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Funding request, bids on city council agenda

Snyder City Council will consider a request for hotel/motel funds, a resolution concerning 30th Street and awarding of bids during a meeting set for 6:30 this evening at City Hall.

A request for hotel/motel occupancy tax funds to complete interior remodeling at the Ritz Community Theatre will be made by Mike Thornton, president of the theatre association.

Thornton addressed a letter to the council detailing some $13,500 needed to complete the work.

Thornton said funds are still needed for a suspended ceiling for the main and upper lobbies at a cost of $3,500, restroom partitions in the front lobby at a cost of $2,000 and scaffolding necessary for access to the lighting instruments at a cost of $2,900.

The request includes $1,800 for a computer/printer for ticketing, programs and accounting and a sound system including a dual deck/CD play-back system, an amplifier and four speakers.

The council will also consider a resolution declaring the widening of 30th Street and the replacement of water and sewer lines to be a public necessity.

The resolution will declare certain property as necessary to the project and authorizes the city manager to acquire the property either voluntarily or through condemnation.

The awarding of bids for new water meters and refuse containers is also on the agenda.

Charles Church, DVM, has asked to address the council concerning landfill charges for the disposal of dead animals.

Council members are expected to name Ollie Peek as the election judge for the May 4 general election.

The council will also consider items of old business, including the final plat of the Williams Subdivision and the Marvin Key Subdivision. Also, the council will consider on second reading Ordinance 830, which establishes water, sewer and other rates and sets out the formulas used to calculate them.

TAAS tests scheduled

Mandated by the state, the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests will be given Tuesday through Thursday here.

The tests are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday - TAAS writing for grades 4, 8 and Exit Level.

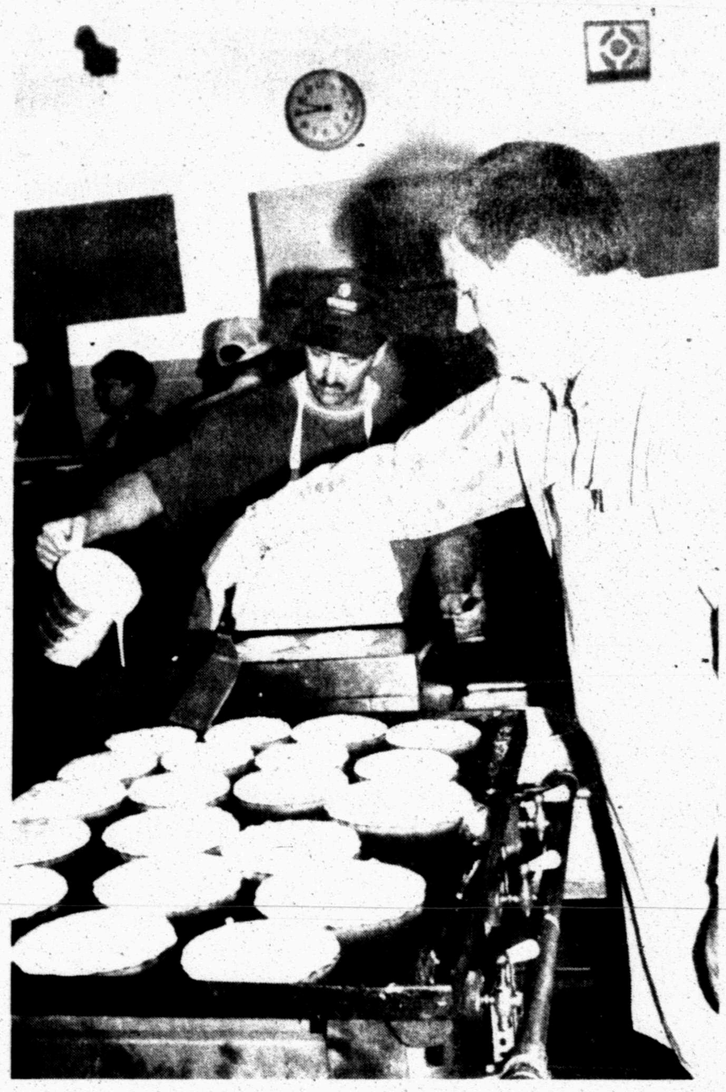
Wednesday - Exit Level TAAS math and TEAMS math.

Thursday - Exit Level TAAS reading and TEAMS English/ language arts.

Scurry County Coliseum will be the testing site for sophomores and out-of-school examinees. Out-of-school examinees must be at the coliseum by 8:30 a.m. with an admission letter and picture identification. Only registered TAAS out-of-school and TEAMS examinees who have picture identification will be admitted.

Juniors, seniors and English-limited proficiency students will be tested in the high school library.

Those taking the test must be on time, and no make-up sessions will be held.



PANCAKE FEAST — Terry Bowden, right, and Shawn Ragland try to keep up with serving of some 850 people at Saturday's annual Snyder Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast held at West Elementary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tanker explodes

Derailment causes fire, evacuations

WEYAUWEGA, Wis. (AP) — Thirty-five cars of a Wisconsin Central freight train derailed today and a tanker carrying propane exploded, setting fire to nearby buildings, authorities said.

A spokeswoman for the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department, who declined to give her name, said no one was injured. The surrounding area was being evacuated, she said. More than a dozen other cars also carried propane.

Another Sheriff's Department employee, who also would not give his name, said several buildings were on fire near the town's industrial park. He had no details.

Witnesses said that a combination gasoline station, convenience store and feed mill operated by the Wolf River Coop, at the intersection of Wisconsin 110 and County Trunk X, was among those hit by flames.

"The front of the train was by the industrial park and the back end was over by the co-op," said Kristi Laux, a waitress at the Country Cafe.

Bob Jones, a Wisconsin Central spokesman, said 17 of the 35 cars that derailed were carrying hazardous materials, with 15 of those carrying liquid propane gas. He did not immediately know what the other two were carrying.

The train was headed from Stevens Point to Neenah when the derailment took place at this central Wisconsin community of about 1,650.

Two railroad employees were on the train when the derailment took place, but they were at the front end of the train and it was the 19th through the 53rd cars that went off the tracks, Jones said.

A number of those being evacuated went to St. Peter's Lutheran School, said Principal Jeff Miller.

Police power to seize property broadened

Three justices blast ruling as blatantly unfair

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today gave the government more power to seize property linked to crimes, allowing confiscation of a Michigan woman's car used by her husband for sex with a prostitute.

The ruling, blasted by three justices as blatantly unfair, expands police power to take property owned at least in part by innocent people.

The 5-4 ruling bolsters efforts by local, state and federal prosecutors to enforce forfeiture laws aggressively as one crime-fighting tool.

The court ruled that such forfeitures do not violate anyone's due-process rights and do not amount to an unlawful governmental taking of private property.

"A long and unbroken line of cases holds that an owner's interest in property may be forfeited by reason of the use to which the property is put, even though the owner did not know that it was to be put to such use," Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist wrote for the court.

"The state here sought to deter illegal activity that contributes to neighborhood deterioration and unsafe streets," he said.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg joined Rehnquist's opinion.

Justices John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter, Stephen G. Breyer and Anthony M. Kennedy dissented.

In a spirited dissent, Stevens criticized the ruling's "blatant unfairness." Souter and Breyer joined him.

"For centuries, prostitutes have been plying their trade on other people's property," Stevens said. "Assignations have occurred in palaces, luxury hotels, cruise ships, college dormitories, truck stops, back alleys and back seats."

Only recently have governments resorted to confiscating innocent people's property if it was where "a single transaction with a prostitute has been consummated," he said.

"The logic of the court's analysis would permit the states to exercise virtually unbridled power to confiscate vast amounts of property," Stevens said.

Tina Bennis sued over the 1988 forfeiture of a car she jointly owns with her husband, John.

Bennis had pleaded guilty to gross indecency after he was arrested in Detroit. Police saw him parked in the couple's 1977 Pontiac sedan receiving oral sex from a known prostitute.

Wayne County prosecutors, seeking to get tough on prostitution, successfully sought forfeiture of the car under a 1925 anti-nuisance law.

The Michigan law does not contain an exception for property used in a crime without an owner's knowledge. But a federal law requiring forfeiture of property used in drug crimes does have such an exception.

Mrs. Bennis had argued that forcing her to give up her share in the car, for which the Bennises had paid $600 about a month before it was seized, violated her due-process rights and amounted to a governmental taking without the constitutionally required compensation.

Wayne County prosecutors, in urging the court to rule against Mrs. Bennis, had been joined by the Clinton administration.

Justice Department lawyers said she had not taken "all reasonable steps" to prevent her husband's crime.

Clinton unveils proposed defense budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration unveiled a proposed 1997 Defense Department budget of $242.6 billion today, a 3.6 percent drop from this year's spending that includes funds to get U.S. ground forces out of Bosnia by December.

The portion of the Pentagon budget that would take the biggest cut is procurement of new weapons, an aspect of defense that even Defense Secretary William Perry has said needs a major injection of funds to keep U.S. forces modern.

Perry said procurement spending will start increasing in 1998, ensuring that the military maintains a qualitative and technological edge in the 21st century. Last year the Pentagon said it would start increasing such spending this year, but the administration has now reversed course and delayed the jump for one year.

The budget, for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, includes a 3 percent pay raise for both military and civilian employees, compared with a 2.4 percent raise this year.

The Army would stay at 495,000 soldiers and the Marine Corps would remain at 174,000. The Air Force would shrink by 7,000, to 381,000, and the Navy would drop 18,000, to 407,000.

Reserve forces would shrink by 30,000, to 901,000, and the civilian work force would lose 34,000 people, to 807,000.

There were no surprises and few initiatives in the proposed budget.

Fire ban extended

Scurry County Commissioners Court dealt with two items of business this morning — extending the ban on open fires for another seven days and approving a resolution in support of a juvenile detention facility in Abilene.

County Judge Ricky Ftitz said the ban on open fires within the county has to be renewed every seven days to keep the ban in effect.

"Hopefully, we won't have to extend it next week," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey as he expressed a hope for rain.

The court unanimously approved a resolution supporting a 36-bed juvenile detention facility in Taylor County.

County Judge Ricky Fritz said the facility will be available for the county to use for juvenile offenders at a cost of $75 per day.

Fritz presided at the brief meeting. All commissioners were in attendance, to include Trevey, C.D. Gray Jr., Roy Idom and Jerry Gannaway.

Williams seeks re-election

Carl Williams today filed for a second term on the Western Texas College board of trustees.

Williams, a Camp Springs area farmer and rancher and current president of the WTC board, is opposed by local businessman Jack K. Greene Jr. for Place 2. Greene filed Friday.

Williams is a member of the Midwest Electric Cooperative board and of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

The only other seat up for election on the college board is Place 1. Drew Bullard has filed and is currently unopposed.

There is only one other contested race among the five entities holding May elections. Vernest Tippens, seeking a fifth Place 1 term on the Snyder City Council, is facing a challenge from the Rev. Caiaphas Cain.

Running unopposed on the council are Jerry Webb, Place 2; Kenny Gambrell, Place 3; and I.E. Martin, Place 4.

Candidates for all other boards are also unopposed. Seeking re-election to the Snyder ISD board are Glenn Clarady, Place 1; Mark McCormick, Place 4; and Janet Stribling, Place 5. Sid Wall, Kirby Sterling and Lance Autry are unopposed incumbents running for Ira ISD board seats.

Filing for the Hermleigh ISD board are Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren for full terms and Tim Dacus for a partial term.

Filing runs through March 20.



Carl Williams

ASK US

Q—What kind of remodeling is presently going on at the IGA at 30th and College?

A—The store had announced extensive remodeling plans earlier and what is being worked on now is where the in-store pharmacy will be.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Saturday, 70 degrees; low, 26; high Sunday, 76; low, 38; 7 a.m. Monday, 55; no precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 50- 55. S wind 10-20 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy and windy. High 80-85. SW wind 20-30 mph.



Warm, Windy!

Sunset: 6:44 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:41 a.m.
Of 63 days in 1996, the sun has shone 60 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.

Proverbs 16:24

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Common law courts refuge of justice for some activists

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some Americans disaffected with the legal system literally have taken the law into their own hands.

Their actions carry no weight and their participants have no judicial power, but common law courts are growing. Those involved with traditional U.S. courts say the growth concerns them.

The citizen tribunals hold proceedings in venues ranging from churches to bingo parlors to private homes, providing a legal refuge for those who distrust lawyers and the system they represent.

Recently in San Antonio, federal marshals beefed up security for a U.S. District Judge served with a common law "arrest warrant." Two San Antonio police received a "summons" to appear at a local church to answer charges they falsely arrested a tax protester.

"It seems to us that this is another aspect of the anti-government actions of recent years," said Thomas Halpern, an Anti-Defamation League researcher who studies the subject. "It is our sense that this is growing."

The common law trend is national, primarily in the South, Midwest and West. In Texas, law enforcement and civil authorities have documented such courts acting in Kerrville, Victoria, Austin, Houston, Fort Worth, Arlington and San Antonio since 1994.

"I've been sued in the common-law court system. Apparently they've taken a default judgment against me," said Bonnie Sudderth, the former chief municipal judge of Fort Worth who actively informs judicial personnel about the phenomenon.

Sometimes, careless clerks actually allow the ersatz documents produced in common law courts to seep into the legitimate system. Unlawful common law liens, for instance, have made their way into county records, causing a headache for unaware property owners upon sale of land.

The penalty for making such a false filing remains a misdemeanor.

The common law courts have remained rare and harmless so far, Texas attorney general's office spokesman Ward Tisdale said.

"There's no official oversight on these kinds of courts," he said.

The basic premise of the common law system is that the traditional system is merely an arm of the government to collect money and persecute citizens.

"The existing legal system is not user friendly," said Alfred Adask, editor and publisher of the Dallas-based AntiShyster magazine.

Philadelphia's archbishop Cardinal John Krol dies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cardinal John Krol, the retired archbishop of Philadelphia who for 27 years led the nation's sixth-largest Roman Catholic archdiocese, died at home. He was 85.

He died early Sunday, "surrounded by several close friends who are priests, including Cardinal (Anthony) Bevilacqua," said Susan Gibbs, a spokeswoman for the archdiocese.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

In recent years, the archbishop emeritus had been in poor health, suffering from diabetes, a heart condition and a broken hip.

He was hospitalized Feb. 14 for fluid in his lungs attributed to diabetes-related kidney problems. A blood clot was found in one of his lungs six days later.

Doctors sent him home Saturday, saying he was unlikely to recover.

"History will indeed record him as one of the most outstanding church leaders of the century," said Bevilacqua, his successor as archbishop of Philadelphia.

He was elevated to cardinal June 26, 1967, along with Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, who later became Pope John Paul II.



HUNTSVILLE VISITOR - Winston Hold, right, Texas Department of Corrections Chaplaincy Regional Coordinator from Huntsville, toured the Learning Resource Center which is under construction at the Price Daniel Unit. Shown with Hold are, from left, Major Kelvin Scott, corrections officer John Hooser and the unit chaplain, Mark Smith. (SDN Staff Photo)

Medicine Mounds provides much material for research

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — A Dallas-based conservation group is excited about the Medicine Mounds — four hills in Hardeman County where remains of old Comanche Indian camps are plentiful and Boy Scouts once hunted for arrowheads.

Even now, hared rains turn over artifacts of an Indian past on Big Mound, Little Mound, Cedar Mound and Third Mound.

The landscape 70 miles west of Wichita Falls is providing common ground for archaeologists, historians, biologists, geologists and religion experts.

Since early 1994, the mounds and the rest of a 10-square-mile tract in sparsely populated Hardeman County have been under the stewardship of the Summerlee Foundation, based in Dallas.

Once the foundation purchased the expanse, vice president John Crain said his group was eager to find out exactly what it had.

"It was obvious we would need to bring together historians, biologists, archaeologists; people from several disciplines could each shed a different light on the property," Crain said from the foundation's on-site research headquarters. "But our primary focus was always to protect this area. To be good stewards of the land."

The experts began arriving. West Texas A&M professors quickly determined that rare birds, horned toads, deer, coyotes and many other species made their homes among the dolomite outcrops and cactuses.

Rare, ancient soils on Little, Cedar and Third mounds also caused a biological stir. But the area's significance in human history outdid its natural importance for historians.

"The name Medicine Mounds was from the settlers' knowledge that Indians came here for medicinal plants and rituals. But there was no written history of the Plains Indians in this area," Crain said. "There are Comanche burial sites here. And we now know from local eyewitnesses that Comanche have returned to this area for healing."

Ancient hunter-gatherer tribes were attracted to the mounds because of its available water and shelter, Texas Historical Commission experts say.

"By the time the Comanche were in the Medicine Mounds area, they were doing a lot of horse trading in the east," said Dr. Nancy A. Kenmotsu, an archaeologist who took part in the commission's study. "Through the year, herds of thousands of Comanche horses would be moved up and down a corridor from Mexico to Colorado, following rich graze,"

The importance of the site to the Comanche tribe could make the mounds eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, Crain said.

What Crain wants to avoid is commercial development. He believes an understanding of the area by local communities will outweigh their potential desire to one day see it built upon.

"Preserving this area is crucial; there will be no tourist-type development on this property," Crain said.

Oil Patch News

Scurry County

Chisholm Exploration has completed the No. 1 McJimsey, a Canyon Reef discovery located six miles southwest of Ira. The well was finaled to produce 146 barrels of 42 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,260-270 feet, and location is in Section 107, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Wiser Oil Co. will drill the No. 1 Becky, four miles northeast of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 8,000 feet, location is in Section 79, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Pennzoil will drill the No. 251-12 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, eight miles west of Snyder. Planned for a depth of 7,200 feet, drill site is in Section 213, Block 97, H&TC suvey.

Pennzoil will drill the No. 252-7 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, eight miles west of Snyder. Planned depth is 7,200 feet, and location is in Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pennzoil will drill the No. 252-8 SACROC unit in the Kelly-Snyder field, eight miles west of Snyder. Also contracted for 7,200 feet, location is in Section 213, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mitchell County

Lomak Production will drill the No. 1315 Mills-Strain unit in the Sharon Ridge field, eight miles northwest of Colorado City. Planned for a depth of 1,700 feet, location is in Section 1, McWilliams survey.

Baytech Inc. has completed the No. 1-10 Nail, six miles northwest of Silver. The venture was finaled to produce 78 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 6,945-7,212 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 12, C.H. McGinnis survey.

Fisher County

Walsh and Watts Inc. has completed the No. 3-A Wade in the Judy Gail field, five miles northwest of Hamlin. The well was finaled to produce two barrels of 41.8 gravity oil and five barrels of water. Perforations were from 4,253-347 feet, and location is in Section 191, Block 1, BBB&C survey.

Borden County

GECKO Inc. has completed the No. 1-2 Just Right in the Perryman field, 10 miles southwest of Justiceburg. The well was finaled to produce 120 barrels of 40 gravity oil and 13 barrels of water. Perforations were from 8,087-160 feet, and location is in Section 2, Block HB, J.D. Black survey.

HAT Oil and Gas Inc. will drill the No. 2 Johnson in the Clayton Ranch north field, 10 miles north of Gail. The re-entry project is planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, and location is in Section 22, Block 31, T6N, T&P survey.

Nolan Coumty

Rendova Oil Co. Inc. has completed the No. 1 Jordan in the Blackwell north field, two miles northeast of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 14 barrels of 39.2 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 5,444-446 feet, and location is in Section 203, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Tucker Drilling Co. will drill the No. 1-A TXL, a 5,700-foot wildcat located four miles north of Maryneal. Location is in Section 31, Block X, T&P survey.

Tucker Drilling will drill the No. 4-D B.K. Harris, a 5,700-foot wildcat located four miles north of Maryneal. Drill site is in Section 77, Block X, T&P survey.

Heart Land Petroleum Corp. has completed the No. 3 CMT in the Suggs field, six miles southwest of Blackwell. The well was finaled to produce 120 barrels of 44 gravity oil and 60 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,476-486 feet, and location is in Section 278, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Lavanco Energy Inc. has completed the No. 58 South Lake Trammel unit in the Lake Trammel south field, four miles north of Maryneal. The venture was completed to produce 102 barrels of 46 gravity oil and 13 barrels of water. Perforations were from 5,024-257 feet and location is in Section 76, Block X, T&P survey.

Oryx Energy Co. has completed the No. 2106 Southwest Nena Lucia unit in the Nena Lucia field, 11 miles southwest of Maryneal. The well was finaled to produce 50 barrels of 45.6 gravity oil and 25 barrels of water. Perforations were from 6,840-962 feet, and location is in Section 91, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Atropos Exploration Co. will drill the No. 1 Double M in the JMM south field, 10 miles southwest of Maryneal. Planned for a depth of 6,000 feet, location is in Section 13, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Garza County

Primrose Operating Co. has completed the No. 63-G Exxon Fee in the Dorward field, three miles east of Justiceburg. The well was completed to produce 28 barrels of 37 gravity oil and 207 barrels of water. Perforations were from 1,900-2,485 feet, and location is in Section 5, Block 6, H&GN survey.

Texon Oil Co. Inc. has completed the No. 5 Bridge in the Huntley east field, five miles northwest of Post. The well was finaled to produce five barrels of 31 gravity oil and 30 barrels of water. Perforations were from 3,150-224 feet, and location is in Section 1206, H&OB survey.

Brothers Production Inc. will drill the No. 3 Elmer Hitt in the PHD field, 10 miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 3,900 feet, location is in Section 2, Block 1, HE&WT survey.

J.M. Huber Corp will drill the No. 8 King in the Buenos field, 10 miles northwest of Post. Planned for a depth of 9,000 feet, location is in Section 1301, BS&F survey.

Howard County

Bettis Boyle and Stovall has completed the No. 3 Winters in the Sara-Mag field, 21 miles northeast of Big Spring. The well was finaled to produce 120 barrels of 40 gravity oil and no water. Perforations were from 7,452-456 feet, and location is in Section 10, Block 25, H&TC survey.

Marlo Inc. has completed the No. 9 J.B. Ryan in the Luther southeast field, four miles southwest of Luther. The well was completed to produce 33 barrels of oil and no water. Perforations were from 9,870-878 feet, and location is in Section 34, Block 32, T2N, T&P survey.

Federal Oil Inc. will drill the No. 2-A O'Daniel in the Seth Austin field, eight miles north of Coahoma. Planned for a depth of 8,500 feet, location is in Section 52, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Langham Petroleum Exploration Corp. will drill the No. 1 Gulf-Myers in the Knott west field, 12 miles northwest of Big Spring. Planned for a depth of 8,100 feet, location is in Section 7, Block 33, T2N, T&P survey.

Tiny firm receives hefty contract from government

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Simon Alciere finally heard back from that bid he submitted in August 1994, and now he's got a $1 million government contract.

Alciere, the owner of Simon's Stamps, figures the big order will come to about 40,000 rubber stamps a year.

He said he might even have to double his five-person work force to keep up with the job, which could triple the company's annual gross sales of about $100,000.

His 7-year-old company, which operates out of a converted rail station in this college town, was one of more than 104 companies that bid on the contract with the General Services Administration.

Alciere said he filled out "a few hundred pages of paperwork," figuring he had nothing to lose and a lot to gain.

"I don't know why it took the government so long to decide where to buy its rubber stamps," Alciere said last week, after he was notified that his company was selected to do the work.

"Ever since, we've been signing documents," he said. "Today I promised never to incorporate any munitions made in South Africa in my rubber stamps. And to be a drug-free work place if we ever employ as many as 50 people."

Berry's World



"For heaven's sake! I couldn't stop and ask directions. That would be CHEATING."

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Winston Park Club; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 6 p.m.

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

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

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

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-1141 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; program, "How to Prune Roses," by Wilson Howell, member of American Rose Society; hostess, Geleska Baze; 9:30 a.m.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

Deep Creek Chapter ABWA; Rudy's; 6:30 p.m.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

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

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Redford-Pfeiffer film, 'Up Close, Personal,' debuts in first place

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Up Close and Personal," starring Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer, was the weekend's No. 1 box office attraction in its debut, industry and studio sources said.

The film earned an estimated $11.5 million, followed by "Down Periscope," starring Kelsey Grammer, with $7.5 million in its debut.

Figures are based on estimates by studio and industry sources Sunday. Final box office figures were to be released today.

The weekend's top films and estimated gross:

1. "Up Close and Personal," $11.5 million.
2. "Down Periscope," $7.5 million.
3. "Rumble in the Bronx," $6.4 million.
4. "Broken Arrow," $5.8 million.
5. "Happy Gilmore," $4.7 million.
6. "Muppet Treasure Island," $4.6 million.
7. "Mr. Holland's Opus," $4.2 million.
8. "City Hall," $2.5 million.
9. "Dead Man Walking," $2.1 million.
10. "Before and After," $2 million.

Suicide, natural causes cited in many deaths on death row

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — When three syringes plunged a deadly broth of drugs into his body, "Freeway Killer" William Bonin became only the third man executed in San Quentin's death chamber in three decades.

But he was the 22nd death row inmate to die in that time.

Generally lost in the clamor surrounding U.S. executions is the fact that suicide and natural causes are the leading killers on death row.

Death penalty proponents say the extended stays on death row show the appeals process takes too long.

"No vicious criminal is going to be deterred knowing that he's going to die of old age on death row," said Sean Walsh, a spokesman for Gov. Pete Wilson. "Deterrent means tried, convicted and executed quickly."

"I think that it's clear the system is not in tune with what the voters want," said Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation. "People in California have voted repeatedly for an effective death penalty."

But those against capital punishment say the deaths, more than half of which were suicides, underscore the cruelty of state-sanctioned killing.

"I think people have to understand what kind of life they're living on the row ... every day knowing that the clock is ticking toward their execution," said Lance Lindsey of Death Penalty Focus. "We really believe that they're living under conditions of torture."

More than 400 inmates are now housed on California's death row, more than a quarter of whom have been there a decade or more.

Life on the row is a "24-hour reminder that you are condemned to die," said David Magris.

Magris knows. He spent three years on the row, sentenced to death for his role in two gas station robberies that left one man dead and another paralyzed. His sentence was commuted to life in prison when California declared capital punishment unconstitutional in 1972. He was paroled in 1985.

Astonishingly, Magris was later reconciled with the man his bullets paralyzed. Both speak against the death penalty, which California voters reinstated in 1978.

Now 48, married and employed, Magris recalls the surreal contradiction of the pains taken to keep condemned men healthy and sane while they await execution.

"We used to tell ourselves it just kind of seems they're fattening up the pigs for the slaughter," he said.

Current death row inmate Dean Phillip Carter posts his reflections on the Internet, discussing the "incredible pressure and stress" of death row life.

"There are people in here that give up and commit suicide, others slowly lose their mind and end up being medicated," he wrote in one column.

Of the 19 death row inmates who have died in obscurity since 1978, 11 served as their own executioners, six died of natural causes and two were killed in fights, prison officials said.

Nationally, according to a Department of Justice report covering the years 1973-93, California had the most non-execution fatalities on death row. Florida was second with 14, Texas third with 12.

Not surprisingly, those three states also had the country's largest death row populations.

A review of California's death row suicides reveals no clear pattern.

Most inmates hanged themselves using clothing or bed sheets.

One suicide had been on the row only five days; one had served nine years. The average time served was about three years.

Two men killed themselves the day after Christmas, one in 1980, the other in 1985.

Louis Beermann, chief psychologist for the corrections department, said California's prisons have a suicide rate of 17 per 100,000 in the general prison population. That's lower than the rate among free men, which Beermann gave as 22 per 100,000.

Prisoners and their advocates say not all the lag time between sentencing and execution can be pinned on drawn-out inmate appeals. Most have to wait years to get attorneys appointed to their cases.

Date Book

March 4, 1996

Today is the 64th day of 1996 and the 74th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day from 1789-1933, presidents of the United States, from George Washington to Franklin D. Roosevelt, were inaugurated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), composer; Casimir Pulaski (1747-1779), American Revolutionary hero; Knute Rockne (1888-1931), football coach; Charles H. Goren (1901-1991), bridge expert; Miriam Makeba (1932-), singer, is 64; Jane Goodall (1934-), ethologist, is 62; Kevin Johnson (1966-), basketball player, is 30; Evan Dando (1967-), musician, is 29.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1990, college basketball star Hank Gathers of Loyola Marymount died after collapsing on the court during a game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Show me a good and gracious loser, and I'll show you a failure." — Knute Rockne

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1909, President William Howard Taft's inauguration in Washington, D.C., was greeted with more than 9 inches of snow.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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Bridge

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	SOUTH ♠A Q J 2 ♥K 10 4 ♦K 4 3 ♣A K Q	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥6

Feed yourself with entries

By Phillip Alder

How do you get a speech from a politician? Nowadays, give him a microphone and an audience of at least one. But in the early days of the century, it was tougher. Commenting about Joseph H. Choate, who was the U.S. Ambassador to Britain from 1899 to 1905, Chauncey Depew said, "All you need to do to get a speech out of Mr. Choate is to open his mouth, drop in a dinner, and up comes a speech."

In today's deal, all South needs to do is drop away a high card and up comes a vital entry.

Against three no-trump, West led the heart six: three, ace, four. Back came the heart five: 10, queen, nine. West exited with the heart seven. East discarding the diamond six.

Declarer had seven top tricks. Hoping for luck in the suit, South cashed his three club honors, but West discarded a diamond on the last. Now came a diamond to dummy's ace, a spade to the queen, the spade ace and another spade. However, East took two spades and one club to defeat the contract.

Assuming the heart six is West's fourth-highest, after East produces the ace, West is marked with the queen. So South has only one heart trick coming. And he desperately needs a second dummy entry for a spade finesse. (If West has the spade king, declarer is probably in trouble.) At trick one, South should unblock the heart king under East's ace.

Suppose East switches to a diamond. South wins with dummy's ace, takes a spade finesse and leads a low heart. He must get into the dummy for a second spade finesse, which produces nine tricks: three spades, one heart, two diamonds and three clubs.

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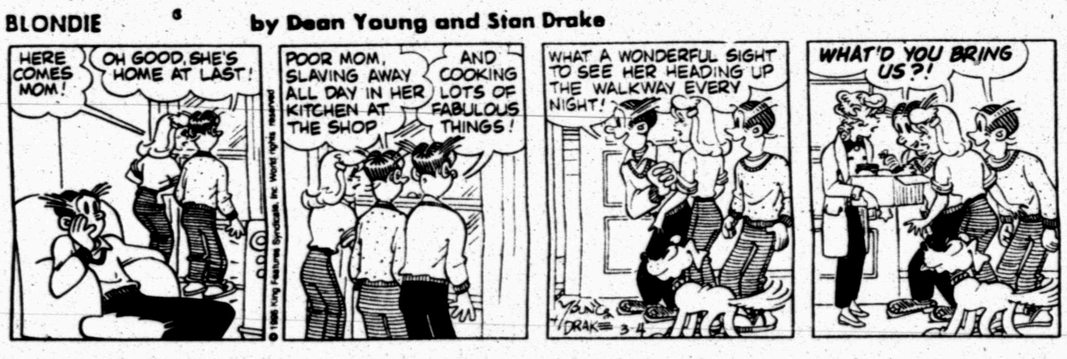
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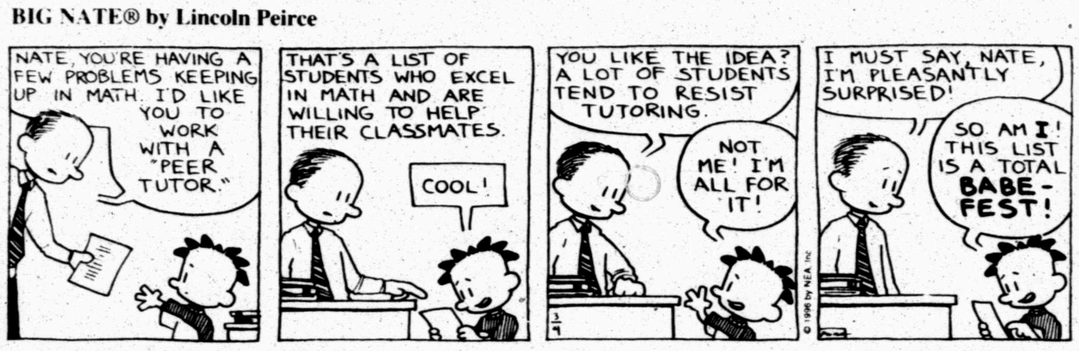
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ACROSS

1 Stare open-mouthed
5 Secretary's error
9 Actress Hagen
12 Actress Hayworth
13 Horse color
14 Sinbad's bird
15 Fusses
16 Noel
17 Unit of mass
18 Red Sea country
20 Fishing pole
21 Soak (flax)
22 In — — (one after another)
24 Come up
26 Kin of mono
28 Postpones
31 Large basin
33 Opposite of pos.
34 Containers
38 Fencing sword
39 Mr. Quayle
40 Petty hoodlum
41 Violence
44 Pigpen
45 Camel parts
48 Departed
50 Gums
51 On the affirmative side
54 Of a microbe
57 Alps and Rockies (abbr.)
58 Long times
60 Fork part
61 Rage
62 Pool-playing items
63 Assess
64 Women's patriotic soc.
65 Experiment
66 Unusual person (sl.)

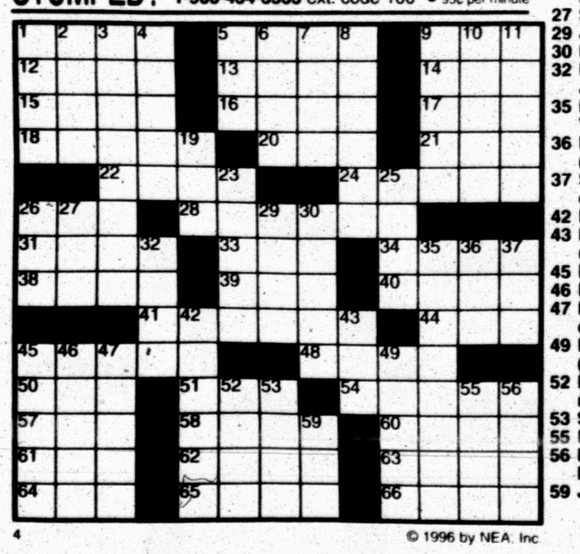
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1 Dismal color
2 Helper
3 — poisoning
4 Loom bar
5 Take a stab at
6 Thy
7 — Alto, Calif.
8 Sometime (2 wds.)
9 Arrow poison
10 Heavy books
11 Piercing
19 Head movement
23 Actress Hiller
25 Invitation inits.
26 Shoshonean Indian
27 Short sleep
29 Jacob's wife
30 Nixon's V.P.
32 Politician Jack —
35 Resident of Vienna
36 Explosive (abbr.)
37 Shade of blue
42 Facet
43 Energy unit
45 Muggy
46 Extremely
47 Radiation device
49 Explosive (sl.)
52 Dissipated man
53 Small bills
55 Kin of pre
56 Malicious look
59 JFK sight

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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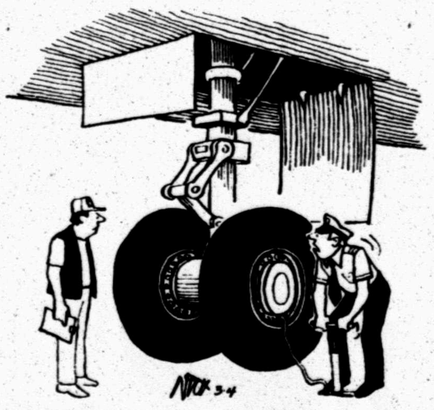


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SPORTS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	43	15	.741	—
NewYork	33	24	.579	9½
Miami	27	32	.458	16½
Washington	25	33	.431	18
NewJersey	24	33	.421	18½
Boston	20	38	.345	23
Philadelphia	11	45	.196	31
Central Division				
x-Chicago	52	6	.897	—
Indiana	38	20	.655	14
Cleveland	33	24	.579	18½
Atlanta	32	25	.561	19½
Detroit	30	26	.536	21
Charlotte	28	29	.491	23½
Milwaukee	21	35	.375	30
Toronto	15	41	.268	36

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	39	17	.696	—
SanAntonio	38	18	.679	1
Houston	39	20	.661	1½
Denver	24	32	.429	15
Dallas	20	37	.351	19½
Minnesota	18	39	.316	21½
Vancouver	11	44	.200	27½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	45	12	.789	—
L.A.Lakers	36	21	.632	9
Phoenix	29	28	.509	16
Sacramento	25	30	.455	19
GoldenState	26	32	.448	19½
Portland	26	33	.441	20
L.A.Clippers	19	38	.333	26

x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Seattle 103, New Jersey 92
Orlando 115, Portland 89
Chicago 107, Boston 75
Milwaukee 110, Atlanta 106
San Antonio 115, Philadelphia 101
Denver 108, Vancouver 82
Detroit 107, L.A. Clippers 103

Sunday's Games
Phoenix 121, Dallas 114
Toronto 100, Cleveland 89
Indiana 103, Charlotte 100
Minnesota 89, Miami 87
Houston 111, L.A. Lakers 107
New York 109, Golden State 94
Washington 108, Sacramento 99.

Monday's Games
Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Washington at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
California	3	0	1.000
Baltimore	2	0	1.000
Detroit	2	1	.667
Texas	2	1	.667
Minnesota	3	2	.600
Chicago	2	2	.500
Boston	1	1	.500
KansasCity	1	1	.500
NewYork	1	1	.500
Cleveland	1	2	.333
Oakland	1	2	.333
Seattle	1	2	.333
Toronto	1	2	.333
Milwaukee	0	3	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
LosAngeles	2	0	1.000
Montreal	1	0	1.000
Chicago	2	1	.667
Colorado	2	1	.667
Philadelphia	2	1	.667
SanFrancisco	2	1	.667
Atlanta	1	1	.500
Cincinnati	1	1	.500
Houston	1	1	.500
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500
SanDiego	1	2	.333
NewYork	0	2	.000
St.Louis	0	2	.000
Florida	0	3	.000

Split-squad games count in standings; games against college teams do not

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees vs. Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Kansas City vs. Houston, ccd., rain
Los Angeles vs. N.Y. Mets, ccd. rain
Montreal 5, Atlanta 5, 7½ innings, rain
Baltimore 10, Florida 1
Boston 2, Minnesota 0
Texas 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Cleveland 5, Detroit 4
Philadelphia 12, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 11, St. Louis 2
California 13, Chicago Cubs 12
Oakland 5, Milwaukee 4
Colorado 10, San Francisco 4
Seattle 10, San Diego 3

Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago White Sox (ss) 3
Cincinnati 5, Cleveland 4
Los Angeles 5, Houston 2
Minnesota (ss) 9, Boston 6, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox (ss) 5, Minnesota (ss) 3
Montreal 6, Atlanta 2
Baltimore 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 3
Texas 6, Philadelphia 5
Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 5, 12 innings
Detroit 7, Florida 0
California (ss) 4, Oakland (ss) 4, 11 innings, tie
Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 3
San Francisco 7, Colorado 6
California (ss) 5, Oakland (ss) 4
San Diego 14, Seattle 7

Monday's Games
Baltimore vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
California vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

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Lady Tigers softballers take second at Brownwood

The Snyder High School Lady Tigers made it to the finals of the Brownwood varsity softball tournament held over the weekend.

In the final game, it was Midland Lee coming out on top of Snyder, 12-2.

"Defensevley, we played with much more concentration on Saturday than we have all year," said coach Billy Hicks. "We looked much sharper in all positions on defense and offense."

In the championship game, Snyder got on the score board first in the top of the second inning, but Lee came back and put three runs across the plate.

The Lady Tigers would not score again until the seventh inning when they came up with one more run. Snyder came up with four hits. Joanie Wemken was one for three, Jodi White two for three and Amanda Huff one for two.

Joanie Wemken suffered the loss on the mound. She allowed 12 runs on 10 hits.

For the tournament, Joanie Wemken went 12 for 18 (.667) with seven RBIs. Shawn Purcell went nine for 16-(.563) with five RBIs. Amanda Huff, Mendy Winter and Raechele Wemken also had five RBIs each.

In the semi-final game, Raechele Wemken picked up the win on the mound as the Lady Tigers put away San Angelo Central, 9-1. Raechele Wemken allowed one run on four hits.

The Lady Tigers scored two runs in the top of the first and never looked back. Central's only run came in the bottom of the fifth with Snyder leading 6-0.

The Lady Tigers came up with nine runs on 15 hits. Raechele Wemken and Jodi White both had doubles for Snyder. Joanie Wemken went two for four in the game and Purcell four for four.

The Lady Tigers opened up play Saturday with a 10-2 win over San Angelo Lake View. Snyder had built an 8-0 lead before Lake View scored in the bottom of the fifth.

Snyder would add two runs in the top of the sixth before Lake View added one in the bottom of the seventh.

Huff improved her pitching record to 5-1 with the win. Huff allowed two runs on five hits.

At the plate, Snyder got doubles from Joanie Wemken, White and Raechele Wemken. Raechele Wemken would go three for three with two RBIs, Winter and Huff both were two for four and Joanie Wemken three for four.

For the year, Snyder is 7-6 for the year. Next action for the Lady Tigers will be Thursday when they travel to Eastland for a 5 p.m. game.

FINALS
MIDLAND LEE 12, SNYDER 2

Snyder	010 001—	2	4 3
Midland Lee	034 023—12	10	1

SEMI-FINALS
SNYDER 9, SA CENTRAL 1

Snyder	200 132 1—	9	15 0
SA Central	000 010 1—	1	4 4

SNYDER 10, SA LAKE VIEW 2

Snyder	220 312 0—10	15	0
SA Lake View	000 010 1—	2	5 5

SHS tennis results mixed

SWEETWATER — Snyder High School tennis squad came up with some first and second places in the Sweetwater Tournament here over the weekend, but there hasn't been time to celebrate.

"We had some big wins, but there isn't much time to sit back and relax because we have the Snyder Tournament this weekend," said the coach.

Laura Gonzales won #2 girls singles and Jamie Juarez and Anthony Martinez won #3 boys doubles in the flighted tourney over the weekend.

In other doubles play, Gonzales and Michelle Spencer took third in the #1 flight; the boys teams of Salvador Aguirre and Jason Crow and Todd Hall and Brett Gibson took fourth in #1 and #2 flights, respectively; Angela Rodriguez and Cynthia Fennell won consolation in #3 girls and Vicki Vargas and Lidia Rodriguez did not place in the #2 flight.

Individually, Aguirre came in second place in the #1 flight while Juarez captured consolation in the #2 boys single flight. Crow came in third in the third flight while Martinez captured consolation in the fourth flight and Gibson took the same honors in #5 boys singles.

Hall was fourth in the #6 boys singles.

Spencer captured fourth in the #1 girls singles flight while other team members, Vargas, Rodriquez, Fennell and Rodriquez, failed to place.

Baseball team sweeps Big Spring tourney

The Snyder Tigers made it a clean sweep in the Big Spring baseball tournament held Friday and Saturday.

After winning two games Friday, the Tigers came back and won two more Saturday.

In the first game Saturday, Snyder came up with 16 hits in downing Midland Greenwood, 17-6.

Snyder was helped out by two homeruns, one by David Smith and the other by Brock Gard. Kevin Hildebrand connected for a triple and a double, Jeremy House added four doubles, Bryant Roberson two doubles and Hildebrand, Estes and Gard all had two-baggers.

Patrick Cumbie had the win on the mound for Snyder. He was relieved in the sixth by Eric Lang. Tiger pitching allowed six runs on eight hits. Snyder came up with 17 runs on 16 hits and committed two errors.

In the second game, Snyder defeated Big Spring 7-5.

SNYDER 17, MIDLAND GREENWOOD 6

Greenwood	000 510—	6	8 2
Snyder	275 111—17	16	2

JV Lady Tigers brings home championship

Trailing 7-4 going into the final inning of the championship game of the Brownwood softball tournament, the Snyder High School Lady Tigers JV came up with five runs to take the game and first place in the JV division, 9-7, over Brownwood.

The Lady Tigers went undefeated in the pool play tournament. The winner was decided on the basis of records in the tournament.

In the championship game, the Lady Tigers could only manage two extra-base hits, but did come up with 15 singles. Brittany Drummond went two for four with a triple and CeCe Valadez was one for four with a double.

Erica Garvin was three for four with three singles, Bradi Johnson went three for three. Amy Ricks and Julie Vaca both had two singles and Starla Davis, Keila Helms and Jill Willingham each added a base hit.

Garvin picked up the win on the mound for Snyder. Garvin came on in relief of Angie Reynolds in the third. Snyder pitching allowed seven runs on six hits, struck out two and walked six.

The Lady Tigers JV record is now 9-7.

In the second game, Snyder played Abilene Cooper. The game was called due to time with the score tied at nine. The Lady Tigers were declared the winner because they had more girls reach third base. Snyder had 13 runners reach third while Cooper had 12.

The Lady Tigers came up with 15 hits including triples by Garvin and Magen Lee. Garvin and Drummond both had doubles. Three Lady Tigers had singles. They were Davis, Reynolds and Willingham. Amy Ricks and Valadez each had singles.

Drummond pitched seven innings to take the win. Drummond allowed nine runs on 13 hits, struck out two and did not walk anyone.

In the first game Friday, the Lady Tigers were 11-2 winners over Stephenville. Snyder had a combined total of 11 hits including doubles by Garvin and Vaca. Willingham and Valadez both added two singles each. Vaca also contributed a single as well as Drummond, Renae Hall, Reynolds and Ricks.

Once again, Drummond went the distance on the mound, allowing two runs on eight hits, struck out seven and did not give up a base on balls.

The next action for the JV softballers will be Thursday when they travel to San Angelo to take on the Lake View varsity at 5 p.m.

Tech No. 1 seed for final SWC tourney

DALLAS (AP) — No. 9 Texas Tech will have the top seed in the 21st and final Southwest Conference tournament.

By virtue of their victory over Texas Saturday, the Houston Cougars will open the Southwest Conference Classic Thursday against seventh-seeded Southern Methodist.

Tech (25-1, 14-0), the SWC regular-season champ, will face last-place Texas A&M (11-15, 3-11) in the first round.

Houston (17-9, 11-3 Southwest Conference) clinched the No. 2 seed with an 86-76 victory over Texas (18-8, 10-4). The Cougars will face No. 7 seed Southern Methodist in the Thursday first round.

Tigers show improvement at Andrews' Mustang Relays

The Snyder High School track team made big improvements Saturday in its points production at the Mustang Relays held in Andrews.

After scoring only 16 point in the first meet last weekend in Frenship, Snyder came back with 42 points Saturday, good for a fifth place finish.

Individually, Snyder got a second place finish from Joey Medley in the shot put. His longest put was 44'2½". Wayne Braziel was third in the high jump with a vault of 6'0".

Chris Denson tossed the discus 129'4", good for second place. Medley was fourth with a throw of 124'7¼.

In the running events, the only Tiger to place in the top three was Matthew Fambro. He finished third in the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.80.

In the 100 meters, L.S. McClain was fourth with an 11.44. Joe Bilano was fifth in the 1600 meters with 5:01.64. Snyder's 400 meter relay team finished fifth with a 44.86.

The track meet was won by Andrews with 155 points. Big Spring was second with 141, Levelland third with 131, Monahans fourth with 51. Lamesa and Seminole were sixth and seventh respectively. Lamesa had 33 points and Seminole 23.

In the JV division, Snyder finished seventh with 22 points.

David Wagner was sixth in the triple jump with a leap of 35'11¼". Mark Cave was fifth in the discus with a distance of 95'9". Wagner ran a 11.93 in the 100 meters, good for fourth.

Teddy Murray was second in the 400 meters with a time of 56.57 and Wagner was third in the 200 meters with 25.00. The 400 meter relay team was sixth with a 48.86.

The next action for the tracksters will be Saturday when they host the Canyon Reef Relays at Tiger Stadium.

In Andrews event...

Lady Tiger tracksters 5th

The Snyder High School Lady Tigers track team took fifth place Saturday in the Mustang Relays held in Andrews.

"We only had seven girls competing and to finish fifth was quite an accomplishment," said coach Patty Grimmett. "We only had girls entered in nine of the 16 events."

Edwina Brooks won the triple jump with a leap of 33'5". Kelly Clay was fourth with a 31'6". In the high jump, Jina Miller took first with a jump of 5'0"

In the long jump, Clay took first with 16'1". Devon Reed was a close second with 15'8¼" Melissa Castro finished sixth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:48.02.

Clay and Brooks finished third and fourth respectively in the 100 meters. Clay ran a 12.09 and Brooks 13.02. In the 400 meters, Alicia Peoples was fifth with 68.77.

Clay picked up her third medal of the meet with a second place finish in the 200 meters. Clay had a time of 28.08. Kendra Jackson was fourth with a 29.22.

The 400 meter relay team was second with a time of 52.09.

Snyder's 81 points was good for fifth place overall. Andrews won the meet with 129. Borger was second with 110.33, Levelland third with 102 and Lubbock High fourth with 87.

In the JV division, Snyder finished fifth.

Flesha Biggers was third in the shot with a put of 26'5¾". Amanda Flores was fifth in the 800 meters with a time of 3:02.84. Flores was also fourth in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:47.88.

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DEAR READER: Patients who suffer heart attacks have arteriosclerotic blockages in their coronary arteries. These obstructions prevent vital nutrients from reaching the cardiac muscle, causing pain, heart damage and electrical irregularities of the heartbeat.

Your wife apparently has an irregular cardiac rhythm as a consequence of her heart disorder. Ideally, this should be corrected by angioplasty (breaking up the blockage with a balloon) or by by-pass surgery (to re-supply the heart muscle with adequate blood).

If she chooses to avoid these procedures, her heart rhythm could be shocked back to normal with an electrical current or treated with drugs to slow the pulse and make it more regular.

However, these two options are not curative: The blockage remains and will cause further problems in the future. Such problems include additional heart damage, angina or resistant cardiac irregularities. In other words, until the arteriosclerotic obstructions have been addressed, she is at risk.

If your wife wishes only to take medication, her cardiologist will probably prescribe a combination of drugs, including nitroglycerine, beta-blockers, calcium-channel blockers, or a host of other medications specifically designed to alter the pulse. These stop-gap measures are not permanent: Sooner or later the blockages will enlarge and cause more symptoms — at which point she will have to reconsider her decision not to have angioplasty or by-pass surgery.

Because her cardiologist is an expert in these matters, I believe that your wife should follow his advice. If he suggests angioplasty or by-pass, I urge her to relent. The risks in a 73-year-old woman are actually less than they would be sometime in the future when she is older and her cardiac situation is more unstable.

In my experience, angioplasty (in particular) is not especially hazardous, even for an older person, because it doesn't require surgery. And the potential benefits are enormous.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

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Osprey downblast may pose threat to troops, tests show

WASHINGTON (AP) — Violent downblast from the V-22 Osprey aircraft poses a danger to commandos who would use the tilt-rotor plane to rappel into combat zones, according to new testing done by the military.

The persistent problem appeared in tests done last summer and fall at Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Md., according to a report in today's edition of Defense Week, a magazine that covers military issues. Test results indicate no change, and possibly a worsening of the problem, compared to similar tests done a year earlier.

The aircraft is jointly developed by Boeing Helicopters in suburban Philadelphia and Bell Helicopter in Fort Worth, Texas.

The military plans to buy 523 V-22s into the next century for an estimated $53 billion, with most going to the Marines and 48 going to the Navy. The Air Force will receive 50 CV-22 variants designed to enable commandos to exit the hovering aircraft via ropes. It is with these aircraft that the test results showed a problem.

"We're seeing our test activities take on stronger language now — 'serious concerns,'" the magazine reported, quoting Tom Carter, a Pentagon aeronautical specialist.

Complaints, arrests keep law officers busy

Nine people were arrested over the weekend and early this morning as local law enforcement personnel answered numerous complaints.

Officers arrested a 25-year-old male in the 3800 block of College Avenue at 9:55 p.m. Saturday on city warrants for no liability insurance and failure to appear.

A 30-year-old male was arrested at 1:23 a.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male in the 1500 block of 19th Street at 7:15 p.m. Sunday for public intoxication.

A 37-year-old male was arrested at 9:02 p.m. Sunday in the 200 Block of 37th St. on a Scurry County warrant for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 37th Street and College at 9:24 p.m. Sunday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Following a report of a possible drunk driver at 9:26 p.m. Sunday, DPS troopers arrested a 28-year-old male at 9:52 p.m. near U.S. Highway 84 and Huffman for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

At 4:04 this morning, officers arrested a 35-year-old male in the 900 Block of 25th St. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 4:07 this morning in the 2000 block of Avenue M for disorderly conduct and unreasonable noise.

Officers also arrested a 36-year-old male in the 900 Block of 25th St. at 4:27 this morning for public intoxication.

A 4:30 this morning, officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 26th Street and Avenue V for public intoxication.

In other activity over the weekend, officers investigated a minor accident at 12:29 p.m. Saturday in the 300 block of Coliseum Drive. Involved were a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Michael Scott of Abilene and a 1990 Mitsubushi driven by Lori Ann Shields of Hobbs, N.M.

City officers investigated a two-vehicle accident at 5:55 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of 37th Street. Involved were a 1989 Ford driven by Maurice Green of 2006 37th, #18 and a 1986 Oldsmobile driven by Monica Gonzales of 3709 Rose Circle. Two people were transported to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS. Joe Green, 79, and Maurice Green, 77, both of 2006 37th St., were treated and released.

A person notified officers at 6:03 p.m. Saturday that someone had scratched a vehicle. A report of Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

A report of a stolen bicycle was made at 9:25 p.m. Saturday. A Classs B theft report was submitted.

A report of a possible prowler was made at 12:45 a.m. Sunday from the 300 block of 20th Street.

A clerk at Allsup's notified officers at 2:41 a.m. Sunday that a person came into the store and left without paying for several items.

Officers were notified of a reckless driver in the 1200 block of 19th Street at 4:47 a.m. Sunday. Two 14-year-old male juveniles were picked up and released to their parents.

A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 5:18 p.m. Sunday in reference to a car's paint being scratched.

The fire department responded to a grass fire at 6:04 p.m. Sunday on U.S. Highway 84 near the exit to the city landfill. The property was owned by Stephanie Suarez.

At 8:06 p.m., the fire department responded to a fire at the intersection of FM 1607 and 1609. The department extinguished the small grass fire.

A report for Class C assault/family violence was submitted at 9:25 p.m. Sunday.

Markets

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	89½	88⅜	89¼	+ ¼
AT&T Corp	64	63¼	63¼	+ ⅛
AirTouch	31⅛	31	31⅛	— ⅛
Albertsons	37⅛	37¼	37⅛	+ ¼
Alldsignal	58	57	57⅜	+ ½
Alltel	33¼	32¼	33	+ ¼
AmStores	29½	29	29⅜	+ ½
Ameritech	58½	57⅞	58	+ ⅛
Amoco	70⅛	69⅝	69⅝	— ⅜
AndarkPtr	54⅞	54⅜	54½	+ ¼
ArmcoInc		5⅜	5⅜	5⅜
AtlRichfld	110	109⅜	109⅜	+ ⅛
ATMOS Egy		22⅛	22⅛	22⅛
Aviall		7⅜	7⅜	7⅜ + ¼
BakerHughes		26¼	26¼	— ⅛
BellAtl		66½	65⅞	65⅞ — ¼
BellSouth s		40⅛	39⅜	39½ + ¼
BethSteel		14⅛	13⅞	14⅛ + ¼
BritPet		101⅞	101⅜	101⅜ — ⅛
BurlNoSFe		80⅛	80⅛	80⅜ + ½
Caterpillar		68⅛	68	68⅛ +1
CenSoWst		27⅛	27⅛	27⅜ + ⅛
Chevron		56⅛	55⅛	55⅛ —1
Chrysler		58	57⅞	57⅞ + ⅛
Coastal		36⅛	36⅛	36⅜ + ⅛
CocaCola			82⅜	81⅞ 82⅛
ColgatePalm		83⅛	83	83⅛ + ⅛
ComclMetals			26⅛	26½ 26⅝
CooperIn		38⅛	38⅛	38⅜ + ⅛
CyprusAmax		26½	26¼	26⅜ — ⅛
DallSemicn		20⅛	19⅞	20⅛ + ⅛
DeltaAirl			79⅝	78⅝ 79
DigitalEq		65⅞	64⅛	65 + ⅛
Dillard		32¼	31⅞	32⅛ + ⅛
DowChem		80¼	79⅞	80⅛ + ⅛
DresserInd		28⅛	28⅛	28⅛ + ⅛
DuPont		79¼	78⅞	79 + ⅛
EastmanChem		74⅛	74⅛	74⅛ + ⅛
EstKodak		72⅛	71⅞	72⅛ + ⅛
ElJerInd		10⅛	10⅛	10⅛ — ⅛
Enserch			15⅛	14⅞ 15
Entergy		28⅛	28	28⅛ + ⅛
Exxon		79⅛	79⅛	79⅛ — ⅛
FstBksAm s			10⅝	10⅛ 10⅛
Flowers s		14	13⅜	13⅞ + ⅛
FordMotor		32⅛	31⅞	31⅞ + ⅛
GTE Cp		43⅛	43⅛	43⅛ + ⅛
GeaDynam		60⅝	59½	60⅝ +1
GenlElec		77⅞	76⅞	76⅞ + ⅛
GenMills		59⅝	58⅝	59⅜ + ⅛
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Goodrich		76⅜	76⅛	76⅛ + ⅛
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HoustonInd s		23½	23⅛	23⅛ + ⅛
IBM		119⅛	118⅛	118⅜ + ⅛
IntlPapers		36⅛	36	36⅛ + ⅛
JohnsnJns		96⅛	95⅛	95¾ — ⅛
K mart		7⅛	7⅛	7⅛ — ⅛
Kroger		37⅛	37⅛	37⅛ + ⅛
Litton		51⅛	50⅝	51⅛ + ⅛
Lowes Cos		34¼	32	34 +2
Lubys		21¼	20⅛	21¼ + ⅜
MayDeptStrs		49¼	48⅜	48¾ + ⅜
Medtronics		57⅛	57⅛	57⅜ — ¼
Mobil		112	110⅞	110¾ — ⅜
Monsanto		136	135¼	135⅜ + ⅜
Motorola		54¼	53⅜	53½ + ⅛
Nationsbk		76	75⅛	75⅝ + ⅜
Navistar			10	9⅞ 9⅞
NoramEngy		8¾	8¼	8¼ — ⅛
Norwest		36⅝	36¼	36⅜ — ¼
Nynex		51⅜	51⅛	51⅜ + ¼
OryxEngy		13	12⅞	12⅝ + ⅛
PacTelesis			28⅜	28⅛ 28⅛
PanhECp		29⅜	29⅜	29⅛ + ¼
Penney JC		50	49¼	49¼ + ⅜
Penzoil		38⅛	38¼	38½ + ¼
PepBoys		30⅜	29⅜	30¼ + ⅛
PepsiCo			64⅜	63¾ 64¼
PhelpDodge		63¾	62¼	63¼ + ½
PhilipPet		36	35¼	35¼ + ¼
PilgrmPrd			6¼	6¼ 6¼
Polaroid		43½	43¼	43½ + ½
Praxair		35¾	35¼	35¼ — ¼
ProctGamble		86	84¼	85¼ +1¼
PubSNwMx		18¼	17¼	18¼ + ⅜
RoyalDutch		139½	138¼	138¼ — ¾
SBC Comm		54¼	53¾	53¾ — ¼
SaraLee		34	33½	34 + ⅜
SearsRoebs		48¾	47¼	48¾ + ½
SherwinW		43	42¼	42¼ — ¼
SmthBchADS		54¼	54¼	54¼ — ¼
SmthBc eqt		54½	54¼	54¼ — ¼
SouthernCo		24¾	24¼	24½ + ¼
SwstAirlines		33¾	31¼	32¾ +1¼
Sprint		43¼	42¼	42¾ + ¼
SterlingChm		12¾	12¾	12½ — ½
SunCo		29¾	29	29 + ⅛
TNP Ent		20½	20¼	20¼ — ¼
Tandy		43¾	42¾	43¾ — ¼
TempleInl		40½	40¼	40¼ — ¼
Tenneco			57¼	56¼ 56¾
Texaco		80¼	79	79¼ — ¾
TexasInd		63¼	62¼	63¼ + ¼
TexasInsts		49¼	48¾	48¾ — ¼
TexUtil		40¼	40¼	40¼ + ¼
Textron		80¾	79¾	80¾ +1¼
Travelers		69¼	68¼	68¾ + ½
TrinityInds		33½	33¼	33¾ + ¼
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Pastor to defend 'slave auction'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A widely known conservative televangelist says his church has "nothing to be ashamed of" for planning to use a "slave auction" to raise money for the church's high school students.

The Rev. John Hagee, pastor of Cornerstone Church, said he will defend himself today by appearing on a radio call-in show.

The furor began when Hagee announced plans for the "slave auction" by writing about it in a church bulletin.

"Slavery in America is returning to Cornerstone Church," wrote Hagee, who urged church members to help high school seniors earn money for a class trip.

Hagee told churchgoers at a Sunday evening service that local television news reports were to blame for the controversy.

"We have nothing to be ashamed of," he told worshipers. "The media is making this a racial story. That's not the story."

Hagee, whose sermons are televised in the United States and Canada, asked churchgoers to pray for him when he appears on the afternoon talk show.

The pastor said he chose live radio because he did not believe he would be treated fairly by local television stations.

"They can make Mother Teresa look like Attila the Hun," Hagee said.

Leaders in the African-American community said they do not believe Hagee intended to spark anger with the newsletter item. They added, however, that he must apologize publicly for his lack of sensitivity.

"You would think . . . they wouldn't even have considered using the words "slave auction," " said Ethel Minor, local executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "They could have called it something else."

Mario Marcel Salas, a local activist, says he has urged Elizabeth Dole, wife of GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole, to boycott a Sunday speaking engagement at Cornerstone if Hagee doesn't issue a more open apology.

"If Mr. Hagee does not apologize, then we will contact the Dole campaign and ask them not to attend Hagee's church program," Salas said.

Hagee did not return a telephone call today from The Associated Press.

The slave auction item was included in the latest church bulletin and ended by stating, "Make plans to come and go home with a slave."

The bulletin described a March 31 fund-raiser in which students from Cornerstone Christian Schools were to be auctioned.

Jackie Ray Robinson, gospel music director at radio station KSJL-FM, said he received about 100 calls from listeners upset by the newsletter during his Sunday morning show, "Gospel Inspirations."

Robinson said promoting a slave auction fund-raiser showed poor judgment.

"With the tension going on, people struggling, trying to get along, and right after Black History Month, that's probably one of the worst ways to try to raise money," he said. "Even the Bible talked against slavery. You would think he'd stay away from something like that."

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Church Women Shower Unwed Mom With Gift of Compassion

DEAR ABBY: On the subject of giving baby showers for unwed mothers:

A few years ago, the women's organization board of my church decided to give a baby shower for the young woman who baby-sat in the nursery during Sunday services. (I'll call her "Tracy.") She was unmarried, pregnant and teetering very close to going on welfare, with little support from her family or the father-to-be.

Putting aside the morality of out-of-wedlock pregnancies, we and all the young mothers of the children Tracy watched on Sunday reached out to another human being in need. I believe this is what good Christians are supposed to do in such a situation.

Tracy had a baby boy, and not a tongue clucked nor was an eyebrow raised when Tracy and her infant son played Mary and Baby Jesus in our live nativity scene in our Christmas pageant.

I believe it's possible to reach out to someone in need — in this instance, an unwed mother — without condoning the situation. don't you?

MARTHA FOX,
ALLENTOWN, PA.

DEAR MARTHA: Indeed I do. What a gracious gesture from a group of compassionate women who practice what is preached in the Scriptures — "Judge not that ye be not judged." God bless you all.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a happily married mother with two great little boys and a job that takes more of me than I'd like. I manage to balance things well, except for one straw that's about to break my back: my mother.

Mother is emotionally dependent on everyone around her. She expects all her pleasures and recreation to come from others. She constantly complains because my father has coffee with friends several mornings a week. Frankly, I don't blame him. I can barely stand to be in her presence. She puts me down constantly, criticizing how late I serve my children dinner (I walk in the door at 5:30 and we eat no later than 6:30), how they "seem to get sick more often than most kids," and how her friends' children take their mothers shopping, to plays, to view Christmas lights, etc.

Abby, I've had it! I'm so tired and stressed when I get home at night that calling her, even for five minutes, is more than I can face. I resent her attempts to make me feel inadequate because I cannot be a mother of the '50s. I'm a mother of the '90s — keeping a large home, working full time, serving as chauffeur to my sons, and trying to nurture a successful marriage.

Our relationship is about as dysfunctional and beyond hope as it can be, and I don't have the energy to repair 38 years of resentment.

I hate to write her off, Abby. How can I handle my mother?

TIRED OF TRYING,
INDEPENDENCE, MO.

DEAR TIRED: Before you bury the relationship with your mother, realize that since you cannot change her, you should try to change the way that you interact with her. Your mistake is taking her criticism to heart and getting defensive. Realize that finding fault is her way of getting attention and making conversation. Stop feeling guilty because you cannot call her every night.

The next time she criticizes, try smiling and agreeing with her. "You're right, Mom. I'm a terrible mother." "Yes, Mom. With the schedule I have to keep, I'm not the attentive daughter you had hoped for." If you agree with her, she can no longer prolong the discussion. The subject will be closed, and you can go on to something else.

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To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Accused priest said living free in Spain

HOUSTON (AP) — It's been a year and a half since the Rev. Jesus Garcia fled South Texas under cover of night after an 18-year-old man accused the priest of raping him four years earlier.

Now it seems the fugitive priest is living in relative security in Spain, far from the courtroom where he is due to be tried on charges of raping the man, one of five male parishioners Garcia is accused of molesting.

Two days after the allegation, Garcia left Mathis, about 40 miles northwest of Corpus Christi, and flew to his native Spain with the permission of South Texas Bishop Rene H. Gracida, head of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Eight months ago, a San Patricio grand jury indicted Garcia on charges of sexual assault and indecency with a child. Garcia wrote a letter politely and cheerfully declining to return to face the charges.

The families of Garcia's accusers have charged the Catholic Church with meddling in the case and helping Garcia to escape. They also have accused San Patricio County District Attorney Tom Bridges of dragging his heels in deference to the powerful bishop.

Garcia is reportedly living in his family home in Burdos near Madrid. He is reportedly still upbeat and still celebrating Mass in a Madrid church.

FBI agents say he could be brought back for $7,000.

Agents in Corpus Christi say they have known Garcia's whereabouts for months and have told Bridges that they are ready to arrest Garcia as soon as they receive that amount from the prosecutor's office to defray transportation costs.

"That's about what it will cost," Ralph Diaz, a Corpus Christi agent, told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions. "But the district attorney hasn't been able to come up with the money."

Bridges refused to discuss Garcia in detail with the newspaper.

Report: Katherine Hepburn recuperating from pneumonia

NEW YORK (AP) — Katharine Hepburn was hospitalized last week with pneumonia and is resting at her Connecticut home, the Daily News reported today.

The 88-year-old actress was admitted to Manhattan's Lenox Hill Hospital last week under an assumed name, and hospital sources told the News she was very ill and her doctors at one point had not expected her to live.

She has since been discharged. Family members told the newspaper that she was resting comfortably at her Connecticut home. As for whether she was out of danger, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Robert Hepburn, said: "No, I can't say that. She's working through it."

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Study says children bear brunt of sex offenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children were the victims of two-thirds of the sex offenders in state prisons, which an expert says is the reason so many states are passing laws requiring that neighbors be notified when paroled sex criminals move in.

In a report based on the largest survey ever of state prison inmates, the Justice Department said Sunday that children under age 18 bear the brunt of sex offenses and that child molesting remains a crime most often perpetrated by relatives and acquaintances rather than strangers.

The Justice study found that a third of these child victims were the offspring or stepchildren of their attackers.

The department's Bureau of Justice Statistics estimated that state prisons held 43,552 inmates in 1991 who raped or sexually assaulted children under 18. That represents 65.5 percent of the estimated 66,482 state inmates convicted of raping or sexually assaulting victims of all ages.

"This high rate of child victims is behind the heightened concern and the growing number of states passing laws that provide for notifying neighborhoods when sexual predators move in," said David Beatty, acting executive director of the National Victims Center, a private advocacy group in Arlington, Va.. "The majority of sex crimes are committed against children because they are more helpless, easier targets and easier to intimidate into silence."

As of last September, 14 states had adopted what Beatty's group categorized as community notification statutes, providing some kind of notice to all or part of a community when certain sex offenders were released from prison.

Many of these laws remain under court challenge as unconstitutional. Last year, Attorney General Janet Reno had Justice Department lawyers help New Jersey defend "Megan's Law," a notification act passed in 1994 and named after 7-year-old Megan Kanka who was raped and killed.

The Justice Department data are consistent with a 1992 national survey of crime victims by Beatty's group. "Of those who were sexually victimized, 61 percent said it happened when they were under 18 years old," he said in an interview.

The Justice study found that more than half the child victims of rape or sexual assault were age 12 or younger. Among all child victims of violence, three-fourths were female.

A third of child molesters had attacked their own child or stepchild. Another half of the molesters were a friend, acquaintance or more-distant relative of their victim. Only one in seven molested a child who was a stranger.

Three out of four child molesters committed their crimes either in their own home or the child's home.

The government found that prisoners who attacked children were mostly male, 97 percent, and were more likely to be white, nearly 70 percent, and married or divorced, 64 percent, than prisoners who had victimized those 18 or older. The average child victimizer was five years older than the average inmate who attacked adults.

The bureau estimated that 327,958 inmates committed violent crimes of all kinds, and 18.6 percent of those inmates, or 61,037, attacked children. Rape and sexual assault far outdistanced murder, kidnaping and all other violent crimes against children.

Beatty said child sex molesters may be somewhat overrepresented among state inmates in comparison to other types of criminals "because these crimes against children are taken more seriously and state laws for this have harsher penalties."

School prayer issue trial to begin today

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Lisa Herdahl says her family no longer has a normal life. They have no friends, they live under bomb threats and receive harassing phone calls.

That's how it has been since she filed a federal lawsuit to end morning devotionals and Bible study classes at the public school her six children attend.

Today, more than two years after she launched her legal battle, the case is finally coming to trial. And she says the harassment has only increased in the weeks leading up to the court date.

"I figured there were going to be some threats, but I had no idea that is was going to go this far," Herdahl said. "My kids have learned the hard way of what being the minority means."

Herdahl believes her children have a constitutional right not to engage in the student-led prayers over the intercom at the 1,300-student Ecru school, and should not be taunted for their Lutheran religious beliefs.

The lawsuit, filed against the North Pontotoc School District, has renewed a controversial argument believed to have been settled in 1963 when the U.S. Supreme Court banned prayer in public schools.

Mississippi law requires public schools to permit "invocations, benedictions and nonsectarian, nonproselytizing student-initiated voluntary prayer at all school events."

Herdahl, who moved to Mississippi from Wisconsin, said her children have been ridiculed for choosing not to participate in the devotionals. She said her son Jason was made to wear headphones in his second-grade classroom during the morning rituals. The others have been teased to no end, she said.

"They call them devil worshipers, atheists," Herdahl said.

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Ron Howard wins Directors Guild award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ron Howard, denied an Academy Award nomination for his directorial work on "Apollo 13," wasn't overlooked by his peers.

Howard took the top prize Saturday from the Directors Guild of America, marking the first time in a decade — and only the fourth time since the DGA awards started in 1949 — that the winner won't repeat at the Oscars.

"I didn't expect this at all. It's a weird business," Howard said at a dinner ceremony in New York while other DGA members dined in Los Angeles. "I'm overwhelmed."

Howard was one of two directors with films nominated for best picture but not nominated for best director. Ang Lee, director of "Sense and Sensibility," was the other.

The last time the DGA winner didn't repeat was in 1986, when Steven Spielberg collected the DGA honor for making "The Color Purple."

The other DGA nominees were Mike Figgis for "Leaving Las Vegas," Lee for "Sense and Sensibility," Mel Gibson for "Braveheart" and Michael Radford for "The Postman."

Woody Allen received the DGA's D.W. Griffith Award for distinguished achievement in film direction. Actress Mira Sorvino accepted for Allen, who was in Europe but sent a videotaped acceptance speech.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Tuesday, March 5, 1996

When you operate independently, you will receive outstanding results in the year ahead. Do not associate with people who have nothing special to contribute.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You strive to be an optimistic, positive person, but when you analyze developments, you sometimes put too much emphasis on the dark side. Today may be an example. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today, guard against the tendency to attempt to do more than your time or talents permit. Both have their limitations, so schedule your agenda sensibly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Before committing yourself to a social function today, check the guest list to make sure it doesn't include an individual you've tried to avoid.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a marvelous imagination, and this is a wonderful asset. However, don't use these creative powers to worry about things that might never happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you want an accurate assessment of a situation about which you have concerns, don't ask a negative person to give you an appraisal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Prudence and discipline will be important today in regard to your financial endeavors. Understand your obligations and don't lend what you can't afford.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you might have to deal with someone who insists on doing things his or her way. Unfortunately, this person follows a path strewn with obstacles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Attend to responsibilities promptly today and do not try to sweep anything under the rug. If you fall behind, it will be hard to get back in the race.

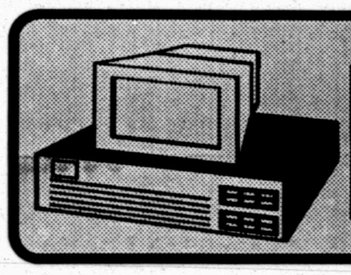
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Before attempting to manage things for others today, make sure you have the ability to handle your own affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you go after something significant today, prepare to struggle. You can achieve your goals, but only with fortitude and determination.

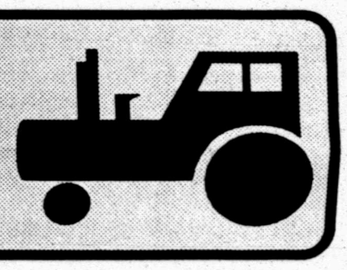
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will not have much patience with individuals who oppose your ideas and positions, even though you know their points are valid.

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Bombling war continues in Israel

Hamas suicide bomber kills 11, wounds more than 100

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A Hamas suicide bomber blew himself up today outside Tel Aviv's biggest shopping center, killing at least 11 other people and wounding more than 100. Victims included children dressed in costumes for a Jewish holiday.

Israel army radio said at least 18 people died in the attack outside the Dizengoff Center shopping mall, the fourth bombing in Israel in nine days. Forty-four innocents died in the three previous bomb attacks, including 18 in a bus bombing in Jerusalem on Sunday.

The Muslim militant Hamas group claimed responsibility for today's bombing, as it did for the other three. The bombing war, which has struck at the heart of Israel's two major cities, has traumatized the country and left peacemaking with the Palestinians in a shambles.

Tel Aviv Police Chief Gabi Last said the suicide bomber was on foot, crossing with shoppers at the busy intersection of King George and Dizengoff streets when he set off the bomb. Witnesses said the attacker struck next to a line of people waiting at a cash machine.

Witness Eli Shurany said he saw bodies flying through the air, among them a woman and a girl, about 10 years old, who were killed instantly. "There was one girl with the bottom of her leg blown off," Shurany said.

Children in costumes for the Purim holiday, which starts tonight, were among the casualties.

A woman said she was at the mall with three daughters in costume when the blast went off. "The children were covered with glass," said the woman. One of her daughters was cut.

"All her back was full of glass fragments. She was bleeding. She has a hole in her back. It was horrifying," said the woman, who did not give her name.

Israelis, angry and frightened after the wave of bombings, shouted "Death to Palestine" and "Death to the Arabs."

Inmates keep on marrying, by proxy

HOUSTON (AP) — R. Wayne Johnson and Joyce Craig have been married almost five years and have had very few quarrels.

Of course, they haven't seen much of each other, either. In fact, hardly at all.

Their marriage in May, 1991, sounds rather commonplace on its face. It took place in a church, one of them wore white and they agreed to devote their lives to one another.

What made it different was that Johnson wasn't there for the wedding. Johnson's vows were handled by proxy from his Daniel prison unit cell in Snyder; her vows were said in person in a Plano church.

His 99-year sentence for aggravated rape prevented his appearance, but not the nuptials.

"It was weird," said Johnson, now held at the Retrieve prison in Angleton. "It was not like your ordinary marriage. I just had on an old white uniform."

Their marriage has managed to do what many more conventional ones don't — it has survived.

"The reason I decided to marry him was I felt like I had already known him for quite some time," said Mrs. Johnson, who first encountered Johnson via mail after she read about him in a magazine article.

To complicate things, they became a two-prison family in 1993 when Mrs. Johnson, a Bonham native, was incarcerated after a theft conviction. They haven't even spoken by phone since, making the mails their marital lifeline.

Since Mrs. Johnson's conviction, Johnson said they only write once a week.

"There's not much new," said Johnson of the marriage, which has never been consummated. Prison officials allow no special privileges for inmates married to other inmates.

"A lot of couples base their relationship on sex," he said. "Well, this one is not based on sex. I send her nice cards. Handkerchiefs drawn up real pretty. There's a lot of emotion there."

The most contact the couple had was in November 1991 during a daylong marriage seminar at Daniel. They sat side-by-side, held hands and hugged.

The Johnsons intend to take their marriage to the outside world, but the earliest that can happen is 2014, Johnson's projected release date.

"We decided we'd have a real ceremony when he gets out," she said.

The proxy process is startlingly simple. An inmate files a form with a county clerk. Once the partner agrees, the marriage is legal.

Prison chaplains generally discourage proxy weddings, which often are made out of convenience. Married inmates may receive up to $120 a month in their commissary accounts from spouses.

"I think many of our inmates are sincerely reaching out for some kind of meaningful relationship that can give them some kind of hope for the future," said Jerry Groom, director of chaplains in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Johnson said he was up-front with his wife-to-be, freely admitting his guilt in the rape case. He gained exposure in Texas Monthly for his legal exploits as a self-taught expert who routinely files lawsuits on behalf of fellow prisoners.

After becoming pen pals, they met at the Daniel unit in Snyder.

"He was all I expected and more," said Mrs. Johnson, a 47-year-old divorced mother of two sons. "He was very nice and very gentle. Not abrupt or domineering like I would think some hardened criminal would be."

Obituaries

Polly Smith

1903-1996

HAMLIN — Funeral service is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday in Healdton, Okla., for Polly Ann Smith, 92, who died Sunday, March 3, in a Hamlin hospital. Burial will follow in Healdton's Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith was the mother of Hershel Cross of Snyder.

Born in Indian Territory, now Lone Grove, Okla., Mrs. Smith had lived in Colorado City until 1993 when she moved to Hamlin.

A homemaker, she married Arthur Smith in 1957, and he preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Ben Cross, and two daughters, Freddie Mae Cross and Laura Cross Wilson. Mrs. Smith was a Baptist.

Survivors include another son, Gene Cross of Wilson, Okla.; five daughters, Bea Atwood of Abilene, Sue Ferris of Cabot, Ark., Wanda Smith, Mattie Ayers Compton and Peggy Knutson, all of Hamlin; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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GOP presidential candidates set sights on Southern voting

ATLANTA (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole, happily the front-runner again after a big win in South Carolina, hints that this week's contests could seal the GOP nomination. Pat Buchanan said today he can beat Dole in key Southern contests if he can "crack Georgia open" in Tuesday's primary.

With eight primaries Tuesday, the GOP nomination battle focused today on Georgia, where Buchanan maintained "we are stronger" than in South Carolina, which saw him finish second to Dole.

Sen. Phil Gramm, who campaigned today with Dole in Georgia, told reporters, "I think Dole has won the nomination. It's just a question of when."

Gramm, who dropped out of the race last month, predicted that Georgia's primary on Tuesday would be Buchanan's "last stand," He said: "Republicans are beginning to say to themselves, Dole is inevitable."

Dole, with Gramm and four other members of the Senate in tow, visited a metal recycling plant in Atlanta that exports scap metal. Dole proclaimed that, despite momentum in his direction, "this race is far from over."

He appealed for support, saying "I can bring people together." Standing in front of bales of scrap metal, Dole asserted, "We're going to recycle everything we can find in the next few days."

Dole remained above the fray in Georgia Sunday night, skipping a forum Sunday night that saw three opponents in an occasionally testy hour-long exchange. The WSB-TV forum was almost overshadowed by the scene of police hauling away another GOP contender — Alan Keyes — when he tried to get in.

"This is a disgrace to American democracy," Keyes told NBC's "Today" show. He called it "an effort to manipulate the outcome" of the election and said he was considering legal action. Buchanan, one of the four invited to the debate, said today Keyes "certainly should have" been included.

Dole was invited.

Court spurns Iowa county in religous freedom appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today rejected the appeal of an Iowa county that was found to have violated an employee's religious freedom by firing him for holding prayer meetings at work.

The court, without comment, turned down Polk County's argument that it should not have to let employees pray on government time.

Isaiah Brown was director of the data processing department in Polk County, which includes Des Moines, when he was fired in 1990.

County officials cited managerial problems in his department.

Brown had been reprimanded for having his secretary type his Bible study notes, holding group prayer meetings before and during work, and for religious proselytizing at work.

His supervisor also had ordered him to remove religious items from his office, including a ceramic item with the Lord's Prayer and a Bible he kept in his desk.

Brown sued the county in federal court, saying officials violated his constitutionally protected freedom of religion.

A federal judge and a three-judge federal appeals court ruled for the county. The full 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed those rulings.

Brown could be disciplined for having his secretary type his Bible study notes and for holding prayer meetings before work in his office, the appeals court said.

It added that he could not be disciplined for occasional prayers and references to Christian belief, or forced to remove religious items from his office. There was no proof that his actions were disruptive, the court said.

The county did not prove Brown would have been fired if his religious activities had not been a factor, the appeals court said, and ordered a trial judge to consider what remedy Brown should be granted.

In the appeal acted on today, county lawyers said allowing Brown and others to pray and proselytize on county time makes it appear the government is endorsing their religious message.

Brown's lawyers responded by arguing that government employees are not required to give up their religious practices.

What's Up?

Band boosters to meet

Snyder High School Band Boosters will meet at 7 this evening in the band hall.

VFW meeting tonight

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will meet at 7 this evening at the post home.

Bible lessons to air

A series of Bible lessons on video tape is being aired on Snyder's TCA Cable TV channel 2, featuring Mike Tackett as speaker. The second tape, "Why I Know Christianity Is True," will air at 7 this evening.

High school boosters

Snyder All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 o'clock tonight at First Christian Church.

Ira ISD open house

Ira ISD will hold open house today with a supper, tours of classrooms and a one-act play. The hamburger supper is sponsored by the Senior Class and will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is $4.50.

Rooms may be viewed from 6:30-7:30. The one-act play cast will perform "Macbeth" in the new gym at 7:30. Also, Ira Council for Excellence will host a book fair in the library beginning Monday and running through March 7.

Free tax help available

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, and to low income persons of any age, in preparing their income tax returns. This service is available free at Scurry Senior Citizens Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Noah Project evaluation

Noah Project board of directors is beginning the process of long-term strategic planning for the organization. Anyone who has received services from Noah Project is asked to call 1-800 444-3551 anonymously and answer some brief questions.

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets bought matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth $ 8 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 15, 23, 35, 42, 43, and 46.

There were 99 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $1,997. There were 6,382 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $112. And there were 117,299 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be $12 million.

Pick 3

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

6-4-6

(six, four, six)

'Star Twek' creators sued by Paramount over copyright issue

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Producer Eric Jensen and his alter-ego, James T. Smirk, have a fight on their hands. It's not with the evil Klingon Empire or those pesky Romulans.

It's worse — lawyers are involved.

Paramount Pictures, the owner of "Star Trek" and all its various permutations, has sued Jensen and playwright Rod Bedore for copyright and trademark infringements over their tongue-in-cheek "Star Twek" productions.

Jensen and Bedore own the Off Broadway Theater which is, of course, just off Broadway in Salt Lake City. The 200-seat theater has been the site of three take-offs of the popular intergalactic adventures.

The most recent is "Star Twek: The Voyager Home,." which follows the "Star Twek" characters as they face "corporate downsizing" after peace breaks out across the galaxy. The script contains references to contemporary issues and to Utah and its predominant Mormon culture.

Bedore, who plays the pointy-eared Mr. Schlock, says "Star Trek" is ripe for parody — protected parody provided it can't be confused with the real item.

"This is not a battle of size; it's a battle of the law. If anything, I feel bigger because I know the law is on our side," he said.

The Paramount suit, filed in U.S. District Court Feb. 18, does not mention specific elements of "Star Twek" it alleges infringe on its copyrights, but simply alleges Bedore "freely copies the plots, characterizations, character identities, set designs, costumes, music, sound effects and advertising and promotional materials owned by Paramount."

The company warns of "irreparable injury" if the court does not put an end to Off Broadway's parodies.

Bedore scoffs at the notion.

"I can't see how a huge player in the entertainment business can prove that a 200-seat theater in Salt Lake City has damaged them in any way," he said.

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