2-brick, $53T.
1.64A-3-2-2 South, $47.5T.
Ira-Brick 4.33A, $45T.
1804 39th-3-1 nice, $32T.
Beauty Shop & Fixtures, $75T.
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Exclusive-Old West Snyder, 3 bedr. 2 baths, brick, double garage, nice patio, corner lot. Owner transferred. $39,500.
Exclusive-close to Stanfield, 3-2 w/den & living area, 50's.
Wide 42nd-2 bdrm, 28T.
Sunset-2-1 Den 25T.
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3119 39th-2-1-CP, $24T.
Home on 2A-Barns, basement.
3207 Irving-3-2-2, $79,500.
1908 30th-owner fin.
2233 Sunset-3-1-1 $29,000.
2402 41st-Assume loan.
3615 41st-3-2-2 $48,900.
3012 W-3-2-1-$49,500.
Ira 3-2 w/1.6A $47,500.
3782 Avondale-Assume loan.
5310 Etgen-3-2-2, $84,900.
3405 44th-3-2-2 $56,500.
2006 Towle Park Rd.-3-2-2.
2501 48th-3-2-2 & RV garage.
2705 48th-3-2-2-pool-cabana.
2807 Denison-3-2-2 $74T.
4507 El Paso-3-2-2 $78T.
2707 28th-3-2-CP $72T.
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In accordance with Section 71.005, of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Scurry County hereby gives notice of its intention to execute an Oil and Gas Lease covering property owned by Scurry County in Sections 123, 154, 155, 179, 180 and 181, Block 3, H&GN RR Company Survey, Scurry County, Texas. Such lease will be executed subject to all of the terms and other specifications contained in an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease Form, copies of which may be obtained from the Scurry County Commissioners' Court.

Ail bids for a lease covering this property will be received and opened on Friday, September 4, 1992, at 11:00 a.m., in the Scurry County Commissioners' Court, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Bids will be considered on Tuesday, September 8, 1992.

If you are the successful bidder, you will be required to submit a Money Order or Cashiers Check within 72 hours for lease bonus or your bid will be invalid and Scurry County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to accept or reject one of the other bids submitted and opened on September 4, 1992.

The Hermleigh I.S.D. Board of Trustees will hold a budget hearing on Monday, August 24, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. in the high school library.

Orchestrated protests mark demonstrations at GOP Convention

By Susan Fahlgren
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The scenes on television news are of hundreds of rabid anti-abortion protesters ranting at people they see as the devil's agents, abortion rights supporters standing in front of clinics.

AP analysis

But behind the scenes, it's orchestrated street theater designed to grab the attention of 15,000 journalists in town for the Republican National Convention.

It doesn't matter that the GOP platform is in agreement with the anti-abortion demonstrators — it's not the Republicans they're trying to reach.

"We wanted to keep the plight of the unborn in the media," said Jeff White from Operation Rescue of California.

And they also wanted to remind President Bush of their clout. "We wanted to challenge Bush to appoint only pro-life justices to the Supreme Court."

As if to confirm that attention is the goal, one anti-abortion activist — asked by a reporter to stop shouting while an opposition leader spoke — later confessed, "I really only wanted to get my sound bite."

Many protests have been carefully planned for noon and evening TV news live shots, while nearly all have been choreographed to allow reporters time to cover the convention itself.

Abortion protesters not only have a tape-recorded message of where they will be staging "rescues of the preborn," but also provide directions and call the media to ensure journalists are aware of the plans. Others have taken reporters and photographers along as they drive to the "secret" abortion clinic targets.

On the opposite side, journalists have been invited into a "ready room" used by abortion rights activists as a military-styled strategic planning area, complete with two-way radios and tracking maps.

"It's very efficient and effective," said Patricia Ireland, who heads the National Organization for Women. "First of all, we have people at their rallies and in their organizations, just as they have spies in our group."

As the spies leave in caravans with members of Operation Rescue, Rescue America, Lambs of Christ or other anti-abortion groups, they radio ahead to "clinic defense" organizers who notify their troops.

It's not unlike the plot of a "Get Smart" episode in the battle against KAOS.

Meanwhile at the courthouse, the scene is more reminiscent of prosecutors and defense attorneys sharing friendly banter like old chums — until the tape recorders and cameras are turned on and then, so is the venom.

"Of course I'm friendly to you because I want you to be saved by Jesus Christ," Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry told Ms. Ireland in the hallways of the courthouse.

Other groups also are fighting for attention, and hoping the convention will amplify their voices.

At a Monday night confrontation between Houston police officers in riot gear and members of Aids Coalition to Unleash Power, ACT UP, and Queer Nation, a protester told a reporter using a cellular phone to "get a story on the wire and get the TV cameras out here. We need their lights."

But the organizations have their own media crews covering their events, complete with minicams and microphones.

Planned Parenthood used their own videotape footage of an Operation Rescue effort at a clinic last week to bring contempt of court petitions against demonstrators.

Even Houston police are shooting footage of rallies and protests, presumably to protect themselves against brutality charges.

While this goes on, the official protest site set up outside the Astrodome is almost ignored.

"We haven't seen a thing," Washington delegate Kirby Wilbur said Monday as she walked through a crowd of gay rights and atheists protesting Vice President Dan Quayle's speech on "God and Family Values" at the Sheraton Astrodome.

Officials decry diminishing numbers of horned toads

WACO, Texas (AP) — Forget global warming. Don't worry about the ozone layer. There's something far more important for Texans to worry about.

The horned toads, ferocious-looking miniature dinosaurs that for ages have stalked red ants across the Central Texas landscape are vanishing.

Officials say horned toads are hard to find these days. They've been killed off by fire ants, pesticides and loss of habitat.

They're actually misnamed, scientists say, because they're not really toads, they're lizards.

"Horny toads like dirty, dusty, sandy, dry areas with lots of red ants to eat," said Bill Davis, publicity and marketing director for the Horned Lizard Conservation Society. "We don't have that anymore, so there's not many of them left."

In far West Texas and New Mexico, where there still is plenty of dust, dirt and food, horned toads continue to be plentiful.

The Horned Lizard Conservation Society, an Austin-based group, is asking people to report Central Texas sightings of the lizards.

The group hopes to eventually reintroduce the lizards in the landscapes they once roamed, where possible. However, their resurgence is unlikely wherever fire ants abound.

"A horned lizard can eat 200 red ants a day," Davis said. "They can eat fire ants, too, but fire ants swarm them and kill them."

Texas horned lizards most enjoy eating harvester ants, the big red ants that make large circular clearings around the opening of their nests.

Should something try eating them, the lizards can squirt blood from ducts at the corners of their eyes as a defense.

Fred Gehlbach, a biology professor at Baylor University, said the last horned toads in the immediate vicinity of Waco were seen in the late 1970s and early 1980s, with few sightings since.

He said they disappeared locally about the same time the state of Texas sprayed East and Central Texas with Mirex, a pesticide to kill fire ants.

Harvester ants have also become scarce, "so it's possible horned toads died out either because their food supply did or because of spraying," Gehlbach said. "We're just not sure."

Three species of horned lizards make Texas their home, the mountain short-horned, round-tail and Texas horned lizards. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department lists the mountain short-horned and Texas horned lizards as threatened.

This means no one may take them from their habitat or sell them without a special permit.

The society says the Texas horned lizard is the most well-known of three species of the horned lizard.

To report sightings, write the Horned Lizard Conservation Society at P.O. Box 122, Dept. 161-6, Austin 78767.

Petroleum prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Petroleum cash prices Tuesday as compared with Monday's prices.

	Tue.	Mon.
Refined Products		
Fuel oil No. 2 NY hbr bg gl fob	.5820	.5880
Gasoline unl prem RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.6710	.6675
Gasoline unl RVP NY hbr bg gl fob	.6320	.6270
Prices provided by Oil Buyer's Guide.		
X-prices are for RVP grade of gasoline.		
Petroleum - Crude Grades		
Saudi Arabian light $ per bbl fob	17.90	18.00
North Sea Brent $ per bbl fob	19.95	20.05
West Texas Intermed $ per bbl fob	21.45	21.45
Alask No. Slope del. US Gulf Coast	19.00	18.85
Alask No. Slope del. West Coast	18.20	18.20

John Henry's last winning race was the Ballantine's Scotch Classic at the Meadowlands in 1984.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	593/8	583/4	587/8	+1/4
Albtsn	411/4	41	411/8	
AlliedSignal	533/4	53	53	-5/8
ALLTEL Cp	411/2	411/4	411/2	+1/4
AmStores	375/8	367/8	367/8	-7/8
Amer T&T	433/8	431/8	431/4	
Ameritech	705/8	701/8	701/8	-3/8
Amoco	515/8	511/4	515/8	+1/4
AndarkPtr	281/4	28	28	
Arkla	105/8	101/2	105/8	+1/4
ArmcoInc	7	63/4	7	-1/4
AtlRichfld	1147/8	1141/2	1145/8	-1/8
BakerHugh	23	227/8	23	+1/4
BancTexas	15/8	11/2	11/2	-1/8
BellAtl	495/8	493/8	491/2	
BellSouth	551/8	547/8	55	-1/8
Beth Steel	13	123/4	123/4	
Borden	281/8	277/8	28	-1/4
Caterpllr	491/4	49	491/8	+1/2
Centel	303/8	301/4	301/4	
CenSoWst s	291/4	291/8	291/4	+1/8
Chevron	731/2	73	731/4	+1/4
Chrysler	211/4	203/4	203/4	-3/8
Coastal	281/8	28	28	-1/8
CocaCola s	433/4	431/2	435/8	+1/8
ColgP	55 1/4	553/4	557/8	
CooperIn	471/2	473/8	473/8	+1/4
CyprusMn	30	291/2	30	+1
DallSemicn	103/8	103/8	103/8	
DeltaAirl	511/2	511/8	511/4	
DigitalEq	361/2	353/4	353/4	-5/8
Dillard s	343/4	343/8	343/8	-3/8
DowChem	571/8	563/4	567/8	+1/8
DresserInd	211/8	21	211/8	+1/8
DuPont	513/4	511/4	511/2	+1/4
EstKodak	44	437/8	44	
EljerInd	93/8	91/8	91/4	
Enserch	147/8	143/4	143/4	-1/8
Exxon	643/4	641/2	643/4	+3/8
FtCtyBcp	11/8	11/8	11/8	-1/8
FlowerInd	187/8	183/4	183/4	-1/8
FordMotor	417/8	415/8	417/8	+1/8
GTE Cp	351/2	351/4	351/4	-1/8
GnDynam	793/4	793/8	791/2	-1/8
GenElct	763/4	763/8	765/8	
GnMill	701/8	697/8	70	
GenMotors	371/4	365/8	365/8	-5/8
GenMotrE s	29	283/4	287/8	-1/8
GaPacif	541/4	54	541/8	
GlobMar	23/8	21/8	21/4	
Goodrich	451/4	45	451/8	
Goodyear	68	673/8	673/4	+1/4
GtAtlPac	265/8	263/8	261/2	-1/4
Gulf StaUt	157/8	153/4	153/4	
Haliburtn	33	321/2	321/2	-1/2
Hanson	187/8	183/4	183/4	-1/8
HoustInd	443/8	441/8	441/4	-1/8
IBM	881/2	881/8	881/8	+1/8
IntlPaper	633/4	631/4	631/2	+1/2
JohnsnJns s	511/8	501/2	505/8	-1/4
K mart s	243/8	241/8	241/4	
Kroger	113/4	111/2	113/4	+1/8
vjLTV Cp	3/4	11-16	11-16	—1-16
Litton s	461/8	46	46	-1/8
Lowes s	183/4	181/4	185/8	+3/8
Lubys	161/2	163/8	163/8	-1/4
Maxus	63/4	63/8	65/8	+1/8
MayDSt	601/4	60	60	
Medtronic	781/8	771/2	773/4	+25/8
Mobil	65	643/4	647/8	+1/8
Monsanto	551/2	545/8	543/4	-3/4
Motorola	851/4	843/4	843/4	-1/2
Nationsbk	467/8	465/8	463/4	-1/4
Navistar	2	17/8	17/8	-1/8
Nynex	845/8	843/8	841/2	-1/8
OryxEngy	225/8	221/2	225/8	
PacTelesis	443/8	437/8	437/8	-3/8
PanhECp	183/8	18	181/4	
PenneyJC	687/8	681/8	681/2	+1/4
PepBoys	231/4	23	23	+1/8
PhelpD s	497/8	491/8	497/8	+7/8
PhilipPet	283/4	281/2	281/2	-1/4
PilgrmPrd	73/4	75/8	75/8	-1/4
Polaroid s	321/4	321/8	321/4	
Praxair n	161/8	153/4	16	
Primerica	43	427/8	427/8	-1/8
ProctGamb s	491/8	485/8	483/4	-1/4
PubS NwMx	133/4	135/8	135/8	-1/4
SFePacCp	113/4	115/8	115/8	-1/8
SaraLee	547/8	545/8	545/8	+1/8
SearsRoeb	415/8	413/8	411/2	
SherwinW	291/2	283/4	291/4	+3/4
SmthBck s	441/4	44	441/8	-1/8
SmthBc eqt s	395/8	391/4	395/8	+1/4
Southern Co	371/2	373/8	373/8	-1/8
SwAirl s	223/8	221/8	221/8	-1/4
SwstBell	683/4	681/2	683/4	
Sprint	233/8	23	233/8	+1/8
SterlingChm	4	4	4	-1/8
SunCo	253/8	251/8	251/4	-1/8
TNP Ent	201/4	20	201/4	-1/8
Tandy	24	233/4	24	
TemplInl	477/8	473/8	477/8	+5/8
Tenneco	391/8	383/4	391/8	+1/8
Texaco	651/8	643/4	647/8	+1/2
TexasInst	401/4	391/4	393/8	-5/8
Tex Util	433/8	43	43	-3/8
Textron	38	373/4	377/8	
Tyler	5	47/8	47/8	+1/8
USWst	393/8	391/8	391/4	-1/8
USX-Marathn	197/8	191/2	191/2	-1/2
USX-USS	271/4	271/8	271/8	+1/8
UnCarbde	141/8	137/8	137/8	+1/8
UnPac s	525/8	523/8	521/2	+1/8
UnitTech	557/8	55	55	—11/8
Unocal	281/4	275/8	273/4	
WalMart	59	585/8	585/8	-1/8
WestghEl	167/8	163/4	167/8	+1/8
Woolwth	301/4	301/8	301/8	
Xerox Cp	751/8	743/4	743/4	-3/8
ZenithE	65/8	61/2	65/8	

Obituaries

Chuck Williams

1912-1992

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. — Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Hamilton Funeral Home Chapel for Charles W. "Chuck" Williams, 79, a longtime resident of Alamogordo.

Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at the Pyron Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. The Rev. Don Taylor, pastor of the Snyder's First Baptist Church, will officiate.

Mr. Williams died Monday at Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.

Born on Oct. 20, 1912, in Washington, N.C., he was the chief of police in Tularosa, N.M., in 1957-58. He also operated the first cabinet shop there. Mr. Williams was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and retired in 1967 as chief of police for the Bureau of Land Management on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Montana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances Williams, in 1987.

Survivors include three sons, Charles L. "Skip" Williams of La Luz, N.M., James T. Williams of Torrance, Calif., and Michael N. Williams of Redondo Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Mary M. Williams of Manhatten Beach, Calif.; a step-son, Pat McCracken of Lovington, N.M.; one brother, Jay Williams of Seminole, Fla.; one sister, Kitty Kelley of Morehead City, N.C; and nine grandchildren.

IRAQ

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war over his seizure of Kuwait.

"We will instruct the Iraqis not to fly in that area," Major said in London. "They will be attacked if they fly in the area that is proscribed."

The action would enforce U.N. resolutions that ban most military air traffic in Iraq and the repression of civilians. Pro-Saddam forces crushed Kurd and Shiite uprisings after the war.

Late Tuesday, Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Abdul Amir al-Anbari, called the planned allied action "political subversion rather than humanitarian assistance."

He said in an interview that if the allies are really worried about the Shiites they would lift the trade sanctions imposed on Iraq by the United Nations.

A U.N. source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ultimatum could be delivered to al-Anbari or by American commanders during their weekly meeting with Iraqi commanders in Zakho, northern Iraq.

The source said scores of U.S. planes based in Saudi Arabia would enforce a safety zone for the Shiites in southern Iraq. The United States also has about 90 warplanes aboard the USS Independence in the Persian Gulf.

In London, a government official said Britain would contribute six aircraft to the allied force that would patrol southern Iraqi skies.

The prohibition would deprive Iraq of control of the skies over about half its territory.

The United States and its allies last year prohibited Iraq from using fixed-wing aircraft against the Kurds in northern Iraq, where the Kurds have established their own government.

U.N. Security Council resolutions that ended the Persian Gulf war also demand that Iraq end repression of ethnic groups.

About 200,000 Shiite rebels are living in nearly inaccessible marshes in southern Iraq, and Baghdad has been attacking the region for the past year. About 55 percent of Iraq's 17.5 million people belong to the Shia branch of Islam. Saddam and his ruling circle are Sunni Muslims.

Major denied that President Bush's re-election campaign had anything to do with the new get-tough attitude.

"I'm not just going into an election, and President Mitterrand (of France) is not going into an election, and we both feel very strongly about this issue," he said.

On Tuesday, the latest U.N. weapons inspection team left Iraq after a 10-day mission. Its leader, Nikita Smidovich of Russia, said the team did seek to inspect any Iraqi ministries — which Saddam has declared off-limits.

Bush presentation

HOUSTON (AP) — When Maria Ortiz arrived in the United States two years ago from Mexico, she never expected to meet President Bush.

But on Tuesday the 13-year-old karate student presented Bush with an honorary uniform and black belt. The president even drew giggles from her when he jerked back in mock fear as she stepped up to him, barely standing waist high.

"It feels wonderful," she said, flashing a toothy grin. "He wished me nice luck in the other demonstrations."

Maria and her fellow karate kids take part in an anti-drug program sponsored by actor Chuck Norris.

Children grunted, kicked, punched and broke boards in front of Bush while their parents stood back, applauded and beamed.

"I'm proud of her because this is my first kid and I really love her and she's done really well at school," Arnulfo Ortiz Hernandez, Maria's proud father.

Bruno Richard Hauptmann was electrocuted in Trenton, N.J., in 1936 for the kidnap-murder of the Lindbergh infant.

Around Bosnian capital...

Agreement would allow U.N. to supervise heavy weapons

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The chief of U.N. peacekeepers arrived in Sarajevo today to try to cement an agreement that would give his force supervision over all heavy weapons around the Bosnian capital.

Under the accord, signed Tuesday by Serb nationalists and leaders of Bosnia's Muslim-led government, the big guns would be concentrated in areas under U.N. supervision.

That would enable monitors to determine who is responsible for shelling and to pressure violators to stop.

In Sarajevo, the victims of shelling — and sniper fire — are most often civilian supporters of the Bosnian government or refugees from the countryside. Among popular targets for gunners in the hills surrounding the capital have been hospitals and refugee hotels, one of which was hit late Monday by mortar fire that killed five people and set the building ablaze.

"If this agreement works, there will be no shelling in Sarajevo," Zaim Backovic, a deputy commander of the Bosnian forces, said Tuesday.

U.N. spokesman Adnan Abdelrazek said peacekeepers regard the agreement as "very good news" despite doubts about it being honored.

The accord followed heightened U.N. pressure to halt the 5-month-old civil war. International outrage has grown in recent weeks over conditions at Serb-run detainment camps and the forced eviction of Muslims and Croats from their homes as part of a Serb policy of so-called "ethnic cleansing."

The plane that brought Gen. Satish Nambiar, an Indian who commands U.N. forces in the former Yugoslav federation, into Sarajevo today was one of just two to arrive by midday.

A steady stream of relief flights has brought food and medicine to the besieged capital since June 29.

But the airport, Sarajevo's main link to the outside world, was closed to relief flights Tuesday after radar locked onto a British tranport plane as it took off. Locking on with radar can be a first step toward opening fire.

State official says...

Cotton damage worse than expected

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Cotton crop damage and resulting wage losses for area workers are worse than predicted, says a state disaster official examining the area in hopes of securing federal relief aid.

"We had made preliminary loss estimates of $321 million in damaged cotton crop and $20 million to $22 million in lost wages," said Ed Laundy, district manager for the governor's Division of Emergency Management.

"But it looks like those estimates will change upward dramatically."

Laundy met Tuesday in Lubbock with local, state and federal officials from agriculture, labor and emergency agencies.

They are gathering information for Gov. Ann Richards to present President Bush in hopes of receiving access to Federal Emergency Management Agency programs.

Richards specifically cited the need for unemployment assistance and emergency loans to relieve economic hardship created by the devastated cotton crop.

"Usually, the president follows the FEMA recommendations, and FEMA will feel more positive after today's meeting. There are a lot more problems than I thought," Laundy said.

The officials are today expected to visit farmers, cotton gin operators and migrant workers to develop more precise loss estimates, Laundy said.

"Basically, we got reports of a lot of migrant workers out of work because of the cotton failure," Laundy said. "We came up here to find out what the migrants need, but we found also that local people have lost their jobs and businesses have closed because of the cotton failure."

Affected counties include Lubbock, Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Cochran, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Parmer and Swisher.

If Bush declares those counties disasters, residents would be eligible to receive disaster unemployment assistance through the U.S. Department of Labor and emergency loans from the Small Business and Farmer Home Administration, Laundy said.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Sonja Hill, Rt. 3; Basera Chowdbury, American Motor Inn.

DISMISSALS: John Sneed, Jo Ann Garza and baby.

Census: 42 (Med.-12, Long-Term Care-30).

Births

Eric and Kim Arnold of Overton announce the birth of a baby girl, Kerry Elaine, born on Aug. 8. She weighed five pounds and 14 ounces and is welcomed home by a brother, Justin, 5.

Grandparents Tommy and Jo Arnold of Snyder and J.D. and Betty Farmer of New London.

Stepdaughter left out of will

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A murdered socialite left nothing to her stepdaughter, who is accused in the slaying, according to a will filed in Tarrant County probate court.

However, Caren Koslow, who was murdered last March, left her husband $500,000 in a carefully crafted trust.

Both Jack and Caren Koslow were severely beaten in their Fort Worth home either late March 11 or early March 12. Mrs. Coslow, well-known for her community involvement and fundraising ability, was found by police with her throat slashed.

Her husband, who suffered a serious head injury, ran for help after the attack.

Fort Worth police have accused Kristi Koslow, 17, of soliciting her boyfriend, Brian Salter, and his friend Jeffery Dillingham to kill her father and stepmother in exchange for $1 million she expected to receive as part of her inheritance.

All three suspects are being held in the Tarrant County Jail on $1 million bond each. The three have been accused of capital murder and attempted capital murder.

Although Mrs. Koslow never had any children before she died, she said in her will, signed March 30, 1990, that beneficiaries could include "my natural children ... but shall not include stepchildren."

The will stipulates that her husband would not begin receiving money from the $500,000 trust until after he is released from any financial liability to his adopted daughter, Kristi.

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Phoenix, other cities take aim at gun-toting teenagers

PHOENIX (AP) — When residents of a gang-ridden neighborhood invited the mayor to a meeting to ask for help, it was gang members themselves who made the strongest argument: They sat in the back of the meeting room, carrying guns.

"These were 13-, 14-year-olds, wearing colors, with guns strapped to their hips," recalled Mayor Paul Johnson.

The mayor got his second shock when he found out the teen-agers weren't doing anything wrong.

Arizona is one of 25 states that allow people to carry firearms openly without a permit, and the "open carry" law has no age restrictions.

Johnson went on to push through an ordinance barring minors from carrying guns in the nation's ninth-largest city without their parents' permission.

The ordinance — part of national trend toward separating kids from their guns — has been imitated by at least one other Arizona community so far.

"It's good common sense," said the mayor, a Democrat. "If you tell someone he has to wait until he's 16 to get a driver's license, he can't vote, he can't buy a lottery ticket, but he can have a gun, something's wrong."

The National Rifle Association is threatening a court challenge to the ordinance.

Gun-control advocates are cheered by such measures.

"There's is a definite national trend, on the state and local level, to restrict firearms from people of all ages, but especially from children," said David Weaver, who works with state legislatures for Handgun Control Inc.

Legislation is pending in 26 states to hold adults responsible for allowing a minor access to a firearm, according to the NRA.

Supporters of such measures cite a report in June in the Journal of the American Medical Association that found gunshot wounds were the second-leading cause of death among high school-age Americans. One-third of high school students have access to handguns and 6 percent bring them to school, according to the study.

In the journal, Surgeon General Antonia Novello called violence in the United States a public health emergency.

"I think it is a national crisis," the Phoenix mayor said. "We've seen gangs for decades. But they used to get into fights with their fists and now they're carrying semiautomatic weapons."

After the Phoenix measure was approved unanimously by the City Council in May, neighboring Glendale passed a similar ban, and the City Council in suburban Scottsdale approved a resolution in favor of doing something similar.

Rich tradition

Historic firsts of GOP conventions

By Robert Wagman

WASHINGTON (NEA) — When the Republican Party gathers in Houston for its 35th national convention, it will be the first such GOP event in that Texas city. The Democrats met in Houston in 1928 to nominate Al Smith.

Although Chicago has been the favorite convention city of the GOP, hosting it on 14 occasions, the party has recently held them around the country, usually to accommodate its standard bearer or for political reasons.

Since 1964 the convention has been held in San Francisco, Miami (twice), Kansas City, Detroit, Dallas and New Orleans.

A younger party than the Democrats, the Republicans were latecomers to the tradition of holding national nominating conventions. The Democrats held their first convention in 1832.

But the Republicans, founded in 1854 as an outgrowth of the anti-slavery movement in the upper Midwest, did not hold their first until 1856, when they met in Philadelphia. At that convention, Illinois Sen. Abraham Lincoln was defeated in an attempt for the vice presidential nomination.

Despite the late start, the GOP has racked up an impressive list of firsts in connection with its conventions:

- In 1860, to celebrate the nomination of Abraham Lincoln in Chicago, the convention broke out in the first ever, carefully planned "spontaneous" demonstration.
- The 1860 Republican Convention also marked the first time that telegraph wires were strung directly into the convention hall so that newspapers could find out what was happening, as it happened.
- The first black ever to receive a vote for his party's presidential nomination was Frederick Douglass in 1888. He received a single vote on the GOP's fourth ballot in Chicago, in what turned out to be a eight-ballot contest that finally nominated Indiana Sen. Benjamin Harrison.
- In 1892, Ellen Foster of Iowa became the first woman ever to address a national political convention. She told the all-male GOP delegates in Minneapolis: "We are here to help you — and we have come to stay."
- In 1900, at the GOP Convention in Philadelphia, a woman attended as a full delegate for the first time in major party political convention history.

In 1892 the first woman to address a national political convention told the all-male delegates: "We are here to help you — and we have come to stay."

- In 1952, Republican delegates in Chicago were ready to nominate Sen. Margaret Chase Smith of Maine for vice president. She would have been the first woman so nominated, but she declined the offer.
- In 1960, Richard Nixon became the first vice president to secure the Republican presidential nomination. The convention was in Chicago.

Historically, compared to Democratic Conventions, GOP gatherings have usually been rather calm affairs. Not since the 1948 convention has the ballot gone beyond one round. Only four times since the turn of the century have the Republicans failed to agree on a candidate in one ballot. Nevertheless, there have been some memorable GOP convention battles.

The most memorable GOP battle occurred in Chicago in 1920. Eleven names were entered into nomination, and on the first ballot Gen. Leonard Wood had 287 votes and Gov. Frank Lowden of Illinois had 211 votes, both far short of the 493 needed to nominate. Way behind in sixth place was Sen. Warren Harding of Ohio, who had not campaigned for the nomination.

For two days, through seven ballots, no one came close to achieving the nomination. When the convention adjourned after the second day of inconclusive balloting, party leaders gathered in what one reporter called "a smoke-filled room," to emerge hours later saying they were abandoning all the front runners in favor of Harding. He was nominated the next day on the 10th ballot.

In 1912, the GOP Convention witnessed a furious battle between President William Howard Taft and challenger Theodore Roosevelt waged over what might be the great non-civil rights-based credential challenge in convention history. The Roosevelt forces brought 72 delegate challenges. They lost every one by a 567-507 vote. Every one of the challenged delegates voted for Taft and were his margin of victory.

A similarly bitter credential fight sealed Dwight Eisenhower's victory over Sen. Robert Taft in 1952. The Eisenhower forces challenged the seating of 68 delegates from Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. Despite the fact that Taft controlled the national committee, the convention voted not to seat the disputed delegates and to seat Eisenhower delegates instead. Eisenhower won the nomination 595-505.

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RECOGNITION — Western Texas College recognized its employees for their years of service to the college Monday evening. Those honored front row, Bettie McQueen, 15 years; Judy Border, 15 years; Mike Thorton, 20 years. Serving for 20 years back row, Albert Conte, Gay Hickman, Harry Krenek, Larry Anderson and Richard Lancaster. (SDN Staff Photo)



AWARDED — Faculty members of Western Texas College were recognized for their years of service at the annual faculty recognition dinner Monday evening. Honored for 10 years of service front row, Patsy Martin, Shirley Leftwich, Fran Bowden and Cindy Fritz. Back row, Joann Snider, 10 years; Don Buckland, 10 years; Melva Craig, 10 years; Gary Bouher, 10 years; George Kitchens, 5 years; Roy Rosson, 5 years; and Rockford Burris, 5 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

Republicans look to Barbara Bush, contrast with Hillary

HOUSTON (AP) — Republicans look to Barbara Bush to bring to their convention a warm message tonight about love, family and home. The contrast with Hillary Clinton, they say, can only help the GOP.

"Let America see more of our first lady," advised delegate Wayne Holloman of Greenville, N.C. "She epitomizes everything that Hillary Clinton is not."

Convention officials have been portraying Mrs. Bush's address to the convention — on family values night — as a major event. Just as the Republicans have criticized Mrs. Clinton for being seen as part of the Democratic ticket, some call Mrs. Bush the president's secret weapon.

Just as adamantly, Mrs. Bush has tried to play down the speech's importance.

"It's not worth staying up for," she said en route to Houston. "You're not going to wake up Thursday morning and say, 'Wow!'" she said after she got here. "You're going to wake up and say, 'Huh?'"

Asked to reflect on the political role of political wives, some delegates said that, like it or not, a president's spouse is important.

"The home life for a president has a distinct effect on a president's ability to give all of his time and efforts to the country," said Maida Pearson of Memphis.

Others weren't so sure.

"This is nonsense as far as I'm concerned," said Faye Sickel of DeValls Bluff, Ark. "They're not running."

But Stuart Spiller, a delegate from Hobbs, N.M., said Mrs. Clinton's views are an issue in this campaign because she is so outspoken.

"I do think it's a legitimate point to question how much influence she might have on her husband," Spiller said. A wife, he added, is "a very powerful, liberal voice in (a) president's ear."

Added Peggy Lambert of Maryville, Tenn.: "If Hillary Clinton wants to be high profile, if she wants to stick her head up, she's going to get shot."

In their comments, some delegates left no question about their scorn for Mrs. Clinton, who would be the first president's wife to have a law degree and the first to reach the White House after a professional career. She is a partner in a Little Rock, Ark., law firm.

"She is too ambitious," said Karen Pearson of Dundee, Ore.

"She has too big of a mouth," said Patty Stallings of Portland, Ore.

But Mrs. Bush herself has consistently dismissed the criticism of Mrs. Clinton as unfair.

Three VA centers will track desert storm health woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medical centers in Los Angeles, Houston and here are being established as treatment facilities for Persian Gulf veterans suffering mysterious ailments believed related to the oil field fires in the war with Iraq.

"We are prepared to assist any gulf veteran who may be experiencing health problems right now," VA Secretary Edward J. Derwinski said Tuesday.

Some soldiers returning from the Middle East have complained of maladies including fatigue, depression, hair loss, aching joints, rashes and sore and bleeding gums.

The symptoms are believed to be related to environmental contaminants, including fumes from oil fields set on fire by fleeing Iraqi troops.

Derwinski said the three hospitals will have special referral centers for veterans whose evaluations at local VA medical centers have evaded diagnosis. More facilities may be added if "there is a definite pattern" demonstrating the problem is worse than believed, he said.

"This is precautionary," Derwinski said in a telephone interview from Houston. He described the steps Tuesday as an effort to avoid a repeat of the Agent Orange debacle where veterans' complaints of medical problems went unresolved for years.

"We want to be ahead and on top of this, rather than behind ... although we have not seen any unusual patterns yet," he said.

VA spokesman Terry Jemison said there have been a "few cases scattered across the VA." He said the agency is trying to "sensitize people to the Persian Gulf disease process" so that the cases receive high priority.

The three hospitals were selected because of their medical specialists and academic experts on lung, skin and nerve problems and infectious diseases.

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Authorities say bird stealing in Texas has been increasing

LEANDER, Texas (AP) — Fences, locks, microchips and a watchdog couldn't stop thieves from carting away 52 emu chicks valued at $150,000 to $200,000, officials say in reporting a new trend in Texas crime.

Ostrich and emu thefts are rapidly increasing across Texas as more people want to invest in the birds, which are billed as a low cholesterol alternative to beef, authorities said Tuesday.

Jody Giddens reported the theft of the emu chicks from his ranch near Leander last weekend.

"We've probably gotten more than $500,000 in birds stolen in Texas in the last two months," said C.B. Wiley, a private investigator working on the Giddens theft. "I think the majority of birds stolen in the state are already sold. They're stolen to order."

Giddens, a former banker who began raising emus in 1990, said the culprits circled behind his ranch late Saturday or early Sunday and cut fences to enter a pen holding 72 emu chicks from 6 to 8 months old.

"We thought the place was pretty secure," he said as he surveyed his remaining birds and considered additional security.

Giddens suspects between four and eight people were involved, and that a large trailer or more than one trailer was used.

"The people who did this knew what they were doing," he said. "These emus are tough to catch," he said. They are evasive, will fight when caught and have large claws, he noted.

Emus and ostriches are members of the ratite group of flightless birds that includes rheas, cassowaries and kiwis. The emu is native to Australia and grows to about 6 feet tall and up to 150 pounds. The ostrich is native to Africa, and adults reach 10 feet tall and can weigh 350 pounds.

Adult ostriches can be sold for $60,000 each. Pairs of breeding emus have sold for $30,000.

Wiley, of Wells Point, said he has numerous leads in the Leander theft, but no suspects.

"There are some similarities in the thefts, but no hard evidence it's an organized ring," he said.

Someone stole 42 ostrich chicks from McQuary Farms in Milam County last summer. That case remains unsolved, officers said.

American Emu Association spokesperson Kathy Humphries said 16 emus were stolen this summer in Montgomery County, and that thefts are increasing. The Leander theft is the largest on record with the organization that boasts 1,487 members.

Gramm lectures GOP on 'used car salesman' Clinton

HOUSTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm, the former Texas A&M economics teacher, gave the Republican National Convention a lecture on the deficiencies of Bill Clinton and debits of congressional Democrats.

With a professorial tone unusual for a keynote speech, Gramm said more Americans would be working, the government's deficit smaller and health care more available if Congress had accepted ideas laid out by President Bush.

"But the Democrats said no," Gramm said.

It was a phrase he repeated again and again. Each time it drew a chorus of boos.

Gramm sneered at Clinton's record in Arkansas and said that more than a decade as governor had left the Democrat ill-equipped to lead the nation.

"That sorry record and a little slick rhetoric is the change he offers for America," Gramm said. "Is that the change we want?"

Gramm bolted from the Democratic Party in 1983 and has been hinting at a Republican presidential bid in 1996. His fellow Texas delegates, seated directly in front of the convention podium, greeted him with signs "We Love Phil Gramm" and "Go Phil."

Gramm had insisted that Tuesday night's speech, the biggest of his career, wasn't designed to help him but fellow Texan George Bush.

"If we were 17 points ahead instead of 17 points behind, I would be thinking about what this speech might do for me," he said before taking center stage. "Since we are 17 points behind, my thought is, 'What is this speech going to do for the president?'"

Gramm likened Clinton to a used-car salesman trying to unload a lemon.

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Understanding dangers of skin cancer

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: From a recent column of yours, I learned that you are not too timid to be critical of your medical colleagues if you believe the situation warrants it. For that reason, I'm writing to see if you can inform me of an unpleasant suspicion I'm harboring. Recently a young staff writer for our local newspaper did a series of features about skin cancer. She stated that malignant melanoma is the "deadliest kind of skin cancer." Are any of the others deadly?

DEAR READER: Malignant melanoma IS a deadly skin cancer because it often burrows deeply and may have already spread by the time it is discovered and removed. The incidence of melanoma is rapidly rising, probably because of the diminishing ozone level above the earth and the increasing strength of the sun's ultraviolet radiation.

Other forms of skin cancer may be as deadly as melanoma, but the latter is often judged to be the "deadliest" because it is common and more people are getting it. I believe your staff writer was correct.

Melanoma is a brown or black, rapidly growing, painless skin lesion that may occur in areas hidden from view as well as on exposed skin surfaces.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "What You Should Know About Skin Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 with a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: With the frightening increase of tuberculosis now, what procedure should be taken when a TB skin test reads doubtful positive, chest X-ray is negative and there are no other symptoms?

DEAR READER: A doubtfully positive skin test should, in my opinion, be repeated using a stronger skin test solution. However, even if the second skin test were positive (indicating that you were probably exposed to tuberculosis in the past), I would continue to monitor the situation without treatment. Your normal chest X-ray is pretty good evidence against you having an active TB infection.

My comments are meant to be general. If, for example, you worked in a hospital with TB patients and developed a positive skin test, I'd treat you regardless of a normal chest X-ray because there is such a high probability for infection.

You should talk to your doctor to clarify this issue; how you proceed from this point depends on your health, age, environmental conditions, and other factors.

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Convention talks an audition for next presidential campaign

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

HOUSTON (AP) — It's one of the myths of convention politics — the birth of a superstar with the speech of a lifetime, one that vaults the orator to the top rank of prospects for the next White House opening. It doesn't usually work that way, but politicians keep trying.

AP analysis

Take for example the Republican National Convention's keynote address Tuesday night by Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, who said his role was to boost President Bush, not his own prospects for next time.

It was a workmanlike speech, but hardly a galvanizing summons. Gramm was cheered appropriately, there were responsive chants against the Democratic version of change, and the delegates waved their authorized "Gramm" placards, some red, some white.

Jack Kemp, who ran in 1988 and gained more support than anyone else in samplings of delegate sentiment on 1996 presidential prospects, had his convention moment, too. The response was similar, solid but not startling.

More names from the 1992 convention speakers's list will come up in the 1996 speculation, most notably Vice President Dan Quayle, who will be renominated to his job and speak in Thursday's convention finale.

For the speakers, that turn at the convention microphone amounts to an audition, a preview of the styles and messages that may be competing in earnest four years from now. But the speeches of Houston will be forgotten long before then.

Gramm said a lot of Republicans will look at the 1996 presidential campaign, and that he may be one of them. But his featured, keynote role won't count by then. The keynote assignment isn't what it used to be anyhow. By the time Gramm's turn came, four convention sessions already had heard more than five dozen speeches.

Because modern conventions are set pieces, speeches can set a tone, but not even the rare spectacular address can change outcomes. Under these rules, William Jennings Bryan couldn't have won his way to the 1896 Democratic nomination with his "Cross of Gold" speech against tight money.

The most stirring of modern convention orations have not set a candidate on the path to a subsequent nomination.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo gained his national standing and his credits as the Democrats' finest orator with his keynote address in 1984, but hasn't run for president. In 1980, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy challenged the renomination of Jimmy Carter, losing but igniting a 40-minute demonstration at the Democratic convention as he vowed that "the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die."

On the other hand, at the Republican convention that year, Rep. Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan was the keynote speaker, billed as an undiscovered master of the craft. He bombed. Vander Jagt had a cameo role in Houston, introducing GOP House challengers. He'd just lost his own bid for renomination.

In 1976, Sen. John Glenn of Ohio droned through a dull Democratic keynote address; he'd been a vice presidential prospect and the consensus was that the speech would have kept him off the ticket if he had been in line for it.

Then again, long, dull speeches aren't necessarily the end. Bill Clinton waded through one at the 1988 Democratic convention, introducing nominee Michael Dukakis for 32 minutes, drawing his loudest cheers when he said "In conclusion..."

He was still joking about it when he won the 1992 nomination.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on national political conventions since 1964.

Scientist, EPA link health hazards to carpet industry

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Janice Blaisdell said she started getting sick a couple months after new carpet was installed in the medical office where she works.

Now the 43-year-old medical secretary gets shots twice a day and experiences extreme nausea and headaches at the slightest whiff of cologne.

Others around the country have told similar stories, blaming carpet for such symptoms as nausea and burning eyes. Such complaints have led to calls for the government to pay more attention to the possible dangers of carpeting.

The Environmental Protection Agency does not believe the problem calls for major action, said Dave Ryan of the EPA's indoor air unit. "We believe carpet is a source of indoor air pollution, but not a major source," he said.

But others point out that carpet was removed from EPA's own offices in Washington after workers complained.

"It is very disturbing that the EPA is aware of this problem, has taken steps to protect its own workers, but is unwilling to take action to protect the general public," said Rep. Bernard Sanders, a Vermont independent.

Dr. Rosalind Anderson, head of a Dedham, Mass.-based consulting firm specializing in indoor pollution, blames the reported health problems on gases wafting from carpets — particularly 4-phenylcyclohexene, or 4-PC.

She said the problem is not unique to any one brand: 95 percent of the carpet made in the United States has 4-PC.

While most carpet emits some fumes when new, Anderson said she believes something happens in the manufacturing process that makes certain batches produce large amounts.

In lab experiments, she said, air blown across a carpet sample taken from a Montpelier home killed all four mice exposed to it. "We are finding a product that just polishes them off one after another after another," she said.

Ron Van Gelderen, president of the Dalton, Ga.-based Carpet and Rug Institute, said Anderson's tests did not show whether the carpet caused the mice to get sick and die, or whether the samples had been exposed to something else.

"It would be erroneous for anyone to conclude ... that there is any cause for alarm on anyone's part," he said.

John Girman, head of the EPA's indoor air division, said Anderson's testing method, in which mice were placed in neck restraints and exposed to air blown across carpet for one-hour intervals, needs to be checked for reliability. The EPA plans to send a team to Anderson's lab for consultations, he said.

Last year, the agency and the industry agreed to do periodic tests on 25 representative carpet products, Ryan said.

Tuesday quiet day for police

Snyder police handled a few complaints during an otherwise quiet period Tuesday.

At 4:59 p.m., officers were notified of a male juvenile who was possibly carrying a gun under his shirt in the 300 block of 31st Street. Police made contact with three juveniles, and ascertained that the gun was a toy. The juveniles were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

At 8:06 p.m., Rip Griffin's employees contacted the fire department in reference to damage to a gasoline pump. In a later complaint worked through the sheriff's office, police were informed that someone in a Ford Tarus had left the truck stop with a gasoline nozzle still in vehicle. The pump was pulled over and damaged in the incident.

In one other report, Perry's employees informed police that all of the property reported stolen Monday had been returned, and the store would drop the complaint. Originally, Class A theft had been filed in a case where an individual had rented a VCR and some tapes and had not returned them.

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U.S. aircraft poised to start airlifting food to Somalians

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants the new emergency food being airlifted to Somalia sold through merchants rather than given directly to the poor as a way to combat chronic thefts thwarting relief efforts.

With an estimated 1.5 million Somalis threatened with starvation in the coming weeks, the Pentagon has dispatched four C-141s to Kenya for the airlift and eight C-130s are due there before Friday.

The airlift is scheduled to start Thursday but the precise destinations in Somalia have not been picked yet. About 13,000 tons of food from U.S. stocks will be delivered this month and an additional 8,500 tons are due to arrive in the first week of September.

The first planeload is to leave for Wajir in northeastern Kenya on Thursday. From there, some of the emergency rations will be trucked to the nearly 400,000 people living in camps run by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees along Kenya's border.

The balance will leave on flights for Somalia beginning in a week to 10 days, said Marine Brig. Gen. Frank Libutti, head of a 34-member advance team that arrived in Mombasa, Kenya, on Monday.

In addition to donated food, the United States will contribute seed appropriate for planting new crops in Somalia and sponsor an animal vaccination program. The traditional Somali diet consists more of meat than grains.

Virtually no U.S. personnel have been in Somalia for more than an 18 months. And administration officials are worried about the safety of Americans now being sent there to help with the relief effort.

Andrew Natsios, a State Department official who's coordinating the relief effort, said Tuesday that Somalia poses an unusually difficult humanitarian challenge.

"The problem is we're not facing a civil war with two sides, or even three sides, or even four sides," he said. "We're facing anarchy. There is no government at all. There is no rebel movement at all. There are simply factions that are armed, and the factions aren't disciplined."

With armed thugs operating almost at will, the death toll since the crisis began is estimated in the tens of thousands. Food, meanwhile, has become the principal currency and source of wealth with prices rising more than 500 percent.

It also is a magnet for the many bandits and militias roaming the largely desert nation. By some estimates, up to half the emergency food already delivered to Somalia has been stolen.

A key ingredient of the U.S. plan, Natsios said, is to sell food delivered by relief agencies directly to Somali merchants.

Wang becomes symbol of the downturn in economy

BOSTON (AP) — In the early 1980s, the phenomenal growth of Wang Laboratories Inc. was emblematic of the flourishing New England economy.

A pioneer in office-automation equipment, Wang created jobs, revived a former textile mill city and lent credence to boasts of a "Massachusetts Miracle."

But now Wang and the economy it once nourished are groping for solid ground.

The computer maker on Tuesday filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

Wang announced it'll lay off 38 percent of its work force, having failed to keep up with rapid technological changes such as the rise of personal computers.

It was the latest in a series of blows to a region that led the nation into recession in the late 1980s but has yet to emerge from its steep downturn.

"Stuff generally seems in limbo," said Lynn Browne, a deputy research director at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Frederick Breimyer, president of the New England Economic Project, a forecasting group, said the economy had been expected to stop declining in 1992 and start growing in 1993.

But with Wang falling into bankruptcy, fellow Massachusetts computer maker Digital Equipment Corp. planning deep cuts of its own and the national economy still sluggish, the forecast needs to be revised, Breimyer said.

"1992 is not a year of turnaround," he said. "I don't see an early end" to continuing job losses.

The same high-tech companies that fueled the region's boom are now undermining its recovery.

Maynard-based Digital has eliminated more than 23,000 jobs since 1989 and is expected to cut up to 15,000 more; Cambridge software giant Lotus Development Corp. cut 400 jobs this year; and Westboro computer maker Data General Corp. announced it will lay off 1,000 workers.

New England unemployment was 8.2 percent in June, roughly the same as a year earlier. About 571,000 people in the region were unemployed.

Lowell, the former textile mill city where Wang is based, is particularly hard-hit by Wang's latest cutbacks, which will cost it about 1,500 jobs.

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