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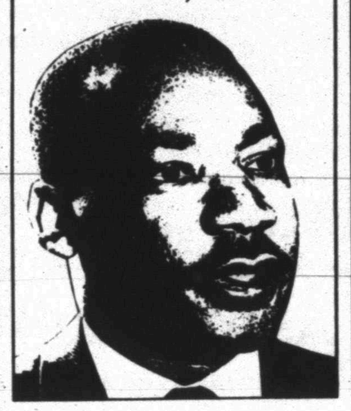
Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—When will merchants have to start collecting the additional half-cent sales tax approved by voters on Saturday.

A—The tax becomes effective July 1.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 20, 1992



In Brief

One stabbed

BROOM CITY, Texas (AP) — State Mental Health and Mental Retardation officials have temporarily closed a privately operated MHMR group home pending an investigation into the stabbing death of a 42-year-old client.

MHMR spokeswoman Sheila Allee said Sunday that the patient, whose name was not released, died Friday.

Another MHMR client was arrested in the stabbing, Ms. Allee said. She also declined to name that man.

Cyrix chip

RICHARDSON, Texas (AP) — Cyrix Corp. on Monday will begin selling its first computer chips to personal computer makers instead of buyers.

The 3-year-old company designs math coprocessors, chips typically added by PC owners to speed calculation of complex math equations.

Local

Class of 1977

Snyder High School Class of 1977 will hold a planning meeting for its 15-year reunion at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber of commerce building.

Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not convene Tuesday for their weekly noon meeting. Instead, the club will have a ladies night meeting at Willow Park Inn, 7 p.m. Jan. 23 for members and their wives.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 32 degrees; low, 10 degrees; high Sunday, 40 degrees; low, 11 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 19 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, .90 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the upper 30s. Southeast to south wind 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday, cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. High in the mid 50s. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:07 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 4:42 a.m. Of 19 days in 1992, the sun has shone 19 days in Snyder.

Voters approve half-cent sales tax

Snyder citizens placed their support behind a ½ -cent sales tax Saturday, designed to generate funds for economic development and ad valorem tax relief.

"I am very gratified by the voter turnout," said Mayor Troy Williamson. "We feel the voters have indicated to us that they want Snyder to progress and we looking forward to being a part of it."

Voters approved the ½ -cent sales tax increase by a 56.5 percent margin, casting 834 votes for and 642 against. The 1,476 total voters included 837 who bundled up and made their way through snow and slush on Saturday, election day. Some 639 people had cast ballots during the early voting period prior to the election. The early voting box carried 352-287, an almost identical margin of victory percentage.

Of the ½ -cent tax, ¼ will be directed toward economic development and ¼ toward property tax relief. City officials have estimated the sales tax will generate approximately $300,000 for economic development and $100,000 in ad valorem tax relief.

The tax will begin being collected July 1. The first taxes remitted to city will be Sept. 10, according to the state comptroller's office.

A five-member board, designated the Development Corporation of Snyder, will be responsible for administering the funds generated for economic development. The city council has approved the bylaws of the corporation but has not named its members, pending the outcome of Saturday's vote.

Now that the ½ -cent tax has been approved, the mayor and council will begin the process of selecting committee members.

"We'll be taking people's suggestions for names this week. I anticipate a list of 30 to 40 names to begin working on," said the mayor. "First, we will check to see if they are qualified according to the bylaws, and second, whether they will serve. Then, I will attempt to narrow the list down to 10 who I feel can best serve on this committee.

"I will then present that list individually to council members and ask them to vote, 1 through 10.

(see ELECTION, page 8)

King's widow calls for end to poverty

ATLANTA (AP) — Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow called for an end to poverty, residents of Oakland, Calif., demanded an end to drugs and a New York congressman urged stiffer penalties for bias crimes as Americans marked King Day.

Coretta Scott King challenged the Bush administration to erase poverty and reawaken hope in the poor. In her annual "State of the Dream" speech Sunday, she called on government and the private sector to increase job-training and child and health care programs.

"Our nation cannot do less," she said. "The time has come for us to civilize ourselves for the total, direct and immediate abolition of poverty."

Mrs. King and Winnie Mandela, wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, planned to lead a march through the city today.

Elsewhere:

— New York Gov. Mario Cuomo planned to attend a march in Albany, N.Y., accompanied by actor Harry Belafonte and Shen Tong, chairman of the Democracy for China Fund.

"We not only honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., we reaffirm our vow to stem rac-

(see KING, page 8)

SILK program underway

Snyder Independent Living Konnection — known more readily as SILK — officially went into operation Wednesday.

The Snyder Police Department-sponsored program is free to the public, and is designed for residents who are homebound due to age or physical handicap.

Participants in the program receive a phone call between 7:30 and 10 a.m. each morning.

"If the call is not answered, or the phone is not hung up after the call is answered, the computer will print your name and vital information on the screen so police can come check on you," said police Sergeant Trevlyn Pitner.

According to police, those signing up for the program must provide the police department with the names of two people who will have keys to the residence. If assistance is needed, police will contact those people to provide entry into the home.

The only other requirement is that the information form be fully completed and signed.

Pitner added that if needed, an officer will come to the applicant's home to help with the information form.

The police department encourages participants to leave phone lines clear and answering machines turned off during the time that calls are being placed.

Police officials also ask that participants notify the department if they plan to be absent from their home during the specified calling time.

"I think this is an excellent program," stated Pitner. "I encourage anyone interested to contact the police department as soon as possible."

Questions concerning the SILK program may be directed to Sergeant Pitner or to Sergeant Jerry Parker at Snyder Police Department, 573-2611.



FASTER DAD! — Karen and Ross Taylor enjoyed the white glistening surroundings of Saturday's snow as their dad, Mike Taylor, pulled them on a sled. Waiting at home with hot chocolate was their mom, Noreen. (SDN Staff Photo)

New members appointed...

County boards reorganized

Scurry County Commissioners Court this morning approved members to serve on county boards.

Thirty-two county board terms expired on Jan. 15. Under a restructured system, members were assigned to serve in a designated place on their respective boards.

Place 1 will serve until 1995, Place 2 until 1994, with Place 3 terms expiring in January, 1993.

Under the new plan, each board member is required to rotate off the board after serving two, full three-year terms. The member must be off the board for three years before they are eligible to serve again.

New appointees to the airport board were Joe W. Vincent and James Burleson. These members were appointed to serve in Place 1 and will serve on the board until 1995. Reappointed were Weldon Key, Roger Blackard and Dub Buchanan.

Serving in Place 1 for the child welfare board will be new members Dr. Gary Nussey, Trevlyn Pitner and Elizabeth Scarberry. Reappointed were Shannon Grantham and Jessie Price.

Commissioners appointed Lisa Montez and Homer Godair to serve in Place 1 of the county welfare board. Doug Vineyard was reappointed.

Re-appointed to the six-member hospital board were Bill Wilson, III, Jim Palmer and G.A. Parks.

New members appointed to the library board are Jackie Box, Billy Haynes and Frances Denman. Nona Williams and Mrs. J.W. O'Banion were reappointed.

The board of county development sees only one new member. Mark McCormick will serve in Place 1, replacing Eddie Johnson. Re-appointed were Max von Roeder and Pete Hester.

Appointed to the veteran's land board for a three-year term was J.B. Tate, Jr. Reappointed were Clarence Payne and Charlie Henderson.

Judge Bob Doolittle appointed the veteran's land board farm and ranch committee. Serving on the three-member committee will be

(see BOARDS, page 8)

Death penalty upheld for Cuban exile

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Cuban who left his country just nine months before returning as the alleged head of an anti-Castro commando team must die by firing squad, Cuba's ruling body said in upholding the death sentence.

The Council of State, however, commuted the death sentence of a second infiltrator from Miami, the official Cuban news agency said Sunday.

Prensa Latina said the condemned man, Eduardo Diaz Betancourt, 38, led the three-man team caught landing on a Cuban beach on Dec. 29. The report, monitored in Mexico City, did not say when he would be shot.

Snyder men charged in weekend burglaries

Two Snyder men were arrested late Sunday evening for the weekend burglary of two businesses.

Seventeen-year-old Ruben Ocanas Garza of 905 27th St. and 19-year-old William Blake Sescil of 3205 Houston were arrested at 9:50 p.m. Sunday for the burglary of a C&W convenience store and a Texaco service station.

Bond was set at $7,500 on each count, or a total of $15,000 for each man.

The men are charged with breaking the front glass door of the C&W store on the Lamesa Highway sometime late Saturday night or early Saturday morning and taking an undetermined amount of currency as well as tobacco products and other items.

They are also charged with a break-in at Becerra Texaco, 2300 25th St., late Saturday or early Sunday. Entry was gained by breaking a window on an overhead door. Items taken included a large quantity of candy, tobacco products, soft drinks, a tool box and gloves.

Light sentences handed out in controversial 'Wall' trial

BERLIN (AP) — Two former East German border guards were convicted today in the shooting death of the last person killed trying to flee the Stalinist state over the Berlin Wall.

Only one was sentenced to prison, however, and the other two co-defendants were acquitted.

The 41/2-month trial was widely considered a test case for investigators trying to build charges against dozens of other former East Germans for deaths at the wall.

More than 200 people were killed trying to flee East Germany and this was the first prosecution stemming from the deaths.

Defense lawyers in the politically charged case insisted the defendants were following the legitimate orders of a then-sovereign country when Chris Gueffroy, 20, was killed by a bullet through the heart on Feb. 5, 1989.

Just nine months later, anti-Communist protesters breached the wall.

In announcing the verdict, Theodor Seidel, chief judge of the Berlin Regional Court, drew parallels between the blind obedience to orders in the Nazi era and in Communist East Germany.

Defense attorneys had repeatedly challenged the court's authority to hear the case and many Germans criticized the proceedings as unfairly singling out four young guards when former East German leader Erich Honecker and other top-ranking Communists remain free.

In what may have been an attempt to lessen criticism, the prosecution asked for suspended sentences.

Ingo Heinrich, 27, was convicted of manslaughter and received a 31/2-year sentence. Andreas Kuehnpast, 27, received a two-year suspended sentence for attempted manslaughter.

Acquitted by the court of three judges and two jurors were Mike Schmidt and Peter Schmett, also former border guards. The four defendants, charged with manslaughter, had faced maximum sentences of life in prison.

Seidel, in pronouncing sentence before the tense courtroom, said, "There is no doubt that the deadly shot came from Heinrich ... ."

The judge's reference to Nazi Germany angered defense attorney Hubert Dreyling, who was representing Kuehnpast.

"Comparing the German Democratic Republic to the Nazi era is improper," Dreyling told reporters.

As Seidel announced the manslaughter conviction and sentence, Heinrich sat in the dock looking dismayed and angry. Afterwards, he refused to talk to reporters. Heinrich will remain free pending further legal moves in the case.

The defendents said during the trial that they regretted the death but had no other choice.

"At that time, I was following the laws and commands of the German Democratic Republic," said Heinrich, 26, in his final plea.

Dear Abby



By Abigail Van Buren

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s Call For Justice Still Rings True

DEAR READERS: Had he lived, last Wednesday would have been the 63rd birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Today we officially celebrate his birthday. He was shot to death at age 39, a martyr of the civil rights movement.

Dr. King's principles of nonviolence were based on the teachings of Christianity. His eloquent pleas for social justice and persistence in the face of violent opposition propelled him to international prominence. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Following are excerpts from the famous speech he delivered on Aug. 28, 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.:

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.' ... And this will be the day ... when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, 'My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'

"And when this happens ... when we allow freedom to ring ... from every village and every hamlet ... every state and every city ... we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty we are free at last!'"

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DEAR ABBY: I am recently divorced after a brief marriage to a nurse who works at a local hospital. Apparently, many of the people she works with know who I am and where I work.

Not many of my co-workers know that we are divorced, and they ask me how she is, etc. When I tell them that we are no longer married, they ask why. I tell them about her involvement with a doctor from the hospital, and they usually ask, "Who?" I then write the doctor's last name on a piece of paper and tell them that I would appreciate it if they did not reveal how they found out.

I recall in past columns you have referred to people who would reveal such information as "cads," and I feel uncomfortable telling others when asked, but how can I dodge the question when I am still recovering from the hurt of our divorce, and I'm not very good at hiding my emotions?

I am in counseling now and have been assured that total honesty is essential to my recovery. Do you have any advice for me? I am still hurting because I cared deeply for this woman.

TRYING TO MOVE ON IN JERSEY

DEAR TRYING: I am all for total honesty, but you do not have to answer every question you are asked. And to those who are so prying and tasteless as to ask you "why" your marriage ended, a more gentlemanly response would be, "I would prefer not to discuss it."

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WORTH CLIPPING: "Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

"This day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear with its hopes and invitations to waste a moment on the yesterdays." (Author Unknown)

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Most teen-agers do not know the facts about drugs, AIDS, and how to prevent unwanted pregnancy. It's all in Abby's updated, expanded booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Officials preparing extortion case against former officers

DALLAS (AP) — Local and federal law enforcement officers are investigating allegations that two former police officers extorted at least $50,000 from drug dealers before they were fired last month, a newspaper reported today.

But Swany Davenport, 26, and Randy Harris, 27, both of whom are black, told the Dallas Morning News in a copyright story that they're victims of angry drug dealers and racism within the department.

Roger Joyner, an attorney who represents the officers, said the investigation is structured "like a house of cards."

Dallas Police Chief Bill Rathburn fired Davenport and Harris on Dec. 16 for violating departmental procedures, including allegations related to the alleged extortion.

In documents obtained by the Morning News under the Texas Open Records Act, Davenport and Harris are accused of disregarding their police work while shaking down crack houses across the south Dallas neighborhood of Oak Cliff in late 1990 and early 1991.

The department's investigation hinges on the testimony of three drug dealers, the officer's activity logs and phone records, the newspaper reported.

In one case, a 27-year-old drug dealer, whose name was not released, told investigators he and another man were arrested and driven around the city until a drug lord agreed to pay for their release.

"We're going to take them to jail unless you pay us $5,000," the 27-year-old man quoted Davenport as telling the drug lord.

While the two men were being held, the drug dealer said, the officers and the drug lord talked to each other by cellular telephone several times to set up a payoff.

Telephone records obtained by police show that there were 19 calls between Davenport's personal cellular telephone and the drug lord's telephone, the newspaper reported.

In other cases, drug dealers charged that the officers demanded payments of up to $2,000 a week to leave drug buyers alone and advise them of vice squad operations.

Investigators admit they have failed to prove that the officers received any cash.

Davenport and Harris, who drug dealers said were known as Cruiser and Bruiser on the streets, have denied the allegations. They said the nicknames belong to two other officers who still work on the force.

"The only reason an outsider would possibly believe this is because of the phone (records)," Davenport said. "Take the phone out of this and you've got the word of a drug dealer vs. a police officer."

Officials presented a case alleging kidnapping, theft, bribery and official oppression against the two officers to a Dallas County grand jury last June. But the district attorney's office declined to seek an indictment, the newspaper reported.

"There are lots of people we see come through here that we personally believe are guilty," said prosecutor Mike Gillett. "But if we can't prove it, then what we feel isn't of much value."

Rathburn said he hopes an FBI investigation of the two will result in an indictment before a federal grand jury.

"I think the evidence is there to warrant that (prosecution)," Rathburn said. "We were unable to get that prosecution at the state level, so rather than just giving up, I opted to call the FBI."

FBI spokesman Don Ramsey refused to confirm whether agents were investigating Davenport and Harris, but said Rathburn is "a pretty trustworthy guy."

Harris pointed out that an April 5 sting operation involving an undercover officer from Houston failed to find any wrongdoing by the two officers.

"If that's true and intelligence followed us around, why didn't they see it?" Harris said.

Democrats hope Bush's poll numbers help their agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's decline in the polls has Democratic activists licking their lips in anticipation of a good year in Congress.

"If he takes another dip or two this spring, we might get our whole agenda by October," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said last week.

But Mitchell knows it's just wishful thinking.

He learned long ago there's little correlation between a president's popularity and success in Congress. The Persian Gulf War didn't get Bush wins on Capitol Hill, and the trough he finds himself in now won't give Democrats the dominance they want.

Congressional Quarterly, a publication that tracks congressional voting patterns, found that for 1991 Bush won on 54 percent of the roll call votes on which he took a position. It was the third straight year in which Bush failed to score as well as his recent predecessors at similar points in their terms.

"A lot of people believe if the president's popular he's going to have an easier time," said Professor Jon Bond of Texas A&M University, coauthor of a book on the subject. "But there's very little correlation."

For example, Jimmy Carter had the toughest time with Congress when his personal ratings were the highest, at the beginning of his term. Later, his popularity went down, but his success with Congress went up.

Professor Stephen Wayne of Georgetown University, who also has written extensively on White House-congressional relations, said there's no legislative connection because there's no electoral connection.

"Presidents don't have coattails any longer. And whenever they try to get involved in congressional elections they get egg on their faces," he said, citing such failed efforts as the 1986 retaking of the Senate by Democrats during Reagan's term.

Members of Congress, especially from the opposition party, owe the president little or nothing, and usually fear him less.

"Does anybody think a liberal like Ted Kennedy is going to support George Bush more when he's running at 85 percent (in the polls) than when he's running at 45 percent?" Bond said.

Until now, Congress' behavior hardly mattered to Bush's reelection chances. But now it might, the scholars suggest.

"If there's a problem with the domestic economy, ever since Franklin Roosevelt, we expect the president to fix it," Wayne said. "And he can't get out of it by putting it (the blame) on Congress."

The pattern of support might not bend much, but Bush may need to alter the perception. If the recession continues, his previous strategy of pursuing little and vetoing what he doesn't like may not wash with the voters.

The White House already has signaled that in his State of the Union address, Bush will embrace some Democratic-sounding ideas, including middle class tax cuts and health insurance subsidies. It's a bid to become the leader and co-opt the Democrats on issues they hoped to use against him.

Recent parolee charged in 2 slayings

ANAHUAC, Texas (AP) — The mysterious slayings of a wealthy Anahuac couple may have resulted from idle talk from a relative of the victims who told a fellow prison inmate that the couple kept huge sums of money in their home, authorities say.

Authorities arrested William Howard Pharr, 58, at an Austin apartment on Saturday and charged him Sunday with capital murder in the shooting deaths of James Edward Rogers and his wife, Bertha, both 76.

Their bodies were found propped up in easy chairs at their home on Jan. 16, only 12 days after Pharr was paroled after serving about three years of a 12-year sentenced for armed robbery in Travis County.

Pharr, said to be a Baylor University graduate with a degree in business, was being held in the Chambers County Jail without bond today.

The slayings left authorities puzzled for a time.

But Chambers County Sheriff C.E. "Chuck" Morris said Sunday the deaths resulted from a possible conspiracy hatched in prison.

Morris said Pharr began a friendship in prison with Bertha Rogers' younger brother, who was not identified. He was serving two life terms for murder, Morris said.

"He (Pharr) was given directions to exactly where they (the Rogers) lived," Morris said. "I don't have anything concrete yet, because Mr. Pharr is not talking.

"But I think he expected to find a very large, large sum of money hidden in the house in one particular place, and having not found it, all he got was $500 from the man he killed."

Pharr and Bertha Rogers' brother are about the same age, Morris said.

"Probably in conversation in the pen together," he said, "they probably had become buddies and he (the brother) probably had got to telling him (Pharr) how rich his folks were and that they kept millions in their house.

"I don't know if he (Pharr) had illusions of grandeur or was just dreaming, but he came here specifically for this (looking for money) and then left," the sheriff said.

Morris said Rogers gained his wealth from mineral investments and royalties from oil wells and was smart enough not to keep large sums of money around the house.

Pharr has refused to cooperate with officers, the sheriff said.

"He's stupid, but he's not dumb," Morris said. "He's capable, knowledgeable and a thinker. Just somewhere, something tripped on him."

'Perry Mason' donates art, furniture

POMONA, Calif. (AP) — "Perry Mason" star Raymond Burr and his business partner have donated a $1.1 million art and antique furniture collection to California State Polytechnic University at Pomona.

The gift from the 74-year-old actor and Robert Benevides was announced over the weekend. It comes two years after the two established the Raymond Burr Orchid Collection as part of the school's ornamental horticulture program.

Like an undiscovered continent encircling the globe, tropical rain forests probably shelter more than half the Earth's plant and animal species, yet cover less than 6 percent of the land, reports National Geographic.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 20, 1992

It looks like Lady Luck may intervene in the year ahead and help you achieve something you failed at several times previously. Keep the faith.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Dealings with others on a one-to-one basis might not be your cup of tea today, owing to your inclination to negatively prejudge them in advance. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for Aquarius' Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Things you might have to contend with today aren't likely to be as difficult as you make them out to be. Don't let your attitude defeat you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A friend of yours who is usually supportive could be difficult to get along with at this time. Be careful you don't give this individual reason to put you down in front of others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Once you establish an objective, you're tenacious in striving for it. However, you might misuse this attribute today by trying to do something that would actually work against you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you desire an honest opinion today, do not seek it from an individual who seldom endorses your ideas and concepts. A negative assessment could discourage you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be sensible regarding the management of your financial resources today. Don't borrow what you'll have trouble paying back, and don't lend what you can't afford.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your independent qualities might desert you today, and you could lean a little too heavily on others. Unfortunately, those you choose may not be strong enough to prop you up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is one of those days when it's apt to be hard enough for you to try to handle your own affairs, let alone assume responsibilities for others. More makes you less effective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Social demands taken too seriously could turn out to be very burdensome today. Keep things in perspective or else something that should be fun might end up to be a bummer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Personal ambitions might have to be put on the back burner today because of other situations that will require your attention. If you attempt to do them simultaneously, the results may be negative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be unusually rigid today toward those who oppose your opinions. Unfortunately, this might cause you to turn a deaf ear to good advice.

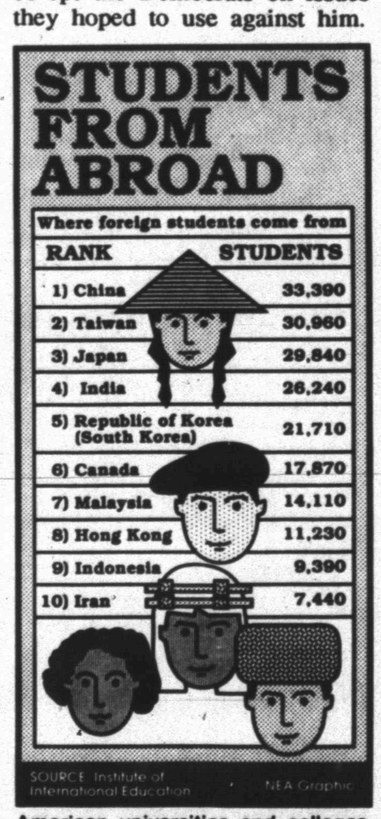
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's a possibility you might do business today with someone who does not operate in accordance with your high standards. Be very careful, lest this individual takes advantage of you.

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STUDENTS FROM ABROAD

Where foreign students come from

RANK	STUDENTS
1) China	33,390
2) Taiwan	30,960
3) Japan	29,840
4) India	26,240
5) Republic of Korea (South Korea)	21,710
6) Canada	17,870
7) Malaysia	14,110
8) Hong Kong	11,230
9) Indonesia	9,390
10) Iran	7,440



SOURCE: Institute of International Education — NEA Graphic

American universities and colleges have more students from either China or Taiwan than from any other foreign nation. The only non-Asian country in the top 10 is Canada.

Springsteen, wife have daughter

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bruce Springsteen and his wife have named their new baby Jessica Rae Springsteen.

The girl was born Dec. 30 but wasn't named until the past few days, publicist Marilyn Laverty said Sunday.

The rocker and his wife, backup singer Patti Scialfa, have another child, 18-month-old Evan James.

Springsteen's hit albums include "Born to Run," "Born in the U.S.A." and "Tunnel of Love."

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Ruwco Oil and Gas Corp. has completed the No. 2 Connie in the Tri-Rue field, 4.5 miles northeast of Ira. The venture was finaled to produce 240 barrels of 40 gravity oil.

Gas-oil ratio was 450-1 with perforations from 6,811-814 feet. Location is in Section 171, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Garza County

J.M. Huber Corp. has completed the No. 1 King in the Buenos field, 10 miles northwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce 146 barrels of 34 gravity oil and three barrels of water.

Gas-oil ratio was 308-1 with perforations from 8,129-140 feet. Location is in Section 1,301, BS&F survey.

Patterson Petroleum Inc. will drill the No. 1 Suzy in the Pollan field, nine miles southeast of Justiceburg. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, drill site is in Section 65, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Rollover means the selling of new securities to pay off old ones coming due or the refinancing of an existing loan.

VOTE FOR



Tommy Marricle

County Commissioner

Precinct 1

•Prior Experience on Commissioners Court (Midland County)
•World War II Vet.
(2 yrs. overseas - 5th Air Force)
•Proven Business Experience
(Last 15 yrs. in Scurry County)
•Land Owner and Taxpayer
•Will Propose Reduction in Commissioners Salaries

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP; Senior Center; 1 p.m.

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

American Cancer Society board meeting; Cogdell Memorial Hospital's board room; all members urged to attend; 5 p.m.

Alzheimers Support Group; Trinity United Methodist Church's palor; 7 p.m.

Stargazers Home Extension Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

VFW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary; VFW Hall; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Snyder Country Club; 7:30 p.m.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Salad Luncheon and Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday; call 573-3427; $5 per person, serving begins at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

Free blood pressure clinic; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park; For more information call 573-2101 or 573-3657 or 573-3956; 8 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.

10 a.m. For more information, call 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.

Professionals track down deadbeat dads

BOSTON (AP) — Peggy MacMillan's ex-husband hasn't paid a penny of the $35,000 in child support he owes his 10-year-old son. But she can't count on financially strapped Massachusetts to help her collect.

So she and hundreds like her are looking to a new breed of debt collectors: professionals who hunt down the deadbeats — fathers in 92 percent of the cases — and firmly urge them to pay up.

The private collection agencies gained considerable clout this winter by forming a national network, the Child Support Collection Association, that enables them to track deadbeat dads from state to state. The network has 29 affiliates.

Nearly half the women in America who should be receiving child support aren't. Deadbeat dads owed $19 billion by the end of 1989, according to the most recent statistics available from the Census Bureau.

Debt collectors, once recipients of scorn and abuse, say the new business is improving their image. It's their chance to do good — and make a bundle.

"We're so confident in our ability to collect, our fee is based only on our success," said Bill Lodge, president of Hoit, Winston & Carter of Norwood, which is tracking MacMillan's former husband.

Like other members of the network, Lodge's firm charges a percentage of the money it collects. The cut ranges from 20 percent to 33 percent and sometimes includes a $25 application fee.

"For me, getting a percentage is better than nothing," said MacMillan, 38.

Association members say they rely on professional and often secret methods to find absent parents and persuade them to pay. Collectors will negotiate payment plans if the parent truly can't afford the court-ordered amount.

"But a person who tells you they're broke and owns a Mercedes — that tells you something," Lodge said.

Armed with little more than a name, Social Security number and perhaps the man's favorite magazine, the agency starts hunting. It is not uncommon for Lodge to find a debtor by examining client lists bought from such companies as Sports Illustrated and Domino's Pizza.

Early primary state has many concerns

NASHUA, N.H. (AP) — A dozen unemployed white-collar professionals were learning how to look for work over the phone.

Rehearse the pitch, smile during the conversation and be pleasant to underlings, advised a bubbly personnel executive who has a job. Don't give up, she said. "It never hurts to call."

But Richard Belair, 49, an electrical engineer laid off from three defense-related positions in five years, was in no mood for what he later termed "smoke and euphoric platitudes."

"Where are all these companies you're calling to?" he exploded bitterly. "Nobody's taking any calls. They say send resumes and you never hear back. Do you have any leads? I need a job right now. Tonight."

President Bush was spared that kind of raw fear and anger in his well-orchestrated trip through this struggling state last week. But desperation over the job shortage is the defining element of the campaign season here, the backdrop for every White House hopeful trying to survive New Hampshire's Feb. 18 primary.

The state's economic agonies are deep — 50,000 lost jobs since 1989 — and diverse. Imports and recession are eating into the manufacturing base while the end of the Cold War has cut defense contracts, closed an Air Force base and contributed to the decline of the computer industry. Casualties range from highly trained professionals to blue-collar factory workers.

"In today's market there are 100 or 200 or 300 applicants for every job," said Robert Cote, a senior programmer and analyst from Nashua who has been out of work for 15 months.

Foreclosures, bank failures and going-out-of business sales are commonplace. Even the state Democratic Party chairman is fighting to keep his home. Newspaper ads tout bankruptcy services "during these hard times" and a depression workshop promising "positive coping skills and support."

Way up north, the road from the Berlin airport is lined with houses for sale. Downstate, a real-estate firm exhorts prospective home buyers to "find out how to get a great deal on foreclosures."

The men who want Bush's job stage campaign events at one shrinking company after another — a Guild woolen mill whose work force has dropped from 400 to 200 since 1988, a Pembroke prefab home plant down from 135 workers to 35.

Victims flock to a network of unemployment support groups, mostly church sponsored, that are supposed to offer job leads as well as consolation.

Bridge By Phillip Alder

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♦ 8 3
♣ 7 6 2

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♦ K Q J 9
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EAST
♠ J 10 9 8
♥ 5 4
♦ 10 6 2
♣ J 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠ K 6
♥ K Q 8
♦ A 7 5 4
♣ A K Q 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ K

After South's two-no-trump opening, North used a transfer bid to show five hearts, and then offered his partner a choice of games. South selected four hearts, though three no-trump would have been impregnable.

Declarer won the diamond lead with his ace, played a trump to the dummy and led the spade two: jack, king, ace. Accurately West returned a trump. Declarer won in hand and led the spade six. Guided by his partner's jack at trick three, West put up the spade queen so that he could gain the lead to play his last trump, stopping the spade ruff in the South hand. Now declarer had to hope the clubs would split 3-3, but they didn't, and he finished one down.

South needed the spade king for his opening bid, but he didn't need it to make his contract. If he had had two low spades, he would have counted these 10 tricks: five hearts, one diamond, three clubs and a spade ruff in hand. At trick two, declarer should lead a spade from hand. Whatever the defenders do, they cannot stop South from obtaining a spade ruff in his hand as the contract-fulfilling trick.

Whenever you can take a ruff in the short-trump hand, that is likely to be the right play.

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Police chief clarifies his stance

DALLAS (AP) — City councilman Chris Luna says police Chief Bill Rathburn has changed his views and now opposes hiring homosexuals onto his force.

But Rathburn says his weekend memo to the council merely clarifies his views.

"While I am aware of no evidence to suggest that gays and lesbians are unable to perform the duties of police officers, I do not think that the Dallas Police Department should hire individuals who have a significant history of, or acknowledge an intention to continue, committing deliberate, frequent violations of the law," Rathburn's memo said.

The Dallas Morning News reported the chief's citation of Section 21.06 of the state penal code, which makes sexual relations between people of the same sex a misdemeanor.

The law was declared unconstitutional in 1990, but state District Judge Paul Davis' ruling is being appealed.

At a Jan. 9 news conference, the chief said he was unconcerned about the sexual orientation of his officers. But in the memo Saturday, Rathburn said homosexuality should be used to disqualify someone from the force since it is addressed in the state penal code.

Dallas' city council is expected to debate a controversial policy Wednesday that bans lesbians and gay men from the Police Department.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 20, 1992

Today is MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. It is the 20th day of 1992 and the 30th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1980, President Jimmy Carter announced the U.S. boycott of the Summer Olympics in Moscow in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter (1889-1949), blues singer-guitarist; George Burns (1896-), comedian-actor, is 96; Federico Fellini (1920-), film director, is 72; Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin (1930-), astronaut, is 62; David Lynch (1946-), director, is 46; Lorenzo Lamas (1958-), actor, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1892, the first game of basketball was played at the YMCA gymnasium in Springfield, Mass., with peach baskets nailed to balconies at each end of the room.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Retirement at 65 is ridiculous. When I was 65, I still had pimples." — George Burns

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1977, St. Anthony, Newfoundland, set Canada's all-time record low pressure (reduced to sea level) of 27.76 inches.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL®
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TODAY'S MOON: Day after full moon (Jan. 19).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

You can tell it's mid-January. The close-outs of spring merchandise are on to make way for the swimsuits come February.

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Texas A&M developing fiber optic cable sensor

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A fiber optic cable sensor thinner than coat hanger wire is being developed by Texas A&M researchers, who say the cable could be used to detect drug traffickers along the U.S.-Mexican border.

The cable sensor, which monitors sound or shock waves, could be buried and strung for hundreds of miles along the 2,000-mile border to detect foot and vehicle traffic.

"Currently, the United States has more of a piecemeal approach to monitoring the border, with large sections of the border that we know very little about what is going on," said researcher Henry Taylor.

"You need something more sophisticated to monitor the entire border."

Taylor told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions that the fiber optic cable would cost about $1,000 a mile.

The sensor cable also could be placed over power lines or fence posts to detect low-flying, drug-smuggling aircraft and placed in harbors, lakes or other waterways to monitor power boats that smuggle drugs.

Law enforcement and immigration authorities use a host of infrared, seismic and magnetic sensors to detect drug smugglers or illegal immigrants. However, the sensors are scattered randomly and relay information individually through radio transmitters that can be monitored by drug traffickers.

In experiments conducted so far, Taylor said, the cable sensor has been buried about one foot below the ground, detecting movement on either side.

"We've been extremely encouraged," said Taylor, head of A&M's Institute for Solid State Electronics. "We can detect intruders not only walking on it, but also within seven feet of either side. This means we could detect intruders attempting to quietly step over it."

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Spend your riches carefully

By Phillip Alder

Francis Bacon wrote, "Riches are a good handmaid, but the worst mistress." It's an interesting notion — perhaps he had a hand like today's in mind.

If you would like to test yourself, cover the East-West cards and plan the play in four hearts, West leading the diamond king.

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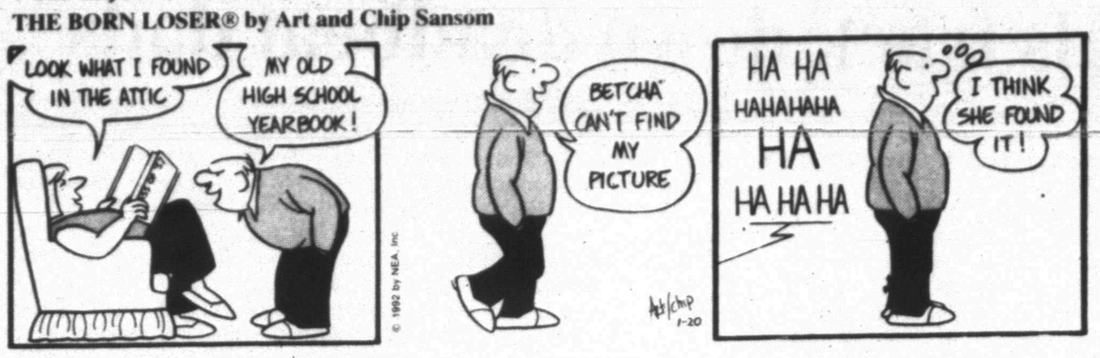
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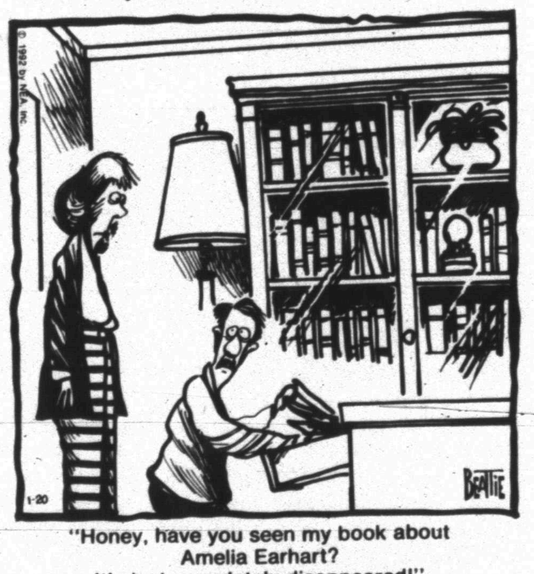
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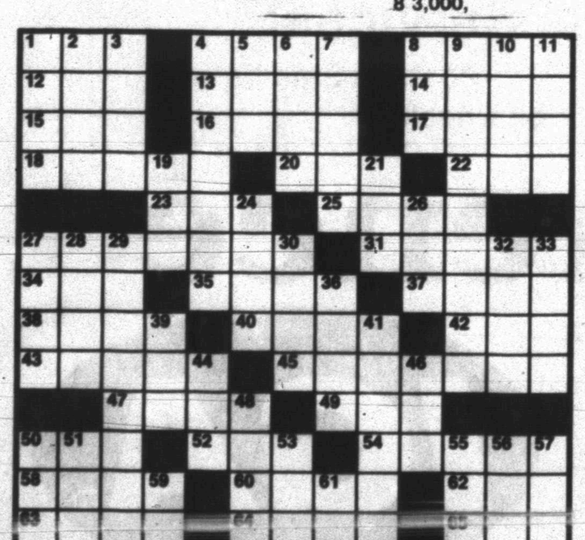
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6 Whale
7 — Landing
8 3,000, Roman
9 Testy
10 Game fish
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DENNIS THE MENACE



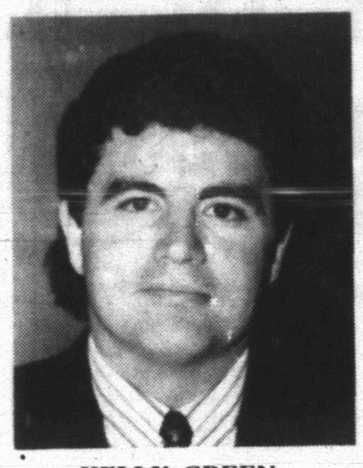
"NO, LET'S **NOT** MAKE A DEAL!"



It's Green vs. Green in WTC-Midland tilt

Today's Western Texas College-Midland College WJCAC men's basketball matchup will feature a family atmosphere.

The Chaparrals are coached by first-year chief Steve Green while the Westerners are guided by brother Kelly Green, also in his first season at the helm.



KELLY GREEN

It won't be the first time the pair has stared across the floor at each other. Last season Steve coached the Howard Hawks to a No. 1 regular-season ranking and a trip to the Region V NJCAA post-season tournament, while Kelly coached at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Kelly is 0-4 in two seasons competing against Steve.

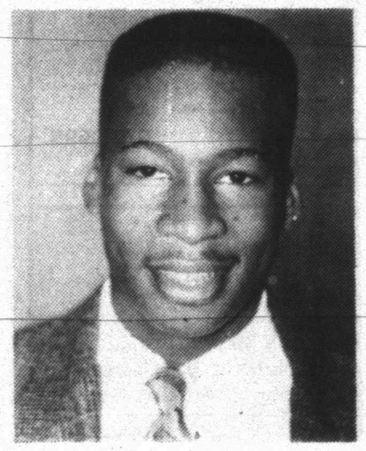
"I let him win because he's my older brother," joked the WTC coach.

"Actually," he continued, "I don't enjoy it. People say, 'Oh, it must be fun with both of you out there,' but it's really not.

"Most nights I pull for him and he pulls for me and when we play each other, that's one night you can't."

Kelly Green's Westerners carry a 10-9 overall slate into Midland's Chaparral Center for today's 8 p.m. matchup. They are 2-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference games, including a 102-100 loss to fourth-ranked New Mexico Junior College a week ago, that almost turned out to be the upset of the season in the conference.

Western Texas, sparked by 10 three-point buckets as a team, held a 47-38 halftime lead and a six-point advantage with under seven minutes to go before the T-Birds rallied for the decision late.



JON GASTON

Freshman Jon Gaston, who bombed five treys for WTC, scored 28 points against NMJC to lead the offensive burst. Terrance Ross finished with 21, including three from three-point range, and Ben Berry added 15.

Gaston leads the Westerners in scoring, hitting for 14.6 points a game and a total of 204 on the season.

Steve Green's Chaps are 13-4 on the year and 3-0 in WJCAC action following Thursday's 90-83 win at Howard.

Midland is averaging just over 97 points per game while giving up under 89.

Offensively, the Westerners put about 92 points on the board each outing while limiting their opponents to an average of 87.8

The Chaparrals are led by guard Chris McKinney, post Ari Rodriques and wing Kelon Haynie.

McKinney is near the top of the WJCAC in scoring, putting in over 18 points per game. Rodriques adds 80 percent free-throw shooting to the MC offense while Haynie's defensive prowess has led to 56 blocks on the season and 36 steals.

Midland College only competes in men's basketball, giving the WTC Lady Dusters the night off.

The Westerners and Dusters will be back at home Thursday when teams from Frank Phillips College come to town.

Australian Open...

Courier reaches quarterfinals

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — John McEnroe scorched the court in 124-degree heat, but Jim Courier would love to join him for a frolic under the sun at the Australian Open.

"Absolutely. That'd mean I'm in the final," the second-seeded Courier said after dominating erratic Marc Rosset 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 today to reach the quarterfinals of the year's first Grand Slam tournament.

Courier was happy to finish quickly in the brutal heat — three degrees warmer than during McEnroe's match on Sunday — while Aaron Krickstein's chances melted on neighboring Court 1.

The steamy conditions were a repeat of those that McEnroe and Emilio Sanchez survived Sunday in a classic five-set struggle that electrified the fans and left both men exhausted.

McEnroe was so drained that he asked for an intravenous drip after the match to replenish the fluids he lost in the see-saw struggle, which lasted 4 hours and 41 minutes.

McEnroe faces South Africa's Wayne Ferreira in Wednesday's quarterfinals. A victory would set up a meeting with either No. 1 Stefan Edberg or No. 5 Ivan Lendl, both two-time champions here.

Courier next meets Amos Mansdorf of Israel, who survived against five-set expert Krickstein when the American was forced to quit in the fifth set today due to nausea and heat exhaustion.

The winner will be matched against either No. 4 Michael Stich of Germany, who rode his big serve to a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 victory over Australia's Wally Masur, or the winner of tonight's match between Richard Krajicek and Christian Bergstrom.

At 22-6 in five-setters, Krickstein had owned one of the best records in marathons and had beaten Mansdorf in four of their five meetings.

By the end of this match, though, both players were sagging in the heat, exchanging weak groundstrokes. On the changeover after the fifth game of the fifth set, the 24-year-old Krickstein slumped into his chair and told the umpire he couldn't go on.

The effect of the heat on the younger players made the 32-year-old McEnroe's performance that much more impressive.

He fended off three match points and persevered to win 7-5, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 2-6, 8-6 on his sixth match point.

If ever McEnroe was going to unleash his infamous temper in this match, it would have been on the third of his six match points in the fifth set, when an obviously long serve by Sanchez was called an ace.

"I was very happy with myself," said McEnroe, who merely walked to the spot where he saw the ball hit, pointed at it with his racket, then returned in silence to the baseline.

His opportunity to break Sanchez gone, McEnroe lost the game and nearly the match. Yet he fought on with all the grit he showed when he won the last of his four U.S. Opens and three Wimbledons in 1984.

Sanchez, the No. 13 seed, obliged by blowing two match points at 40-15 in the 12th game with a double-fault and a wildly mis-hit forehand.

The tension mounting with each stroke, McEnroe grabbed the advantage with another mis-hit forehand by Sanchez, then broke him back when Sanchez dumped a forehand into the net.

McEnroe easily held service to 7-6, then pressured Sanchez to move ahead 0-30, then 15-40.

Tech beats Tulane...

Horned Frogs take SWC lead

by The Associated Press

Texas Christian is atop the Southwest Conference basketball standings, but it's the Texas Tech Red Raiders who are on top of the world.

The Raiders (8-6) rose to heights not reached in nearly seven years Saturday night, knocking 19th-ranked Tulane from the ranks of the unbeaten, 101-98.

It marked Tech's first victory over a ranked team since the Raiders beat Southern Methodist in February 1985. It was their first 100-point game in 11 years.

Tulane (13-1) trailed by 20 points with eight minutes left but rallied to 99-95 with 1:21 to go. Freshman Chad Collins calmly put the game away by hitting six straight foul shots in the final 30 seconds.

"Give Texas Tech credit. They shot the ball extremely well," Tulane coach Perry Clark said. "I didn't think we did a good job of handling them with our defense."

James Dickey, Texas Tech's first-year coach, said the victory was the highlight of his young career.

"We hit some big free throws at the end of the game, especially Collins," Dickey said. "That's a big win for our program.

"We handled the pressure they put on us and when we were able to beat the pressure, we were aggressive with the basketball and caused some good things to happen."

Center Will Flemons, who leads the SWC with 19.6 points a game, scored 25 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. He hit six of eight shots from the field and was 13-of-14 from the line.

Texas Tech shot 66 percent from the field and hit 39 of 48 free throws, including 16 of 18 in the final three minutes.

With the upset, the Raiders equaled last year's victory total, when they were 8-23.

In other games Saturday, TCU beat Texas 80-76 to grab sole possession of first place in the SWC; Houston beat Rice 84-60; and SMU beat Oral Roberts 92-80.

The Texas A&M-Baylor game was postponed when the A&M team and dozens of others were overcome by carbon monoxide fumes from a heating system malfunction.

Nine people, including Aggies senior forward Anthony Ware, A&M graduate assistant John Pigatti and assistant A&M coach Mitch Buonaguro were treated in Dallas. Aggies freshman guard Tony McGinnis was hospitalized in Waco. All are expected to recover and be released by Monday.

At Fort Worth, Reggie Smith scored 23 points and Kurt Thomas' dunk with 42 seconds to play broke a 74-74 tie, lifting Texas Christian over Texas.

On Tuesday, St. Louis visits Houston and Baylor visits TCU.

On Wednesday, Rice is at Texas Tech; Texas Southern visits Texas A&M; and SMU is at Texas.

Saturday, Baylor visits SMU; Texas Tech is at Houston; Rice is at Texas A&M; and South Florida visits TCU.

Cook claims Classic crown

BERMUDA DUNES, Calif. (AP) — An elderly couple sat in the stands behind the 18th green at Bermuda Dune, watching John Cook and Gene Sauers approach as the setting sun was slanting in over the San Jacinto Mountains.

"You know, they're right," the man said to his wife. "These guys do all start to look alike."

His confusions — if confusion it was — was understandable. It was the third time in about an hour that Cook and Sauers had marched up the fairway on the finishing hole, each and every time with the title in the Bob Hope Classic at stake.

This time the elderly couple's patience was rewarded. Cook holed a chip shot from about 30 yards — "I really don't know how long it was," he said — for an eagle to subdue the tenacious Sauers on the fourth hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday.

They had matched birdies on the first three playoff holes, with Cook chipping in from 25-30 feet on the third, before the winner ducked into the cup.

"The first chip-in had the feel of it, that it would go in," Cook said. "But the second one, from that far out, that was a fluke."

"It always hurts to lose," Sauers said. "It hurts even more when you lose like I did."

But Mark O'Meara may have been hurting more than anyone else.

For the second time in as many years, O'Meara went into the final round of this tournament in the lead. For the second time in as many years, he was in a playoff. And for the second time in as many years, he lost.

"I've played the last 10 rounds in this tournament 53 under par and I haven't won. That kind of wears on you," O'Meara said.

Clay nabs TE spot on all-star offense

ABILENE — Snyder grid standout Hayward Clay received yet another post-season honor Sunday by being named to the Abilene Reporter-News Super Team as a tight end.

Clay, along with fellow Tiger Chad Fox, were tabbed to the Abilene paper's All-Area 5A-4A team last week.

The 6-3, 225-pound senior tight end, was also named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's preseason All-South Plains team, the post-season A-J squad, All-District 2-4A as both a tight end and defensive end and was a two-way all-state honorable mention selection.

Clay was the Tigers' leading pass receiver in 1991 snagging 11 catches for 242 yards and three TDs.

Player of the Year on the Abilene team, which includes players in classifications from 5A to Class A, is Rotan running back David Daniel. Albany's Denney Faith was the Coach of the Year.

Joining Clay and Daniel on the offense are linemen Mark Bessent of Brownwood; John Abendschan of Abilene Cooper; Charles Jenkins of Hamlin; Billy George of Stephenville; Big Spring's Jon Downey and Jason Soules of Sweetwater.

C.C. Witt of Cooper and Sweetwater standout James Moore were tabbed as the squad's wide receivers while running backs include Albany's Johnnie Hudman; Jeff Roberts of Clyde; Chris Hines from Sweetwater; and Hamlin's Waylon McGee.

Rotan's Eric Smith was the quarterback of the mythical team and the Yellowhammers' Tyrone Daniel was named as kicker-punter.

The defense included Player of the Year Randall Lepard of Sweetwater; Big Spring's Nick Roberson; Jody Brown of Cross Plains; Cooper's Brett McDonald; Bill Lambert of Stephenville and Cody Graves from Goldthwaite in the backfield.

Linebackers are Buster Shelton of Albany; Abilene High's Charles Shelton; Breckenridge star Chris Hagler and De Leon's Clint Caraway.

Jimmy Norman of Sweetwater; Anson's Kerry McGee; Steve Taylor from Clyde; Rotan's Jesse Garcia and Keith Thompson of Albany were named to the defensive line.

Pittsburgh is expected to name Cowher coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers will name Kansas City Chiefs defensive coordinator Bill Cowher as their new coach Tuesday, according to a published report.

Steelers President Dan Rooney chose Cowher Sunday over Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported in today's editions.

Cowher, 34-year-old native of suburban Pittsburgh, would replace Chuck Noll, who retired Dec. 26 after 23 seasons as Steelers coach. Noll coached the Steelers to four Super Bowl victories.

Steelers spokesman Joe Gordon said the team had no comment until a news conference at noon Tuesday, when an announcement regarding the coaching vacancy would be made.

NBA glance

Saturday's games
Philadelphia 105, Washington 101
Cleveland 108, New York 106
Indiana 127, Miami 103
New Jersey 112, Minnesota 100
Golden State 143, Dallas 141
Utah 108, Houston 80
Seattle 112, LA Lakers 108
Sacramento 119, Charlotte 113

Sunday's games
Chicago 87, Detroit 85
Milwaukee 108, Orlando 98
Phoenix 132, Portland 128 (OT)
Atlanta 119, Denver 93
Boston 98, San Antonio 89

Monday's games
Indiana at New York, 1 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at LA Lakers 4:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 5 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.

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Team	Season		Conference	
South Plains	15	4	5	0
Midland	13	4	3	0
NMJC	17	2	4	1
Odessa	15	4	3	2
WTC	10	9	2	3
NMMI	9	10	2	3
Howard	14	5	1	4
Clarendon	5	9	1	5
Frank Phillips	2	13	0	4

Thursday, Jan. 16
Odessa 121, Frank Phillips 96
South Plains 103, NMMI 57
Midland 90, Howard 83
NMJC 94, Clarendon 75

Monday, Jan. 20
WTC at Midland
Clarendon at Frank Phillips
NMJC at NMMI
Odessa at South Plains
Howard — open

WOMEN

Team	Season		Conference	
Howard	16	3	5	0
NMJC	18	2	4	1
Odessa	11	10	2	2
Frank Phillips	10	7	1	1
Clarendon	10	5	1	3
South Plains	13	8	1	3
WTC	6	13	0	4

Thursday, Jan. 17
WTC at Ranger JC — cancelled
NMJC 70, Clarendon 48
Odessa 62, Frank Phillips 49
Howard 78, Fresno City College 39

Monday, Jan. 20
Clarendon at Frank Phillips
Odessa at South Plains
WTC — open
Howard — open
NMJC — open

Luna gets honorable mention...

Ira's Hughes named all-area

ABILENE — Ira junior deep back Mike Hughes was named to the Abilene Reporter-News Six-Man All-Area team Saturday.

Hughes joins Leuders-Avoca's Ray Gann, the MVP on the squad, and 13 other top gridders from the area on the first team.

The Ira standout picked up 1,230 rushing yards on 182 attempts in the 1991 season leading the Bulldogs to a 6-5 record and a second straight appearance in the state playoffs.



MIKE HUGHES

Hughes also added 1,320 passing yards on a 90 of 168 season and completed 16 aerials for touchdowns.

Ira senior linebacker-running back Bryan Luna was named to the honorable mention team.

Others on the first team include back Gann, Jon Johnson, a quarterback from Gordon; back Joey O'Malley of Blackwell, Rule's backfield tandem of Shannon Taylor and Carlos Muniz and Rochester's standout back Robby Strickland.

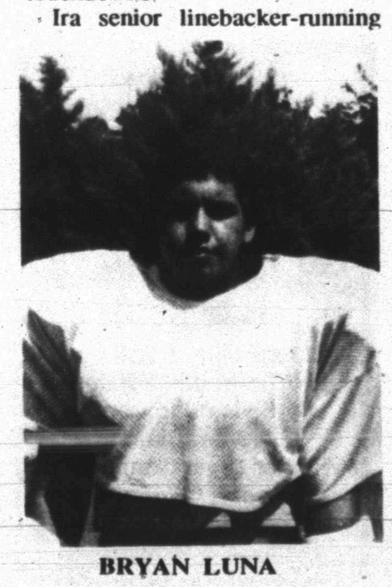
Also on the squad are backs Richie Edgar of Moran, Zephyr's Brent Williamson and Mark Miller and quarterback-cornerback Curtis Garrett of Panther Creek.

The team's four ends are Rodney Tsoodle of Paint Creek, Jayton's Zach Freemeyer, Brian Holmes of Rochester and Woodson star Craig Snoddy.

AR-N All-Area Team
Six-Man

Backs: Ray Gann, MVP, Leuders-Avoca; Mike Hughes, Ira; Joey O'Malley, Blackwell; Shannon Taylor, Rule; Carlos Muniz, Rule; Robby Strickland, Rochester; Richie Edgar, Moran; Brent Williamson, Zephyr; Mark Miller, Zephyr. **QBs:** Jon Johnson, Gordon; Curtis Garrett, Panther Creek. **Ends:** Rodney Tsoodle, Paint Creek; Zach Freemeyer, Jayton; Brian Holmes, Rochester; Greg Snoddy, Woodson.

Honorable mention — QB: Shawn Clark, Woodson; **Backs:** Jeff Sanford, Trent; Melvin Curry, Gordon; Ian Gaily, Strawn; Tommy Miller, Woodson; Mark Brown, Rochester.



BRYAN LUNA

AFC claims 13-10 win in soggy Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — College all-star games are supposed to provide a forum to impress the pro scouts.

Not the 1992 Senior Bowl. Not when the temperature is in the 30s and it feels even colder with winds gusting to 30 mph. Not when a steady rainfall makes it nearly impossible to throw a pass or catch the ball.

"The weather took everything away," Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka said after his NFC team lost to the AFC 13-10 in the 43rd annual Senior Bowl on Saturday.

Southern Miss running back Tony Smith was named the Most Valuable Player after he rushed for 72 yards on 12 carries.

The big offensive play of the game was turned in by an unheralded quarterback and the first Canadian college player invited to the game.

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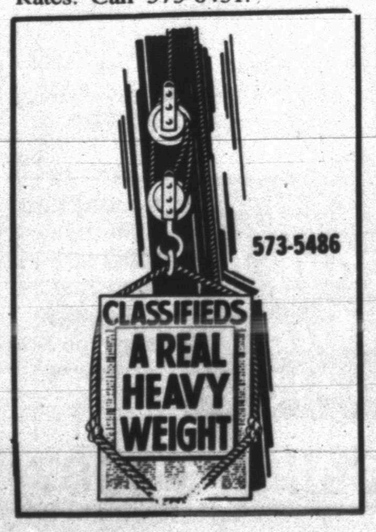
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Who shot JFK?

Here at the Assassination Archives and Research Center, a title more grand than the reality, researchers bury themselves in material on the murders of President Kennedy, his brother Robert and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Across the room is the Warren Commission report, its dusty tomes rejected by many researchers. A floor below is the House Assassination Committee report, which concluded that JFK's death was probably the result of a plot.

The shelves are lined with books such as "Conspiracy," "Whitewash," and "Act of Treason." In one corner are six file cabinets overflowing with 80,000 pages of FBI documents from the Kennedy assassination investigation — documents that are publicly available nowhere else.

Patrons talk easily of the magic bullet, the railroad tramps, the puff of smoke, the nick in the tie and the obscuring oak tree the way most people go through a grocery list.

Attorney James H. Lesar, who helps journalists file Freedom of Information Act requests in his spare time, presides on a shoestring over what can charitably be called a jumble of material. Rare Life magazines lie strewn about; photos and film footage, including the Zapruder frames, are in danger of disintegrating; investigatory files sit atop cabinets.

Perhaps the condition of the research center is appropriate, serving as a metaphor for what some conclude is the state of the official investigations into the JFK, MLK and RFK assassinations: a shambles.

"Virtually all our members believe that there was a conspiracy to assassinate JFK," Lesar said.

The Warren commission report, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing the president, "was undertaken by a politically packed commission which was not represented by any member from the Kennedy wing of the Democratic Party," he said.

The evidence surrounding the 1968 slaying of King includes "quite strong" indications that someone other than James Earl Ray fired the fatal shot, Lesar said.

And critics of the probe into the killing of Robert F. Kennedy that same year believe "there was a second gunman involved. There were too many shots to have been fired by Sirhan Sirhan's handgun."

The center drew one of the consultants on Oliver Stone's "JFK" film. After the release of the movie, which postulates a government conspiracy to kill the president, Stone's chief researcher returned twice.

About "JFK," Lesar will say only that when its theory is stacked up against some of the scores of books on the subject, "I can't say it's any worse."

In 1969 as a University of Wisconsin law student, Lesar traveled to New Orleans where he attended portions of the conspiracy trial of Clay Shaw on which "JFK" is based. That sideline interest turned into a lifelong passion for Lesar, now 51, who oversees the office and two assistants.

The research center opened in 1984 with backing from Lesar and his late law partner, Bernard Fensterwald.

Researchers are appreciative.

"There are countless journalists who have passed through Washington researching the assassination and have used their files, magazines, film and books," said Jeff Goldberg, a Washington-based journalist and author of assassination-related works. "The archive has been the most valuable private center for the assassination research community over the past decade."

The need for more information makes Lesar reluctant to make definitive pronouncements on the assassinations. But he has his opinions.

"I have difficulty believing that organized crime alone could have accomplished the assassination" of JFK "without participation from the government," Lesar said. "There's no history of organized crime assassinating top political figures."

The magic bullet, above all the mountains of evidence, is the clearest indication of a conspiracy in the JFK case, Lesar says. Fingering an eight-by-ten glossy of the slug, Lesar says it could never have passed through Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally with so little damage, as the Warren Commission said.

Will we ever know who killed JFK?

"It's becoming more difficult with the lapse of time," Lesar said.

SDN Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Trey Tippens was at home almost two weeks and Chris Garrett for a few days. I am very disappointed that their home town paper did not interview the ex Ragin Tigers. Trey plays for the University of Oklahoma and Chris for Nebraska. Both Trey and Chris went to bowl games with their teams. Oklahoma played in the Gator Bowl and Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

If there had been negative news about either Trey or Chris there would have been an old Ragin Tiger picture maybe on the front page with all details. But nothing has been said about their achievements to encourage them, or others on the Snyder Tigers who will graduate from Snyder High in years to come.

Trey started for Oklahoma this year as defensive end, and he was on the second team of the Big Eight Conference, which I think is great, because there are so many players in the conference.

I do not know all that has happened since Trey and Chris have been playing for Oklahoma or Nebraska, but they could have told the paper themselves. I feel you missed a great opportunity by not doing a story on them. When the sports editor was told Trey was in town he wanted to know for how long, but he didn't bother to find out.

I am proud of my son Trey Tippens but also proud of all who leave Snyder and have an outstanding achievement. Maybe once in awhile their story can be told too.

A very proud mother,
Vernest Tippens
Snyder, Texas

Legislator says U.S. workers to blame for trade imbalance

TOKYO (AP) — A senior lawmaker has placed the blame for the U.S.-Japan trade imbalance on what he described as lazy and poorly qualified American workers, newspapers reported today.

"American workers don't work hard enough. They don't work but demand high pay," Japanese newspaper reports quoted Yoshio Sakurauchi, speaker of the House of Representatives, as saying.

The Yomiuri newspaper quoted Sakurauchi, 79, as describing the United States as "Japan's subcontractor" and saying, "If America doesn't watch out, it is going to be judged as finished by the world."

His aide, Tadahiro Mishima, confirmed today the general content of the reports of Sakurauchi's statements, which came in speech to supporters in western Japan Sunday.

But he denied the specific portion of the reports in the nationally circulated Yomiuri and Mainichi newspapers that quoted Sakurauchi as saying managers in the United States cannot give written orders because one-third of American workers are illiterate.

The government's main spokesman, Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Kato, said at a news conference later that "politicians would have various kinds of opinions but the government has no intention of making any comments on the level, quality or education of workers of foreign nations."

Mishima said Sakurauchi's speech was largely a recounting of what he had heard from Japanese auto executives.

Places in the News

THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES

History may record that the Soviet Union died on Dec. 8, 1991, when Russian President Boris Yeltsin and the republics of Ukraine and Belarus (formerly Byelorussia) agreed to form a new loose confederation called the Commonwealth of Independent States.

These three republics were the founding members of the Soviet Union in 1922. Between them they contain 73 percent of the former country's population, 80 percent of the gross national product, 75 percent of agriculture output and 90 percent of the manufactured export goods.

According to Yeltsin, the purpose of the commonwealth is to coordinate, but not dictate, economic, military and foreign policies of the independent republics. Its headquarters will not be in the Russian capital of Moscow, but in the Belarus capital of Minsk.

A number of the former Soviet republics have changed the official English spelling of their names. The new spellings are: Belarus (for Byelorussia), Kyrgyzstan (for Kirghizia), Moldova (for Moldavia), Tajikistan (for Tadzhikistan) and Turkmenistan (for Turkmenia). Names remaining the same are: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine (without "the" before it) and Uzbekistan.

So far, 11 of the 15 former Soviet republics have joined the new commonwealth. The joining republics and their leaders are: Russia — Yeltsin; Belarus — Stanislav Shushkevich; Kyrgyzstan — Askar Akayev; Moldova — Mircea Snegur; Tajikistan — Rakhmon Nabiyev; Turkmenistan — Saparamurad Niyazov; Armenia — Levon Ter-Petrossian; Azerbaijan — Ayaz Mutalibov; Kazakhstan — Nursultan Nazarbayev; Ukraine — Leonid Kravchuk; and Uzbekistan — Islam Karimov. Not joining the commonwealth: Estonia, Georgia, Latvia and Lithuania.



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By order of Gene L. Dulaney, Judge, 132nd District Court, Scurry County, Texas.

Western Texas College will be accepting bids to purchase one (1) Aerification Core Harvester Attachment and one (1) Utility Turf Truckster until 1:00 p.m. January 30, 1992. Further information concerning the bid may be obtained by contacting the Business Office at Western Texas College, telephone 573-8511, ext. 307.

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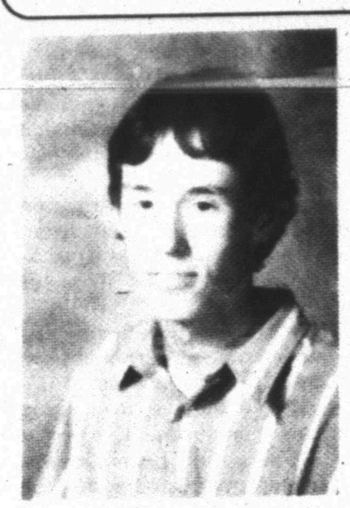
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Obituaries



JIMMY WHITNEY

Jimmy Whitney

1970-1992

Services are set for 1 p.m. Wednesday at First Christian Church for James Ward Whitney, 21, of Snyder who died at 7:15 a.m. today at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Burial will be in Memory Land Cemetery in Greenville. Dr. Tim Griffin, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Mr. Whitney was born Sept. 29, 1970, in Dallas. He was a active in Industrial Arts at Snyder High School where he graduated in 1989. He was a student at WTC. Diagnosed with cancer in 1988, he had been a patient at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and Baylor Medical Hospital in Dallas. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Terri Whitney of Snyder; a sister, Christi Whitney of Snyder; one brother, Trent Whitney of Snyder; grandparents, Mary McDonald of Carrollton and Mr. and Mrs. Joe McDonald of Quinlan; and great-grandmothers, Margaret Green of Dallas and Mae McDonald of Carrollton.

Albert Clemons

1934-1992

Services are pending in Bedford, Ind., for Albert W. Clemons, 57, of Snyder who died this morning in the VA Hospital in Dallas.

He had lived in Snyder for eight years and was a carpet installer. Mr. Clemons was a Marine and a member of the American Legion and the VFW.

Survivors include two sons, Mark of Bloomington, Ind., and David of California; a stepdaughter, Billie Jo Spencer of Bloomington, Ind.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Clemons of Bedforn, Ind.; and three grandchildren.

H. Zamarripa

1940-1992

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Hermenia L. Zamarripa, 51, who died at 5:10 p.m. Saturday at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Zamarripa was born April 13, 1940, at New Braunfels.

She was married to Antonio Zamarripa on Feb. 9, 1964, in New Braunfels and they moved to Snyder in 1972. She was a housewife and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

She is survived by her husband of the home; three daughters, Irma Perez, Celia Zamarripa and Esther Zamarripa, all of Snyder; two sons, Mark Zamarripa and Joe Zamarripa, both of Snyder; her mother, Clemencia G. Ledesma of Houston; two sisters, Auroa Ledesma and Paula Ledesma, both of New Braunfels; three brothers, Erasmo Ledesma of New Braunfels, Ramon Ledesma and Enrique Ledesma, both of Houston; and one grandchild.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Debra Ingram, 2700 Ave. G; Carrolynne Potts, 3112 37th; Lucille Joyce, 2807 36th; Emmer Lane, 2006 37th.

DISMISSALS: Elida Garza and baby, Harry Kingston, Maria Robbins.

Census 48 (Med.-15, Long-Term Care-29, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Aviator Charles Lindbergh married author Ann Morrow in 1929.

Bill McCright

1934-1992

Services were to be held a 2 p.m. today at Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Billy Ray McCright, 57, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery. The Rev. Miller Robinson was to officiate.

Mr. McCright died at 11:55 a.m. at his home following a lengthy illness.

Born on Feb. 18, 1934, in Scurry County, he lived most of his life in Snyder where he was a carpenter and a fireman for 16 years. He married Buna Higgins in May of 1974 in Snyder. He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Brenda McCright in Oct. of 1991; two sisters, and a brother.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two daughters, Pat Guynes of Snyder and Beth Bowles of Abilene; and a son, Tim McCright of Snyder; three sisters, LaDell Gannaway of Hermleigh, Janell Bearden of Snyder and Johnnie Lou Dry of Kilgore; a brother, Terry McCright of Ira; and six grandchildren.

J.D. Battles

1916-1992

ABILENE — Services were set for 2 p.m. today at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for J.D. Battles, 75, who died Friday in an Abilene hospital. Burial was to follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Born in Abilene, Mr. Battles attended the Arah School in Scurry County. He also attended Eula High School and Gail Business College for two years.

He served in the U.S. Air Force during world War II, a lieutenant navigator in the China, Burma and India Theatres. He lived in California for 10 years before returing to Abilene where he owned and operated Abilene Memorial Company from 1962 to 1991.

His wife, Eunice Huskin Battles, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Herron of Austin; a brother, Marlin Battles of Abilene; his uncle, C.C. Warren of Abilene; and a granddaughter, Nicole Lea Herron of Austin.

Dora Sweatt

1926-1992

COLORADO CITY — Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Westbrook Church of Christ for Dora N. Sweatt, 65, who died Saturday in the Mitchell County Hospital. Burial will follow in the Iatan Cemetery. Officiating will be Dan Clark, and Kiker-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Born Aug. 11, 1926 in Arkansas, Mrs. Sweatt married Roy E. Sweatt on Sept. 8, 1945 in Colorado City. He died Dec. 10, 1991.

A resident of Mitchell County since 1945, Mrs. Sweatt was a homemaker and a member of the Westbrook Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Chambers of Snyder; two sons, Roger L. Sweatt of Big Spring and Charles Leon Sweatt of Germany; one brother, John B. Tedford of Greenwood, Ark.; a sister, Ellen Brown of Greenwood, Ark.; four grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Art show profiles upcoming classes

Western Texas College will be offering classes in beginning ceramics, hot-glass jewelry and painting beginning Feb. 13.

Prospective students can see the results of similar classes by visiting an art show at West Texas State Bank. The show, which is being held now through Feb. 7, features ceramics by Buff Hearne and art glass and glass jewelry by WTC students and faculty.

Registration for the courses is 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Fine Arts Building. Students interested should contact Ty Brunson or John Gibson at 573-8511, ext. 234.

The courses are for three hours of credit and will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 9:20 p.m. on Thursdays.

Sir Edmund Hillary and his party reached the summit of Mount Everest in 1953.

Clyde Boone

1907-1992

WACO — Graveside services were to be held at 1 p.m. today at Waco Memorial Park for Clyde Boone, 84, who died Friday afternoon in Richardson. Richard Freeman was to officiate.

He was the father of Billy Boone of Snyder.

Born on June 2, 1907, he was retired from Exxon Oil Co. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star and the First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Other survivors include another son, Wayne Boone of Richardson; a brother, Elvis Boone of Murchison; two sisters, Dora Roberson of Corsicana and Lucille Aaron of Ellis County; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mary Welch

1927-1992

STANTON — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church for Mary Leola Welch, 64, who died Saturday night in a Midland hospital following a long illness. Burial will follow in Big Spring's Trinity Memorial Park.

She was the mother of Kenneth Ray Welch of Snyder.

Born in Lamesa, Mrs. Welch moved to Tarzan in 1928. She married Coy E. Welch on June 7, 1947, in Tarzan. They had lived in Midland since 1989.

Survivors, in addition to her husband and son, include one daughter, Euvonne Polson of Midland; a sister, Sylvia Ruth Welch of Midland; three brothers, Norwood Holloway of Stanton, Alton Holloway of Midland and Gleen Holloway of Tarzan; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Paul Simon says he's donating money to build music academy

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — Paul Simon says he's donating money to build a music academy in honor of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, the group that performed with him on his Grammy-winning "Graceland" album.

Simon, who made the announcement Sunday, did not say how much he will contribute.

He is the first international star to appear in South Africa since the lifting of the cultural boycott imposed to protest apartheid.

His five-concert tour has drawn smaller than expected crowds. Militant black groups staged small protests that have not disrupted the performances.

Shuttle launch set Wednesday with creepy crawlers on board

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's countdown clock began ticking toward Wednesday's launch of space shuttle Discovery with seven astronauts and an assortment of creepy-crawlies.

Among the specimens that will be on board: roundworms, fruit flies, yeast, bacteria, slime mold, frog eggs and sperm, fetal mouse bones, oat and wheat seedlings, lentil roots, hamster kidney cells and human blood cells.

Scientists want to see how plants respond in orbit to varying amounts of light and artificial gravity, and how animal and cell development is affected by weightlessness and space radiation.

The countdown for the seven-day flight began Sunday. Liftoff is scheduled for 8:53 a.m. EST Wednesday.

The research mission is the first of at least eight shuttle flights planned for 1992, despite budget and staff cuts. NASA has achieved no more than six missions a year since the Challenger disaster in 1986.

Shuttle test director Al Sofge said today Discovery was in good shape except for a malfunctioning recorder that collects data on the air frame, strain gauges on the orbiter skin and steering jets for post-flight analysis.

Technicians can replace the unit in the crew compartment, if necessary, without interrupting the countdown, he said. "It's highly desirable but it's not mandatory"

Forecasters put the odds of good weather at launch time at 80 percent. The main concerns were clouds and chilly temperatures; it is expected to be just 48 degrees at liftoff time.

The crew consists of a physicist, two physicians and four engineers. One is Canadian, another is German and the rest are from the United States.

Discovery's astronauts will spend most of their time conducting experiments inside Spacelab, a module in the cargo bay.

Human medical tests will be conducted to gain understanding of space motion sickness and back pain, frequently suffered by astronauts in orbit.

Such knowledge is vital as NASA heads toward the first two-week shuttle flight this summer and considerably longer stints aboard the planned space station.

More than 200 scientists from three continents are participating in the mission.

Election

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Then I will compose the top five from that list and take it to the council for approval."

Williamson said that he hopes the council can approve the five committee members during its Feb. 4 meeting. He cautioned, however, that the selection process could take longer.

Several other West Texas cities were also voting on an economic development tax Saturday. Lubbock residents voted against a ½-cent sales tax, 13,997 to 10,322. Midland citizens also voted against a ¼-cent sales tax increase for that city, 7,610 to 2,599.

Residents of Levelland approved a ½-cent sales tax proposal on Saturday by a vote of 884-547.

Saturday's voter turnout here represented approximately 25 percent of the eligible voters in the city. A similar ½-cent sales tax proposal in August of 1990 saw only 15 percent of the eligible voters make their way to the polls. That proposal, which would have directed all of the tax to economic development, was defeated by a vote of 499 to 395.

Snyder City Council members will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall to canvass votes.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	727/8	72	72	-1/2
AlliedSignal	465/8	457/8	461/2	+1/4
ALLTEL Cp	397/8	393/4	393/4	
AmStor s	331/2	331/4	333/8	-1/8
Amer T&T	401/2	401/4	403/8	-3/8
Ameritech	633/4	631/4	631/4	-5/8
Amoco	487/8	483/8	483/4	-1/8
AndarkPtr	221/2	221/8	221/4	-1/4
Arkla	113/4	111/4	113/8	
ArmcoInc	55/8	51/2	51/2	-1/4
AtlRichfld	1111/2	1091/4	1111/4	+15/8
BakerHugh	205/8	201/4	205/8	+1/2
BancTexas	9-16	1/2	9-16	
BellAtl	453/4	453/8	455/8	-1/8
BellSouth	497/8	495/8	495/8	-3/8
Beth Steel	165/8	16	161/4	-3/8
Borden	33	321/2	325/8	-1/2
Caterpllr	475/8	467/8	475/8	+1/8
Centel	36	355/8	357/8	-3/8
CentSo West	503/8	501/4	503/8	
Chevron	683/4	675/8	685/8	+7/8
Chrysler	14	135/8	133/4	-3/8
Coastal	26	251/4	253/8	-1/8
CocaCola	733/8	72	723/4	—13/8
ColgateP s	465/8	46	461/4	-3/8
ComlMetl	207/8	207/8	207/8	+1/8
CyprusMn	223/4	221/2	221/2	-1/4
DallSemicn	9	83/4	87/8	
DelfaAirl	727/8	721/2	727/8	+1/4
DigitalEq	533/4	525/8	531/2	+1/2
Dillard	126	1247/8	1253/8	—13/8
DowChem	561/2	553/4	553/4	-1/4
DresserInd	201/2	201/4	201/4	>1/4
duPont	501/4	493/4	501/8	-3/8
EstKodak	49	481/2	487/8	
EljerInd	91/2	85/8	93/8	+7/8
Enserch	14	133/4	14	
Exxon	601/4	593/4	601/8	+1/4
FtCtyBcp	11/4	11/4	11/4	
FlowerInd	167/8	163/4	167/8	
FordMotor	327/8	323/8	323/4	-1/4
GTE Cp	325/8	323/8	321/2	+1/4
GnDynam	603/4	591/2	591/2	—11/2
GenElct	797/8	791/4	793/4	+1/4
GnMill	685/8	68	68	-1/8
GenMotors	34	335/8	337/8	
GnMotrE s	603/8	60	60	-3/8
GaPacif	631/4	625/8	63	-1/2
GlobMar	21/8	2	21/8	+1/8
Goodrich	421/2	42	42	-3/4
Goodyear	587/8	581/8	581/4	-3/4
GtAtlPac	281/8	273/8	281/8	+1
Gulf StaUt	107/8	103/4	103/4	+1/8
Haliburtn	295/8	285/8	291/2	
Hanson	193/4	193/8	195/8	-3/8
HoustInd	413/4	413/8	411/2	-3/8
IBM	963/8	923/4	955/8	-3/4
IntlPaper	731/8	725/8	723/4	-1/4
JohnsJhn	1063/4	1043/4	1047/8	—23/8
K mart	493/4	487/8	49	-
Kroger	207/8	201/2	203/4	-1/4
vjLTV Cp	13/8	11/4	13/8	+1/8
Litton Ind	953/8	947/8	951/8	-5/8
vjLoneStar	4	37/8	37/8	-1/8
Lowes	385/8	371/2	38	-3/4
Lubys	151/8	147/8	15	
Maxus	67/8	63/4	67/8	+1/8
MayDSt	587/8	581/8	587/8	+1/4
Medtrn s	85	831/4	841/2	-1/4
Mobil	681/4	671/4	68	+1/8
Monsan	703/8	693/4	703/8	-3/8
Motorola	791/8	783/8	785/8	—11/4
Nationbk	447/8	441/2	447/8	
Navistar	31/2	33/8	33/8	-1/8
Nynex	765/8	761/4	763/8	-1/4
OryxEngy	245/8	241/4	241/4	-1/8
PacTelesis	411/2	41	413/8	-1/8
PanhECp	143/4	141/2	141/2	-1/4
PenneyJC	553/8	541/2	55	-5/8
PepBoys	163/8	161/8	161/4	-1/4
Phelps Dod	723/4	721/8	721/4	-1/8
PhilipPet	247/8	241/2	243/4	-1/8
Polaroid s	25	243/4	247/8	-1/4
Primerica	411/4	407/8	411/8	+1/8
ProctGamb	91	903/8	901/2	+1/4
PubS NwMx	101/4	101/8	101/4	
SFePacCp	135/8	131/8	135/8	+3/8
SaraLee	517/8	505/8	51	-5/8
SearsRoeb	403/4	401/8	401/4	-3/8
Shrwin s	291/4	283/4	283/4	-7/8
SmthBchm	811/4	803/4	81	+11/4
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SterlingChm	47/8	43/4	43/4	-1/8
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TNP Ent	201/4	193/4	197/8	-1/4
Tandy	27	261/2	27	+3/8
TemplInl	545/8	541/8	541/8	—17/8
Tenneco	371/8	363/4	363/4	-5/8
Texaco	613/4	61	615/8	+1/4
TexasInd	203/4	205/8	205/8	-1/8
TexasInst	351/8	34	35	-1/4
Tex Util	40	395/8	393/4	-1/4
Textron	391/2	381/2	381/2	—1
Tyler	3	27/8	27/8	
USWst	365/8	361/8	365/8	-1/4
USXMar n	237/8	235/8	233/4	-1/8
USX-USS n	291/8	285/8	291/8	+3/8
UnCarbde	243/8	237/8	241/4	
UnPac s	49	481/8	481/4	—1
UnitTech	561/2	56	561/8	-1/2
Unitel	25	243/4	25	
Unocal	231/8	225/8	231/8	+3/8
WestghEl	187/8	181/2	181/2	-1/4
Wolwth	301/8	297/8	30	
Xerox Cp	705/8	701/4	703/8	-1/2
ZenithE	81/8	77/8	8	-

Gamsakhurdia's fighters can barely hang on in war

ABASHA, Georgia (AP) — The young fighters nervously clutched their weapons as a truck crossed the bridge toward their roadblock. Some dove for cover behind two trucks with makeshift armor, grabbing dynamite sticks.

"Stop! Stop!" the fighters shouted, firing into the air. As the truck slowed to a stop for a document check, a calmer voice shouted, "Don't panic! Don't panic!"

Tension was high Sunday at the new frontier that splits Georgia.

Troops loyal to deposed President Zviad Gamsakhurdia were expecting an attack from the forces that ousted him, who are squeezing the loyalists into a corner of the republic.

On Sunday, the roadblock at the Tzanisharo Bridge near Abasha was the eastern boundary of the steadily shrinking area that has defied the rule of Tbilisi's new military council. It includes the main cities of western Georgia — the Black Sea port of Poti and the resort town of Sukhumi.

But what is known among Gamsakhurdia supporters as "the military junta" is advancing. During the night Saturday, presidential loyalists abandoned the provincial town of Samtredia.

"We left without fighting. It was to avoid bloodshed," said Rene Kalandia, spokesman for the pro-Gamsakhurdia National Disobedience Committee, based in Zugdidi, which is still in Gamsakhurdia's hands.

Those who left, a small group, retreated to Abasha, hometown of Gamsakhurdia's father, Konstantin, a renowned Georgian writer. But they came under attack in Abasha and two of their men were wounded, Kalandia said.

He said the pro-Gamsakhurdia forces lost an armored personnel carrier and one so-called "monster" — a heavy truck covered with sheet metal used as an armored personnel carrier.

Wreck victim gives birth to twin girls

A Snyder woman involved in an automobile accident here Sunday has given birth to twin girls at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The wreck was one of several calls which Snyder police responded to over the weekend.

Thirty-seven-year-old Alice Guerrero of Rt. 3 in Snyder was taken to Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a 5:26 p.m. traffic accident in the 300 block of 28th Street and later transferred to Hendrick Medical Center.

She gave birth to twin girls, 5-pounds, 10-ounces and six-pounds, four-ounces. Hospital officials said that the mother and daughers were "doing fine" and could be released as early as Wednesday.

The accident involved a 1987 Chevrolet driven by Jose Guerrero and a 1981 Mercury driven by Clifton Harrison of 209 30th St.

At 12:30 p.m. Saturday, police cleared a hit-and-run case. Involved in the accident were a parked, unoccupied 1989 Chevrolet Blazer owned by David Chandler of 3901 Ave. 0 and a 1981 Pontiac driven by Olin Thomas Lane of Rt. 2.

At 8:52 p.m. Saturday, police worked a one-vehicle accident in the 4600 block of College Avenue involving a 1986 Nissan driven by Angie Davidson of 2701 32nd St. and a curb owned by the Texas Highway Department.

Police also worked a hit-and-run at 7:33 p.m. Sunday, involving a fence owned by Buddy Ellis of 204 26th St. and a vehicle which left the scene.

Officers arrested a 29-year-old male for driving while intoxicated at 1:32 a.m. Sunday in the 2300 block of College Avenue. Police also arrested a 22-year-old male for Class B theft from Kmart at 1:09 p.m. Saturday and a 22-year-old female on outstanding DPS warrants for no drivers license and failure to appear at 10:09 p.m. Saturday at 27th Street and College Avenue.

In one other case, officers took a report of Class C assault after being notified of a fight in the 1200 block of East Highway at 10:39 p.m. Saturday.

Boards

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Bill Jordan, Jon Derouen and Kenneth Wilson.

The 12-member coliseum board, appointed in November, will see only one change for the new year. Betty House was appointed by the court to replace Blanche Chisum.

The Scurry County Grievance Committee list will be approved at a later date.

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

King

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ism and pursue social justice through reconciliation and healing, just as this extraordinary man taught us," Cuomo said Sunday.

— A "Freedom Train" with an estimated 4,000 riders was expected to kick off the holiday in California. It was to travel from San Jose to San Francisco, where a march was scheduled. In Los Angeles, a 14-foot sculpture honoring King was to be unveiled in the city's Watts section.

— In Arkansas, Daisy Bates, who was an adviser to the nine black students who integrated Little Rock's Central High in 1957, was to be honored with a portrait in the state Capitol.

— In Michigan, William Harris, 37, planned his annual march through New Haven, 35 miles northeast of Detriot. Every year the march concludes with his impersonation of King delivering his "I Have a Dream" speech.

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He would have been 63.

In Oakland, Calif., about 80 residents marched Sunday to reclaim their neighborhood from drug dealers. "Drugs are just another form of slavery. I can't think of a better way to honor Dr. King than to do this," said Gilda Baker, 39, a mother of two.

Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., proposed legislation to increase prison terms for federal offenses motivated by racial, ethnic, religious or gender bias.

Mrs. King on Sunday presented Mrs. Mandela with an award from the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change for the progress the Mandelas made in fighting apartheid.

Mrs. Mandela accepted the award and left. Mrs. King said Mrs. Mandela was ill, but didn't elaborate.

In her speech, Mrs. King stopped short of directly criticizing President Bush, who traveled to Atlanta on Friday and laid a wreath at King's tomb. Instead, she told about 850 people that government hasn't done enough — especially for young Americans.

"Brothers and sisters, it's time for an all-out campaign to put America back to work," she said.

AP Tax Tips

Persons who hire child-care worker eligible for savings

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal tax saving of up to $1,440 a year is available to families who must hire a child-care worker so they can hold down jobs.

Taxpayers who qualify may claim a credit for part of their child-care expenditures or take advantage of employer-provided assistance whose value is not subject to tax. Any employer-paid benefit claimed reduces the amount of expenses eligible for the credit.

The same benefits are offered for those who must care for a parent or other dependent. If you are eligible for either benefit, you may have to calculate both to see which is more advantageous.

The benefits are claimed on Form 2441 if you file the long Form 1040, or on Schedule 2 if you file Form 1040A. Publication 503, available free from the Internal Revenue Service, gives a complete rundown on how to calculate these benefits. Here are the basics:

— You may accept tax-free up to $5,000 a year worth of dependent-care services provided by your employer. It must be offered in a written plan that does not discriminate against lower-paid workers.

The $5,000 can include benefits that you pay for in a "flexible spending arrangement" or "salary-reduction plan."

Under such a plan, your employer withholds prearranged amounts from your paychecks and the money is set aside to reimburse you for dependent-care expenses. Those dollars escape Social Security and income taxes. You lose any money in the account that is not paid out by yearend.

— You may be able to take a tax credit of up to $720 for one dependent or up to $1,440 for two or more. The credit is calculated on a maximum of $2,400 of eligible expenses for one child or $4,800 for two or more. The maximum credit is 30 percent and drops gradually as income rises, to a minimum of 20 percent for those with adjusted gross income over $28,000.

Any assistance paid by your employer or under your salary-reduction plan must be subtracted from eligible expenses before the credit is calculated.

Here is how the credit works:

— QUALIFICATIONS. You may be eligible if, to work or seek work, you have to hire someone to care for a dependent child who is disabled or under age 13; any other dependent, such as an elderly parent, or a spouse who is not capable of self-care. You must have furnished over half the cost of maintaining a home for the dependent last year.

— YOUR WORK. You and your spouse (if capable of self-care) must have had earnings in 1991. This requirement is met if one spouse was a fulltime student during a part of each of five months during the year and the other spouse worked.

— EXPENSES. You may include services of a housekeeper, maid or cook but not a gardener or driver. Costs of the dependent's food and clothing are not eligible, although you may count the costs of feeding a live-in housekeeper. You may include expenses of nursery school or day care outside the home for a child under 13, but only the portion that pays for care — not education.

The total of expenses used to calculate the credit may not exceed your earned income — wages, tips and the like — for the year. If you are married, these expenses must be no more than the income of the spouse with the lower earnings.

The credit may NOT be claimed for dependent-care payments to your child under the age of 19 or to any person who can be claimed as a dependent by you or your spouse.

Hiring someone to care for your dependent makes you an employer. As a rule, if you paid any household employee wages of $50 or more in any quarter, you must withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes. That means that for 1991, you should have withheld 7.65 percent of wages, added another 7.65 percent as the employer's share, and submitted the money along with Form 942 to the IRS.

Too, if you paid $1,000 or more in wages during a quarter, you are liable for an unemployment-benefits tax of 6.2 percent of the worker's first $7,000 of cash wages.

IRS Publication 926 tells all you need to know about employer taxes.

Teen's remains left in morgue since 1986; parents never told

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Melissa Jackson's parents always believed she would eventually come home. So they remained in the same apartment complex for six years following her disappearance in 1983 so she could easily find them.

However, it was Laura and Leslie Jackson who found Melissa, who was misplaced all along by a Grand Prairie police computer.

Until last summer, the Jacksons never knew that their daughter's remains, discovered by police in 1986, were being kept in the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

"It's a relief. I know where she's at," said Mrs. Jackson. "But I'm lost without her."

On Saturday, nearly six years after Melissa's bones were found by construction workers March 9, 1986, in Bedford, the Jacksons held a memorial service for their daughter.

With the remains found, police are now tracking a bigger mystery: Who killed Melissa and another young woman whose body was found 800 yards away from where the Jackson's daughter was found?

An autopsy showed that Melissa was stabbed to death.

"The odds of two skeletons being found 800 yards apart and not being put there by the same person are so small I wouldn't even want to speculate," said Bedford Detective Biff Schuessler.

The other body was identified as Annette Melia, 20 of Omaha, Neb., who disappeared in 1982 while living in Arlington.

Like Melissa, Ms. Melia's body was covered up by construction debris. Two squirrel hunters found Ms. Melia's remains in 1985.

Authorities say an unidentified man serving time in an Arkansas prison for murdering a young woman is a suspect in the Texas case.

"We have him in the general area at the time of Annette Melia's disappearance, but I haven't been able to find a link," said Schuessler.

Melissa Jackson, classified as a runaway at 16 after disappearing Aug. 12, 1983, should have been reclassified as a missing person on her 17th birthday.

But Grand Prairie police said Melissa's name was dropped from the computer list of runaways and never transferred to the list of missing people.

Police realized the error after her parents asked about the progress last July — the first time in nearly eight years they'd made contact with the police. Investigator Judy Swinney found a composite sketch of Melissa in the Texas Department of Public Safety's booklet on unidentified dead people.

"If she had been in the computer when we found the remains, we would have matched it right away," said Schuessler, who tried for six years to identify the remains.

"We were thinking she was going to come back,' said Mrs. Jackson, 48.

Lax administration attitude reportedly stymies humanitarian aid for Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Public and private officials trying to speed U.S. food and medical aid to the former Soviet republics are frustrated by what they call the Bush administration's failure to move with any sense of urgency.

German officials also have hinted they are unhappy with the U.S. reaction to the crisis. As the largest contributor of financial aid to the former Soviet Union, Germany will be a major participant in the 47-nation conference Bush will convene in Washington this week to discuss ways to help the nations emerging from the Soviet collapse.

Skyrocketing prices accompanied by shortages of basic commodities such as bread and milk could threaten the survival of the democratic experiment led by Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, according to some experts.

While Yeltsin and other republic leaders try to deal with shortages, U.S. officials can't decide what to send and where to send it.

"Not nearly enough (is being done)," said Paul Goble, who recently resigned as the State Department's special adviser on Soviet nationalities.

Churches and synagogues are collecting an outpouring of food from people eager to help. But the efforts often are stymied by difficulties in getting the foodstuffs halfway around the world and then distributing them.

"You end up spending $10 to ship a dollar's worth of beans," said Lewis Townsend, executive director of the Fund for Freedom and Democracy. Townsend recommends that people send money.

But "the need is overwhelming," said Maggie Peterson of Project Hope, the non-profit group Bush has designated to take the lead in providing medical assistance.

To help with transportation, Rep. Dave Nagle, D-Iowa, is leading a effort to press the administration to use military airlift planes as authorized by Congress last year.

Nagle also secured pledges from four major Democratic presidential candidates to support a commitment of U.S. resources to aiding the former Soviet republics.

He said the letter was designed to assure the White House that Democrats would not make a political issue out of spending money for overseas relief at a time the U.S. economy is in recession.

Still, Nagle said, "the administration is unwilling to take the political risk."

"It's taking longer than anyone would like," said Townsend, who blamed the delays on "lack of leadership in the White House."

That view was echoed by a German official in Washington.

"Your country is in an election campaign and inward looking," said the official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

But he also said that, "if the population of the former Soviet Union is confronted with misery and hunger as the first sign of their new independence, of their new democratic development, this would be a very bad start."

Foreign ministers from 47 nations will gather Wednesday and Thursday to discuss ways to help. U.S. and German officials say the meeting is designed as a coordinating session rather than as a conference at which nations would be asked to make aid pledges.

If the two-day conference does not produce pledges, what will it do?

Goble said there is a desperate need for coordination.

More than 1,000 men, women and children were killed in 1914 when the Canadian Pacific passenger liner Empress of Ireland was rammed by the coal-laden Storstad near Rimouski, Quebec, and sank in 20 minutes.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Diagnosing hand tingling, numbness

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 43-year-old male with decreased feeling in my left hand and fingertips. They appear to fall asleep and tingle. My doctor cannot find a cause for this problem.

DEAR READER: There are several causes for tingling and numbness in the hand. For example, you could have a neuropathy (nerve malfunction) due to diabetes, anemia or a thyroid disorder. Also, herniated discs in the neck can press on nerves to the arm and hand, leading to symptoms. You need a complete medical examination and blood tests to establish the cause of your problem.

Despite the various possibilities for your symptoms, I'm going to go out on a limb and suggest that your problem may be carpal tunnel syndrome, a common condition. The blood vessels and nerves to the hand pass under a sheath of tissue, much like a wrist band, which stabilizes these structures. This sheath can, over time, contract, thereby putting pressure on the nerves. The cause is unknown.

Patients with carpal tunnel syndrome frequently experience tingling sensations in part of the hand, coupled with numbness and — later — weakness. The diagnosis is made by using a test to measure electrical conduction along the nerves; in the presence of compression, nerve conduction is slower than normal. If you have carpal tunnel syndrome, you may require a simple operation to decompress the nerve. An orthopedic specialist can perform this.

If your blood tests are inconclusive, ask your doctor to refer you to a specialist for nerve conduction studies.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column you mentioned that sebaceous cysts are harmless bumps. My wife is on estrogen and a friend of hers indicates that while using estrogen, a sebaceous cyst became cancerous. Could this happen to my wife?

DEAR READER: I'm afraid your wife's friend is dead wrong. Sebaceous cysts are harmless, benign structures made up of blocked pores that have been stretched by the accumulation of soapy material produced by sweat glands. Sebaceous cysts are not pre-cancerous, nor will they turn malignant from estrogen therapy. Assuming your wife has sebaceous cysts (and not some other, more dangerous cause of skin lumps), she needn't worry about them causing health problems.

Because your wife is concerned about skin cancer, 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 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: At the age of 27 I had a complete hysterectomy due to severe endometriosis. I was placed on hormone replacement patches and after a trial with them, I found I was better off with no medication for control. I don't have hot flashes or headaches and I'm even tempered. I've been off the medication for two years and wonder what long-term effect this is having on me. Can you take a moment to give me a straight answer that my own doctor can't provide?

DEAR READER: A complete hysterectomy means that your uterus and both ovaries were removed. This operation is commonly performed on women with severe endometriosis, a condition associated with periodic pain due to abnormal "nests" of uterine tissue in the abdominal cavity.

Without ovaries, the major natural source of the female hormone estrogen, you will obviously enter premature menopause unless you continue to take prescribed estrogen therapy.

As you know, many women pass through menopause with few, if any symptoms. Perhaps you are one of the lucky ones — or, more likely, your body has yet to use up its reserve of hormone.

Eventually, you may experience vaginal dryness and osteoporosis, two common consequences of menopause.

I suggest you return to your gynecologist to discuss whether you should be given low-dose estrogen, even though (at present) you appear not to need it. In any case, I recommend that you take about 1,000 milligrams of calcium (about four TUMS daily) to help retard calcium loss from bones.

If your doctor is unable to provide satisfactory answers to your questions, ask for a referral to an endocrinologist, a specialist in the body's metabolism.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: Thank you for the recommendation of Laci Le Beau tea for the control of constipation. Now that I've tried it, I can highly recommend it. It really works!

DEAR READER: Thanks for the follow-up. As I mentioned in the original column, I've had no experience with this herbal tea that many readers claim cures constipation. I'm glad for confirmation of its effectiveness.

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Lincoln wouldn't make it an TV

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Ken Burns, producer of PBS' acclaimed "Civil Wars" series, says Abraham Lincoln probably wouldn't have been elected had television been around then.

With his warts and lanky build, Lincoln probably would have found television an unsurmountable obstacle, Burns said in the Jan. 25 issue of TV Guide.

And if he did win, he might not have kept the job, Burns said.

"There would be an expose on the fact that he was a depressive," he said. "His absolutely shrewd political manipulations would be used as evidence that he was not good."

By Burns' reckoning, Lincoln isn't the only president who couldn't have made it in the TV age.

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Heirs to H. Hughes Jr.'s fortune challenged

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney challenging the heirs to Howard Hughes Jr.'s estate claims an elderly woman has not come forward to stake her claim to the late billionaire's fortune because she has long been incompetent.

Recently filed documents allege fraud on the part of the attorney appointed to represent all unknown heirs and claim erroneous findings by the Harris County probate court that tried the case more than a decade ago.

No valid will ever was found for Hughes, who was estimated to be worth more than $2 billion when he died at age 70 of kidney failure on April 5, 1976.

A total of 22 relatives were deemed to be legal heirs in 1981, and a state court of appeals and the Texas Supreme Court both upheld the original findings.

But Houston attorney Paul Irwin has launched a new challenge as the attorney for Flo Watts, an 89-year-old Missouri woman and a distant relative of Hughes. Irwin contends his client has been incompetent for the past 20 years.

Because she is incompetent, she was unable to come forward in a timely fashion to stake her claim to the hundreds of millions of dollars in the Hughes estate, Irwin claims.

Irwin filed a request for a "bill of review" in early December essentially asking that the Hughes case, which was heard in Probate Judge Pat Gregory's court in Houston, be reopened.

Attorney O. Theodore Dinkins, who was appointed just after Hughes' death to represent unknown heirs, has denied the allegations made in the request for the bill of review.

"I don't think the case amounts to anything," Dinkins told The Houston Post.

In the 1981 trial, Los Angeles attorney Paul Freese represented the three granddaughters of Rupert Hughes, an uncle and the closest blood relative to Howard Hughes at the time of his death.

Homeland bleak say newly arrived Cubans

MIAMI (AP) — Cubans who have made their way to this country in recent weeks tell of a homeland in which life has become a daily scramble for necessities, where the only thing worse than shortages and cutbacks is the lack of hope.

They report a popular exchange of greetings these days:

"How are things for you today?" asks one Cuban.

"Well, better than tomorrow," comes the reply.

Fidel Castro's communist government, which took power in 1959 and has vowed to defend Marxism to the death against the international tide, has reacted with a crackdown on political dissent while imposing new restrictions on everything from gasoline to the hours of TV programs.

Some Cubans say even rationed items often aren't available anymore.

"It is a life ... how do I explain to you? ... where the only opportunity is a false opportunity?" asked Juan Carlos Valdivia, a 23-year-old musician. "The living conditions are minimal. You have only the minimum food and the minimum things that you need to live."

"There is a shortage of everything," said Jhosvany Dumenigo, 23, who got to Miami this month via Central America through a program sponsored by an exile group, the Cuban-American National Foundation.

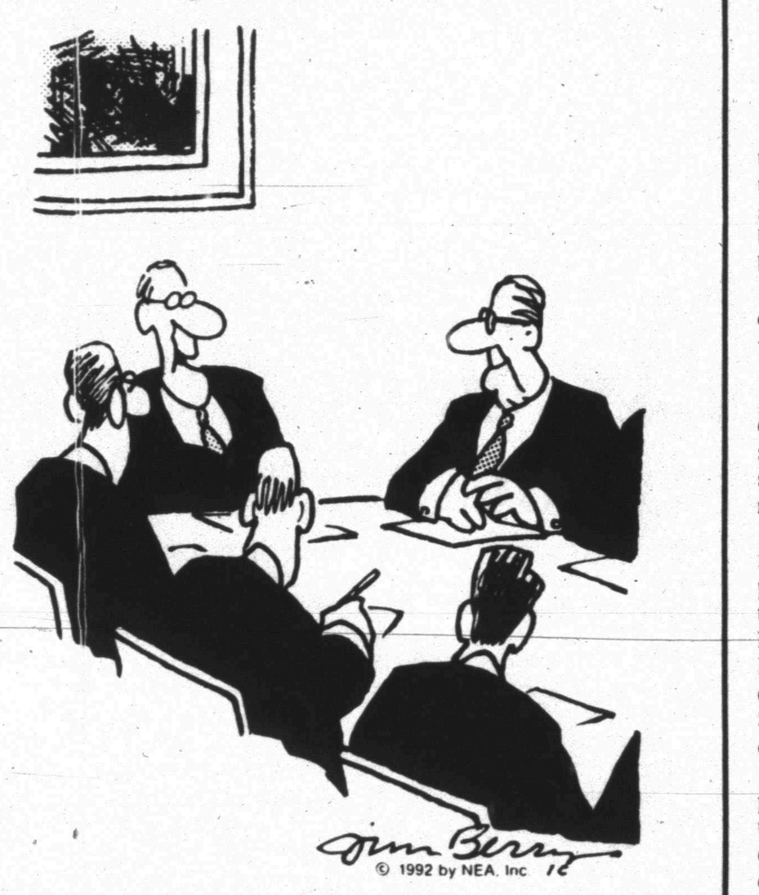
More than 2,000 Cubans have risked their lives on homemade rafts and boats in the past year to get to the United States. On Jan. 3, German Pompa piloted a state helicopter loaded with 31 other Cubans in a daring, sea-skimming flight out of Cuba.

Juan Clark, a Miami-Dade Community College sociologist who has for years surveyed newly arriving Cubans, said people coming here now describe a virtual nationwide depression — psychological depression.

"The common denominator seems to be a sense of hopelessness. It makes life very miserable," Clark said. He recently talked to a doctor who arrived here in December.

"This person said it was almost becoming the law of the jungle — survival of the fittest," he said. Fights break out in lines, stealing is becoming common, and a black market flourishes, he said.

Berry's World



"All in favor of NOT linking CEO pay to performance, say 'AYE'...,"

Legislators wrestling with money, tax issues

By Mitchell Landsberg
Associated Press Writer

As state legislators return to their capitols around the nation this year, one issue overshadows all others: State governments are broke, and taxpayers are tired of being taxed.

That has left desperate lawmakers groping for new and creative ways to balance their budgets.

For instance:

— Maine and Ohio are considering closing their state liquor stores. The idea is that private stores will generate more tax revenue.

— In New York state, court officials have proposed charging a 1 percent fee on judgments and settlements paid by defendants in lawsuits. And the Human Rights Division wants to charge violators of the state's human rights law a $5,000 case processing fee in addition to any fines.

— Michigan's Corrections Department has proposed leasing three prisons to the federal government for $60 per prisoner per day. And the state's Department of Natural Resources is proposing an end to senior citizen discounts for camping, hunting and fishing.

— In Mississippi, legislators will consider a bill that would allow a lottery — one of many gambling measures being considered around the country.

"We're facing amazing, amazing problems," said the chairman of Mississippi's House Appropriations Committee, Charlie Capps. "I'm discouraged. There's no light at the end of the tunnel."

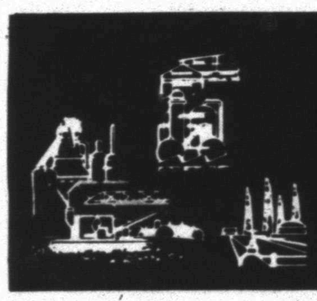
Budget-balancing has always been among the most important tasks of state legislatures, but it hasn't always been so all-consuming or so painful. It wasn't so long ago that many legislators considered abortion their hottest issue. Before that, it was drugs, or prisons, or crime.

No more. Money is the biggest — in some states the only — issue facing legislatures from coast to coast this year.

There are other issues, to be sure, but many of them are essentially spinoffs from the financial axis. They include welfare, health care and education.

In addition, many states are still wrestling with redistricting, the political prizefight every 10 years in which election district lines are redrawn.

New Jersey is among states gripped by money mania.



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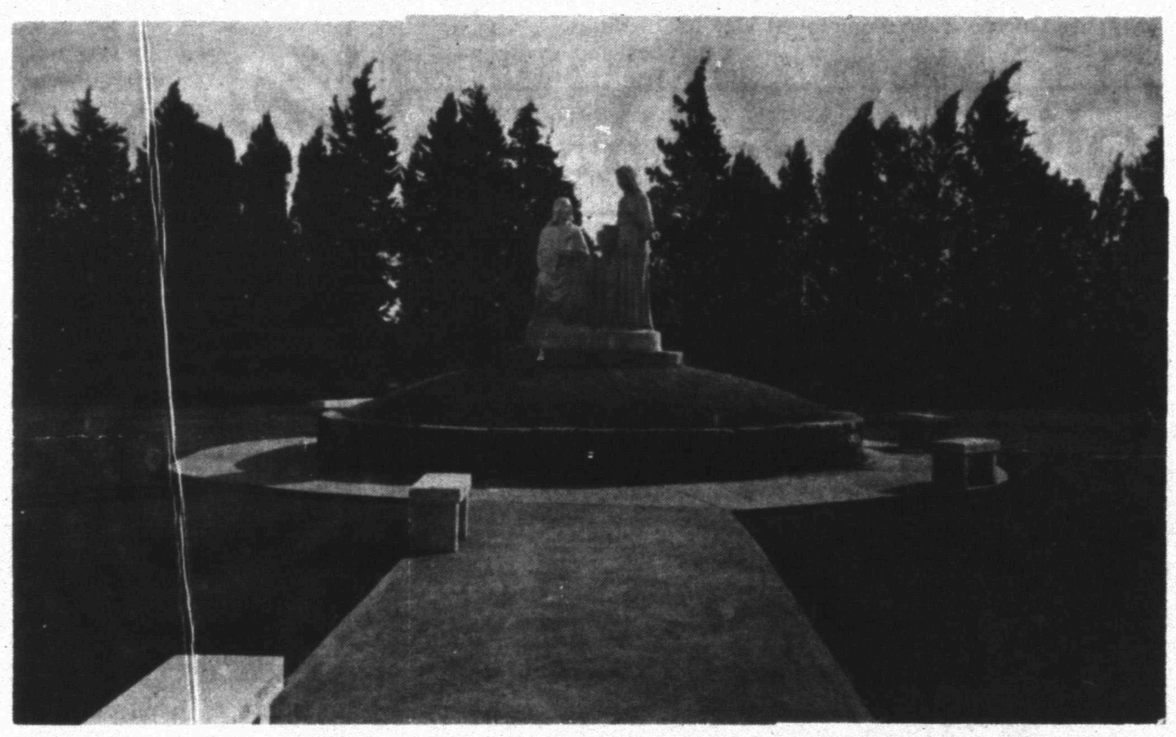


Hillside serves Snyder, surrounding area

Hillside Memorial Gardens, located on the Colorado City Highway, has been serving Snyder and the Scurry County area for many years.

Hillside Memorial Gardens is a perpetual care cemetery governed by the State Banking Department. The one price you pay for perpetual care is the only one you ever have to pay. There are no yearly dues necessary for the upkeep of the property.

The staff at Hillside Memorial Gardens is committed to serving your best interests. W.C. and Greg Graves will be glad to help you with any of your pre-need planning. Everyone plans for the future in one way or another whether with savings or insurance to take care of something that might happen. Why not prepare for the inevitable? Making the decision to purchase a Family Memorial Estate plan now insures that the decision is made together and one is not left to make it alone. Statistics show that these decisions are made sixty-seven percent of the time by widows and children and thirty-three percent of the time by husbands. The purchase of a Family Memorial Estate plan can also be a savings plan because the deed is the equivalent of a paid up insurance policy.



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

Lots at Hillside Memorial Gardens are reasonably priced and they offer a Pre-Need Financial Plan of only twenty percent down and small monthly payments without interest or carrying charges. If the only time you have is on the weekends, Greg can be contacted at 573-5864 and will be glad to help you anytime.

Granite and bronze memorials are available at Hillside Monument Works and Greg goes to great lengths to see that the finished product is one that pleases the family members and reflects the individualism of the loved one for whom the monument has been created.

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