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TUESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—Has 911 addressing for the county been completed?

A—According to Julie Strunk, rural area 911 coordinator, about 1,800 addressing cards have been received, but about 600 have not been returned. She asks that all cards be returned to the County Judge's office as soon as possible.

In Brief

Flood update

PORT LAVACA, Texas (AP) — Officials on the Texas coast appealed today for help from floodwaters gushing into area bays that have devastated the state's oyster crop.

"If we get another four weeks of this, most of the oysters in San Antonio Bay will be dead," Calhoun County extension agent Joe Surovik said Monday.

Oysters are very sensitive to the salinity of the water in which they live, and cannot tolerate living in fresh water over a long period of time. In recent years, Calhoun County has produced 90 percent of all oysters harvested on the Texas coast.

Espiritu Santo Bay is the only area bay still open to oystering and it may be closed Wednesday after test results are known on water samples taken on Monday.

Local

Ira boosters

Ira Booster Club will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the new gym.

FFA boosters

Snyder FFA Parent Booster Club will meet tonight at 7:30 in the high school ag building.

Festival

St. Elizabeth's Parish Center will host an annual Youth Festival Mexican Dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at 3005 Ave. A.

Plates, either dine-in or carry-out, are $5 for adults and $2.50 for children age 8 and under.

Seminar

Scurry County TSTA will sponsor a tax and financial planning seminar for all school employees and spouses at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Dermott School.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 48 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, .16 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 30s. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny and cooler. High in the upper 50s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph during the morning shifting to northwest during the afternoon.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:56 p.m. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:44 a.m. Of six days in 1992, the sun has shone six days in Snyder.

BOOKS GALORE — Linda Schwarz, front, and Sherry Harbin price textbooks for the bookstore located on the Western Texas College campus. Faculty in-service is scheduled to begin Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Aggravated robbery among 9 indictments passed down by jury

Nine indictments, including three for aggravated robbery, were handed down by a Scurry County Grand Jury late Monday afternoon.

Twenty-four-year-old Ricardo Alaniz of Hermleigh was indicted on two counts of aggravated robbery.

Alaniz was arrested at his residence shortly after the Dec. 21, 1991, robbery of the Allsup's convenience store in Hermleigh. According to police reports, the suspect was armed with a pellet gun and ordered the clerk to empty the safe.

In addition, Alaniz was charged with the Sept. 12, 1991, robbery of the same store. According to reports, two clerks were preparing for a shift change when a man wearing a ski mask and carrying a gun entered the store. The man demanded money and ordered the clerks into a storeroom before fleeing.

Alaniz was freed on $30,000 bond.

Twenty-year-old Christopher Rodney Flanagan of 3010 42nd St. was indicted for a Dec. 30, 1991, robbery at the Fieldcrest Apartments.

According to police, Flanagan and a female companion went to the apartment complex to talk with a resident, Ryan Newbern. An argument ensued, and Flanagan pointed a .22 magnum pistol at Newbern and left the apartment with a shotgun, some ammunition, and a small amount of change.

No charges have been filed against the female. Bond for Flanagan has been set at $15,000.

An indictment for burglary of a building was handed down in relation to the New Year's Day robbery of Circle-In Grocery on the Lamesa Highway.

Roberto Gonzalez Lopez, 23, of Mexico is charged with taking cigarettes, sunglasses and work gloves from the business after gaining access through the front window. Lopez was apprehended later at the Ponderosa Motel, less than a mile from the convenience store.

Thirty-four-year-old Antonio Deleon, of 1409½ Ave. M was indicted on aggravated assault charges in relation to an incident last Sunday. Deleon is charged with assaulting 31-year-old Frances Medrano Silva with a knife.

Silva was treated for a superficial cut to her neck and released at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Bond for Deleon was set at $10,000.

Rosalio Gutierrez, Jr. of 205 N. Beaumont, and Daniel Salazar, of 404 30th St., were both indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated. Bond for each was set at $2,000.

The grand jury indicted two other subjects, who have not been arrested at this time.

Tense trade talks anticipated as President arrives in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — President Bush, firing another salvo in a tough-talk trade mission to Asia, said today he is determined to "increase access for American goods and services in these Japanese markets."

On his first day in Japan, Bush shifted his tone to emphasize that Japan — as well as the United States — would reap benefits from a lowering of its trade barriers to U.S. imports.

"In the cause of free and open trade, we want agreements that produce permanent improvement in access and in U.S. sales to Jpaanese markets and permanent improvment in the lives of Japanese consumers," he said at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new Toys R Us store in Kashihara.

Earlier, speaking to a group of U.S. and Japanese students in historic Kyoto, Bush foreshadowed his crucial talks Wednesday with Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and other Japanese officials.

"I come as a friend, I come with some ideas that we're going to be discussing with the government in Tokyo starting tomorrow," he said.

"I want to increase access for American goods and services in these Japanese markets," he said repeating the goal he set before leaving on his 12-day trip to Australia and Asia. "Open markets lift the technical progress to new heights, and they raise everybody's standards and benefit consumers ... through the expanse of the global marketplace."

Bush and his entourage arrived here at the dinner hour of a day the president began with a low-key tour of the Imperial Palace in Kyoto, the ancient capital. He had an official arrival ceremony scheduled Wednesday morning, followed by a visit with Emperor Akihito and talks with Miyazawa.

In advance of Bush's official greeting by government leaders, there were indications of imminent trade concessions from the Japanese.

Council to mull several requests

City council members will consider requests involving hotel/motel tax funds, a change in the exotic animal ordinance and the extension of city sewer service to a local motel when they convene for their January meeting today.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Representatives of Snyder Chamber of Commerce are requesting use of hotel/motel tax funds to extend electricity to a billboard on Interstate 20 promoting Snyder and Carlsbad, N.M.

The billboard, which is jointly financed by the two cities, is located near Sweetwater.

David Rollins, owner of Tropical Paradise pet store, will address the council concerning the city's exotic animal ordinance. Rollins is seeking to have ferrets, boa constrictors and pythons deleted from the list of animals which are prohibited inside city limits.

Council members will also consider a request from Dennis Chisum for city sewer service at Willow Park Inn, which is located outside of the city limits.

A request for de-annexation of three and one-half blocks in the Evancrest Addition of north Snyder has been made by David Haywood, who will be present this evening.

Other considerations for the council include bids received for a water tank for the city water plant, and discussion of of the ⅛ -cent ad valorem tax relief portion of the city's proposed ½ -cent sales tax.

If passed by voters, ⅛ -cent of the tax, or approximately $100,000, will be used for ad valorem tax relief. The remaining ⅜ -cent, or $300,000 will be used for economic development.

Absentee voting in the sales tax election is being held through Jan. 14 at City Hall. The actual election is Jan. 18.

In addition, Snyder Police Chief Lannie Lee will make a presentation to the council on SILK, the new Snyder Independent Living Konnection program for citizens confined to home due to age, illness or physical handicap.

Chief Lee will also display new police uniforms, recently purchased by Snyder Police Department.

Redistricting...

Judge who scrapped plans will review them next week

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — The state's redistricting plans, challenged on many fronts since being approved last year, are headed for a familiar battlefield: the courtroom where they were initially struck down.

Even as the Texas Senate was meeting in special session to approve new boundaries, state District Judge Mario E. Ramirez on Monday was scheduling another go-round with the plans in his courtroom for next week.

Ramirez declared the redistricting plans unconstitutional in August and since then has approved two compromise maps, which have gone on to face other legal challenges in state and federal courts.

The original ruling stemmed from a lawsuit filed in South Texas by Hispanics who said the plans under represented minorities because they were based on flawed census data.

That led to compromise plans that have since been challenged, landing the lawsuit back in the 332nd state District Court, where Ramirez will hear testimony Jan. 14 from intervenors opposing the negotiated Senate plan.

Ramirez also will consider a request to have the compromise House plan implemented for 1992. A three-judge federal panel has ruled that a Legislature-approved House map shouldn't be in effect until 1994.

MALDEF attorney Judith Sanders-Castro, representing minority plaintiffs in the original suit, said Ramirez' final decision in the case can ultimately determine which plan is used in state elections.

"The federal court only has power to intervene if there is something wrong in what the state has done," Ms. Sanders-Castro said.

Ramirez, ruling on a motion by attorneys for minority interests, on Monday also agreed to extended the filing deadline for state House elections to Jan. 15. The original deadline was Jan. 10.

The move had been opposed by the state, but Ramirez said he couldn't seen "the harm it would do to extend it" until after he hears new arguments in the voting rights suit.

However, the judge declined to take action on a request to extend Senate filing deadlines. He said his ruling allowing two senators — Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, and Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville — to intervene precluded him from extending the deadline.

Sims and Lucio, along with Republicans, allege the compromise Senate plan was crafted in a clandestine fashion to cut them out of the negotiations.

Also Monday, the Texas Senate tentatively approved a redistricting plan, but was forced procedurally to wait until today to take a final vote on the measure.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "It's important to ask intelligent questions, but it's just as important to intelligently listen to the answers."

A recent Wall Street Journal article about the future of retailing and small towns should make every local citizen stop and make some personal evaluations.

The article observed that retailers are going out of business in droves, and many observers say the epidemic has a long way to run. The president of a large discount store headquartered in Arkansas has predicted that by the year 2000, 50 percent of the retailers in business today will be gone.

Industry legend Stanley Marcus, former CEO of Neiman Marcus, disagreed. "I think it will be 75 percent."

The impact of retail closings in small markets is already being felt across the country. Any loss of dollars in any market means an even bigger loss.

If a dollar spent in a market turns over seven times, then a dollar spent elsewhere is a dollar that will not weave its way though the local economy.

While the economic future of small towns is in question, it presents an ironic situation. Large cities are becoming ungovernable, unmanageable, and in many cases, unattractive.

Everybody's guilty, and it's difficult to fault a family for trying to stretch the dollar to meet an already strained family budget. Taxing boards are under increased pressure to use tax money wisely.

But sending money out of town is nothing more than short-sighted accounting. Sending local money out of town is merely sacrificing the long-term for the short-term gain.

Fifteen years ago, 64 cents out of every dollar was spent locally. That has dropped to 48 cents today. What is sorely needed for long-term economic health is a return to a mind-set of thinking first about the importance of maintaining the economy and quality of life enjoyed in small towns like Snyder.

New policy to aid buyers and insurers

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the State Board of Insurance said the new policy they ratified for automobile insurance rates should help both buyers and insurers.

"I see (Monday's) action as the first step toward better, more realistic automobile rate regulation," said Claire Korioth, the Insurance Board chair.

The board voted unanimously Monday to freeze current benchmark rates for automobile policyholders and allow insurers to charge within a range of 25 percent above or 30 percent below that standard.

Officials said that with the wide range of possible premiums, consumers should find out their rate classification and look for the best deal.

"We're going to be watching what's happening in the marketp-

(see AUTO, page 8)

Pastor's past divides church

WEST RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — When Baptist pastor Ed Lopes told his congregation he was a reformed Mafia hit man who had killed 28 people, members were willing to forgive and forget.

They've found the truth — that Lopes is a parole jumper from Illinois who murdered his wife and left his girlfriend for dead — less appealing.

The revelations have divided the First Baptist Church in this town of 3,900. Some members gathered Lopes' $5,000 bail. Others want him to quit.

"You're going to have an upset congregation no matter how it turns out," said member Carl Nyborg Jr. "Some people are upset, some aren't. Some people have forgiven him, some haven't."

"I can forgive him," Nyborg said.

Among those who can't are officials of the Illinois Corrections Department, which filed an extradition request asking that Lopes be returned to prison for violating terms of his parole. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Lopes, 56, is no longer talking. "I'm trying to let this thing die," he said last week.

The story came to light in December when a Tri-City Herald reporter checked out claims that Lopes had made to church groups all over the region since 1985.

Upon learning that Lopes was in West Richland, Illinois authorities issued a warrant and he was arrested Dec. 12. He spent a night in jail before posting bail, then took the pulpit to say the arrest was a mistake.

However, the newspaper, law officers and other Baptist pastors in town began to reveal the truth. Fellow pastors met with Lopes on Christmas Eve and urged him to come clean. Four days after Christmas, he returned to the pulpit.

"I have lived a lie," Lopes told the Southern Baptists he has led since 1988. "You've come to hear a confession and you will."

He said that:

—He did not execute up to 28 people as a Mafia hit man. He had lied about working for Murder Inc., the notorious gang of contract killers, for 15 years.

—He was never counseled by Watergate conspirator Chuck Colson or by evangelist Billy Graham.

—He did not find God on Death Row, but by reading a Bible in a prison cell.

The truth was more banal.

Lopes was convicted of strangling his second wife, Phyllis Brown, and of stabbing and choking Shirley Johnston, then his girlfriend. Brown was slain near Wheaton, Ill., in 1970; Johnston was left for dead in Bensonville, Ill., a month later.

Lopes now says he also beat to death a woman in Brockton, Mass., in the 1960s. Police are investigating.

DFW Airport environmental impact study now released

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The board of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport is delighted with a Federal Aviation Administration report endorsing expansion of the airport, a spokesman says.

Board members were meeting today to review the 2,000-page Final Environmental Impact Statement that evaluated 18 areas of potential impact at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The areas included noise, social impacts, air quality, water quality and endangered or threatened species.

"We are obviously delighted that the environmental impact statement process has moved to this point, said airport spokesman Joe Dealey, Jr.

Dealey said the new runways were needed to cope with a projected doubling of takeoffs, landings and passenger flow by the year 2010, or sooner.

"The airport must be prepared to handle more than 100 million total passengers annually and upwards of 1 to 1.25 million total aircraft operations," he said. "That represents fundamentally a doubling of the airport's annual operations through the end of 1991."

Dealey said construction of each runway could take 24-30 months once final approval was received.

DFW Airport, opened in January 1974, has six runways on its 18,000 acres. It is the world's second-busiest airport, based on total passengers, Dealey said.

The FAA prepared and approved the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed project, FAA spokesman Roger S. Myers said Monday at a news conference attended by airport officials and officials of cities opposed to the proposed runway locations.

Myers said the FEIS was a disclosure document, which would be followed by a decision document after a 30-day hold period that begins with publication of notice of the report in the Federal Register. Publication could come as soon as Friday, he said.

Officials of Grapevine, Euless and Irving contended construction of two proposed runways in the proposed $3.5 billion expansion would cause an exodus of residents and millions of tax dollars.

"My initial reaction (to the FEIS) was just more bad news as such ... particularly about the noise," said Mayor Harold Samuels of Euless. "They're wanting to average the noise over 24 hours and not take into account any of the single noise events, which to me are the most damaging."

The report noted that the impact of noise would be substantially reduced by the year 2010 because of federal laws requiring quieter jet airplanes by 2003.

Samuels said he was not opposed to airport expansion, just the way officials planned to do it.

"We believe there's an alternative to that particular runway location," he said. "We still believe it. We've not seen anything that changes our mind."

City Manager Mark Watson of Grapevine wanted to know whether the airport could expand without adding runways.

"There really weren't a lot of non-runway alternatives looked at," Watson said.

Dear Abby

From One Hand to Another, A Ticket Can Take a Ride

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "A Touchy Ticket Taker" who was forced to accept a wet and unsanitary portion of a ticket. And who can blame her?

I suggest that she have in her hand an ordinary wooden clothespin, and when the ticket is presented to her, she should grasp the ticket between the prongs of the clothespin and deposit it where she wishes. In this way, she will accomplish two things:

1. She will not be forced to handle a wet and unsanitary ticket, and ...

2. The patrons will see the gross position in which they have placed the ticket taker, and possibly mend their ways without her needing to voice an objection.

I would appreciate your thoughts on my suggestion.

STEPHEN LUDOVICH,
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DEAR MR. LUDOVICH: A very innovative suggestion. Many wrote to suggest that the ticket taker wear white gloves. Please read on:

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "A Touchy Ticket Taker" prompted me to write about my experience as a ticket taker.

In my job as an elementary school secretary, I punched the lunch tickets of approximately 300 students a day. In order not to drop their lunch tickets when they picked up their plates, some students would put their tickets in their pockets. Unfortunately, not all children's clothing had pockets, so they would have to find another place to keep their tickets.

I have been handed lunch tickets pulled out of sleeves, from under belts, out of shoes, smelly socks, out of hairdos, and even from the student's underwear!

Sometimes the tickets didn't make it to a safe place, and I'd have to fish them out of the applesauce, baked beans or vegetable soup. On one occasion, I was handed a soggy ticket. The student apologized, sheepishly explaining that it had fallen into the drinking fountain. I just smiled, hoping it was true.

TEXAS LUNCH PUNCHER
IN KILLEEN

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DEAR ABBY: I worked at Hollywood Park Racetrack for nearly 30 years. I was the guy who paid off in cash when the lucky winners came to my window with their winning tickets.

I think I topped them all when it came to seeing tickets retrieved from some pretty weird places. One elderly gentleman said, "Excuse me ... I always keep my tickets in my jockstrap." Then he retrieved them and slid them over to me. His tickets were very warm. My face was warmer.

JOHNNY J.,
INGLEWOOD, CALIF.

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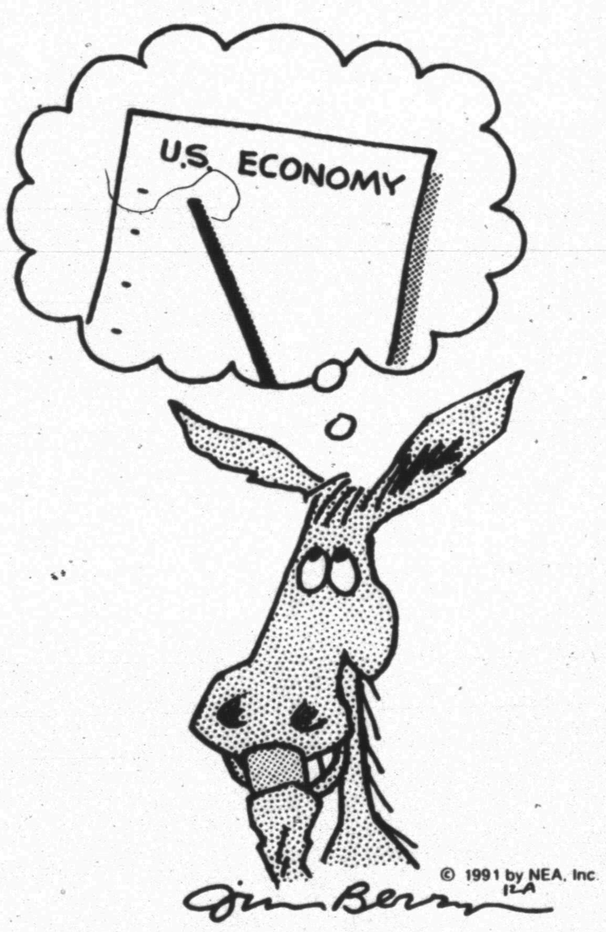

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 7, 1992

Today is the 7th day of 1992 and the 17th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1714, the first typewriter patent was issued in England.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Millard Fillmore (1800-1874), U.S. president; Konstantin Stanislavsky (1863-1938), actor-director; Orval Faubus (1910-), U.S. politician-teacher, is 82; Charles Addams (1912-1988), cartoonist; Jean-Pierre Rampal (1922-), flutist, is 70; Vincent Gardenia (1922-), actor, is 70; Kenny Loggins (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, the Harlem Globetrotters played their first game in Hinckley, Ill.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You live under this pressure night after night. Your mind is always there on stage — when you get up in the morning, when you go to bed at night. You dream of forgetting your lines." — Vincent Gardenia, on performing in the theater.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1913, parts of Arizona had a record-shattering morning as both Phoenix (16 degrees) and Tuscon (6 degrees) set their all-time record low temperatures.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 4) and first quarter (Jan. 12).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

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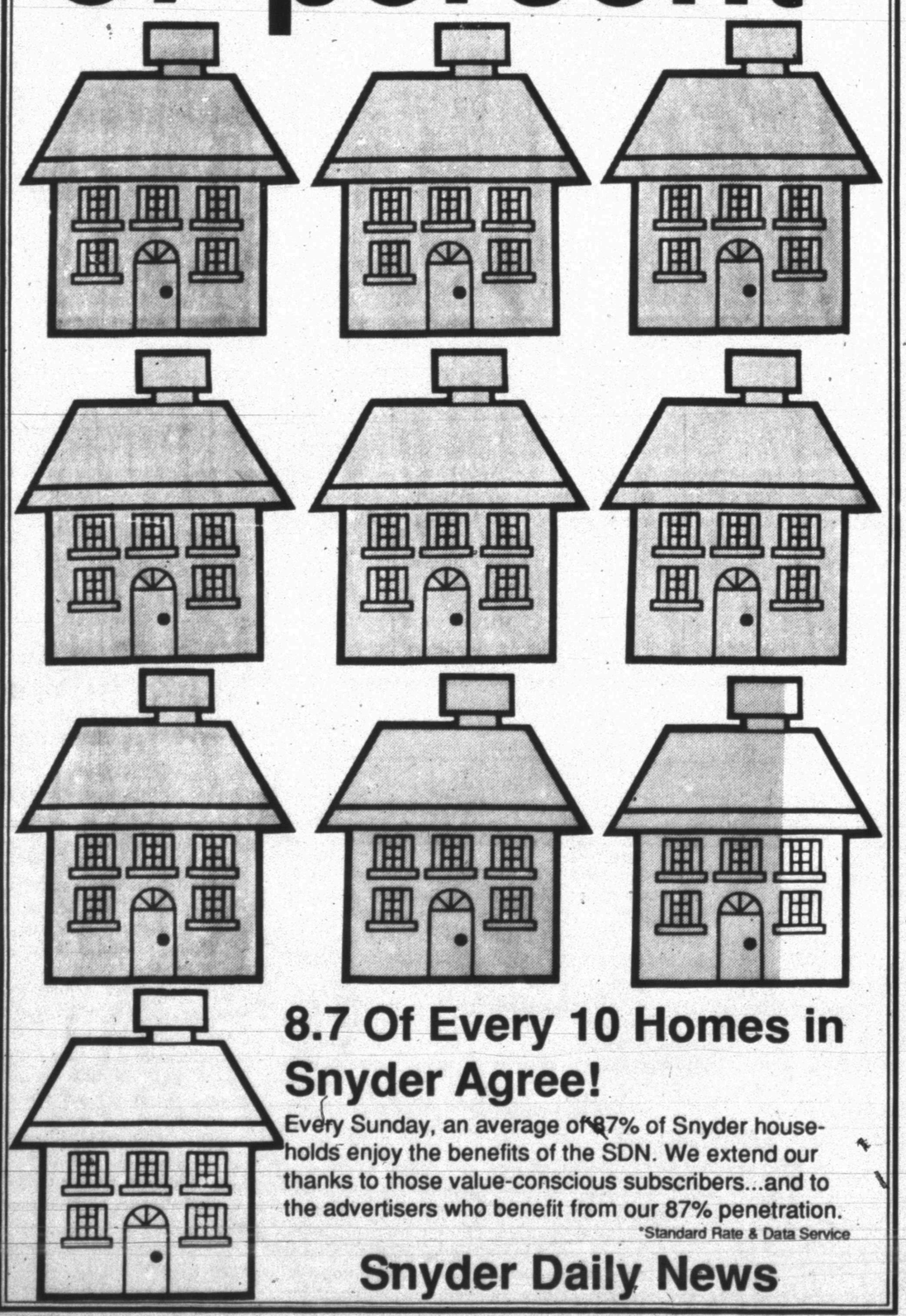

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HIGH TEA — Guests attending the Atheneum's December high tea at the historical Cornelius-Dodson House were from left, front row, Bessie Collins, Dianne Morton, Bobbie Donelson and Ruby Lee Small of Loraine. On the back row are Gaynell Cline, Judy Smallwood, Wanda Hudgins and Doris Spikes. Museum docents prepared and served the late afternoon meal. Atheneum Study Club members will meet Jan. 14 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club where Glenda Valentine will present the program. (SDN Staff Photo)

DICKERSON RECITAL — The piano students of Mrs. Connie Dickerson recently met in her home for a Christmas party and recital. The students shared a favorite family Christmas tradition, performed and enjoyed refreshments. Pictured are Amber Alexander, Jeremy Bowden, Tara Price, Leslye Starnes, Mandy Heaton, Sarah Pierce, Camy Belcher, Matthew Lovett, Calli Pierce, Joshua Kelley, Jessica Dea, Jennifer Newman, Deborah Zeck, Cara Belcher, Allison Bowden and Janette Allen. (Contributed Photo)

Freer paintings go back to Japan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Freer Gallery of Art is sending 25 delicate Japanese paintings of the 12th-19th centuries back to Japan for conservation under an agreement concluded recently in Tokyo.

The conservation exchange is described by the Freer as an important first step in cooperation between Japan and art institutions internationally to deal with the dearth of expertise and funds for East Asian painting conservation.

The agreement is a multi-million dollar effort being funded by the Tokyo Arts Research Foundation and the Japanese government.

Hamilton's anniversary celebration is Saturday

Reta's Cake Shop will be the site for a reception honoring Hoy and Vera Hamilton celebrating their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Hosting will be their nieces and nephews, including Vick and Lana Chambers, Richard and Brenda Chambers, all of Snyder, and a great-niece, Deanne Hamilton of Odessa.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-7-92
♠ 5 2
♥ 8 7 6 3 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ A Q 3

WEST
♠ A 10 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ K 10 6
♣ K 10 5

EAST
♠ K Q J 9 8 7 4
♥ K J 10 9 4
♦ 9
♣ - - -

SOUTH
♠ - - -
♥ - - -
♦ J 8 7 5 3 2
♣ J 9 8 7 6 4 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♥
2 NT	3 ♥	Pass	6 ♣
7 ♣	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♥ A

A grand slam made with finesse

By Phillip Alder

One of the most colorful characters of the New York bridge fraternity, Harold Berlin, died last October at 73.

Once he opened one no-trump with 4-5-2-2 distribution. His partner bid two clubs, Stayman, but Berlin rebid two diamonds, denying a major. When the opponents misdefended the subsequent three-no-trump contract, they called for the director.

"Do you play Stayman?" asked the director.

"Of course. Everyone does."

"So why didn't you bid two hearts?"

"Stayman asks for four-card majors. I didn't have four hearts."

"So why not bid two spades?"

"If I was going to lie about five hearts, I certainly had to lie about four spades."

Berlin played today's hand in 1974. East's two hearts was a transfer to spades. South's two no-trump showed a minor two-suiter. Three hearts denoted values in the suit, plus spade support. North should have bid now with 12 points in his partner's suits. Finally, when East bid six spades, which he would have made, Berlin "sacrificed" in seven clubs.

West tried to cash the heart ace. Berlin ruffed and led the club jack: king, ace, spade. Declarer ruffed a heart in hand and ran the club nine. Next came the diamond jack: king, ace, nine. Berlin drew the last trump, entered hand with a ruff and then judged to run the diamond eight through West. This finesse worked too, and the grand slam was home.

Berlin whispered to West, "You made a mistake, mister. You shouldn't have doubled an expert."

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Microwave a crispy, tasty cheese snack in no time

NANCY BYAL, Food Editor Better Homes and Gardens Magazine For AP Special Features

Cube. Cook. Cool. Crunch! In less time than it takes to shred cheese, you can fix these crispy cheese wafers in your microwave oven. Use them in place of shredded cheese and croutons on salads, as a cracker topper, or serve with fruit. Fat may come out of the cheese cubes as they cook, so have paper towels handy to wipe the pie plate between batches.

Cheese Crisps

61/2-inch cubes Jarlsberg, Swiss, or Cheddar cheese, about 11/2 ounces

All-purpose flour

Non-stick spray coating

Toss cheese with enough flour to coat. Spray a 9-inch microwave-safe pie plate with non-stick spray coating. Arrange cheese cubes in the pie plate, spacing cheese as far apart as possible.

Cook on 100 percent power (high) for 21/2 to 31/2 minutes or until golden and bubbly over entire surface. Use a spatula to remove crisps from the pie plate. Drain on paper towels. Cool before serving. Makes 6 crisps.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sparklers, Chamber of Commerce volunteers; The Shack, 12 noon.

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack, 12 noon.

Twentieth Century Study Club, 3 p.m.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3:30 p.m.

Universty Women; MAWC; 6 p.m.

Stanfield Elementry Parent Council; school cafeteria; 7 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Snyder Christian Women's Club; Prayer Coffee; 10 a.m.

Alturian Daughters Study Club; Luncheon at MAWC; 11:15 a.m.; Program: Diane Beard, "From Books to Bedpans."

THURSDAY

The Noah Project will hold its regular meeting at noon Thursday in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital

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

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

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

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

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

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

Snyder Garden Club, MAWC; 9:30 a.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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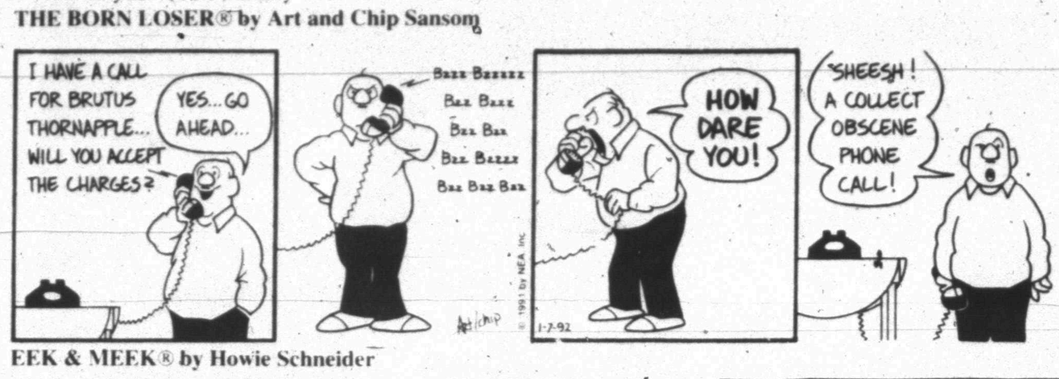

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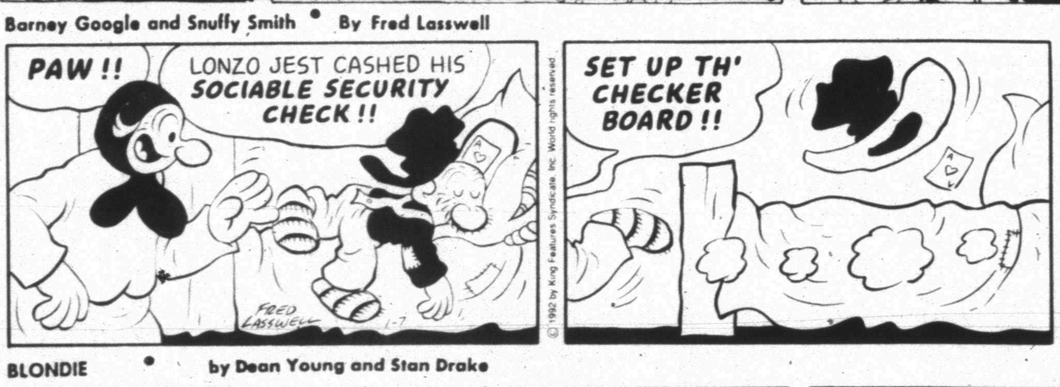

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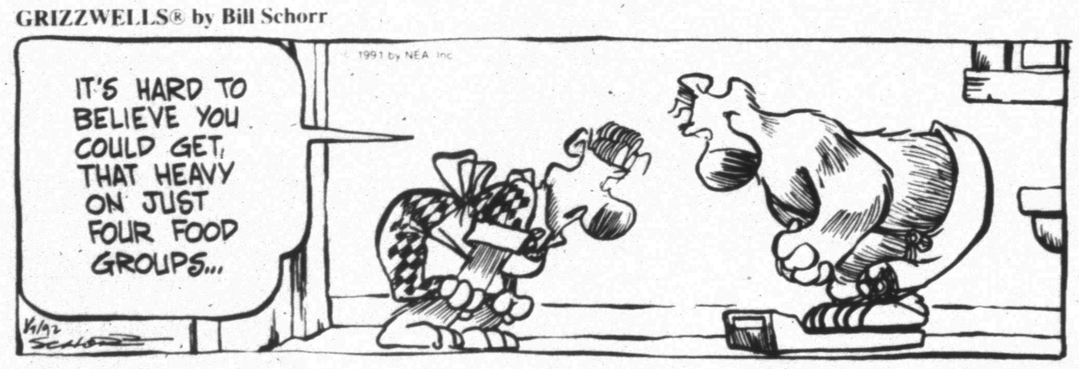

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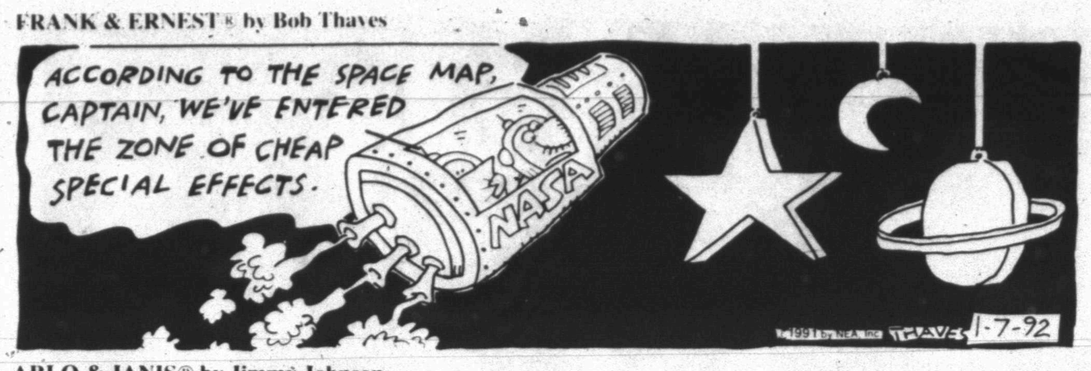

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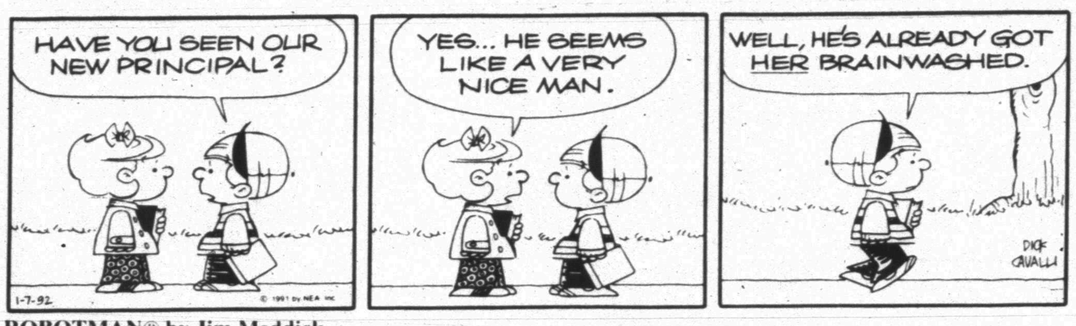

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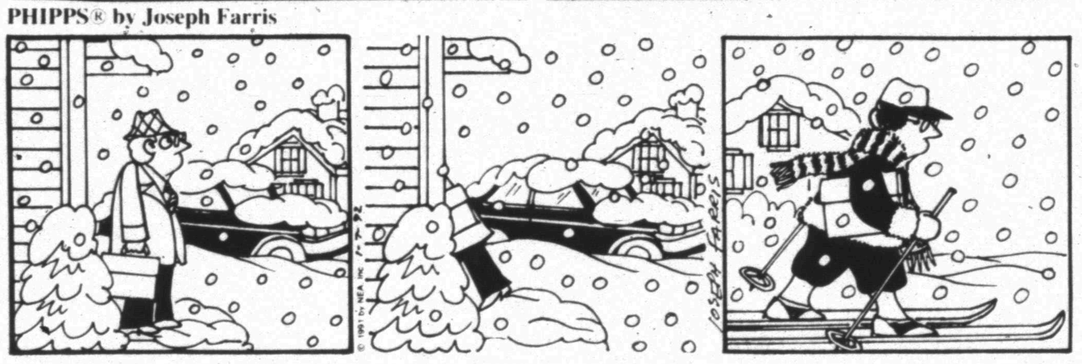

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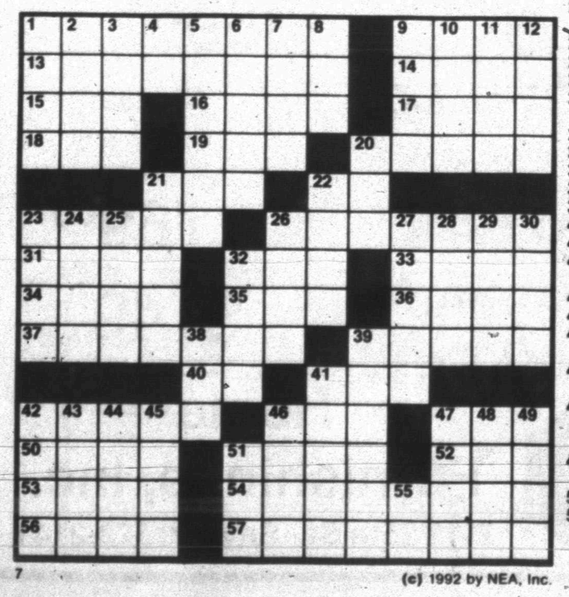

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Defense is '92 draft priority for Dallas

Cowboys are expected to spend choices on defensive backs and pass rushers

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have the 13th and 24th picks in the first round of April's NFL draft. They're going to be downright defensive about it.

The Cowboys were reminded they need to spend most of their high draft choices on defensive backs and pass rushing defensive linemen after Detroit passed them dizzy 38-6 Sunday in the second round of the NFC playoffs.

Erik Kramer hit a career-high 29 of 38 passes for 341 yards and three touchdowns.

It wasn't the first time a run-and-shoot quarterback had toasted the Cowboys secondary.

Dallas also lost 34-10 to the Lions earlier in the season and were defeated 26-23 by run-and-shoot Houston when Warren Moon hit 41 of 56 passes for 432 yards.

The Cowboys couldn't stop Atlanta's "Red Gun" offense, allowing 325 passing yards and three touchdowns to Chris Miller, but outlasted the Falcons 31-27 in the final game of the regular season.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson plans on doing something about it after he takes a short vacation breather, but he said before he left that the Falcons had "exposed" the Cowboys weaknesses which Detroit exploited.

"Detroit was able to isolate us and get us into a lot of one-on-one coverages and our strength is stopping the run," Johnson said. "Detroit studied the Atlanta and Houston films. They saw what the run-and-shoot could do to us."

Johnson gave his coaches a week off and took a few days himself while the players cleaned out their lockers Monday.

"You know Jimmy," said public relations director Rich Dalrymple. "He won't be able to stay away long."

Owner Jerry Jones said the Cowboys will make good use of their first-, second- and third-round picks. Dallas has two selections in each bracket.

"We have a lot of flexibility with our picks and we might trade up," Jones said. "We know we need help on defense. (Defensive coordinator) Dave Wannstedt did a good job of hiding our weaknesses all year. But we had to try to 'finesse' a team once too often. We could use some help on defense."

Wannstedt might not be around to reap the benefits of the rich Dallas draft harvest. He was expected to be interviewed by the Pittsburgh Steelers this week for their head coaching vacancy.

"We'd hate to lose Dave," Jones said. "But that's why we all get up in the morning, to improve ourselves. We could offer more money, but I'm not sure money would mean as much as the job."

Dallas, which had a 1-15 record in 1989 and 7-9 in 1990, had an 11-5 regular-season record and reached the playoffs for the first time in six years. The Cowboys defeated the Chicago Bears in the first round, their first playoff victory in 10 seasons.

"It was a wonderful feeling being in the playoffs," Jones said. "It makes us want to work that much harder. This organization has a lot of room to improve, a lot of growth potential."

The Dallas players were philosophical about the loss.

"Now we have a taste of the playoffs," said Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, the NFL rushing champion. "We know what it takes to get there."

"We were on a fine ride; a long ride," safety Bill Bates said. "We got hopes up in Dallas, got the fans fired up and the players had fun."

Quarterback Troy Aikman will at least be able to enjoy the off-season, knowing he has returned as the Cowboys leader.

Aikman had spent a frustrating five weeks on the sidelines while Steve Beuerlein got Dallas into the playoffs with what Aikman called "my team."

A rusty Aikman, who had been out of action five weeks with a knee injury, didn't give the Cowboys much of a lift when he replaced Beuerlein just before the half ended. Aikman hit 11 passes for 114 yards, but fumbled and lost two snaps from center.

"We were looking for a spark at that stage and we decided to stay with him in the second half," Johnson said of Aikman.

"I don't think I gave us much of a spark," Aikman said. "They're not the kind of defense that gives up a lot of points anyway. And when we got behind as much as we did, it took away our running game."

Lady Tigers home; Tigers visit LVHS

The 1991-92 non-district basketball season is winding down Snyder High School as both teams take to the hardcourt for games today.

The Lady Tigers host San Angelo Central at Scurry County Coliseum today with JV action starting at 6 p.m. followed by the 7:30 p.m. varsity game.

Snyder's Tigers, fresh from a 60-44 whipping of Seminole Saturday, travel to San Angelo to tangle with the Lake View Chiefs at 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The SHS boys' team has one more game, a Friday battle at Andrews, before beginning District 2-4A contests Friday, Jan. 14 at Estacado. The Lady Tigers start loop play Friday when they travel to Levelland

In addition, Hermleigh begins District 7-A play at Blackwell at 6:30 p.m. today.

The Lady Tigers, now 2-16, are coming off a 77-29 loss at Merkel on Friday.

Daisy Braziel and Annie Ragland each managed seven points for SHS in the loss.

The Tigers, boasting a 14-6 mark for the season, are fresh from one of their most impressive defensive games of the campaign, holding the Seminole Indians to just 44 points.

Offensively, the Tigers had three players in double figures against the Tribe. Senior Hayward Clay canned 18, Jeff Wortham managed 12 and Barron Wesley put in 10 for Snyder.

The Hermleigh Cardinals and Lady Cardinals will both travel to Blackwell for their first loop encounters of the season today.

The HHS girls, 8-6, captured third place in the Ira Dog Pound Classic last week, by defeating Westbrook in come-from-behind fashion, 49-43.

Amy Anderson, who was named all-tournament, and Jennifer Herl each poured in 10 points for the Lady Cards and Michelle Payne added nine.

Hermleigh's boys, 2-10 on the campaign, were eliminated from the Ira event with a Friday night loss to Southland, 55-39.

In that game, HHS senior Bill Breitweiser hit six three-pointers on his way to a 23-point game.

NBA roundup...

Spurs set NBA mark in win

by The Associated Press

If the San Antonio Spurs could learn to protect the ball, they would be a dangerous team at playoff time.

The Spurs, whose average of 18 turnovers per game ranks 25th in the 27-team NBA, set a franchise record for fewest turnovers Monday night when they had five in a 100-90 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

"That is a pretty incredible stat," Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "That was the key to the game because we didn't shoot the ball real well."

Point guard Rod Strickland, harshly criticized in the past for his helter-skelter style, had one turnover in 40 minutes. Playing his seventh game of the season after a long holdout, Strickland also scored a season-high 19 points on 8-for-12 shooting.

"The turnovers for the Spurs were not a problem," Pistons guard Joe Dumars said. "Their guards did a good job and made the outside shots."

Guard Willie Anderson had 18 points and 11 rebounds and David Robinson had 20 points, five steals and four blocked shots.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 110, Sacramento 108; New Jersey 105, the Los Angeles Clippers 90; Atlanta 109, Houston 97; and Utah 124, Indiana 108.

Dennis Rodman had 24 rebounds, one under his career high, for Detroit and moved to the top of this season's NBA rebounding leaders with a 16.9 average, ahead of Atlanta's Kevin Willis with 16.8.

Dumars scored 24 points, while Isiah Thomas had 18 points and 13 assists for the Pistons.

Detroit trimmed an eight-point deficit to 82-79 on Mark Aguirre's jumper with 4:17 to play.

But San Antonio went on an 8-2 run, highlighted by an 18-footer from Anderson, to pull ahead 90-81 with 1:05 remaining.

Hawks 109, Rockets 97

Atlanta, weakened by injuries to point guards Rumeal Robinson and Maurice Cheeks, got 14 assists, five steals and no turnovers from Morlon Wiley to win at home against Houston.

Although Wiley didn't score, the Hawks got scoring help from Dominique Wilkins with 27 points and Kevin Willis with 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Duane Ferrell added 15 points, including 11 in a 24-13 second-half run that gave the Hawks a 15-point lead with 4:50 to play. Buck Johnson led the Rockets with 19 points.

Celtics 110, Kings 108

Sacramento has won only three road games the last two seasons, but took Boston to the wire as the Celtics played without Larry Bird and Kevin McHale because of injuries.

Kevin Gamble scored a career-high 34 points and Robert Parish had 22 points and 13 rebounds for Boston, which trailed 98-88 with eight minutes left.

Reggie Lewis, who scored 21 points, put the Celtics ahead 107-106 with a 10-foot shot with 37 seconds remaining and John Bagley added three free throws, nailing down Boston's 13th consecutive home victory over the Kings since Jan. 17, 1979.

Jazz 124, Pacers 108

At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone had 34 points and 14 rebounds.

Blue Edwards scored 23 points, John Stockton had 22 points and 15 assists and Jeff Malone 20 points as the Jazz ended a four-game losing streak to the Pacers.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	20	9	.690	—
Boston	20	12	.625	1½
Miami	15	18	.455	7
Philadelphia	14	18	.438	7½
Washington	12	19	.387	9
New Jersey	12	20	.375	9½
Orlando	6	24	.200	14½
Central Division				
Chicago	25	5	.833	—
Cleveland	21	9	.700	4
Milwaukee	16	14	.533	9
Atlanta	16	15	.516	9½
Detroit	17	16	.515	9½
Indiana	13	20	.394	13½
Charlotte	9	24	.273	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midwest Division				
Utah	22	12	.647	—
San Antonio	17	14	.548	3½
Houston	17	15	.531	4
Denver	13	17	.433	7
Dallas	12	19	.387	8½
Minnesota	5	24	.172	14½
Pacific Division				
Golden State	21	8	.724	—
Portland	20	11	.645	2
Phoenix	19	13	.594	3½
LA Lakers	18	13	.581	4
Seattle	16	14	.533	5½
LA Clippers	17	17	.500	6½
Sacramento	9	22	.290	13

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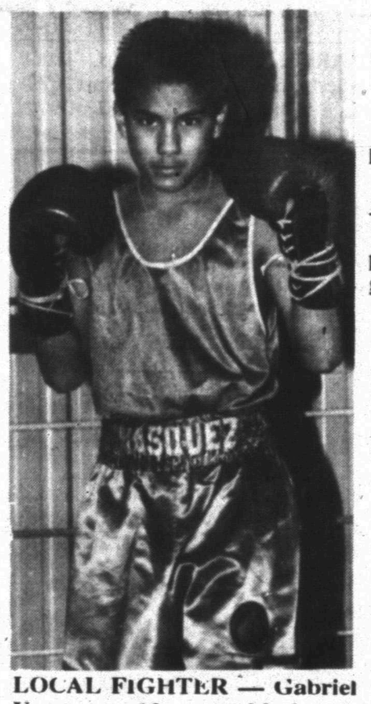

LOCAL FIGHTER — Gabriel Vasquez, 12-year-old boxer from Snyder, earned a berth in the Regional Silver Gloves tournament by defeating Brionson Sanders or first place in the state meet in Dallas recently. A win at the Little Rock, Ark. regionals will place Vasquez in the national tourney at Lenexa, Kan. in February. (SDN Staff Photo)

AP Top 25

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in the Associated Press 1991-92 college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and last week's rankings:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (65)	7-0	1,625	1
2. UCLA	8-0	1,531	2
3. Oklahoma St.	12-0	1,492	3
4. Kansas	10-0	1,412	4
5. Connecticut	10-0	1,370	5
6. Arizona	9-1	1,174	6
7. Ohio St.	8-1	1,160	7
8. North Carolina	9-1	1,098	8
9. Michigan St.	10-0	1,078	9
10. Indiana	9-2	1,021	10
11. Michigan	8-1	972	11
12. Missouri	11-0	910	13
13. Arkansas	12-2	810	16
14. Georgia Tech	11-2	793	15
15. Kentucky	10-2	744	17
16. Alabama	12-1	614	19
17. St. John's	8-2	576	18
18. Seton Hall	8-2	538	12
19. Wake Forest	7-1	423	20
20. Syracuse	10-0	379	23
21. Oklahoma	10-1	355	14
22. N.C. Charlotte	8-1	303	21
23. Southern Cal	8-1	192	25
24. Tulane	9-0	152	—
25. Massachusetts	11-2	89	—

Other receiving votes: Iowa 55, Georgetown 32, Houston 31, Washington St. 26, South Florida 21, Louisville 20, Brigham Young 18, Pittsburgh 13, Nebraska 12, UNLV 12, Iowa St. 10, Temple 10, Stanford 8, Utah 8, Virginia 7, Florida St. 5, Texas-El Paso 5, Ala.-Birmingham 4, Arizona St. 4, Rutgers 3, Cincinnati 2, Georgia 2, Princeton 2, LSU 1, Montana 1, New Mexico St. 1, Wis.-Green Bay 1.

Wannstedt up for Steelers' coaching job

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers want to talk to Dave Wannstedt about being their new head coach, and the Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator said he will listen.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney called Monday to ask permission to talk to Wannstedt about the head coaching vacancy created when Chuck Noll retired.

Rooney was scheduled to be in Dallas today for an NFL owners' business meeting "and they are going to visit," Jones said.

"Of course, this is a great compliment to Jimmy Johnson and obviously to Dave. Everyone knows what a great job Dave did this year. We can't say enough what Dave means to this team, but we aren't going to stand in his way," Jones added.

"It would take an NFL head coaching position to gain his interest. Dave has had a chance at head college jobs already. He could have sent the right signals at any time."

Wannstedt, who came to the Cowboys from the University of Miami with Johnson, led Dallas to one of the top rushing defenses in the NFL, yielding only 98.2 yards per game.

Wannstedt has a strong Pittsburgh connection. He is from Pittsburgh and was an offensive tackle for the University of Pittsburgh. He began his coaching career at Pitt in 1975.

"It would be a great opportunity for anybody, really. Obviously, being from Pittsburgh, I know more about the job than maybe the average guy," Wannstedt said.

"It's a great organization. Obviously they've got great people. It's very similar to Dallas; they're looking just to carry on a tradition, really, not to establish one."

Seaver could get record vote into baseball Hall of Fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Sometime tonight Tom Seaver will receive a phone call that will change his life. Just how much isn't quite certain.

Seaver is a sure thing in today's Baseball Hall of Fame election when the results are announced at 10 p.m. EST. It's also possible he will approach a record percentage of the vote.

And, it's also possible a Pete Rose protest vote will keep Seaver's percentage down.

When the two superstars retired following the 1986 season, it promised to be one of the biggest days at Cooperstown, with Seaver and Rose walking in together. They even talked about the prospect as teammates with the Cincinnati Reds.

But all that was dashed when Rose was banned from baseball by then-commissioner Bart Giamatti on Aug. 24, 1989, for gambling. The board of directors of the Hall of Fame then decided to erase Rose's name from their ballot even though his uniform and bats still hang in their hall.

The Hall of Fame voting is conducted by 10-year members of the Baseball Writers Association of America, and several members were upset that Rose's name was taken off the ballot without their consent. They wanted the choice of whether he deserved to be in Cooperstown or not.

As a result of Rose's name being taken off the ballot by the board, some writers said they would make him a write-in vote or send in a blank ballot. According to Hall of Fame rules, however, write-in votes don't count. His vote total will be announced, however

"If everyone writes in Pete Rose, fine," said Ed Stack, the president of the Hall of Fame. "But it serves no purpose. It's just like writing in the name of Warren Harding."

It is not expected there will be an abundance of blank ballots or write-ins, so it's likely that Seaver, 311-205 lifetime, will come close to a record percentage of the vote. The all-time leader is Ty Cobb with 98.2 percent, followed by Hank Aaron (97.8) and Johnny Bench (96.4).

At one time, Rose was considered to be the first player who would get 100 percent of the vote. He is the career leader in hits (4,256), singles (3,215), at-bats (14,053) and games played (3,562).

Seaver won three Cy Young Awards for the New York Mets, pitched 61 shutouts and struck out 3,640. From 1967 to 1977, he won 25 percent of the Mets' games and was called "The Franchise."

Yankees ink Tartabull to multi-year contract

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers general manager Tom Grieve expressed disappointment Monday that the club was unable to sign free agent outfielder Danny Tartabull.

"We made an effort to sign him. He would have been a significant addition to our lineup, and I'm sorry it didn't work out," Grieve said.

"It would have been a bonus; it's not something we had planned from the start. Now that it hasn't worked out the way we hoped it would, we'll turn back to business as usual."

Tartabull reached agreement Monday with the New York Yankees on a five-year free-agent contract worth $25.5 million. He had been scheduled to meet Monday with Rangers officials.

Tartabull said when the Yankees came into the picture, the prospects of playing with either the Texas Rangers or the California Angels became less appealing.

"Texas and the Angels were both very attractive to me, but the New York Yankees, they're something else," said Tartabull, who batted .316, hit 31 homers and drove in 100 runs last year for Kansas City.

"How can you not get excited about that tradition? There's a great mystique to it. Everyone and everybody would love to have that prestige," he said.

California, Texas and the Chicago White Sox had been bidding for Tartabull. The Yankees, who finished fifth last season at 71-91, first expressed interest Thursday, and New York general manager Gene Michael spent the weekend in Los Angeles negotiating with Tartabull's agent, Dennis Gilbert.

Tartabull, 29, had a major league-leading .593 slugging percentage last season. He has a career average of .287 with 152 homers and 535 RBIs in six full major league seasons, the last five with the Royals.

The Rangers had made a major run at Tartabull after running into difficulty signing outfielder Ruben Sierra, whose agent turned down the Rangers' latest offer, reported to be a five-year package averaging about $5 million a year. Published reports had Sierra's agent seeking a five-year contract averaging $6 million a year.

"Those numbers have been reported, but most haven't been accurate, and I'm not at liberty to get into the details," Grieve said Monday.

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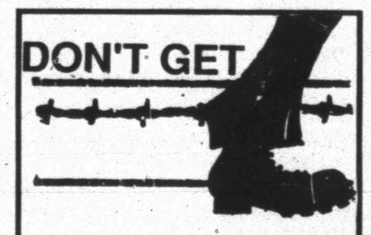

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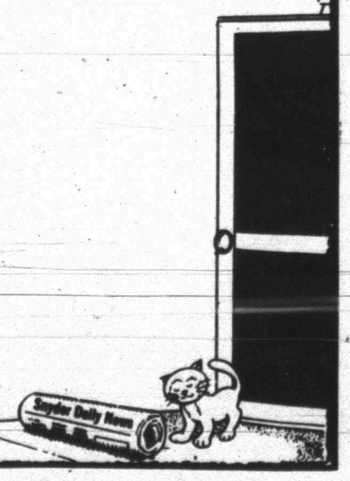

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AIDS specialty takes toll on Lubbock doctor

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — In the beginning, they were the untouchables — the patients no one wanted to treat.

And still, with the mountains of research available on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, those who have it remain outcasts. Only a handful of Lubbock physicians have agreed to treat AIDS patients in a town that's blessed with hundreds of doctors.

That's an improvement over six years ago, when only one local physician — Dr. Jose Garces — was willing to treat the city's first AIDS patient from a northern South Plains county.

As late as 1989, Garces remained the sole practitioner to care for AIDS patients. But the emotional toll of treating patients who never got well began to haunt his soul. He sought therapy and stopped accepting new AIDS patients.

He said he did it to save himself and his career.

Then, after much cajoling and urging, Garces enlisted the help of several other physicians to carry what had become an unbearable load. He now believes he can leave Lubbock with a clear conscience.

Garces shut down his practice last week to take a position with the University of Texas Southwestern Parkland AIDS Clinic in Dallas.

His father, who was a surgeon, knew a doctor in Lubbock who would care for his three boys — then ages 12, 17 and 18. So the boys were put aboard a plane to the United States. Each was allowed to pack 44 pounds of belongings.

"I was the black sheep of the medical community because I treated a disease of the unwanted children of society."

It is the only way he can devote his career to treating AIDS patients without putting his practice in jeopardy, he said. He may return to Lubbock one day, but this is what he feels he needs to do now.

Garces' moved to Lubbock from Cuba in 1962 — a year after Fidel Castro seized control of his homeland. Garces' parents did not want their three sons brainwashed by communist beliefs, he said.

Garces remembers being very lonely and cold. He wore two coats to stave off winter's chill. He spoke no English.

Once here, he worked odd jobs at Wolfe's Nursery and Furr's supermarkets and as a custodian. The family who cared for him and his brothers, Richard and Sue Rodgers, provided a garage apartment. The boys paid for their own food.

Eventually, Garces' parents joined their sons. By that time, Garces was finishing high school and soon attended medical school in Spain. He completed his residency at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Afterward, he became chief of emergency services at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, even though he vowed he would not stay in the "Dust Bowl."

He first heard of AIDS — then known as the "gay plague" — in the early 1980s. He read with interest about the disease that was killing primarily gay men in New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Houston.

"It became an interest to me because it's the challenge of diseases," he said. "I knew it was really going to explode."

He let it be known that he wanted to see AIDS patients and his first one arrived in Lubbock in 1986. Four years later, he questioned whether he had made the right decision.

When that first patient was brought in — wheelchair-bound and fitted with a chest catheter — Garces was shaken by the patient's emaciation.

The word spread among patients that there was a doctor who would care for them. And they flocked to his office.

"It was a rough, rough two years (1989-1990). What I thought should be a primary care physician's disease (AIDS) had become a nightmare. I found myself overwhelmed," Garces said.

When he became known as the "AIDS guru" in Lubbock, some of his other patients switched doctors. They were afraid of the disease, he said. They also were the patients keeping his practice financially afloat.

Patients with AIDS — the end-stage of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus — typically have exhausted their finances. Many of the patients were without insurance, but Garces continued to treat them.

"I had bitten off more than I could chew. I wasn't growing in general medicine. And it's hard to survive with many AIDS patients. Also, I felt like the Lone Ranger. If I didn't treat them, no one would. If I did, the medical community wasn't enthusiastic about the influx of patients to the area. I'd lose either way.

"I was the black sheep of the medical community because I treated a disease of the unwanted children of society."

For advice, he had to call physicians in larger metropolitan areas.

"I felt shunned," he said. "I still feel shunned."

The refusal of other doctors to treat AIDS patients infuriated Garces. "I can't be a convenience for colleagues who aren't fulfilling their Hippocratic Oath. We can't selectively pick the diseases we can treat."

When AIDS patients were admitted through an emergency room, on-call physicians would call Garces, he said.

Physicians told him they were unable to cope with death and that they didn't want to treat intravenous drug users and homosexuals, Garces said. Others said they didn't have the knowledge.

"I refuse to allow physicians to hide behind that screen. We are required to maintain those skills. If we don't update our skills, we're not responsible to society," he said.

General practitioners possess 75 percent of the skills needed to care for AIDS patients, he said. A report in the Nov. 27 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests that primary care physicians will be increasingly called on to treat AIDS patients.

Sixty-eight percent of the doctors indicated that they have a responsibility to treat AIDS patients, yet 50 percent said they would not care for AIDS patients if given a choice.

Many of the sub-specialists in Lubbock have been extremely cooperative when called upon, Garces said.

It is estimated that 10 active AIDS cases are enough to keep a general practitioner busy. Garces eventually was caring for more than 100 AIDS or HIV patients. They made up an estimated 40 percent of his practice.

He soon was overwhelmed. "It was terribly horrible. We had very little medication. We didn't have anti-viral medication. And I just grew very depressed — profoundly depressed. I had to seek professional counseling.

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"He (therapist) helped me understand death and dying."

Garces had to understand that none of his patients would get well — that they all would die of the disease, no matter how feverishly he worked to save them. And they all were so young, he said.

The two-pronged problem — dying patients and uncooperative colleagues — finally proved to be too much. He needed a change.

"I got tired of walking a tightrope. ... I got tired of ranting and raving," Garces said.

"I want to be a real expert. I feel like I want to do more. I wanted to become a specialist."

He debated whether Lubbock was prepared for his departure, he said. But the six private physicians who have agreed to take a handful of AIDS patients have reassured him that life will go on without him.

"The AIDS problem will still be here for the next several decades. What may have to happen is this could be a lot like polio. People who have it will have to die with it."

State lottery director lists game's progress

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas lottery director told representatives of the gaming industry the state was going to count on heavy private assistance to make the upcoming lottery a success.

Nora Linares, appointed in November to develop the Texas lottery, spoke to the industry for the first time Monday and explained her plan that is virtually hands-off for the state.

Ms. Linares said her plan will require a great deal of cooperation from the industry. Her staff will have a staff of no more than 186 people, including a one-person liaison between vendors and the state.

"We'd like to think we're requiring adjustments in the way of doing business, rather than radical changes," said Ms. Linares, adding that the private-industry approach was developed with input from the state's consultant and lottery administrators from other states.

Texas voters last November overwhelmingly supported a constitutional change allowing the creation of a lottery. The measure began last July in the Legislature as a means to bolster the state's budget.

By August 1993, Ms. Linares said she anticipates having sold $1.2 billion worth of tickets with guaranteed revenues of $461 million.

"I hope that is a conservative figure," she said.

The Lottery Division began requesting proposals from instant ticket manufacturers on Dec. 17. Four days later, they asked for plans from potential operators of instant and on-line services. A request for ideas from advertising agencies will be issued later this month.

"We are encouraging an unprecedented level of coordination and cooperation among vendors," Ms. Linares said.

The law requires the first instant ticket to be sold by July 17 and Ms. Linares said she is hopeful the first on-line game will begin by January 1993. She added that she hopes the games can begin sooner.

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Governor grants 30-day reprieve to nun's killer

Personal appeal from Pope John Paul II prompts action

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A personal appeal from Pope John Paul II has prompted Gov. Ann Richards to grant a 30-day reprieve to a man convicted of raping and killing a 76-year-old Roman Catholic nun.

The action by the governor came about 10 p.m. Monday, only about two hours before the scheduled execution of Johnny Frank Garrett, 28, and marked the first time since Texas resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1982 that a governor has intervened to stop an execution.

It was believed to be the first stay granted by any Texas governor since Gov. John Connally halted an electrocution in the 1960s.

Garrett was 17 in 1981 when he was arrested for the Halloween night slaying in Amarillo of Swiss-born Sister Tadea Benz.

The governor said she was granting the reprieve as a result of pleas she received by letter from the pope on Friday and earlier from the bishop of the Catholic diocese of Amarillo.

Press Secretary Bill Cryer said that the governor had not heard from the pope prior to the other five previous executions during her 12-month tenure.

The pope said he was motivated "by a profound respect for the God-given dignity and value of each human life," Cryer said.

"The Holy Father prays that the sentence will be commuted through your magnanimity and mercy. Your gesture of clemency would obviously be of special significance in promoting nonviolence and in fostering the need for mutual respect and love in society," the plea continued.

The pope asked for clemency in a Missouri case last year and at that time a Vatican spokesman said the pope had acted similarly in other death cases in the United States. The spokesman couldn't say how many or where.

The reprieve is only for 30 days, but officials say it may be longer than that period before Garrett is given a new execution date because the Texas attorney general's office has not dealt with this scenario and officials were uncertain how to proceed with a new date.

The appeals from the pope and other Catholic officials had asked that the governor commute Garrett's death sentence. The governor can commute a death sentence to life only on the recommendation of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo issued a stay Sunday, but Texas Attorney General Dan Morales appealed to the federal appeals court in New Orleans. About 8 p.m. Monday, a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals vacated the stay.

Garrett's lawyers immediately asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reverse the appeals court's decision and block the execution. No action had been taken at the time the governor granted the reprieve.

Amarillo attorney Warren Clark said psychiatrists insist Garrett believes the spirit of a deceased aunt will protect him from the fluid in the lethal injection and that he will not die at the execution.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a person who is insane and cannot comprehend an execution or the reasons behind an execution cannot be put to death.

"I am granting this 30-day reprieve so defense counsel for Johnny Frank Garrett may fully develop any unresolved issues relating to mitigating circumstances surrounding the crime or his background," the governor said.

Sister Benz's slaying nearly went unreported because it was believed her death was from natural causes. A mortuary was called, the nun's body was removed and only when police were called to investigate a broken window did officers decide the window and the nun's death could be related.

Officers spotted Garrett, who was well-known to them because of previous run-ins with the law, running from the convent the night of the slaying. It was only about two blocks from his home.

Detectives eventually matched his fingerprints with those found in the nun's room on a crucifix, on her bed and on a knife.

Garrett told police he broke into the convent earlier, accounting for his fingerprints, but denied killing the nun.

Imelda to run for president

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Imelda Marcos announced her candidacy for president today after pleading innocent in anti-graft court to charges filed by the government of the bitter rival who helped drive her from power.

The 61-year-old widow of former President Ferdinand Marcos, speaking on the courthouse steps, called her decision to run in the May 11 elections the result of "months of direct consultations with our poor and oppressed citizens ..."

The flamboyant former first lady, who is known for an extravagant lifestyle, accused outgoing President Corazon Aquino's government of failing to deliver basic services to the country's destitute.

"This government would rather spend hundreds of millions to persecute and vilify its own citizens," said Mrs. Marcos, who left behind 1,200 pairs of shoes in the presidential palace when she fled with her husband in the 1986 popular revolt Mrs. Aquino rode into office.

The Aquino government claims the Marcoses looted the treasury of up to $10 billion during 20 years in power.

Mrs. Marcos, whose husband died in Hawaii in 1989, returned to the Philippines in November after nearly six years of exile, hoping to revive her late husband's political network and clear the family name.

But she also found 47 criminal charges awaiting her. Today, she pleaded innocent to six charges alleging she controlled and created private companies in Switzerland while governor of Manila.

One case accuses her of stashing in Swiss banks $20 million in interest from treasury notes. The others say she created dummy corporations in Switzerland to hide her family's bank deposits.

The government also has filed 33 civil cases against her.

Mrs. Marcos fares poorly in public opinion surveys, but those generally reflect the views of the Manila middle and upper-middle classes. She gets mobbed when she visits slum areas, but many of the people are asking for money. There was no immediate reaction to the announcement from Mrs. Aquino, who has ruled out a second term. But a spokesman for the president, Horacio Paredes, said he was confident Mrs. Marcos will not be elected.

Auto insurance rates

Continued From Page 1

lace very closely," said board member Allene Evans. "If we have to move to protect the consumer, that's what we'll do."

Amy Johnson, head of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, a consumer advocacy group, said the wide range of premiums should send a signal to policybuyers that they need to be "very aggressive shoppers."

The Insurance Board also set the same range for commercial rates, but raised the benchmark by 5 percent. Both standards go into effect March 1.

Benchmark rates are established for each policyholder depending on a number of criteria such as age, type of car and driving record. Companies can set their prices anywhere within the flex band by simply notifying the board.

"This action means we are moving to stabilize auto insurance for Texans and we have created a competitive environment for consumers," said Gov. Ann Richards, who has overhauled the board since taking office last January.

"Now it is up to the Office of Public Counsel to get the word out that Texans have the opportunity to shop around for the best rate in auto insurance," she said.

Representatives of the insurance industry said the board's decision was fair.

"I think this is good not only for insurance companies but also for our policyholders," said Rick Gentry, an insurance industry spokesman. "Certainly, we have the price flexibility that we've never had before. The marketplace will have a chance to work like it's never been able to work before."

Two of the state's largest automobile insurers squared off against OPIC in presenting proposals to the board in a series of public hearings last month.

State Farm Insurance Cos., Texas' largest insurer, recommended a 6.6 percent increase for the benchmark rate and a 21.4 hike for commercial policies.

Farmer's Insurance Co., the state's third largest insurer, sought an 11.7 increase in the standard rate.

Both asked the board to set the range 30 percent above and below the benchmark.

"I think they (the board) took a good stand," said Charles Wirth, a State Farm. "We're certainly not unhappy at all that they set a flex band that wide."

OPIC, meanwhile, wanted current rates frozen and a range of 15 percent above and 30 percent below.

Apparent murder-suicide...

6 bodies found in N. Mexico

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — A highway worker apparently killed his wife and four of their children in the family mobile home after encounters with police over domestic problems, then fatally shot himself at a gun range.

The bodies of Rita Lasiter, 35, and Kristen, 2; James, 4; Ernie, 8; and Leslie Lasiter, 11, were found shortly before 4 p.m. MST Monday by a relative, who summoned police.

"We found five persons in the master bedroom, all in the same bed, all deceased," Deputy Police Chief Ray Mounts said late Monday night.

There was no obvious trauma, and the bodies were taken to Albuquerque for autopsies, he said.

The Office of the Medical Investigator had not begun its work this morning to determine what killed the woman and children, a doctor in the office said.

The body of Ernest Lasiter, 41, was found by another relative at 8:15 p.m. at the Silhouette Club, a shooting range north of town. He had an apparently self-inflicted head wound, and a pistol was found beside him, Mounts said.

"We're treating this as a homicide-suicide," Mounts said at a news conference.

Two teen-age daughters who were living elsewhere survived, he said, and were told about the death of their family Monday.

Officers had visited the Lasiters' trailer Friday and Saturday, Mounts said, but he declined comment on the family's problems or on what provoked the final tragedy.

He said the Lasiters' 18-year-old daughter was an adult who had moved out on her own some time ago, and their 17-year-old was placed in the custody of the state Human Services Department on Friday "to protect her rights."

"We were investigating some things that had been brought up by a family member," he said of the encounter, declining to elaborate.

The bodies of Lasiter's wife and children had been in the trailer for at least 24 hours, he said, and Lasiter had not shown up for work Monday at his job with the state highway department in southeastern New Mexico.

Gas Company of New Mexico officials said they double-checked for gas or carbon monoxide leaks as possible causes of death in the trailer and found none.

"We ran two tests on the home — one hourlong test with the furnace going and the fire inspector present, with the home shut up as it was when the bodies were discovered," Gas Co. spokeswoman Diana Stauffer said. "There was no indication of any gas leak or carbon monoxide. It is pretty mysterious."

Roswell, with a population of 45,000, had 13 homicides in 1991 — nearly double the national average of six to eight killings for a town of that size, Mounts has said.

"And you can't put your finger on any one particular item (to explain it)," he said Monday night. "There wasn't one common denominator on any of them."

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Alice Breeden, Fluvanna.

DISMISSALS: Essie Taylor, Linda Hernandez and baby.

Census: 45 (Med.-11, Long-Term Care-30, OB-2, Nursery-2).

Police note one arrest

Snyder police made one arrest, handled a drug overdose suspect and helped work out several disputes Monday.

Officers arrested a 35-year-old male in the 1000 block of 24th St. at 10:28 a.m. for parole violation. The subject was transported to the county jail.

At 2:31 p.m., officers were notified of a possible drug overdose in the 1200 block of 24th St. The suspect, a male, left the area but was later located in the 1000 block of 13th. He was transported by Snyder EMS to Cogdell Hospital and later taken to the Big Spring State Hospital.

At 11:27 p.m., the juvenile probation office notified police of a 17-year-old female believed to be enroute to Arizona State University with two males. The probation officer noted that the girl's mother did not give permission for her to leave Snyder.

Employees of Ed's Paint & Body called police in reference to a female subject breaking a window pane at the business in an attempt to get her 1988 Pontiac. Police made contact with the subjects involved in the dispute at 5:52 p.m. The female agreed to pay for damages to the window.

At 8:14 p.m. an employee of the Great Western Motel contacted police in reference to a problem with a customer over a credit card slip. The motel clerk and customer were able to come to an agreement.

Police took a report of criminal mischief at 7:50 a.m. Monday after employees at Scurry County Health Unit advised that someone had damaged the front door glass at the building.

Obituaries

Wednesday service

Services have been set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for E.E. "Don" Donelson, 74, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Brannon

1909-1992

CLYDE — Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Clyde Church of Christ for Elizabeth Brannon, 82, who died Sunday in a New Braunfels nursing home. Burial will follow in the Clyde Cemetery.

She was the mother of Dolores M. Blackwell of Snyder.

Born in Cottonwood, Mrs. Brannon had been a life-long resident of Callahan County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Her husband, Clinton Brannon, preceded her in death.

Other survivors include two sons, Alton Brannon of New Braunfels and Bartley Troy Brannon of Baird; a sister, Jessie Wilcoxen of Cisco; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Grayson

1900-1992

RULE — Services are set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of God in Christ for Henrietta Grayson, 91, who died Saturday in an Abilene hospital. Burial will follow in the Rule Cemetery.

She was the grandmother of Ruby Powell of Snyder.

Born in Satin, she was a longtime resident of Rule and a homemaker. Her husband, Harvey Dean Grayson, preceded her in death.

Survivors include eight other grandchildren, Dorothy Nell Thompson of Albuquerque, N.M., James Dean and Holden Griffin, both of Rule, Frank Dean and Horace Dean of El Paso, and Jessie Griffin, Eleola Talton and Mattie St. Julian, all of Waco.

PLO adviser says talks will resume

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — PLO officials said today that Mideast peace talks would resume in Washington now that the U.N. Security Council has condemned Israel's planned deportation of 12 Palestinians.

The 15-member Security Council voted unanimously Monday night to condemn the expulsion orders, calling them a violation of international law and asking Israel to halt all deportations and allow expelled people to return. The United States refused to use its veto power to shield Israel.

Bassam Abu Sharif, the political adviser to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunisia, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that "within the next 24 hours, all Arab delegations, including Palestinians, will be going to Washington to resume peace talks with Israel."

A senior PLO official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said earlier that Arafat told his aides after meeting in Amman with Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker that the Palestinians would travel to the U.S. capital for talks because he considered the U.N. resolution "satisfactory."

"The resolution is part of an open battle between the Palestinians and Israelis and we intend to continue the battle during negotiations," the PLO official in Amman quoted Arafat as saying.

Although the Israeli delegation has returned to Washington for the resumption of the peace talks, the Palestinian, Jordanian, Lebanese and Syrian delegations stayed away after Isreal announced the planned expulsions.

Nasser al-Kidwa, Palestine's U.N. observer, told the U.N. Security Council in New York before the vote a strong rebuke of Israel could encourage the Palestinian delegation to attend talks.

Abed Rabbo said he and Farouk Kadoumi, head of the PLO's political department, would travel to Damascus immediately for consultations with Syria and Lebanon.

Senate tentatively approves bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Senate Republicans today prepared for their final onslaught against a Democratic-backed redistricting bill.

The Senate gave tentative approval to the proposal Monday by an 18-12 margin.

Republicans say today's final vote could prompt a filibuster, which is a delay tactic where the opponent of a measure tries to stall legislative proceedings long enough to defeat the bill.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, had earlier said that he was ready to talk as long as he could, but that Republicans had not determined what course to take for the final vote.

Lawmakers are meeting in a special legislative session to map House and Senate districts after earlier plans were struck down in state and federal courts.

Despite the partisan harangues and delays, Gov. Ann Richards, a Democrat, said, "They're moving along as fast as they can."

At issue Monday was a proposal to re-draw the boundaries for the 31 senatorial districts.

Change of venue ok'd for man accused of raping sister-in-law

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The trial of a man accused of raping and impregnating his retarded sister-in-law has been moved from Lubbock to Kerrville.

District Judge J. Blair Cherry Jr. said Monday the rape trial of Jimmy Wayne Wooten, 41, would begin April 20 in the 216th District court in Kerrville. Wooten is accused of raping his 33-year-old sister-in-law, Debra Lynn Thomas, and fathering her son, David Lynn Thomas, who was born Jan. 1, 1991.

The Associated Press does not usually identify rape victims, but Ms. Thomas' name was made public at the request of her sister and legal guardian, Dori Wooten.

Ms. Thomas, a former resident of the Lubbock State School, has the IQ of a 2-year-old and does not realize she has given birth.

Ms. Thomas' rape drew national attention after suspicion initially focused on employees of the Lubbock State School.

But DNA blood tests submitted to police by Wooten and 10 state school employees genetically fingerprinted Wooten as the leading suspect in the case.

Cherry granted a change of venue on Oct. 22 after he became convinced that an impartial Lubbock County jury could not be seated because of publicity about the case.

A panel of 96 prospective jurors was assembled on Oct. 21 and all but two people were familiar with the case.

If convicted, Wooten faces two to 20 years in prison and up to $10,000 in fines.

On a stilled front, the silence is deafening

MIRKOVCI, Yugoslavia (AP) — Fighters basked in the winter sun and unaccustomed silence on one of the most violent fronts in Croatia's brutal war, both nervous and skeptical about the latest cease-fire.

About 100 yards away, representatives of the Serb-led federal army and their Croatian foes held uneasy negotiations, mediated by European Community monitors, on establishing a telephone hotline.

The communications link could be key to ensuring success for the 15th cease-fire in Yugoslavia's six-month-old war. The agreement, reached Thursday, stipulates that the warring parties talk to each other — instead of firing back — if the truce is violated.

Federal soldiers on Monday reeled a thin wire along the battle-scarred streets of the village to the front — a tenuous lifeline to peace, already becoming obscured in mud and debris.

Occasional artillery and machine-gun fire shattered the silence. Commanders issued stern orders over the radio and sought to determine its origin — apparently wanting this cease-fire to work.

A week ago, anyone standing in the open near the no-man's land that separates Serb-held Mirkovci from Croat-held Vinkovci would have been killed.

With signs the truce was beginning to halt the fighting, U.N. Secretary-General Butros Ghali said Monday that 50 advance military observers would be dispatched immediately to Yugoslavia.

But Ghali said he would not recommend deploying a planned 10,000-member peacekeeping force until he is convinced the guns have been silenced.

Leaders of the ethnic Serb minority in Croatia are posing the biggest challenge, with many reported by the Tanjug news agency to be saying they will refuse to accept the cease-fire's terms.

The objecting Serb leaders want peacekeepers to be stationed only on the borders of their regions — not at the actual battle lines. The U.N. plan calls for the creation of demilitarized zones and the eventual withdrawal of all federal army forces from Croatia.

Most of the major players in the Yugoslav conflict seem keen to halt the war, which has claimed thousands of lives, before it spreads to the neighboring republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina, a tinderbox of rival Serb, Croat and Slavic Muslim populations.

Despite the mostly silenced guns that gives rise to hopes this cease-fire might hold, the Serb fighters in Mirkovci were both nervous and skeptical.

The area of eastern Croatia they occupy has seen some of the fiercest fighting since Croatia declared independence on June 25 and fighting broke out between Croats and Serb-led forces opposed to the secession.

Reporters were told Monday to keep their heads down as they entered a trench on the front lines where Serb irregulars were busy building a concrete bunker. A Serb commander said a total of 42 shells had fallen on the town on Sunday evening. He appeared reluctant to hope for too much.

"We want it to hold, but think that it won't," said Jovan Gagic.

The warm sun, reminiscent of spring, and the many war-damaged, roofless houses did little to indicate that this was the eve of Orthodox Christmas, celebrated by most Serbs.

Oliver Stone defends 'JFK'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Oliver Stone took on a former Warren Commission staffer who charged that the "JFK" director distorted history for profit.

Stone wrote in a Los Angeles Times column on Monday that Richard M. Mosk was "looking only to whitewash the Warren Commission," which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated President Kennedy.

"It is a tragedy for this country that its 'respectable' and 'honorable' men, its jurists, government officials, media Establishment, continue to participate in the greatest lie ever put across on the American people," Stone wrote.

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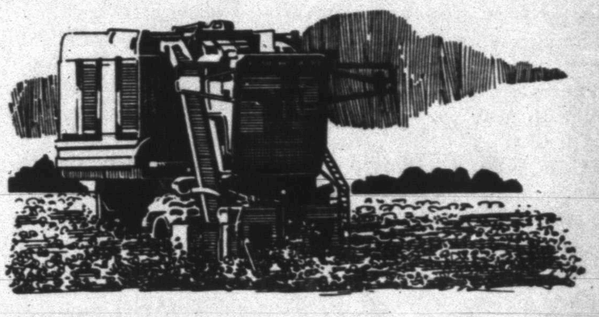

Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

Stains on favorite clothes can be a menace and difficult to remove, but there are solutions.

Although a few stains are permanent, most can be removed with proper care. But before using a stain removal product on any fabric, test it on an inconspicuous or hidden area. If the color or texture of the fabric changes, do not use the product.

The worst stains are those that are common, but difficult to remove without special treatment. Three of the toughest stains to tackle are mildew, paints and dyes.

Getting rid of mildew may require several treatments:

•First, shade or brush the item outdoors to remove excess mildew. This keeps mildew spores from spreading inside.

•Work heavy-duty liquid detergent into the spots and launder in the hottest water safe for washable fabrics. Use recommended amounts of detergent and bleach if safe for fabric. If traces of the stain remain, repeat laundering procedures.

•Treat non-washable fabrics with a detergent foam designed for use on upholstery or carpet, or have the garment professionally cleaned. Be sure to tell the cleaner about the mold stains before the item is processed.

Paints, including nail polish, varnishes and wood staining products, should be treated while still wet. Once paints and similar products dry, they are almost impossible to remove. Try these instructions:

•Treat the spots with the solvent recommended for thinning the paint. If no solvent is recommended, turpentine, alcohol or acetone may work.

•Sponge or tamp the spot and apply more thinner. Repeat until no more stain can be removed.

•Rinse solvent out with hot water and launder with recommended detergent and the hottest water safe for washable clothes.

•Treat non-washable fabrics until no more stain can be removed, then have the garment professionally cleaned.

Trying to remove dyes can damage or change the color of the fabrics and is best left to a professional. However, these steps can help remove stains:

•Soak washable fabrics in cool water for 30 minutes. Lubricate the stain with detergent solution and sponge or tamp.

•Flush with cool water. Repeat until no more stain is being removed. Then apply heavy-duty liquid detergent and launder in warm water.

•Inspect before drying. If any stain remains, apply a few drops of ammonia and sponge or tamp. Flush with detergent solution. Repeat this procedure if necessary.

•If stain remains in white or colorfast material, soak for 15 minutes in a dilute solution of all-fabric bleach if safe for the fabric.

•Do not dry fabric between the above steps. If only a small amount of stain remains, it may disappear in time with additional laundering.

The longer the stain is on the fabric, the harder it will be to remove. Whatever the stain is, always read and heed the care label instructions for safe procedures.

Avoid heat except when laundering in hot water is needed. Heat sets stains. Also, never mix stain removers, especially ammonia and bleach. Toxic gases can form if the products are incompatible.

4-H show slated on Saturday

The Scurry County 4-H Livestock Club will hold it's annual livestock show on Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Scurry County Coliseum Ag Annex.

4-H members may check-in animals from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The show will begin at noon with the market hog show followed by the market lamb show and the market steer show.

The public is invited to come view the 4-H livestock projects and watch the members exhibit their animals. This will be the last opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit their projects prior to the Scurry County Junior Livstock Show scheduled for Jan. 21-25.

SCS Notes

By Michael Squires
Range Conservationist

A new year is upon us once again and some of us are turning our thoughts towards spring. Although spring is still a long way off it is not too early to plan for tree planting. The Upper Colorado SWCD is still taking orders for trees through Feb. 21.

Deciding which type of tree to plant depends largely on the results that you are wanting to achieve. Evergreens are excellent when it comes to windbreaks. They maintain their foliage all year to offer protection from cold north winds as well as the sandstorm causing southwest winds of spring and summer.

Nearly any tree that you choose will provide some type of benefit towards wildlife. Some trees produce an abundant supply of seeds while others offer excellent nesting and loafing cover. A row of trees can act as a privacy fence, they can suppress highway noises, and a good windbreak planting will reduce utility bills by sheltering your house from the harsh environment.

Trees require very little attention once they have established. Initially, seedling trees need to be cared for on a weekly basis to see that they are receiving adequate water and protection from the elements. When planning a windbreak or landscape planting a certain amount of foresight is needed to avoid future problems. Care should be taken not to plant trees directly over septic lines, or too close to buildings where when the tree matures it is rubbing against the building.

There are several varieties of trees being offered for sale through the Upper Colorado SWCD. Some of the hardwoods are Catalpa, Cottonwood, Desert Willow, Sand Cherry, Green Ash, and Red Oak. A few of the evergreens listed are Mondell Pine, Arizona Cypress, Eastern Red Cedar, and Ponderosa Pine. In addition to individual trees we have 4 different wildlife packets which consist of 100 trees per packet.

Remember, it is better to plan early and be prepared when the trees arrive. The deadline for ordering is Feb. 21 and the expected arrival date of the trees is early March. The trees should be planted as soon as they are received. The personnel at the local Soil Conservation Office will be glad to assist you in any way that they can. To receive an order blank, call or come by the Soil Conservation Office located at 3423 Ave. T.

ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner
County Executive Director

The Aricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will administer a crop disaster assistance program to compensate eligible producers for crop losses caused by drought, flood, and other natural disasters in either 1990 or 1991. It will be up to the producer to choose which year for disaster benefits. A producer may not file on one crop on a farm for one year and a different crop on the same farm for the other, however, the producer may request benefits for 1990 on one farm and for 1991 on another farm.

To be eligible, producers with crop insurance must have suffered losses greater than 35 percent. Producers without crop insurance must have had losses greater than 40 percent.

The 1990-1991 crop disaster program will provide cash payments for production losses on participating program crops of wheat, feed grains, upland cotton, ELS cotton, and rice. Non-participating program crops, peanuts, soybeans, sunflowers, sugar beets, sugar cane, tobacco, and all commercial non-program crops will also be eligible for disaster program assistance.

Sign-up for the disaster program will begin Feb. 3, 1992 and continue through March 13, 1992. Disaster payments will be computed according to the 1990 Farm Bill and payments are expected to be issued around the middle of April. Producers who intend to file should begin to assemble their records now so they will be ready when the program opens. Farmers will receive a special mailing with specific information on the program this month. If you do not receive the disaster program information in the mail by Feb. 3, then you should contact the county ASCS office.

Further details of this program will be released when available.

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

Harris appointed to 7th term

COLLEGE STATION—Jerry D. Harris, a cotton and grain sorghum producer in Dawson and Gaines counties, has been appointed to a seventh term as Chairman of the Texas State Committee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, according to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm.

Secretary of Agriculture, Ed Madigan, named Mrs. Hope Huffman of McGregor to a third term on the Committee and reappointed veteran Texas State ASC Committee members Dale Hunt of Garwood and D.V. Guerra, Jr. of Edinburg. Joining the Committee for the first time will be Scott McGarraugh of Perryton.

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm stated, "These leaders bring a wealth of farming and ranching experience to ASCS. Jerry Harris has established an impressive record, combining years of experience as both a family farmer and a federal program administrator. Hope Huffman, Dale Hunt and D.V. Guerra all have done splendid work on behalf of Texas farmers and ranchers."

Jerry D. Harris is a member of the National Cotton Council, the Lamesa Cotton Growers, the Texas Food and Fiber Protein Commission and the Texas Cotton Ginners. He is active in cotton ginning, warehousing and marketing, as well as operating a 7,000 acre family farm and serving on the board of trustees of Lubbock Christian University.

Scott McGarraugh operates 11,000 acres spread over Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Gray and Roberts counties in Texas as well as Texas and Beaver counties in Oklahoma. He is active in the Texas Wheat Producers Association, the Texas Wheat Producers Board and the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Hope Huffman raises row crops, grain and cattle in McLennan and Coryell counties. She is an active member in the McLennan County Farm Bureau and the Waco Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Committee.

Dale Hunt is a recognized leader in the rice industry and has served as president of the Texas Rice Research Foundation.

D.V.Guerra is active in soil and water conservation. He served on the Governor's Task Force on Rural Development and was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

The State ASC Committee oversees farm program activities of the ASCS throughout Texas. ASCS employs a staff of 1,400 in Texas and supervises the distribution of more than $1.5 billion in federal farm program benefits to the farmers and ranchers of Texas.

Local steer champion of Odessa show

Jessica Eicke's 1,235 pound steer was selected as Grand Champion of the Sand Hills Herford Steer and Finewool Lamb Show held in the Ector County Coliseum, Jan. 2-4, in Odessa.

4-H'ers from Scurry County participating in the show were: Angie Breuer, Ashley Breuer, Mandy Breuer, Jackie Beck, Jamie Beck, Jessica Eicke, Rad Eicke, Brandon Hackfeld and Randi Reed.

Approximately 170 steers were exhibited during the show. There were about 45 steers in each of four weight classes. Placing in the steer show were Randi Reed - 19th place - Class 2; Ashley Breuer - 8th place - Class 2; Mandy Breuer - 24th place - Class 3; Rad Eicke - 5th place - Class 4; Jessica Eicke - 1st place - Class 4.

Over 240 Finewool lambs were exhibited in four weight classes during the show. Placing in the lamb show were: Brandon Hackfeld - 18th place - Class 2; Jamie Beck - 3rd place - Class 2. Jamie Beck was selected to receive the 2nd place showmanship award.

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Houston lawyer files 50 suits against breast implant firms

HOUSTON (AP) — Fifty women have filed lawsuits claiming they have suffered various ailments because of the silicone gel breast implants they received, an attorney says.

The lawsuits were filed in Houston on Monday, the same day the Food and Drug Administration asked surgeons to quit giving women silicone gel breast implants until new information on their safety can be evaluated.

Attorney Richard N. Laminack said he timed the filing of the lawsuits in part to garner attention from the FDA ruling from Washington.

"I think the silicone implants should be taken off the market, and the primary reason I think that is I think that is the fastest way to ensure that good, safe implants will come on the market," Laminack said.

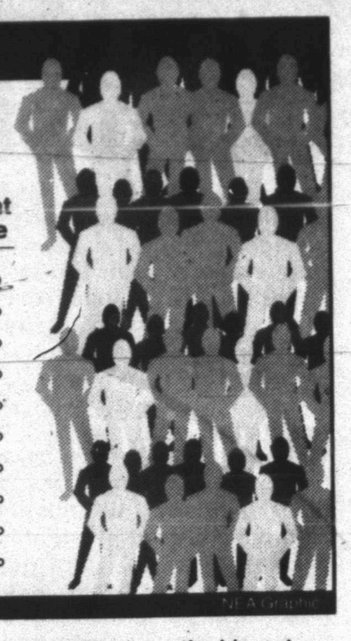
"It's my belief that there are good implants out there ready to be released to the market, but the silicone implants have such a lock on the market that the others aren't able to break in," he said.

The suits accuse several breast implant manufacturers and doctors who designed the implants of negligence in the design, manufacture and marketing of the implants. They also claim the defendants failed to warn patients of their risks, Laminack said.

Gray matter

The 10 states with the greatest projected increase in the number of people aged 65 to 74, 1990-95.

State	Total Increase	Percent change
California	216,069	11.0%
Florida	172,297	12.3%
Arizona	34,265	11.4%
Texas	32,778	3.3%
Washington	27,807	8.0%
North Carolina	26,645	5.5%
Georgia	24,696	6.0%
Virginia	17,161	4.3%
Maryland	16,432	5.3%
Nevada	14,712	18.0%



Source: National Decision Systems

NEA Graphic

In the first half of the 1990s, California is expected to have the biggest numerical increase of any U.S. state in the actual total of people from the ages of 65 to 74. Nevada, though, will have its total number increase by a much greater percentage — 18 percent — from 1990 to 1995.

Compromise on 'Kuffs' will allow children to see movie

DALLAS (AP) — Youths under 16 will be able to see the movie "Kuffs" when it opens in Dallas on Friday, thanks to a compromise hammered out by Universal Studios with the Dallas Motion Picture Classification Board.

Dallas is the only major U.S. city with a movie review board, and the city had filed a lawsuit after Universal refused to accept the board's Dec. 18 ruling that the movie was "unsuitable for young persons" because of language and violence.

The lawsuit was dropped Monday after the review board met behind closed doors with Universal attorneys and agreed to a compromise in which the classification was changed to "suitable for young persons" except for language, violence and drug abuse.

Under both classifications, the studio is required to include the warning in its advertisements and in box office windows.

But youths under 16 can be admitted to films that carry the board's "not suitable" rating only if accompanied by a parent or guardian, whereas there is no such ban on movies that receive a "suitable" classification.

The new rating doesn't mean the movie classification board considers "Kuffs" a good movie, board chairman Dr. Fred Aurbach said.

"We're doing our best not to condone it in any way, but it's a gray area that does not truly meet the conditions for rating it not suitable," Aurbach said.

Marsha Cranford, board administrator, said in one scene of the movie, drug lords went into a church and killed a police officer. In another, she said, "a lot of people came into an apartment with Uzis and shot up everyone."

The board must follow very narrow and specific guidelines, in line with various court decisions handed down over the years, in determining what is unsuitable, Aurbach said.

The Dec. 18 vote was 8-5 in favor of an unsuitable rating, with the minority wanting a classification of "suitable" except for violence and language, Aurbach said.

When the compromise was reached Monday, drugs was added to the list of exceptions, he said.

The city's lawsuit was in the court of U.S. District Judge Robert Maloney, who had been asked to stop the opening of "Kuffs" in Dallas unless the studio agreed to comply with terms of its "not suitable for young persons" rating.

Universal challenged the city's film review ordinance as unconstitutional, disagreed with the designation of not suitable, and challenged the board's authority.

Historical Catholic church destroyed by fire on Sunday

JEFFERSON, Texas (AP) — Katherine Wise was 14 years old when she first attended Mass at Immaculate Conception in 1929.

On Sunday night, the longtime parishioner watched her church burn down.

"My grandparents helped build the church," Ms. Wise said. "Five generations of my family attended here. ... My mother and father were married here."

Immaculate Conception, built in 1867, was the oldest Catholic church in use within the Tyler Diocese, said Monsignor Milam Joseph, interim bishop. Four years earlier, when the church was in the Dallas Diocese, it was the oldest church within that diocese.

Jefferson is 63 miles northeast of Tyler.

The church was built from cypress wood and contained two 15th century Spanish manuscripts, as well as a painting of Christ at Gethsemane.

Ms. Wise said the building was listed on historical registries in Washington, D.C., and in Texas. One of the few items to survive the fire was the medallion marking it a Texas historical landmark.

Of the church's 125 parishioners, Ms. Wise, 77, attended Immaculate Conception the longest.

She was one of many members who arrived at the blaze before the fast-burning fire engulfed the entire chapel.

Officials said wiring in the front left-hand side of the church started the fire shortly before 8 p.m. Flames were still visible about six hours later.

Daisy Meyer, whose husband is a third-generation member of the church, said it was the cypress wood that caused flames to spread so quickly.

"(Cypress) goes up real quick — and as old as it is ... I was down here in 15 minutes and the whole thing was in flames," Mrs. Meyer said.

Flames moved too fast for the city's volunteer fire department, two blocks away. Firefighters saved the adjourning hall, where future Masses probably will be held.

"The fire hose couldn't reach the steeple. And when flames reached the steeple — it was tremendous," Ms. Wise said.

The blaze also brought down telephone lines above the chapel, disconnecting telephone service for much of the city until Monday afternoon.

The church priest, the Rev. Richard Fleming, was out of town.

The Rev. Gerald Priest of the Marshall church was filling in for Fleming.

"Irreplaceable. No way they can replace it," Priest said.

The monsignor said a new chapel would probably be built on the site of the old one. The rebuilding would be a top priority for the diocese's new bishop, who ought to be appointed within the next few months, he said.

Mrs. Meyer said the church was once located two blocks away. "It was rolled up here on logs in 1867," she said. The church went through a complete restoration 100 years later in 1967.

Its large stained glass windows were donated in the early 1900s.

Parishioners pried pieces of the broken glass out of the shattered windows for keepsakes.

Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have diabetes mellitus, am on insulin, and recently have experienced a feeling of total fatigue with no energy as the day wears on. After resting, my strength returns and I can function normally until the next bout. What is happening?

DEAR READER: This is a difficult problem to sort out because fatigue can be caused by many factors, including a blood sugar that is too high — or too low. To clarify the issue, you should have a blood glucose determination at the time your tiredness is most noticeable. If the sugar is high, you'll need to increase the dose of your insulin.

On the other hand, if your sugar is low, your doctor must reduce the dose. Certain insulins, notably the long-acting types (such as NPH or Lente), create an effect late in the day, many hours after they have been administered. This can lead to low blood sugar in the afternoon, so-called "tea-time hypoglycemia."

By reducing the dose and adding a little regular insulin (which works more quickly and has a less sustained effect), doctors can usually overcome this distressing complication of treatment. Ask your doctor to test you to see if your insulin dose should be adjusted.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My sister-in-law has been hospitalized with thrombocytopenic purpura. A catheter in her neck resulted in infection, and we want to know what is going on. Should we change hospitals or doctors?

DEAR READER: Don't change either — yet.

Thrombocytopenic purpura is a bleeding disorder due to a deficiency in platelets, the tiny blood cells that help form blood clots. This bleeding tendency, which causes red spots on the skin and bleeding into tissues, may be caused by an allergy (such as an adverse reaction to a drug), or an autoimmune disease (such as lupus), cancer (such as leukemia), or infection — especially sepsis (bloodstream infection).

In your sister-in-law's case, the catheter in her neck may provide a path for bacteria to enter her bloodstream and cause sepsis.

First, the catheter should be removed immediately and examined for bacterial growth.

Second, she should be given appropriate intravenous antibiotics to combat the infection.

Third, her doctors will have to decide whether she needs a platelet transfusion. Such an emergency measure may be necessary if she is at risk of life-threatening hemorrhage.

Of course, her thrombocytopenia may be due to something other than infection. If so, the treatment would be different (cortisone, for example).

As long as her doctors are on top of the situation, fine. However, if she is worsening and seems to be unresponsive to therapy, a consultation with a specialist (hematologist) or a change to a medical center would be appropriate. Thrombocytopenic purpura is a serious condition, requiring skill in diagnosis and treatment.

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No leads in slayings frustrates police chief

AUSTIN (AP) — Police trying to solve the month-ago murders of four teen-age girls have released probable personality characteristics of the killers.

"I won't be happy until we solve it, or any of our murders," Police Chief Jim Everett said Monday of the case. "I'd like to assure the public that we're doing everything that we can."

Police on Dec. 6 found the four bodies in the back of an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt store after responding to a fire.

The victims, who police say were each shot once in the back of the head, were Jennifer Harbison, 17; her sister, Sarah Harbison, 15; Eliza Thomas, 17; and Amy Ayers, 13. Jennifer Harbison and Ms. Thomas were store employees.

On Monday, homicide Lt. Andrew Waters outlined a personality assessment of the killer. The assessment was developed with help from the FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime. Assuming more than one offender was involved, it primarily describes the dominant person.

The assessment said it is probable that the killers are white, although other races cannot be eliminated. It said the murderers likely are in their late teens to mid-20s, or function emotionally within that age range.

The assessment also says that among other items, the offender probably:

— Consumed alcohol and-or drugs before and after the offense.

— Did not complete high school.

— Was a major discipline problem.

— Has an explosive personality and angers easily.

— Is unemployed, or works at a menial job that does not require contact with the public.

— Has a history of frequently changing jobs.

— Lives in a "dependent" relationship with an older person, possibly a parent.

— Frequents the area of the yogurt shop.

— Has little pride in his personal appearance and looks like a thug.

— Has a past criminal history.

— Lives in the Austin area.

— Is abusive in relationships with women.

Right after the murder, it is likely the offenders went somewhere to clean up. It is possible that they returned to the area to observe police and fire department personnel, Waters said.

They may have temporarily left town following the crime, he said.

The police department has formed a task force on the slayings that includes city, county, state and federal agencies.

Astro-graphs

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 7, 1992

Endeavors you either originate or direct have good chances for success in the year ahead. However, you must be very selective regarding individuals you choose to assist you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If things have been a trifle tight for you financially lately, today is a good day to review your expenditures to see what can be eliminated. Take a good look at non-essential outlays. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to flow with the will of the majority today, instead of being overly insistent that things be done your way. If you are, you'll saw off the limb on which you're sitting.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Guard against making premature disclosures at this time regarding an objective you hope to achieve. There's a chance that what you say may be used against you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your presence will command attention today, even though you might not deliberately seek it. Be very careful of your demeanor, because the impression you make — good or bad — could be lasting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) In order to achieve an important objective today, proceed in a logical, methodical manner. If you shoot from the hip, the results aren't apt to be all that nifty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Strive to be tactful when dealing with co-workers today. If you are too critical or aggressive, an incident could result that may have serious ramifications.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you are required to handle an important matter for another today, treat it as conscientiously as you would your own. You'll be held accountable for the results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's best not to discuss with others any disagreements you have with your mate today. When outsiders enter the picture, simple solutions may no longer be able to resolve things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your powers of observation could be more acute than usual today. Just be sure you don't focus on the shortcomings of others and overlook their attributes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be extremely careful how you manage your resources at this time. Don't put yourself in a position of new, long-term debt that will be difficult to endure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guard against the inclination today to rehash a smoldering, old issue with someone whose point of view opposes yours. Both parties may be more combative than conciliatory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your frame of mind is extremely important today; there is a possibility you might put undue pressure on yourself. Just remember that if you do, everything you attempt could become more difficult.

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