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Ask Us

Q—Can we rake our leaves in the street? If not, where do we put them?

A—There is no ordinance against dumping leaves or grass in the city landfill. Therefore, you may put the leaves in your dumpster to be picked up. The city, however, encourages citizens to follow the "Don't Bag It" program and mulch their leaves. Information on the program is available at City Hall.

DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

In Brief

Aqal killed

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli forces in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday shot dead the leader of the main guerrilla group opposing the Israeli-PLO peace pact, the army said.

The army statement described Imad Aqal as "the most dangerous fugitive" in the Gaza Strip. He headed Izzedin el-Kassem, military wing of the fundamentalist Islamic Hamas organization.

Aqal bolted from a car paramilitary police had stopped at a roadblock in Gaza City, Israel radio said. He shot at police, and was felled by a hail of return fire, it said. A passenger escaped.

Aqal claimed responsibility for the killing of two Israeli reserves soldiers in the Gaza Strip last month. A book published by Hamas this week quoted him as saying he "hoped to go to paradise by being killed by Israeli soldiers."

As the news of Aqal's death spread, a call went out from mosque loudspeakers calling for a general strike Thursday in his memory.

Local

'Amahl'

Ritz Theatre's production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be held Dec. 2-5 in the North Elementary auditorium.

Call the senior center at 573-4035 from 2-5 p.m. weekdays for reservations.

Weather

Snyder Area Forecast: Today, mostly cloudy and continued cold with a 20 percent chance of light freezing rain or light snow. High 25-30. Northeast wind 10-15 mph. Remainder of holiday weekend, fair. Low mid to upper teens. Highs lower 30s Friday warming to the 50s by Sunday.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:41. Sunrise Friday, 7:21. Of 328 days in 1993, the sun has shone 321 days in Snyder.

Lighting ceremony set Friday

Christmas lights on the city square will be illuminated early Friday evening and businesses have been asked to stay open to allow people to shop.

"We hope to have some musical entertainment, too," said Pat Cunnington, who is in charge of the lighting, as well as the upcoming "Celebrate Christmas" lighted parade.

"We realize it will be cold, but we hope a lot of people will come out for the lighting."

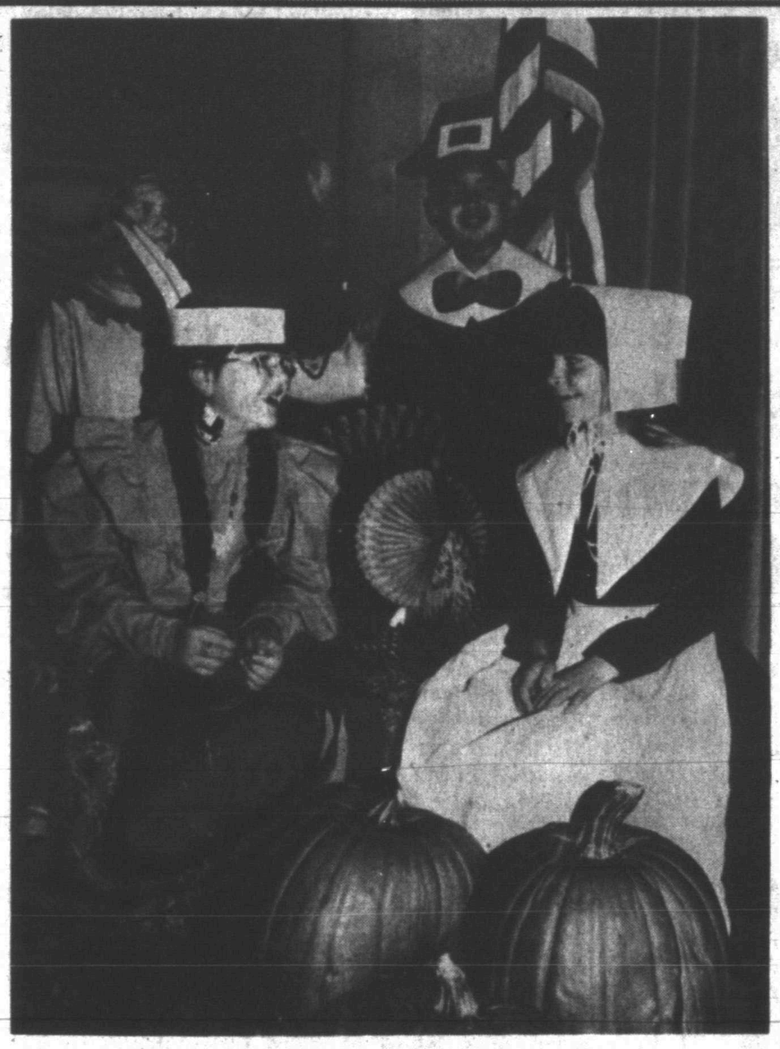
The ceremony, set for 6:30, will be brief. Businesses along the square have been asked to stay open until that time, Cunnington said.

"Businesses have been really great about helping us with the lights this year," she added.

Cunnington also reminds businesses, organizations, churches and other groups that they have only until Wednesday, Dec. 1, to enter a float in this year's lighted parade.

The parade will be held around the square on Dec. 11.

Float entry forms are available at the chamber of commerce, 2302 Ave. R.



EARLY THANKSGIVING — Snyder elementary "Indians" Joe Fuentez and Heather Crawford, and "Pilgrims" Isaac Sanchez and Nicole Sloboda dress up to act out an early Thanksgiving. (SDN Staff Photo)

Senate okays handgun bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate by voice vote today passed the Brady bill, which calls for a five-day waiting period and background check on handgun buyers.

With Vice President Al Gore in the chair as presiding officer, Majority Leader George Mitchell and Minority Leader Bob Dole announced that a separate bill will be voted upon in January with provisions sought by Republicans.

"The Brady bill has now been passed," Mitchell said.

Added Dole, "I couldn't have done this had I not been able to get consent from everybody on this side of the aisle." Dole said he consulted with key members of his party, and, "I can say there's no objection."

Dole said President Clinton has indicated that if his separate bill passes the Senate and House, he will sign it.

The Brady bill passed today now goes to Clinton, whose signature will make it law.

The president was told of the Brady bill's passage while he visited a church to help them prepare Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless.

"I am elated," he said. "It is a wonderful Thanksgiving present for the American people. It will be a beginning — a beginning in what must be a long and relentless assault on the problems of crime and violence in this country."

"After a long, long, hard fight, Jim Brady has won," Dole said. "I know this ordeal has been long, hard and frustrating for him."

The votes in January would cover changing the five-year

(See BRADY, Page 7A)

11-year-olds found guilty of killing tot

PRESTON, England (AP) — A jury convicted two schoolboys today of murdering 2-year-old James Bulger after luring him away from his mother at a shopping mall.

The 11-year-old defendants looked at the jury foreman as he read the verdict — in which the jurors also found the defendants guilty of kidnapping the toddler — but showed no reaction.

Ralph and Denise Bulger, James' parents, were in court when the verdict was returned.

The defendants were not immediately sentenced, but defense lawyers expected them to be held indefinitely at secure facilities for young offenders.

They had pleaded innocent, despite one boy's confession and the other's admission that he witnessed James' death.

The jury said it had not reached a verdict on a charge that the two boys also attempted to abduct a second child.

Judge Michael Morland said he would accept a majority verdict on the attempted kidnapping count and asked the jury to resume deliberations.

James suffered a violent and prolonged attack at the end of a 21/2 mile walk across Liverpool on Feb. 12. He died of 30 blows from bricks, an iron bar, feet and fists; paint was poured on his face; his half-stripped body was left on a railroad track and severed by a passing train.

Turkey Day cooking got you down? try serving up dinner for a thousand

By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Managing Editor

There's a house full of people but you don't have time to visit. Parades and football games are on television, but you'll only get a glimpse.

It's Thanksgiving Day, and you are locked in the kitchen, checking the oven, chopping up celery, getting out the olives, stirring up the fruit salad.

Well, you really can be thankful. Because it could be worse. Ask Virginia Darden. She's been busy all week preparing Thanksgiving dinner for a thousand people.

"We keep pretty busy, that's for sure," said Darden, food service department head for the Price Daniel Unit.

By Wednesday morning, the turkeys were already cooked and deboned and the Daniel Unit food service staff was getting ready to start on the desserts — apple pie and chocolate cake.

"We'll begin cooking tonight at midnight and cook all night, and begin serving about 9 o'clock in the morning, which is the normal time we begin serving," she said.

They were to continue serving for two-and-a-half to three hours, or right up until the time most "free world" folks begin pulling up to the table today.

Fourteen food service employees and about 110 inmates take part in preparing and serving the Thanksgiving meal, which, with the exception of the Christmas meal, is the largest served at the unit.

Large? About 1,135 pounds of turkey — that's 50 turkeys — and 500 pounds of ham.

The meal includes sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, fruit salad, a relish tray of olives and celery, hot rolls and dessert.

That's 800 pounds of irish potatoes, 72 gallons of sweet potatoes, 18 gallons of cranberry sauce and 48 gallons each of corn and beans.

They also cook up 24 pans of cake and 24 of pie. Each pan serves 48 people.

It's not a normal meal, Darden points out.

"Usually we serve one meat, one potato, one dessert. The relish tray is extra, and they'll get about three times more turkey and a little more of everything than they normally would," she said.

During the day the 980 or so inmates will also be given a sack containing an apple, orange and peanuts.

But before you toss around those comments about inmates eating like kings, remember something, said Darden. "People in the free world sometimes don't realize that this is all the inmates get. This is their Thanksgiving. They don't get to enjoy family. This is all they have."

So enjoy Thanksgiving. And be thankful for all those relatives. Even if you only see them between trips to the kitchen.

Two plead guilty

Two sentences were assessed Tuesday in 132nd District Court by District Judge Gene Dulaney.

Robert Lee Arnett, 69, was sentenced to 180 days in the Scurry County Jail after pleading guilty to a Sept. 29 offense of felony driving while intoxicated. Arnett, who lives in Hermleigh, was also fined $750.

Scott Adam Fudge, 19, of 4020 Irving, was sentenced to eight years probation and fined $500. On Jan. 11, 1993, Fudge received deferred adjudication for a Nov. 1, 1992 charge of sexual assault. The sentence was changed to probation due to a forgery by passing offense occurring in Mitchell County last August.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Happy turkey day."

Newspaper editor Jimmy Carr, in the Vernon Daily Record, wrote his not-so-dramatic account of the first Thanksgiving feast:

--Scene I, two guys in Pilgrim outfits, lolling outside a cabin in a recently-established colony in the New World.

"What a year, Miles. We come here from England, put our lives on the line to carve out a new country, face unknown dangers in the wilderness, and what do we have to show for it? Our wives take over in the kitchen and start giving orders."

"I heard that, John. Ever since we decided to hold this feast, it's been nothing but, 'Miles, run out to the woods and trap another turkey,' or 'Miles, I've got to have some more corn.' How are we supposed to become founding fathers with a string of [illegible]?"

"Beats me. Have you seen the guest list for this shindig? I hope I get the names right."

"You said it. How would you like to ask one of 'em out to play a little football, and find out he's a she?"

"Do Indians like football?"

"They must. Why else would so many teams be named after them?"

--Next scene, two guys in loin cloths, lolling outside a tent.

"Did I tell you, or what?"

"What did you tell me?"

"Didn't I say when those new people moved in, 'There goes the neighborhood.' Remember that?"

"Hey, give 'em a chance. This feast thing may not be so bad after all."

"Yeah, tell me that after you've had a couple of helpings of their food. I bet they couldn't make a decent dressing if they tried."

"Hold on, man. Eating isn't the most important thing. Where's your spirit? Remember, we're all in this together."

"Easy for you to say. You're not the one they swindled out of some prime acres with a few beads."

"Plus, the little woman says it's a dress up deal, so I guess I'll dust off my good moccasins."

"Not me, I'm taking my old ones in case they want to play football."

"Pilgrims play football?"

Thus, the first traditional Thanksgiving.

PAPER TURKEY — Four-year-old Jessica Kendrick gets into the Thanksgiving spirit by cutting out a turkey. (SDN Staff Photo)

FOOD DONATION — Kmart in Snyder donated food baskets for the Noah Project and other needy families in Scurry County. Shown loading the donated food into a vehicle is Claudia Fields (left), director of the Snyder Noah project; and Fran Arbuckle, Kmart employee. (SDN Staff Photo)

Jackson civil case must go forward, judge orders

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — The 13-year-old boy suing Michael Jackson for alleged sexual molestation may have his day in court next year despite the continuing criminal investigation of the singer, a judge ruled.

Superior Court Judge David M. Rothman refused to postpone the civil trial, putting the boy's interests ahead of Jackson's concerns that he might have to withhold testimony in the civil trial to avoid incriminating himself.

"A young person of this age is prejudiced by a substantial delay and the stress placed on the child," the judge said Tuesday.

The trial was set for March 21. Rothman said it could be delayed if criminal charges are filed against Jackson.

Jackson's lawyers had sought to delay the civil trial by as much as six years, when the statute of limitations on any criminal charges of molestation runs out. A grand jury is weighing criminal charges.

The singer was also ordered to submit to a deposition before Jan. 31, when he is expected to have completed what his doctor says is treatment for an addiction to painkillers.

The Santa Barbara News-Press reported Wednesday that members of the Santa Barbara County grand jury were to meet Tuesday to hear testimony in the case. The session was called off when witnesses volunteered information to investigators, according to an unidentified source.

Los Angeles and Santa Barbara authorities have spent four months investigating the boy's allegations that Jackson molested him at the singer's Neverland Ranch.

Jackson maintains the allegations stem from a failed $20 million extortion attempt by the boy's father.

Jackson canceled his concert tour Nov. 12, saying he had become hooked on painkillers in part because of the pressure of the allegations.

Ashley Judd hurt in horse accident

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) Ashley Judd and her horse had a parting of the ways that landed the actress in the hospital with a broken ankle.

The co-star of the NBC series "Sisters" underwent surgery and was listed in satisfactory condition Tuesday at Williamson Medical Center.

Miss Judd, the 25-year-old sister of singer Wynonna Judd, was riding at the farm owned by her mother, retired country singer Naomi Judd.

"Her saddle loosened up as she was in a full run. She tried to hold on and chose to fall to the ground," hospital spokeswoman Doreen Bieryla said.

Arbitration board is allowing flight kitchen sale to proceed

CHICAGO (AP) — An arbitration panel has cleared the way for United Airlines to sell 15 flight kitchens to Dobbs International Services Inc., a deal that lies at the heart of the carrier's labor problems.

The deal, initially struck in September, has prompted a work slowdown at United by the International Association of Machinists, which represents the 5,200 kitchen workers employees.

"We are very disappointed, but we will still continue to urge all our employees to work safe and follow all the rules," Michael Peat, a Machinists spokesman in Chicago said Tuesday.

The union has been telling its members at United since Monday to follow every safety, maintenance and work rule to the letter, effectively slowing down their work.

United's operations ran smoothly Tuesday except for some weather-related delays in Denver, airline spokesman Joe Hopkins said late Tuesday afternoon.

He said the flight kitchens would be sold to Dobbs, a division of Dial Corp. of Phoenix, in a series of transactions starting in December. The price: $119.4 million.

The System Board of Adjustments, an internal arbitration panel, rejected the Machinists' appeal of the kitchen sale on Tuesday. The union mounted the appeal after United's parent company, UAL Corp., decided on Nov. 12 to proceed with the kitchen sale and to reject a $5 billion employee buyout offer put together by the Machinists and the Air Line Pilots Association.

The Machinists had threatened labor unrest if the offer was rejected. United's management is considering selling other pieces of the company to cut costs.

"United Airlines has got to stop treating people as if they are pawns," Machinists spokesman James Conley said Tuesday.

He described the Machinists' slowdown as an "exercise" in working by the book.

"Everything's perfectly legal, nothing is any more or less safe than it was before. Basically, your people just don't use the tricks they've learned over the years to make it quicker," Conley said.

Teen killed for not taking part in restaurant robbery

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 16-year-old was shot to death after refusing to help his friends rob a restaurant because their getaway car was malfunctioning, police said.

Investigators said Tuesday that they found Dwayne Lee Henry's body Monday.

Capt. Kenneth Bilhartz said Henry and two 15-year-olds were in a borrowed 1971 station wagon heading east on the road.

The teen-agers had guns and had planned to rob a restaurant in Bexar County, Bilhartz said. Investigators believe the three were members of a street gang.

The victim apparently argued with the other two youths about going through with the robbery because the car he was driving was running erratically, Bilhartz said.

"He wanted to abort the robbery," Bilhartz said.

When Henry stopped the car to let one of the teen-agers urinate, the other one sitting in the back seat apparently fired several shots at Henry's head, Bilhartz said.

The 15-year-olds pulled Henry's body out of the vehicle and left it lying in the road, where several cars ran over it, he said.

The would-be robbers then drove on to the restaurant, only to find it had closed.

A sheriff's patrolman later stopped the teen-agers and questioned them. The officer took them to the scene and turned them over to investigators.

One 15-year-old was charged with murder and remains in the custody of juvenile authorities. The other was released, Bilhartz said.

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"AMAHL" GROUP PROGRAM — Several from a group performing in *Amahl and the Night Visitors* presented a program for Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International recently. Those on the program were Reid Johnson, (from left) Ellie Dryden, who spoke on the Ritz Theatre, Doug Fishel, director of the play; Melanie Smith and Trey Gorman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Recipe Box

By The Associated Press

Potato pancakes are a simple, yet delicious, dish for the holidays. The potatoes are combined with very finely chopped onion, then fried in vegetable oil. Serve with sour cream and applesauce.

POTATO PANCAKES

2 pounds potatoes, grated into a bowl of cold water
1 medium onion, very finely chopped
2 eggs
3 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Vegetable oil, for frying

Soak potatoes in the water for 10 minutes; drain and squeeze dry in a kitchen towel.

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except the oil; mix thoroughly.

Pour oil into a large skillet to a depth of 1/8 inch; place over medium heat.

For each pancake, pour 1/2 cup potato mixture into the pan; flatten slightly. Cook about 8 minutes until crispy and brown, turning once. Repeat with more oil and remaining potato mixture.

BRIDE-ELECT FETED — Michelle Brooks, bride-elect of Chad Welsh, was honoree at a wedding shower held Saturday in the home of Judy Moss, assisted by several hostesses. The couple will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the chapel of First Baptist Church. Her colors are hunter green and red. From left are Avie Keller, the bride-elect's grandmother; Kathy Brooks, her mother; the honoree; Sandra Lane, the future groom's mother; and Earline Brooks, the bride-elect's grandmother. (SDN Staff Photo)

Directors,cast attend DKG Nov. meeting

Members of Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International, an honorary society for women teachers, were entertained recently at a chapter meeting by the Ritz Theatre director and some members of the cast of *Amahl and the Night Visitors.*

Singing excerpts from the one-act opera were Melanie Smith, Trey Gorman and Reid Johnson, accompanied by their director, Doug Fishel.

Following the musical portion of the program, Eleanor Dryden gave a brief history and progress report on the formation and the restoration of the theatre by the Ritz Theatre group since its inception in 1992.

The two remaining productions this season include *Amahl and the Night Visitors,* on Dec. 2-5 in the North Elementary auditorium, and *Good People Dancing to Country Music,* to be in February.

Zeta Lambda program committee included Rebekah Thornton, Beverly Robertson, Kay Hopper, Susie Burgess, Dorothy Rosson, Dorothy Kayser and Carol Miller.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 11-25-93
♠ K 10 3
♥ 6 5
♦ Q 10 9 4 3
♣ K Q 4

WEST
♠ Q 7 6 5 4 2
♥ 8 4 2
♦ A K
♣ 10 8

EAST
♠ J 9
♥ K J 9 7
♦ 7 5
♣ 9 6 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8
♥ A Q 10 3
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ A J 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Keep your cards well back

By Phillip Alder

Even someone who enjoys life and tries to feel permanently happy and debonair cannot be on cloud nine all the time. There will be gray, rain-filled days. But the arrival of the latest issue of Bridge Plus magazine (Editor: Gilles Queran, 6 Rue Pignoniere, 49124 St. Barthelemy, France) made my day — especially when I spotted this deal. It is beautiful.

If you wish to try to find the winning play, look only at the North and West hands. Defending against three no-trump, you lead the spade five: three, nine, ace. Declarer plays a diamond. Plan your defense.

First, what is the spade situation? Right — unless South is playing a subtle game — your partner, East, must have started with the J-9 and declarer with the A-8.

However, things are looking grim. There seems to be no chance of establishing your spade suit before your second diamond entry has been dislodged by declarer. If you lead a low spade now, declarer is bound to finesse dummy's 10. Your partner will win with the jack, but he won't have another spade with which to remove dummy's king. And from the point-count, you know there is no future in another suit.

Have you seen the answer? At trick three, you must lead the spade *queen.* Yes, the queen!

Look at the situation from declarer's point of view. He will think you started with queen-jack-fifth of spades. Hoping you began with only one diamond honor, declarer will duck in the dummy. Don't forget to cast an eye in South's direction to see the expression on his face when your partner plays the jack.

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Name that 'cane

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — The system of using women's names to identify each individual hurricane began in the 1950s.

At that time, the U.S. Army alphabet code (Abel, Baker, etc.) was used as a reference. However, this system conflicted with the foreign weather code used in the Caribbean, and the National Weather Service began using women's names in alphabetical order to avoid confusion.

Disney's Aladdin

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Capcom USA has released Disney's Aladdin for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System. The game is based on Disney's animated feature film.

Aladdin for SNES features all the major characters from the animated film including Aladdin, Princess Jasmine, Jafar and the Genie. The game also highlights several popular songs from the movie's soundtrack, including "Friend Like Me" and "A Whole New World."

Aladdin is a one-player, horizontal-scrolling action game that features seven stages through which Aladdin may run, crouch, walk, jump, climb and travel through the city.

Enrico Fermi and associates built the world's first controlled self-sustaining nuclear reactor in 1942 at the University of Chicago's Stagg Field.

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

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

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; 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, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-1141, 573-2101, 573-8626, or 573-3956.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; For information, call 573-8626, 863-2348 or 573-1141. (Last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting); 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 10 a.m. For more information call 573-1141, 863-2348, 863-2349 or 573-8110.

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

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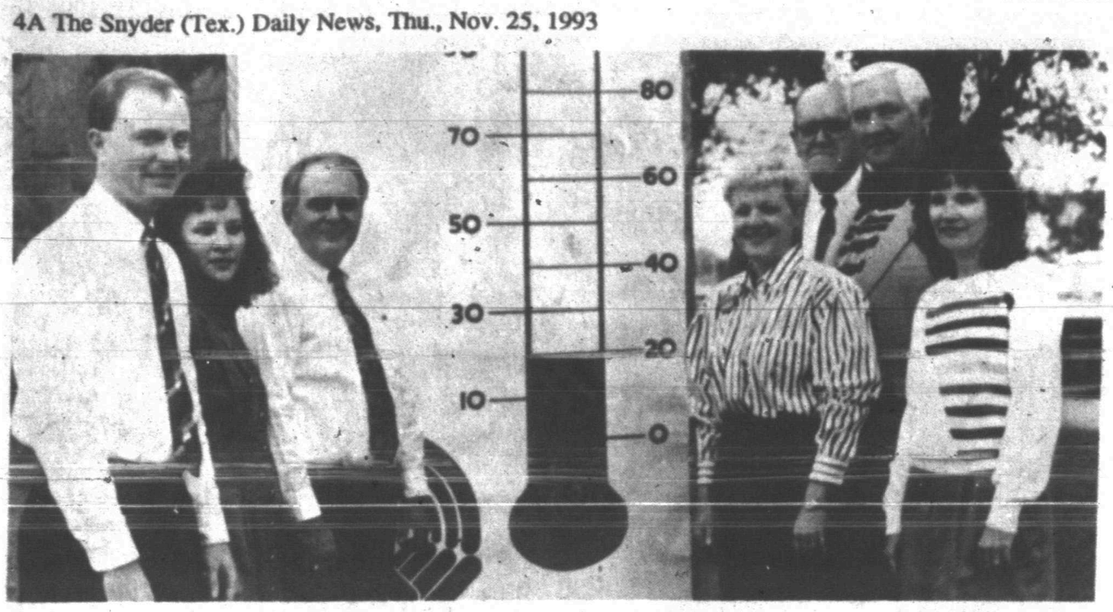

UNITED WAY — Directors of Scurry County United Way held a report meeting Tuesday afternoon. Some 20 percent of the 1993 campaign goal of $72,200 had been reached. Pictured from left are Jeffrey Martin, Lisa Randolph, Ronnie Shields, Judy Smallwood, Jack Denman, Rod Waller and Julie Strunk. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cates charged with murder

DETROIT (AP) — Toni Cato Riggs was charged Wednesday with first-degree murder and two other felonies in the ambush-slaying of her husband after his return from the Persian Gulf War, a prosecutor said.

Army Spec. Anthony Riggs, 22, was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso.

Mrs. Riggs, 25, also was charged with conspiracy to commit murder in an alleged plot to kill a witness, and with use of a firearm in a felony, Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair announced.

Riggs had just returned from a six-month stint in the Persian Gulf, including service in Operation Desert Storm, when he was gunned down March 18, 1991, outside his in-laws' home.

The slaying, originally believed to be a random robbery attempt, focused nationwide attention on urban violence.

But Mrs. Riggs and her brother, Michael Cato, were arrested two days later. Cato admitted shooting his brother-in-law and said his sister arranged the killing, but a judge released Mrs. Riggs after ruling Cato's confession couldn't be used against her.

Cato was convicted of first-degree murder. He is serving a life sentence.

Mrs. Riggs eventually collected on two of her late husband's life insurance policies, which authorities said might have brought her up to $100,000.

Change in rules sought

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of the flight restrictions at Dallas' Love Field have a new argument in their latest bid to overturn the controversial provisions: they inhibit freedom of speech.

Attorneys for the state of Kansas told a federal appeals court Tuesday that the restraint prevents airlines and travel agents from volunteering the full range of ticket options at Love Field, home to low-fare Southwest Airlines.

At issue is an amendment adopted by Congress in 1979 that prohibits airlines from offering non-stop service between Love Field and destinations outside of Texas and its four surrounding states — Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Passengers outside the restricted zone can use Love Field, but only if they change planes first and recheck their luggage within the five-state area and then fly into Dallas — which requires double-ticketing.

Named after its author, former House Speaker Jim Wright of Fort Worth, the measure was crafted to protect the then-fledgling Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport from competition at the older Love Field.

Opponents contend that the Wright Amendment deprives travelers from outside the five-state area of the cheaper air fares offered at Love Field by Southwest Airlines. They also claim reduced airline competition has caused higher fares for flights into Dallas from Kansas and other nearby states.

The Transportation Department, in a study last year, said repeal or relaxation of the restrictions would result in lower air fares and increased competition. But DOT stopped short of recommending that the restrictions be abandoned or altered.

Only Southwest operates out of Love Field, which is about five miles from downtown Dallas. The airline hasn't taken sides in the Kansas lawsuit. An attorney for rival American Airlines, which has fought for years to keep the restrictions in place, argued Tuesday against lifting the amendment.

The Kansas congressional delegation, led by Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole and Rep. Dan Glickman, has sought unsuccessfully for years to repeal the measure. If the restrictions are scrapped, Glickman has said he hopes Southwest, a no-frills short-haul carrier, will provide direct service to Wichita.

In light of the difficulty of repeal, Kansas officials turned to the courts. A federal judge in Washington earlier this year rejected arguments by the state of Kansas, the Wichita Airport Authority and others that the amendment is unfair.

In oral arguments Tuesday before a three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Kansas special assistant attorney general David J. Gallo said the restrictions inhibit free speech. Travel agents aren't allowed to volunteer information about price-savings with double-ticketing to Love Field, he said.

MADRIGAL DINNERS — The choral department of Snyder High School has set its annual Madrigal dinners for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7 at the Snyder Country Club. Tickets are $15 and may be reserved by calling 573-6301 or 573-5283. Players shown are from left, first row, Jannica Northerns, Misty Roquemore, Katie Thornton; second row, Christa Rosson, Jimmy Hall; third row, Joe Hodge, Amy Holmes; back row, Jennifer Cooke, Kelly Kirkpatrick and Beau McLeod. (SDN Staff Photo)

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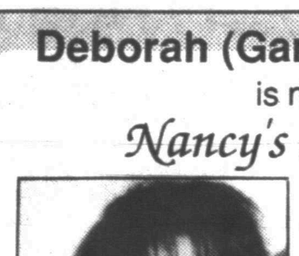

A long time resident of Snyder, Deborah was previously at Sandi's Hair Design. She specializes in men's and women's hair styles, colors, perms, manicures, lash and brow dyes and facials. She invites all her previous and future customers to come by.
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Lady Tigers confident heading into Frenship basketball tournament

Snyder girls' coach Steve Qualls will take his Lady Tigers into the Frenship Basketball Tournament Friday and Saturday with a new confidence.

The Lady Tigers are fresh off a 41-35 Tuesday upset win over Class 5A Odessa Permian.

"We're feeling pretty good right now," Qualls said. "And this tournament will be a great test for us.

"We get a chance to go out to a gym we'll have to play in during our district season. I hear the new Frenship gym is the nicest in West Texas, so it'll be a chance for us to play there and get over the awe of a building like that."

The Lady Tigers, 2-1, will open the tournament at 9 a.m. Friday against the first-round Littlefield-Lubbock Monterey winner.

"We scrimmaged Odessa High, and played them pretty close. Odessa High beat Monterey Tuesday, so we're pretty confident we can play with them," Qualls said. "And anytime you can stay in the gym with Monterey, you're doing some things right."

The Lady Tigers' defense has been dominating in Snyder's two wins, giving up just 17 points after the first quarter against Permian.

"It started out like it was going to be a long night," said Qualls. "It took us the first quarter to find a defense that worked well. After we found it, the girls did a great job."

Snyder trailed 18-11 at the end of the first period, but outscored the Lady Panthers 30-17 the rest of the way, including a 10-2 snuffing in the fourth quarter.

Senior Annie Ragland led the SHS girls with 17 points Tuesday, on the heels of a 26-point effort against Sweetwater the game before.

Post Vanessa Williams was good for eight points for SHS against Permian, followed by Jamie Brown's six and five each from Rachel Shipp and Meriah Worthen.

Snyder's next home date is Tuesday against Lubbock High.

In Thanksgiving showdown...

Cowboys to entertain Miami

IRVING (AP) — Bill Bates believes the Thanksgiving Day game in Texas Stadium is one of the greatest gifts Pete Rozelle ever gave the Dallas Cowboys.

"It gives us a big advantage, there's no doubt about it," said the Cowboys special teams star who has played in a decade of the turkey day games. "The NFL couldn't have done us a bigger favor."

The Miami Dolphins had the difficult chore of traveling on a short week to Texas Stadium for the 3 p.m. kickoff against the Cowboys, who had extra practice time and more rest.

"It's a definite advantage for the home team," said Miami coach Don Shula, who is 2-0 in Thanksgiving Day games. "It's a short work week and we have to fly to Dallas."

The Cowboys own a 17-7-1 record on Thanksgiving Day and have won the last three years under coach Jimmy Johnson.

"It gives us a little edge," said Johnson. "It would be even a bigger edge if we were coming into this game off a win. We're coming into it off a loss and we don't have time to correct our mistakes. We'd rather have time to put those little seeds of doubt to rest."

Shula's Dolphins beat Tom Landry's Cowboys 14-7 in 1973 on Thanksgiving Day. Miami also downed St. Louis 55-14 on Thanksgiving in 1977.

"I know I'd hate to travel to another stadium to play on such a short week," Bates said. "I think it's real important to be home on a short work week. Teams have a tendency to get tired."

The Cowboys got the Thanksgiving date when former club president Tex Schramm worked a deal with Rozelle. The Cowboys are now the second game of a doubleheader behind the old traditional matchup featuring the Detroit Lions and a visiting team.

"I always thought it helped us," Schramm said. "We took the game when none of the other clubs would go for it. Now, it's a tradition to be in Dallas on Thanksgiving."

Dallas also has set another tradition, winning the week after Thanksgiving. The Cowboys are 19-6 following the holiday.

Miami comes into the game with an 8-2 record while the Cowboys are 7-3.

"We need this game to get back on track," said Johnson who saw his team fall 27-14 to the Atlanta Falcons last week.

The Dolphins defeated New England 17-13 last week behind 39-year-old Steve DeBerg, the third quarterback used by injury plagued Miami this year.

Troy Aikman was scheduled to make his return as the Cowboys starting quarterback after a two week hiatus because of a pulled hamstring.

The Cowboys were sweating the status of running back Emmitt Smith, who received treatment all week for a bruised thigh.

JERSEY RETIRED — Sammy Baugh, center, stands with TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger and chancellor William E. Tucker as his No. 45 Horned Frog jersey is retired at a ceremony prior to Saturday's TCU-Texas A&M game. Baugh, who later went on to star with the Washington Redskins in the NFL, was an All-America selection from 1934-36. (AP Photo)

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	8	2	0	.800	195	129
Miami	8	2	0	.800	218	172
N.Y. Jets	6	4	0	.600	234	170
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	154	233
New England	1	9	0	.100	126	217
Central						
Houston	6	4	0	.600	233	177
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	228	173
Cleveland	5	5	0	.500	188	208
Cincinnati	0	10	0	.000	112	241
West						
Kansas City	7	3	0	.700	181	163
Denver	6	4	0	.600	266	188
LA Raiders	6	4	0	.600	184	185
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	165	169
San Diego	4	6	0	.400	164	195

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	220	153
N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	.700	187	121
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	158	198
Phoenix	3	7	0	.300	183	176
Washington	2	8	0	.200	151	239
Central						
Detroit	7	3	0	.700	204	166
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	225	178
Chicago	5	5	0	.500	161	141
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	165	200
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	143	261
West						
San Francisco	7	3	0	.700	297	186
New Orleans	6	4	0	.600	207	215
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	211	236
LA Rams	3	7	0	.300	141	211

Sunday's Games
Chicago 19, Kansas City 17
New York Jets 17, Cincinnati 12
Atlanta 27, Dallas 14
Green Bay 26, Detroit 17
Houston 27, Cleveland 20
Buffalo 23, Indianapolis 9
Miami 17, New England 13
New York Giants 7, Philadelphia 3
Los Angeles Raiders 12, San Diego 7
Denver 37, Pittsburgh 13
Los Angeles Rams 10, Washington 6
Tampa Bay 23, Minnesota 10
Open Date: Phoenix, Seattle
Monday's Game
San Francisco 42, New Orleans 7
Thursday, Nov. 25
Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 28
Cleveland at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
New York Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 4 p.m.
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Monday, Nov. 29
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In annual holiday battle...

Texas A&M hosts Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach John Mackovic says his team's greatest advantage heading into a Thanksgiving night showdown with No. 8 Texas A&M for the Cotton Bowl may be that no one thinks the Longhorns have any advantages.

The Longhorns opened the season 1-3-1, their worst start since 1938. Even at 5-4-1 and an early 20-point underdog to the Aggies, Texas (5-1 Southwest Conference) doesn't conjure up images of a bowl team.

But that's fine with Mackovic.

"Not many people give us any advantage," Mackovic said Monday. "That may be our biggest advantage. People may be overlooking us."

"Our guys feel we have a chance," he added. "We are playing our best football right now."

The Longhorns are riding a three-game winning streak and the players say their confidence is peaking as they prepare for today's nationally televised game in College Station.

"I think we have a great chance," said quarterback Shea Morenz.

"We are playing well on both sides of the ball. We are definitely going to have to step it up a notch, but the attitude on the team is great right now. If playing for the Cotton Bowl doesn't get you up, I don't know what will."

If Texas loses to the Aggies, it will be home for the holidays for a third straight year. A team must win six games against NCAA Division I competition to qualify for a bowl.

Offensive tackle Blake Brockermeyer said the Longhorns, who defeated Baylor Saturday 38-17, have become accustomed to people doubting them.

"People have counted us out all year long," Brockermeyer said. "I don't care if it's a 100-point spread, we are going to go in there and fight like crazy."

Today's game will mark the first time the heated rivalry between the Aggies and Longhorns decides who goes to the Cotton Bowl since 1987, when A&M beat Texas 20-17.

The game also marks the 100th meeting in a series led by Texas 64-30-5. The Aggies, however, have won eight of the last nine games and four in a row at Kyle Field.

Mackovic said A&M is the best team Texas has faced this year. That includes Colorado, Syracuse, Louisville and Oklahoma. He had plenty of praise for the Aggies' defense, which is tops in the SWC, limiting opposing offenses to just 248 yards a game.

"I don't know who has a better defense anywhere," Mackovic said. "They have outstanding talent up front, seasoned linebackers, great speed in the secondary. I would guess there are a minimum of six, maybe seven who will be NFL players."

Mackovic said A&M defensive lineman Sam Adams is the best at his position in the country.

"He is the best inside player I have seen in many years," Mackovic said.

Mackovic struggled to find enough flattering adjectives for the Aggies' offense, led by quarterback Corey Pullig and running backs Greg Hill, Rodney Thomas and speedy Leeland McElroy.

"They can all go the distance," Mackovic said. "McElroy just gets there a little sooner."

Bowden, Osborne seek title

by The Associated Press

Among active Division I-A coaches, only Joe Paterno has won more games than Bobby Bowden and Tom Osborne. Unlike Paterno, though, Bowden and Osborne are still seeking their first national championship.

One of them could finally finish No. 1 on New Year's Day.

If top-ranked Florida State and No. 2 Nebraska win their final regular-season games, Bowden's Seminoles will play Osborne's Cornhuskers for the national championship in the Orange Bowl.

But that's a big if. Florida State (10-1) must beat No. 7 Florida (9-1) Saturday at Gainesville, where the Gators have a 23-game winning streak. And Nebraska (10-0) must beat its archrival, No. 16 Oklahoma (8-2), on Friday.

"If we didn't have that one more ballgame, I guess I'd be jumping up and down and hollering," Bowden said.

"We've had some stuff bounce our way this season, and we hope it keeps bouncing our way," Osborne said.

Bowden has won 237 games and Osborne has 205 victories, but neither has a national championship trophy. Osborne just missed in 1983, when Nebraska was No. 1 all season until a 31-30 loss to Miami in the Orange Bowl. Bowden's Florida State teams have finished in the top four the past six years, but losses to Miami probably cost the Seminoles several titles.

So what happens if Nebraska or Florida State lose? Here are some possible championship games, based on rankings in the bowl coalition poll. The bowl poll, which combines The Associated Press media rankings and USA Today-CNN coaches' survey, determines the major bowl matchups.

1) Florida State beats Florida, Nebraska loses to Oklahoma, and West Virginia (10-0) beats Boston College. Result: Florida State vs. West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl.

2) Nebraska beats Oklahoma, Florida State loses to Florida, and West Virginia beats Boston College. Result: Nebraska vs. West Virginia in the Orange Bowl.

3) West Virginia wins, Florida State and Nebraska lose. Result: West Virginia vs. Notre Dame (10-1) in the Fiesta, Florida in the Sugar or Texas A&M (9-1) in the Cotton.

4) Florida State, Nebraska and West Virginia lose. Result: Notre Dame vs. Florida in the Sugar or Texas A&M in the Cotton.

The last two scenarios aren't completely clear because they depend on the outcome of the Southeastern Conference championship game (Florida vs. Alabama) on Dec. 4 and today's Texas-Texas A&M game.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	8	2	.800	—
Boston	6	4	.600	2
Orlando	6	4	.600	2
Washington	5	4	.556	2½
New Jersey	4	6	.400	4
Miami	3	5	.375	4
Philadelphia	3	7	.300	5
Central Division				
Atlanta	6	4	.600	—
Charlotte	6	4	.600	—
Detroit	5	4	.556	½
Chicago	4	6	.400	2
Cleveland	3	6	.333	2½
Indiana	3	6	.333	2½
Milwaukee	1	8	.111	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	10	0	1.000	—
Utah	7	3	.700	3
San Antonio	6	5	.545	4½
Denver	4	5	.444	5½
Minnesota	2	6	.250	7
Dallas	1	9	.100	9
Pacific Division				
Seattle	8	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	6	2	.750	2
Portland	6	4	.600	3
LA Clippers	5	5	.500	4
Sacramento	4	5	.444	4½
Golden State	3	6	.333	5½
LA Lakers	3	8	.273	6½

Tuesday's Games
Washington 118, Charlotte 98
Atlanta 103, LA Lakers 94
Orlando 120, Golden State 107
LA Clippers 105, Dallas 98
Houston 100, Chicago 93
Portland 109, Denver 94
Wednesday's Games
Golden State at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
Miami at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
LA Lakers at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
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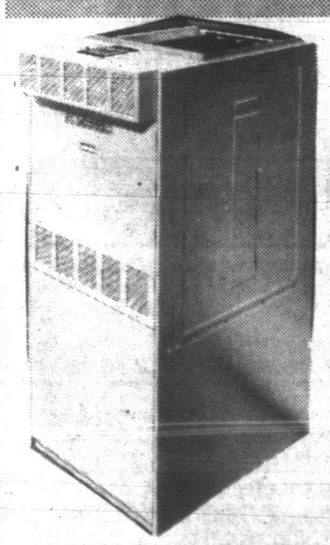
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Road ahead for Clinton filled with potholes

By Tom Raum
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as the White House celebrates a successful session, officials are looking ahead with trepidation. The battles to come could dwarf the ones already fought.

If you think the struggle for Clinton's deficit-reduction plan was awesome, just wait until health-care reform.

And the North American Free Trade Agreement may seem like child's play compared to a rewrite of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. NAFTA involved three countries. GATT involves 115 nations.

Add to this agenda welfare reform, a major crime bill, campaign finance overhaul and a worker retraining package and you're looking toward a very busy year — complicated, of course, by the fact that all 435 House seats and a third of the Senate will be up for grabs in 1994.

Nervous congressional Democrats are keenly mindful of two trends: The party in the White House traditionally loses House and Senate seats in midterm elections; and anti-incumbent fever still sweeps across the nation.

As they paused before tackling next year's big issues, the president, his aides and their Democratic allies clearly were in a celebratory mood.

"There has been an overwhelming success record, gridlock has been broken in Washington, the people's business is getting done," House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash., said Tuesday at the White House.

"This has been a very productive year," Clinton agreed.

To underscore the point, the White House press office passed out a "congressional session wrap-up" that trumpeted Clinton's achievements: the free-trade agreement; the deficit-reduction package of $496 billion over five years; a "national service" plan to allow students to trade public service work for college tuition.

Also: the family and medical care bill; "the motor voter" bill making it easier to register to vote; and $6.3 million in emergency aid to victims of Midwest flooding.

The administration also listed the Brady bill, which calls for a five-day-waiting period for handgun purchases. Even though passed by both chambers, partisan haggling over a compromise version made it the last item being dealt with before Congress recessed for the year.

Big holdover Clinton items that await final congressional action next year include campaign finance overhaul and anti-crime legislation.

It won't take long until the next challenge.

Even though Congress will not be back until January, the administration must nail down a new GATT agreement by Dec. 15 in Geneva if it has any realistic hope of winning approval of the new set of liberalized trade rules next year.

Dec. 15 is the expiration of "fast track" authority requiring up-and-down votes with no amendments on trade bills.

The NAFTA legislation was fought to the wire. But the GATT measure promises to be even more difficult, given the fact that there are many more countries involved, that many more U.S. products would be affected and that the business community — which supported NAFTA — is deeply divided.

Then there's health care — the most ambitious piece of social legislation undertaken by a president since the Social Security Act in 1935.

But looking ahead could come later. For the time being, Democrats were gulping air and looking back in awe, and even some surprise, that they had made it so far.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tom Raum has covered the White House for The Associated Press since 1989 and has reported on government and national politics since 1973.

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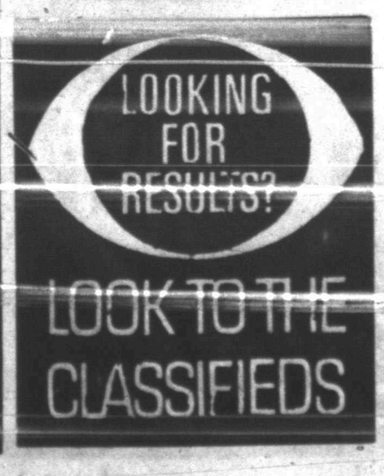

Life in Manila often difficult

By Eileen Guerrero
Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — For four months I tried to pay my electricity bill, only to be told I owed nothing. This week, the power company shut off my service because I hadn't paid.

President Fidel Ramos returned Wednesday after spending two weeks in the United States urging businesses to "take another look" at a country shunned as corrupt, bureaucratic and unstable.

But his plea rings hollow in Manila. For the 8 million residents of the capital, daily life is filled with frustrations.

This week, a major pager service, EasyCall, changed the telephone number that people dial to send messages. But callers quickly discovered that the new number could not be reached from several city exchanges and cellular phones.

That led to suggestions the company be tagged "Not So EasyCall."

Then there are those who run afoul of the law.

With huge backlogs in the court system, cases often take years to finish. Jails are full of people who stay behind bars because their records have been lost and they can't afford a lawyer to defend their rights.

At a shop, a customer wanted to buy a cassette recorder. Before she paid, she asked the clerk to make sure it worked. It did not.

"Oh," said the clerk, "you want one that works?"

Such spirit was at work at the Manila Electric Co., recently privatized in a government campaign to promote efficiency. For four months, I received no bill for monthly service.

Assuming the collectors had forgotten me, I sent my payment to the local office every month. But clerks refused to accept it. They said I owed nothing.

After my power was cut off, I stormed into the office to demand an explanation. But the computer had not updated my payment records since 1991. It was as if I did not exist. The clerk demanded to know "who connected you?"

After a long shouting match, I agreed to pay a 20-peso (71-cent) penalty fee to reconnect my service. The four-month "unpaid" balance totaled a princely 38.42 pesos, or about $1.37.

As I left, a bill collector, Pedro Roque, barked: "Next time, pay your bill early!"

Brady bill

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phase-out of the waiting period to four years, with an option of the attorney general adding a fifth year.

"We can now leave for Thanksgiving and for Christmas and return next year, ready to roll," said Mitchell.

Mitchell, D-Maine, called the compromise a "reasonable and an appropriate and a fair disposition of the matter."

"We couldn't reach agreement in time to get it done any other way," Mitchell said. "And this assures the Republican leader that a bill, including the provisions that he feels should be in the Brady bill, will be brought up without amendment ...and voted upon next year."

"I want to make clear to the Republican leader that he has not asked for, nor have we given, any promise to support the bill," Mitchell said. "But we are committing ourselves in good faith to having a product and debating it. ... In the meantime, the Brady will has now been passed. I hope the president will sign it shortly."

In addition, if approved, it would make it possible for a computerized, instant background check system to replace the waiting period before the bill phases out.

The Brady bill already calls for an instant check system, but the waiting period would still be effective for five years.

Eastwood chooses country music

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Clint Eastwood turned to the genuine article when he chose songs for the soundtrack of his new movie, "A Perfect World," set in the early 1960s.

The actor-director elected to use vintage versions of most of the 11 country tunes. The songs include "Don't Worry" by Marty Robbins, "Abilene" by George Hamilton IV and "Guess Things Happen That Way" by Johnny Cash.

"I wanted the soundtrack to reflect the era," Eastwood said in a statement Tuesday. "The film takes place in 1963. I didn't think it would work to have contemporary artists recording some of these classic tunes when the original artists did such a great job."

Eastwood made a couple of exceptions. "Dark Moon," originally performed by Bonnie Guitar, and "The Little White Cloud That Cried," originally performed by Wayne Newton, are sung by Chris Isaak on the soundtrack.

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SUCCESSFUL FOOD DRIVE — Marvin Applin, left, and Leon Earles display some of the 9,200 pounds of food staples collected during the annual Scouting For Food Drive. Applin operates Gentle Dove Ministries and the local food bank. Earles was the drive chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Drive nets 9,200 pounds for food bank

Scurry County citizens donated an estimated 9,200 pounds of food staples to the county food bank during this year's Scouting For Food Drive, held last weekend.

"This represents a 10 percent increase over last year. It's just phenomenal," said Leon Earles, local drive coordinator and advancement chairman for the Lone Buffalo District.

"If anyone ever doubted that we live in a giving community, they should go down there (to the food bank) and see that."

All of the food will be distributed by the county food bank, which is housed at Gentle Dove Ministries on 25th Street.

Heading up the drive were Cub Scout Packs 61 and 177 and Boy Scout Troop 27. Earles said about 120 people participated in the collection effort.

"The Scouts pick up the food but the real work is done by those who give," said Earles. "We just can't thank the people enough." Lawrence IGA and Don's Value King also contributed to the effort, he said.

MIT honors Rushdie with award

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Salman Rushdie emerged from hiding to accept an award from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and to urge bravery in the face of terrorism.

The author made the surprise appearance Tuesday at an event billed as a reading by author Susan Sontag. He received an honorary professorship, MIT's first since one was given to Winston Churchill in 1949.

Rushdie was forced into hiding in 1989 after Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini called his novel "The Satanic Verses" blasphemous and put a $1 million bounty on the author's head.

Rushdie told the audience of about 550 that he makes occasional public appearances to show that he won't be silenced.

"The only defense against terrorism is not to be afraid of terrorists," he said.

SERVICE AWARDS — Firemen receiving recognition for their service at the annual Fireman's Thanksgiving Banquet Tuesday evening at the Snyder Country Club were, from left, back row, Leonard Keller, 45 years; Ronnie Hines, 10; Breland Ledbetter, 5; Jamie Baldwin, 10; front row, Chester Clark, received the officers award, T.V. Early, retiring this year with 30 years; John Pilgrim, 15; Darrell Doty, 5; and Max Horsley, 10. (SDN Staff Photo)

Court upholds death sentence

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Wednesday upheld the death sentence of a Collin County man convicted of the 1989 murders of his boss and his boss's girlfriend.

The state's highest criminal court ruled in the case of Charles Dean Hood, who was convicted of capital murder in the shooting deaths of Ronald Williamson and Tracie Wallace in November 1989.

Hood was found guilty on separate counts of killing in the course of robbing Williamson and killing more than one person in the same criminal transaction, both capital offenses.

According to court records, Hood was living with Williamson, his boss, and Ms. Wallace at the time of the deaths. Hood's fingerprints were found on garbage bags that had covered the woman's body and on documents that had been taken from his boss's safe, according to the records.

In an appeal of his case, Hood did not argue the sufficiency of evidence against him.

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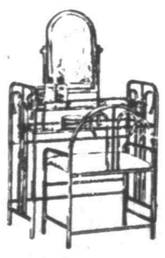

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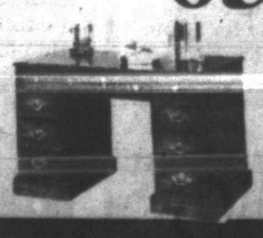

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Sarajevans brace for winter; no peace yet

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — "There are days when you want to stay," said Zvonomir Radeljkovic. "And there are days when you wish you had never seen this place."

As a second winter of siege sets in, Sarajevo's weary residents are battling not only Serbs ringing their city, but also an array of inner doubts.

They long ago abandoned hope of foreign intervention or a diplomatic breakthrough. Though defiance and courage still manifest themselves in striking ways, the prospect of a grueling winter with minimal food and fuel is disheartening.

The mood is striking because most Sarajevans, not many months ago, seemed determined to stick by their city come what may. Now, many say they would leave if they could get out and find somewhere they could live with dignity.

"You get used to the horror, you become jaded," said Radeljkovic, a professor of American studies at Sarajevo University. "But it's hard to get used to being hungry."

The city sometimes displays a facade of near-normalcy. The markets bustle with bartering, cultural events abound. Workmen on an avenue exposed to sniper fire repair the long-abandoned tram line, even though few Sarajevans expect it to operate soon.

But underneath the feisty surface, Sarajevans are bitter and depressed after 19 months of war.

Ismet Ceric, director of the psychiatric clinic at Sarajevo's big Kosevo hospital, estimated that 90 percent of the city's 380,000 people have stress-related psychological problems.

"According to the specialized literature we have read, this is a unique example of such a long siege," he said. "The people here are in critical condition. Every day there is shelling, not enough water, electricity, food, heat. ... It's amazing how people stand it at all."

At the start of the war, most Sarajevans dashed across intersections exposed to sniper fire and took refuge in cellars during bombardments. Now, the sprinters are few, and virtually no one heads for shelters when the Serbs, seemingly content with the existing front lines, launch an occasional barrage.

The ethnic harmony long prized by Sarajevans has frayed. Croats worry about their future here because of Croat-Muslim fighting elsewhere in Bosnia. Some Serbs complain of harassment.

"We want to leave this town forever," said Dragan Mihajlovic, 39, a Serb who tried in vain to get his wife and two daughters on a recent Belgrade-bound convoy.

"I just want to go with my children, to give them something to eat, wash them, send them to school," said his wife, Marina. "I don't have much money, but I'm ready to pay all that I have to get out."

It's difficult to gauge how many Sarajevans would leave if they could. Authorized departures via the U.N. airlift or evacuation convoys are rare. There are the more strenuous options of a nighttime dash out of Sarajevo, across land occupied by the U.N.-controlled airport, or a claustrophobic trip through a tunnel under the runway. Both routes, however, lead only to areas of additional fighting.

Sarajevans are well aware of the hardships Bosnian refugees can encounter abroad, particularly as anti-immigrant sentiment swells in Europe.

A variety of food is available on the black market for those with hard currency or goods to trade, but the vast majority of Sarajevans survive on U.N.-provided relief packets. Water, electricity and gas materialize briefly, then vanish.

Program transforms housing project

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Four years ago, syringes littered Savilla Tabor's housing project. A constant stream of cars flowed through the neighborhood, their drivers looking for drugs. Police donned riot gear before responding to calls for help.

"Iris Court was a hell hole," police Officer Dave Grady recalls.

Today, the low-income housing project on the city's north side is a model of calm. Trim lawns, beds of mums and marigolds, park benches and playground equipment dot the 45-unit complex.

"It's just an entirely different place," said Tabor, a retired nurse near 80. "Now, I feel safe."

Residents credit the Portland Police Bureau's community policing program, similar to what President Clinton and Congress hope will spread nationwide with the help of thousands of extra officers.

The Senate authorized $8.9 billion to put 100,000 community police officers on streets over five years. The House authorized $3.45 billion for 50,000 more police over six years. The differences in the legislation should be reconciled early next year.

In Portland, officers work citywide with residents to reduce crime and steer children away from drugs and gangs. They work with schools, social service agencies, neighborhood associations and volunteers. Officers get out of their patrol cars and walk beats.

Before community policing came to Iris Court, the housing project had 208 crimes from 1989-90, including a total of 98 drug violations, assaults and gang crimes.

"We just lived in fear," Tabor said.

After community policing took over, total crimes dropped to just 94 for 1991, then in 1992, the tally fell to 74. Overall, there were 8,084 crimes against people in Portland in 1989; 8,390 in 1992.

Change at the project started in late 1990, when police barricaded one end of the main street bordering Iris Court to block through traffic. With the help of residents and volunteers, they tore out all the shrubs and bushes where attackers might hide. They evicted residents who dealt drugs. They built playgrounds for children.

And Grady was assigned to walk the area, conspicuously in uniform.

On a recent late fall day, residents of Iris Court waved from their doorways as Grady walked through the one-story brick complex. Tabor emerged from her apartment to give the officer a hug, a smile and a promise that she's going to bake him more cookies real soon.

Community policing, however, is not without its critics.

Sumter man recalls carrying JFK's coffin

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — John F. Kennedy's death weighed heavy on James Felder.

As a college student committed to civil rights, he supported the Massachusetts senator's campaign. And as a member of the honor guard, he carried the president's casket through the days of grief after the assassination 30 years ago.

While the nation grieved, the 23-year-old Army sergeant from Sumter stood at attention at a job that only became open to men of his race after Kennedy ordered the guard integrated.

"At the time, I was so intent on doing my job that I refused to feel any emotion," Felder, now an Allen University professor, said.

"I went through the motions, and I wanted the motions to be perfect. It must have been about two weeks later that I was standing at my locker and it hit me. I realized that I had lost someone I respected, admired and loved. I sat down on my bunk and cried," he told The (Columbia) State in an interview published Monday.

As a member of the U.S. Army Honor Guard at Fort Meyer, Va., Felder had been at the White House and seen heads of state. The president once had singled him out for small talk about Army chow.

The day Kennedy was shot in Dallas, Felder was looking for a civilian job. He was about to end active duty and he hoped to stay in Washington.

Leaving an interview at the Agriculture Department, he saw chaos on the sidewalks.

"Some people were crying. I heard someone say that the president had been shot, and I asked a cab driver what they were talking about.

"He told me it was true, President Kennedy had been shot, and I said, 'That can't be true. He's not here. He's in Dallas.' And he said, 'Yeah, that's where they got him.'"

Felder's leave was canceled. He was assigned to the team that would guard the president's body until the grave was covered. The guard also included a Navy ensign and South Carolinian, the late Hubert A. Clark of Charleston.

Taking the casket off the plane was chaos, he said, with a dispute whether the guard or the president's aides were in charge. An empty ambulance diverted attention from the press and the crowds as they went to Bethesda Naval Hospital for the autopsy.

"Our worst problem was the press," he said. "We literally threw out two reporters who had managed to get into the hospital. One was wearing a doctor's white coat. Another one stood in a stairwell and took a picture of a stretcher in the hall. It was not the president's stretcher but I saw that picture later in Life or Look."

Three years after Kennedy's death, Felder returned to South Carolina to work with the Voter Education Project, aimed at registering black voters. In 1970, he was one of three blacks elected to the state Legislature — the first since Reconstruction.

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New president's emphasis on technology worries faculty

HOUSTON (AP) — More than a few faculty sat nervously recently as new Rice University President Malcolm Gillis spoke excitedly about what technology will soon do for the library.

After all, at a school whose library ranks low in surveys because it lacks books and the space to house them, Gillis was extolling a future in which electronic access might continue that trend: Users would instead call up works from library collections around the world.

"People sitting near me were looking up and around at that point," said Beth Shapiro, director of Rice's library. "When he added that books will remain an important component of the library, they let out a 'whew.' "

Such is the anxiety that can attend the inaugural speech of a president whose predecessor resigned over a disagreement with the board of governors. The address by Gillis was the first indication of what the new Rice will be like, and most in the audience were taking notice.

The vision is nothing if not ambitious. Seeking to put the 81-year-old private university on the cutting edge of international and technological change, Gillis invoked images of Rice playing a lead role in computer superhighways, geopolitical policy making, the revolution in molecular science, things you might expect with a president who's an international economist and a new governing board member — James A. Baker III, who's a former secretary of state.

The result, by most accounting, could be a significant enhancement of Rice's reputation, a more relevant role in the community and perhaps the confidence to expand its base of financial supporters.

It is also a vision, however, that's causing concern in the humanities, where many faculty are worried that the strides in the past decade may be lost. The speech's absence of references to humanities and its emphasis on the role of scientists and engineers sounded to them like the vision of a technocrat.

Inaugural speeches, of course, can be Rorschach tests: to critics of Rice's often insular ways, Gillis was calling for a 1960s-style relevance; to those in the social sciences, he was promising to do for them what his predecessor, George Rupp, a theologian, did for humanities; and to critics of humanities, Gillis was being pragmatic about a field that's so politicized, many think it's unclear what to do about them.

"I think it can be said without much argument that the speech suggests a disconnection," said David Riesman, a Harvard professor-emeritus of sociology and coauthor of "Choosing A College President."

"The enormity of what he's calling for — reaching out to local schools, the international focus, the specificity of the technological aspects — is certainly a break with the Rice we've come to know."

The Rice most people have come to know is an enclave of scientific and liberal learning catering to smart kids. But the emphasis on liberal arts was only achieved recently and after what many in the humanities consider a fight.

Now they're worried that the new Rice will tilt back toward the sciences and engineering.

Indications appeared to them even before Gillis' speech. The James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, for example, was created and made the university's top priority without any campus debate. Physical expansion of the library, requested for years, ranked behind the Baker Institute and some of the technological efforts as a fund-raising priority at the board's last meeting.

Then, in Gillis' speech, there wasn't the usual talk about the importance of knowledge for knowledge's sake or erudite references or much in the way of initiatives for humanities. Many found the portrait of Rice utopian, the embrace of technology uncritical.

Rice history professor Richard Wolin, lamenting the increasing professionalization and vocationalization of U.S. education, said many would have liked to have heard more about the way Gillis views the goals of humanist study.

"A democratic society needs citizens capable of intelligent deliberation and good judgment as much as it needs experts," said Wolin. "We must, as Gillis suggests, concern ourselves with global trends such as new 'computer superhighways.' But we must be equally concerned with the quality and the content of the messages sent via computer media. Such concerns have been the traditional province of liberal study, which I would hate to see take a back seat to such trends."

In interviews, Gillis is adamant that liberal arts will take no such back seat, and Dean of Humanities Allen Matusow expresses every confidence Gillis will maintain the current balance. They said some initiatives in humanities — for writing and foreign language programs — will be announced soon.

Gillis, who expresses surprise about the concern, also points to the pledge in his speech to create a Latin American studies program emphasizing literature, architecture, art, drama and music. Saying that nothing from humanities has reached him that he hasn't supported, he dismisses much of the concern as the competition for resources that frustrates all faculty.

"All universities that are going to survive must change with the world like this," says Gillis, denying that the word technocrat is a "burr under my saddle. The key is to be at once rooted in Rice's traditions and attuned to the major currents of change in society."

Such a responsive mission could have dramatic ramifications for Rice. Experts said it would introduce Rice to new publics and make it more saleable to a Houston and alumni population whose financial resources the university has never gone to great lengths to tap.

Meantime, Gillis has scheduled meetings to assure professors in humanities he's on their side. Yet even as he warns against reading too much into one speech or paying attention to rumors, Gillis also knows that Rice's long tradition of secrecy will only fuel the tendency.

Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

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Grandson's Homework Should Include Cleaning Up His Room

DEAR ABBY: Our grandson, who is a high school junior, recently moved in with us. It is our responsibility to see that he completes his education and stays straight.

His grandmother and I disagree on whether he should be expected to keep his room neat and orderly.

I say that it is an essential part of character development that he should have learned years ago. His grandmother maintains that there are other things more important.

Please settle this.

GRANDPA

DEAR GRANDPA: Must your grandson either complete his education and stay straight *or* keep his room neat and orderly?

I say he should complete his education, stay straight, *and* keep his room neat and orderly.

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DEAR ABBY: The lady who carried her own tea bags in her purse when she went to a restaurant reminded me of my own situation.

I own a florist shop, and I have had people come in with a cheap potted plant they bought in a grocery store, asking me to please "wrap it pretty" for them, and also please tell them how to take care of it. Can anybody top that?

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DEAR BIRMINGHAM: Yes. Another florist wrote to say that he had sent several floral arrangements to a particular funeral home. Two days later a family member of the deceased drove up to his shop with her backseat filled with flowers, asking if he would take the flowers back to sell again — and would he mind giving her credit for the flowers.

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DEAR ABBY: Several months ago, a friend of mine took what I consider to be a very unflattering picture of me.

When I saw the picture, I tore it up. My friend became very angry and said it was her picture, but I say the picture was of me, and therefore I had every right to destroy it.

Please settle this so we can remain friends.

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DEAR TORN UP: Although it was a picture of you, it belonged to your friend. However, if your friend is truly a friend, she will forgive you.

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DEAR ABBY: I live in a retirement facility — and please don't call it a "nursing home." We are not sick; we're just getting on in years.

Anyway, we love to swap stories, and every now and then I hear one I've never heard before. Here it is:

A middle-aged woman got a position in a large office. About two weeks into the job, she kept staring at a nice-looking unmarried man about her age.

He felt her eyes on him, and finally asked, "Why are you staring at me?"

She replied, "Because you remind me of my fourth husband."

"Your fourth?" he said, somewhat startled. "How many husbands have you had?"

She smiled and replied, "Three."

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Texas red grapefruit proved successful

WESLACO (AP) — There are a lot of red letter days for Texas red grapefruit and Richard Hensz, the scientist credited with developing the Star Ruby and Rio Red grapefruit varieties.

Now preparing to retire as director of the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Citrus Center at Weslaco, he is leaving with international recognition for his work.

In August, Gov. Ann Richards signed a bill passed by the 73rd Legislature naming red grapefruit as the "state fruit of Texas."

"Star Ruby and Rio Red are what people relate to me," Hensz says, adding, "probably the most satisfying to me is keeping this place open," he said, referring to the many funding problems the Citrus Center has survived over the years.

Hensz looks back on the time in 1958 when he came to the then-Texas A&I Citrus Center with "a strong interest in genetics."

He sent grapefruit seed and budwood to the Brookhaven Laboratories in New York for neutron and X-ray exposure. Both were planted and out of the seed treated fom the Houston grapefruit the new Texas grapefruit varieties emerged.

Hensz recalls the grapefruit was "very seedy, but pretty inside and the peel looked good.

"The Hudson became darker through radiation, and we eliminated the seeds in 1959," he said.

"During the 1960s, we began to see the fruit. In the late '60s, we knew we had an exciting new variety, which ultimately became the Star Ruby," Hensz said.

Hensz went to Florida to get his Ph.D. When he returned in the spring of 1963, he took budwood of the Ruby Red, sent it to the Brookhaven Laboratories. Out of that batch came the Rio Red.

Although he considered the Star Ruby as the "Cadillac of citrus," the fruit didn't set consistently on the trees.

But there are places where the Star Ruby still grows with success.

Hensz found one of those places in South Africa last year. He said it was a satisfying experience to see the trees and fruit growing in other countries.

After the 1983 freeze, the Rio Red was released, and most plantings are now of that variety.

Hensz grew up in Indiana. Members of his family were farmers of German extraction who later came to the Rio Grande Valley.

His father was among those early farmers, but he returned to Indiana, where Hensz was born.

After finishing high school, Hensz persuaded his father to go back to Texas. Together they grew citrus and vegetables.

"Everything just clicked," Hensz remembers.

But, after World War II, citrus was overplanted and not bringing the return it had earlier. After the 1949 freeze, Hensz decided to study engineering and attended Texas A&M a year before deciding it was agriculture that he really wanted to study.

Hensz served in the Air Force after graduation, then returned to Texas A&M for his master's degree.

The late P.W. Rohrbaugh recruited Hensz to work with him at the Citrus Center. After Rohrbaugh's death in 1963, Hensz succeeded him as head of the center.

The center had been started by Weslaco and Mid-Valley citizens who saw the need for extensive citrus research.

They formed a foundation and came up with funds, then approached Texas A&I at Kingsville, the nearest university, to request an affiliation.

The center got started with wartime barracks buildings, some still in use. It was remodeled in the 1970s.

On Sept. 1, after a merger of Texas A&I University with Texas A&M, the Citrus Center's name was changed to Texas A&M University-Kingsville Citrus Center.

With research and administrative duties behind him, when retirement arrives, Hensz feels one thing won't change: he will still be extra fond of grapefruit.

"I eat a lot of grapefruit in the field," he said. "I like to cut it open right in the field and eat it, all juicy, right there."

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Woman gives hangout to furry friends — bats

MINERAL WELLS (AP) — Amanda Lollar doesn't have bats in her belfry, but she does have 13 of them in a custom-built, cherry-stained cabinet complete with beveled sides for climbing, cloth "bridges" for bat amputees and a bat-shaped wood latch to secure the doors.

The living-room cabinet looks like any other quality piece one would find in a furniture dealer's apartment, but its contents — her children, as Lollar calls them — set her and the bat cabinet apart.

"Bats are not pets. They are wild animals," she tells her audiences. Lollar has annual rabies vaccinations as a precaution. The bats who reside at 217 N. Oak do so because they cannot fly or survive in the wild.

Like most people, Lollar once thought bats were offensive, but not anymore.

Now, she rises at dawn to roam downtown Mineral Wells daily in search of injured or diseased bats from the town's 30 to 40 colonies, numbering an estimated 50,000 animals. And she supplies healthy bats to zoos nationwide.

She improvises new toys and living quarters for her permanent bats and collects unwanted bats from others' homes. And bats make great book material, she has found.

Lollar's first memoir, "The Bat In My Pocket," appeared in May 1992. The second, tentatively titled "Other Bats I Have Known" is scheduled to hit bookstores next fall. "The Bat In My Pocket" is now in its third printing, with about 9,000 copies sold.

"Amanda almost has the bat field to herself," said Noel Young, Lollar's publisher at California-based Capra Press. "Hers is the first experiential story of a lay person working with bats on a one-to-one basis."

Young said he will try to interest producers of the David Letterman Show in Lollar's batty experiences during a promotional trip to New York in December.

"I think we've just scratched the surface of the market," Young said. "Now we need to expand the scope of her audience."

Yet Lollar never wanted an audience — not through all the military posts growing up as an Army brat, not through high school in Mineral Wells, not through a five-year mariage that started when she was 16 and certainly not through fame as an animal lover who shares her small apartment with three "ravenous" dogs, a "surly" potbellied pig and 13 "spoiled bats."

Then came the summer day in 1988 when Lollar nearly squashed Sunshine, an injured Mexican free-tailed bat she found baking on a Mineral Wells sidewalk.

"Sunshine had lit a needed spark in my life, and now I welcomed the opportunity to actually help change attitudes about bats," Lollar wrote in "The Bat In My Pocket."

That was the beginning of her new life as a bat activist. She can reel off bat facts at a second's notice and relate abstract bat figures to concrete images easily understood by grade schoolers.

Some bat species eat 600 mosquitoes per hour; 1,000 species account for 25 percent of all mammals; fewer than one-half of 1 percent contract rabies, etc. Humans are their largest peril.

"Of every four bats, three die their first year because of actions by people. And here we're lucky because we have more than 20 species in Texas and there are only 30 in the entire United States."

Mineral Wells' resident "Bat Lady" wages her bat-education crusade through thrice-weekly trips to area schools.

On a recent sunny afternoon in Bedford, Lollar and four bats — Vertigo, Denny, Sunshine the Second and Bella — awed 150 kindergarteners through thirdgraders at St. Vincent's Episcopal Church School.

"They come up and look at the bats like they're looking at a car wreck," she said of children and teachers at most schools. "Then when they see how cute they are and actually learn something about them, their whole outlook changes.

"We've been slaughtering one of the best friends we've got as far as the environment is concerned," Lollar said earnestly, leaning on the edge of her seat for emphasis. "My main goal is to have the children grow up with a different perspective than we had."

Bird lovers working together in order to band wild birds

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Birds of a feather flock together, and bird lovers band together — and band birds together.

"We'll probably travel 10,000 miles this year around the state, banding birds," estimated Ross Dawkins, a chemistry professor at Angelo State University.

Dawkins and Delbert Tarter, a retired ASU chemistry professor, have been banding birds since the mid-1970s.

What began as a casual interest grew into a "serious" hobby over the years, Dawkins said.

"Delbert and I got to where we enjoyed doing this so much we started going out all the time," Dawkins said. "We decided that if we were going to do this, we should know as much about it as possible. Now, even though we are amateurs in a sense, we do it enough that we do pretty credible work."

Dawkins, Tarter and Nature Center Volunteer Coordinator Shirley Miller spent most of a recent afternoon erecting one-quarter mile of special bird-trapping nets along the Nature Trail near Lake Nasworthy.

The nets snare birds, which are then quickly tagged with special metal bands and released.

The banding process, which is coordinated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, serves several functions, Dawkins said.

"It helps us find out which birds are here and how long the permanent resident birds live," he explained.

Banding also allows scientists to keep tabs on migrating birds.

Dawkins and Tarter removed bird after bird from the black netting and placed their catches in net bags. Back at Dawkins' truck, the two worked together, clamping metal rings around each bird's leg. Dawkins carefully recorded information such as the bird's species, sex and approximate age in a log book. The information will later be entered into Fish and Wildlife Service computers.

"The most we ever caught in one session was 779 birds," Dawkins said.

"Talk about tired and busy, that was us," Tarter added, grinning.

The pair travel across the state on 70 to 80 bird-banding expeditions a year, they estimated.

Over the years, the two have banded 35,000 individual birds in 215 different species.

"We do this for a lot of different reasons," Dawkins said, stroking a mockingbird before releasing it.

"Sometimes we get scientific publications out of this, and we get to photograph a lot of birds up real close.

"But, frankly, I think the main reason is that it's just a lot of fun."

Places in the News

BURUNDI

A failed military coup that left the nation's president and a third of his cabinet dead has led to a bloody outbreak of tribal warfare in this tiny African nation.

President Melchior Ndadaye, 40, a former banker, was elected in June in Burundi's first free, multiparty election. He was the first non-military president since Burundi's independence from Belgium in 1962.

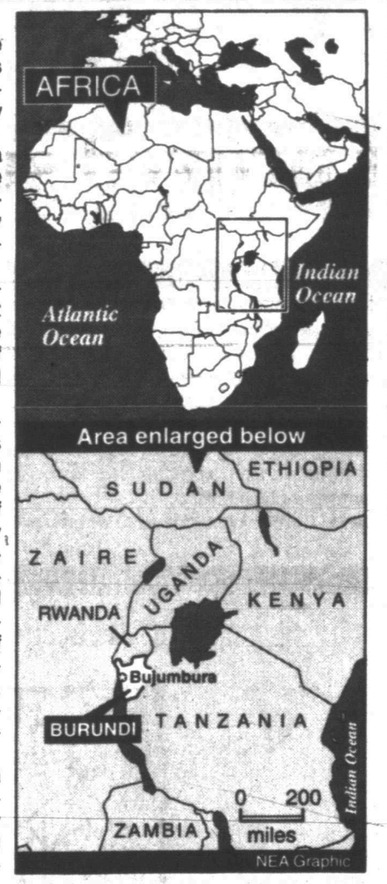
Ndadaye was a member of the majority Hutu tribe, but was its first member ever to lead his country. The minority Tutsi tribe has held most of the political power in Burundi, and most of the military are Tutsi.

The coup was started by a disgruntled faction of the army. In its first hours Ndadaye was killed with six of his cabinet members. But the coup failed when army Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Jean Bikomagu, under heavy pressure from African neighbors, announced his allegiance to the democratically elected government and called on the dissident officers to surrender and accept an offer of amnesty. He said the army would recognize that Ndadaye's political party, Frodebu (Front for Democracy in Burundi) has a right to form a government and to rule.

After some order was restored in the country, it was learned that thousands of Hutus had died when army units comprised of Tutsis attacked Hutu villages. Later, Hutus counterattacked. More than 10,000 are believed to have died in just a few days.

Ethnic violence between Hutus and Tutsis has been among the most savage on the African continent. By most estimates, since the 1950s, more than a quarter of a million have died, both in Burundi and neighboring Rwanda. Rwanda experienced three years of fighting between Tutsi rebels and the Hutu-led government, but the antagonists signed a peace accord in August.

Burundi is one of Africa's poorest and most densely populated countries, with 5 million people in an area about the size of Maryland.



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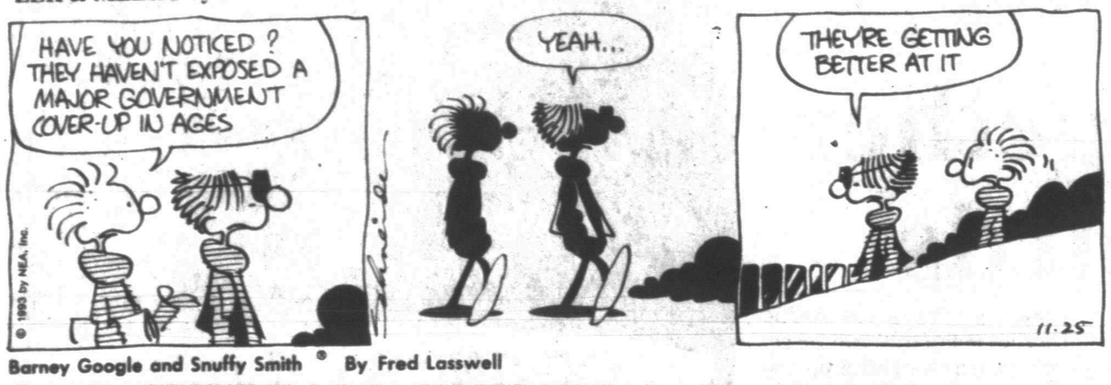

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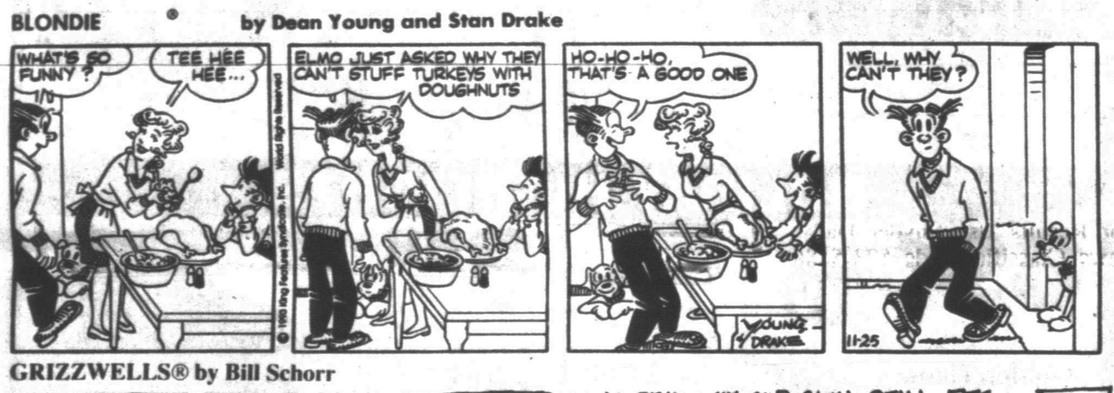

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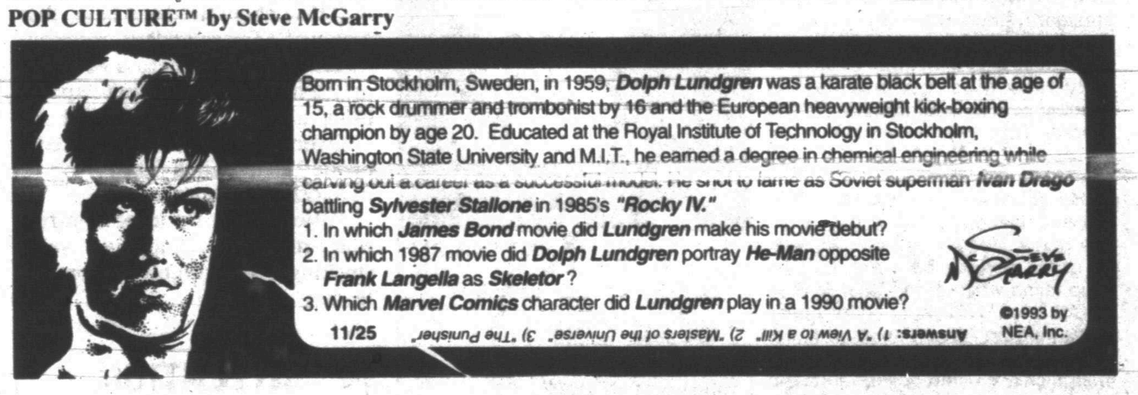

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15 Thin silk fabric
16 Landlord
17 Collection of facts
18 A Gabor
20 Type of savings acct.
21 Bundles of hides
23 Rodent
24 Arabian seaport
25 Prison compartment
27 Colored
29 3, Roman
31 Companion of aah
32 Vehicle
33 Born
34 Actress Merle —
37 Unexpected difficulty
40 Lump of cottage cheese
41 Negative prefix
43 Skewer
45 Ear (pref.)
46 Opp. of NNW
47 In favor of
48 Acid neutralizer
51 Oriental temple
54 Ogled
55 Treated badly
56 Endeavor
57 Strata

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1 Tea type
2 Sarcastic
3 Delaware Indian
4 Breakfast item
5 Shad —
6 Scoff
7 Religious offering
8 Prospector's find
9 Intermediate (pref.)
10 Interior
11 Worshipped
12 Fashion designer Donna —
19 Large tub
22 Cut for serving
24 Greek capital
26 Fibber
28 Words of denial
30 TV police series
34 Vent
35 Agent
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38 Put side by side
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40 — to Newcastle
42 Katmandu is its capital
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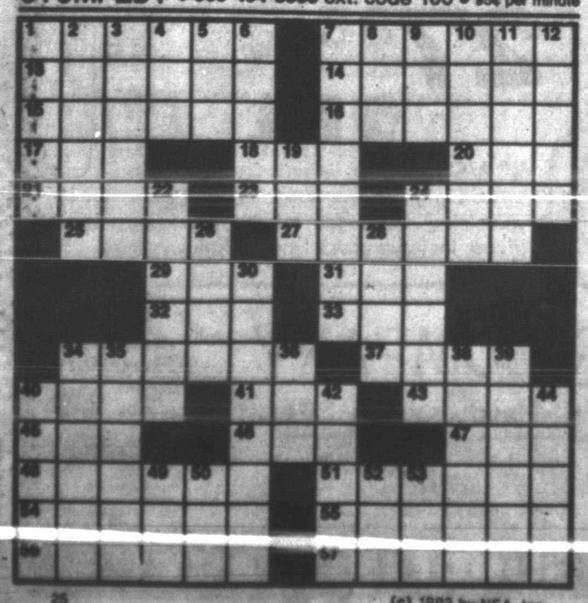

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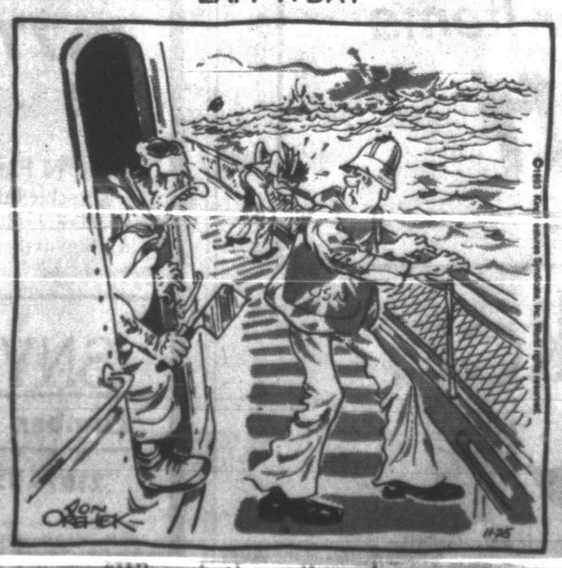

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San Angelo nurse remembers Vietnam War

SAN ANGELO (AP) — In August 1992, more than 20 years after she served a yearlong tour as an Army nurse in a Vietnam evacuation hospital, Ann Lee visited the The Wall at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

It was Lee's first trip to the memorial, which contains the names of U.S. military personnel killed in Vietnam.

"I put it off for a long time," said Lee, director of the Medical-Surgical Division at Shannon Medical Center. "A friend of mine, another Vietnam vet, had never seen it either. I just told him, 'It's time to go. It's time to do it.'"

She spent three hours at the wall and left behind the following poem, a poem she had written beforehand:

Oh, God!! Why can't I remember their names?!?

I stand before these black marble panels

And I know,

Everyone on these panels in front of me died in 1969.

And I know,

I touched so many of them as they died.

And I know,

Each one took a small part of me with them when they died.

And I know,

I tried to protect myself by not learning their names.

And I know,

I can never forget them even though I can't remember their names.

And I know,

That's OK. It is enough to know I was there to care for them and be there for them.

And I know,

That's what being a nurse is all about.

Oh, God!! You know who they are. Tell them that they will always be a part of me and I hold them in my heart of hearts.

"I had this need to put some stuff on paper," Lee said. "I hadn't really dealt with my feelings about Vietnam before. Putting that on paper did more for me than anything."

Lee returned to The Wall recently for the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Another Vietnam nurse, Linda Knightstep, director of Critical Care at Shannon, accompanied her to the dedication.

The week of ceremonies, marches and reunion was an emotional time for the Vietnam veterans, Lee predicted. "Maybe we'll cry now."

"You didn't cry over there. I don't know — maybe we thought we were supposed to be stoic. Or maybe there just wasn't time."

Lee began her Vietnam tour in 1969 as head nurse in an intensive care unit with the 312th Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai. She later served as head nurse in the emergency room in the 91st Evac.

Helicopters brought soldiers directly from the field to the evac hospitals — often around the clock.

"In the emergency room, I estimate we saw 200 to 300 boys a day," she said. "It was just constant most of the time."

She remembers the constant struggle to save lives.

"Sometimes in the pre-op, a holding area where we got them ready for surgery, there was a 24-hour backlog. The docs were operating round-the-clock. The nurses and medics were doing a lot of the local stuff.

"It was nightmarish. Not so much at the time it was happening, but later. When it was happening, we were so busy that we didn't think in those terms."

Some of her memories from that year are very bad.

She remembers a young soldier, unconscious with a bad head injury.

"His tracheotomy eroded a major artery in his neck, and it was pumping blood. There was nothing we could do. We stood there and watched him bleed to death. We stood there totally helpless while he died."

She remembers early one June morning when enemy mortar fire fell on the hospital, ripping through a nearby Quonset hut, killing another nurse.

"I was going with a Marine pilot at the time. He called me later, and I remember yelling, 'They were aiming at us! They meant to do this!' I was really upset. He said, 'Wait a minute! Who do you think you are? When you put on that green uniform, you accept the risks. You're a soldier, this is war, and, yeah, they were aiming at you. That comes with it.'"

She remembers the camaraderie.

"Those were some of the most intense relationships of my life. You made surrogate families. We partied, we played games, we joked. That's what got us through it."

At the end of her yearlong tour, Lee said she remembers feeling guilty. "It was very difficult to leave. I felt like I was letting down the people I was working with.

"I remember that on the way to Vietnam, we partied all the way over on the 23-hour flight from San Francisco.

"But, on the way back, all you were was tired. All I remember about that trip was how tired I was. On the way back, when the plane left the ground and pulled up the wheels, everyone cheered real quickly. Then we were quiet. You either slept or sat there in a stupor. It was so quiet."

Despite the pain that the year in Vietnam caused her, Lee said she would do it again.

"I would go back," she said. "I never felt involved in the political part of Vietnam. I didn't care if it was morally right or wrong. But there were still guys getting hurt, getting killed. You were so attached to the fact that you were there for them that nothing else mattered. We were there for them."

Lee said the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial may help her — and other veterans — find an end to the long journey home from Vietnam.

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Baylor student's mom creates song

WACO (AP) — After singing at wedding receptions for 18 years, Mikki Viereck finally got fed up with not having a song to play for mothers and grooms during their special wedding-day dance.

The bride and groom usually dance to a song they have chosen to describe their love for each other and fathers and their daughters usually dance to "Daddy's Little Girl."

But when it comes time for the mother-son dance, musicians usually have to scramble to decide what they are going to play because there is not a special song for them.

So Viereck, a Massachusetts homemaker who has been performing at weddings with her own band for years, took matters into her own hands. Sitting at her kitchen table, she wrote some lyrics and had her musician friends put them to a catchy tune.

The finished product is a sweet sentimental ballad in waltz time, "A Song for My Son." The chorus describes traditional values that mothers try to instill in their sons and how they want them to carry on throughout their lifetimes.

The chorus is, "Be kind, be sweet, be a gentleman, care and share and always be fair and remember though you have taken a wife you will always be my son, my loving son."

Viereck said the song describes exactly what she would say to her sons, Zach, 16, and Lino, a 21-year-old student at Baylor University, when they get married.

"It doesn't matter how old they (her sons) get or how many kids they have, I will always love them the same way," she said. "I will just have more to love because I will have a new daughter-in-law."

Today, Viereck's business has grown from her kitchen table to an office and warehouse in a friend's Victorian home. She has sold more than 100,000 copies.

She hopes the song will become a standard wedding song across the country. That could happen if the response she has gotten from mothers is any indication.

"Not a day goes by that I don't pick up the phone and share a tear with a mother who says the song has touched her life because she now has a song for her son's wedding," she said.

One of the thousands of letters she has received from fans reads: "I love your song. I heard it and both times I was driving with very large tears. I have a son. He is not getting married yet, but I hope he will someday."

Another mother wrote: "My son is getting married Aug. 15 and we decided to have a mother-son dance. The bride and her dad have a special dance and we wanted one also. Now that I know about the song, I am sure this will make our dance even more special."

What's next? Viereck is working on two new wedding songs. "A Wedding Thank-You," from the bride or groom and "One More Time," a new father and daughter song.

(To purchase a copy of "Song for my Son," send $9 for the compact disc, $7 for the cassette or $6 for the sheet music to: Viereck, Box 827, East Longmeadow, Mass. 01028 or call (800) 44SONGS.)

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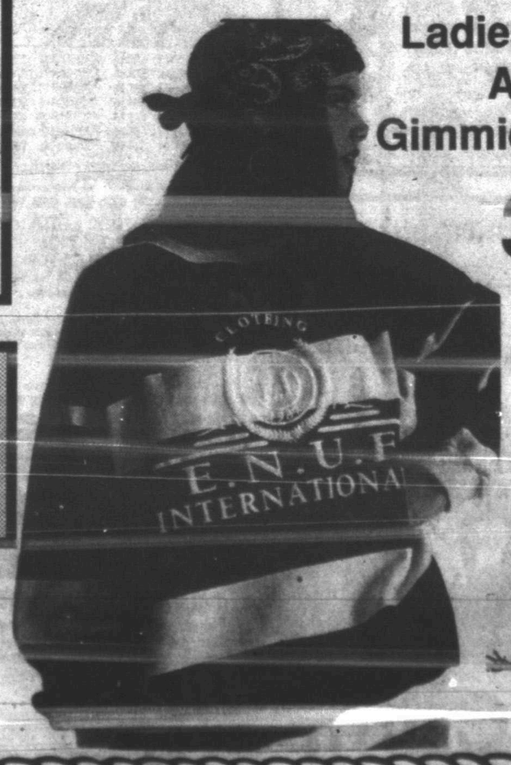

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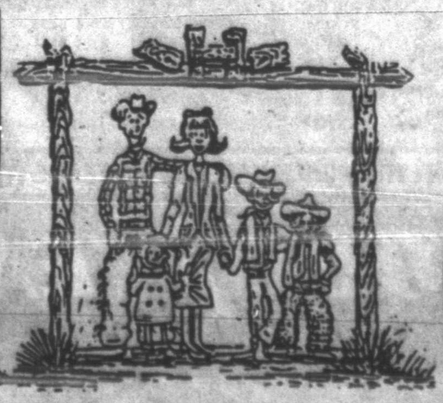

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Panhandle brothers enjoying barbecue fame

DALHART (AP) — All motifs for yet another claim as the world's best barbecue are firmly entrenched.

Two brothers, Dale and Leland Heiskell, assisted by longtime friend Randy Pratt, are the principal characters.

An obscure roadside restaurant called "Texas Brothers Bar B-Q" is the site.

And of course there is a secret family recipe used to season meats and sauces.

Texas Brothers Bar-B-Q has a few other ingredients, however, that makes anyone in an immodest business turn their head and take notice.

The Heiskell brothers have built a stack of notable awards since their debut in competitive cooking over 10 years ago at Cleveland, Ohio. They've earned respect of peers and judges nationwide.

Their most recent achievement was first place at the annual four-day Best in the West Rib Cook-off held at Sparks, Nev., in September. Texas Brothers won a $7,500 prize.

"This is the top dog in barbecue. When you win here, you get the bragging rights for the entire West," said Stephen Ascuaga, special events director for the cookoff.

"I know Dale and Leland very well. It was great seeing them here. They are a couple of colorful guys," Ascuaga added.

The contest attracted some 25 restaurants of which 15 are nationally renowned. Approximately 170,000 people attended the four-day event, Ascuaga added.

When the Heiskells were contacted by telephone shortly after learning they had won top honors, Dale, who lives in Fort Worth, couldn't mask his excitement.

"After five long years, you strike pay dirt. It's like winning the World Series," he said.

Leland, who lives in Dalhart, was a little bit more subdued.

"We can consider ourselves the best cooks in Nevada," he said.

Pratt says the award speaks for itself. It's "the granddaddy of the business," he noted.

Texas Brothers is on a roll. They captured back-to-back first place awards for sauce and ribs at a Lake Tahoe cookoff in 1992. They defended their crowns earlier this year at the same locale with a first place finish in ribs and a second place in sauce.

They garnered grand prize and best-of-show at "The Great Pork BarbeQlossal" held in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1988.

They've steadily climbed the honor track statewide with honorable mention prizes at the Kraft All American BBQ Series in Dallas in 1991 and finished among the top five finalists at Fort Worth's Pioneer Days in 1988 and 1989.

"Cookouts are fun. You get to meet a lot of people. But, it's also a lot of work," Leland Heiskell said.

"It's five-day workout. Outside it was plenty warm" he said about competing in a July cookout at Chicago.

Sharing ideas and working with other people is the way to successful barbecuing, Heiskell said.

"Where it starts is tender loving care. You've got to cook with the top people through the years and share your ideas with them. They share with you. You just don't read it out of a recipe book," Heiskell said.

The Heiskell brothers initially lent their efforts to the Sutphen's Barbecue from Amarillo and Borger in the early 1980s.

They've made the long pilgrimage to Terlingua to compete in the chili cookoff, earning a fourth place in 1984.

Today their cooking business is mostly centered on catering for special group events around the Dalhart area.

They sell their seasonings salt to retailers, but it's a low volume business, Heiskell said.

Neither brother intended to be a chef. Leland is primarily a farmer and Dale works as a financial consultant.

They learned the food business from their parents who operated a cafe business in Dalhart during the 1940s.

As time passed, both brothers noticed they still possessed an overwhelming desire to develop comradeship with other cooks and [illegible] people the best meals they could create.

Study finds slight achievement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite a surge in violence and single-parent families, American teen-agers are doing slightly better in school than their older brothers and sisters did, the Education Department said recently in a statistical profile of the nation's youth.

But progress since the late 1970s has been slow, and many educators are concerned that current levels of achievement are not good enough to keep America competitive, the department said in the study "Youth Indicators 1993: Trends in the Well-Being of American Youth."

The analysis painted a portrait of American youth holding their own in class work while coping with violent crime and the financial and psychological effects of being raised by only one parent.

"As these children grow up, they must deal with the reality of violence, AIDS, drugs, the sheer drag of poverty," Education Secretary Richard Riley said in prepared remarks to students, teachers and administrators at a Washington junior high school.

The report said high school sophomores overwhelmingly believe in the importance of work, family and friends, but only a third say they really feel good about themselves.

On the positive side, the study found that a much higher proportion of students are completing high school than in the 1950s and college attendance is at an all-time high.

However, staying in school longer has stretched out the time before young people join the labor force. "And even when they have full-time jobs, young people's incomes have not kept pace with those of other age groups," the report said.

Although the average American family is more affluent than in the 1950s, the proportion of single-parent households, many of them poverty-stricken, has risen sharply, the study found.

"The proportion of poor children coming from female-headed households has risen dramatically, from 24 percent in 1960 to 59 percent in 1991 for all children, and from 29 percent to 83 percent for black children," the report said.

As far as student performance is concerned, the report said science scores for 9- and 13-year-olds were about the same in 1990 as they were in 1970, but fell for 17-year-olds. Proficiency in math was "significantly higher" in 1990 than it had been in 1978.

The study found no overall improvement in youths' reading skills from 1971 to 1990, but "increases in the scores of black and Hispanic 17-year-olds suggest improvements were made in the education of our less-advantaged students."

Places in the News

SRI LANKA

A wave of political assassinations has pushed the bitterly divided nation of Sri Lanka closer to the brink of chaos.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa was killed by a suicide bomber who rode a bicycle through a May Day parade to within five feet of the president. The assassin detonated the bomb as he was being shot by the president's bodyguards. A week earlier, a powerful opposition leader, who had tried to impeach the president, was shot to death.

No group has claimed responsibility for the killings. But the government immediately accused separatist Tamil rebels who have waged a decade-long struggle to form an independent homeland in the northern part of the island.

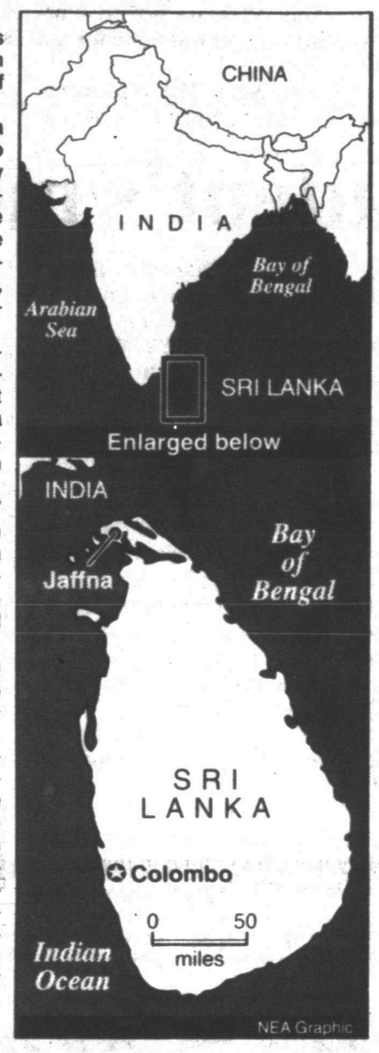
Hindu Tamils make up about 17 percent of Sri Lanka's 17 million people. Tamils claim discrimination by the Buddhist Sinhalese, who account for 75 percent of the population and control the government and military.

Over 20,000 people have died in the civil war since 1983. Fighting has centered mostly around Tamil-dominated areas of the Jaffna peninsula.

The possibility remains that Premadasa was killed by political enemies among opposition Sinhalese whose leaders accused him of corruption and abuse of power. Human rights organizations accuse government security forces under Premadasa of massacres of civilians — Tamil and Sinhalese — summary executions, illegal imprisonments and "disappearances." After an attempt last year to remove him from power, Premadasa suspended parliament, allowing him to rule almost by decree.

Sri Lankans on both sides believed an end to the bloodshed was impossible as long as Premadasa remained in power. But he also was a fervent reformer who sought to make Sri Lanka into an economic power by providing free education to all children and launching a massive jobs program in the rural areas.

With Premadasa gone, the country may have a chance for reconciliation, but Tamil rebels already rejected a call by his successor for negotitations.



About the size of West Virginia, Sri Lanka is an island just off the southeastern tip of India. Known for centuries as Serendip, it was seized by the British in 1796 and named Ceylon. It became independent in 1948 and changed its name to Sri Lanka in 1972. Its capital is Colombo.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Nov. 26, 1993

Be careful in the year ahead not to reject potential opportunities just because they're presented by a person you dislike. Judge the proposal, not the persenter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your pet project might not come out the way you envision it today if you're subjected to interference from outsiders. Make it a point to keep the uninvolved out of the picture. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N. Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Basically you're not a bashful person, but you're usually somewhat reserved. Today, however, you might be tempted to upstage your friends in order to focus attention on yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is one of those days when the last person with whom you'd like to be involved might arrange something special that includes you. You may have a hard time trying to wiggle out from under.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today if you make excuses in front of others, it could hurt your image and make you look weak. Face up to your shortcomings or mistakes instead of trying to pretend they're not your fault.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you borrow something today which the lender treasures, treat it with respect. If you're careless, it could hurt your reputation as well as your purse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) For the sake of convenience today you might enter into an arrangement with a person who seldom see things from your perspective. He/she isn't apt to change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take pride in your work today, even your smallest tasks and assignments. Doing things properly will enhance your feelings self-esteem.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Even though you are innately a sociable person, being with a small, intimate group could provide you with greater pleasure today than getting caught in the crush of a crowd.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's imperative you be optimistic today, but you must also strive to be realistic as well. Expectations founded upon impractical premises could collapse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If someone tells you a tall tale today, don't try to top him/her with a whopper. Your friend might be able to fool others with a story, but you may not have much luck with yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be very cautious and prudent in your commercial affairs today. If you miscalculate in business matters, it could deprive you of your profit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today if you and your mate have a disagreement, it isn't likely to stay small for very long. Situations where you have opposing views could be exaggerated by both parties.

DATE BOOK

Nov. 25, 1993

Today is THANKSGIVING. It is the 329th day of 1993 and the 65th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1973, a presidential order reduced the 70 mph speed limit to 55 mph.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lope de Vega (1562-1635), Spanish dramatist; Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919), industrialist-philanthropist; Carry A. Nation (1846-1911), U.S. temperance advocate; Angelo Roncalli (1881-1963), Pope John XXIII; Virgil Thomson (1896-1989), composer-music critic; Joe DiMaggio (1914-), baseball great, is 79; John Larroquette (1947-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1950, in a football game played during a driving snowstorm, Michigan defeated Ohio State, 9-3 — despite never completing a pass or making a first down.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Come, ye thankful people, come, / Raise the song of harvest-home; / All is safely gathered in, / Ere the winter storms begin." — Henry Alford.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, a tornado cut a swath 25 miles long through parts of the eastern Buenos Aires province of Argentina. SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL • 1993 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Nov. 20) and full moon (Nov. 29).

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What exactly is spondylolisthesis?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Please tell me what you know about spondylolisthesis, its treatment and prognosis. Is it considered a form of arthritis?

DEAR READER: This tongue-twisting term simply means that one vertebral bone has slipped forward over another. Spondylolisthesis is not itself a form of arthritis, but it is often seen as a consequence of this common affliction. The disorder may be due to congenital abnormalities in the back bones.

When a vertebral bone becomes displaced, it can touch or pinch a spinal nerve, usually in the lower back, causing sciatica: pain along the course of the nerve, such as in one buttock and the thigh.

The condition is diagnosed by special X-rays.

Mild to moderate slippage is treated with special exercises, heat, ultrasound therapy, and an elasticized lumbar support. More severe degrees of displacement, which cause more serious pain, may require a back brace or corrective surgery. Prognosis depends upon the degree of displacement. Patients with spondylolisthesis should be under the care of orthopedic specialists.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My niece has hidradenitis, which in her case causes cyst-like things under her arms, under her breasts and between her thighs. She's had some drained at times and has had two removed, yet they are coming back. Her doctor has no answer and doesn't seem to know of any medication for control.

DEAR READER: These deep skin infections can develop when staph bacteria enter the pores and form abscesses in and around the sweat glands. Antibiotics and surgical drainage are often necessary. In severe cases, the infected tissue may have to be removed by a surgeon.

Hidradenitis can sometimes be prevented — or its severity lessened — by the use of anti-bacterial soap, such as Dial. Washing twice a day with this soap may reduce the number of staph germs on the skin, thereby reducing the possibility of infection.

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West Texas piano teacher continues to make music

SAN ANGELO (AP) — At age 9, Mary Carter began teaching her neighborhood friends how to play the piano for 10 cents a lesson. Seventy years later, she is still going strong, giving organ and piano lessons every day.

Carter is probably better known for her unique 22-year local radio broadcast from 1948 to 1970. Sunday through Friday, a radio announcer and engineer came to her house to set up the live musical broadcast from Carter's living room.

Assisted by her daughter, she played three popular pieces and one hymn dedicated to a "shut-in," or someone in the hospital.

"We had picture windows in our home and (my daughter) would sit there and play and look out the window and people would drive up and watch — sit across the street while we were playing on the program and listen to us," she said of the radio program days.

"It was quite interesting. We met so many, many wonderful people."

She said people from all over the area would call and send letters praising the show or requesting a dedication.

"I'm still meeting people that I played for or some of their families."

She is also still selling organs and pianos from her North Chadbourne Street studio to people whose families she used to play for.

Carter, who studied music from the time she was 7 until she went to college, said music is all she has ever known.

"It was always just a love of mine," she said. "It's all I ever wanted to do and it's still all I want to do."

Carter can remember being a small child, long before she got a piano, and sitting on the floor and running her fingers up and down the windowsill — pretending she was playing the piano.

"When I was practicing when I was a little, bitty girl, I thought, 'One day, I'll play on the radio.'

"And sure enough ..."

She said that even though she is 77 years old, she plans to continue playing and teaching the piano and organ for a long time.

"I hope I just keep going on and on and on."

She said she probably has at least 15 students year round and right now their ages range from 6 to 82 years old.

"I'm teaching children's children," she said, laughing.

Carter feels she's had a very successful life and her music has offered her many interesting experiences she might not otherwise have had, such as her radio show.

She's played at parties, anniversaries and, for many years, the Miss Wool Show until it was replaced by Fiesta Del Concho.

Jail program helps inmates battle drugs

FORT WORTH (AP) — They recite their lessons, relate their life stories and hope it will do them some good because, as one offender with 25 arrests put it, "we've had enough of jail."

In a vast, echoing day room on the 13th floor of the Tarrant County Corrections Center, 48 women have enlisted in a quiet experiment in jailhouse drug and alcohol treatment.

With the help of a state grant, their 2-story pod of cells has been transformed into what substance abuse specialists call a therapeutic community: a place where treatment is as much a part of daily life as the locked doors, the jail guards and the refracted daylight filtering in from windows above the adjacent exercise room.

"There are a lot of hard-core drug addicts in here, people who have lost everything," said Tracie Davis, 21, who was arrested last year on an armed robbery charge in Arlington and is awaiting trial.

"It's good to know there are other people who have been through it," she said. "It gives you hope that there are ladies who have gotten out of here are now going to their AA meetings or NA meetings, who are making it."

Lois Hill, 43, who has had 25 theft charges filed against her during the past two decades, tearfully explained that the program has forced her to face her 18-year addiction for the first time.

"I've been to prison," she said bluntly. "There's no rehabilitation in prison."

Tarrant County Sheriff's Department and program officials hope their effort, formally known as the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program, will break the chain of drug or alcohol dependency and reduce recidivism.

"If you look at any statistic in the state, you'll see most crimes are substance abuse-related," said McKinley Knox, director of chemical dependency outpatient programs for Tarrant County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Services.

According to a 1992 study, 46 percent of Texas homicides were found to be alcohol-related, one-quarter of property crimes and 13 percent of violent offenses involve drug use, and 41 percent of state prison inmates and 47 percent of local correction inmates were held for crimes directly related to substance abuse.

Of an estimated $3.1 billion in expenditures for the criminal justice system in Texas, about $1.1 billion is associated with alcohol and drug abuse, the state drug and alcohol commission study found.

Tarrant County's one-year test program, which began in March, is the only one of its kind in the state — a distinction made possible by the unique design of the jail, which groups inmates together with guards in larger housing areas called pods.

Other county jails in the state have various forms of drug treatment, but they do not immerse inmates in a full-time therapeutic community, Knox explained.

Drawing operating money from a grant from the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Tarrant County program takes in one pod of women and two pods of men, 144 prisoners in all.

The jail provides the space. Tarrant County MHMR and Family Service, a nonprofit social service agency, provide the counselors. Rick Barry, an assistant counselor from Tarrant County's probation office, selects the inmates.

Barry, a former policeman, said: "As a cop you cuff 'em and stuff 'em. In this line you have to go in with compassion and work with them."

In both the men's and women's pods, the program seeks volunteers who are expected to be released on probation or, if they have already been sentenced and are awaiting transfer to prison, will be released fairly soon.

Barry said he also tries to pick inmates who will be in the jail for at least 90 days, to give them adequate time in the program. But court dates and prison transfer schedules often conflict.

"Right now I have a waiting list of 75 men," Barry said. "That's at least a two-month waiting list."

Once in the program, the inmates receive individual counseling, education aimed at helping them stay drug- or alcohol-free and group counseling in which participants are encouraged to confront each other's problems.

"They form the basis of their program and they run it," Barry explained.

Tarrant County MHMR counselor Janell Felton, who oversees the women's pod, said her group members work on building self-esteem and identifying what has happened during their lives.

"We end up talking a lot about sexual abuse, physical abuse, mental abuse, in addition to drug addiction," she said. "The people have a number of problems."

Inmate Nancy Hardy, 43, had her 10-year probation for two drug dealing charges revoked in March.

"A lot of the growth I've had comes from sharing with other people," said Hardy, who was in jail awaiting transfer to prison. "Just to be able to talk about this is an accomplishment."

Hardy, a well-spoken mother of three children, said drug use for her amounted to little more than smoking marijuana in the '60s and experimenting with cocaine later.

"I was manic and not on medication, so when I started going through a divorce, I lost touch with everything," she said, sitting off from the center of the pod, where the rest of the women gathered at tables littered with playing cards and bags of rolling tobacco.

Hardy said she fell in with other drug abusers and started in on nearly eight years of drug abuse punctuated with five felony arrests and three convictions: two for delivery of controlled substances in 1988 and one for possession of a forged check in 1989.

"When I was out on probation I tried to clean up, but I went back to the same old places and lived with a guy who sold," she said. "We lived in pawnshops; I didn't have anything left."

Tarrant County MHMR counselor Micky LaHue said that perhaps one in 10 of those like Hardy, with well-established drug dependencies, will come out of treatment the first time and never use drugs again.

"Another 3 or 4 will relapse but get back into treatment," he said. "The 'industry average,' if you will, is that we're going to lose about 50 percent of them back to drugs."

Like other officials, LaHue said that even a slim success rate will pay for the program and save money in the long run, considering the cost of keeping inmates locked up.

Officials with the jail program say that as it is running now, it may be extending the already long odds.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Cable rates vary in Texas homes

Rates for basic cable television service vary across the state. A survey of cable companies selected in 11 cities shows subscribers pay $1.57 per channel in Fort Davis and 49-cents per channel in Del Rio.

Basic service from selected cable company

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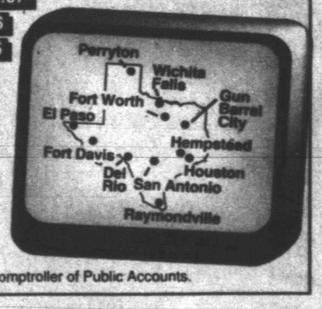
Perryton	10.25	14	$.73
Raymondville	10.41	15	$.69
Houston	22.58	33	$.68
San Antonio	21.58	35	$.62
El Paso	8.78	16	$.55
Wichita Falls	11.34	21	$.54
Del Rio	18.14	37	$.49



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