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Ask Us

Q—When is the appraisal district expected to certify values for the year?

A—Scurry County Appraisal District personnel said they hope to have values certified by the end of the week.

Local

Council

Snyder Healthcare Center family council will meet at 7 this evening at the center. All families of residents are encouraged to attend.

Family Life

The Family Life series airing at 7 this evening on cable television Channel 2 will be "Finding Peace in Jesus."

Toastmasters

Snyder Toastmasters will meet at 6 this evening in the chamber board room for installation of new officers. Guests are welcome.

UWSA

United We Stand, America will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Towle Park Barn. All members and guests are invited.

Lodge 987

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge 987 will have installation of officers at 7:30 this evening in the lodge hall.

Crusade

The community-wide crusade sponsored by First Methodist Church will continue this evening and Tuesday. Services are at 7 p.m.

A men's brown bag lunch will be held Tuesday at noon. Everyone is welcome.

Breakfast

Snyder Prayer Breakfast Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the chamber board room. Election of officers for the coming year and a wrap up of the July Fourth Prayer Breakfast are items on the agenda.

Anyone interested in joining the committee is encouraged to attend.

Dialogue set

Dialogue, a support group for cancer patients, family members and friends, will meet from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. This marks the new group's second meeting, but since it is ongoing anyone can join even if they missed the first meeting.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 93 degrees; low, 68 degrees; high Sunday, 94 degrees; low, 68 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 70 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1994 to date, 5.32 inches.

Snyder Area Forecasts: Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. A chance of thunderstorms. Low around 70. Southeast wind 5-15 mph. Chance of rain, 30 percent. Tuesday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. High near 95. Southeast wind 10-20 mph. Chance of rain, 20 percent.

Almanac: Sunset today, 8:50. Sunrise Tuesday, 6:48. Of 191 days in 1994, the sun has shone 184 days in Snyder.

Wednesday...

Daniel growing by 334 inmates

Price Daniel Unit will be receiving 334 inmates Wednesday in conjunction with the completion of its new dormitory-style unit, the assistant warden said today.

"We're going to get in all of them in one day," said Assistant Warden Raymond Villarreal. He expects total processing to take several days with some employees working overtime, but hopes that work will be completed by Friday evening.

The prisoners will all be coming from the Middleton transfer facility in Abilene.

The Daniel Unit has added 45 officers plus support personnel to handle the increase in inmates. The unit normally houses about 980-990 prisoners. That number will increase to over 1,300 Wednesday.

Among the support personnel are a records clerk, a mailroom employee, a commissary employee, an assistant commissary manager, a substance abuse worker and an correctional counselor. Total employees at the unit now number more than 340.

The 334 incoming prisoners will not be housed in the new dormitory but will be placed in other cells in the prison, which opened in August of 1989, the assistant warden said.

Prisoners already at the unit have been moved into the new facility, which Villarreal said is an "open dorm" setting. The dormitory utilizes cubicles rather than cells.

The expansion project is one of many recently completed or near completion throughout the state. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is expanding a number of its 1,000-bed units by 300 or more beds and some of its 2,500-bed units by 600 beds.

U.N. mission told to get out of Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The military-dominated government today ordered a U.N. human rights observer team to leave Haiti.

U.N. spokesman Eric Falt said the team was given 48 hours to leave the Caribbean country by the ministry of foreign affairs.

The order came as the United States was massing additional warships and 2,000 more Marines just off Haiti's shores.

Eight warships and 15 Coast Guard cutters already are stationed off Haiti to deal with a wave of Haitians fleeing their nation and to enforce a U.N. trade embargo intended to pressure Haiti's military coup leaders into giving up power.

President Clinton has repeatedly said he would not rule out the use of force to restore the constitutional government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was ousted in a 1991 coup. He was Haiti's first democratically elected leader.

The U.N. mission has been investigating human rights abuses since the coup, concluding that many killings have been directly attributable to the army and its right-wing allies.

Up to 3,000 people have been killed in political violence since Aristide was toppled.

The U.N. mission abruptly suspended operations last week after a demand to do so by the military-backed government. But on Friday, the U.N. General Assembly approved extending the observer's mission for another year, and the U.N. team resumed investigations.



OUTDOOR SHOWER — Jennifer Northcott, 17, an incoming senior at Ira High School, pours water on her head Friday evening as a reward for playing basketball earlier that evening. The two-on-two competition took place in the old gymnasium of Ira ISD. (SDN Staff Photo by John McMillan)

Addition contingent upon bids

Approval of a loan for the proposed Golden Terrace addition here is contingent upon construction bids coming in under the appraised value, a Farmer's Home Administration spokesperson has confirmed.

Bidding on the a 40-unit, $1.2 million senior citizen's housing project is currently on-going.

Cheryl Reed, with FmHA in Abilene, said if bids come in under the appraised value, the loan will likely be approved. It could be several months after that before construction would actually begin, she said.

"Anything I would say about future construction would really be just speculation, though, since it all depends on the bid opening," she added.

Bids are to be opened at 2 p.m. July 29 at the office of Golden Terrace Village here.

Separate sealed bids are being sought for the site work and general construction of the housing units. Construction includes painting, cabinetry, plumbing and electrical work.

The bids are being received by Snyder Senior Citizens, Inc. at the office of Golden Terrace Village, at 2006 37th St.

Copies of the contract document can be obtained at the office of the architect, Cameron Alread, at 209 W. 8th St. in Fort Worth for $100 for each set.

If the bids are below appraised

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Structure a lean budget, commissioners are urged

Scurry County Commissioners today began preparing the 1995 budget but first got a bleak outlook from the county's major taxpayer and a plea from it to structure a "lean budget."

Although not scheduled to be on the agenda, representatives of Pennzoil, SACROC unit operator, appeared before the court this morning to plea with commissioners for cooperation when looking at proposed expenditures for 1995.

Commissioners recessed this morning and were scheduled to return at 2 p.m. to start of the process of looking at departmental requests turned into County Auditor Eddie McHaney.

McHaney said not all requests have been been received by his office, so no preliminary budget figure has been developed.

The 1994 budget totaled $18.7 million, of which $12.6 million was the operating budget for Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

To raise the same tax dollars as in 1994, the county's effective tax rate is 57.57 cents compared to 49.87 cents this year.

John Hudman, senior ad valorem tax representative for Pennzoil, urged commissioners to find places to cut waste from the budget. "Every budget has waste," noting that his company had had budget cuts and personnel cuts.

Hudman, who was accompanied by Hugh Gray, Pennzoil manager of the SACROC operations, said value of the unit had dropped from $133 million to $67.4 million which is expected to be reflected in certified values Tuesday by the Scurry County Appraisal District.

Hudman said the decline is contributed to two factors — a decline in production that is accelerated by low oil prices.

Since 1989, Hudman said the production decrease has averaged about 3,000 barrels per day each year. In 1989, the daily production at SACROC was 23,000 barrels. In 1993, it had dipped to 14,000 barrels and the average so far this year is 12,400 barrels per day.

The negative situation is compounded by a drop in oil prices. In 1989 the average price was $18.59 per barrel and it increased to slightly over $20 per barrel in 1990 and 1991. The number was $19.45 in 1992 and had plunged to $16.79 in 1993. The average so far in 1994 has been below $14.

When questioned by commissioners about the life of the unit, Hudman said that would depend on how much expenses could be trimmed by keeping production up. Gray added that those factors are impacted by the price of oil. Based on current prices, the unit would continue from four to five years, although he predicted some ownership changes prior to that.

Hudman asked commissioners to take a hard look at their operating budget, perhaps looking at other areas of revenue enhancement.

Gray noted that they had consolidated Pennzoil offices in Snyder, had upgraded computers for better economic analysis, had developed a new accounting system and had been instrumental in consolidation of the Diamond M Plant with the Snyder Gas Plant "We have cut our operating costs and I am proud of the people out there."

In other business, the court approved two line-item transfers and approved the payment of bills.

The budget transfers included $2,000 from repairs to equipment

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Bank deposits show decline, loans up slightly at mid-year

Combined mid-year bank deposits in Snyder showed a decline while total loans at the same three institutions were up slightly.

Based on all reports as of June 30, total deposits at Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and Snyder Savings and Loan Association reflected a combined total of $180.7 million compared to $190.9 million at the same time in 1993. American State Bank and AmWest Savings do not report individual branch office figures.

Total outstanding loans at the same three institutions were $83.6 million at mid-year, up $2.9 million from the $80.7 million reported in 1993.

At mid-year, Snyder National Bank revealed total deposits of $78.2 million, a drop of $8.8 million from the same period last year. Deposits were down $4.4 million since the first quarter of 1994.

West Texas Bank deposits were $71.9 million, an increase of $200,000 over the second quarter of 1993, but a drop of $2.6 million since the 1994 first-quarter report.

Snyder Savings showed deposits of $30.6 million, a drop of $1.6 million from last year, and a decline of $500,000 since the first three months of 1994.

Total loans at Snyder National were $28.6 million, a drop of $2.4 million since last year, and a reduction of $400,000 since the first quarter statement of 1994.

Loans at West Texas Bank totaled $36.4 million, no change from three months ago, but an increase of $1.1 million when compared to 1993's mid-year statement.

Loans at Snyder Savings totaled $18.6 million, an increase of $4.2 million when compared to the first six months of 1993, and an increase of $1.9 million when evaluated against the first quarter of 1994.

Mueller takes saddle at stockholder's event

Mark Mueller claimed the first-prize saddle at Sunday's Scurry County Rodeo Association Stockholders' Roping, teaming up with partner Johnny Eicke for top honors in team roping.

Mueller and Eicke headed and heeled their way to a three-head 27.5 time to win the average.

The annual roping opened rodeo week festivities in Snyder, which will be highlighted by the Thursday, Friday and Saturday run of the 59th Annual Scurry County Open Rodeo.

Weldon Beck and Tye Springer combined for runner-up honors at Sunday's roping, ringing up a 28.3-second time. Third place in the average went to Scott Trevey and Vance Voss, who flashed a 28.6.

The top go-round time was a 6.5 turned in by Kenny Hart and Van Hale.

This week's rodeo, held at the association's arena on Gary Brewer Road, will feature bareback, saddle bronc and bull riding, as well as barrel racing, calf roping, team roping and breakaway roping.

Tickets are $4 in advance, and may be purchased at Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters. Tickets at the gate will be $5. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Reservations for box seats may be made by calling 573-6634.

Also included in each nightly performance will be 7-and-under Mutton Bustin', 12-and-under barrel racing, a merchants' steer saddling and a kids' calf scramble.

Contestants in the 12-and-under barrel race may enter by calling Molly Tatum at 573-8180. Entry fee is $20.

TAAS test this week

The summer administration of the exit-level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS) will be held this week in the high school cafeteria.

TAAS writing will be held Tuesday. TAAS reading and TEAMS language is scheduled Wednesday. TAAS and TEAMS mathematics will be given Thursday.

Students who were enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12 during the spring of 1994 are eligible to take any section of the exit-level test that they have not mastered. In addition, individuals who are out of school may test this summer if they have registered.

Students wishing to take the test should report to the cafeteria at 8 a.m. on test dates.

Dallas' homeless grant is delayed

DALLAS (AP) — City officials' failure to finish paperwork for a $2.9 million grant has forced more than 100 homeless people to wait for drug treatment, psychiatric care and rent assistance they were promised months ago.

"Where is it? We've got people waiting to access that money, waiting for that rent assistance," said Jan Mitura, director of the Family Gateway shelter.

City officials played down the delay, and said the money would be available by August.

Dallas learned in December that it had been awarded $2.9 million to help 102 homeless people and 10 homeless families. Officials said the grant would help get hard-to-reach homeless people off the street.

Federal officials said last week that Dallas could have begun spending the money in April, but had not returned the necessary contracts.

They city also has not received funding on a $511,000 grant to pay for services at homeless shelters, federal officials said. The money, available since March, should be on the way, city officials say.

Georgia Reese, the city's assistant director of health and human services, said city attorneys needed time to review the grant contracts.

Critics say Dallas hasn't helped the homeless because the City Council has been too busy trying to remove them from downtown areas.

Last month the city destroyed a huge shantytown under an interstate overpass where hundreds lived, and authorized $150,000 to house the displaced street people for three months.

On Thursday, the city posted no-trespassing signs at City Hall, the Convention Center and the downtown public library, where dozens of homeless have been sleeping.

Pick 3

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

2-1-4

(two, one, four)

Lotto Texas

by The Associated Press

One ticket bought in Central Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot is worth an estimated $3 million.

The numbers drawn night from a field of 50 were 45-31-27-46-48-17.

Lottery officials said the ticket was sold by Sac-N-Pac store No. 505 in New Braunfels. The winning ticket, payable in 20 annual installments, must be redeemed at Texas Lottery Headquarters in Austin.

In addition to the jackpot winner, there were 53 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth $3,054. There were 4,301 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning $135. And there were 89,498 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic $3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will again be $3 million.

The Pick 3 winning numbers for Saturday were 2-1-4.

Source unknown

EL PASO (AP) — Two days after sheriff's deputies are alleged to have a found a bag of marijuana in his briefcase, former state Sen. Tati Santiesteban said Sunday he doesn't know its origin.

"I don't know how it got there, and it definitely was not mine," Santiesteban told the El Paso Times.

Santiesteban declined further comment on the incident.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Press doctor for specific answers

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please explain arterial hypertension and paroxysmal [illegible] me with these conditions, and I have a lot of unanswered questions.

DEAR READER: First of all, you should address your "unanswered questions" to your doctor, who knows best your general state of health and the medicines you are taking. Part of good medical care is to provide the very service you are requesting.

Arterial hypertension (high blood pressure) is one of the most dangerous and common medical ailments in the United States. In general, the cause is unknown, although recent reports have suggested a genetic component. As the blood pressure progressively rises above the 140/90 upper limit of normal, many of the body's organs become damaged.

Uncontrolled hypertension leads to stroke, heart strain and kidney malfunction, to mention a few. Therefore, hypertension should be treated, using a variety of drugs, including beta-blockers, calcium-channel blockers and ACE inhibitors.

[illegible] that, from time to time, the pulse rate accelerates to well over 100 beats per minute. This condition may complicate uncontrolled hypertension but can also occur in the presence of untreated hyperthyroidism and other diseases, such as anemia. Paroxysmal tachycardia may also appear on its own.

The most frequent symptoms are palpitations, anxiety, sweating, restlessness, chest discomfort, and a feeling that something is wrong. The rapid pulse is usually easily treated with drugs, such as calcium channel blockers. In patients who experience brief, periodic bouts of fast pulse, no therapy may be necessary.

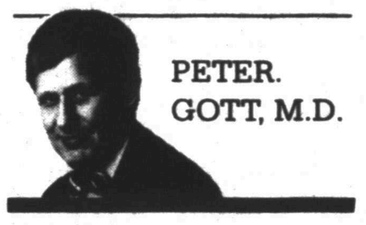
If you have hypertension and paroxysmal tachycardia, the conditions may be related, but once the blood pressure level is brought down to normal, the tachycardia should be less of a problem.

Ask your doctor for an in-depth discussion of your concerns, your afflic[illegible] medications.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Hypertension" and "Understanding Heart Disease." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title(s).

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Exports' outlook is bright

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fresh fruit exports are also [illegible]tial, says USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

"U.S. fresh fruit exports dropped slightly in 1993 but remained near 1992's record level and markets are expected to grow with continued trade liberalization, rising incomes and increased consumer demand for fresh products," the agency said in this month's AgExporter magazine.

The leading U.S. fruit exports in terms of value are apples, oranges, grapefruit, grapes, cherries and lemons.

Canada and Mexico accounted for more than 40 percent of U.S. fruit export value, the report said.

Canada is the largest U.S. market for grapes, strawberries, peaches and pears, and it is among the top three markets for oranges, apples, grapefruit, cherries and several other fruits.

Last year, Canada was the top importer of U.S. oranges, a position usually occupied by Japan, the report said.

"Comparing 1988 with 1993, U.S. exports were up by almost half to Hong Kong (ranked third among 1993 U.S. markets), up 105 percent to fourth-ranked Taiwan, up 50 percent to 10th-ranked Malaysia, up more than 300 percent to 11th-ranked Thailand and up from a few thousand dollars to a record $14.5 million to 13th-ranked Indonesia," it said.

The report said that apples, as exports, face some opportunities and some challenges.

"Export prospects in Asia could get a major boost following the phytosanitary (agreement with China and the anticipated opening of Japan to U.S. apples," it said.

Buyers reaping profits from S&L sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charles Keating's grand hotel. A lavish office building outside Dallas. A 224-unit apartment complex near the Mexican border. All three properties, once owned by failed savings and loans, were sold by federal regulators at prices far below market value.

In each case — and in many other similar transactions — the buyers were able to turn around and resell the properties at much higher prices, according to an Associated Press review of the disposition of property by the government's S&L cleanup agency, Resolution Trust Corp.

The RTC sold one property, a 17.5-acre Keating parcel in Arizona, for $875,000 last December. The same day, the buyer resold the parcel to other buyers for $1.225 million — a one-day profit of 40 percent.

Another profitable deal for investors was the Phoenician Hotel, the lavish monument Keating built against the scenic Camelback Mountain outside Phoenix before being convicted in one of the most notorious S&L failures.

RTC sold its 55 percent share in the hotel, along with another hotel, to a Kuwaiti investment group for about $110 million in late 1991.

That investment group, which already owned the rest of the Phoenician, then sold it, complete with its mother-of-pearl swimming pool tiles, gold ceiling inlays and marble columns, and the other hotel, to the ITT-Sheraton hotel group for about $312 million earlier this year.

A court record obtained by the AP shows that a former federal regulator testified that the Kuwaitis were initially willing to pay $145 million for the two properties. The government rejected the figure, he said.

The RTC states its mission is to sell all properties it inherited from the failed S&Ls of the 1980s "in a manner that ... maximizes return and minimizes loss."

But congressional reports and agency documents show that RTC sales average at or less than 50 percent of the properties' appraised value.

The agency blames the poor recovery on two factors: its former strategy of selling real estate in discounted bulk packages and the recession, which drove down real estate values in many areas.

"We've always said real estate will be the thing we take the biggest hit on," RTC spokesman Steve Katsanos said. "It's the toughest sell."

But while the RTC says it has had trouble getting fair market value, those who bought properties from the agency often did not, the AP review of land deeds in several states found. For example, the RTC:

— Rejected a $9.6 million bid for a 224-unit apartment complex in San Ysidro, Calif., in late 1992, according to San Diego real estate broker Eric Melby, who tried to assemble the deal. Instead, the RTC sold it for $6.6 million in a bulk sale to GE Capital. Melby then helped a client purchase it from GE for $7.5 million last December.

— Sold a residential parcel in Phoenix in April 1993 for $185,000 to Kramer Investment Co., which more than doubled its money when it resold the land eight months later for $395,892.

— Sold in February 1993 for $22.6 million the headquarters for the failed Sunbelt Federal Savings Association near Dallas to Don Carter, owner of the Dallas Mavericks professional basketball team. The facility cost more than $100 million to build. Officials familiar with the transaction, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said Carter has since agreed to resell the complex to the parent of Mary Kay Cosmetics Corp. for about $36 million — a 59 percent return.

Critics say the RTC performance has allowed real estate speculators to profit at the taxpayers' expense.

"We're talking about extraordinary sums, without a full explanation of how or why," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., a member of the Senate Banking Committee. "The consequences are, the taxpayer gets hit again hard, subsidizing someone else's profits."

Experts cite several reasons the RTC failed to earn as much as private investors on the sales.

"Sometimes, the agency lacked good information on the asset, given the large volume of properties and the shortcomings of the ... information system and the great pressure to move assets quickly," said Peter Monroe, former head of the RTC's Oversight Board. "Also, timing is everything in real estate sales, and it was often very difficult to get the RTC to make a decision."

Added Bob Frank, the Phoenix lawyer who turned the one-day $350,000 profit on the Keating property: "Real estate is driven by people who are willing to put lots of money and time into it, and who are not averse to risk. The government doesn't work that way."

The RTC says it has recouped some $400 billion from its property sales. While it has done relatively well in disposing of other parts of former S&L portfolios — mortgages rrsecurities — there are numerous indications it could have collected substantially more from real estate sales.

According to estimates in three studies by the General Accounting Office, the auditing arm of Congress, the RTC has never gotten better than 36 percent of the assessed value on its total real estate sales.

And a list of 178 RTC sales to 90 individuals or companies obtained by the AP found the government got just $665.4 million on properties whose book value was $1.3 billion. Some properties on that list that were valued in the millions went for as little as $1 because they were wrapped into multimillion-dollar bulk sales. The Clinton administration abandoned the bulk sales strategy last year.

Legislators...

Senator against representing clients before state agencies

LUBBOCK (AP) — An Amarillo state senator says he's reigniting his efforts to keep legislators who also are attorneys from representing clients before state agencies.

The practice "smacks of intimidation," Republican Sen. Teel Bivins said.

"If we're going to have ethics legislation, let's start in our own back yard," he said.

Bivins tried to pass the measure in 1993, but it stalled in a Senate committee. He rewrote the proposal and offered it as an amendment to an ethics bill, sparking a fierce debate on the Senate floor.

Senators rejected the amendment, but Bivins said the vote was close enough to inspire him to try again.

"I'm delighted he's trying it again," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, executive director of the Texas office of Public Citizen, a government watchdog group.

Texas Ethics Commission records show that several legislators have represented clients before state agencies. Rep. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, represented five clients involved in workers' compensation cases.

"I don't feel it's appropriate for any member of the Legislature, whether he's a lawyer or a lay person, to appear before a state agency and try to influence the decision of that agency simply because he is a legislator," Duncan said.

But he said a lawmaker may represent a client in an adversarial procedure at a state agency. His cases were heard by administrative law judges who did not feel legislative pressure from him, Duncan said.

Duncan said he would not have a problem prohibiting legislators from representing clients before regulatory agencies, like the State Board of Insurance.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, also has represented clients before state agencies. He criticized Bivins' proposal as insulting because it falsely presumes a legislator-lawyer will wield undue influence.

"It's easy for a guy sitting on a million-dollar bank account to talk about not making a living. ... The only way poor folks can serve in a part-time Legislature, with about $350-a-month net income, is to work," Parker said.

Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso, a former member of the Public Utility Commission, said she opposes a blanket prohibition. State agency officials take an oath to uphold the law, she said.

"I think when people take an oath of office, if we can't expect them to uphold it, we're in a very sorry state indeed," Ms. Rosson said.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, said he supported Bivins' proposal last year and would vote for it again. Although Montford represented a client in a 1991 appeal to the Texas Education Agency, he said he prefers to avoid the practice.

Ethics Commission records indicate that other legislators are less reticent about handling those types of cases. Democratic Reps. David Cain of Dallas, Jim Rudd of Brownfield and Rob Junell of San Angelo all have represented clients before state agencies.

State Sens. Ike Harris, R-Dallas; Greg Luna, D-San Antonio; and Don Henderson, R-Houston, also have handled such cases.

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Scurry County

Spalding Energy Inc. will drill the No. 2 Fuller, a 3,200-foot wildcat located two miles northwest of Fullerville. Location is in Section 88, Block 5, H&GN survey.

Mitchell County

Merit Energy Corp. will drill the No. 10-A J.F. McCabe, a 7,180-foot re-entry project in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. Location is in Section 4, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy will drill the No. 15-A J.F. McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. The re-entry venture is planned for a depth of 7,160 feet, and drill site is in Section 4, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Merit Energy will drill the No. 5-A J.F. McCabe in the Jameson north field, four miles north of Silver. Also a re-entry project, planned depth is 7,233 feet and location is in Section 4, Block 1-A, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

Patton Exploration Inc. will drill the No. 5-110 Half Moon, as 5,000-foot wildcat located seven miles northeast of Rotan. Location is in Section 110, Block 1, H&TC survey.

Garza County

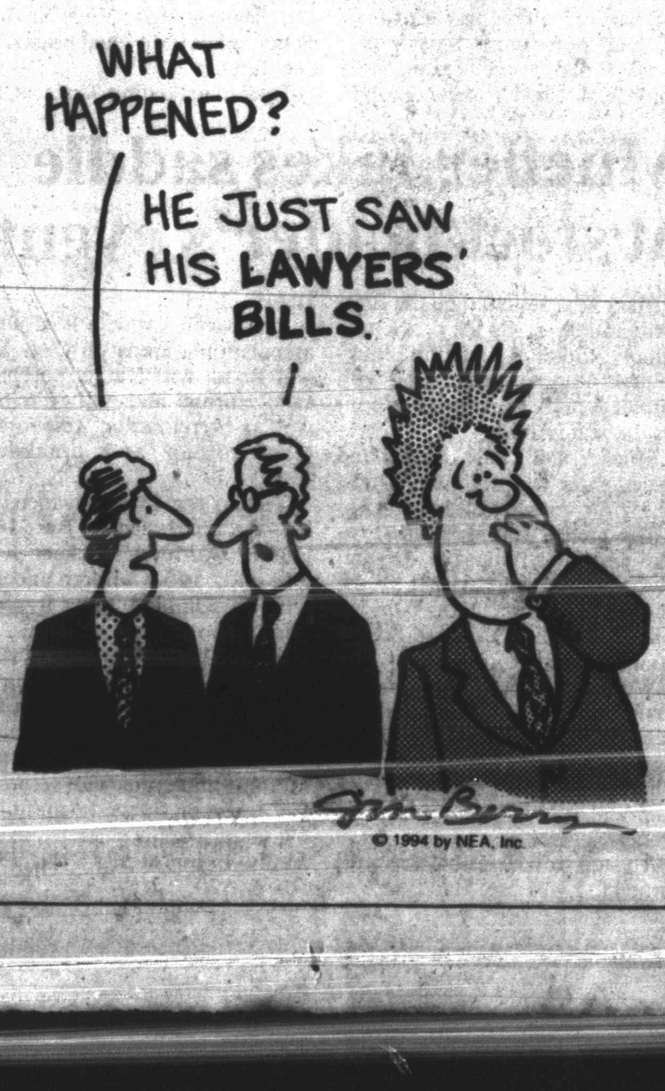
Tommy Swanson Oil Co. will drill the No. 3-939 K. Stoker in the Rocker A field, seven miles southeast of Post. Planned for a depth of 4,999 feet, location is in Section 939, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Fisher County

CRT's Inc. will drill the No. 1 Bomar, a 3,700-foot wildcat located two miles notheast of Roby. Location is in the T.H. Crosby survey No. 315.

The Briand-Kellogg pact, outlawing war, was sinnd in 1928 in Paris.

Berry's World



Community Calendar

MONDAY

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 4:30 p.m.

Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; chamber of commerce board room; 6 p.m.; installation of officers planned; public invited.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information, call 863-2349, 573-8626, 573-1141; 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7:30 p.m.; call 573-8322 for more information.

Patchwork Square Extension Homemakers, 9:30 a.m.

Martha Ann Woman's Club board of directors; MAWC; all members uro attend, 10 a.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall, 2701 Ave. Z; 7:30 p.m.

American Legion Lanye Kite Post 181 and Auxiliary, 7:30 p.m.

White Buffalo Stamp Club; TU Reddy Room; 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

ABWA Deep Creek Chapter; 7 p.m. at Golden Corral.

Ladies Golf Association, Snyder Country Club; 9 a.m.

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

Twentieth Century Club, 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club, MAWC; 3 p.m.

University Women; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

Snyder Police Auxiliary; Snyder National Bank Community Room; 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information, call 573-1141; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information, call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information, call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open, meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Prk, 37th and Ave. M; for more infmation, call 573-3956, 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-1141, 863-2349, or 573-8626; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

FBI makes arrest in bank robberies case

SEATTLE (AP) — In the eight-year string of bank robberies, authorities say, the pattern was always the same: A man would leap the counter, confront a teller, fire a handgun once or twice into the ceiling, and demand money.

Then, disguised with a false hairpiece, mustache or beard, he fled in a waiting car.

Once, the man known as "The Shootist" got $38,000 for a day's work. Sometimes, he got nothing.

On Saturday, FBI agents and police say, he got caught.

Johnny Madison Williams Jr., 43, also known as Robert James Hall, and his wife, Carolyn Williams, 34, also known as Carolyn Hawkins, were arrested at a motel in Bothell, a suburb northeast of Seattle.

Williams was wanted in connection with robberies at Dallas, Austin, Plano, Arlington, Lubbock and Houston.

They were being held at the downtown Immigration and Naturalization Service lockup pending a federal court appearance today, FBI Agent Roberta A. Burroughs said.

Williams was sought on a warrant from San Diego. His wife was arrested because evidence was found in the motel room which implicated her in at least some of the holdups, Burroughs said.

Williams made no formal confession, but said in discussions with investigators and in a diary found in the motel room that he was involved in 56 holdups going back to a July 3, 1986, robbery in Dallas, Burroughs said.

Agents in San Diego and Washington, D.C., verified it was "the longest unsolved serial bank [illegible] in the FBI's history," she added.

Williams was sought for investigation in 48 heists in which more than $750,000 was taken in California, Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Texas. He also admitted eight others in which the amounts were not immediately known, Burroughs said.

The arrest was made by FBI agents from Seattle and San Diego and police from San Jose, Calif., and Bellevue.

"Usually, we don't have bank robbers out there for eight years," said Jan Caldwell, an FBI spokeswoman in San Diego. "That's a long time."

A diary detailing 56 bank holdups, along with two pistols and various disguises, were found in the motel room, Bellevue police Lt. Jack McDonald said.

One of the pistols had an empty cartridge in the cylinder, possibly from a holdup eight days earlier in nearby Kirkland, McDonald said in a prepared statement.

Some of the banks hit by The Shootist featured on the television shows "America's Most Wanted" and "Prime Suspect," were in Irvine, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, San Juan Capistrano, Fresno, Walnut Creek, Stockton, Danville, Pleasanton, Los Altos, San Jose and Cupertino, Calif.; and Redmond, Kirkland and Bellevue, Wash., Caldwell said.

The arrest resulted from a segment on the case recently on the TV show "San Diego's Most Wanted," she added.

McDonald said a Bellevue detective, Steve Lynch, had been tracking The Shootist for years, meeting with FBI agents and local police detectives from as far as Texas.

The arrest followed a tip that he was in the Seattle area and was driving a vehicle that was spotted at the motel, McDonald said.

Burroughs said the biggest haul in the string of robberies was about $38,000 from a First Interstate branch in Mission Viejo, between Los Angeles and San Dieoo

The most recent heist was July 1 at a Seattle-First National Bank branch in Kirkland.

In each holdup, Burroughs said, the robber entered a bank wearing a wig or false beard or mustache; vaulted the teller counter, fired a shot or two into the ceiling, then leaped over the counter again and fled with as much money as he could get.

He always entered and left alone in a getaway car. Never was a hostage taken or anyone injured in any of the robberies despite the gunfire, Burroughs said.

"It was a scare tactic," she said.

Dayton school to bolt lockers shut to ease overcrowding

DAYTON (AP) — At Wilson Junior High School, officials want to reduce campus crime, clear crowded hallways and help forgetful students who leave their books at home.

So beginning next month, lockers will be permanently bolted shut, backpacks will be banned and two sets of textbooks are being made available to students.

Instead of having to haul around textbooks, students will be given a set of books to keep at home and classrooms will contain another set for use at the Liberty County school about 40 miles northeast of Houston.

Principal Larry Wadzeck hopes the plan will lessen congestion during class changes; cut tardiness; reduce hiding places for guns, drugs and other contraband; eliminate locker thefts; decrease the number of lost books; and help forgetful students.

Students will need to carry writing material, library books and possibly jackets during the school day, he said.

Dayton voters have twice rejected issuing bonds to pay for projects to provide more space. Though bolting the lockers won't provide more space, Wadzeck believes it will ease the hallway crowding since students won't be huddled in hallways around lockers between classes.

"It's not a panacea, but it's a step in the right direction," he said.

As for the backpacks, he said he believes the only useful purpose they served was to carry books. But pupils, he said, carried such things as contraband and video games to school in them.

Wadzeck said he has heard no parent complaints about the plan, which takes effect Aug. 16 and is similar to locker-elimination policies at some other area schools.

The Dayton school board's decision to plunk down an additional $25,000 in local tax money to pay for duplicate books also comes at a time when the state has announced it is short $100 million to pay for updated textbooks.

Traditionally, the state covers the cost of one set of textbooks for each pupil.

However, Dayton was notified it probably will get only about a third of the state funds the district had expected for newly adopted life science books, meaning the district needs $8,000 to cover that loss.

After the initial outlay for the extra books, Dayton expects to pay about $4,000 each year in local funds to cover the costs of a classroom set of any newly adopted books, said Wadzeck.

But Wadzeck remains convinced the benefits are worth the price, he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♦Q J 8
♣Q 4 2

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♥A J 6 5 3 2
♦6 3
♣10 7 3

EAST
♠K J 5
♥Q 4
♦K 4-2
♣J 9 8 6 5

SOUTH
♠9 4 2
♥K 10 7
♦A 10 9 7 5
♣A K

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥5

You speak; they react

By Phillip Alder

Have you seen the golf-club advertisement that claims that if you tell a club the shot you want to play, it hits that shot? Advertisers believe everyone is gullible, but do they really think we will buy that one? I was reminded of Fantasia.

Now suppose we could talk to cards. "Right, listen up, men. I'm in four spades and you're in the recycling bin if you don't win at least 10 tricks."

Absurd? Well, there is a book called "Right Through the Pack," by Robert Darvas and Norman de Villiers Hart, that contains 52 tales, each told by a different card. Today's deal is the one narrated by the spade jack. Against South's contract of three no-trump, West leads the heart five: eight, queen, king. Do you see how the spade jack might play a pivotal role?

South did well not to bid three spades over two no-trump, as the spade game is virtually sure to fail.

With the heart suit wide open, South couldn't afford to lose the lead. Also, it is better to risk one finesse in diamonds than two in spades. And, as you can see, East does have the diamond king. So South played a spade to dummy's ace and took the winning diamond finesse for nine easy tricks, right? Not quite!

East, guessing this was the position, smoothly dropped the spade king under dummy's ace. Suddenly the situation had changed. Taking the spade king at face value, South played a club to his ace and ran the spade nine. But East produced the jack and returned his last heart; two down.

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Corsicana notes less racial tensions now

FORT WORTH (AP) — Craig Thomas' death 13 months ago in the custody of white Corsicana policemen touched off racial hostilities, marches, criminal investigations and lawsuits.

But it also opened communication between blacks and whites, serving as a catalyst to improve their relations in the Navarro County community,

"They finally articulated what they're dissatisfied with in their community," Justice Department mediator Gus Taylor, who has worked closely with Corsicana leaders, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

New leadership at City Hall — the mayor, police chief and city manager have been in their posts less than 14 months — has hastened progress, local black leaders said.

"I think this is the first time we've ever had fair representation, and I'll emphasize ever — ever, ever," said Robert Sanders, president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Corsicana's racial tensions began June 5, 1993, when Thomas, 29, of nearby Wortham, died in the custody of white officers. A car Thomas was riding in was stopped by police for expired registration tags.

An autopsy showed Thomas died from a combination of drugs and alcohol, injuries suffered during his arrest and the hogtying method by which officers restrained him.

A second autopsy concluded that a beating combined with the way he was restrained was the cause of his death.

Two officers were fired following Thomas' death but were reinstated after a grand jury declined to indict them.

Last month, the city hired three black police officers, and the department now requires each member of the force to undergo sensitivity training.

Sanders, chairman of a five-member minority coalition that meets monthly with city leaders, said the group is pushing for more black officers in the next two years and better city services for black neighborhoods.

Under federal guidance, the coalition and city have signed an agreement listing nine goals to be achieved by 1998. Among them are police and fire departments in which the ethnic composition reflects the community, which is 25 percent black.

"More than the written agreement, what's so important is that the people feel they have access," Taylor said.

City Manager Jim Dunaway said he has seen dramatic changes in the last nine months.

"Then, there was no trust in us at all," he said. "The main focus since I've been here ... has been trust and sensitivity."

Still, racial tensions linger.

On June 29, young people in an area that is home to two predominantly black housing units threw rocks and bottles at police cars, resulting in two arrests on rioting charges. Some in the crowd reportedly yelled that Corsicana police "killed Craig Thomas and now it's our turn to get one of you."

Sanders said the city's biggest hurdle will be to overcome blacks' doubts that the city's institutions can change to benefit them. Nonetheless, he remains optimistic about what lies ahead for the city given the new air of cooperation.

Scientists are beginning to realize that whales are mammals first, ocean dwellers second, with mating and other behavior similar to those of bighorn sheep, lions and elephants.

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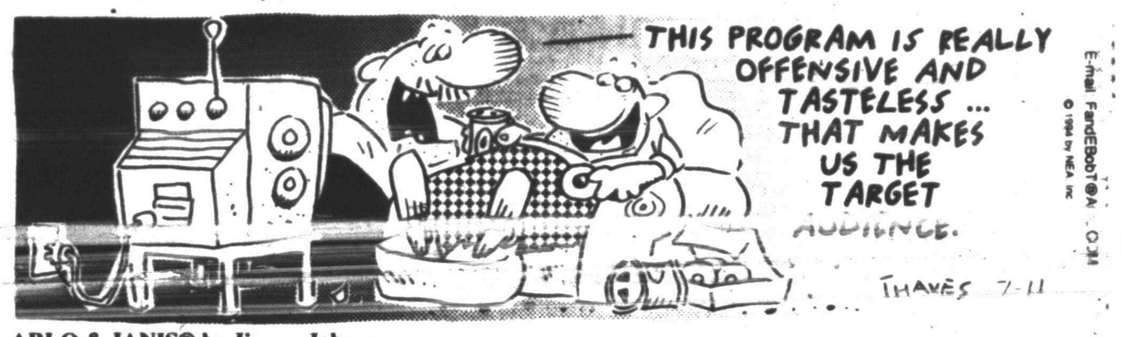
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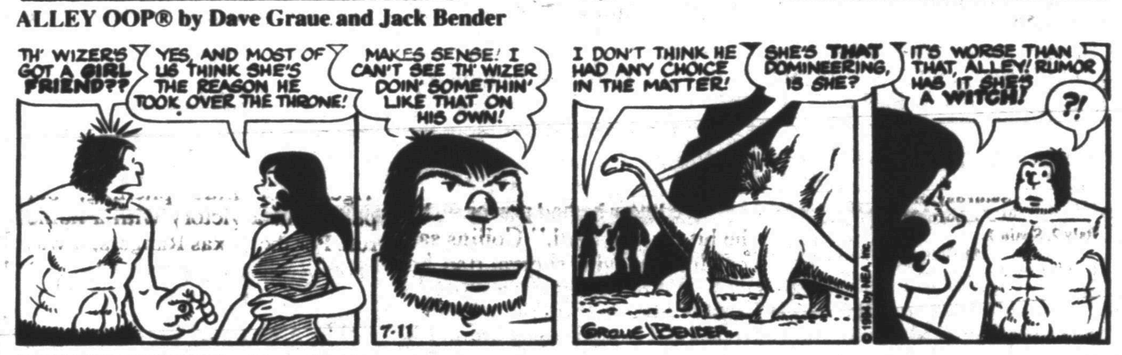
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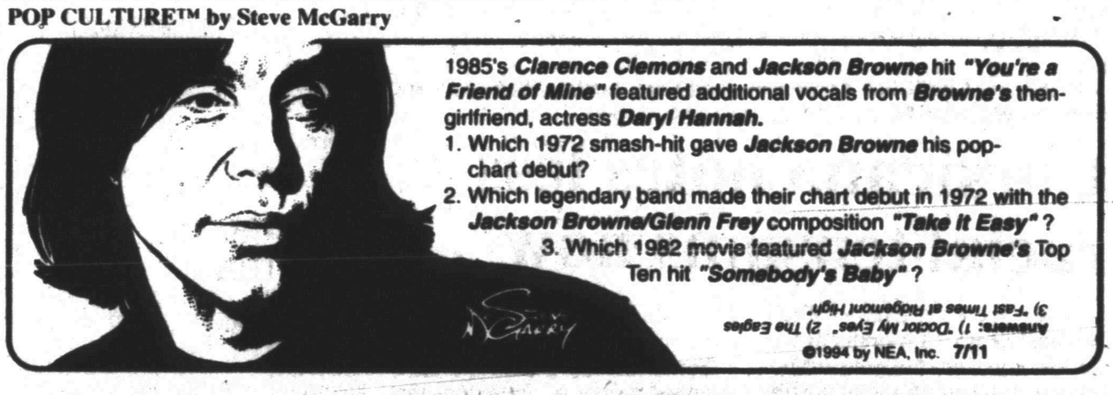
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12 Shreds
13 Actress — Dukakis
14 Fish traps
15 Medieval minstrel
16 Borrowed (2 wds.)
18 Reagan's son
19 — B. Johnson
21 Boxing-victory abbr.
24 Mao — tung
27 Rams' mates
28 Large oven
29 Courted
31 — contest
32 Musical work
33 — — Wonderful, Life
34 Australia's neighbor (abbr.)
35 Adhesive substance
36 Hubbub
37 Architect — Saarinen
39 Still
40 Measure of weight
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55 Sicilian wine
56 Type of duck

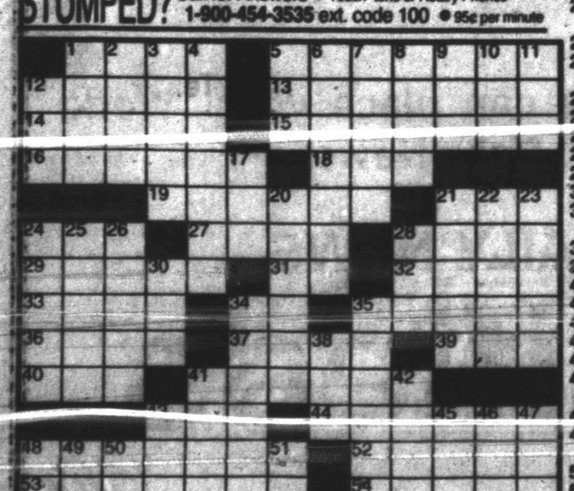
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12 Couple
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20 Actor — Washington
21 Inebriated
22 Jane Fonda movie
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26 Chemical dye
28 Hawaiian tree
30 Hearing organ
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38 Inlet
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49 — — Clear Day
50 Golf score
51 Entertainer — Sumac

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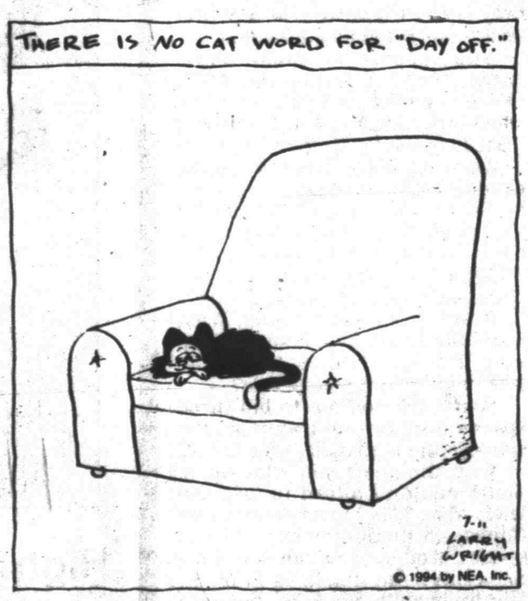
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DENNIS THE MENACE





Girls' softball results

NACOGDOCHES — The Snyder White Sox lost a 1-run heartbreaker to the Bay City Stars, when were downed by Comanche, 12-1. In the opening round in the 12 team ASA 12-And-Under State Softball Tournament here.

Bay City 8, Snyder 7

Snyder got homers from Mindy Thompson and losing pitcher Kristin Martinez and a total of nine walks in its opening game.

Bay City had a triple from winning pitcher Cherly Sanchez, and a base rap each from Jennifer Williams and Lindsey McCaw.

Snyder broke on top, 5-3, with a first-inning burst, then, trailing 8-5, added two in the fourth.

Comanche 12, Snyder 1

In their second game, the White Sox were in a 12-0 hole before finally getting a run in the top of the third.

Comanche's big gun was Nikki Debuck, who ripped a triple and a single. Teammates Keisha Massengill, winning pitcher Kayla Bragg and Amy Shelton each punched a base hit.

Snyder's offensive leader was Carrie Hernandez, who singled. Brooke Williams took the loss in relief of starter Lexi Lambert.

All-Stars slam Stonewall-Kent

ABILENE — A 5-run first-inning surge, coupled with an 8-run assault in the sixth carried Snyder to a 16-4 victory over Stonewall-Kent, in a Saturday elimination game at the District V Little League Baseball Tournament.

Snyder will take on Coleman, a 19-3 winner over Cisco on Thursday, in today's 6 p.m. battle at Southern Field.

Snyder's 8-run sixth was highlighted by two homers, a 3-run shot by Clay Preston, and a solo blast from Jared Hester two batters later.

The inning started when Hester got to first on an error, then scored after back-to-back singles from Sonny Cumbie and Adam Beck, and Josh Ward's double.

Josh Brown slammed a double and Matthew Grimmett singled. Both scored on Preston's dinger.

Marcus Diaz, Beck and Ward each walked and scored, Andy Parker drilled a double and came in, and Cumbie reached on an error and scored to give Snyder a 5-0 bulge in the top of the first.

Jerek Brown contributed a sacrifice and Matthew Grimmett added an RBI fly-out.

Stonewall-Kent pulled to within a run in the second when Steve Ellis belted a 2-out grand slam to make it a 5-4 game.

Ellis' slam was the last hit of the game by S-K.

Beck got the win, going three innings and holding a 1-run lead before giving way to Brown.

Stonewall-Kent's Brent Meador was the loser, giving up 10 hits.

In other games Saturday, Abilene Western tripped Abilene Lone Star, 6-4; Abilene Southern tripped Clyde 8-6; Abilene Merkel, 12-7; Wylie handed Colorado City an 11-1 loss, Abilene Eastern thumped Anson, 13-3; and Abilene Key City topped Abilene Northern, 9-7.

Today's 4-game tournament slate starts with the Snyder-Coleman game. Dyess squares off with Abilene Western at 6 p.m. at Dixie Field.

The 8 p.m. contests feature Colorado City taking on Abilene Southern at Southern Field and Sweetwater East against Albany at Dixie Field.

District V Little League All-Star Tournament
Abilene
July 4 games
Cisco 13, Cross Plains 7
Abilene Eastern 7, Breckenridge 1
Dyess AFB 7, Albany 0
Wylie 22, Hamlin 0
Abilene Key City 22, Coleman 7
Abilene Northern 7, Snyder 2
Clyde 10, Baird 9
Anson 13, Sweetwater West 6
July 5 games
Abilene Dixie 11, Abilene Lone Star 2
Sweetwater East 10, Cisco 9
Abilene Eastern 34, Stonewall-Kent 1
Colorado City 9, Dyess AFB 8
July 6 games
Anson 19, Rotan 8
Abilene Dixie 32, Merkel 2
Key City 10, Abilene Southern 7
Wylie 4, Western 1
July 7 games
Abilene Northern 11, Clyde 3
Dyess AFB 11, Sweetwater West 3
Coleman 19, Cisco 3
Snyder 14, Baird 0
July 8 games
Abilene Southern 6, Cross Plains 1 (Cross Plains eliminated)
Clyde 12, Breckenridge 2 (Breckenridge eliminated)
Albany 21, Rotan 6
Merkel 15, Hamlin 2 (Hamlin eliminated)
July 9 games
Snyder 16, Stonewall-Kent 4 (Stonewall-Kent eliminated)
Abilene Western 6, Abilene Lone Star 4
Abilene Southern 8, Clyde 6 (Clyde eliminated)
Albany 12, Merkel 7 (Merkel eliminated)
Wylie 11, Colorado City 1
Abilene Eastern 6, Sweetwater East 4
Abilene Dixie 13, Anson 3
Abilene Key City 9, Abilene Northern 7
July 11 games
Coleman vs. Snyder, 6 p.m., Southern Field
Dyess vs. Abilene Western, 6 p.m., Dixie Field
Colorado City vs. Abilene Southern, 8 p.m., Southern Field
Sweetwater East vs. Albany, 8 p.m., Dixie Field

Snyder battles Merkel in Junior League tilt

CLYDE — Snyder's All-Stars will battle Merkel in a fight for survival at the District V Junior League Baseball Tournament today at 6 p.m.

Both teams were first-round casualties at the double-elimination tourney, Snyder falling to Abilene Northern, 10-9, and Merkel taking an 18-8 loss at the hands of Brazos Valley.

In today's late game, Albany, a 10-0 loser to Coleman in the opening round, will tangle with Abilene Northern, who lost to Abilene Senior, 12-11, in a Saturday contest.

In other action Saturday, Abilene Southwest ousted Breckenridge with a 7-6 decision, and Coleman outlasted Clyde, 11-7.

A win by Snyder in today's matchup would set up a third-round tilt between the All-Stars and the winner of Northern-Albany game.

The tournament winds up with the July 19 championship final.

District V
Junior League Baseball Tournament
at Clyde

July 5 games
Abilene Southwest 10, Snyder 9
Coleman 10, Albany 0
July 6 games
Merkel 21, Breckenridge 4
Abilene North 9, Clyde 8
July 7 games
Wylie 9, Abilene Southwest 8
Colorado City vs. Coleman, suspended by rain

July 8 games
Colorado City 10, Coleman 7
Brazos Valley 18, Merkel 8
July 9 games
Abilene Senior 12, Abilene North 11
Abilene Southwest 7, Breckenridge 6 (Breckenridge eliminated)
Coleman 11, Clyde 7
July 11 games
Snyder vs. Merkel, 6 p.m.
Albany vs. Abilene North, 8:30 p.m.
July 12 games
Abilene Southwest vs. Coleman, 6 p.m.
Snyder-Merkel winner vs. Albany-Northern winner, 8:30 p.m.

Patterson, Weaver snag title

Alton Patterson and Randy Weaver turned in a 57 on Saturday, then returned with a 136.5 during Sunday's round, for a first-place 193.5 total at the weekend Snyder Country Club Golfers' Memorial Tournament.

The event was played in a 2-man scramble format on Saturday, and a team total less half handicap on Sunday.

Patterson and Weaver edged 1993 champions Billy Brock and Larry Anderson, who finished with a 198 total. Danny Kloza and John Lamey took third-place honors in Championship Flight with their combined 210.

Other winners at the annual tourney included Parrish Braden and Larry Braden, who fired a 208 in President's Flight; First Flight's Steve Kloza and Tommy Kloza, who carded a 219; and R.T. Henderson and Joe Jackson, who teamed up for a 217.5 to win Second Flight.

Golfers' Memorial Tournament
Snyder Country Club
Final results

Championship Flight

1. Alton Patterson and Randy Weaver 57-136.5--193.5; 2. Billy Brock and Larry Anderson 60-138--198; 3. Danny Kloza and John Lamey 65-145--210; 4. Marc McQueen and Wade Hatter 61-153.5--214.5; 5. Billy Wayne Harris and Larry Walker 62-160--222; 6. Brent Burnett and Charles Burnett 65-159.5--224.5; 7. Tim Arland and Lance Jones 66-165.5--231.5.

President's Flight

1. Parrish Braden and Larry Braden 67-141--208; 2. Kyle Doby and Cuppy Graham 66-145--211; 3. Ernie Armstrong and Rod Bailey 66-146.5--212.5; 4. Curtis Minzenmeyer and Tom Rees 65-148--213; 5. Glenn Patterson and Pete Greene 62-152--214; 6. Mark Waldrip and Tony Turner 68-147--215; 7. Joe LaRoux and Johnny Powell 67-151--218; 8. Donnie Buchanan and Matthew McDaniel 62-157.5--219.5; 9. Charles Powell and Randy May 66-155--221; 10. Buddy Gerber and Bill Gerber 65-161--226; 11. Walt Staats and Don Stewart 67-161.5--228.5; 12. E.L. Franklin and George Powell 71-158.5--229.5; 13. Jim Blume and Ricky Williams 64-170--234.

First Flight

1. Steve Kloza and Tommy Kloza 64-155--219; 2. John Greene and Mackey Greene 67-154--221; 3. Kelly Ragland and Shawn Ragland 68-153.5--221.5; 4. Brent Beck and Robert Patterson 71-153.5--224.5; 5. John Reed and Herb Reed 69-158.5--227.5; 6. Jeff Fowler and Jimmy Joe Fowler 72-158--230; 7. Rickey Daniell and Tim Hester 68-162.5--230.5; 8. Mickey Neff and Terry Haggerton 70-163.5--233.5; 9. (tie) George Alderete and Powell Box 70-166.5--236.5; Rod Waller and Neal Carter 70-166.5--236.5; 11. James Caldwell and Barry Blackmon 77-170--247.

Second Flight

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World Cup

By The Associated Press
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QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 9
At Foxboro, Mass.
Italy 2, Spain 1
At Dallas
Brazil 3, Netherlands 2
Sunday, July 10
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Bulgaria 2, Germany 1
At Stanford, Calif.
Sweden 2, Romania 2, Sweden won 5-4 on penalty kicks
SEMIFINALS
Wednesday, July 13
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Italy vs. Bulgaria, 4:05 p.m.
At Pasadena, Calif.
Brazil vs. Sweden, 7:35 p.m.
THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 16
At Pasadena, Calif.
Semifinal losers, 3:35 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 17
At Pasadena, Calif.
Semifinal winners, 3:35 p.m.

Baseball glance

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American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	50	35	.588	—
Baltimore	50	36	.581	½
Boston	42	44	.488	8½
Detroit	40	47	.460	11
Toronto	38	48	.442	12½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	51	33	.607	—
Chicago	52	34	.605	—
Kansas City	45	42	.517	7½
Minnesota	42	44	.488	10
Milwaukee	39	48	.448	13½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	42	45	.483	—
Oakland	39	48	.448	3
California	38	51	.427	5
Seattle	37	50	.425	5

Sunday's Games
Boston 9, Seattle 2
Toronto 7, Kansas City 3
Detroit 6, Texas 5
California 9, New York 6
Oakland 5, Baltimore 4
Chicago 7, Milwaukee 2
Cleveland 9, Minnesota 1
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
All-Star Game at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, July 13
No games scheduled

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	54	33	.621	—
Atlanta	52	33	.612	1
Florida	41	47	.466	13½
Philadelphia	41	47	.466	13½
New York	40	47	.460	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	52	35	.598	—
Houston	50	38	.568	2½
St. Louis	42	42	.500	8½
Pittsburgh	41	45	.477	10½
Chicago	36	50	.419	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	46	42	.523	—
Colorado	42	48	.467	5
San Francisco	39	50	.438	7½
San Diego	35	54	.393	11½

Sunday's Games
St. Louis 6, Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 6, 11 innings
New York 5, Los Angeles 1
Montreal 8, San Diego 2
San Francisco 2, Philadelphia 1, 10 innings
Florida 6, Colorado 4
Houston 5, Chicago 3
Monday's Games
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Astros nudge Chicago, 5-3

CHICAGO (AP) — Orlando Miller's unexpected power and another solid effort from Pete Harnisch had Houston manager Terry Collins looking forward to the second half of the season.

Miller, playing in his third major-league game, hit two home runs out of Wrigley Field on Sunday night, leading the Astros to a 5-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

"We knew he had power — but he hit the ball hard," Collins said of Miller, playing shortstop so Andujar Cedeno had more time to heal his sore wrist and ankle.

"I was surprised," Miller said, unable to stop grinning. "I hit my first major-league home run. It was exciting."

Jeff Bagwell drove in his National League-leading 82nd run and Harnisch (5-4) got his third straight victory for the Astros, who enter the All-Star break 21/2 games behind Cincinnati in the NL Central.

"I thought Pete was the key," Collins said. "If he can give us those outings, it's really going to help us. It really gives us a positive outlook for the second part."

Harnisch missed nearly one month because of a tendon tear in his right shoulder. He gave up five hits in 6 2-3 innings, and John Hudek pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

Miller, called up from Class AAA Tucson on Wednesday, hit his first homer with two out in the fourth, sending a 1-1 pitch over the left field bleachers and onto Waveland Avenue for a 3-0 lead.

In the eighth, Miller hit his second homer, a two-run shot that also landed on Waveland, making it 5-1.

"I knew he had some pop in his bat," said loser Kevin Foster (2-3), who faced Miller in the Arizona Fall League. Foster gave up six hits and four walks in six innings.

Despite the loss, dropping Chicago to 16-30 at home, manager Tom Trebelhorn was enthusiastic about the second half.

"We played a great game," Trebelhorn said. "The only thing I'm not happy with is Jose Bautista's performance. I can't wait until Thursday."

Bautista allowed four hits, a walk and two runs in just two-thirds of an inning.

Bagwell drove in Houston's first run with a sacrifice fly in the third after Craig Biggio doubled and stole third. Ken Caminiti followed with his seventh home run, hitting a 1-1 pitch over the wall in straightaway center.

Harnisch held the Cubs to three hits in six innings before Shawon Dunston doubled with two out in the seventh and scored on Derrick May's single to make it 3-1 and chase Harnisch.

Mark Parent's two-out RBI double in the eighth made it 5-2. He scored on pinch-hitter Mike Maksudian's single.

Phillips' homer sinks Texas

DETROIT (AP) — This was a game that mirrored the season for both teams. Both headed into the All-Star break feeling they can do better in the second half of the season. But they're not certain they will.

It was another game where the Tigers got little pitching, but pulled out a victory with a home run. For the Texas Rangers, it was another wasted opportunity.

The bottom line was that Tony Phillips tagged Tom Henke for a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning Sunday, rallying the Tigers past the Rangers 6-5. It was the final game between the two teams this season.

The record will show that Texas leads the AL West at the All-Star break, despite a 42-45 record. The Rangers are the only club in major league history to own a division lead after July 4, despite being under .500.

Yet things are even worse for Detroit. Last year at the All-Star break, the Tigers were 48-40 and in second place in the AL East, one-half game out of first. This year, they are 40-47 and could slip into last place in a heartbeat.

By rights, Texas should be miles in front of the rest of the pack by now. But the late-inning homer, which beat them Sunday, has plagued the Rangers all season. The Texas bullpen leads the major leagues with 18 blown saves, five by Henke.

"It kind of epitomizes the first half for us, doesn't it," Rangers' manager Kevin Kennedy said. "I think we've had something like 15 game-winning homers hit against us in either the eighth or ninth inning."

Henke (2-4), the fourth Texas pitcher, started the ninth and gave up a one-out single to Junior Felix and a two-out walk to Chad Kreuter, who was replaced by pinch-runner Juan Samuel.

Henke got ahead in the count 0-2 on Phillips, who was fooled badly by an off-speed pitch for the second strike before hitting Henke's next offering into the upper deck in right for his 14th homer.

"It was a pretty good pitch, really," Henke said. "It was down. He just got down there and golfed it. You have to give Tony Phillips some credit. It was a pretty good piece of hitting, really."

Phillips conceded the pitch was probably a mistake on Henke's part. He figured Henke, that far ahead in the count, would probably bounce a split-finger pitch up to the plate.

"I was just trying to make contact, with two strikes on me," Phillips said. "The pitch I hit was a good pitch. It was down. I didn't think it was going out when I hit it. But the wind was blowing that way."

Joe Boever (7-2) pitched a hitless 2 1-3 innings in relief of starter David Wells for the win.

Cecil Fielder hit a three-run homer and tripled for the Tigers.

Ivan Rodriguez hit a two-run homer and Chris James drove in two runs for Texas. The Rangers, skipping batting practice for the second straight day, tagged Wells for five runs and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings.

John Dettmer was one out away from his first major-league win when Phillips homered. He pitched five innings of two-hit ball in relief of Texas starter Kevin Brown, who was ejected in the third after giving up Fielder's homer and charging home plate umpire Fielding Culbreth.

In the fifth, Rodriguez hit his 11th homer with James aboard to give the Rangers a 4-3 lead.

James made it 5-3 in the seventh with his fourth homer.

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the third when Manuel Lee scored on an RBI single by James. But Fielder's 21st homer, with Phillips and Lou Whitaker on, put the Tigers ahead 3-1 in the bottom of the inning.

Brown, upset over a pitch he thought was a strike before Fielder's full-count homer, charged Culbreth while Fielder was still circling the bases.

"Everybody's emotions have been a little bit on edge," Kennedy said. "Thank goodness that's the end of the first half. Hopefully, we've got it all out of our system."

Managers, fans differ on NL all-star choices

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Matt Williams, Mike Piazza and Barry Bonds should be starting for the National League in the All-Star game, managers and fans agree.

There was plenty of dispute about the rest of the team, however, an Associated Press survey shows.

While AL managers and fans matched up on seven of eight starting spots — fans voted for Joe Carter in the outfield, managers picked Albert Belle — the NL would look a lot different Tuesday night if managers selected the squad.

A total of 20 managers, 11 from the NL, took part in the AP poll. AL manager Cito Gaston of Toronto and NL manager Jim Fregosi of Philadelphia declined to list their choices for the game in Pittsburgh.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Williams, the leading home-run hitters in the majors, were the only unanimous choices of their league's managers.

There was scant support among NL managers, however, for most of the players that fans elected.

First baseman Gregg Jefferies of St. Louis wasn't named by a single manager. Outfielder David Justice of Atlanta and shortstop Ozzie Smith of St. Louis were mentioned only once. Outfielder Lenny Dykstra of Philadelphia was picked just twice and second baseman Mariano Duncan of Philadelphia three times.

Instead, managers overwhelmingly opted for Houston's Jeff Bagwell at first base, Houston's Craig Biggio at second base, Cincinnati's Barry Larkin at shortstop and San Diego's Tony Gwynn and Montreal's Moises Alou in the outfield. All of the players preferred by managers were named to the All-Star team as reserves.

Williams will start at third base and Bonds, his San Francisco teammate, will be in the outfield. Piazza of Los Angeles will be the catcher.

Fans and AL managers strongly supported starters Frank Thomas of Chicago at first base, Roberto Alomar of Toronto at second base, Cal Ripken of Baltimore at shortstop, Wade Boggs of New York at third base, Ivan Rodriguez of Texas at catcher and Griffey of Seattle and Kirby Puckett of Minnesota in the outfield.

Belle was named by six managers while Carter was picked twice.

Greg Maddux of Atlanta was the choice by NL managers to be the starting pitcher and Jimmy Key of the Yankees was favored by AL managers.

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Officer: life will never be the same after accusations

DALLAS (AP) — Sgt. James Brown has been called a devil worshiper and a killer cop. He's been accused of involvement in a satanic murder that he was investigating. He's been indicted and jailed.

And he's been cleared.

In January, the Gilmer policeman was indicted on charges of kidnapping, rape and capital murder in the disappearance of high school senior Kelly Wilson. The charges were dropped two months later because of lack of evidence.

But Brown says his life will never be the same in the East Texas community where he served for more than eight years.

Brown, on unpaid leave from the Gilmer Police Department, says some people will always think that he got away with killing Ms. Wilson, a young woman whose disappearance he had worked two years to solve.

"You say to yourself: 'Who cares what people think about you?'" he told The Dallas Morning News in Sunday's editions. "But in this case, it does matter to me a lot. And it does bother me a lot to know that even one person believed it. This has ruined my life."

Last week Brown filed a federal lawsuit against his accusers, just days after the attorney general's office declared him the victim of a "miscarriage of justice."

Defendants, including the former special prosecutor in the case, have vowed to defend themselves in court and make public the reasons they sought charges against Brown.

For now, Brown and his wife, Penni, will stay in Gilmer, partly because of the lawsuit and partly because they can't afford to move.

"Nothing can ever make James back into the way he was. He will no longer be ... bubbly. I mean, he's still the loving, caring person he was," Mrs. Brown said. "(But) anybody who goes through that, it's going to always change them. Nobody can go through this and be the same."

Looking back on his ordeal, Brown said he never thought he'd be implicated in the Wilson case — even though he said special prosecutor Scott Lyford had threatened to ruin him after they quarreled over the girl's disappearance.

Lyford told The Morning News in February that he had warned Brown that life would become difficult for him if he continued to challenge Lyford's theory of how Ms. Wilson vanished.

"None of that's true," Lyford told The Associated Press on Sunday regarding both Brown's claim of a threat and the newspaper's report. "But since we've got a lawsuit going over it, I'm not going to comment on any of it other than to say none of it's true."

Lyford's theory was that a satanic cult led by members of a family named Kerr snatched Ms. Wilson from Gilmer's town square Jan. 5, 1992, then sexually tortured and stabbed her to death 10 days later. After a few days of investigating, Brown said, he thought the theory was seriously flawed.

But Brown said Lyford and his investigators wouldn't listen to evidence pointing to other suspects.

The Kerrs were notorious in Gilmer long before their names were linked to Ms. Wilson's disappearance. In May 1993, 10 family members and associates were indicted for sexually abusing their children.

Brown was among the arresting officers. He watched social workers who had developed the case direct a search of the Kerr property outside Gilmer.

The social workers were looking for evidence of satanic rituals they believed the Kerrs practiced, rituals described in great detail in an affidavit sworn out by one of the workers.

In July 1993, a court-appointed attorney representing the children told Brown that one of them had said the Kerrs killed Kelly Wilson. Lyford and his investigators later said the boy had also implicated Brown in Ms. Wilson's disappearance.

Ms. Wilson has never been found.

Brown's name has been cleared. He now stands to gain a lot of money from the lawsuit, but he said that doesn't matter.

"If somebody would have come to me before this had happened and said: You're going to lose your credibility. You're going to lose your job. You're going to lose all the things in your life as you know it today. But we'll pay you X number of dollars, whatever that figure may be, to go through that. I'd say no," Brown said.

Politicians' legal woes are cause of concern

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three Zapata County elected officials are nabbed in a federal sting. Hidalgo County's sheriff is accused of accepting more than $200,000 in bribes. The Maverick County judge is charged with tampering with government records.

Is political corruption running rampant in South Texas?

"This eruption of cases could just as easily have come from East Texas as the border," Austin political consultant George Christian said. "I've known county judges and officials all over the state, and they've all managed to get themselves into trouble."

Others say the border is another world, where politicians play by different rules. "Most people think that the Rio Grande Valley or Laredo are well into Mexico," said Jim Lund, a San Antonio Republican strategist.

"It's shocking to people ... because we just don't see things like that every day," Lund said of the preponderance of cases involving elected officials.

In one of the more titillating cases, opening arguments were scheduled to begin today in federal court in the racketeering and bribery trial of Hidalgo County Sheriff Brigido "Brig" Marmolejo Jr.

Marmolejo is accused of accepting more than $200,000 in cash, property and dried meat in exchange for allowing a convicted marijuana smuggler conjugal visits with his wife and girlfriend over a two-year period.

The sheriff often stood guard outside his office while Homero Heraldo Beltran Aguirre had sex inside, court documents state.

Beltran, who was a federal prisoner in the sheriff's custody, paid Marmolejo a flat monthly fee of $5,000 plus $1,000 per visit for the privileges, the court records charge.

Beltran allegedly gave Marmolejo 5 pounds of dried beef and a kid goat to seal the cash deal in January 1992.

The case was moved to Laredo from McAllen because of pretrial media coverage.

FBI agents rocked Zapata County in February when they arrested County Judge Jose Luis "Pepe" Guevara, Sheriff Romeo Ramirez and County Clerk Arnoldo "Shorty" Flores Ramirez. Also arrested was Guevara's brother-in-law, Miguel Angel Rivera.

The arrests stemmed from a two-year federal investigation, code-named Prickly Pear, into official corruption in the county.

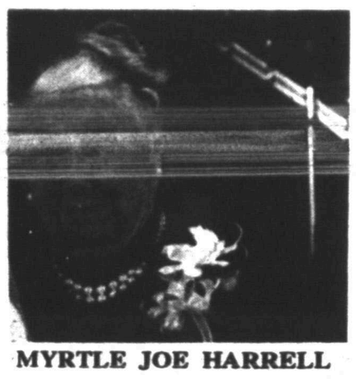
Last month, Guevara was found guilty of one count of using his office to obstruct foreign or interstate commerce and five counts of receiving more than $24,000 from an illegal activity.

Ramirez and Flores pleaded guilty earlier this year to one count of money laundering.

Guevara and Rivera have been acquitted on charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine and money laundering.

In Maverick County, a grand jury indicted County Judge Enriqueta Diaz Carpenter last month on charges of tampering with a government document. A Texas Ranger investigation charges that she removed criminal files belonging to County Attorney Ernesto G. Mireles in March and hid them in her private bathroom in the county courthouse.

Obituaries



MYRTLE JOE HARRELL

Myrtle J. Harrell

1897-1994

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the East Side Church of Christ for Myrtle Joe Harrell, 96. Tom Holcomb, minister of the East Side of Church Christ, and Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Miss Harrell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joel Harrell, died 8:18 p.m. Sunday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Miss Harrell, long-time Snyder resident, was born in Eastland Co. July 18, 1897. Before moving to Snyder in 1925, Miss Harrell resided in Eastland County, and in 1922 moved to Camp Springs with her family.

She attended college at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and received a teaching degree. After graduation, she taught school for several years. After the death of her father in 1936, Myrtle and her sister, Fay, continued to run the family's ranching business until their retirement in 1991. She was a long-time member of the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder.

She is survived by one sister, Fay Harrell of Snyder; one nephew, Sonny Harrell of Camp Springs; and one niece, Mary Jo Harrell of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Garrett Harrell; and a niece, Sitty Cromwell.

Miss Harrell was a life-time member of the Martha Ann Woman's Club. She was also a member of Snyder Garden Club, Texas Tech Ranching Heritage Center, Alpha Study Club and lifetime member of the Texas Hereford Association.

Ione Smith

1917-1994

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Ione Conner Smith, 77. The Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the Bee House Cemetery near Evant, Tex. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home.

Mrs. Smith, a resident of Snyder since 1950 and a retired junior high school teacher, died at 7:05 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following a brief illness.

Born on Jan. 31, 1917 in Coryell County, she married Jearld Smith on Sept. 25, 1950 in Gatesville. Mrs. Smith attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Daniel Baker College (now Howard Payne University). She taught school 10 years before moving to Snyder, and she retired in 1983 after teaching in the Snyder ISD for 17 years.

Survivors include her husband, Jearld Smith of Snyder; three sons, Jearld Van Smith of Saginaw, Kyle Smith of Lubbock and N.C. Smith of Heidelberg, South Africa; three sisters, Loys Carrigan, Irene Upham and Edwinna Conner, all of Bee House; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to The Living Fund at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Petra Madrid

1911-1994

COLORADO CITY — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the St. Ann's Catholic Church for Petra Madrid, 83, who died Saturday in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

She was the mother of Lupe Madrid of Snyder.

Born in Redford, Mrs. Madrid was a homemaker and had lived in Loraine 31 years. She married Marciano Madrid in Chihuahua, Mexico in 1940, and he preceded her in death. Mrs. Madrid was a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Loraine.

Survivors include five other sons, Elias Heredia of Midland, Felipe Heredia of Sacramento, Calif., Pascual Madrid of Arlington, Benito Madrid of Buffalo Gap and Adon Madrid of Loraine; four daughters, Louisa Diaz and Mary Bustillos, both of Midland, Delma Gonzales of Arlington and Emma Ramirez of San Jose, Calif.; two brothers, Demrito Pineda of Kermit and Donicio Quiroz of Midland; 34 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Basil Hicks

1910-1994

ABILENE — Services are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel for Basil D. Hicks, 84, who died Saturday in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Rising Star Cemetery.

He was the father of Joe Gayle Hicks of Snyder.

Born in Rising Star, Mr. Hicks attended school in Okra. He married Ila Clara Smith in 1929, and she preceded him in death. He married Cordie Belle Kissick in Abilene in 1981.

A member of the Hillcrest Church of Christ, Mr. Hicks was an oilfield worker, having retired in 1973 after working for General Crude for 49 years.

Survivors include his wife, Cordie Belle Hicks of Abilene; three other sons, Kenyon Hicks of Spring, Robert Hicks of Aberdeen, Scotland, and Gary Davis Hicks of Alvin; a sister, Lucille Ritter of Hobbs, N.M.; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Simpson not likely to get death verdict

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors would be unlikely to impose the death penalty against O.J. Simpson because he's too popular, legal experts say.

"What it boils down to is, the only way a jury will kill your client is if he is a complete animal, they hate him," he said.

Not many people hate Simpson. Recent polls show that most people see him more as a football hero or celebrity than a man accused of murder.

His only reported criminal conviction was a no-contest plea to misdemeanor spousal abuse in 1989. He was sentenced to two years' probation and 120 hours of community service and required to attend counseling sessions for batterers.

"O.J. Simpson has the advantage of being known for something other than allegedly killing his wife and another person," said Bryan Stevenson, director of the Alabama Capital Representation Resource Center.

"When you're forced to see the defendant as something more than the criminal act, it becomes much harder to say, 'We're going to kill you.'"

Prosecutors still haven't decided whether to seek the death penalty against Simpson, who is accused of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

He was ordered Friday to stand trial for the June 12 killings. Simpson, who has been jailed without bail since his arrest June 17, has pleaded innocent. His arraignment is scheduled for July 22.

A committee in the prosecutor's office, led by Assistant District Attorney Frank E. Sundstedt, will decide whether to seek capital punishment.

Sundstedt has declined to speak about the Simpson case, but noted that the death penalty is rarely imposed in domestic violence homicides.

The liner Morro Castle was off the New Jersey coast in 1934 when a fire broke out and killed 134 passengers.

Search continues for missing kids

DAVIS, Okla. (AP) — The mother of two young children swept away in a car caught by rising storm waters at Turner Falls says the recovery of the empty vehicle has given her hope.

"I was convinced they were in the car, that they had been trapped in the car. But they apparently weren't," Stacy Caldwell said Sunday. "I believe if they were dead, that they would have already been found with so many people looking for them. I can only believe that they (the kids) are on the move" trying to find help.

The search continued today for 4-year-old Amanda and 3-year-old Casey Caldwell.

Officials at the scene thought they got a break Sunday when they finally found the car that was last seen floating down Honey Creek early Saturday with the missing children in it. But those hopes were dashed when it was learned the vehicle was empty.

"We did a walk-through search," Davis Fire Chief Norman Shiplett said Sunday. "On the first pass through we were unable to locate anything."

However, the next sweep led authorities to the car, resting about 5 feet under water.

"We were able to pull it out, but the children were not there," Shiplett said.

The children were with their parents as the Ada couple was trying to cross a bridge over Honey Creek when their car was pulled into the water about 3 a.m. Saturday.

"It was completely crushed," Mrs. Caldwell said after the car was recovered. "It looked like it had been run over by a monster truck. The roof was smashed in. The water pulled the tires right off the rims. It's incredible."

2 couples sought in four murders

HOUSTON (AP) — Two cousins were being sought today for the deaths of four people found shot execution-style at a northeast Harris County residence, authorities said.

Harris County deputies believe Jonathan Lee Wingate, 22, and his 26-year-old cousin, Idolina Escamilla, were both at the scene where two women and two men were killed early Sunday.

Both have felony records. Wingate was a sometime employee of one of the victims.

"It's a real bloody scene. It's a real gruesome scene," said Harris County sheriff's detective Sgt. Danny Billingsley. "It definitely has the earmarks of an execution-style killing."

Authorities were told Wingate was at the house at 2 a.m. Sunday and said the shootings occurred at about 2:30 a.m.

Arrest warrants, charging the two with capital murder, were issued Sunday by the sheriff's office.

A co-worker who went to the house to pick up one of the victims for work discovered the bodies late Sunday morning and told a neighbor to call police, said sheriff's Detective J.B. Hoffman.

Victims were identified as Rebecca Sue "Dusty" Shepherd, 30, her brother, Travis Lee Shepherd, 21, Ronald Everett Reed, 23, and Paige Renee Grosz, 21.

Shepherd's body was found outside the home in a pickup truck. The other three were found inside the house.

Two of the victims in the house were found lying face down, shot in the back of the head, Billingsley said.

Billingsley said he would classify all four deaths as execution-style slayings.

"All of them sustained gunshot wounds to the head," Hoffman said.

"This appeared to be methodical in nature and these folks knew where to shoot to do the most damage," he said.

According to the Harris County District Attorney's Office, Wingate's record included:

On Dec. 21, 1989, he was charged with burglary of a motor vehicle. He was convicted and sentenced to five years in the Texas Department of Corrections.

On Jan. 4, 1990, he was charged with misdemeanor theft. He was again convicted and sentenced to 43 days in the Harris County Jail.

On June 23, 1990, he was charged with burglary. He was convicted and sentenced to five years.

While on parole, he was charged with possession of crack cocaine on Aug. 8, 1992. He was convicted and sentenced to four years, and his parole was revoked. Released early this year, he was arrested Feb. 11 for driving without a license.

Ms. Escamilla was on parole in connection with a burglary, police said.

Wingate sometimes worked for Ms. Shepherd, an electrical contractor, Billingsley said.

Records also showed that Travis Lee Shepherd was on probation for felony possession of crack cocaine. His sister, Dusty, had two misdemeanors on her record, including possession of a handgun.

Norville comments on body image

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Sure, Deborah Norville had body-image problems. But that was then and this is now.

Recalling her stint as Bryant Gumbel's co-host on NBC's "Today," where she replaced the beloved Jane Pauley, Norville still winces.

"I happened to see a few frames of my last appearance," says Norville, who gained 60 pounds during her pregnancy. "I was wearing an orange maternity dress and I thought, 'Charlie Brown, we have found the Great Pumpkin.'"

Now co-anchor of the CBS newsmagazine "America Tonight," Norville talks about that difficult time in the July 16 issue of TV Guide, but she's not bitter.

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for the sheriff's office for the purchase of a laser printer. The court also approved a $1,000 transfer for precinct three from fuel and oil to tires and tubes.

Pct. 3 Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr. presided in the absence of County Judge Bob Doolittle. Also present were Commissioners Roy Idom, Ralph Trevey and Jerry Gannaway.

Loan

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If the bids are below appraised value, the loan is approved and the units built, the housing would double the existing Golden Terrace Village. The 40-unit facility is situated on 4.3 acres adjacent to 37th Street, about a block west of College Avenue. The housing project opened in July of 1985 with 24 units. Sixteen more were opened in December of 1989.

The proposed 40-unit addition would be located in the vicinity of Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Births

Kenneth and Shannon Messenger, 3308 Ave. A, are the parents of a baby girl, born Sat. July 9 at 11:59 p.m. in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. and 5½ ozs.

Terry and Mary Hagins, 505 34th St., are the parents of a baby boy, born Sun. July 10, at 6:10 p.m., in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. and 14¼ ozs.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Eddie Overman, Rt. 2, Box 337; Elvin Curtis, 1607 8th St.; Curlie Daniel, 3200 Ave. J; Sarah Martin, 3102 Austin.

DISMISSALS: Sarah Martin, Paula Bowden, Dorothy Downing, Menida Hunter, Martha Moore, Jana Price.

Census: Long-Term Care, 35; Med 3, 8; OB, 3; Nur. 3; Total 49.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	611/4	607/8	607/8	-3/8
AT&T Corp	541/2	537/8	537/8	+1/8
AirTouch n	247/8	241/4	241/4	-1/2
Albtsn s	273/4	271/2	273/4	+3/8
Alldsignal s	a353/8	35	351/8	-1/8
Alltel	253/4	251/4	251/4	-1/4
AmStores s	245/8	241/2	245/8	+1/8
Ameritech	393/8	387/8	387/8	-1/2
Amoco	581/2	581/4	581/2	+1/8
AndarkPtr	503/4	503/8	501/2	+1/4
Armcolac	57/8	53/4	57/8	+1/8
AtlRichfld	1047/8	1041/8	1043/4	+1/8
Aviall n	81/2	83/8	81/2	+1/8
BakerHughes	211/2	211/4	211/4	
BancTexas	11/4	11/4	11/4	-1/8
BellAtl	551/8	547/8	551/8	
BellSouth	607/8	605/8	603/4	-1/8
Beth Steel	197/8	193/4	193/4	-1/8
Borden	123/4	125/8	125/8	
Brit Pet	711/2	711/4	711/4	+1/2
Caterplr	1073/4	1065/8	1071/4	+11/2
CenSoWst	211/2	211/4	213/8	
Chevron s	423/4	425/8	423/4	
Chrysler	491/8	483/8	485/8	-1/4
Coastal	293/8	291/4	293/8	-1/8
CocaCola	42	413/4	42	+1/8
ColgatePalm	54	531/2	535/8	
ComlMetl s	245/8	241/2	241/2	
CooperIn	363/4	365/8	365/8	
CyprusAmax	30	293/4	293/4	-1/4
DallSemicn	183/8	181/4	181/4	-1/8
DeltaAirl	481/2	473/4	473/4	-3/4
DigitalEq	195/8	191/4	193/8	-1/8
Dillard	331/4	323/4	331/4	+1/4
DowChem	665/8	653/4	66	-1/2
DresserInd	221/8	22	22	-1/8
DuPont	593/8	591/8	591/8	-1/8
EastmnCh n	48	477/8	477/8	
EstKodak	483/4	483/8	481/2	-3/8
Enserch	151/8	143/4	151/8	+1/4
Entergy	251/4	25	25	-1/8
Exxon	583/8	58	581/8	+1/4
FlowerInd	161/2	16	16	—15/8
FordMotor s	307/8	301/4	301/2	-1/8
GTE Cp	303/8	301/8	301/8	-1/4
GenDynam s	401/4	393/4	393/4	-3/8
GenElec s	471/2	467/8	467/8	-1/2
GenMills	527/8	523/8	521/2	-3/8
GenMotors	515/8	511/8	511/4	-1/8
GenMotors E	351/8	35	35	
GaPacif	621/2	617/8	62	
GlobalMar	43/4	45/8	43/4	
Goodrich	441/4	437/8	437/8	-1/8
Goodyear s	371/4	365/8	363/4	+3/8
GtAtlPac	22	22	22	
Haliburtn	34	333/4	337/8	
Hanson ADS	191/2	191/4	191/4	+3/8
HoustInd	34	337/8	337/8	
IBM	571/8	565/8	563/4	+1/8
IntlPaper	703/8	691/2	695/8	
JohnsnJas	427/8	425/8	425/8	-1/8
K mart	16	153/4	153/4	-1/8
Kroger	241/8	237/8	241/8	+3/8
Litton	351/4	35	35	
Lowes s	357/8	351/2	351/2	-3/8
Lubys	233/4	231/2	231/2	-1/8
Maxus	51/4	51/8	51/8	-1/8
MayDeptStrs	391/4	39	39	+1/8
Medtronic	813/4	811/4	815/8	+1/2
Mobil	85	841/4	841/2	+1/4
Monsanto	775/8	77	771/8	-1/8
Motorola s	45	445/8	443/4	-1/8
Nationsbk	531/4	527/8	527/8	
Navistar	131/8	127/8	13	
NoramEngy	6	57/8	57/8	-1/8
Nynex s	371/4	367/8	37	
OryxEngy	147/8	145/8	147/8	
PacTelesis	303/8	301/8	301/4	-1/8
PanhECp	193/4	195/8	193/4	-1/8
Penney JC	49	485/8	485/8	-3/8
Pennzoil	511/8	505/8	505/8	-1/4
PepBoys	325/8	317/8	317/8	-5/8
PhelpDodge	573/4	565/8	565/8	-7/8
PhilipPet	32	51-64	321/2	321/2 -1/4
PilgrmPrd	83/8	83/8	83/8	+1/8
Polaroid	331/2	333/8	331/2	+3/8
Praxair	201/4	20	20	-1/4
ProctGamble	553/8	541/2	541/2	-3/4
PubS NwMx	111/2	113/8	113/8	-1/8
RoyalDutch	1091/2	1087/8	109	+1
SFePacCp	195/8	191/4	193/8	-1/8
SaraLee	197/8	193/8	195/8	-1/2
SearsRoeb	483/8	471/2	475/8	-5/8
SherwinW	313/8	31	31	-1/4
SmthBchADS	313/4	313/8	311/2	+5/8
SmthBc eqt	281/2	281/4	281/4	+1/8
SouthCo s	183/4	181/2	181/2	-1/4
SwstAirlines	283/8	28	28	-1/8
SwBell	437/8	435/8	437/8	
Sprint	351/8	347/8	35	+1/4
SterlingChm	91/2	93/8	93/8	
SunCo	267/8	263/4	267/8	+1/8
TNP Ent	153/8	151/8	151/4	+1/8
Tandy	341/8	337/8	34	
TempleInl	48	475/8	475/8	+1/8
Tenneco	451/4	443/4	447/8	-3/8
Texaco	635/8	631/8	631/2	+1/8
TexasInd	331/8	323/4	327/8	-1/8
TexasInst	845/8	831/2	841/8	+1/4
Tex Util	321/2	321/8	323/8	
Textron	537/8	533/8	533/8	-1/4
Travelers s	32	311/2	311/2	-1/2
Trinty s	333/4	331/2	333/4	+1/4
TritonEngy	341/4	34	34	-3/8
US West	427/8	421/2	421/2	-1/8
USX Delhi	141/4	141/4	141/4	
USX-Marathn	175/8	173/8	173/8	-1/8
USX-USS	353/8	343/4	347/8	-5/8
UnCarbde	271/4	271/8	271/4	+1/4
UnPac	571/8	563/4	567/8	-1/4
UnitedTech	647/8	645/8	645/8	+1/4
Unocal	297/8	291/4	293/8	-3/8
WalMart	241/2	241/4	243/8	
WstnGasRs	271/2	271/4	271/4	+1/8
WestghEl	121/4	121/8	121/8	
WinnDixie	44	433/4	44	+1/4
Woolworth	157/8	155/8	153/4	-1/8
Xerox Cp	981/4	977/8	98	
ZenithE	91/4	87/8	87/8	-3/8

Peace officers note eight weekend arrests

Snyder area peace officers made eight arrests over the weekend, including two on felony charges.

Jesse Castaneda, 17, was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault by a sheriff's deputy at 5:52 p.m. Saturday at 215 34th St.

Wade Warren, 51, was arrested at 10:05 p.m. Saturday at 2105 29th St. on a Ballinger Police Department warrant for motion to revoke his probation on a felony theft charge.

At 9:05 p.m. Saturday, police officers were dispatched to a disturbance in the 1900 block of Coleman St. Officers arrested a 37-year-old woman for disorderly conduct and on a warrant for failure to appear, and a 25-year-old man for public intoxication.

Officers also arrested a 38-year-old man for public intoxication at 10:08 p.m. in the 1900 block of Coleman.

At 3:15 p.m. Sunday, police arrested a 28-year-old man at 16th Street and U.S. Highway 84 on a warrant for bond forfeiture for driving while intoxicated.

Police arrested a 16-year-old boy at 6:43 p.m. Sunday in the 4500 block of Crockett on runaway charges. The youth was released to the juvenile probation officer.

Police were notified of a disturbance at 12:15 a.m. this morning in the 900 block of Avenue R. Officers arrested a 32-year-old man for Class C assault/family violence.

Western Auto employees contacted sheriff's deputies at 4:29 p.m. Saturday in reference to two individuals who had rented appliances and left Snyder without paying for the property. Two offense reports for theft were submitted.

At 4:46 p.m. Saturday, police issued a citation to a man and filed a report for disorderly conduct in reference to a complaint that he had used obscene gestures against someone.

Ola Floyd contacted police at 8:22 a.m. Sunday in reference to some possible criminal mischief. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Jackie Simpson contacted police at 1:51 p.m. Sunday to complain about a theft. A report for Class B theft was filed.

Clinton visits Germany first time as president

BONN, Germany (AP) — President Clinton today promised to help accelerate the dismantling of remaining Cold War vestiges in Europe and suggested that he might welcome a more active role for Germany's military.

A court decision is expected this week on whether a reunified Germany still is bound by restrictions on the use of its military imposed more than four decades ago as result of Nazi aggression.

Clinton, during a joint news conference with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said he hesitated to get involved in an issue before the German courts but added: "Anything that can be done to enable Germany to fulfill the leadership responsibilities that it is plainly capable of fulfilling is a positive thing."

"I do hope that we will have the benefit of the full range of Germany's capacities to lead," he added.

Kohl all but urged German courts to reverse the restraints and permit him to send peacekeepers beyond the country's borders.

"When things get rough we cannot sit back and let others do the work," Kohl said.

Kohl said it was "unacceptable" for Germany, now a unified country of 80 million people with one of the world's strongest economies, to continue to be bound by a constraint put in place after Germany's World War II surrender.

Despite support for a more active role for Germany's military, Kohl said at a luncheon speech that he still welcomed the U.S. decision to keep 100,000 troops in Europe.

Clinton, at the news conference under sunny skies in the gardens of Bonn's Chancellery, said that Europe's future will be defined by trade as much as troops.

He also praised Kohl's efforts in promoting economic growth throughout the region.

"What we have to do is to integrate Europe's other half" to allow former Soviet bloc nations of central and eastern Europe to take their place alongside Germany and more affluent neighbors, he said.

Germany already is energetically constructing economic and politics ties to Russia and the other democratic nations in Eastern and Central Europe that have supplanted communist regimes. The last Russians are about to depart; the elite U.S. Berlin brigade also is saying farewell to once-divided Berlin, due to become Germany's capital again.

Clinton was to visit Berlin on Tuesday.

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Dear Abby



Doctor's Philosophy Attacked As Prescription for Pretension

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from Dr. Findley complaining about individuals who did not address her as "Dr." since she had earned a Ph.D.

As a doctor with neither patients nor patience with such fools, let me tell you about Margolis' first two laws of pedantry:

1. Anybody who has a Ph.D. or Ed.D. and writes "Doctor" before (or after) his or her name has a third-rate degree from a fifth-rate institution.

2. Anybody who is impressed by someone who has a Ph.D. or an Ed.D. and writes "Doctor" before (or after) his or her name has a fifth-rate degree from an eighth-rate institution.

JOEL MARGOLIS, ALBANY, N.Y.

DEAR JOEL: The High Priestess of Etiquette, Letitia Baldrige, says: "People with Ph.D.s who are in academia or in research laboratories, or involved professionally in the field in which they received their advanced degrees, may be addressed as 'Dr.' and certainly written to with 'Ph.D.' after their names.

"However, many people today believe that Ph.D.s look slightly pretentious if they insist on being called 'Dr.' outside their technological or teaching environments.

"Pretentious or not, it is a matter of choice."

READERS: For some "doctor" letters that were informative or tickled my funny bone, read on:

DEAR ABBY: You mentioned a very embarrassed doctor of English literature who begged off administering first aid treatment to an airline passenger who had suffered a heart attack in flight.

In the early years of modern medicine, the only medical treatment available was administered by barbers. In order to disassociate themselves from the quacks in their profession, the ethical medical-barbers associated themselves with the doctors of philosophy at universities, and adopted the title "Doctor."

Nowadays, a physician who graduates with an M.D. degree and also has good grades may be allowed to study for a Ph.D.

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DEAR ABBY: Your article concerning Dr. Findley, Ph.D., who wished to be addressed as "Doctor," reminded me of a local university professor who was a Ph.D. He delighted in telling this story of himself:

Because he was listed in the telephone directory as "Dr.," he frequently received calls at home for medical assistance. One day, his young son answered the telephone, and the professor heard him say, "Sorry, my dad is the kind of doctor who doesn't do anybody any good."

JACK COLE, M.D., BETHLEHEM, PA.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter in your column about the mix-up that sometimes occurs when Ph.D.s are confused with M.D.s brought to mind the great Canadian scholar and humorist Stephen Leacock.

He tells of an experience similar to that of your Ph.D. on the airplane: Soon after achieving his doctorate (Ph.D.), he was a passenger on a cruise ship on the Great Lakes. An attractive young lady had fallen down the steps to the deck, and the purser was calling out for a doctor to attend her. Leacock battled with his conscience for a minute or so, then decided to volunteer and ran to the scene, but was beaten out by a doctor of divinity (D.D.).

JOHN CUSICK, SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.

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Houston concerned about NAFTA share

HOUSTON (AP) — When the North American Free Trade Agreement took effect six months ago, it seemed as though Houston would have no trouble cashing in on the agreement.

And though traffic has increased at Houston Intercontinental Airport and the Port of Houston since the pact passed, some Houston boosters are worried the city isn't getting its share of the NAFTA pie.

The latest concern is the so-called "NAFTA Superhighway," and whether it will pass through Houston or Dallas.

Detractors say if the past is any indication, Mexican truckers won't be coming through Houston on their way to Canada.

"I think Dallas is kicking our rear end," former City Councilman Vince Ryan, who is running for Harris County judge, was quoted in Sunday's editions of The Houston Post.

Ryan and others point to Dallas' snag of the crucial NAFTA Labor Secretariat — a federal office that will oversee the treaty's labor aspects.

The North American Development Bank and a new Environmental Protection Agency border office went to San Antonio and El Paso, respectively.

Some critics believe Houston lost the edge in those fights because business leaders and politicians were poorly organized and outgunned by the competition.

Others contend the NAFTA prizes were given to those cities for the support they gave to the treaty.

Now, the new fight concerns a complicated, multi-level struggle for freeway dollars and designations.

Several Houston leaders acknowledge they started a bit late on lobbying efforts, but they claim a new, aggressive approach to what may be the biggest NAFTA plum yet.

"Whoever gets the trucks coming out of Laredo has an awful lot of trucks," said Tom Flory, vice president for Latin America at Texas Commerce Bank in Houston.

Along with the trucks will come increased hotel occupancy, more gasoline sales, tax revenue, the need for new warehouses and hundreds of other indirect benefits.

Lined up from Laredo to Duluth, Minn., via Austin, San Antonio and Dallas, is the I-35 Corridor Coalition. It is supported by business interests in those Texas cities.

From Laredo to Port Huron, Mich., via Victoria and Houston, is the proposed I-69. It's promoted by the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition.

Houston business interests favor this route because U.S. 59 would be incorporated into the yet-to-be built interstate, considered a critical link between Mexico and Houston's port.

Both sides appear to have merit. While I-35 does exist, it needs improvements and is congested.

It will take years to make I-69 a real interstate, but its route would go toward the industrial heart of Canada. The I-69 plan also has received federal and state dollars for a feasibility study.

The battle seems likely to be taken up in Congress next year. The I-35 coalition, with letters of support from both Texas senators, is focusing on getting the interstate declared a NAFTA superhighway, either in National Highway System legislation or by other means.

Recent layoffs not last for oil industry

DALLAS (AP) — More than 5,500 oil industry workers have seen their jobs vanish in the past three weeks, and analysts say this round of layoffs won't be the last for major U.S. oil companies.

Texaco Inc. said last week it will eliminate 2,500 jobs, or 8 percent of its work force, and shed half its U.S. energy fields in the next year.

In late June, Mobil Corp. said its chemical business restructuring would cost about 2,300 jobs, or 4 percent of its employees. And shortly before that, Atlantic Richfield Co. said it would lay off about 750 workers, part of the 2,300 jobs eliminated since a restructuring began last October.

The job cuts mark the latest round of restructuring for an industry that has suffered as oil prices declined during the past decade. More than 500,000 oil sector jobs were lost in that period, according to the Independent Petroleum Association of America.

"It's a continuing restructuring that's going on here in the industry again. Some people would argue that maybe it hasn't stopped over the last several years," said Duff & Phelps analyst Thomas C. Lewis.

In fact, the ax will fall again this summer at Arco, which employs about 25,000 people, said spokesman Al Greenstein.

Although crude oil prices have recovered in the past few months, the drastic slide that started last fall and saw prices droop to five-year lows may have helped initiate the latest round of cuts.

Light sweet crude closed at $19.48 per barrel Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. But that's up nearly $5 per barrel from late March, when it was trading at those 5-year lows.

"Some of these plans probably were developed when crude prices were lower than they are now. But I think people are not looking at these short-term fluctuations as they are at the prices over a number of years," said John L. Kennedy, editor of the Oil & Gas Journal.

"On the average, I think companies realize that prices won't increase significantly, so they have to be in position to be very profitable at somewhere between $16 and $20" a barrel, Kennedy said.

As major oil companies face the prospect that they cannot count on strong growth in oil and natural gas prices, they are taking a hard look at where they should focus their resources.

Some of the cutbacks can be traced to exploration and production leaving the United States and moving overseas, where costs are lower, environmental laws are often less strict and the chance of major finds is greater.

"To some extent lower crude prices are the key to it," said Stephen McDonald, an economics professor at the University of Texas at Austin.

McDonald said when prices fall, companies will look to places where costs are lower. They tend to be outside the United States, he said.

However, analysts stressed that is only part of the picture.

"Even companies that are concentrating more on that (overseas operations) also are finding that they need to slim down their companies and concentrate on the things that they do best," Kennedy said.

"A large company might be getting rid of some of its small and marginal and widely dispersed properties to people who can operate those more efficiently," he said.

When oil prices were stronger, Lewis said, "You got probably pretty fat, your operations in many cases got very inefficient. You had high people costs, you had offices and people everywhere."

"What we have to do is make sure that we have the operations that we want, that we're in the businesses we want to be in longer term," Lewis said.

The consolidation might mean spinning off other businesses, or selling older fields to the smaller, independent oil companies. McDonald said that's a problem because the independents generally are more poorly financed and don't do as much research or technology development as the majors.

Analysts agreed oil industry layoffs will probably continue.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Two sources today could turn out to be income generators. One is an old reliable, but the other is brand-new and as of now untested.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A unique situation might develop today after you start out to do a friend a favor. It may take a surprise twist that will benefit both of you equally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have a staunch supporter working on your behalf behind the scenes today to help fulfill an ambitious aim. Only part of what occurs will be revealed for the present.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you're apt to be both observant and a quick learner. You may discover a way to solve a nagging problem by observing how another successfully handles a similar complication.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A mutually satisfactory arrangement can be worked out today between you and a person who has something you need; you have something he/she needs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Usually you like to ponder things in detail before making a commitment. Today, however, you're a quick thinker, and your on-the-spot decisions could be your best.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A favorable change for which you've been hoping but haven't thought possible might occur today where your work is concerned. It could produce long-lasting benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might have greater luck today in partnership arrangements than you'd have in attempting to operate on your own. Find someone who needs you as you much need him/her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today if you're trying to sell an idea or a product to others, let it be known you stand behind your words 100 percent. If you build confidence, you can build a sale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't be surprised today if you're more popular than usual. This is because your finer qualities are very evident to others, especially your intellect, wit and charm.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There's a possibility today you might find that something you've been wanting to buy, which you felt was too expensive, is affordable now because of a reduced price.

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New planetarium named for pilot

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio College has dedicated its planetarium to Challenger shuttle pilot Dick Scobee, who attended the school in the late 1950s.

June Scobee Rodgers, the pilot's widow, spoke at a private gathering Saturday during the college's official dedication of its Francis R. Scobee Planetarium. The ceremony also included the unveiling of a plaque bearing the college alumnus' likeness.

"He took algebra classes at San Antonio College and that was his launch," Ms. Rodgers told the guests. "He had confidence in himself."

Scobee, selected as an astronaut by NASA in January 1978, was killed in January 1986 when the Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff. Other crew members killed were Gregory Jarvis, Judy Resnik, Ellison Onizuka, Mike Smith, Ron McNair and Christa McAuliffe.

The college estimates more than 1 million visitors — 75 percent of them school-age students — have viewed the facility's programs since it opened in 1961.

Ms. Rodgers has married a retired Army lieutenant general and now lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.



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With John Robison and Lee Gillard

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Abilene residents respond to survey

ABILENE (AP) — Abilene computer users who were told their community was chosen as an ideal city by a sociology professor duped them into serving as his project's guinea pigs.

At least 30 Abilene residents on the American Online computer network responded to a request from someone claiming to be Fordham University student Sharon S. Neistein.

She said that as part of a sociology class project, she had picked Abilene as an ideal city. She asked them for help by listing the city's advantages and disadvantages.

Later, when the Abilene Reporter-News began trying to communicate with Ms. Neistein via E-mail messages, it was discovered no such student existed.

The E-mail message was actually from the sociology professor himself, Dr. Samuel Brown of Fordham in the Bronx, N.Y. Brown said he sent his request to about 100 Abilene residents last month to test the idea before he actually tries it on his students next fall.

He picked Abilene, not because it's particularly ideal, but because alphabetically it comes first in a list he had of U.S. metropolitan areas, he said.

Brown, who lives in Hackensack, N.J., says he meant no harm. He just wanted to know if people would respond to a student's E-mail request.

"Think they will forgive me?" he asked the Reporter-News.

Brown said he will teach a course this fall called "The Modern City." Using computer software, students will fill out a questionnaire listing preferences for cost of living, climate, crime, health care, etc.

The data will be fed into a computer to find which of 20 metropolitan cities most closely fits the student's criteria. Students then will seek personal comments from that city's subscribers of America Online and possibly Prodigy, another online computer network.

Brown agrees he faced an "ethical quandary" in using a fictional student, but he wanted the test to resemble reality as closely as possible. Sharon Neistein is his wife's maiden name.

"It's always bothered me when teachers give an assignment without trying it out first to see if it works," he said.

When Bill Wright, former president of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce, received the computer E-mail, he was so excited he went out and gave a speech about it.

Wright responded eagerly to the request and also mailed a batch of pro-Abilene newspaper editorials, brochures and speeches he made when he was chamber president.

"I thought it was neat," he said, "and I thought her professor had a great idea."

Wright, a devoted E-mailer who belongs to several different networks, said he was a little annoyed to learn the message was a hoax. He felt the professor could have stated his objective up front.

But Brown said he wanted to get a true taste of how people would react.

Brown said he will show his students the Abilene responses (minus names and E-mail addresses) as an example of what to expect.

DATE BOOK

July 11, 1994

Today is the 192nd day of 1994 and the 21st day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1804, Aaron Burr fatally shot Alexander Hamilton in Weehawken, N.J.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), U.S. president; E.B. White (1899-1985), writer; Yul Brynner (1920-1985), actor; Tab Hunter (1931-), actor, is 63; Debbie Harry (1945-), singer, is 49; Bonnie Pointer (1951-), singer, is 43; Sela Ward (1956-), actress, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1914, a young pitcher for the Boston Red Sox named Babe Ruth made his major-league debut.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "All communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and well-born, the other the mass of the people. The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom judge or determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share in the government." — Alexander Hamilton

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1961, diminutive pitcher Stu Miller was blown off the mound by a gust of wind during the All-Star Game at San Francisco's Candlestick Park.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (July 8) and first quarter (July 15).

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F-16s' sale set

FORT WORTH (AP) — Lockheed Corp. will sell 18 F-16 jet fighters to Singapore in a deal worth as much as $1 billion, officials from that country have announced.

Singapore's defense minister, Lee Boon Yang, said Saturday the F-16 was the most cost-effective aircraft for the country's security needs.

Man denies putting any spells on women who blinded sister

ARCADIA, La. (AP) — Two women accused of pulling out their sister's eyes to exorcise demons face arraignment Thursday in Dallas on charges of aggravated assault.

Johnson were indicted even though Myra Obasi refused to press charges against them. Ms. Obasi told Dallas investigators that her sisters were trying to drive out the spirit of her father or a demon.

The sisters told police that their father had sent them to a man named Bennie Morgan for prayer. Morgan, 65, said he does not remember them: "Many people come and go. I don't keep no record of names."

However, he said, "I don't put no spells on nobody. I pray to get the spell off of them."

After leaving Morgan's white frame home in the Morehouse Parish town of Collinston, the sisters headed for Dallas.

Obasi was blinded during a prayer session at a church and home for outcasts in a Dallas suburb.

The sisters' friends and relatives say a man named Bennie scared the women by saying they were being attacked by demons.

Morgan said he knows nothing about the sisters' ride from Arcadia to Dallas or the "demonic possession" and blinding.

He said he is a seer, and has been one for 36 years. Up to 200 people a year, black and white, rich and poor, come to his remote farm to learn what ails them — be it cancer, tuberculosis or demons — and possibly to find a cure in prayer, he said.

"The spirit of God sees through you and shows it through me," Morgan, a retired millworker, said. "If you are hurt or sick, then He will show this is what is the matter with the person."

Investigators have said that the case involves hoodoo, a mixture based in the rural South and uses charms and potions to cast out demons.

Dallas police say Obasi initially told them that Crawford pulled out her eyes while quoting the Bible verse, "And if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you."

Now family members say the sisters don't remember exactly how it happened. The sisters have refused to talk about the case.

Morgan said he belongs to a Baptist church and gives the same spiritual prescription to all his visitors: Read Psalm 37, about the true state of the wicked, and the 23rd Psalm, which begins "The Lord is my shepherd."

Morgan said he prays during and after the Bible reading.

"No way am I a hoodooist," Morgan said. "I am a God man and I always will be. I accepted Christ in 1942."

Hoodoo is a type of voodoo practiced in predominantly rural, minority areas of the deep South, said David Otto, an associate professor of religion at Centenary College. It's difficult to know how widespread it is because hoodoo is passed on by word of mouth.

Voodoo is a Haitian spin on African religion, sometimes including elements of Catholicism. Slaves brought it to the Caribbean and then to Louisiana.

Hoodoo incorporates more Catholic elements than voodoo and was born in southwest Louisiana and East Texas, Otto said.

Both see the spiritual world as a battlefield between good and evil, but while voodoo has many gods, hoodoo sees the battle as one between Satan and the Christian God, Otto said.

Hoodoo's goal is to give people good to restore the balance in the physical world, and most hoodooists use hoodoo to supplement Christianity, Otto said.

"Hoodoo uses prayer, the names of saints and the belief in Jesus to do battle with good and evil forces in the world," Otto said.

Its followers believe that people can be possessed by spirits, the devil or demons. "When a person is possessed, a spirit rides on the shoulders of the individual," Otto said. "That individual is known as a horse."

According to hoodoo, there are three ways to free the horse of its rider, he said:

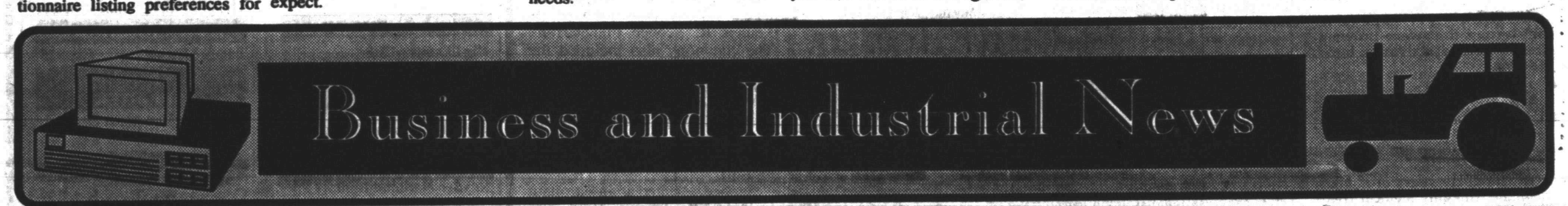
— The victim can go to a hoodooist who will try to exorcise the spirit through prayer.

— When a hoodooist is unavailable or prayer does not work, the victim's forearm can be cut. It is believed that the flow of blood rids the body of the demonic spirit.

— Or the possessed person's eyes can be gouged out, because a spirit cannot use a blinded horse. "This would be the most extreme circumstance. Eye-gouging is almost unheard of," Otto said.

He would not speculate whether Ms. Obasi's eyes might have been removed for this reason.

Killer whale society is the most stable known of any social mammal, and both male and female killer whales stay with their mothers as long as the mothers live.



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