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Ask Us

Q—If you bring a boat into Texas from another state, do you have to pay Texas tax on the boat?

A—If you bring the boat in and go skiing or fishing and leave the state there is no fee other than the customary recreation and fishing permits. However, if you move to Texas and bring a boat with you there is a required $15 new resident tax on the boat and motor. If you have questions, call 1-800-252-5555 which is the state tax hotline.

In Brief

Lotto licenses

AUSTIN (AP) — Temporary licenses for businesses to sell scratch-off lottery games will be issued before criminal background checks on the ticket sellers can be completed, Comptroller John Sharp says.

But Sharp said Monday that by the time permanent licenses are issued, which will take about one year, the criminal history checks will be finished. "The alternative is to wait a year," he said.

Local

BCD

The board of county development of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting Wednesday at noon in the TU Electric Reddy Room at 2301 Ave. R.

Dependents

A meeting of Co-dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 o'clock tonight in the annex of the Hobbs school gymnasium.

The meeting begins a series of weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings. For more information, call 735-3640.

Hermleigh

Hermleigh school trustees on Monday decided to wait until the Supreme Court hands down a ruling on the school finance case before taking any further action on a proposed $2 million building project.

Hermleigh ISD began considering renovations and/or construction late last year and has made some preliminary cost estimates and received public input on the proposal.

In other action Monday, the board passed a resolution to tax automobiles for 1992 and approved extending Superintendent Jerry Church's contract.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 43 degrees; low, 25 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 25 degrees; trace precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, .90 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, clear and cold. Low in the lower 20s. Southwest to west wind 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, increasing cloudiness, windy and colder. High in the mid 30s. Southwest to west wind 5 to 15 mph shifting to north 20 to 30 mph and gusty by late morning. A lake wind advisory will be required.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:02 p.m. Sunrise Tuesday, 7:43 a.m. Of 13 days in 1992, the sun has shone 13 days in Snyder.

494 vote so far in sales tax election

Fifty-nine people had made their way to the ballot box at City Hall by noon today — the final early voting day in the city's ½ -cent sales tax election.

City election officials said this morning's rush of voters brought the total to 494 who have voted in the early period.

The actual election is scheduled for Saturday at City Hall. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on that day.

Only 372 people voted during the early period in a similar ½ -cent sales tax election held in August of 1990. That tax proposal was defeated by a vote of 499 to 395.

In the current election, voters are being asked to agree to a ½ -cent tax, from which ¾ -cent will be used for economic development and ¼ -cent will be used for ad valorem tax relief.

City officials have estimated the sales tax would generate approximately $300,000 for economic development and $100,000 in ad valorem tax relief.



SPRING TERM — Tracy King and her son, Kendell, wait in line at the Western Texas College administration building during sophomore registration Monday. Registration continues today with classes set to resume at 8 a.m. Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Audit accepted by WTC board

Western Texas College trustees on Monday approved the annual outside audit, discussed an Environmental Protection Agency mandate and gave their okay to purchase a rotary mower without going through the normal bid process.

The board also recognized two contributions to the scholarship fund and discussed pre-bid information concerning the purchase of equipment for the golf course.

Trustees approved the 1991 outside audit, performed by Mason, Warner & Co. P.C., and presented Monday by Jerry Vestal, C.P.A. It was noted in the audit report that the college had a fund balance of $1,887,259 as of Aug. 31, 1991, an increase of some $82,152 over the previous year.

The board waived its self-imposed pre-bid limit of $5,000 and gave the go-ahead to purchase a rotary mower. It was noted that the item had been budgeted at approximately $12,000 but the college could obtain it at a state contract price of $6,550.

Normally, the board requires purchases of more than $5,000 to go out to bid. In this case, however, the state has already been through the bidding process.

Board members were also informed that the purge systems on the college's two chillers will be in violation of Environmental Protection Agency regulations involving chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) later this year unless those systems are updated. Leeon Pettitt, director of the physical plant, outlined anticipated costs of $17,800 to bring the chillers in compliance.

Trustees asked that more information be compiled on the subject, noting that the current purge systems are relatively new, and that future EPA regulations regarding CFCs would make even a new purging system obsolete in a few years.

The EPA has determined that CFCs cause harm to the environment by reducing ozone in the atmosphere and has called for the ban of CFCs by the year 2030.

The board later acknowledged two $4,000 donations to the WTC scholarship foundation from sisters Maurine Decker and Mattie Ross Consley.

Trustees also gave approval to begin a bid process for a Utility Turf Truckster for the golf course. Some $8,500 has been budgeted for the piece of equipment.

In other business, Dr. Krenek reviewed the process for the May 2 board election. The election will be called at the board's Feb. 10 meeting. Other key dates are Feb. 17-March 18, the filing period; and April 13-28, the early voting period.

Board positions up for election are Place 3, currently held by Howard Sterling, and Place 4, held by Robert Hargrove.

The only other business was approval of a financial information report and past minutes.

Present were board members Sterling, Hargrove, Bill Wilson Jr., John Fagin, R.C. Patton, John Gayle and Carl Williams.

Under accord...

Salvadoran military to be halved

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Government and rebel negotiators from El Salvador today agreed to halve the country's military as part of the final terms of the peace accord to end 12 years of civil war.

After negotiations that one U.N. official called "arduous," the two sides also agreed to dismantle the military structure of the rebel Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front, or FMLN, by Oct. 31.

The two sides had signed the accord on New Year's Eve, but remained stuck on disagreements over a timetable for demobilizing the leftist rebels and on the future size of the army. They extended several deadlines trying to resolve the issues.

Early today, however, the parties released a short statement signed by representatives of both sides saying they had reached agreement on "all topics that were left pending."

Undersecretary-General Alvaro de Soto, who has guided the difficult talks for nearly two years, called the process early today "an arduous, but profoundly satisfactory, negotiation."

The full accord will be signed in Mexico City on Thursday.

In today's talks, the two sides agreed that the Salvadoran military will be cut in half over a period of 24 months starting Feb. 1, when an official cease-fire goes into effect.

The 63,175-man force will be reduced to 31,000 men. The government's five anti-insurgency battalions will be eliminated immediately.

At the same time, the military structure of the FMLN will be eliminated in five stages beginning Feb. 1 and completed by Oct. 31.

The new agreements were reached a day after Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali proposed sending 1,000 peacekeepers to El Salvador to monitor the peace accord's implementation. A cease-fire is to take effect on Feb. 1.

Both sides had agreed to allow Boutros-Ghali to arbitrate unresolved issues after midnight Monday but appeared to have stopped the clock to allow the discussions to continue into today.

David Hannay, the British ambassador, said the Security Council would formally approve Boutros-Ghali's proposals today.

Positive financial report noted by chamber board

Chamber board members heard a positive financial report at their monthly meeting Monday.

Treasurer Susan Neves reported to the board that the chamber ended 1991 with a fund balance of about $1,500. Neves stated that this was not a large amount, but 1991 was one of the first years the chamber has closed the books with a positive fund balance.

Making projections for 1992, Neves told the board that the pasture party fundraiser was instrumental in keeping the chamber ahead in 1991, and a similar fundraiser will be necessary for 1992.

Projected membership dues for 1992 were set at $45,000. This is based on 320 current members and 60 new customers. Neves added that excess revenue for 1992, according to the projected budget, should be just over $13,000. According to the treasurer, the chamber should be able to build the fund balance up to $25,000 within two years if the projected budget is met.

Chamber officials added that the goal is a realistic one. "We feel we are headed in the right direction," Neves said.

Larry Schwarz updated the board on Ag Day, scheduled for Feb. 6 at Scurry County Coliseum.

The program and speakers are being finalized, and booths are starting to be reserved. The program is set to begin at 8 a.m. and end by noon.

The annual Producers Association meeting and officer elections will be held in conjunction with Ag Day activities, and ladies programs are scheduled in Room B.

Pesticide license holders who attend will receive two hours of continuing education credit.

Schwarz told board members that a beef seminar or cow-calf clinic may be held in Snyder in August. The seminar would be held jointly with Borden County.

"If enough people get involved, this could be bigger than Ag Day," added Schwarz.

Jerry Baird reported to the board on the tourism and retirement committee's December meeting.

Members of the Western Texas

(see CHAMBER, page 8)

Iraq acknowledges building uranium enrichment system

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Iraq has acknowledged for the first time that it built a large uranium-enrichment system suitable for production of nuclear bombs, a senior U.N. inspector said today.

"The significance of this ... is that Iraq acknowledged it has been pursuing a production-scale centrifuge enrichment program rather than simply a research program," said the official, Robert Gallucci.

"We don't have evidence they operated the machines, but we're not saying that they did not," said Gallucci, the second-ranking official on the U.N. Special Commission charged with destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

He spoke in Bahrain on return from the latest inspection trip to Iraq.

On Monday, an official at the United Nations in New York said investigators think Iraq might have had the means to build four nuclear bombs a year using a large-scale, sophisticated system for enriching uranium.

The official, David Dorn, a nuclear expert with the U.N. Special Commission, said Iraq recently admitted to a U.N. team in Baghdad that it had imported components from Germany for a huge centrifuge production system.

Iraq has admitted to trying to enrich uranium by electromagnetic separation and other methods, and U.N. experts have said Iraq was clearly trying to manufacture a nuclear weapon.

Previously, they said Iraq might have been able to produce a bomb within a year if allied bombing had not damaged much of its equipment during the Persian Gulf war.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's important to make the most of the best and the least of the worst."

Patsy Covey of Snyder, back during the Christmas holidays, had an experience that underscored the generation gap with the modern day teenager.

Mrs. Covey's daughter, Cerise, is a sophomore at Snyder High School. Another sophomore friend, Sonja Galyean, was visiting the Covey house during the holidays.

Sonja is the daughter of Tommy and Sandra Galyean, and she mentioned that she needed to buy her mother a Christmas present and didn't have anything in mind.

Mrs. Covey decided to be helpful. "Does your mother use dusting powder?"

"No," said the teen, "I think she uses Pledge."

Changes in the Soviet Union might cause one to believe that the popular Think Tanks on the Cold War would disappear. However, The Center for Strategic and International Studies is staging a war game-style simulation on managing the economic fallout of a big earthquake.

We wonder if they programmed Snyder and West Texas into the simulation?

Some blame oilfield production techniques for some of the area earthquake problems, and the experts could be right.

However, we think the Jan. 2 quake was simply a delayed reaction to all those Aggie fumbles in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

Looking through an old family photo album, we found our son, Marc, wearing a t-shirt sold by Snyder Athletic Center as a result of the 1978 earthquake.

The t-shirt read: "I survived the great Snyder earthquake." Now a senior in college, he had just finished the second grade in '78.

Jury selection begins in trial

Jury selection in 132nd District Court trial of Travis Dale Gray was still being completed at noon today.

Gray is charged with the June 20, 1990 escape from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's Price Daniel Unit here. He was apprehended on June 13, 1991, almost a year later.

Prosecuting the case is District Attorney Ernie Armstrong. The defense attorney is Barry Clar of Inmates Legal Counsel in Huntsville.

At the time of his escape, Gray was serving a 45-year sentence for the strangulation and drowning of his wife, Tammy, at Lake Colorado City on June 23, 1988.

Appraisal board meets Wednesday

Five directors of the Scurry County Appraisal District will sign an oath of office during a board of directors meeting set for 8 a.m. Wednesday at Willow Park Inn.

Other business on the agenda includes the appointment of one member to the appraisal review board and approval of the agricultural advisory board. Ratification of existing contracts and amending the 1991-1992 appraisal and collection budgets will also be included.

A reappraisal policy will be reviewed and the purchase of Lampasas mapping equipment will be discussed.

Serving on the appraisal district's board are Ross Carroll, Harold Lacik, Carl Smith, Walter Stirl and Billy John Voss.

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Mob hit puts spotlight on Russian Mafia

NEW YORK (AP) — The rubout of a major emigre crime figure has put a spotlight on the Russian mob flourishing in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach section.

Authorities say they don't know why Vlacheslav Lyubarski was slain along with his 29-year-old son Vadim, except that he made someone angry enough to cut him down Sunday with a 30-shot burst from a submachine gun.

Lyubarski, 49, had served three years on a rackets conviction in 1985. Police said he had mob connections, and a Russian-American journalist identified him as an extortionist and gasoline bootlegger who had succeeded the original Russian "godfather," Evsei Agron, who was shot to death in 1985.

Alexandre Grant, editor of Novoye Rosskoye Slovo, a Russian-language daily, said Lyubarski headed a new crime organization that had grown since the 1970s from a gang of thugs preying on their own to a thriving organization.

The Russian mob has nothing like the formal structure of New York's five Mafia "families."

But the final stage of the Russian mob's development — infiltration of legitimate business — is in full swing, the Russian-American journalist said.

"They have body shops, jewelry stores and regular gasoline stations," Grant said.

The most recent wave of Russian immigrants began reaching Brighton Beach, known as Little Odessa by the Sea, in the late 1970s. Today, the neighborhood's Russian emigre population is estimated at 35,000 to 50,000.

Of that number, about 1,000 are believed to make their living through crime.

The police find it difficult to track the criminal element, even through law-abiding Russian immigrants.

"They come from a society where they had great distrust for the government and law enforcement agencies," a law enforcement source in Brooklyn said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "As with any ethnic group that doesn't know the country, the language, the system, there's fear. They're worried about retribution, about being safe."

Many Russian criminals came from Russia already trained in the arts of forgery and black marketeering.

"These are sophisticated guys. They came up through the system in the Soviet Union and became proficient in dealing with illegal markets of all kinds," said Professor James Finckenauer of Rutgers School of Criminal Justice in Newark, N.J.

One of the organization's biggest enterprises has been gasoline bootlegging, which by federal estimates has yielded anywhere from $1 billion to $5 billion.

The criminal profit comes from a shell game in which gasoline moves swiftly from dummy company to dummy company, and the taxes are not paid.

The racket started as a Mafia enterprise, according to crime commission hearings in New Jersey, and when the Russians asked in, "they were sort of franchised by the Mafia to take over a lot of the operation as long as they kicked back," Finckenauer said.

The deal reportedly was forged in 1983 by Agron and a Colombo family captain.

In 1989, Lyubarski was hanged by the legs from a light fixture of his grocery for failing to pay $40,000 he lost in a card game, according to The New York Times.

If U.S. forces invaded...

Soviets gave Cuba missiles to be used during '62 crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuba secretly equipped itself with Soviet short-range nuclear warheads to repel a U.S. invasion during the 1962 missile crisis, drawing the two superpowers closer to nuclear war than previously thought.

Soviet Gen. A.I. Gribkov made that revelation during a closed meeting of Soviet, U.S. and Cuban officials in Havana and indicated local commanders were prepared to use the missiles if President Kennedy ordered U.S. troops to attack.

Robert S. McNamara, Kennedy's defense secretary, said Monday he was previously unaware of the short-range missiles but was "99 percent" certain Kennedy would have ordered a retaliatory nuclear strike had the Soviet missiles been used on U.S. forces.

"We came closer to nuclear war than anyone had ever imagined," said Philip Brenner, one of several American scholars to attend the conference. "There is absolutely no question that we were right at the brink."

The crisis was precipitated by the discovery of intermediate-range nuclear missiles in Cuba, which eventually were withdrawn after days of tension. But the presence of the short-range missile was not disclosed until the conference last week.

McNamara, a participant at the meeting, was quoted in today's editions of The Washington Post as saying the revelation of the short-range missiles changed his assessment about how close the crisis came to nuclear conflict.

Another conference participant, former CIA Deputy Director Ray Cline, previously felt the danger of nuclear war had been overstated but changed his thinking after listening to Gribkov, said Brenner, a professor at American University.

As Brenner described it, Gribkov said the Soviets had given authority to the local commander in Cuba to fire the short-range missiles if Kennedy had ordered U.S. forces to the island.

Brenner said U.S. experts knew Cuba possessed tactical weapons but none believed the Soviets would arm them with nuclear warheads. All felt the Soviets would use conventional weapons, he said.

Kennedy was under heavy pressure by the joint chiefs of staff to invade Cuba on Oct. 29 but he was spared that decision when the crisis ended the day before.

Under a compromise settlement, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev agreed to withdraw intermediate-range missiles from Cuba in exchange for a pledge by Kennedy not to invade the island.

The tactical weapons described by Gribkov have a range of about 40 miles. The Soviet-installed medium range missiles that precipitated the crisis have a range of up to 1,000 miles.

The U.S. attack plan advocated by the joint chiefs of staff would have targeted these medium-range missiles as well as all military airfields and military camps.

Cuban President Fidel Castro said at the conference he would have approved the use of the short-range missiles in case of invasion because "if John and Robert Kennedy were in my place they would have done the same," the Post reported.

One purpose of the conference was to determine whether steps can be taken to avoid future threats of nuclear war.

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Plainsclothes policeman shot in the face

HOUSTON (AP) — A plainclothes Houston police officer is apparently going to survive a dispute with a resident who allegedly shot the officer because he urinated outside the suspect's home, police say.

Officer G.M. Goines, 28, was in fair condition at Ben Taub Hospital late Monday night after suffering a bullet wound 11/2 inches below his right eye, police spokesman Rick Hartley said.

Ben Taub's Dr. Paul Pepe said physicians had no immediate plans to remove the bullet, which had lodged in the officer's jaw.

A suspect in the shooting was in police custody but had not been charged late Monday, Hartley said.

He said Goines, a four-year member of a tactical narcotics unit, had stopped to urinate near a tree between an apartment complex and a house around 4 p.m. Monday.

Missing children returned to mom

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman reunited with her two sons more than seven years after they were taken from her says she always believed the family would be together again.

"It's been a long time, but I knew this day would come, and I knew someday they would come home," Carolyn Shaffer Smith said Monday.

Monday night, the boys and Mrs. Smith shared a private reunion at Houston Intercontinental Airport.

The children, Charles William Smith III, now 13, and Christopher Jason Smith, 11, were located in Mexico by authorities and investigators for the boys' mother, years after their father allegedly fled with them.

The father, Charles William "Chuck" Smith Jr., son of former Spring car dealer Charles "Chick" Smith Sr., was extradited from Mexico and returned on the same airplane with his sons, said Andrew J. Duffin, special agent in charge of the FBI's Houston office. He was turned over to Harris County authorities at 8 p.m., Duffin said.

FBI spokesman Charles Kearney said Chuck Smith faces one federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and another state charge of interference with child custody. His attorney, Stanley Schneider, said Chuck Smith will plead innocent to the charges.

Mrs. Smith was awarded $53 million in damages in a 1985 lawsuit against her ex-husband's father and other relatives. The jury said she had been wronged in a conspiracy among her former husband's relatives to abduct the children. The award was the first in Texas under a then-new state kidnapping law.

Randy Donato, attorney for the children's mother, said the last time Mrs. Smith saw her children was on a Friday in September 1984 when Chuck Smith and his father picked them up.

Where have all our CHILDREN GONE?

Create Jobs!!

Since 1980 there have been fewer than 400 new jobs created in Snyder. With the downturn in the oil economy, the closing of service and retail businesses, the loss of 106 jobs at Wall's, the net gain is zero. Snyder High School, since 1980, has graduated 2,091 students.

Lower Taxes!

Without jobs our children have no choice but to leave home and look elsewhere for employment. Our most valuable resources are seeking opportunities in other cities.

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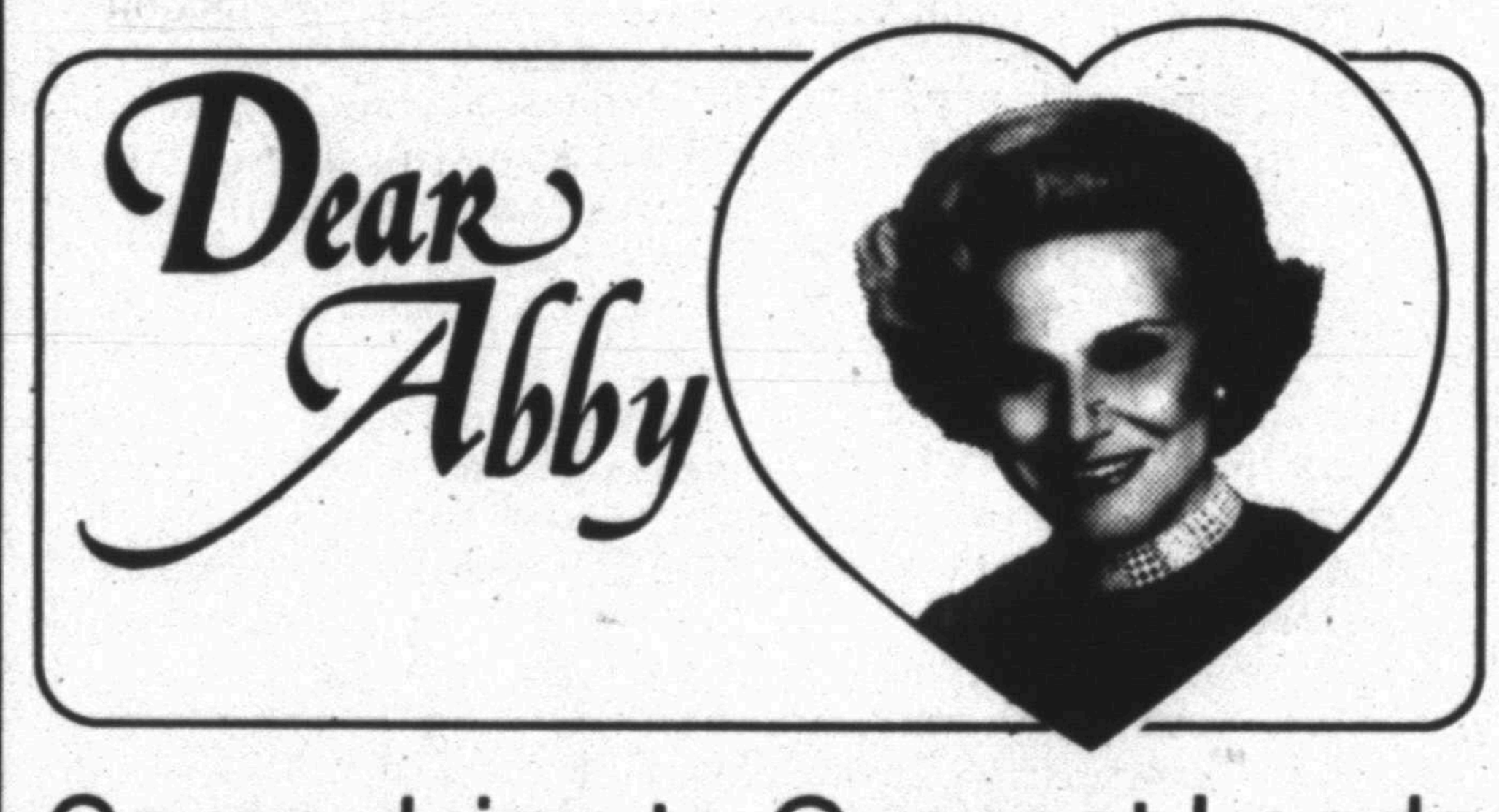

Compulsion to Overeat Leads Woman to Fear for Her Life

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I don't know what to do anymore. My life has been at a standstill for over 20 years because of my weight. I am extremely overweight, and have been all my life. I am in my late 20s and am embarrassed to admit that I have no friends, no social life, and I've never had a date.

Yes, I know that there are women who are overweight living happy, normal lives, but I am not one of them. I am living the life of a hermit. I am embarrassed to be seen and stared at. I have seen a diet doctor and tried every diet imaginable. I've tried fads, gimmicks, starvation, pills — the works. I lose a couple of pounds, then get hungry for something good to eat, and stuff myself.

Money is tight or I would go to a fat farm. I get depressed and cry for hours and think horrible thoughts. I know that my problem is in my head. I'm a compulsive overeater and I need help, and I need it now. I can feel my heart pounding in my chest from walking up a flight of stairs. I'm scared. I really am. Please help me, Abby. Life is passing me by. I'm too young to die.

LONG ISLANDER

DEAR LONG ISLANDER: You are not alone; half the women in America are overweight — some are more overweight than others.

Have you tried Overeaters Anonymous? If you have, and dropped out, don't be embarrassed; give it another try — you won't be the first person who didn't make it on the first try. Look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself you're worth saving. You are, but only you can save yourself — so get going, Long Islander. The longest trek in the world starts with one step. Good luck. You can make it if you try. Please write again. I care.

* * *

DEAR ABBY: As a physician, I have seen many women die of breast cancer. In 1960, this disease attacked one woman in every 20. It has risen steadily to the current toll of one in nine. Many women do not know that their risk of breast cancer is linked to foods.

Low-fat, high-fiber diets can reduce the risk of cancer dramatically. The National Cancer Institute has recommended such a diet for years. Unfortunately, only one woman in five is aware of the link, according to a recent Opinion Research Corp. poll.

Abby, will you please tell your readers that the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine has a toll-free telephone number that people can call to get information on breast cancer prevention: Dial 1-800-U.S.-LIVES. The call and the information are free. By sending out this information, you will save more lives than any doctor could ever hope to. Many, many thanks.

NEAL D. BERNARD, M.D.,
PRESIDENT, PHYSICIANS
COMMITTEE FOR
RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

* * *

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

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 14, 1992

What you do in the year [illegible] could have favorable and far-reaching effects that you might not initially appreciate. This is a year when everything you do will have a definite impact.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Endeavors you originate or control could work out quite well for you at this time. However, getting them on track — and not waiting for the payoff — should be your prime concern. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You might be subjected to some [illegible] changes at this time that affect your most important involvements. Don't panic; these shifts could be beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your friends have been talking [illegible] a bit about you lately, but don't be [illegible]. Their comments have been complimentary. Good things could result from good relationships.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your greatest rewards at this time could come from endeavors that are of a material nature. Trade on this strength instead of focusing efforts on something frivolous or insignificant.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Probabilities for advancing your self-interests can be substantially enhanced today — if you reorganize things in ways that make you more effective. Leave nothing to chance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Lady Luck might not intervene in the early stages of your involvements today, but she should give you a big boost when the finish line is in sight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Objectives you and your mate enthusiastically share have excellent chances for success today. Each can make contributions of value.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Career matters which could be financially meaningful to you should be given top priority at this time. You're in a good cycle for making things come out as you desire.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't be reluctant to ask friends to do you favors today — if you sincerely intend to reciprocate at a later date. Just be sure you don't take what they do for granted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You [illegible] presently in one of the most favorable [illegible] you've been in for a long time. [illegible] conditions, as well as social [illegible] look very hopeful. Make the most of all that is offered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. [illegible]) [illegible] matter you've been wanting to [illegible] can be tied down today. However, you may have to make some slight concessions where terms are concerned.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-[illegible]) Provided you perform up to [illegible] capabilities, major accomplishments [illegible] possible today where your [illegible] is concerned. In addition, the rewards might be larger than usual.

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Sorority sets January social

Xi Alpha Alpha Theta of Beta Sigma Phi met Jan. 7 at the Snyder Country Club for its regular meeting with president Brenda Hedges presiding.

Mickey Baird, co-chairman of the social committee, reported the next social, a box supper, will be held at the home of Wayne and Loretta Dodson on Friday, Jan. 24. She also noted that the 1992 Valentine queen will be revealed at the social.

Ways and means chairman Dena Ellis reported the annual Valentine Dance is set for 9 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 14 at the Country Club. Providing music will be the Shade Tree Band of Abilene. Also performing with the band will be Kelley and Cindy Kendrick, formerly with the Blue Highway Band.

Jacalyn Lowrance, service chairman, reported a nice Christmas was provided for a family through the holiday project.

The 1991 Valentine queen, Wanda Early, passed out ballots for the new queen.

Prior to the meeting, Bette League presented a program, "The Home: The Place and the People." Using small model homes as props, unfinished to painted, she commented that you buy a physical shelter and make it a place of comfort, beauty and a place for things to happen. The furnishings for the home, she added, follow the same pattern with consideration for comfort, durability, beauty and usefulness.

Pre-school children, young children, teenagers, and parents with established careers, no children at home and parents at career peek, and retirement. "No matter how a house is built or decorated, it can never be a home without a family — the family being one person or a dozen — that makes a house a home," she concluded.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626 or 573-2349; 10 a.m.
10 a.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.

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

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

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Kids' method for recycling

NEW YORK (AP) — Newspaper, paste and paint are the main ingredients. The basic technique is easy (but messy), and older kids can do it with just a little help from Mom and Dad.

Perhaps, best of all, it's a fun way to recycle old newspapers and other items that normally end up in the garbage, like paper towel tubes, plastic bags and bleach bottles.

It's papier-mache (pronounced "pap-ee-ay mashay"), which means "chewed paper" in French. Papier-mache is often used to build theater props and huge floats for parades. But kids can use the technique to make vases, bracelets, masks, animal sculptures — and more.

The method for using papier-mache is relatively easy. Strips of newspaper covered with paste are shaped into the desired form and then allowed to dry for several days. Once the papier-mache is dry, the project is painted or decorated.

"Everyone loves this craft once they get started," says author Sheila McGraw, who promises that "almost anyone can make something from papier-mache."

Step-by-step instructions and photographs for eight kid-tailored projects, including decoupage cats, glittery spiders, portly pigs and crazy monsters, are featured in McGraw's book, "Papier-Mache for Kids" (Firefly Books, $9.95 soft-cover).

The projects range from the simple (vases) to the ambitious (monsters), with some adult assistance needed along the way.

A single tree in the Amazon region of South America can be crawling with 43 ant species, about the same number as occur in all the British Isles, says National Geographic.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-14-92
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♥ K 6 4 3
♦ 10 8 3
♣ 8 7 2

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♥ 9
♦ A 5 2
♣ 5 3

EAST
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♥ Q J 10 8 7 5
♦ 7 6 4
♣ A

SOUTH
♠ - - -
♥ A 2
♦ K Q J 9
♣ K Q J 10 9 6 4

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	2 ♥
5 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

Don't be deaf to the bidding

The fifth rubber between the espionage experts of Kaos and the government counterespionage organization, Control, started badly for Control. Maxwell Smart, Agent 86, had failed to play the right card to guarantee defeating Simon the Likable's four-heart contract.

Max had a chance to level the rubber on the second deal.

After the Chief passed as dealer, Siegfried, the German who runs a prison camp and dog pound somewhere in New Jersey, opened with a weak two-bid in hearts. This gave Max a problem. Even though his partner was a passed hand, it was still possible that they could make a slam. Yet where were all the spades? He decided to bid the contract he thought he could make: five clubs.

Simon the Likable smiled as he led the heart nine. Max won in hand with the ace and immediately led a low trump. But Siegfried won with the ace and returned a heart. Simon ruffed and cashed the diamond ace: one down.

"Oh, Max!" wailed the Chief when he saw Max's hand.

"Don't tell me I could have made five clubs, Chief."

"You could have made five clubs, Max."

"I asked you not to tell me that."

"After Siegfried's opening bid, you know Simon the Likable's lead must be a singleton. You should win the first trick in the dummy with the heart king, cash the spade ace and discard the heart ace. Then lead a trump. They cannot get more than their two minor-suit aces."

"Sorry, Chief."

Both Simon and Siegfried smiled.

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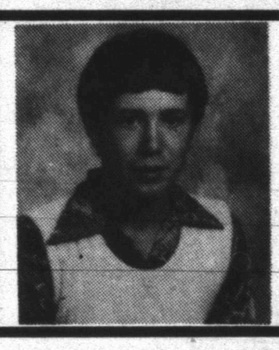
Honored architect

WASHINGTON (AP) — Architect Benjamin C. Thompson, whose "festival marketplaces" have livened up urban landscapes across the nation, has been honored with the 1992 American Institute of Architects Gold Medal.

Thompson is the architect of Boston's Faneuil Hall Marketplace, New York City's Fulton Market and South Street Seaport, Baltimore's Haborplace and Miami's Bayside Marketplace, among other notable projects.



WATER COLOR DEMONSTRATION — Members of the Snyder Palette Club met at the old airport terminal building to receive instruction in water colors by Rachel Martin. Several members brought pictures for exhibit. Hostesses were Myrtle Joiner and Elizabeth McCloskey. The club's next meeting will be a "paint day" set for Jan. 23. (SDN Staff Photo)



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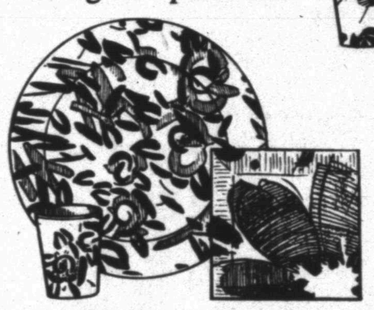

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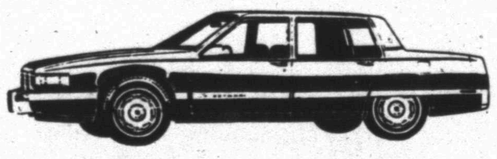

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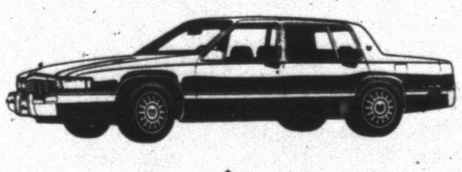

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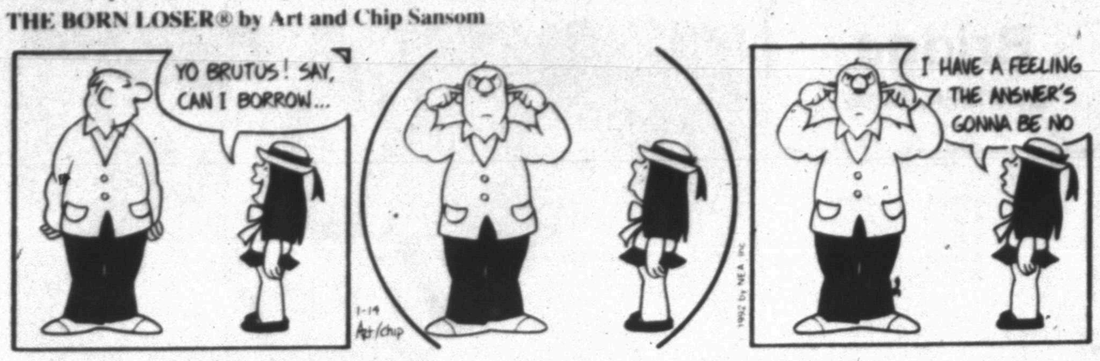

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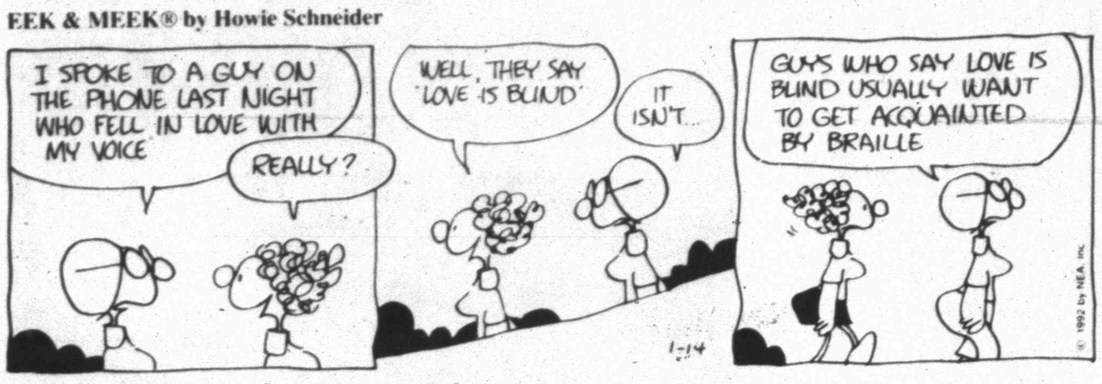

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34 Tilt
35 Football coach — Parseghian
36 Destructive spree
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41 Heavens
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50 Drink slowly
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56 650, Roman
57 Dry up

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8 Arrow poison
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24 Southwestern ceiling beam
25 Paradise dweller
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27 Future LL.Bs.' exam
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38 Wood sorrel
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41 Leaflike item
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46 Curved molding
47 Edible seaweed
48 Clairvoyant
50 Dejected

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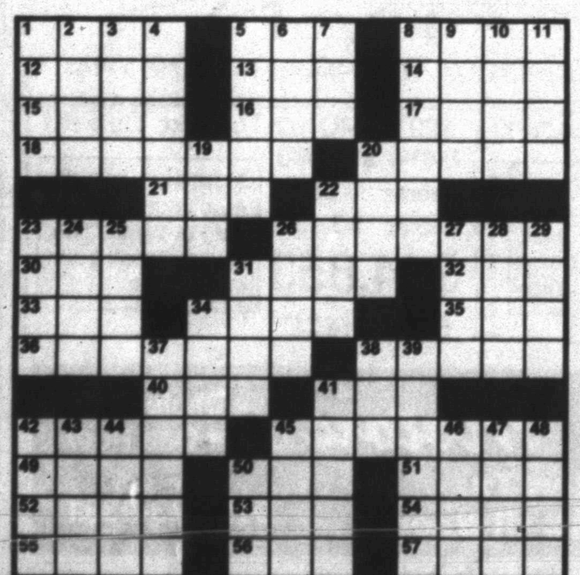

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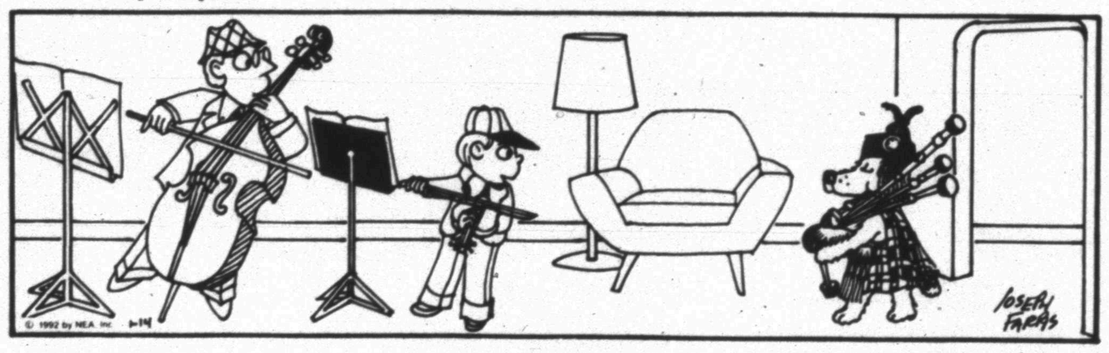

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102-100 Monday...

NMJC holds off Westerners

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

The Western Texas College Westerners gave the fourth-rated New Mexico Junior College Thunderbirds all they wanted and then some before falling 102-100 in an offensive explosion Monday at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We played really well the first half." said WTC coach Kelly Green. "We shot well, we rebounded, we kept them to one shot, we were on the offensive boards, we were a different basketball team the first half.

"A lot of teams have had a hard time beating us the first half. "But unfortunately," he joked, "there are two halves to a basketball game."

The Westerners cruised to a 47-38 advantage at halftime on Jon Gaston's three-point shooting and a stingy defense.

Gaston sparked a 10-2 WTC streak midway through the opening half, with a pair of consecutive threes that put the Westerners in front, 25-16.

The lead dwindled to just four on a trey from Pete Lewis of NMJC with 7:20 to play in the half.

Terrance Ross answered with another three-pointer, one of 10 for the Westerners on the night, to stretch the margin to seven. Ross added a 14-footer later in the half followed by two successful free throws by Ricardo Hamilton to lift WTC to a 44-34 tally with under two minutes before intermission.

Greg Brown bombed another Thunderbird three and Ross came back with a twisting eight-foot jumper for the Westerners.

Brown converted one of two freebies for New Mexico and Hamilton did the same for the Westerners to set the score at 47-38 at halftime.

"We came out the second half and we got a little tired," Green reported. "They got on a run and started pushing the ball at us.

"You have to keep New Mexico in front of you," the WTC coach continued. "You have to keep them slowed down and, regardless of the score, I wasn't that discouraged with the tempo of the game.

"I think they made some changes that caused us some problems the second half," said Green. "They opened in a 3-2 zone and we didn't attack it well. We were very passive against it. The first half we were attacking the basket, making things happen. We were spotting people up.

"The most important times in a basketball game are the first five minutes and the last five minutes of each half. Right there, when the second half started, New Mexico had to make a statement. They had to come out and get back in it or give us a chance to move out to a 14-point lead and really make them sweat it.

"We don't do it, because they got aggressive with the ball and we didn't respond."

Ara Baten opened the second half for the T-Birds with a bucket from behind the three-point line. Brown converted a three-point play with a bucket inside and a free toss to cut the lead to just three.

The Westerners held off the persistent NMJC squad, pulling back out to a six-point advantage when Hamilton grabbed an offensive rebound and scored.

With the tally set at 56-50 in favor of WTC, Craig Delaney punched in a jumper from 14 feet to begin the NMJC comeback.

James Inman slammed down a thundering dunk with 13:10 to play to make it a 58-57 contest and Brown's hoop with 12:20 to go gave New Mexico its first lead of the half.

Gaston and Baten traded threes to keep it a one-point affair before Brown hit another long distance connection to put NMJC up by four, 67-63.

The difference remained between three and seven points until the closing seconds.

Trailing 102-97 with time running out, WTC sophomore Tracy Braziel scored the game's final points on a three pointer from the left side.

Leading scorers for the Westerners Monday included Gaston, who hit five three-pointers, with 28 points, Ross with 21, including three treys, Ben Berry with 15 and Michael Crowe with 10.

Dell Savage, New Mexico's massive 6-6, 235-pound center, was the T-Birds' leading scorer with 21. Inman added 15, Baten contributed 14 and Lewis put in 13.

The loss drops Western Texas to 10-9 on the season and 2-3 in WJCAC action. New Mexico moves to 15-2 and 2-1.

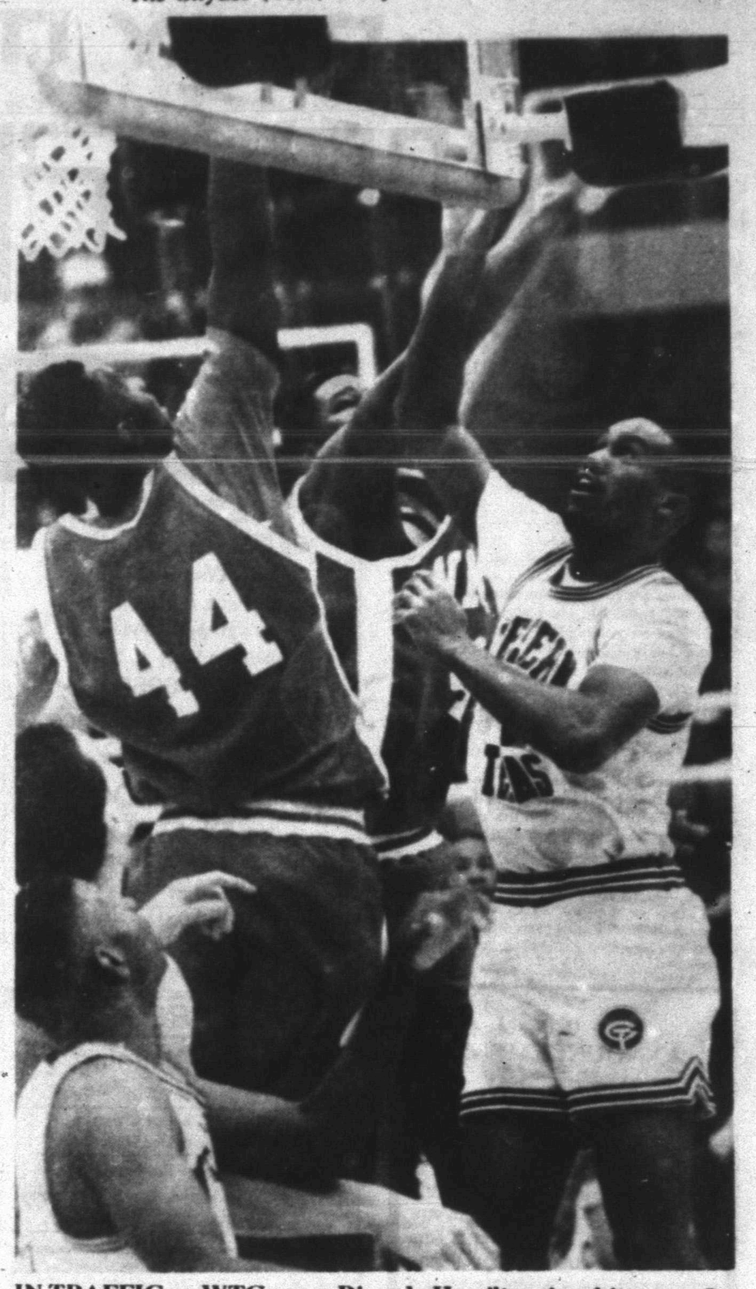
WTC takes a week off before traveling to Midland where Green's brother Steve, formerly of Howard College, has fashioned a WJCAC contender.

The WTC-Midland matchup will be Monday, Jan. 20 at Chaparral Center on the MC campus.

NEW MEXICO JC (102) — Acosta 4 6-9 16; Delaney 4 0-0 8; Lewis 4 3-4 13; Rogers 3 0-0 6; Inman 7 1-4 15; Savage 9 2-3 21; McKnight 4 1-2 9; Baten 4 4-4 14; TOTALS 39 17-26 102.

WESTERN TEXAS (100) — Gaston 9 5-[illegible] 28; Braziel 1 0-0 3; Ross 8 2-4 21; Berry 5 5-[illegible] 15; Murphy 2 0-0 4; Crowe 5 0-1 10; Gray 1 1-[illegible] 4; TOTALS 36 16-22 100.

3-point goals: WTC 10 (Gaston 5, Ross 3, Gray 1, Braziel 1); NMJC 7 (Lewis 2, Savage 1, Baten 2, Acosta 2). **Total fouls:** WTC 22, NMJC 20. **Fouled out:** none. **Halftime score:** WTC 47, NMJC 38. **Records:** WTC 10-9, 2-3; NMJC 15-2, 2-1.



IN TRAFFIC — WTC cager Ricardo Hamilton, in white, goes for the bucket against a pair of NMJC defenders in the Westerners' 102-100 Western Junior Conference Athletic Association loss Monday at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

WJCAC basketball

MEN

Team	Season		Conference	
South Plains	14	4	4	0
Midland	13	4	3	0
NMJC	15	2	2	1
WTC	10	8	2	2
NMMI	9	9	2	2
Odessa	13	4	1	2
Howard	14	4	1	3
Clarendon	5	7	1	3
Frank Phillips	2	12	0	3

Monday, Jan. 13
NMJC 102, WTC 100
Midland 72, South Plains 67
Howard 101, Frank Phillips 70
Odessa at Clarendon

Thursday, Jan. 16
Frank Phillips at Odessa
NMMI at South Plains
Midland at Howard
Clarendon at NMJC

WOMEN

Team	Season		Conference	
Howard	15	3	5	0
NMJC	17	2	3	1
Odessa	11	10	2	2
Frank Phillips	10	7	1	1
Clarendon	10	4	1	2
South Plains	13	8	1	3
WTC	6	13	0	4

Monday, Jan. 13
NMJC 67, WTC 60
Howard 73, Frank Phillips 58
Odessa 73, Clarendon 63

Thursday, Jan. 17
WTC at Ranger JC
Clarendon at NMJC
Frank Phillips at Odessa
Howard at Fresno City College

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	21	11	.656	—
Boston	21	14	.600	1½
Philadelphia	16	19	.457	6½
Miami	15	21	.417	8
New Jersey	14	21	.400	8½
Washington	13	21	.382	9
Orlando	7	27	.206	15
Central Division				
Chicago	29	5	.853	—
Cleveland	24	9	.727	4½
Detroit	21	16	.568	9½
Atlanta	18	16	.529	11
Milwaukee	17	16	.515	11½
Indiana	14	21	.400	15½
Charlotte	10	25	.286	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	22	15	.595	—
San Antonio	20	14	.588	½
Houston	19	16	.543	2
Denver	14	21	.400	7
Dallas	12	23	.343	9
Minnesota	7	27	.206	13½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	21	10	.677	—
Portland	22	12	.647	½
Phoenix	23	13	.639	½
LA Lakers	21	14	.600	2
Seattle	18	17	.514	5
LA Clippers	19	19	.500	5½
Sacramento	10	25	.286	13

Sunday's Game

LA Lakers 112, Orlando 99

Monday's Games

Detroit 84, Dallas 81
Denver 111, Sacramento 109
Phoenix 131, Minnesota 111
LA Clippers 98, Seattle 94

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Lady T-Birds edge WTC women, 67-60

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

What started out as a blowout ended up a very close basketball game as Western Texas' Lady Dusters fought from an 11-0 early deficit to a 12-point lead before finally losing to the No. 4 New Mexico JC Lady Thunderbirds, 67-60 Monday at Scurry County Coliseum.

"I thought our game plan worked well and I thought we played well," said Duster head coach Kelly Chadwick.

"To me, it's obvious we should have won the ballgame. Why we didn't is really, basically, just that we don't know how to win.

"We want to win so bad that we freeze up. Everybody wants the win so bad that they don't want to be the one that loses the game, so nobody is doing anything in crucial situations.

"We've just simply lost too many ballgames," Chadwick stated. "That makes us want to win so bad that we try so hard we can't win. It's just a vicious circle."

The Lady Dusters looked to be on the short end of a bona fide blowout Monday night, going the first eight minutes of the game without a score and falling behind, 11-0.

A Mary Ann Isom three-pointer at the 8:20 mark in the first half drew the Dusters to within 10, 21-11, and seemed to spark the rest of the team.

A pair of La Shunta Jackson bank shots, sandwiched around a layup by Merry Brown pulled WTC to 24-17 with just over five minutes to play in the half.

Brown sliced the margin to five with a pair of successful freethrows and to three on a short jumper off a feed from Cinthia French.

Liz Greathouse hit Jackson with a bounce pass inside that was converted to two points to close the gap to just one, 25-24 before the Lady T-Birds, led by three straight fast-break buckets, went on a quick 6-2 run.

Western Texas scored the final seven points of the half, including twin put-back baskets by Andrea Kearney, a free-throw by Taylor Cavnar and Jackson's hoop at the buzzer, to knot the tally at 33-all at intermission.

The Lady Dusters' new-found confidence translated into a 12-point lead on a Diane Mendez lay-up with seven minutes to go in the game.

The NMJC comeback began soon therafter when Kevia Ford bounced in a free shot, Chenise Butler slipped in an eight-foot jumper and Sandra Williams scored on the break to cut the advantage to just six.

Williams found the bucket at the 5:37 mark to make it a 58-57 game and Nicole McCrimmon followed with a deuce to give the Lady T-Birds the lead for good.

Tami Kajs pulled Western Texas to within a single point, 61-60, on a pair of free throws with three minutes left, but New Mexico rolled off the final six points of the game.

Jackson was WTC's top producer with 19 points followed by Mendez and Brown with 11 each.

The Lady T-Birds were paced by McCrimmon with 18 and 16 from Neisha Williams.

The WTC women take a break from WJCAC action Thursday when they travel to Ranger Junior College for a 6 p.m. contest.

The start the conference schedule back up Thursday, Jan. 23 when they host Frank Phillips College.

NEW MEXICO JC (67) — McCrimmon 9 0-5 18; Thomas 1 0-0 2; N. Williams 6 2-2 16; Crittenden 1 0-0 2; S. Williams 2 0-2 4; Butler 4 2-6 10; C. Williams 1 5-6 7; Ford 1 6-8 8; TOTALS 25 15-29 67.

WESTERN TEXAS (60) — Kajs 0 2-2 2; Garcia 2 0-0 4; French 0 1-2 1; Isom 2 0-0 5; Jackson 8 3-5 19; Mendez 3 4-5 11; Cavnar 1 1-4 3; Kearney 2 0-1 4; Brown 4 3-5 11; TOTALS 22 14-24 60.

3-point goals: WTC 2 (Isom 1, Mendez 1), NMJC 2 (N. Williams 2). **Total fouls:** WTC 21, NMJC 17. **Fouled out:** N. Williams. **Halftime score:** WTC 33, NMJC 33. **Records:** WTC 6-13, 0-4.

Transactions

BASEBALL
National League

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed Cory Snyder, outfielder, to a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

DENVER NUGGETS—Placed Walter Davis, guard, on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Named Mike Haluchak linebacker coach, Bob Karmelowicz defensive line coach and Mike Pope tight ends coach.

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2-4A basketball...

Lady Tigers tripped by DHS

Snyder's Lady Tigers fell behind early Monday night and, though they made it close, they couldn't make up the lost ground as they fell to Lubbock Dunbar, 48-33, in a District 2-4A basketball matchup at SHS.

The Lady Panthers scored 18 in the first quarter to Snyder's six and iced the victory with a 20-9 fourth-quarter run.

Snyder's zone defense held DHS to just two points in the second period and eight in the third, while the Lady Tigers hit for eight and 10 points, respectively.

The SHS girls slashed the margin to just four points, 28-24, at the end of three quarters.

Snyder junior post Shalawn Smith led the hometowners with eight points on the night. Stephanie Fambro followed with five and Melanie Duncan, Deana Ball, Annie Ragland, Daisy Braziel and Jennifer Kime each added four.

Dunbar's Ronda Adams was the game's high scorer with 18 points followed by teammate Lynette Ward with 15.

The loss drops Snyder to 2-19 on the season and 0-2 in loop clashes. Dunbar improves to 5-11 and 1-1.

In Monday's other loop encounter, Estacado edged Frenship, 53-48. League favorite Lamesa hosts defending state champion Levelland in tonight's only 2-4A tilt.

The Lady Tigers will travel to Lubbock on Friday to take on Estacado as the league schedule resumes following semester exams.

Snyder's boys will begin 2-4A action Friday, also at Estacado.

SNYDER (33) — Duncan 2 0-0 4; Ball 1 2-2 4; Ragland 2 0-0 4; Braziel 2 0-0 4; Smith 4 0-2 8; Kime 2 0-0 4; Fambro 2 1-2 5; TOTALS 15 3-6 33.

DUNBAR (48) — Lopez 1 0-0 2; Adams 7 4-4 18; Ramos 0 4-5 4; Walker 0 1-6 1; L. Ward 7 1-6 15; Stewart 3 2-2 8; TOTALS 18 12-23 48.

3-point goals: none. **Total fouls:** SHS 22, Dunbar 12. **Fouled out:** Duncan. **Records:** SHS 2-19, 0-2; DHS 5-11, 1-1.

Snyder	6	8	10	9	-33
Dunbar	18	2	8	20	-48

District 28-A

Basketball
Boys

Team	Season		District	
Westbrook	11	6	2	0
Trent	8	8	1	1
Loraine	7	8	1	1
Hermleigh	3	11	1	1
Blackwell	7	10	1	1
Highland	5	9	0	2

Tuesday's games
Hermleigh at Trent
Loraine at Highland
Westbrook at Blackwell

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Blackwell	15	2	2	0
Loraine	12	4	2	0
Highland	12	5	1	1
Westbrook	8	10	1	1
Hermleigh	8	8	0	2
Trent	4	10	0	2

Tuesday's games
Hermleigh at Trent
Loraine at Highland
Westbrook at Blackwell

District 17-A

Basketball
Boys

Team	Season		District	
Roby	12	6	1	0
Aspermont	10	4	1	0
Ira	14	3	0	0
Roscoe	2	10	0	1
Rotan	0	5	0	1

Tuesday's games
Ira at Aspermont
Rotan — Open
Roscoe at Roby

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Roscoe	20	0	1	0
Roby	8	10	1	0
Rotan	5	8	0	1
Aspermont	2	12	0	1
Ira	2	16	0	0

Tuesday's games
Ira at Aspermont
Rotan — Open
Roscoe at Roby

District 2-4A

Boys

Team	Season		District	
Levelland	14	4	4	0
Snyder	14	7	0	0
Lamesa	13	9	0	0
Frenship	13	8	0	0
Estacado	9	12	0	0
Dunbar	5	12	0	0

Monday's game
Hobbs, N.M. 89, Lamesa 84

Tuesday's game
Frenship at Sweetwater

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Lamesa	23	0	1	0
Levelland	17	6	1	0
Estacado	6	13	2	0
Frenship	6	14	0	2
Dunbar	5	11	1	1
Snyder	2	19	0	2

Monday's games
Dunbar 48, Snyder 33
Estacado 53, Frenship 48

Tuesday's games
Levelland at Lamesa

Ira begins 17-A slate; Cards battle Gorillas

The Ira Bulldogs, fresh from a Friday open date, will begin District 17-A basketball competition today when the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs travel to Aspermont.

In addition, Hermleigh, a member of District 28-A, will resume the loop title chase on the road at Trent.

The Ira boys are 14-3 on the campaign with their last win coming at the expense of loop foe Rotan a week ago.

Ira's 53-44 win came behind Justin Box's 20 points, 14 from Mike Hughes and 13 by Kory Clark.

Aspermont's boys' team is 10-4 and 1-0 in district action.

The AHS Lady Hornets are 2-12 on the campaign after falling in their loop opener, 45-21, to Roscoe.

Ira brings a 2-16 mark into league play.

The Hermleigh Cardinals and Lady Cards are each trying to rebound from losses to Westbrook on Friday.

The HHS boys, 3-11 and 1-1, were beaten, 94-58 by the Wildcats last week, in spite of a 17-point effort by Hermleigh's Bill Breitweiser. Chris Lambaren added 14 and Chris Velasco put in 10 for the Cardinals.

The Trent Gorillas carry an 8-8 overall mark into tonight's fray. They are 1-1 in 28-A contests, including a Friday 62-50 loss to Loraine.

Hermleigh's girls boast an 8-8 mark going against Trent, which comes in at 4-10 and 0-2.

Hermleigh fell to Westbrook Friday, 55-41, after leading for three quarters.

Jennifer Herl put in 13 points and Michelle Payne and Amy Anderson each managed eight for the Lady Cardinals.

Trent's last outing was a 65-39 loss to Loraine on Friday.


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Bush campaign tries to avoid protest vote

New Hampshire's primary election slated Feb. 19

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Winning isn't everything in New Hampshire, and sometimes it isn't anything. That makes President Bush's campaigners nervous as they try to avoid an embarrassing protest vote in the Feb. 18 presidential primary election.

"If the election were today, he wouldn't do well," former Gov. Hugh Gregg said, then paused. "He wouldn't do as well as he should," Gregg amended. "But the election isn't today."

No one in the Bush campaign will risk saying just how well the president should do. Benchmarks like that can be hazardous to your candidate. New Hampshire has dealt setbacks to presidents and front-runners before, with grudging primary victories that left them vulnerable later.

Bush's problem, of course, is a state economy battered by recession for more than two years, longer and deeper than the national slump, plus a primary challenge in the person of conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan.

In good times, like those of 1988, when a staggering Bush campaign was saved by the New Hampshire primary, Buchanan wouldn't count. In hard times, he may.

"There's a lot of frustration out there," said Gov. Judd Gregg. "I call it the X factor. How people are going to react and vote, I don't know."

The governor is state director of the Bush campaign; his father, the former governor and a veteran of these leadoff primaries since the start, in 1952, is a manager without a specific title.

Bush is coming to New Hampshire on Wednesday for his first campaign swing, a half-dozen stops in the Portsmouth seacoast region. Hugh Gregg expects two more presidential campaign trips.

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Budget calls for $2.25 billion for space center

$30 billion space station will face difficult funding battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The space station, a $30 billion project that was almost axed by Congress last year, will face another difficult funding battle this year, a Houston congressman says.

"I think it's always going to be a tough fight and the more the budget dilemma confronts us, the more difficult it is to find dollars for programs like space," Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Houston, said Monday. His district spans the Johnson Space Center, site of much of the planning and design for the space station.

The space station came close to being scrapped last year after a House appropriations subcommittee voted to kill the project. But strong lobbying within Congress and by the administration saved it.

"The battle last year was a big fight and it was a big defeat for the opponents of the space station," Andrews said. "It may be a different kind of battle this year."

Instead of an outright attempt to kill the space station, opponents may instead seek to downsize its funding, and spread construction costs over a longer period, Andrews said.

To date, NASA has spent $5.6 billion on the project.

President Bush's proposed budget for fiscal 1993, due to be unveiled early next month, earmarks $2.25 billion for the space station, Sen. Phil Gramm said last week.

The $2.25 billion — which would represent an 11.3 percent increase over last year's funding — is part of the $14.99 billion allocation Bush is seeking for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Gramm's office said.

NASA and Johnson Space Center officials said they could not confirm the budget request for the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1.

One of the space station's biggest opponents last year, Michigan Democrat Bob Traxler, who chairs a House appropriations subcommittee, declined to predict whether the space station will face renewed opposition in the House.

"It's far too early and there are far too many unknowns and variables for anyone to make any assumptions as to what the final '93 congressional appropriations bills will look like," said Traxler, who voted last year to kill the project.

"My personal views are irrelevant. The whole issue is how much money is the subcommittee given to have to meet the pressing needs of the agencies within its jurisdictions," he said.

But NASA is gearing up to defend the project, said spokesman Mark Hess.

"We certainly are planning as if it's going to be every bit as difficult a year as last year was in terms of defending the program," he said Monday.

"We disagree completely with the people who say the country cannot afford it," he said. "It's less than one-tenth of one percent of the federal budget."

The space station accounts for about 6,000 jobs in the Houston area, said Johnson Space Center spokesman Kyle Herring.

"It means thousands of jobs for the Houston area and literally possibly millions and millions of dollars for our area," Andrews said.

Theft worked by deputies

Reports of theft and a damaged fence were worked by sheriff's deputies Monday.

At approximately 9 a.m., Clovis Head reported that someone had broken the vent window on his 1985 Ford pickup and had stolen his radar detector.

According to Head, the theft occurred sometime between 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday. Value of the radar detector was $200.

Bob Head called the sheriff's office at 12:25 p.m., reporting that someone had driven through his fence 4½ miles south of Union sometime Monday morning.

Head reported that the fence was badly damaged, and the vehicle which struck it would probably also have noticable damage.

Janice Godair graduates

Janice Elaine Godair of Snyder graduated from Tarleton State University Dec. 21. She received a BS in administrative systems.

Veterans eligible to be buried in nat'l cemetery

The Department of Veterans Affairs is reminding former servicemen and women who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable that they are entitled to burial in a national cemetery.

Burial is also available, under certain guidelines, to a veteran's spouse and dependent children. Dependents do not have to be buried in the same cemetery as the veteran. Families cannot reserve gravesites in a national cemetery, however.

When death occurs, documents supporting eligibility should be given to the funeral director who will contact the national cemetery where burial is requested.

VA handles opening and closing the grave, furnishes a headstone or grave marker for a veteran's unmarked grave anywhere in the world and a memorial marker to recognize a veteran whose remains were not recovered or for other reasons were not buried. Dependent's graves may receive a government marker only in a national or state veterans' cemetery.

Veteran's families may also receive an American Flag for covering the casket and a memorial certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits are available through Dan Dever, WTC registrar and area veteran's cemetery. He may be reached at 573-8511, ext. 212.

Two arrested for intoxication

Snyder police made two drinking-related arrests Monday during an otherwise calm 24-hour period.

Officers arrested two females, ages 18 and 23, for public intoxication at 10:16 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and 16th Street.

Obituaries

Mark Eiring

1901-1992

PLAINVIEW — Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery for Mark Eiring, 90, who died Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Dr. Travis Hart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Services are under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 4, 1901, in Plainview and moved to Snyder approximately two years ago. Mr. Eiring was a bookkeeper and owner of a vending machine business. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Shriners and the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

His wife, Mabel, preceded him in death in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jess (Norma) Parrish of Midland; a son, Don Eiring of Snyder; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Tom Cloe

1916-1992

TAHOKA — Services are set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church for Edward Taylor "Tom" Cloe, 75, who died Monday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. Masonic graveside services will follow in the the Tahoka Cemetery.

He was the father of Roger Cloe of Snyder.

Born in Ponder, he moved from Denton to Lynn County in 1928. He was the Texaco Wholesale Distributor in Lynn County and retired in 1981.

He married Margaret Janette Jones on Jan. 3, 1937 in Denton. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two other sons, the Rev. Merrill Lyn Cloe of Liberty and Ricky Cloe of Tahoka; a daughter, Brenda Logsdon of Tahoka; a sister, Veta Reed of Grand Prairie; four brothers, Gloyd Cloe of Pasadena, Jim Cloe of Brownfield, Bill Chancy of Tahoka and Ray Chancy of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Wednesday services

Services for Lynn Logan Tate, 60, of Houston have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hermleigh Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Public hearing scheduled at Ira

Ira Independent School District will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to present the results of the 1990-91 Academic Excellence Indicator System.

The statistical report, prepared by the Texas Education Agency, is required by state law and presents demographic and student performance data at the district and campus levels. Parents and community citizens are invited to attend.

The Academic Excellence Indicators include student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP), average daily attendance and drop-out rates, graduation rates, percent of students in advanced courses, and percent of seniors expected to graduate with the "advanced" or "advanced with honors" seal affixed to the transcript.

Georgia's future uncertain after Gamsakhurdia's ouster

KHOBI, Georgia (AP) — A steady rain falls on this western Georgia town and the mourners slog through sticky, yellow mud that is splashed with lifeless red carnations. Wailing women in black robes surround the officer's body.

Tengiz Kajaia, 28, was shot above the right eye in the capital city of Tbilisi, killed late last month when he went to defend his beloved president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

Kajaia was one of at least 113 people who died in the battle that divided a nation and left a legacy of pain. The people who buried him still support Gamsakhurdia, and they're organizing.

The two weeks of violence began Dec. 22 — bloody and often boastful and theatrical, with vows to fight to the death and promises of revenge. In the end, the band of troops and dissident leaders laying siege to Gamsakhurdia's stronghold in the parliament building appeared to have won.

Gamsakhurdia fled to neighboring Armenia on Jan. 6, eight months after being elected president by 87 percent of the voters.

The military council that now rules Georgia says it led a popular uprising and is promising democratic elections by April. Yet its supporters have fired on peaceful Gamsakhurdia supporters and imposed a nightly curfew in Tbilisi, a city of 1.5 million people.

In Khobi, a town of 7,000 people about 210 miles northwest of Tbilisi, people are vowing to fight the council, which they call a "military junta."

Thousands rallied in pouring rain just before Kajaia's funeral on Saturday, holding portraits of Gamsakhurdia and the white, red and black Georgian flag.

This is Gamsakhurdia's home region, and opposition to the council appears well-organized. Buses packed with people travel to other cities for pro-Gamsakhurdia rallies.

AP Tax Tips

Fewer changes made in 1991 regulations than in recent memory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal tax law is always a moving target, but 1991 saw fewer changes than in any other year in recent memory.

That means most taxpayers should be able to use their 1990 tax returns as a guide when they fill out their forms this year. Most of the few changes were made simply to reflect inflation.

But there are some substantive new provisions, and most of them will be felt by higher-income Americans. These were enacted by Congress to offset what many lawmakers viewed as overly generous tax cuts for top earners in the 1980s.

Here are highlights of the changes:

— EXEMPTIONS. For each exemption a taxpayer is allowed to subtract $2,150 (up from $2,050 last year) from income subject to taxation. In most cases, a taxpayer is allowed an exemption for himself or herself, a spouse and each dependent child. Higher-income people — for example, couples with income of $150,000 or more — will claim their exemptions as usual on the front of Form 1040 and then calculate on a new worksheet how much they have to give back. A couple filing a joint return gets no exemption once income exceeds $272,500.

— STANDARD DEDUCTIONS. Taxpayers who do not itemize — and that includes more than 70 percent of us — are allowed a standard deduction, which reduces the amount of income subject to tax. For 1991 returns, the deduction generally is $3,400 for a single person, $5,700 for a couple filing a joint return, $5,000 for a qualified head of household and $2,850 for a married person filing a separate return. The deductions are larger for a person 65 or older or blind and can be smaller for dependents.

— TAX RATES. A year ago the top tax rate was 33 percent; now it is 31 percent. However, the top rate on capital gains, or profits from the sale of investments, is 28 percent. Most people pay only a 15 percent rate on any income.

The tax brackets are adjusted each year so that the combination of inflation and a cost-of-living pay raise will not nudge you into a higher bracket. Tax rates are multiplied by taxable income — what is left after deductions and exemptions are subtracted — to determine your tax liability.

Broadening the brackets to offset inflation produced these tax rates for 1991: For a single person, the first $20,350 of taxable income is taxed at 15 percent; the next $28,950 at 28 percent, and everything over $49,300 is taxed at 31 percent.

The first $34,000 of a couple's taxable income is taxed at 15 percent; the next $48,150 at 28 percent and all over $82,150 faces a 31 percent rate.

— INTEREST. No consumer interest may be deducted on 1991 returns. The gradual reduction of the writeoff for auto loans, credit cards and similar borrowing began in 1987 and now is complete. Similarly, the deduction for investment interest has been cut. Only investment interest equaling net investment income may be deducted on 1991 returns; any amount not allowed because of that limitation may be carried over into future years.

These restrictions do not affect borrowing for a home mortgage.

— EARNED-INCOME CREDIT. This benefit for low-income working families with children was expanded for 1991 but greatly complicated in the process. The credit can reduce taxes by as much as $2,020 if all qualifications are met. At least a part of the credit generally is available to families with one or more children and earned income — wages, tips and the like — of under $21,250. The basic credit declines as income exceeds $11,250.

— 401(k) PLANS. The maximum amount of income that could be contributed to these employer-sponsored retirement accounts in 1991 was raised to $8,475.

— MILEAGE. The mileage deduction for unreimbursed use of a personal car for business has gone up to 27½ cents per mile. The mileage deduction for charitable purposes remains at 12 cents and for medical purposes at nine cents a mile.

— SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS. Any child who was at least one year old at the end of 1991 and is claimed as a dependent must have a Social Security number. Apply for a number by filing Form SS-5 with the Social Security Administration.

— PERSIAN GULF WAR. Americans who served in the war have extra time to file their returns. Service pay earned by an enlisted person while in the combat zone is tax-exempt, as is $500 a month earned by an officer.

Chamber

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College golf and landscape department made a presentation on developing the park area near the senior center into a recreation area, with courts for bocci ball, roque and lawn bowling.

According to Baird, the senior center board was very receptive to the idea. The board will have to find the funding for the renovation. Cost for the project, which will be done by WTC golf and landscape students, will be around $7,000.

Baird also stated that one-half of the tennis court area located in the park is being turned into a basketball court, with the help of Snyder Jaycees.

Chamber Manager Ricky Fritz told the board that two copier service companies are wanting to locate in Snyder. One currently has a service man in the area, and the other is looking for office space.

The chamber has plans to replace its current copier, which has been in use for three years.

Fritz stated that the business should go to a chamber member first, a local business second, and that the chamber should purchase a copier out of town only as a last resort.

The chamber manager updated the board on the purchase of city maps, saying that D&L Map Service of Arlington has agreed to provide 2,000 maps to the chamber at no charge.

"We would like to get two types of maps, one for general use, and one to promote the economic development of Snyder," added Fritz.

The board discussed the phone bank the chamber has set up to encourage members to vote in Saturday's ½-cent sales tax election.

Fritz mentioned the chamber-sponsored advertisements in the newspaper and on the radio promoting the sales tax and its importance to Snyder, and told the board that the chamber will be providing transportation to persons who do not have a way to get to the polls Saturday.

Quarterly membership receptions are scheduled at the chamber on the third Wednesday of the middle month of each quarter. According to chamber president Nelda Huddleston, the receptions will be held from 6:30-9 a.m. so members can stop by on their way to work.

The first reception is set for Feb. 19.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Stephanie Dakan, Colorado City; Pam Everett, Rt. 1 Box 249.

DISMISSALS: Raymond Ornales.

Census: 50 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-30, CCU-3, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Stephanie and Fred Dakan of Colorado City announce the birth of their baby boy born at 6:16 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and 8½ ounces.

Markets

Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	71	701/8	703/8	-3/4
AlliedSignal	443/4	441/2	445/8	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	391/4	381/2	381/2	-5/8
AmStor s	311/4	31	311/8	-1/8
Amer T&T	41	405/8	403/4	-1/4
Ameritech	643/8	641/8	641/4	-1/4
Amoco	483/8	477/8	483/8	+5/8
AndarkPtr	211/4	211/8	211/4	-1/4
Arkla	111/2	11	111/8	
ArmcoInc	45/8	41/2	41/2	-1/8
AtlRichfld	106	1043/4	1057/8	+15/8
BakerHugh	191/2	191/4	193/8	+1/4
BellAtl	463/8	457/8	461/8	-1/4
BellSouth	507/8	503/8	501/2	-1/4
Beth Steel	131/8	127/8	13	
Borden	331/8	325/8	327/8	+1/4
Caterpllr	417/8	411/4	417/8	+3/8
Centel	341/4	34	34	
CentSo West	517/8	515/8	517/8	
Chevron	687/8	681/4	683/8	+1/8
Chrysler	131/8	127/8	131/8	
Coastal	241/2	241/4	243/8	-1/4
CocaCola	793/8	781/2	791/4	+3/8
ColgateP s	493/8	49	491/8	-1/8
CyprusMn	21	203/4	203/4	-1/4
DallSemicn	83/4	81/2	83/4	+1/8
DeltaAirl	703/4	693/4	697/8	-3/8
DigitalEq	551/4	543/8	545/8	+1/4
Dillard	1151/2	1133/4	1153/8	+15/8
DowChem	54	52	521/2	—13/8
DresserInd	191/8	185/8	191/8	+1/4
duPont	465/8	461/4	463/8	+1/8
EstKodak	481/2	48	483/8	+3/8
EljerInd	73/4	71/2	71/2	-1/4
Enserch	133/8	131/8	131/8	-1/8
Exxon	595/8	591/8	595/8	+3/8
FtCtyBcp	13/8	11/4	11/4	-1/8
FlowerInd	165/8	163/8	165/8	+3/8
FordMotor	31	305/8	305/8	-1/4
GTE Cp	333/4	333/8	331/2	-1/8
GnDynam	571/2	567/8	567/8	-3/8
GenElct	751/2	743/4	75	-1/4
GnMill	691/4	683/4	691/4	+1/4
GenMotors	311/4	303/4	311/8	+1/8
GnMotrE s	64	633/8	64	+3/4
GaPacif	571/4	57	571/8	-1/8
GlobMar	17/8	13/4	13/4	
Goodrich	413/4	411/2	413/4	+1/4
Goodyear	57	553/8	57	+13/4
GtAtlPac	257/8	255/8	253/4	-1/8
Gulf StaUt	105/8	101/2	105/8	
Haliburtn	283/8	277/8	281/4	+1/2
Hanson	183/4	181/2	185/8	+1/4
HoustInd	421/2	421/4	423/8	+1/8
IBM	907/8	901/4	903/4	+1/2
IntlPaper	69	681/8	681/2	-1/2
JohnsJhn	1147/8	1135/8	1137/8	—11/8
K mart	461/2	46	46	-1/2
Kroger	195/8	191/4	195/8	+
vjLTV Cp	11/4	11/8	11/8	-1/8
Litton Ind	92	913/8	92	+5/8
vjLoneStar	33/4	35/8	35/8	
Lowes	361/2	353/4	361/4	
Lubys	143/4	141/4	141/4	-1/8
Maxus	67/8	65/8	63/4	+1/4
MayDSt	541/2	541/8	541/2	+1/4
Medtrn s	897/8	89	89	
Mobil	66	651/2	66	+5/8
Monsan	695/8	693/8	691/2	+1/4
Motorola	697/8	681/2	691/4	—1
Nationbk	413/8	403/4	403/4	-1/2
Navistar	27/8	23/4	27/8	
Nynex	783/8	773/4	78	-1/8
OryxEngy	231/2	231/4	231/4	
PacTelesis	421/4	42	421/8	-1/8
PanhECp	141/4	14	141/4	-1/8
PenneyJC	521/2	511/2	521/8	-1/2
PepBoys	161/2	157/8	163/8	+3/8
Phelps Dod	647/8	64	64	—1
PhilipPet	237/8	231/4	235/8	+3/8
Polaroid s	253/8	251/8	251/4	-1/8
Primerica	401/4	391/4	40	+13/8
ProctGamb	947/8	937/8	943/4	+5/8
PubS NwMx	10	95/8	93/4	+1/8
SFePC	137/8	131/2	133/4	
SaraLee	533/8	527/8	531/8	-1/4
SearsRoeb	383/4	383/8	383/4	-3/4
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SwstAirl	353/8	347/8	347/8	-1/8
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SterlingChm	43/4	43/4	43/4	
SunCo	293/4	295/8	295/8	-1/8
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Tandy	273/4	271/2	275/8	
TemplInl	52	513/4	52	+1/8
Tenneco	325/8	321/2	325/8	-1/8
Texaco	603/8	597/8	601/4	+11/4
TexasInd	193/4	191/2	193/4	+1/4
TexasInst	331/4	327/8	33	+1/4
Tex Util	40	393/4	40	+1/4
Textron	377/8	375/8	373/4	
Tyler	27/8	27/8	27/8	
USWst	367/8	365/8	365/8	-1/8
USXMar n	221/8	217/8	221/8	+1/4
USX-USS n	255/8	251/8	251/8	-1/2
UnCarbde	223/4	221/2	223/4	-1/4
UnPac s	48	471/2	48	+3/8
UnitTech	531/2	531/4	533/8	
Unitel	251/2	25	25	
Unocal	22	217/8	22	+1/8
WestghEl	191/4	19	191/8	+1/8
Wolwth	301/4	30	301/8	
Xerox Cp	683/4	681/4	685/8	+1/4
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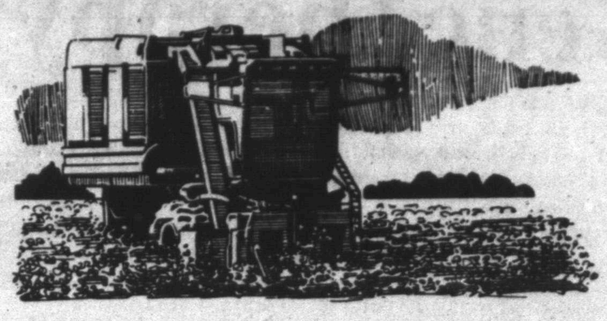
At least 630 people perished in 1976 when Hurricane Liza slashed across Mexico's Baja Peninsula.



Scurry County Country





ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner
County Executive Director

To make it easier for farmers to do business with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA officials are testing eight "Easy Access" projects in 15 locations throughout the country. The experimental projects are expected to be in operation in time for the spring 1992 farm program signup activities, said Jerry Harris, chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee.

Designed to improve services to producers, the test program will reduce the amount of red tape and paperwork farmers encounter when they participate in USDA programs.

Harris said a five-agency task force — ASCS, the Soil Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Office Information Resources Management — met with local county office staff members and about 90 farmers to develop the projects. "The local input helped us decide which of the ideas were most valid and how they could best be implemented," ASCS official Harris said.

One project, conducted in Rockingham County, Va., uses imaging technology to provide maps of agricultural areas with on-screen visual overlays of farmers' fields, contrasting highly erodible areas with rotational planting patterns. Farmers will be able to visualize immediately the impact of various planting options to help determine what lands to allocate to the Conservation Reserve Program.

Another technological project in Terrell County, Ga., and Wright County, Ia., is testing the use of programmable "smart cards" with micro processors to enable USDA agencies to share producer information electronically and securely, rather than dealing with the physical transfer of paper documents.

At the conclusion of each pilot project, task force members will report their findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, who will determine which are feasible for national application.

Other pilot projects and their test sites are:

Personnel scheduling in Logan and Mason Counties, Ill; Wake County, N.C.; Barnes County, N.D.; Seneca County, Oh.; and Adams County, Wa. This project will identify ways to serve customers better through extended and varied work hours.

Personal computer availability in Sherman County, Ks., and Bolivar County, Ms. Computer linkage will be developed to facilitate communications and data sharing between USDA agencies. Farmers with their own computers will have remote access to USDA computers.

Video conference in Hale County, Texas; a county yet to be chosen; and nationwide. Secretary Madigan will meet with farmers via satellite broadcast video conference to explain programs and receive direct feedback from program participants.

1-800 telephone service in Sussex County, De. An 800 line will be used to eliminate toll charges for farmers.

Facsimile communication in Fresno County, Ca., and New Hampshire. Fax technology will be used to expand communication capabilities.

Form simplification in Cache County, Ut., and Franklin Parish, La. Project will identify common data elements and definitions in order to create standard forms to share among USDA agencies.

Cotton forecast went from great to poor

AUSTIN—The once record-breaking Texas Upland cotton crop has fallen by the wayside, a victim of the killing freeze that hit in late October and the constant rain and wet conditions across the Plains in December.

1991 Texas Upland cotton production is expected to total 4.75 million bales, down 4 percent from last year and 10 percent from the December 1991 forecast, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

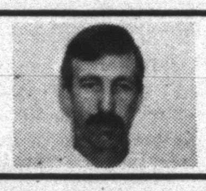
"We literally watched the 1991 crop shrink before our eyes, once producers began assessing the damage from the severe freeze that hit the Plains in late October," state statistician Dennis Findley reported.

The freeze damaged many unopened bolls, cutting projected yields and increasing acreage abandonment. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.3 million acres, up 6 percent from last year but down 9 percent from the December level. Yield is expected to average 430 pounds per acre, off 47 pounds from a year ago. Statewide yield dropped 5 pounds from the December average.

Wet conditions across the High Plains are also delaying harvesting operations, and quality of unharvested cotton continues to deteriorate. Producers are also having a difficult time retrieving rain-soaked modules from wet fields, and ginning operations have been slowed.

Production on the Southern High Plains is expected to total 1.73 million bales, down 20 percent from last year and 11 percent from the previous estimate. Average yield, at 381 pounds, is 101 pounds below a year ago and 17 pounds below last month.

The Northern High Plains crop is estimated at 640 thousand bales, down 17 percent from last year.



SCS Notes

By Michael Squires
Range Conservationist

Many producers in Scurry County are still unable to get into their fields with their tractors because the fields are still too wet. Cotton remains unharvested, and much work that needs to be done can't be started yet.

All of this moisture is welcomed; it's just that it is not very timely for some.

Now is the time to begin planning and installing most convervation practices. Many producers are standing ready to begin work as soon as the fields dry out. Subsurface moisture conditions are as good right now as they probably have been for many years. Actually, it will be some time before the ground is dry enough to allow for conservation work such as terrace construction.

If you are needing assistance from the Soil Conservation Service for any type of conservation practice you should plan ahead. Due to the number of requests which normally occur at this time of year, it is very difficult sometimes to provide assistance in a prompt manner unless earlier scheduling has been arranged. Due to the recent rains, our field work has been set back.

There are some prescribed burns planned for early this year. The primary purpose of these burns is to improve older, less productive pastures. The use of fire, along with proper grazing management follow-up, can greatly improve the productivity of these lands. Several thousand acres of brush spraying is also scheduled and should begin sometime in late May to early June. Under the Conservation Reserve Program, approximately 8,000 acres of grass are scheduled to be seeded by June 1. Other practices planned are diversions, ponds, waterways, and grubbing of mesquite. Each one of these practices help not only to increase the production of our soil but also aid in improving water quality and quantity.

If you are planning any conservation work and would like assistance from the Soil Conservation Service, please call or come by the office at 3432 Ave. T so we may schedule a time to meet with you.

All information given herein is for educational purposes only. Education programs conducted by the ASCS, SCS and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Micro-Dome of San Ramon, Calif., has warned consumers of certain safety hazards associated with the use of the "Micro-Dome Food Preserver," manufactured by Micro-Dome and sold and distributed to consumers after August 1987.

The CPSC urges consumers to destroy all food that has been preserved using a Micro-Dome Food Preserver, and to call 1-800-736-2330 for instructions on how to receive a $50 rebate for returning the food preserver.

The Micro-Dome Food preserver is used in microwave ovens to preserve fruits, vegetables and prepared dishes. The appliance is a plastic container that can process one standard metal lidded canning jar at a time. Generally priced at $50, approximately 18,000 units were sold to customers.

Micro-Dome informed the commission that the top of the plastic container may blow off in the microwave if the vent stem or safety release becomes plugged. The pressurized plastic container may also explode during or after removal from the microwave, or if the container is hit or dropped. Furthermore, the plastic container may also crack and/or develop lines (called crazing) that could increase the risk of explosion. Explosion of pressurized Micro-Dome containing hot water and food could cause severe injuries such as blindness and burns from flying fragments and liquids.

Micro-Dome reported 29 incidents involving the cracking and/or crazing of the plastic container, eight incidents of the top blowing off, and four incidents of the vent being plugged without blow plug releasing. One injury was reported involving a user who sustained minor burns when the top of the container blew off. The CPSC recommends that consumers not use the Micro-Dome Food Preserver. It should be returned to Micro-Dome for the rebate or destroyed and disposed of in such a manner it cannot be used in the future.

CPSC is also concerned about possible food poisoning in certain foods prepared using the Micro-Dome Food Preserver. While CPSC is unaware of any incidents of food poisoning, it is concerned that the product and its accompanying recipe and instruction booklet do not adequately ensure the safety of certain canned foods. In addition to possibly failing to kill bacteria while the food in the Micro-Dome is cooked in a microwave oven, food also can be contaminated after cooking. Eating improperly preserved food can cause food poisoning. Botulism is the most potent natural poison in the world. Even one taste could be fatal.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has warned that the Micro-Dome needs more extensive testing. There are some problems. According to Unversity of California researchers, the Micro-Dome canning process was not successful. Bacteria survived. Micro-Dome denies there is a food poisoning problem.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is announcing this warning as part of its mission to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury and death associated with consumer products. The commission's objective is to reduce the estimated 28.5 million injuries and 21,000 deaths associated each year with the 15,000 different types of consumer products under CPSC's jurisdiction.

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Note: To report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypwriter for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-9270.

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Area calendar

January

20	Farm Financial Mgmt. Seminar, Midland College
21-25	Scurry County Livestock Show, annex building
27	Long Term Program Signup, ASCS

February

4	Disaster Program Signup, ASCS
6	Ag Day, Scurry County Coliseum
10	Acreage Reduction Program Signup, ASCS



Half-Cent For Snyder's Future

The fight for survival...

The competition for industry and jobs gets tougher and tougher. Forty-nine Texas cities, including many of our West Texas neighbors already have the economic development tax as an incentive to attract new industry. Many cities are fighting for their economic survival, and they're winning.

Snyder must also fight to survive. The half-cent sales tax election on Jan. 18 provides a method of funding new jobs. One-eighth will be used to reduce city property taxes. It's a win-win deal!!!

Vote "Yes" For Half-Cent Sales Tax

Nine Good Reasons To Vote "Yes"

(1) Offset property taxes.
It's time to relieve the homeowners' burden, and allow homeowners to save for the future.

(2) Most necessities are not affected by the sales tax - some of which are:
- Groceries
- Automobiles
- Apartment Rental
- Insurance
- Farm Machinery
- CPA's Attorney's Fees
- Gasoline
- Housing
- Prescription Drugs
- Doctor's visits
- Water Bills
- Airline Tickets

(3) Compete with Texas cities.
Our Competitors, most of the other 1,074 cities in Texas, are pulling out all the stops to attract new jobs and companies. And many are creating a Jobs Fund financed by sales taxes.

(4) Create new jobs.
The Jobs Fund will provide incentives for new businesses to move to Snyder. With the money raised from the one-half cent sales tax revenue, the fund can make loans, issue bonds, build roads and bridges and bring utilities to new manufacturers

(5) Earn more money from visitors.
Some of the retail purchases in Snyder are made by people who don't live here. It's time to take advantage of that.

(6) Help local businesses.
Even with the property tax cut, local businesses will still need help. The Jobs Fund will help local Businesses expand and hire more employees.

(7) Jobs Fund will be tightly managed.
By state law, the funds expenditures will be audited, with each expense scrutinized. Further, budget expenditures for promotion are limited to 10%, this means the vast majority of the money will be spent on economic development.

(8) Help Snyder grow.
The property tax cut will encourage more families - especially those on fixed incomes - to stay in Snyder instead of moving to a big city. If Snyder is to grow, we must make it easier for people to raise their kids, buy a home, and build their futures here.

(9) Build our economy.
The property tax cut will save local businesses and help others expand. Yet, the city won't lose revenue because it is offset by the increase in the sales tax.

Reduce City Taxes, Create Jobs
Vote "Yes" Saturday, Jan. 18

Paid ad by Snyder Chamber of Commerce

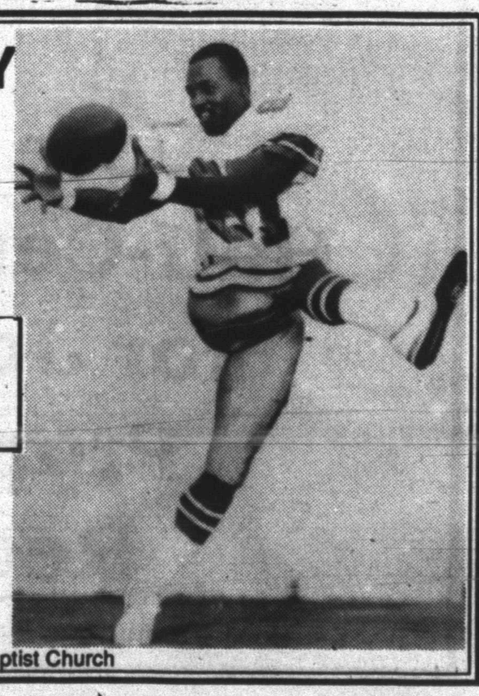
AREA YOUTH RALLY

Friday, Jan. 17
7:30 p.m.
Worsham Auditorium

Featuring Gordon Banks - Chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys and former Dallas Cowboy player

Special Music by Area Young People

FREE ADMISSION



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Budget calls for $2.25 billion for space center

$30 billion space station will face difficult funding battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — The space station, a $30 billion project that was almost axed by Congress last year, will face another difficult funding battle this year, a Houston congressman says.

"I think it's always going to be a tough fight and the more the budget dilemma confronts us, the more difficult it is to find dollars for programs like space," Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Houston, said Monday. His district spans the Johnson Space Center, site of much of the planning and design for the space station.

The space station came close to being scrapped last year after a House appropriations subcommittee voted to kill the project. But strong lobbying within Congress and by the administration saved it.

"The battle last year was a big fight and it was a big defeat for the opponents of the space station," Andrews said. "It may be a different kind of battle this year."

Instead of an outright attempt to kill the space station, opponents may instead seek to downsize its funding and spread construction costs over a longer period, Andrews said.

To date, NASA has spent $5.6 billion on the project.

President Bush's proposed budget for fiscal 1993, due to be unveiled early next month, earmarks $2.25 billion for the space station, Sen. Phil Gramm said last week.

The $2.25 billion — which would represent an 11.3 percent increase over last year's funding — is part of the $14.99 billion allocation Bush is seeking for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Gramm's office said.

NASA and Johnson Space Center officials said they could not confirm the budget request for the fiscal year which begins Oct. 1.

One of the space station's biggest opponents last year, Michigan Democrat Bob Traxler, who chairs a House appropriations subcommittee, declined to predict whether the space station will face renewed opposition in the House.

"It's far too early and there are far too many unknowns and variables for anyone to make any assumptions as to what the final '93 congressional appropriations bills will look like," said Traxler, who voted last year to kill the project.

"My personal views are irrelevant. The whole issue is how much money is the subcommittee given to have to meet the pressing needs of the agencies within its jurisdictions," he said.

But NASA is gearing up to defend the project, said spokesman Mark Hess.

"We certainly are planning as if it's going to be every bit as difficult a year as last year was in terms of defending the program," he said Monday.

"We disagree completely with the people who say the country cannot afford it," he said. "It's less than one-tenth of one percent of the federal budget."

The space station accounts for about 6,000 jobs in the Houston area, said Johnson Space Center spokesman Kyle Herring.

"It means thousands of jobs for the Houston area and literally possibly millions and millions of dollars for our area," Andrews said.

Theft worked by deputies

Reports of theft and a damaged fence were worked by sheriff's deputies Monday.

At approximately 9 a.m., Clovis Head reported that someone had broken the vent window on his 1985 Ford pickup and had stolen his radar detector.

According to Head, the theft occurred sometime between 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday. Value of the radar detector was $200.

Bob Head called the sheriff's office at 12:25 p.m., reporting that someone had driven through his fence 4½ miles south of Union sometime Monday morning.

Head reported that the fence was badly damaged, and the vehicle which struck it would probably also have noticable damage.

Janice Godair graduates

Janice Elaine Godair of Snyder graduated from Tarleton State University Dec. 21. She received a BS in administrative systems.

Veterans eligible to be buried in nat'l cemetery

The Department of Veterans Affairs is reminding former servicemen and women who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable that they are entitled to burial in a national cemetery.

Burial is also available, under certain guidelines, to a veteran's spouse and dependent children. Dependents do not have to be buried in the same cemetery as the veteran. Families cannot reserve gravesites in a national cemetery, however.

When death occurs, documents supporting eligibility should be given to the funeral director who will contact the national cemetery where burial is requested.

VA handles opening and closing the grave, furnishes a headstone or grave marker for a veteran's unmarked grave anywhere in the world and a memorial marker to recognize a veteran whose remains were not recovered or for other reasons were not buried. Dependent's graves may receive a government marker only in a national or state veterans' cemetery.

Veteran's families may also receive an American Flag for covering the casket and a memorial certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits are available through Dan Dever, WTC registrar and area veteran's cemetery. He may be reached at 573-8511, ext. 212.

Two arrested for intoxication

Snyder police made two drinking-related arrests Monday during an otherwise calm 24-hour period.

Officers arrested two females, ages 18 and 23, for public intoxication at 10:16 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and 16th Street.

Obituaries

Mark Eiring

1901-1992

PLAINVIEW — Graveside services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Plainview Memorial Park Cemetery for Mark Eiring, 90, who died Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Dr. Travis Hart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will officiate. Services are under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 4, 1901, in Plainview and moved to Snyder approximately two years ago. Mr. Eiring was a bookkeeper and owner of a vending machine business. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Shriners and the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

His wife, Mabel, preceded him in death in 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Jess (Norma) Parrish of Midland; a son, Don Eiring of Snyder; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Tom Cloe

1916-1992

TAHOKA — Services are set for 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Baptist Church for Edward Taylor "Tom" Cloe, 75, who died Monday in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. Masonic graveside services will follow in the the Tahoka Cemetery.

He was the father of Roger Cloe of Snyder.

Born in Ponder, he moved from Denton to Lynn County in 1928. He was the Texaco Wholesale Distributor in Lynn County and retired in 1981.

He married Margaret Janette Jones on Jan. 3, 1937 in Denton. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a Mason and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two other sons, the Rev. Merrill Lyn Cloe of Liberty and Ricky Cloe of Tahoka; a daughter, Brenda Logsdon of Tahoka; a sister, Veta Reed of Grand Prairie; four brothers, Gloyd Cloe of Pasadena, Jim Cloe of Brownfield, Bill Chancy of Tahoka and Ray Chancy of Dallas; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Wednesday services

Services for Lynn Logan Tate, 60, of Houston have been set for 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hermleigh Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Public hearing scheduled at Ira

Ira Independent School District will conduct a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to present the results of the 1990-91 Academic Excellence Indicator System.

The statistical report, prepared by the Texas Education Agency, is required by state law and presents demographic and student performance data at the district and campus levels. Parents and community citizens are invited to attend.

The Academic Excellence Indicators include student performance on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP), average daily attendance and drop-out rates, graduation rates, percent of students in advanced courses, and percent of seniors expected to graduate with the "advanced" or "advanced with honors" seal affixed to the transcript.

Georgia's future uncertain after Gamsakhurdia's ouster

KHOBI, Georgia (AP) — A steady rain falls on this western Georgia town and the mourners slog through sticky, yellow mud that is splashed with lifeless red carnations. Wailing women in black robes surround the officer's body.

Tengiz Kajaia, 28, was shot above the right eye in the capital city of Tbilisi, killed late last month when he went to defend his beloved president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

Kajaia was one of at least 113 people who died in the battle that divided a nation and left a legacy of pain. The people who buried him still support Gamsakhurdia, and they're organizing.

The two weeks of violence began Dec. 22 — bloody and often boastful and theatrical, with vows to fight to the death and promises of revenge. In the end, the band of troops and dissident leaders laying siege to Gamsakhurdia's stronghold in the parliament building appeared to have won.

Gamsakhurdia fled to neighboring Armenia on Jan. 6, eight months after being elected president by 87 percent of the voters.

The military council that now rules Georgia says it led a popular uprising and is promising democratic elections by April. Yet its supporters have fired on peaceful Gamsakhurdia supporters and imposed a nightly curfew in Tbilisi, a city of 1.5 million people.

In Khobi, a town of 7,000 people about 210 miles northwest of Tbilisi, people are vowing to fight the council, which they call a "military junta."

Thousands rallied in pouring rain just before Kajaia's funeral on Saturday, holding portraits of Gamsakhurdia and the white, red and black Georgian flag.

This is Gamsakhurdia's home region, and opposition to the council appears well-organized. Buses packed with people travel to other cities for pro-Gamsakhurdia rallies.

Chamber

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College golf and landscape department made a presentation on developing the park area near the senior center into a recreation area, with courts for bocci ball, roque and lawn bowling.

According to Baird, the senior center board was very receptive to the idea. The board will have to find the funding for the renovation. Cost for the project, which will be done by WTC golf and landscape students, will be around $7,000.

Baird also stated that one-half of the tennis court area located in the park is being turned into a basketball court, with the help of Snyder Jaycees.

Chamber Manager Ricky Fritz told the board that two copier service companies are wanting to locate in Snyder. One currently has a service man in the area, and the other is looking for office space.

The chamber has plans to replace its current copier, which has been in use for three years.

Fritz stated that the business should go to a chamber member first, a local business second, and that the chamber should purchase a copier out of town only as a last resort.

The chamber manager updated the board on the purchase of city maps, saying that D&L Map Service of Arlington has agreed to provide 2,000 maps to the chamber at no charge.

"We would like to get two types of maps, one for general use, and one to promote the economic development of Snyder," added Fritz.

The board discussed the phone bank the chamber has set up to encourage members to vote in Saturday's ½ -cent sales tax election.

Fritz mentioned the chamber-sponsored advertisements in the newspaper and on the radio promoting the sales tax and its importance to Snyder, and told the board that the chamber will be providing transportation to persons who do not have a way to get to the polls Saturday.

Quarterly membership receptions are scheduled at the chamber on the third Wednesday of the middle month of each quarter. According to chamber president Nelda Huddleston, the receptions will be held from 6:30-9 a.m. so members can stop by on their way to work.

The first reception is set for Feb. 19.

AP Tax Tips

Fewer changes made in 1991 regulations than in recent memory

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal tax law is always a moving target, but 1991 saw fewer changes than in any other year in recent memory.

That means most taxpayers should be able to use their 1990 tax returns as a guide when they fill out their forms this year. Most of the few changes were made simply to reflect inflation.

But there are some substantive new provisions, and most of them will be felt by higher-income Americans. These were enacted by Congress to offset what many lawmakers viewed as overly generous tax cuts for top earners in the 1980s.

Here are highlights of the changes:

— EXEMPTIONS. For each exemption a taxpayer is allowed to subtract $2,150 (up from $2,050 last year) from income subject to taxation. In most cases, a taxpayer is allowed an exemption for himself or herself, a spouse and each dependent child. Higher-income people — for example, couples with income of $150,000 or more — will claim their exemptions as usual on the front of Form 1040 and then calculate on a new worksheet how much they have to give back. A couple filing a joint return gets no exemption once income exceeds $272,500.

— STANDARD DEDUCTIONS. Taxpayers who do not itemize — and that includes more than 70 percent of us — are allowed a standard deduction, which reduces the amount of income subject to tax. For 1991 returns, the deduction generally is $3,400 for a single person, $5,700 for a couple filing a joint return, $5,000 for a qualified head of household and $2,850 for a married person filing a separate return. The deductions are larger for a person 65 or older or blind and can be smaller for dependents.

— TAX RATES. A year ago the top tax rate was 33 percent; now it is 31 percent. However, the top rate on capital gains, or profits from the sale of investments, is 28 percent. Most people pay only a 15 percent rate on any income.

The tax brackets are adjusted each year so that the combination of inflation and a cost-of-living pay raise will not nudge you into a higher bracket. Tax rates are multiplied by taxable income — what is left after deductions and exemptions are subtracted — to determine your tax liability.

Broadening the brackets to offset inflation produced these tax rates for 1991: For a single person, the first $20,350 of taxable income is taxed at 15 percent; the next $28,950 at 28 percent, and everything over $49,300 is taxed at 31 percent.

The first $34,000 of a couple's taxable income is taxed at 15 percent; the next $48,150 at 28 percent and all over $82,150 faces a 31 percent rate.

— INTEREST. No consumer interest may be deducted on 1991 returns. The gradual reduction of the writeoff for auto loans, credit cards and similar borrowing began in 1987 and now is complete. Similarly, the deduction for investment interest has been cut. Only investment interest equaling net investment income may be deducted on 1991 returns; any amount not allowed because of that limitation may be carried over into future years.

These restrictions do not affect borrowing for a home mortgage.

— EARNED-INCOME CREDIT. This benefit for low-income working families with children was expanded for 1991 but greatly complicated in the process. The credit can reduce taxes by as much as $2,020 if all qualifications are met. At least a part of the credit generally is available to families with one or more children and earned income — wages, tips and the like — of under $21,250. The basic credit declines as income exceeds $11,250.

— 401(k) PLANS. The maximum amount of income that could be contributed to these employer-sponsored retirement accounts in 1991 was raised to $8,475.

— MILEAGE. The mileage deduction for unreimbursed use of a personal car for business has gone up to 27½ cents per mile. The mileage deduction for charitable purposes remains at 12 cents and for medical purposes at nine cents a mile.

— SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS. Any child who was at least one year old at the end of 1991 and is claimed as a dependent must have a Social Security number. Apply for a number by filing Form SS-5 with the Social Security Administration.

— PERSIAN GULF WAR. Americans who served in the war have extra time to file their returns. Service pay earned by an enlisted person while in the combat zone is tax-exempt, as is $500 a month earned by an officer.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Stephanie Dakan, Colorado City; Pam Everett, Rt. 1 Box 249.

DISMISSALS: Raymond Ornales.

Census: 50 (Med.-13, Long-Term Care-30, CCU-3, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Births

Stephanie and Fred Dakan of Colorado City announce the birth of their baby boy born at 6:16 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and 8½ ounces.

Markets
Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	71	701/8	703/8	-3/4
AlliedSignal	443/4	441/2	445/8	-1/8
ALLTEL Cp	391/4	381/2	381/2	-5/8
AmStor s	311/4	31	311/8	-1/8
Amer T&T	41	405/8	403/4	-1/4
Ameritech	643/8	641/8	641/4	-1/4
Amoco	483/8	477/8	483/8	+5/8
AndarkPtr	211/4	211/8	211/4	-1/4
Arkla	111/2	11	111/8	
ArmcoInc	45/8	41/2	41/2	-1/8
AtlRichfld	106	1043/4	1057/8	+15/8
BakerHugh	191/2	191/4	193/8	+1/4
BellAtl	463/8	457/8	461/8	-1/4
BellSouth	507/8	503/8	501/2	-1/4
Beth Steel	131/8	127/8	13	
Borden	331/8	325/8	327/8	+1/4
Caterpllr	417/8	411/4	417/8	+3/8
Centel	341/4	34	34	
CentSo West	517/8	515/8	517/8	
Chevron	687/8	681/4	683/8	+1/8
Chrysler	131/8	127/8	131/8	
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CocaCola	793/8	781/2	791/4	+3/8
ColgateP s	493/8	49	491/8	-1/8
CyprusMin	21	203/4	203/4	-1/4
DallSemicn	83/4	81/2	83/4	+1/8
DeltaAirl	703/4	693/4	697/8	-3/8
DigitalEq	551/4	543/8	545/8	+1/4
Dillard	1151/2	1133/4	1153/8	+15/8
DowChem	54	52	521/2	—13/8
DresserInd	191/8	185/8	191/8	+1/4
duPont	465/8	461/4	463/8	+1/8
EstKodak	481/2	48	483/8	+3/8
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Enserch	133/8	131/8	131/8	-1/8
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GlobMar	17/8	13/4	13/4	
Goodrich	413/4	411/2	413/4	+1/4
Goodyear	57	553/8	57	+13/4
GtAtlPac	257/8	255/8	253/4	-1/8
Gulf StaUt	105/8	101/2	105/8	
Haliburtn	283/8	277/8	281/4	+1/2
Hanson	183/4	181/2	185/8	+1/4
HoustInd	421/2	421/4	423/8	+1/8
IBM	907/8	901/4	903/4	+1/2
IntlPaper	69	681/8	681/2	-1/2
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K mart	461/2	46	46	-1/2
Kroger	195/8	191/4	195/8	+
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Litton Ind	92	913/8	92	+5/8
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Lubys	143/4	141/4	141/4	-1/8
Maxus	67/8	65/8	63/4	+1/4
MayDSt	541/2	541/8	541/2	+1/4
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PacTelesis	421/4	42	421/8	-1/8
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PenneyJC	521/2	511/2	521/8	-1/2
PepBoys	161/2	157/8	163/8	+3/8
Phelps Dod	647/8	64	64	—1
PhilipPet	237/8	231/4	235/8	+3/8
Polaroid s	253/8	251/8	251/4	-1/8
Primerica	401/4	391/4	40	+13/8
ProctGamb	947/8	937/8	943/4	+5/8
PubS NwMx	10	95/8	93/4	+1/8
SFePC	137/8	131/2	133/4	
SaraLee	533/8	527/8	531/8	-1/4
SearsRoeb	383/4	383/8	383/4	-3/4
Shrwin s	271/4	27	27	-3/8
SmthBchm	851/4	841/2	841/2	-1/8
SmthBch eq n	783/8	777/8	781/8	+1/8
Southern Co	323/8	321/8	323/8	+1/4
SwstAirl	353/8	347/8	347/8	-1/8
SwstBell	623/4	621/2	625/8	-3/8
SterlingChm	43/4	43/4	43/4	
SunCo	293/4	295/8	295/8	-1/8
TNP Ent	201/8	20	20	
Tandy	273/4	271/2	275/8	
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Texaco	603/8	597/8	601/4	+11/4
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Tex Util	40	393/4	40	+1/4
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USXMar n	221/8	217/8	221/8	+1/4
USX-USS n	255/8	251/8	251/8	-1/2
UnCarbde	223/4	221/2	223/4	-1/4
UnPac s	48	471/2	48	+3/8
UnitTech	531/2	531/4	533/8	
Unitel	251/2	25	25	
Unocal	22	217/8	22	+1/8
WestghEl	191/4	19	191/8	+1/8
Wolwth	301/4	30	301/8	
Xerox Cp	683/4	681/4	685/8	+1/4
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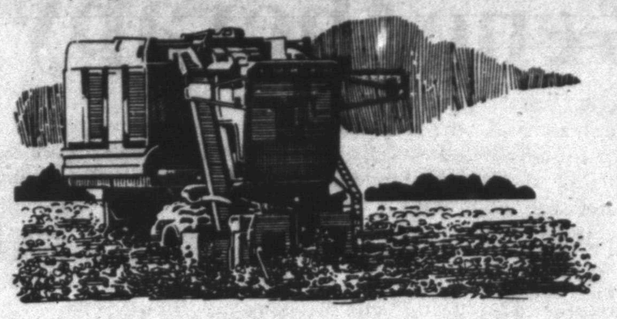
At least 630 people perished in 1976 when Hurricane Liza slashed across Mexico's Baja Peninsula.



Scurry County Country





ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner
County Executive Director

To make it easier for farmers to do business with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA officials are testing eight "Easy Access" projects in 15 locations throughout the country. The experimental projects are expected to be in operation in time for the spring 1992 farm program signup activities, said Jerry Harris, chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee.

Designed to improve services to producers, the test program will reduce the amount of red tape and paperwork farmers encounter when they participate in USDA programs.

Harris said a five-agency task force — ASCS, the Soil Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and the Office Information Resources Management — met with local county office staff members and about 90 farmers to develop the projects. "The local input helped us decide which of the ideas were most valid and how they could best be implemented," ASCS official Harris said.

One project, conducted in Rockingham County, Va., uses imaging technology to provide maps of agricultural areas with on-screen visual overlays of farmers' fields, contrasting highly erodible areas with rotational planting patterns. Farmers will be able to visualize immediately the impact of various planting options to help determine what lands to allocate to the Conservation Reserve Program.

Another technological project in Terrell County, Ga., and Wright County, Ia., is testing the use of programmable "smart cards" with micro processors to enable USDA agencies to share producer information electronically and securely, rather than dealing with the physical transfer of paper documents.

At the conclusion of each pilot project, task force members will report their findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture, who will determine which are feasible for national application.

Other pilot projects and their test sites are:

Personnel scheduling in Logan and Mason Counties, Ill; Wake County, N.C.; Barnes County, N.D.; Seneca County, Oh.; and Adams County, Wa. This project will identify ways to serve customers better through extended and varied work hours.

Personal computer availability in Sherman County, Ks., and Bolivar County, Ms. Computer linkage will be developed to facilitate communications and data sharing between USDA agencies. Farmers with their own computers will have remote access to USDA computers.

Video conference in Hale County, Texas; a county yet to be chosen; and nationwide. Secretary Madigan will meet with farmers via satellite broadcast video conference to explain programs and receive direct feedback from program participants.

1-800 telephone service in Sussex County, De. An 800 line will be used to eliminate toll charges for farmers.

Facsimile communication in Fresno County, Ca., and New Hampshire. Fax technology will be used to expand communication capabilities.

Form simplification in Cache County, Ut., and Franklin Parish, La. Project will identify common data elements and definitions in order to create standard forms to share among USDA agencies.

Cotton forecast went from great to poor

AUSTIN—The once record-breaking Texas Upland cotton crop has fallen by the wayside, a victim of the killing freeze that hit in late October and the constant rain and wet conditions across the Plains in December.

1991 Texas Upland cotton production is expected to total 4.75 million bales, down 4 percent from last year and 10 percent from the December 1991 forecast, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

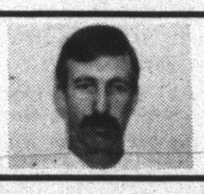
"We literally watched the 1991 crop shrink before our eyes, once producers began assessing the damage from the severe freeze that hit the Plains in late October," state statistician Dennis Findley reported.

The freeze damaged many unopened bolls, cutting projected yields and increasing acreage abandonment. Statewide harvested acreage is estimated at 5.3 million acres, up 6 percent from last year but down 9 percent from the December level. Yield is expected to average 430 pounds per acre, off 47 pounds from a year ago. Statewide yield dropped 5 pounds from the December average.

Wet conditions across the High Plains are also delaying harvesting operations, and quality of unharvested cotton continues to deteriorate. Producers are also having a difficult time retrieving rain-soaked modules from wet fields, and ginning operations have been slowed.

Production on the Southern High Plains is expected to total 1.73 million bales, down 20 percent from last year and 11 percent from the previous estimate. Average yield, at 381 pounds, is 101 pounds below a year ago and 17 pounds below last month.

The Northern High Plains crop is estimated at 640 thousand bales, down 17 percent from last year.



SCS Notes

By Michael Squires
Range Conservationist

Many producers in Scurry County are still unable to get into their fields with their tractors because the fields are still too wet. Cotton remains unharvested, and much work that needs to be done can't be started yet.

All of this moisture is welcomed; it's just that it is not very timely for some.

Now is the time to begin planning and installing most convervation practices. Many producers are standing ready to begin work as soon as the fields dry out. Subsurface moisture conditions are as good right now as they probably have been for many years. Actually, it will be some time before the ground is dry enough to allow for conservation work such as terrace construction.

If you are needing assistance from the Soil Conservation Service for any type of conservation practice you should plan ahead. Due to the number of requests which normally occur at this time of year, it is very difficult sometimes to provide assistance in a prompt manner unless earlier scheduling has been arranged. Due to the recent rains, our field work has been set back.

There are some prescribed burns planned for early this year. The primary purpose of these burns is to improve older, less productive pastures. The use of fire, along with proper grazing management follow-up, can greatly improve the productivity of these lands. Several thousand acres of brush spraying is also scheduled and should begin sometime in late May to early June. Under the Conservation Reserve Program, approximately 8,000 acres of grass are scheduled to be seeded by June 1. Other practices planned are diversions, ponds, waterways, and grubbing of mesquite. Each one of these practices help not only to increase the production of our soil but also aid in improving water quality and quantity.

If you are planning any conservation work and would like assistance from the Soil Conservation Service, please call or come by the office at 3432 Ave. T so we may schedule a time to meet with you.

All information given herein is for educational purposes only. Education programs conducted by the ASCS, SCS and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in cooperation with Micro-Dome of San Ramon, Calif., has warned consumers of certain safety hazards associated with the use of the "Micro-Dome Food Preserver," manufactured by Micro-Dome and sold and distributed to consumers after August 1987.

The CPSC urges consumers to destroy all food that has been preserved using a Micro-Dome Food Preserver, and to call 1-800-736-2330 for instructions on how to receive a $50 rebate for returning the food preserver.

The Micro-Dome Food preserver is used in microwave ovens to preserve fruits, vegetables and prepared dishes. The appliance is a plastic container that can process one standard metal lidded canning jar at a time. Generally priced at $50, approximately 18,000 units were sold to customers.

Micro-Dome informed the commission that the top of the plastic container may blow off in the microwave if the vent stem or safety release becomes plugged. The pressurized plastic container may also explode during or after removal from the microwave, or if the container is hit or dropped. Furthermore, the plastic container may also crack and/or develop lines (called crazing) that could increase the risk of explosion. Explosion of pressurized Micro-Dome containing hot water and food could cause severe injuries such as blindness and burns from flying fragments and liquids.

Micro-Dome reported 29 incidents involving the cracking and/or crazing of the plastic container, eight incidents of the top blowing off, and four incidents of the vent being plugged without blow plug releasing. One injury was reported involving a user who sustained minor burns when the top of the container blew off. The CPSC recommends that consumers not use the Micro-Dome Food Preserver. It should be returned to Micro-Dome for the rebate or destroyed and disposed of in such a manner it cannot be used in the future.

CPSC is also concerned about possible food poisoning in certain foods prepared using the Micro-Dome Food Preserver. While CPSC is unaware of any incidents of food poisoning, it is concerned that the product and its accompanying recipe and instruction booklet do not adequately ensure the safety of certain canned foods. In addition to possibly failing to kill bacteria while the food in the Micro-Dome is cooked in a microwave oven, food also can be contaminated after cooking. Eating improperly preserved food can cause food poisoning. Botulism is the most potent natural poison in the world. Even one taste could be fatal.

The Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has warned that the Micro-Dome needs more extensive testing. There are some problems. According to Unversity of California researchers, the Micro-Dome canning process was not successful. Bacteria survived. Micro-Dome denies there is a food poisoning problem.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is announcing this warning as part of its mission to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury and death associated with consumer products. The commission's objective is to reduce the estimated 28.5 million injuries and 21,000 deaths associated each year with the 15,000 different types of consumer products under CPSC's jurisdiction.

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Note: To report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A teletypwriter for the hearing impaired is available at 1-800-638-9270.

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Area calendar

January

20	Farm Financial Mgmt. Seminar, Midland College
21-25	Scurry County Livestock Show, annex building
27	Long Term Program Signup, ASCS

February

4	Disaster Program Signup, ASCS
6	Ag Day, Scurry County Coliseum
10	Acreage Reduction Program Signup, ASCS

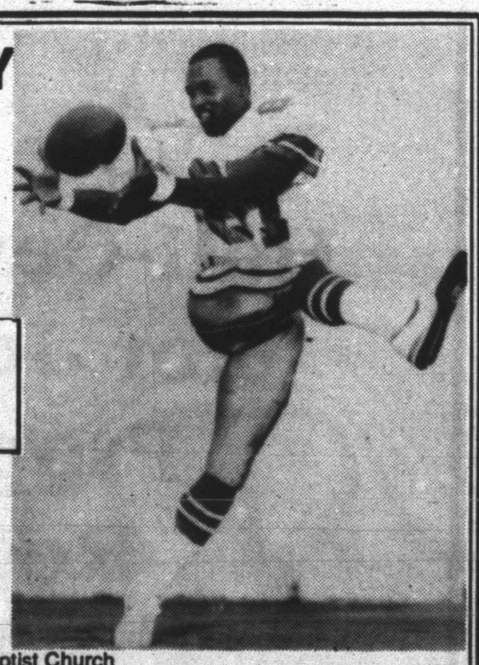
AREA YOUTH RALLY

Friday, Jan. 17
7:30 p.m.
Worsham Auditorium

Featuring Gordon Banks - Chaplain for the Dallas Cowboys and former Dallas Cowboy player

Special Music by Area Young People

FREE ADMISSION



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Half-Cent For Snyder's Future

The fight for survival...

The competition for industry and jobs gets tougher and tougher. Forty-nine Texas cities, including many of our West Texas neighbors already have the economic development tax as an incentive to attract new industry. Many cities are fighting for their economic survival, and they're winning.

Snyder must also fight to survive. The half-cent sales tax election on Jan. 18 provides a method of funding new jobs. One-eighth will be used to reduce city property taxes. It's a win-win deal!!!

Vote "Yes" For Half-Cent Sales Tax

Nine Good Reasons To Vote "Yes"

(1) Offset property taxes.
It's time to relieve the homeowners' burden, and allow homeowners to save for the future.

(2) Most necessities are not affected by the sales tax - some of which are:
- Groceries
- Automobiles
- Apartment Rental
- Insurance
- Farm Machinery
- CPA's Attorney's Fees
- Gasoline
- Housing
- Prescription Drugs
- Doctor's visits
- Water Bills
- Airline Tickets

(3) Compete with Texas cities.
Our Competitors, most of the other 1,074 cities in Texas, are pulling out all the stops to attract new jobs and companies. And many are creating a Jobs Fund financed by sales taxes.

(4) Create new jobs.
The Jobs Fund will provide incentives for new businesses to move to Snyder. With the money raised from the one-half cent sales tax revenue, the fund can make loans, issue bonds, build roads and bridges and bring utilities to new manufacturers

(5) Earn more money from visitors.
Some of the retail purchases in Snyder are made by people who don't live here. It's time to take advantage of that.

(6) Help local businesses.
Even with the property tax cut, local businesses will still need help. The Jobs Fund will help local Businesses expand and hire more employees.

(7) Jobs Fund will be tightly managed.
By state law, the funds expenditures will be audited, with each expense scrutinized. Further, budget expenditures for promotion are limited to 10%, this means the vast majority of the money will be spent on economic development.

(8) Help Snyder grow.
The property tax cut will encourage more families - especially those on fixed incomes - to stay in Snyder instead of moving to a big city. If Snyder is to grow, we must make it easier for people to raise their kids, buy a home, and build their futures here.

(9) Build our economy.
The property tax cut will save local businesses and help others expand. Yet, the city won't lose revenue because it is offset by the increase in the sales tax.

Reduce City Taxes, Create Jobs
Vote "Yes" Saturday, Jan. 18

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Gene therapy offers hope for heart muscles

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Researchers have triggered the growth of new blood vessels in animals' hearts by injecting genetic material directly into the cells of the heart wall.

The genes, which produce a chemical that promotes blood vessel growth, produced a 30 percent to 40 percent increase in capillaries in the heart wall, one of the researchers said Monday.

In related research, the scientists also reported that injection of genes directly into skeletal muscle cells turns the cells into protein factories that can produce insulin for diabetics or make the clotting protein that hemophiliacs are lacking, said Dr. Eliav Barr of the University of Michigan and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

He said this is the first time genetically altered cells have been shown to be stable producers of proteins. The cells continue to make the proteins for up to six months, Barr said.

Dr. Jan Breslow of Rockefeller University in New York, an authority on the genetics of heart disease, said of Barr's work, "It's absolutely amazing that they can directly inject genes into the heart, and the genes express (continue working) for months.

"It really opens up the whole question of regrowing heart muscle," Breslow said.

Barr said the ability to promote the growth of new blood vessels in the heart could potentially be a useful treatment for the 750,000 Americans who have heart attacks each year as a result of narrowing of their coronary arteries, which supply the heart muscle.

The theory is that if new arteries could be grown to supply the heart, then the heart muscle would not lose its blood supply and the heart attacks would not occur.

It is also conceivable, Breslow said, that the technique could be used to insert genes that would trigger the growth of new heart muscle after the heart has been damaged in a heart attack.

The experiments so far have been done only in rats, Barr said.

In a report on the study, Dr. Jeffrey Leiden, the director of the research, said, "While these results are very exciting, much work remains to be done."

Experiments are planned on dogs or pigs, to see whether the results can be duplicated in larger animals, he said.

The research using skeletal muscle cells to produce proteins also has been limited to laboratory animals so far, Barr said.

The gene for human growth hormone was inserted into muscle cells in the laboratory, he said, and the muscle cells were injected into mice.

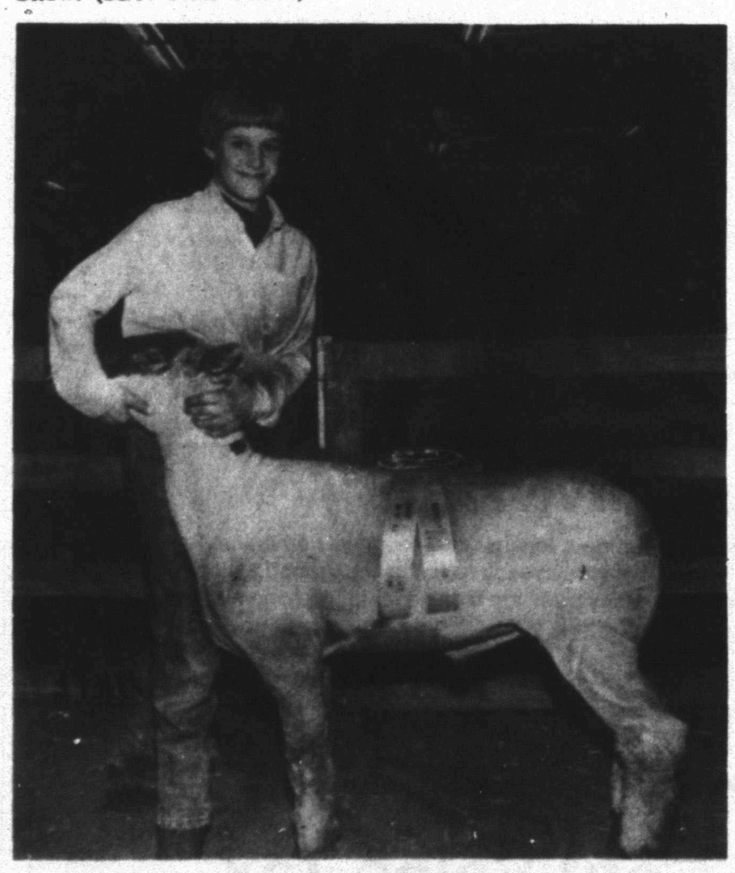
The muscle cells, called myoblasts, survived in the mice, became linked with other muscle cells, and continued to turn out human growth hormone in the bloodstreams of the mice, he said.

The researchers are currently introducing the gene for a blood clotting factor into the muscle cells of dogs with hemophilia, said Leiden.

"The myoblasts will then be injected back into the dogs in an attempt to cure hemophilia," he said. "If these attempts are successful, we will be in a position to attempt to treat human hemophilia using this approach."



RESERVE CHAMPION HOG — Will Collier showed the Reserve Champion Hog during Saturday's Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB — Keila Helms showed the Reserve Champion Lamb during Saturday's Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photo)



RESERVE CHAMPION STEER — Angie Brewer showed the Reserve Champion Steer during Saturday's Scurry County 4-H Livestock Show. (SDN Staff Photo).

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A barium enema has revealed I have diverticulosis. My doctor is vague, saying I should change my diet to a high fiber one with no small grains. After three weeks of increased fiber, the pain is still there, yet less intense. Can you be more specific than my doctor was?

DEAR READER: First of all, diverticulosis rarely, if ever, causes pain. This common condition may be associated with intestinal gas but almost never causes symptoms because the small intestinal sacs, characteristic of the disorder, do not interfere with digestion.

Sometimes, however, these saccular outpouchings can become infected, leading to diverticulitis, with severe abdominal pain and cramping.

Opinion is divided about what factors change harmless diverticulosis into uncomfortable diverticulitis. Some experts blame fiber in the diet, others believe that small indigestible seeds (raspberries, blueberries, strawberries) become wedged in the diverticular pouches and lead to infection. Still other authorities denounce these theories and claim that diet plays no role whatsoever.

Predictably, the average doctor (me included) is often unsure about what advice to give patients. Being a middle-of-the-road kind of guy, I ride the fence by suggesting to my patients that they avoid fruits with small seeds, on the outside chance this prohibition may prevent diverticulitis. I do not urge a change in dietary fiber, although increased fiber may have other beneficial effects such as alleviating constipation and (perhaps) protecting against colon cancer.

I believe your primary problem is diverticulitis, not diverticulosis. The former can be diagnosed by blood tests and X-rays of your intestine. Diet is not going to cure your pain. You may need antibiotics to eradicate the infection. Ask your doctor about this. If he or she remains vague, request a referral to a gastroenterologist who may be more helpful in treating your condition.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have trigeminal neuralgia that seems to recur every 12 to 18 months. What can you tell me about the illness, and why does it keep coming back?

DEAR READER: The cause of trigeminal neuralgia is unknown; the condition is marked by bouts of severe knife-like pains on one side of the face. The attacks may be initiated by chewing or by brushing the teeth. Although the pains last a short time (a few days), they can be incapacitating — especially if cycles of pain occur in rapid succession. No one knows why trigeminal neuralgia recurs.

Treatment is, unfortunately, far from ideal. Carbamazepine and phenytoin have been used with varying success. Sometimes surgery (to cut the affected nerve) is effective. Patients with trigeminal neuralgia should be under the care of neurologists.

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Death row inmate given stay Monday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A federal judge has granted a stay of execution to a Texas death row inmate convicted in the 1985 kidnap-slaying of a Corpus Christi man after a restaurant robbery.

U.S. District Judge Hayden Head Jr. of Corpus Christi granted the stay Monday to Freddie Lee Webb, who was scheduled for lethal injection before dawn Wednesday.

Webb, 31, was convicted of the Dec. 8, 1985, shooting death of Leopoldo Cantu, 26.

Cantu had picked up his wife, Elizabeth Cantu, after she closed the Ship Ahoy restaurant in downtown Corpus Christi.

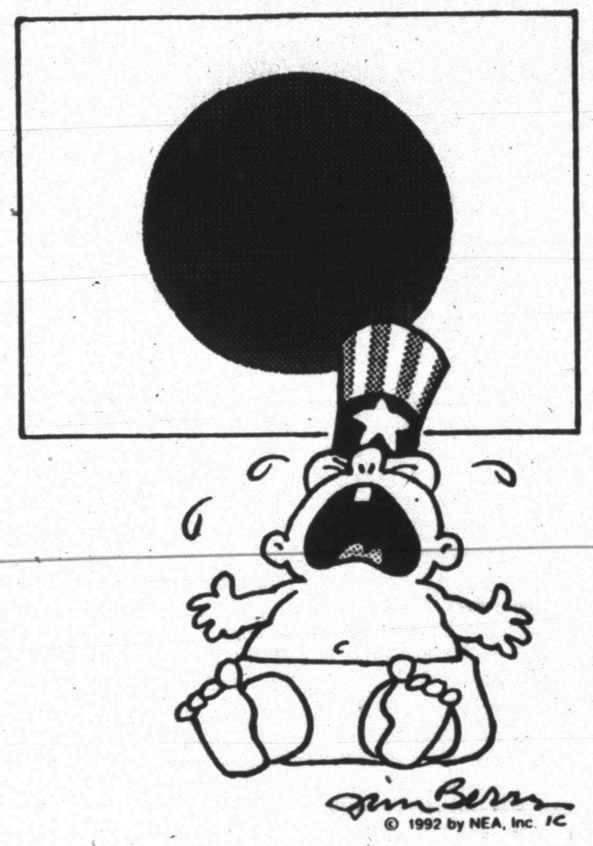
Prosecutors said Webb and another man followed the couple to a car wash, abducted them and drove them back to the restaurant. Mrs. Cantu was forced to open the safe and was left tied up.

Cantu was abducted and killed because he recognized Webb as a frequent customer at the convenience store where Cantu's ex-wife worked, prosecutors said. Cantu's ex-wife, Olga Cantu, testified against Webb at his trial.

Another inmate, Delma Banks Jr., remains scheduled for execution early Wednesday. His attorneys filed an appeal Monday with the trial court in Texarkana, seeking a stay.

Banks, 33, was sentenced to death in October 1980 for the robbery-slaying of Richard Wayne Whitehead, 16. Prosecutors said Banks shot Whitehead three times in the head and stole his car after Whitehead agreed to give him a ride home from a dance.

Berry's World



THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 14, 1992

Today is the 14th day of 1992 and the 24th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1783, Congress ratified the peace treaty between the United States and England.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Benedict Arnold (1741-1801), American Revolutionary general; Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965), theologian-medical missionary; Hugh Lofting (1886-1947), children's author/illustrator; Andy Rooney (1919-), writer-columnist, is 73; Faye Dunaway (1941-), actress, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, the Miami Dolphins defeated the Washington Redskins, 14-7, in Super Bowl VII to become the first NFL team to finish the season undefeated.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Whosoever is spared personal pain must feel himself called to help in diminishing the pain of others." — Albert Schweitzer

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1932, a 100-yard-wide tornado ripped through the community of Lexington just east of Eaton in Tennessee's Gibson County. The 10 deaths all came from a 13-member family whose home was completely swept away.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 12) and full moon (Jan. 19).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
As if winter's gloom hasn't depressed us enough, we just recalled that February has an extra day this year.

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