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By 6-0 vote...

Men's basketball program deflated at WTC

By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Managing Editor

It's official. The long, successful run of men's collegiate basketball in Snyder has come to an end.

The program which claimed two national titles and boasted such heralded coaches as Nolan Richardson and famed players as Paul Pressey, was shelved by Western Texas College trustees in a 6-0 vote Monday night.

Discipline problems and a lack of fan support hurt the program, but in the end it came down to funding.

"I've been as strong a supporter as anyone who has ever been on the board," said R.C. Patton, who has been a trustee since the college first opened. "And I think we've gotten value out of our basketball program that you couldn't have gotten for a million dollars...but the truth is, we just can't afford it anymore."

The fate of men's basketball had been on hold since last July, when coach Kelly Green announced he was leaving the program. In a 4-3 vote at that time, trustees elected not to fund a team for 1992-93. A majority of trustees said a coach hired that late in the year would not be able to field a competitive squad.

On Monday, the final decision was made. WTC will not have men's basketball for the foreseeable future.

"I'd like to have it. And I'd be glad to see it reinstated at a future time if the economic situation improves," said Patton.

Bill Wilson Jr. made the motion not to approve men's basketball — or to begin a men's baseball program — which was seconded by John Fagin. Adding "yea" votes were Jay Kidd, Carl Williams, John Gayle and Patton. Carolyn Barbee abstained.

Following the meeting, Mrs. Barbee said she abstained because she wanted to take basketball and baseball as separate agenda items.

In fact, several trustees indicated they are in favor of bringing a men's baseball program to WTC at a later date. However, they said it is impractical to do so next year, which will be a non-funding year from the state.

Prior to making their decision, board members heard from sev-

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Ask Us

Q—Are there any plans to widen 37th Street east of College Avenue to a four-lane road?

A—Yes. The project is included in the city's long-term plans, and is on file with the Texas Highway Department. A definite date for the project has not been set, however.

In Brief

McDuff trial

HOUSTON (AP) — Former death row inmate Kenneth Allen McDuff, charged with capital murder in the death of a convenience store clerk, says he has become a scapegoat for other crimes committed in Texas.

McDuff, 46, pleaded innocent Monday to charges of kidnapping, robbing and killing Waco convenience store clerk Melissa Northrup, 22. The case was moved to Houston because of extensive publicity.

A panel of 50 potential jurors will begin to be questioned individually today as attorneys try to seat a jury for McDuff's trial. Potential jurors were addressed en masse Monday.

Local

East Council

East Elementary Parent Council will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school auditorium.

SNS board

Snyder Neighbors Sharing board of directors will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at Sam Robertson Insurance, 1926 26th St.

Financial aid

A financial aid workshop will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Ira school cafeteria. Juniors, seniors and parents are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will be conducted by Dennis Carlton of Western Texas College.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 38 degrees; low, 26 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 32 degrees; .10 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1993, .44 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Low in the upper 20s. Northeast wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. High around 40. East wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:01. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:43. Of 11 days in 1993, the sun has shone 9 days in Snyder.

Local banks report...

Deposits stable at close of 1992

Deposits in Scurry County financial institutions showed stability at the close of 1992. The total deposits at the three reporting institutions totaled $200.7 million, a slight increase of $100,000 compared to the previous year.

Deposits as of Dec. 31, 1992 were reported by Snyder National Bank, West Texas State Bank and Snyder Savings and Loan Association. American State Bank and AmWest Savings have branch banks in Snyder but do not report individual branch numbers.

Snyder National Bank, with year-end totals of $87.7 million, had an increase of $5.1 million when compared to the end of 1991. When compared to the close of third quarter of last year, SNB's year-end deposit total increased by $1.7 million.

West Texas State Bank reported 1992 year-end deposits of $79.6 million, a decrease of $4.8 million when compared to the close of 1991 when deposits were $84.4 million. When compared to the third quarter totals of 1991, WTSB's deposit totals were up by $3.1 million.

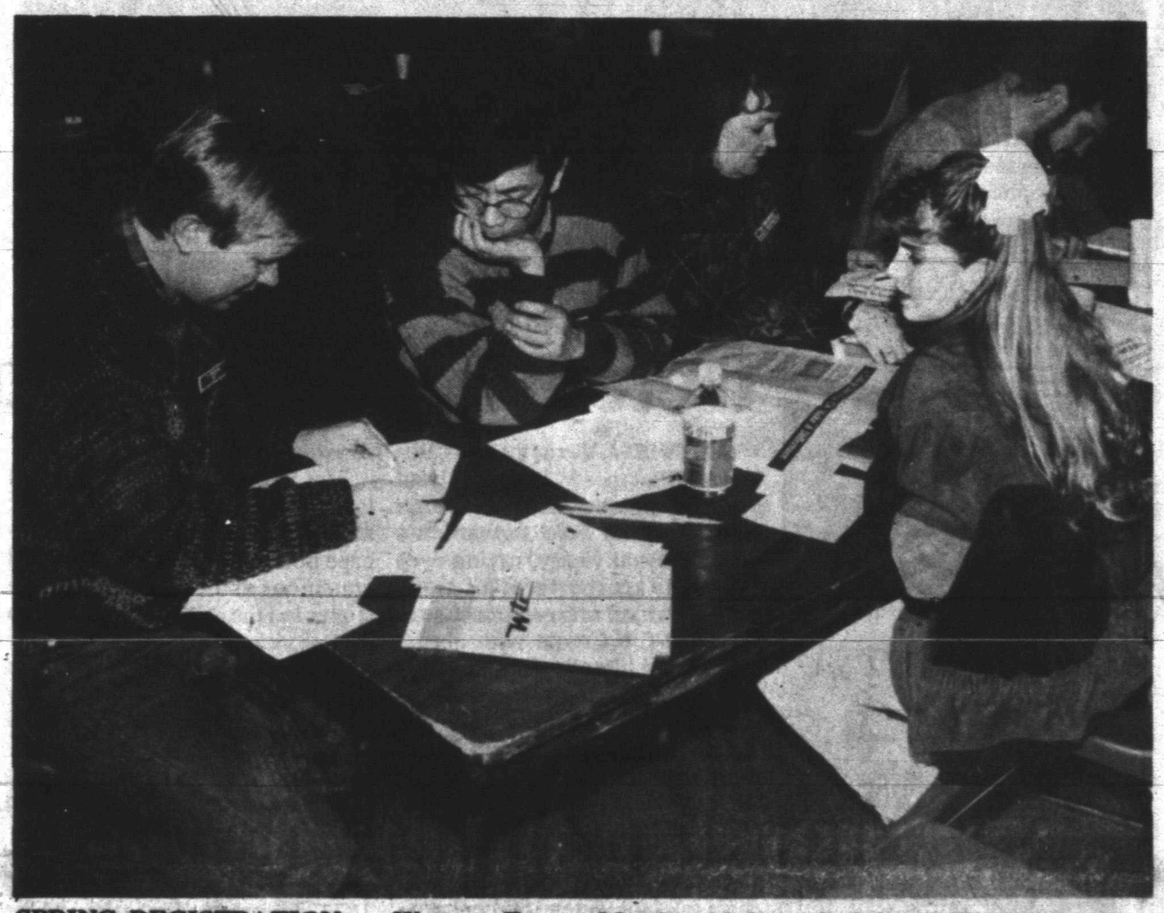
Deposits at Snyder Savings were $33.4 million, a decrease of $200,000 when compared to the end of 1991, and down $400,000 when evaluated against the third quarter of 1992.

Total loans at the three financial firms totaled $82.7 million, a decline in total loans of $1.8 million when compared to the $84.5 million loan figure posted at the close of 1991.

West Texas State Bank had 1992 year-end loans of $38.1 million, an increase of $200,000 when compared to the third quarter of the year, and a drop of $1.9 million evaluated against the close of 1991.

Total loans at Snyder National were $30.5 million, a decrease of $700,000 since the third quarter of 1992 and a decline of $500,000 compared to Dec. 31, 1991.

Loans at Snyder Savings were $14.1 million at the end of 1992 compared to $14.4 million going into the year's last quarter, a drop of $300,000. When compared to the same time in 1991, SS&L's total loans were down by $400,000.



SPRING REGISTRATION — Western Texas College sophomore Theresa Martin signed up for classes Monday afternoon as registration for the spring semester began. Pictured assisting Martin with her schedule are WTC instructors Ty Brunson and Ben Sum. Also pictured are Jan McCathern and Michael Endy. Classes are to begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Prison resolution approved by members of WTC board

Western Texas College trustees approved a resolution supporting a privately operated prison here on Monday but denied a request for additional funding for Scurry County Museum.

The board also heard a report on college enrollment at the Price Daniel and French Robertson prison units and voted against reinstating men's basketball or beginning a men's baseball program.

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Trustees unanimously approved a resolution in support of a privately owned and operated 500-bed prison facility. In doing so, the board joined a number of local boards and entities.

Snyder has formed a partnership with Corrections Corporation of America to submit a proposal to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the unit, which would be located just northwest of the Price Daniel Unit.

A public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus.

In other action Monday, trustees denied a request for $1,124.55 for Scurry County Museum. The request was in response to trustees' action last month, in which they approved a 3 percent salary increase for all WTC employees — part of which was state funded.

On Monday, the request was made to include three museum employees in the raise package.

However, trustees pointed out that in the college's agreement with the museum, raise requests are to be made to Scurry County Commissioners Court, and not the WTC board.

"The way I read it, it looks like we'd be in violation of the bylaws," if the request for a salary increase were approved, said Trustee Jay Kidd.

Trustee Carolyn Barbee, the board's liason to the museum board, said the request was not technically for a raise, but for an increase in allocation to the museum. The museum board could then use the funds for salaries if it wanted.

However, trustees cited confusion over the bylaws and a lack of funds — pointing out that since the request was for a raise, it would be an annual expense, and not a one-time expense. They pointed out that the annual expense would actually be more than $1,124.55, since that covers only nine months.

Approval of the financial report and past minutes were the only other action items addressed by the board.

Trustees were given preliminary enrollment reports from the Daniel and Robertson prison units by Mike Thornton, dean of continuing education. Thornton said there are 22 classes, and to date 278 students have enrolled. This includes 181 students, or about 30 percent of the population at the Daniel Unit alone.

Total net income for the spring semester from the offerings at the two units is $49,901.40.

Thornton pointed out that the enrollment figures are preliminary. The final day to register is Jan. 20.

The board also reviewed an attorney general's opinion stating that local businesses cannot receive bids simply because of their location in the district or the amount of taxes they pay.

During discussion, Trustee John Fagin said that he and Leeon

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Public hearing set 6 p.m. Wednesday

Scurry County citizens interested in commenting on a proposal to locate a 500-bed privately owned and operated prison near Snyder are encouraged to take part in a public hearing Wednesday.

The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. in the Western Texas College Fine Arts Theatre. It is a legal requirement for communities planning to submit a proposal to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for one of four private prisons planned by the state.

TDCJ's request for proposals calls for plans to design, finance, construct and operate the pre-release centers. The state would pay the private firm a set amount per day, per inmate.

The facility would employ from 150 to 170 people, with an annual payroll of approximately $3 million.

Snyder has formed a partnership with Corrections Corporation of America to submit a proposal for location of the facility on a 40-acre tract just northwest of the Price Daniel Unit.

CCA is headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., and already operates two pre-release centers for the TDCJ in Venus and Cleveland.

District Attorney Ernie Armstrong will be moderator of the public meeting. Valerie Van Eaton, director of development and resources for CCA, will be present to answer questions concerning CCA and the proposed facility.

Anyone wishing to speak is required to register and indicate their desire to speak, in advance. All persons attending the public hearing are required to register and to indicate their support or opposition to the project.

Son charged in shooting of local man

RUIDOSO, N.M. — A former Snyder resident has been charged with voluntary manslaughter in connection with the Sunday shooting death of his father, Walter Marshall Suttle, a resident of Snyder.

Walter Tony Suttle, 43, was released on $50,000 bond Monday after being arraigned on third degree felony charges in the Sunday evening shooting of his 66-year-old father. The incident occurred at the elder Suttle's home in Ruidoso.

Police found the victim, who had been shot in the head with a .38-caliber pistol, after responding to an 8:33 p.m. call. According to Ruidoso law enforcement officials, the shooting occurred following a domestic dispute. The son was said to have been employed in security at Ruidoso Downs.

Services for Suttle will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He was born Oct. 4, 1926, in Electra. He was retired from Chevron and was a Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Success is measured by the ability to complete something."

1992 was a great year...for words.

According to a publication, "American Speech," some of the new words and word forms from last year are presented by the American Dialect Society.

--There have been 70 variations of "mother of all," to include mother of all victory parades, mother of all bagels and mother of all mothers.

--Most successful word of the year: in your face, meaning defiant.

--Word Most likely to Succeed: rollerblading.

--Most original: pharming (growing stuff to produce human proteins for pharmaceautical use).

--Most outrageous: granny dumping.

--Most amazing: Velcroid. A velcroid is someone who sticks closely to a political candidate in hopes of turning up next to him in a newspaper photo or on the TV news.

Madonna's book, which incidently is not available in the Scurry County Library, lends new meaning to the term "filthy rich."

A poll reveals that most men don't really think Madonna is all that great looking. Rather, being outrageous is her appeal.

We recently saw a cartoon that showed a man in the alley calling to a passerby. "Psst! Hey Buddy! You wanna see some photos of Madonna fully clothed?"

Speaking of words, Advertising Age has asked readers to predict New York City's next slogan. Here are a few of the responses:

--If you can make it here, you can't necessarily make it out of here.

--The city that never sweeps.

--We'll steal your heart, for starters.

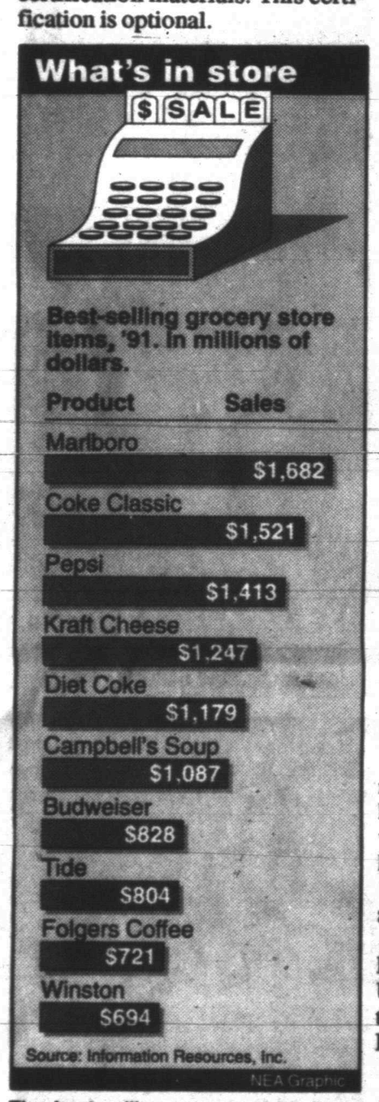
Scuba diving will begin January 19

A scuba diving class will be offered at Western Texas College beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19. The class will be taught from 6-9 p.m.

Registration for this class began Monday and will continue through this week. Registration begins at the admissions office and then advances to the office in the HPE building. The cost of the class will be $63 for in-district students and $66 for out-of-district. This fee includes a $24 lab fee.

The class includes the use of a tank, BCD, regulator and weight belt. The students must provide mask, fins, and snorkel but these can be rented from the instructor if the student does not wish to buy his/her own. Each student will be required to buy a manual and recreational dive planner. These will be available on the first night of class.

To receive P.A.D.I. certification, a student must attend a checkout dive at an area lake. The cost of this trip is $75 which includes rental of equipment and certification materials. This certification is optional.



The best-selling grocery-store item in 1991 was not a food product, but Marlboro cigarettes, which accounted for over $1.5 billion.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Alaska statehood bill in 1958.

Happy 29 th Birthday Gwen Thompson

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow In an Over-Groomed America

DEAR ABBY: The letter about nose and ear hair really got me. You Americans are crazy. You don't seem to realize that nature gave us hair to protect us.

Since when did hair become offensive? Women started to shave their legs when short skirts and silk stockings came into vogue. Then they started to shave their armpits when sleeveless dresses got popular.

Years ago, French models would model sleeveless evening gowns and let the hair under their arms alone. Nobody was offended. Here in the States it was a different story. All the models had to shave. I think the Gillette people must have started it. Today, Americans are razor happy. One music star even shaves her entire head!

Men see hair as a sign of masculinity and virility. Women are shaving and men are wearing hairpieces! It makes no sense at all, Abby.

I read in your column that some guys are embarrassed to go to the beach in swim trunks because they have hair on their backs! Hair on their chests is OK, but hair on their backs makes them feel like gorillas.

Now I learned (in your column) that a woman is totally turned off by a man who has hair in his nose and ears.

I'll bet you are going to get a lot of mail on that one, Abby.

ALL MAN IN AURORA, COLO.

DEAR ALL MAN: I certainly did. And it's still coming. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter signed "A Good Friend," who had a male friend she thought the world of, but the excess hair in his ears and nose turned her off.

When I was in high school, the fellow I was going with had a lot of nose hair. He was sweet and fun to be with, but this small problem repelled me. My mother told me if I really liked him, I would tell him; otherwise, as trivial as it seemed, it would come between us. Unfortunately, I was too shy to mention it.

Well, one day my mother told him for me. Abby, I thought I would die of embarrassment when she told me what she had done, but the next time I saw him, he had taken care of the problem, and it made a world of difference to me. (I ended up thanking my mother.)

Men, listen up! It might seem like a trivial matter, but you would be amazed how disgusting nose hair is to some women. Get rid of it!

HELGA IN LUBBOCK, TEXAS

DEAR HELGA: A word of caution to those who would heed your suggestion: Do not pluck nose hairs. To do so could cause an infection. There are nose-hair clippers and special scissors that can be purchased at the drugstore. And most barbers perform this necessary grooming function routinely.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from the girl who was totally turned off by a male friend because he had excessive nose and ear hair took me back about half a century. I was attending a women's college back East and started dating an Ivy League man. He was a brilliant young man, and he was crazy about me, but I couldn't get serious about him because he had coarse black hair in his ears and nose, which totally turned me off. I fixed him up with a girl from my dorm, and they eventually married.

Guess where the fellow with the ear and nose hair ended up? On the bench of the U.S. Supreme Court!

Please, no names, initials or city on this one, Abby.

A FAITHFUL READER

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DEAR ABBY: Please settle an argument for us. Do you think it's proper for a woman to give a male co-worker a shirt for a gift? I may be old-fashioned, but if my husband needs a shirt, I will buy him one.

PEEVED IN CARROLLTON, TEXAS

DEAR PEEVED: I see nothing improper about it. Don't be peeved — the giver wanted to give her co-worker something useful. Now, had she given him a pair of boxer shorts with lipstick prints (I have seen them in ads), you could have something to be peeved about. But a shirt is dignified, useful and not inexpensive.

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

Detention difficult for some nationalities

BAYVIEW, Texas (AP) — Belosier Bellot mostly keeps his head turned away when he talks, though when he does face forward it's only to reveal weary, roving eyes seemingly on the verge of tears.

The Haitian refugee punctuates his rapid-fire Creole with abrupt dismissive hand gestures, as though he's t ying to wave away his burdens, the stress he's felt since arriving at the South Texas detention center in late November.

"I want to go to Miami," Bellot said through an interpreter. "I don't eat well here. I don't sleep well here. I don't feel well here. I can't take the detention here anymore. I'm going crazy."

Bellot, who at times has seemed ready to curl himself into a ball in his seat, begins to cry, awkwardly wiping away tears with the lower hem of his institution-issue jacket.

The interpreter reaches out with a consoling hand.

Bellot is one of more than 100 Haitian refugees being held at the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service detention camp at Bayview, about 25 miles north of Brownsville.

The group Bellot came with landed in Florida last November after fleeing Haiti by boat to escape political unrest. But crowded conditions at the Miami detention center led the INS to transfer them to Bayview.

A Haitian influx some believe will follow President-elect Clinton's inauguration later this month could mean Bayview will be facing more. The INS Miami center is at capacity, said INS spokesman Duke Austin in Washington.

"We are all pretty much in our minds prepared for that," said INS District Director Mike Trominski.

He said the detention camp is not making special preparations. But he noted the 315-acre facility has an "exceptional ability to expand" to house more than its current ceiling of nearly 670 detainees, the largest agency owned and operated camp.

The Haitian situation hasn't required such measures so far and it may not.

But even a small group can present problems.

Naissance Bellot, one of only three Haitian refugees who speaks English, said many of his fellow countrymen are unhappy they are so far from Florida, where many have family and where there are groups geared toward helping Haitians.

He complained he's been unable to see an attorney, is often confused because the forms he needs to fill out are only in English, and hasn't been able to reach family members in Miami.

"The phone calls don't really solve the problems," added Belosier Bellot, who is not related to Naissance Bellot.

They say they haven't been informed of their situations and that the INS has been unresponsive to requests for answers.

Naissance Bellot doesn't even know what to make of INS officers.

"Without being able to see people or talk to them, I'm not sure what their feelings are," he said.

Yet INS officials emphasized the Haitians, like all detainees, were briefed about their situations when they arrived. They were provided lists of free and low-cost legal services within the area. An interpreter is present at the camp and others can be reached by phone.

Detainees can also make collect calls on any of the phones readily available throughout the camp.

"Not only do I have a legal responsibility," said Trominski, "but I also feel a moral responsibility to try to assist these people get together with people who can represent them."

Though he acknowledged a problem that immigration attorneys have been complaining about for months: lawyers and legal groups in the area are primarily geared toward representing Central Americans and Mexicans.

Logistically, the Haitians and the large groups of Chinese aliens who have been brought to Bayview in recent months have meant trouble.

"At a certain points, I think we've already reached a point where we're at the limits of our ability to help the people," said Pat Malone, staff attorney for Proyecto Libertad, a not-for-profit group that handles refugee cases.

Better cooperation sought

AUSTIN (AP) — The state has called for better cooperation from federal officials in helping clean up pollution at military bases that are being closed.

Too often the federal government has taken "the decide, announce, defend approach," state Assistant Attorney General Sam Goodhope said Monday.

"The federal entity would decide what they would do, they would announce it to the public, then they would defend their decisions," he said.

But Goodhope said the federal government is getting better at communicating with the public and seeking assistance from local citizens.

Goodhope delivered the comments on behalf of Attorney General Dan Morales at the opening of a three-day conference on repairing environmental damage at the bases.

The conference is sponsored by the state, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Defense Department.

Allyn Davis of the EPA's regional headquarters in Dallas also emphasized cooperation in cleaning up seven military bases in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico that have either recently closed or are about to be closed.

The seven bases all have pollution problems, most of them suffering groundwater pollution due to fuel and chemical leaks, he said.

The bases are Chase Field Naval Air Station in Beeville; Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth; Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin; Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Ark.; Fort Wingate in Gallup, N.M.; England Air Force Base in Alexandria, La.; and the New Orleans Military Ocean Terminal.

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AFL-CIO endorse Krueger

HOUSTON (AP) — Railroad Commissioner Bob Krueger, the interim replacement for U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, has won the endorsement of the Texas AFL-CIO's executive board.

The board voted Monday to endorse Krueger in his quest to be elected to the post in the upcoming special election, but it fell short of giving him its unanimous support.

Krueger and potential rival Jim Mattox spoke to the group before Monday's vote seeking support from the labor group.

Mattox has not formally announced his candidacy, but he said he intends to do so. Several Republicans also are vying for the Senate seat left vacant when President-elect Clinton picked Lloyd Bentsen to be his treasury secretary.

The board's 42-16 vote means the group can use funds to campaign for Krueger among its membership, estimated at 250,000, said Texas AFL-CIO President Joe Gunn. Mattox needed to win at least 20 votes to block the endorsement, Gunn said.

"This gives me the authority to spend as much as I can find (to campaign)," Gunn said, adding he did not know how much money would be used.

When asked if Krueger was his first choice, Gunn said: "The people voted their choice."

"I think he will be good for Texas," Gunn added.

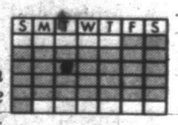
Last Tuesday, Gov. Ann Richards chose the former congressman to serve as interim replacement for Bentsen.

Krueger, who has pledged to fight hard to hang onto the seat in the upcoming special election, said the AFL-CIO endorsement was "a very important one."

"This ... is a tremendously strong endorsement from the working people of this state," he said. "I'm deeply honored to have the endorsement of this group and it's going to be a great, great help to this campaign."

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Jan. 12, 1993



Today is the 12th day of 1993 and the 23rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1971, producer Norman Lear's sitcom, "All in the Family," premiered.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Winthrop (1588-1649), American colonial leader; Edmund Burke (1729-1797), political writer-statesman; John Hancock (1737-1793), American Revolutionary leader-patriot; John Singer Sargent (1856-1925), portrait painter; Jack London (1876-1916), novelist-essayist; Tex Ritter (1907-1974), singer-songwriter; Glenn Yarborough (1930-), musician, is 63; Kirstie Alley (1955-), actress, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1930, the Boston Bruins won their 14th consecutive game, a streak that dated back to Dec. 3, 1929.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — Edmund Burke

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1852, 4 inches of snow fell at New Orleans barracks in Louisiana and remained until the 15th; 4 inches also accumulated through the 13th at Fort Barrancas (Pensacola, Fla.).
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TODAY'S MOON: Between full moon (Jan. 8) and last quarter (Jan. 14).

TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET
When the review says the book is "impossible to put down," that means it was printed with ink that sticks to your hands.

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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Jan. 12, 1993

Improvements in both your social and commercial life are indicated for the year ahead. Each will resonate off of one another in beneficial ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's a chance you will be exposed to some type of enlightening information today and you'll know how to use it to your advantage. The secret to your success lies in acting while you are inspired. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are in a fortunate cycle for generating additional earnings or income from a second source. For best results, however, don't talk about your intentions prematurely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're likely to be luckier today in partnership arrangements than you will be when acting independently of others. Ally yourself with people who share mutual interests.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something beneficial might develop today that could produce a big, unexpected plus for you in an area pertaining to your work or career. Be watchful for opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An endeavor that you're involved in can be better for everyone concerned if you reorganize it a bit more tightly at this time. Haul in the slack.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your greatest successes today are likely to be in areas that relate to your business and financial affairs. You could do well in both at the same time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Decisions you make today could have far-reaching, favorable effects if they're handled properly. Weigh and balance each judgment with great care.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Conditions in general look favorable for you today in situations where personal accumulation is involved, particularly if you are performing in a unique type of work or service.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to advance your personal interests today, bold measures could be required, as well as some degree of risk taking. You are not likely to use poor judgment in either instance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your greatest asset today is your ability to finalize to your satisfaction several situations that have been left dangling. Don't settle for less than you expect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might have an opportunity to spend time with someone you don't get to see very often. This get-together could be both pleasurable and profitable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you have strong, material motivations today, it could enhance your probabilities for achieving your objectives. All you need is something tangible for a target.

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BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED — Amy Dillard, bride-elect of Jay Lewis, was honored with a gift shower in the home of Anne von Roeder Saturday afternoon by several hostesses. The couple has planned a Jan. 17, 2 p.m. marriage ceremony in the home of the honoree's grandparents, Hoyt and Marie Dillard. From left are Julia Lewis, the prospective groom's stepmother; Martha Dillard, the bride-elect's mother; the honoree; and Glenda Botts, the future groom's mother. (SDN Staff Photo)

Recipe Box

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
For AP Special Features

Cheesy vegetable casseroles turn a plain meal into a special occasion, but cooked conventionally, they take a while to bake. With your microwave oven, you can cook the same casserole in about 5 minutes, one-fifth the time it takes to bake in your regular oven.

Microwave cooking also lets you precook the vegetables and bake the casserole in the same dish, saving time on clean up.

BROCCOLI-CHEESE CASSEROLE

10-ounce package frozen chopped broccoli
2 eggs
1 cup dry cottage cheese
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
1/8 teaspoon pepper
4-ounce package (1 cup) shredded Cheddar cheese

Place frozen broccoli in a 1-quart microwave-safe casserole. Cook, covered, on 100 percent power (high) for 4 to 5 minutes or until broccoli is crisp-tender. Drain well.

Meanwhile, in a medium mixing bowl beat eggs slightly; stir in cottage cheese, flour, thyme and pepper. Stir in Cheddar cheese. Stir cheese mixture into broccoli in casserole. Cook, uncovered, on high for 4 to 6 minutes or until cheese mixture is set near center. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 209 cal., 12 g fat, 139 mg chol., 19 g pro., 7 g carbo., 3 g fiber, 229 mg sodium. RDA: 33 percent calcium, 34 percent vit. A, 47 percent vit. C, 27 percent riboflavin.

Mini rice cakes

CHICAGO (AP) — Quaker has introduced fat-free Mini Rice Cakes in caramel corn and apple cinnamon flavors. A five-cake serving of minirice cakes contains 50 calories, no fat and no cholesterol.

Caramel Corn Mini Rice Cakes and Apple Cinnamon Mini Rice Cakes are available nationwide in a 4-ounce bag (suggested retail price: $1.75).



SQUIRES SPEAKS TO CLUB — Mike Squires, range conservationist for the Snyder area, was the speaker at Snyder Garden Club's Thursday meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. He presented a program on birds and reminded sixteen club members that the wind break tree orders should be in by Feb. 5. Forms were available for those planning to plant trees. He was introduced by Mary Ann Key, left, SGC program chairman. (SDN Staff Photo)

Consumers, convenience for family life

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Home entertaining and home delivery from grocery stores will be popular in 1993, says Cooking Light magazine, as consumers commit more time to family life.

In an effort to balance a hectic work schedule with family ties, busy consumers will return to convenience products, savory one-dish meals and healthy restaurant takeout, the magazine says.

Cooking Light says consumers will lean toward old staples like steak, milk and fresh fruit and vegetables. Some of the last decade's trends will make an exit — including raw seafood, taco salads, oversized muffins, and breaded and fried foods.

Products geared toward simple instructions will be in demand as children become savvy about food buying, preparation and nutrition, the magazine says.

Cooking Light offers this menu for 1993: fresh spinach salad; Tibetan and Thai foods; fresh fruit and vegetables; seafood burritos; steak; buffalo; Pennsylvania Dutch foods; Cajun-Southwestern regional foods; healthy restaurant takeout; salsas; one-dish meals; low-fat snacks; milk, including flavored and carbonated versions; scones; bottled waters.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.
Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.
Beta Delta Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.
Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 for meeting place; 7 p.m.
Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.
Hobbs Co-Dependent 12-Step group; Hobbs school gym; call Sharon or Jimmy Prayton at 735-3640 (Rotan); 7 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.
TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.
Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th (Deep Creek Boot & Shoe Repair); 7:30 p.m.
Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.
Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters luncheon; MAWC; 11:15 a.m.
Christian Women's Club Luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; lunch-$7, beverage only-$1; reservations for meal and free nursery will be made by calling Gaylan at 573-7125 or Doris at 573-3996; 12 to 2 p.m.
Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; W. 37th St.; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Diabetes Support Group; Senior Center; lunch if preferred and interested persons are welcome; for information call 573-7638; 12-1 p.m.
The Noah Project Advisory Committee; in the board room at Cogdell Memorial Hospital; noon.
Rotary Club; Martha Ann Woman's Club; noon.
Advanced Duplicate Bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 1:30 p.m.
Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.
Volleyball for singles, divorced or widowed people; multipurpose building of First Baptist Church; 7 p.m.
Tumbleweed Toastmasters meeting; American State Bank conference room; 7 p.m.
Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m.
Scurry County Sheriffs Posse; posse clubhouse; 7:30 p.m.
New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308, 573-9924 or 573-5867.

FRIDAY

Storytime for 4 and 5 year olds; Scurry County Library; 10 a.m.
Snyder Jaycees; noon luncheon; Golden Corral.
Free blood pressure 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.
Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.
Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.
Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information call 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 573-9924. (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 573-2349, 863-2348, 573-8110 or 573-6820.
Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1-4 p.m.
ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Snyder Dupicate Bridge Scoreboard

SUNDAY

Five tables were directed by Dot Casey at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Joyce Bass, Ann Davis.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Polly Ballard, Nona Morrison.
4. Shirley Stewart, George Stewart.

TUESDAY

George Stewart directed four tables.

1. Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Tizzy Hall.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 1-12-93
♠ J 6
♥ J 8 5
♦ K Q J 9 4
♣ 7 4 3

WEST
♠ K 9 7 5 4
♥ K 10
♦ 8 6 5
♣ 8 6 5

EAST
♠ Q 10 2
♥ Q 7 6 4 3
♦ A 7 3
♣ 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A 8 3
♥ A 9 2
♦ 10 2
♣ A K Q J 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ 5

Having good intermediate cards (the 10s and nines of this world) can make the difference between success and failure in a contract, especially in no-trump. Yet we give them no value when adding up our high-card points. The time to look fondly upon them is when you are borderline between two bids. Overbid with good intermediates; underbid without them. However, even when you have good intermediates, it can be important to use them correctly.

Every year the Bols liqueur company sponsors a Bridge Tips competition in which leading experts and journalists offer snippets of advice. Today's deal comes from Englishman Eric Crowhurst's tip.

Against three no-trump, West led his fourth-highest spade, South ducking his ace until the third round.

To make the contract, declarer had to find East with the diamond ace and somehow collect two diamond tricks, which seemed impossible. However, South found a play that made life difficult for East. At trick four, he led the diamond 10, overtaking with dummy's jack. Next came the diamond king.

East had seen West's diamond five. Worried that West had started with the 5-2 doubleton, East withheld his ace again. Soon after, declarer claimed nine tricks.

Note that if South wins the first diamond trick in his hand with the 10, East will have no problem. He will have seen his partner play first the five, then the six. Knowing West has three diamonds, East won't duck his ace a second time.

Try to make an opponent commit himself before he has seen a signal from his partner.

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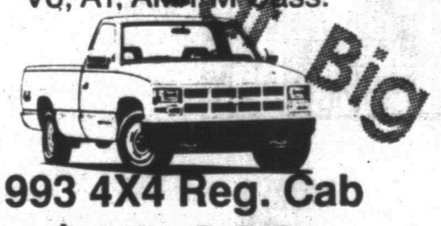
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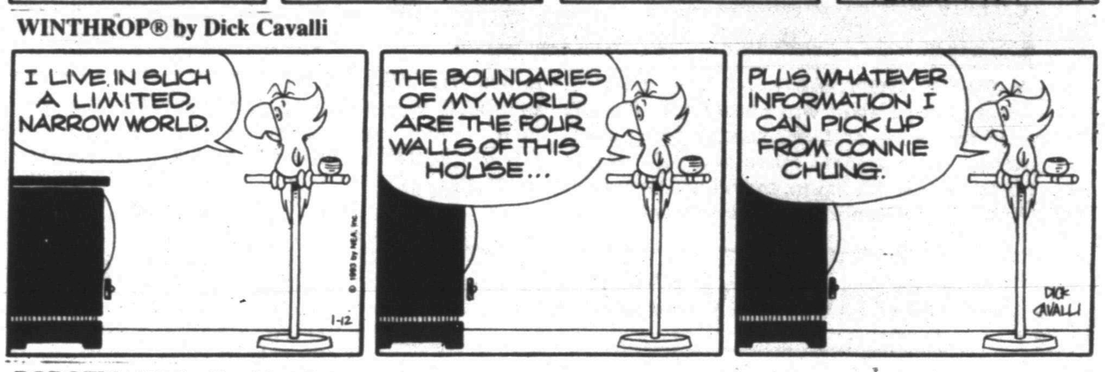


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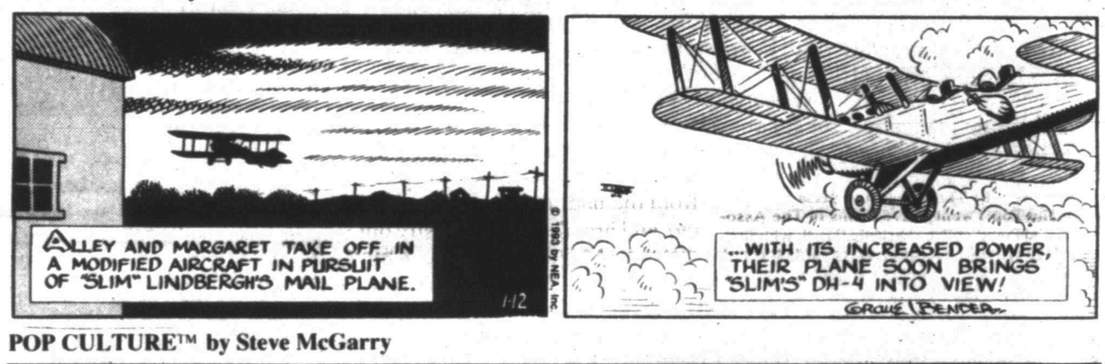
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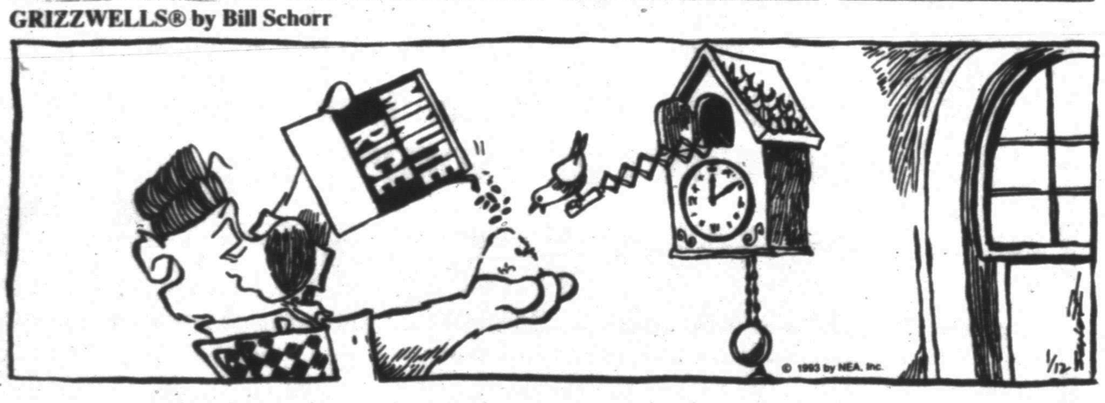
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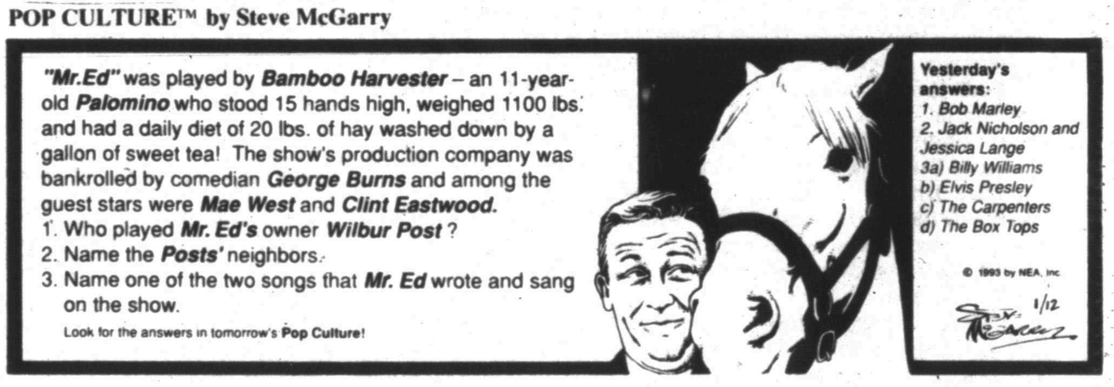
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8 Take apart
12 Thus
13 Conservative
14 Asian chief
15 Prehistoric creature
17 Unlock (poet.)
19 — Everest
20 Joyful exclamation
21 Likely
22 Same (comb. form)
23 Impulse
25 High card
26 Minister's deg.
27 A Stooge
28 How was — — know?
29 Complains
32 Tri minus one
33 Psychiatrist
35 College deg.
36 Ancient
38 Still
39 Adherent of (suff.)
40 MD
41 The thing's
42 — Major
43 Chem. suffix
45 — Got a Secret
46 — de France
47 Fulfill
48 French friend
49 Dogs
52 Notice
54 Brother of Jacob
56 Artificial language
57 Actual being
58 Morning moistures
59 Okla. time

DOWN

1 A rose — — rose
2 Double- —
3 Glacial epoch (2 wds.)
4 Mormon State
5 Negative prefix
6 Ancient city
7 Nearsighted person
8 Hawaiian instrument
9 North of Mass.
10 Barriers
11 Aware of
16 Actress West
18 Half a qt.
21 Priest's assistant
22 — Lupino
23 Center of shield
24 Make muddy
25 One —. — time
26 Speck
28 Hotel
29 Ariz. time
30 Loch —
31 Bristle
33 — Lingus
34 Affirmative
37 34th pres.
39 Peaceful
41 Vine-covered
42 Eskimo knife
43 — fixe
44 Hurl
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50 Dentist's deg.
51 Drunkard
53 — I Love You
55 Per —

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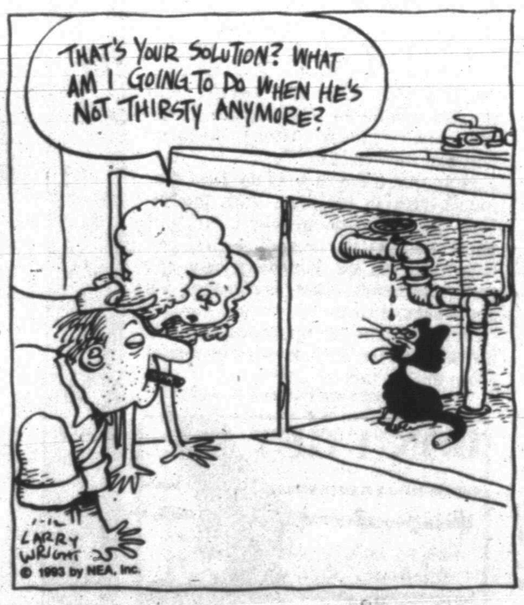
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Ira, Hermleigh battle in district showdown

The Hermleigh Cardinals and the Ira Bulldogs will square-off in a key District 27-A basketball matchup today on the Cards' home court.

Hermleigh, surprise leader in the district, sports a 2-0 loop record after going 2-8 in its non-district slate.

The Cardinals last outing was a 76-71 overtime win over Westbrook Friday. Chris Lambaren canned 24 points and Bill Breitweiser added 23 to lead Hermleigh in the victory.

Ira is now 1-1 in 27-A encounters after upsetting host Loraine, 54-45 Friday, behind a 21-point effort from Justin Box and Jim Gorman's 11.

The Bulldogs are 7-7 in all games.

Today's girls' game pits a pair of teams each seeking its first loop win.

Ira is 0-2 in league action after losing a heart-breaker to Loraine Friday, 49-48, and Hermleigh is winless in two district starts, including a 44-43 loss to Westbrook Friday night.

Mauricia Rosas, who poured in 12 points against Loraine, leads the Lady Bulldogs. Hermleigh is paced by Jennifer Velasco, who put in 22 against the Lady 'Cats on Friday.

District 2-4A basketball...

Levelland downs Lady Tigers

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

The Levelland Loboettes showed Snyder fans how they earned the No. 1 ranking among Class 4A girls' basketball teams in Texas Monday when they rolled past the Lady Tigers, 71-24.

"They are good," said Snyder coach Jerry Tucker following the game. "What you have to do to beat them is play really great man-to-man defense. They are just a machine. They don't miss shots.

"It's the ultimate program," Tucker continued.

"We made some passing mistakes against their press that gave them a lot of easy baskets. They did a good job of denying us."

The Lady Tigers kept the game close the first five minutes before the Loboettes, led by Dana Cunningham, went on a 19-3 run the left Snyder chasing a 24-7 Levelland lead.

The Lady Tigers actually led, 5-4, with about four minutes gone in the first before Cunningham took over the game.

The Levelland senior guard scored a game-high 24 points Monday, including 15 in the first half.

She also had nine steals, seven coming in the first two periods.

The Lady Tigers trailed 16-7 when the horn ended the first quarter.

Cunningham scored the first six points of the second. First, she [illegible] coast for the lay-up. She then added a bucket from inside the paint on an offensive rebound, followed by a 14-foot jump shot that lifted LHS to a 22-7 lead.

Joyce Howard capped the decisive run with a pair of free throws for Levelland.

Stephanie Fambro stopped the surge with two successful freebies for Snyder, but Cunningham snatched another steal and went [illegible] of the host to score.

As good as the Levelland offense appeared to be Monday, their defense was just as good.

The Loboette press kept Snyder off-balance all night, keeping the Lady Tigers from scoring in double figures in any quarter.

Freshman Jamie Brown and senior Kristen Huff each scored six points to lead the Lady Tigers. Brown banked in a lay-up and converted all four of her free-throw attempts, while Huff hit two field goals and both free tosses.

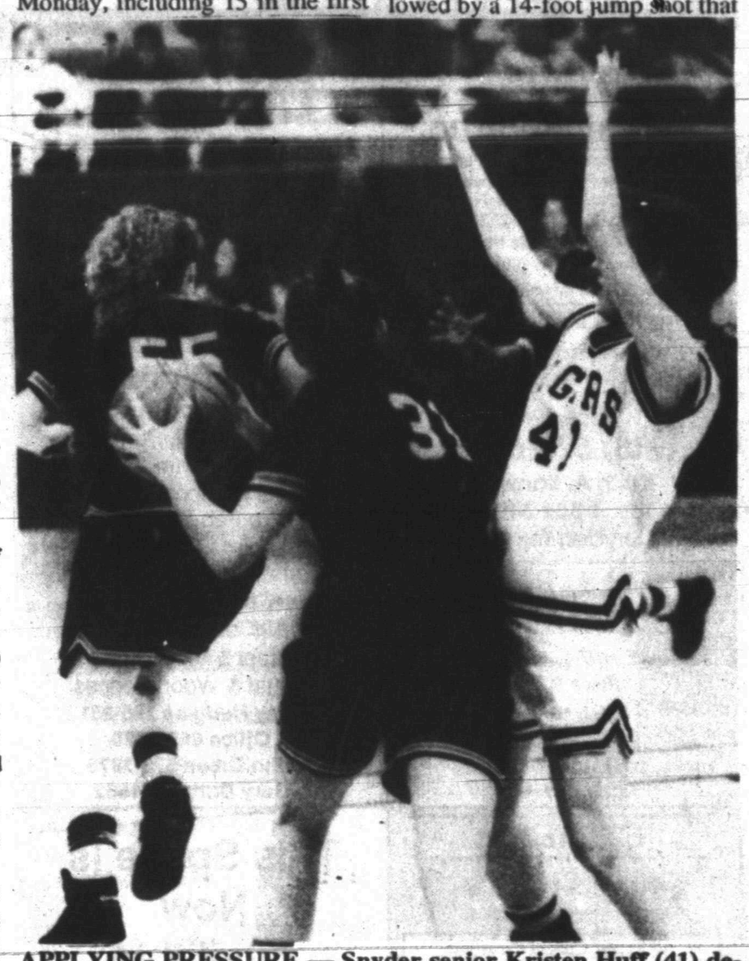
Deana Walker trailed Cunningham for Levelland's team scoring honors, turning in a 10-point effort.

The Lady Tigers slip to 3-16 overall this season and 0-2 in District 2-4A games. Levelland is unbeaten in two loop starts and sports a 17-5 record on the campaign.

Levelland's junior varsity made it a clean sweep Monday, beating SHS, 47-14.

Edwina Brooks' six points were tops for the Lady Tiger JV.

Snyder's next outing will be a Friday home game against No. 10 Frenship.



APPLYING PRESSURE — Snyder senior Kristen Huff (41) defends against Levelland's Emily Fowler (31) in Monday's District 2-4A girls' cage matchup at Scurry County Coliseum. Levelland took a 71-24 win over the Lady Tigers. (SDN Staff Photo)

Varsity

Levelland	16	21	18	16	-71
Snyder	7	8	6	3	-24

LEVELLAND (71) — Pinner 0 2-2 2; Howard 1 5-6 7; Cunningham 10 4-6 24; Fowler 5 0-0 10; Blanks 3 0-0 6; Voss 1 1-2 3; S. Pinner 2 2-3 6; Swackhammer 1 0-0 2; Coats 0 1-2 1; Walker 4 2-3 10; TOTALS 27 17-21 71.

SNYDER (24) — Brown 1 4-4 6; Ragland 1 1-2 3; Crawford 1 0-0 2; Patterson 1 0-0 2; Huff 2 2-2 6; Clayborn 1 3-4 5; TOTALS 7 10-12 24.

3-point goals: none. Fouls: Snyder 22, Levelland 16. Fouled out: none. Records: Snyder 3-16, 0-2; Levelland 17-5, 2-0.

Junior varsity

Levelland	12	10	13	12	-47
Snyder	2	6	2	4	-14

LEVELLAND (47) — Worley 2 0-0 4; Valdez 1 0-0 2; Reasoner 2 0-0 4; Hesso 6 1-2 13; Hardin 2 0-0 4; Morgan 1 0-0 2; Stout 5 0-0 10; Haynie 2 0-0 4; Childers 2 0-0 4; Macha 2 0-0 4; TOTALS 23 1-2 47.

SNYDER (14) — Barrera 1 0-0 2; Guiseth 1 0-0 2; Williams 1 0-0 2; Cox 0 0-2 0; Green 1 0-0 2; Brooks 3 0-0 6; TOTALS 7 0-2 14.

3-point goals: none. Fouls: Snyder 9, Levelland 8. Fouled out: none.

83-65 in WJCAC tilt...

Lady Plainsmen trim WTC

BORGER — The Western Texas College Lady Dusters fell to 0-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference basketball play Monday, with an 83-65 road loss to Frank Phillips College.

Western Texas coach Ron Jones didn't get to see the end of the game after being ejected for apparently disputing an official's call in the second half.

Jones' Lady Dusters slip to 12-7 on the season after Monday's defeat, their third straight since returning following the holiday break.

The Dusters trailed the Lady Plainsmen, 10-6 and 1-1, by just eight at the half, 34-26, after getting behind by as many as 15 points in the first 20 minutes.

"We dropped behind early," Jones said. "We were behind 21-6 to start and we never really recovered.

"We're still not doing a lot of the things we need to do to win. We have to work on our consistency and our confidence."

Obie Pitterson scored almost 10 points over her average Monday against the Dusters, pushing in 24 points. Teammate Jeanne Bailey managed 17 and Elsa Ricketts had 12.

No individual game statistics were available at press time for the Lady Dusters.

In other conference women's action Monday, Howard College remained unbeaten with a 69-63 victory over New Mexico JC, and Odessa edged South Plains College, 91-90.

The Lady Dusters will return home for the first time since a Dec. 3 meeting with Howard when they host Odessa, 17-3, 2-0, on Thursday.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season		League	
Howard	18	0	2	0
Odessa	17	3	2	0
NMJC	12	7	1	2
South Plains	13	3	0	1
Frank Phillips	10	6	1	1
Western Texas	12	7	0	2

Monday, Jan. 11
Frank Phillips 83, WTC 65
Odessa 91, South Plains 90
Howard 69, NMJC 63

Men

Team	Season		League	
Howard	16	1	2	0
South Plains	14	4	2	0
Odessa	17	2	3	1
Midland	14	4	1	2
NMJC	11	8	1	2
NMMI	9	9	1	2
Frank Phillips	1	12	0	3

Monday, Jan. 11
South Plains 85, Odessa 84
NMMI 103, Frank Phillips 91
Howard 94, NMJC 81

'Cats named No. 1 in AP college poll

by The Associated Press

Guess who's No. 1? Remember Kentucky?

Nearly four years after an NCAA investigation tore open the school's program and five years after it was last ranked No. 1, the Wildcats claimed the top spot in college basketball on Monday.

"It's an honor being No. 1," said Kentucky coach Rick Pitino. "But it's more important being No. 1 at the end of the year."

But he doesn't mind seeing his team at the top of the weekly poll.

"The more good pressure helps you stronger mentally," he said. "It's better to be ranked No. 1 early than later."

The last No. 1 ranking for Kentucky came just after New Year's Day 1988. That lasted only a week as the Wildcats lost at home to Auburn 53-52 in their next game.

Kentucky will get its first test as the No. 1 team when it plays at Vanderbilt Wednesday night.

Kentucky (11-0) received 50 first-place votes and 1,608 points from the nationwide panel of writers and broadcasters to easily outdistance Michigan (12-1), which was No. 1 on 14 ballots and had 1,545 points.

Duke (10-1), which held the No. 1 spot throughout last season and in five of eight polls this season, received one first-place vote and 1,496 points in dropping two places.

Kansas was fourth, North Carolina and Indiana swapped places from last week and Seton Hall remained seventh.

Georgia Tech, the team that ended Duke's 23-game winning streak on Sunday, moved from 14th to No. 8 and was followed by Arkansas and Oklahoma, which improved from 13th and 11th, respectively.

Cincinnati led the Second Ten and was followed by Arizona, Iowa, Virginia, Connecticut, UCLA, Purdue, UNLV, Minnesota and Georgetown.

Ohio State led the last five, followed by Boston College, Michigan State, Syracuse and Utah.

Minnesota, which beat Michigan State and Purdue last week, and Ohio State, which beat Penn State and Iowa, were among the four new teams to this week's poll. They give the Big Ten seven teams in the Top 25. Michigan, Indiana, Iowa, Purdue and Michigan State were already ranked. The Big East has five ranked teams and the Atlantic Coast Conference four.

The other new teams were Boston College, which beat Villanova and Georgetown, and Utah, which downed Texas-El Paso and Brigham Young. Boston College (9-2) had the longest absence from the rankings. The Eagles were last in the poll late in the 1984-85 season when they were 20th.

Minnesota (10-1) was 20th in the final poll of the 1989-90 season and Ohio State (9-2) and Utah (10-2) were both ranked last season, the Buckeyes third in the final poll and the Runnin' Utes 19th before dropping out early in the season.

The teams dropped from the poll were No. 18 Vanderbilt, No. 22 Massachusetts, No. 23 Florida State and No. 24 Pittsburgh.

Vanderbilt (11-3) lost both its games last week to Memphis State and Florida.

Virginia (9-0) is the only other unbeaten team in Division I, and the Cavaliers, who jumped from 25th to 14th, play at Duke on Sunday.

AP cage poll

by The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Kentucky (50)	11-0	1,608	2
2. Michigan (14)	12-1	1,545	3
3. Duke (1)	10-1	1,496	1
4. Kansas	11-1	1,395	4
5. North Carolina	12-1	1,324	6
6. Indiana	13-2	1,323	5
7. Seton Hall	13-1	1,244	7
8. Georgia Tech	9-1	1,199	10
9. Arkansas	11-1	1,035	13
10. Oklahoma	11-2	1,014	11
11. Cincinnati	9-1	974	16
12. Arizona	7-2	750	20
13. Iowa	11-2	701	8
14. Virginia	9-0	687	25
15. Connecticut	7-2	594	19
tie. UCLA	10-3	594	15
17. Purdue	9-2	588	9
18. UNLV	6-1	516	12
19. Minnesota	10-1	441	—
20. Georgetown	8-2	299	17
21. Ohio St.	9-2	260	—
22. Boston College	9-2	226	—
23. Michigan St.	8-3	157	14
24. Syracuse	9-3	146	21
25. Utah	10-2	145	—

Others receiving votes: Vanderbilt 139, Florida State 122, Florida 114, Tulane 88, Long Beach State 85, Nebraska 60, Missouri 45, Pittsburgh 39, Louisville 25, New Orleans 21, Southern Illinois 15, Memphis State 13, Houston 9, LSU 9, Marquette 9, Wake Forest 8, Xavier, Ohio 8, Clemson 6, New Mexico State 6, Southern Cal 6, Massachusetts 4, Temple 4, West Virginia 4, Tennessee 3, Brigham Young 2, California 2, Iowa State 2, Oklahoma State 2, Alabama 1.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	19	12	.613	—
New Jersey	18	15	.545	2
Boston	17	17	.500	3½
Orlando	14	14	.500	3½
Philadelphia	11	18	.379	7
Miami	10	21	.323	9
Washington	10	22	.313	9½

Central Division

Chicago	23	10	.697	—
Cleveland	20	13	.606	3
Charlotte	17	14	.548	5
Detroit	16	16	.500	6½
Indiana	15	17	.469	7½
Atlanta	14	17	.452	8
Milwaukee	14	18	.438	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	21	10	.677	—
San Antonio	18	13	.581	3
Houston	15	16	.484	6
Denver	8	22	.267	12½
Minnesota	6	23	.207	14
Dallas	2	27	.069	18

Pacific Division

Phoenix	23	5	.821	—
Seattle	22	8	.733	2
Portland	20	10	.667	4
Golden State	18	14	.563	7
LA Lakers	18	14	.563	7
LA Clippers	17	16	.515	8½
Sacramento	13	17	.433	11

Monday's Games
San Antonio 109, Detroit 91
Charlotte 132, Dallas 113

Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Houston at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
Denver at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Tigers host Seminole in non-district finale

The Snyder Tigers wind up their 1992-93 non-district basketball schedule today when they host Seminole at 8 p.m. at Scurry County Coliseum.

The Tigers, 13-5 so far, begin District 2-4A competition Friday when Frenship visits.

Snyder's latest outing was a 56-47 win over Midland Greenwood Friday. Seniors Barretta Collins and Stephen Bollinger paced the Tiger attack against the Rangers.

Collins wound up with 13 points and Bollinger canned 10.

Tiger coach Bud Birks wants his squad to step up the pace a little before beginning loop play.

"We played fairly well," he said of his team's performance against Greenwood. "We played well enough to win, but we'll have to pick it up a notch or two to be competitive in our district."

The Tigers have already locked horns with the Indians once this season, taking a 37-31 win in Seminole on Dec. 1.

Junior varsity action tips off at 6:30 p.m. at the coliseum, followed by the varsity game.

District 2-4A

Basketball
Girls

Team	Season		District	
Levelland	17	5	2	0
Plainview	13	7	1	0
Lamesa	6	13	1	0
Frenship	14	6	0	1
Estacado	1	15	0	1
Snyder	3	16	0	2

Monday, Jan. 11
Levelland 71, Snyder 24

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Lamesa at Frenship
Plainview at Estacado

District 27-A

Basketball
Boys

Team	Season		District	
Highland	6	10	2	0
Hermleigh	4	8	2	0
Loraine	12	4	1	1
Ira	7	7	1	1
Blackwell	9	8	0	2
Westbrook	6	9	0	2

Friday, Jan. 8
Hermleigh 76, Westbrook 71 (OT)
Ira 54, Loraine 45
Highland 52, Blackwell 40

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Ira at Hermleigh
Westbrook at Blackwell
Loraine at Highland

Girls

Team	Season		District	
Blackwell	12	5	2	0
Westbrook	6	9	2	0
Highland	9	6	1	1
Loraine	8	6	1	1
Hermleigh	4	10	0	2
Ira	2	9	0	2

Friday, Jan. 8
Westbrook 44, Hermleigh
Loraine 49, Ira 48
Blackwell 50, Highland 40

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Ira at Hermleigh
Westbrook at Blackwell
Loraine at Highland

To fill head coaching vacancy...

Giants court Cowboys' Wannstedt

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants' courting of Dave Wannstedt has started.

General manager George Young had preliminary discussions on Monday with the Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator about the vacant Giants' coaching job and more talks are planned.

The 15-minute telephone conversation with Wannstedt came after Young had received permission from Cowboys owner Jimmy Jones to talk with the 40-year-old assistant to coach Jimmy Johnson.

"There are some more things to discuss," Young said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "You want to know what the situation is and how they feel about things."

Young would not say when he planned to talk with Wannstedt again. He was emphatic that 15 minutes was not enough time for him to make a decision.

"I've been known to interview people for 12 hours," Young said. "With Ray Perkins, I think we interviewed for 12 hours in one day."

Perkins was the first coach Young hired after becoming general manager in 1979.

The New York job opened when Young fired Ray Handley on Dec. 30. Tom Coughlin, a former Giants assistant and now coach at Boston College, was thought to be Young's first choice as a replacement but he withdrew from consideration last week, saying he wanted to stay in Boston.

That made Wannstedt the favorite for the job, but first the Giants had to get approval from Jones to talk with Wannstedt.

Young said he purposely waited until after Dallas played its NFC semifinal game Sunday to approach Jones. The Cowboys beat Philadelphia 34-10 and will play the 49ers at San Francisco on Sunday for a berth in the Super Bowl.

"I asked permission and then made contact with the coach, so I did it in the same day," Young said.

Wannstedt gave no indication that he talked with Young, but said he is very interested in the position.

"George indicated to Jerry that he would be contacting me at some time in the future, but nothing specific has been set. My focus at this time is with the Dallas Cowboys and our game with San Francisco," Wannstedt said.

Johnson said he understands Wannstedt, who coaches the NFL's top-rated defense, is a hot property.

"I told Dave when the opportunity comes I'll be happy for him," said Johnson, who has said Wannstedt is his best friend.

"We understand the nature of the business," Jones said. "We wouldn't want to stand in Dave's way."

7th B girls drop games

LUBBOCK — Snyder's seventh grade B girls basketball team lost its first two games at the weekend Christ the King tournament here.

The Lady Tigers fell to Post's A team, 38-9 in the tourney opener, then was eliminated with a 20-14 loss at the hands of Lubbock All Saints Episcopal.

Christy Tankersley scored four and Brooke French added three for Snyder against Post. April Fletcher and Traci Darlin each contributed one.

Flether put in four to lead SJHS against All Saints. Darlin, Tankersley, Tracy Eicke, Crystal Lee and Erica Cox each accounted for a basket for Snyder.

The seventh graders will visit Colorado City Thursday.

Wilson voted SWC honoree

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist senior guard Mike Wilson was named Southwest Conference Player of the Week after a record-breaking performance in the Ponies' 102-92 win at Texas Sunday night.

A 6-5 senior from Atlanta, Ga., Wilson scored a career-high 37 points in the win over Texas. He also grabbed 11 rebounds.

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The operation was supervised by Dr. Jack G. Copeland, the hospital's chief cardiothoracic surgeon. In 1985, he became the first surgeon to use an artificial heart as a bridge to a heart transplant. The patient received a human heart after nine days on a Jarvik-7 device and lived for 41/2 years.

The air-driven CardioWest heart is based on the Jarvik, which the Food and Drug Administration banned except in emergencies in 1990 because of mechanical problems and banned altogether in 1991 after its maker went out of business.

Like the Jarvik, the CardioWest heart doesn't offer much mobility. It is powered by a unit the size of a large TV set. Pneumatic tubes run from the unit into the patient's chest.

Also Monday, doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center implanted a baboon liver in a 62-year-old man in the world's second such operation. The first patient lived for 70 days last year before dying of an infection.

Mrs. Loughran was admitted to the hospital Wednesday. The Scottsdale woman had suffered from a viral heart infection since 1989 and had progressive heart failure. Copeland said only medication was keeping her heart beating.

Copeland said the operation went well.

"There was no bleeding, there were no complications, we were very happy with the way the device fit inside her body and the way it functioned," he said.

The implantation was the first in the United States by CardioWest Technologies Inc., a joint effort by the hospital and Medforte Research Foundation of Salt Lake City, which is affiliated with the University of Utah.

Last fall, the FDA gave CardioWest approval to perform an experimental series of implants. The Penn State Medical Center in Hershey, Pa., also has FDA approval to implant its own so-called Hershey heart in humans, but doctors there haven't implanted the air-driven device for nearly two years while they concentrate on perfecting an electronic version that was placed in a calf last year.

Hershey last implanted its artificial heart in a human in April 1991. The recipient, 42-year-old Ronnie Crawford of Mechanicsburg, Pa., survived on the device for 18 days. He died while awaiting a human heart transplant.

The world's first artificial heart, a Jarvik, was implanted in Barney Clark in 1982. He lived for 112 days with the device, which was intended to be a permanent replacement.

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News Briefs

Six-year-old girl assaulted at school

AUSTIN (AP) — The sexual assault of a 6-year-old girl in a restroom at her school has prompted officials to plan security measures.

Police say a 15-year-old boy has been arrested in connection with the assault, which occurred Monday at Brooke Elementary.

The girl was taken to Brackenridge Hospital where she was treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

The girl went to the restroom after finishing lunch, police said.

A teacher walking by the restroom heard a scream. He knocked on the door, and a boy came out and then took off running. The suspect was captured later nearby.

School Principal Graciela Morales said she hopes to enlist the aid of parents to patrol the school.

"I've already had parents call me up and volunteer to do this," Ms. Morales said.

"This is the first time this has happened here," she said of the assault. "It's a shock to me, the staff and the parents."

Perot's followers plan lobby group

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Ross Perot supporters are it again in New York — but this time they're lobbyists, not presidential campaign workers.

Supporters in Rochester announced Monday they would hold a membership drive for the former presidential candidate's citizen lobbying organization, United We Stand, America.

"I'd like to have every town, every city, every village — everything," said Bill Storti, Monroe County coordinator for United We Stand.

Perot announced Monday the change of his supporters' campaign organization into a political watchdog group and urged supporters to join and pay the $15 annual membership dues.

Susan Stehling, regional coordinator of United We Stand, said organizers will distribute membership applications around Monroe County.

"We're hoping to get these people interested in the organization," Stehling said. "One way or another, we will be in touch with people."

Perot supporters say in Monroe County, United We Stand will become active in local political issues, such as whether to build a new stadium for the Rochester Red Wings baseball team.

Storti told the Democrat and Chronicle and Times-Union of Rochester he hopes to sign up about 1,500 Monroe County members. Perot received more than 63,000 votes from the county in November.

Woman comes forward, claims child

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A mother who left her infant with a man who was trying to help the homeless couple has come forward to claim the child, a prosecutor says.

Assistant District Attorney Camile DuBose said Monday that the baby boy will remain in custody of state custody while child welfare authorities work with the mother to determine if she can provide a safe home for the child.

"Initially, she didn't want to see the child, but then she changed her mind and wants to see him," said Ms. DuBose, who represents the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in child welfare matters.

"We are going to try and set up as much visitation with her as possible because of the child's young age," Ms. DuBose said. believed to be about 4 or 5 months old, was taken to an emergency children's shelter last week after he was left at the home of Francisco Vasquez, 57.

Vasquez told authorities that he met a young couple he knew only as Abel and Julie and their young son on Jan. 4. Authorities said Monday the woman was identified as Julie Lopez and the man as Abel Martinez.

Vasquez said the took the homeless couple to his home because it was a cold night and he was concerned for their well-being.

While he went to a store the next day to buy diapers and milk, the couple left, leaving the child at Vasquez' home.

District Judge Carmen Kelsey granted the state temporary custody of the infant on Jan. 6.

Judge Kelsey said she felt the young couple acted out of desperation when they left the child with Vasquez.

"It makes your heart cry out," the judge said.

State child welfare supervisor Lynn Lambert said Ms. Lopez, who is about 19, went to authorities Monday to claim the child.

Ms. Lambert said she also believes the couple acted out of desperation.

"She didn't know what else to do," Ms. Lambert said.

Rookie policeman placed on leave

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — An off-duty Mansfield police officer has been placed on administrative leave with pay following the multiple shooting of an unarmed man.

Officer Mark Stroeh, 28 was placed on leave Monday, said Mansfield Police Chief Coy Martin. Stroeh was hired last November after serving four years as a reserve officer with the Fort Worth Police Department.

Meanwhile, investigators continued to try to identify the victim, reported in critical condition at Harris Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth Lt. J.P. Foley said Tuesday.

Stroeh was on his way to work Saturday night in Mansfield when he said he witnessed a hit-and-run accident.

He pursued the fleeing car and called 911 to advise dispatchers of the incident.

A flat tire forced the fleeing car to stop and Stroeh told investigators he saw a gun in the man's hand as he got out of the car.

The unidentified man was shot seven times — once in the head, three times in an arm and three times in a leg.

Lott jury selection slated to begin

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — In a courtroom 350 miles from the Fort Worth courtroom where two men were killed and three others wounded last year, proceedings have begun against the accused gunman.

Prospective jurors received instructions Monday in the capital murder trial of George Lott. Jury selection was expected to begin this morning.

Lott, a non-licensed attorney representing himself in the case, ignored photographers Monday as he walked to a defense table in the Potter County Courthouse.

State District Judge Sharen Wilson scheduled the media session Monday so that photos could be shot of main participants in the case. Beginning with jury selection, still and video cameras will be barred from the courtroom.

Ms. Wilson last month moved the trial to Amarillo, her hometown, because of extensive media coverage in Fort Worth.

Lott is accused of killing assistant Tarrant County District Attorney Chris Marshall, 41, and Dallas defense attorney John Edwards, 33.

Two judges and another prosecutor were wounded.

The gunman, a spectator in the courtroom of the 2nd Court of Appeals the morning of July 1, without warning began firing a 9mm handgun. He killed Marshall in the courtroom and fatally shot Edwards on a stairwell as the victim tried to reach help.

The gunman walked out of the courthouse unimpeded.

Lott surrendered at WFAA-TV studios in Dallas about six hours later, telling reporters he was the gunman and was upset over a custody case involving his son.

Lott also blamed his actions on his disillusionment with the court system over the handling of his divorce and allegations that he sexually assaulted the boy.

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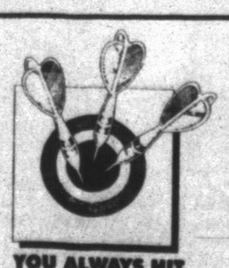
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Justices limit use of in-home office income tax deductions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today narrowed the number of taxpayers allowed to claim deductions for an in-home office.

The court ruled, by an 8-1 vote, that taxpayers generally may not take such home-office deductions if they spend the majority of their workdays elsewhere. Government lawyers had estimated the ruling would affect "many thousands" of Americans.

The decision in a Virginia case did not create any hard and fast rule. But Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court that "two primary considerations" exist for determining whether a home-office tax deduction is valid.

Those are "the relative importance of the activities performed at each business location and the time spent at each place," Kennedy said.

The federal tax code says home-office expenses may not be claimed as income tax deductions if a taxpayer works elsewhere. But the code makes an exception for a home office "exclusively used on a regular basis (as) the principal place of business."

Lower courts had reached conflicting decisions on the legal definition of "principal place of business."

Today, the court defined it to give a legal setback to Nader Soliman, a self-employed anesthesiologist who uses a spare bedroom in his McLean, Va., home as his office.

On his federal income tax return for 1983, Soliman claimed deductions for condominium fees, utilities and depreciation attributable to the home office. The Internal Revenue Service disallowed the deductions.

The tax agency said the office was not Soliman's principal place of business, noting that he spent most of his work week practicing at two hospitals in Maryland and one in Virginia.

At each hospital, he administered anesthesia and provided other services for patients. None of the hospitals provided Soliman with an office.

He used his home office to keep patient records, correspondence, billing records, medical journals and texts. Soliman worked two to three hours a day in the office — keeping records, preparing for treatments and speak by telephone with surgeons.

The U.S. Tax Court ruled for Soliman after rejecting a "focal point" test it had used in previous cases. Under that test, the court would allow tax deductions only if the home office was where goods and services were provided to customers and revenues were generated.

Dr. Gott — By Peter Gott, M.D.

Alcohol compounds heart problems

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband underwent a triple bypass procedure a year ago. Although he has been an alcoholic for years, he seems to be drinking more heavily since the procedure. He has a tendency to high blood pressure, and I wonder how his excessive drinking will affect his health problems.

DEAR READER: Excess alcohol consumption will adversely affect your husband in several ways.

Alcohol often raises blood pressure in hypertensive patients. Because high blood pressure causes dangerous heart strain, it must be brought under control. Therefore, patients with hypertension must discontinue heavy drinking.

More important, alcohol is a cardiac depressant, meaning that it poisons heart muscle, leading to heart failure and various forms of irregular pulse.

Alcohol is associated with liver disease, which can be doubly serious in people with underlying heart disease.

Finally, alcohol may increase serum cholesterol, the purported culprit in the arteriosclerotic narrowing of arteries. This is precisely the complication your husband should be trying to avoid; those grafted blood vessels have to stay open in order to supply oxygen to the heart muscle.

In short, your husband has many sound reasons for moderating his alcohol consumption.

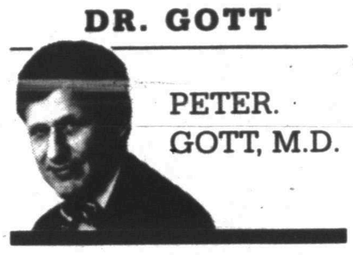
One last comment. Alcohol is damaging to the body only when taken in large quantities. Modest daily alcohol consumption (one two-ounce drink of spirits, a couple of glasses of wine or about three beers) is not harmful.

From your description, however I gather that your husband has difficulty controlling his drinking. The reason for this may be complex, but the end result will be the same. If he is truly an alcoholic — and from the sound of things, he is — he will need help stopping the booze. Perhaps you should attend some Al-Anon meetings; this is a world-wide group that gives support and guidance to people who have alcoholics in their lives. Also, you might want to set up an intervention with your husband's doctors to approach the problem head-on and get him to a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

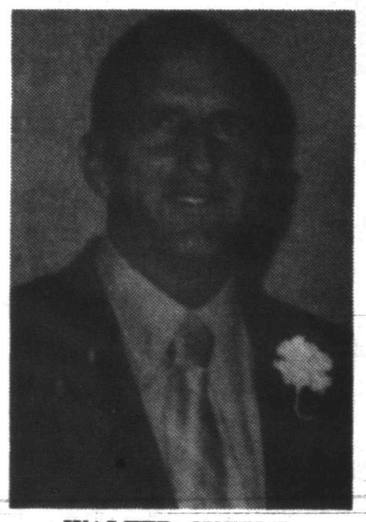
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Obituaries



WALTER SUTTLE

Walter Suttle

1926-1993

Services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Walter Marshall Suttle, 66, who died Sunday in Ruidoso, N.M.

Officiating will be the Rev. Miller Robinson, Colonial Hill pastor. Graveside services are set for 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Eastview Cemetery in Vernon with the Rev. Lee Crouch, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Vernon, officiating.

A resident of Snyder for 40 years, Mr. Suttle was retired after 37 years as an operator with Chevron. He was a member of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church, was a Shriner and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Born in Electra, he married Frances Barnhill on July 10, 1947 in Vernon. He graduated from Electra High School and attended North Texas State University. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Survivors included his wife, Frances, of Snyder; a son, Tony Suttle of Ruidoso; two daughters, Marsha Kubena of Hermleigh and Cristy Pratt of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.



D.M. JORDAN

D.M. Jordan

1909-1993

Services have been set for 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of First Baptist Church for Delbert M. Jordan, 83, of Snyder. Burial will be in the Hillside Memorial Gardens. Officiating will be the Rev. Don Taylor, pastor of the church.

Mr. Jordan died Friday in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring following a lengthy illness.

Born on April 12, 1909, in San Saba County, he came to Snyder in 1949 from Venezuela where he worked for Shell Oil Co. In 1956, he owned and operated a local battery shop for several years and later owned a truck leasing company. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, Rea Jordan of Snyder; one son, Thomas D. Jordan of El Paso; one daughter, Nancy Jordan of St. Louis, Mo.; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Acie Malone Jr.

1928-1993

TEMPLE — Services are still pending at the Bradford-Dawson Funeral Home for Acie Malone Jr., 64, of Temple who died Sunday in the VA Hospital.

He was born on Dec. 18, 1928, in Milam County.

Preceding him in death was a son, James Albert Malone, in May, 1992.

Survivors include his wife, Rezalia Faye, of Temple; three daughters; three sons; three brothers, Hulen Malone and Harold Malone, both of Snyder, and Albert (Bitt) Malone of Austin; four sisters, Thelma Smith of Overton, Marjoria Miller of Odessa, Ruby Woodbury of Trenton, N.J., and Joy Scott of Austin; three nephews, Lewis Wesley Sr. and Norman Malone, both of Snyder, and Patrick Malone of California; 20 grandchildren; and several other nieces and nephews.

Wednesday rites

Services are set for 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for George T. (Buck) Webster, 92, of Snyder. Burial will follow in the Hermleigh Cemetery.

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PacTelesis	43 5/8	43 1/2	43 5/8	+1/4
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Pennzoil	49 5/8	49 1/2	49 1/2	-1/8
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SFePacCp	13 3/8	13 1/8	13 1/4	+1/4
SaraLee s	28	27 7/8	28	+1/8
SearsRoeb	44 1/4	43 7/8	44	-1/2
SherwinW	30 1/4	30	30 1/8	
SmthBck s	36 3/4	36 1/2	36 1/2	-1/8
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Southern Co	37 7/8	37 5/8	37 5/8	-1/8
SwAirl s	28 7/8	28 3/4	28 7/8	
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Sprint	26 5/8	25 7/8	26 1/2	+5/8
SterlingChm	37/8	33/4	37/8	
SunCo	27 3/4	27 5/8	27 5/8	-1/8
TNP Ent	18 5/8	18 3/8	18 5/8	+3/8
Tandy	29 3/8	28 1/8	28 3/8	-7/8
Templint	49	48 3/4	48 7/8	+3/8
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Texaco	58 3/4	58 1/2	58 3/4	+1/4
TetasInd	25 1/2	24 1/8	25 1/2	+1 1/2
TexasInst	56 1/8	55 5/8	56 1/8	-1/2
Tex Util	42 1/8	42	42 1/8	+1/8
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UnPac	60 1/4	59 3/4	60	-1/2
UnitTech	48 3/8	47 5/8	47 3/4	-1/2
Unocal	24 1/8	23 3/4	23 3/4	-1/8
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Xerox Cp	84 1/8	83 1/2	83 7/8	
ZenithE	6 1/8	6	6 1/8	+1/8

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Sharp: $1.8 billion more due; $3 billion shortfall expected

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge is keeping the pressure on state lawmakers to pass a constitutional school finance plan by June 1.

State District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin told Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno and Comptroller John Sharp at a Monday hearing to get ready to stop state spending on public schools if lawmakers fail to meet the court deadline.

McCown said the timing of his hearing — the day before the opening of the 1993 legislative session — was "no accident."

"I want to make it very clear that we have to have a constitutional system," he said. Lawmakers failed to agree on a school funding plan in a pre-Christmas special session.

"I understand that the course that we have set on is very painful ... I also understand the decades of pain for the children that we have left in the property-poor school districts, and we simply can't tolerate that any longer," McCown said.

The judge said he won't keep school districts from spending their local property tax money after the deadline.

That means some schools could continue operating if the Legislature can't agree on a plan, while others would close, McCown acknowledged.

"I think that's unfortunate, but the way the parties argued the case and requested their relief, that's the order that they got. I can't change it now," he said.

The Texas Supreme Court set the June 1 deadline for lawmakers to adopt a plan to equalize funding among rich and poor school districts. The court directed that state officials be stopped from distributing school aid if its deadline isn't met.

Meno said no school district ultimately would escape untouched if the Legislature doesn't write a funding plan.

"I don't think there's anybody who can stay open indefinitely," Meno said. "I think that you're looking at a tremendous amount of pain all the way around."

Summer school and year-round school programs would be jeopardized by a June 1 funding cutoff, Meno said.

McCown, who oversees the school funding case, made no exception for paying teacher contracts. Dallas lawyer Earl Luna, representing several property-rich school districts, said, "This could drive out many outstanding teachers and hurt education forevermore."

If lawmakers don't pass a plan, McCown's order would stop about $1.3 billion due to school districts this summer. Sharp said. That's out of $6.9 billion allocated in state funds this school year.

The last scheduled payment before the deadline is May 25, Sharp said, so school districts likely wouldn't see "serious problems" until July 1.

U.S. math scores up, but still lacking

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many U.S. students are still not up to par in mathematics but are showing improvement, according to test scores released today by the Education Department.

Students performed better on the 1992 National Assessment of Educational Progress than in 1990. The department said improvement was shown by males and females alike in the fourth, eighth and 12th grades, the classes that took the test.

The results are preliminary in that they represent only a portion of the data that will be made public later this year, the department noted.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Belinda Pittman, Rt. 3 Box 302C.

DISMISSALS: Frank Winter, Felix Gutierrez.

Census: 50 (Med.-8, Long-Term Care-35, CCU-4, OB-2, Nursery-1).

Births

Zach Hopkins and Colton West announce the birth of their cousin, Caitlin Alexandra Nicole Smith, born Jan. 9 at 2:58 a.m. in Tripler Army Medical Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her parents are Sgt. William R. (Bill) and Staff Sgt. Ruth Smith. She weighed six pounds and 3.1 ounces.

Grandparents are Don and Pat Fisk Sr. and Bob Smith, all of Snyder, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Y. Klein of Rauchtown, Penn. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hammit of Snyder.

Police note three arrests

Snyder police made three arrests Monday and early today.

Police arrested a 20-year-old man at 4:35 p.m. near Snyder Oaks on a warrant for Class A assault.

At 5:55 p.m., police arrested a 25-year-old man in the 1300 block of 17th Street on a warrant for Class B theft.

Police were called to the scene of a disturbance at 1:53 a.m. today in the Kingswood Apartments where they arrested a 27-year-old man for Class C assault and public intoxication. An offense report for family violence was also filed by police.

At 7:50 p.m. Monday, police received a complaint in reference to juveniles having a party at Travel Inn. Police contacted a female juvenile who was issued a citation for minor in possession of alcohol.

WTC

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Pettitt, director of the physical plant, have been looking at some cost-saving measures the college may consider in regards to its utilities. He estimated the college could save $80,000 by implementing some key measures. He asked that the board consider obtaining the services of a professional to look into the possibilities.

Present at the meeting were all board members: Fagin, Kidd, Barbee, Carl Williams, Bill Wilson Jr., R.C. Patton and John Gayle.

Basketball program

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eral people, including journalism instructor Donny Brown, who read a resolution approved by the WTC Faculty Association.

"Because as a faculty we have seen improvement in both the classroom environment and campus life — to include the dormitory and cafeteria — with the removal of men's basketball, we recommend the board consider not reinstating it," the resolution stated.

Milton Ham, athletic director, and Leeon Pettitt, director of the physical plant, both said that there had been fewer problems this past fall, without men's basketball.

WTC Booster Club President Jerry Lelek countered that it wasn't fair to base the future of the program on the previous coach or players. "I think if we hire the right type of coach we wouldn't have those problems," Lelek said.

But Pettitt said that during his time at WTC, which spans three coaches, the program has always had discipline problems. He cited problems in the dorms, fights, property damage and harrassment of female students. "Gentlemen, it's not pretty," he said.

Following the meeting, Ham said that had he been asked for more input, he would have said he did not favor reinstating basketball — primarily due to a lack of funds, not because of discipline problems.

"The men's basketball players aren't the only students you have problems with. But they are more visible," said Ham. "The fact is, all of our athletic programs are funded at a minimum. It's extremely hard to compete at this level. And if you aren't going to fund it to make it the best, then you really shouldn't have the program."

That sentiment was reflected in the meeting by Kidd, who said he couldn't support the program if there were not enough funds to make it competitive with Midland, Odessa and other colleges in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, calling it an "emotion-laden situation," said he had several concerns about reinstating the program. Among them were virtually no support from the faculty and the economic factor.

"We're going into a non-funding year and new students won't be counted until the following year," he pointed out.

Area resident Tommy Webb addressed the board first, and asked trustees to consider that "students are here to get an education and not to go to basketball games or rodeo trips."

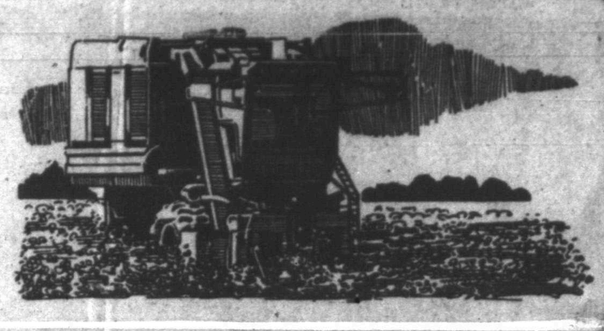
An analysis taken from the 1989-90 year indicated that the program showed a net loss of $49,295. Dr. Krenek had previously said that was a conservative estimate.

Barbee said that taxpayers shouldn't perceive that the college will save $50,000 a year by ending the program, however. She said that some $17,800 in teaching salaries would have to be paid anyway.

Western Texas College began its men's basketball program in 1971 and won six conference and regional titles and made six trips to the NJCAA National Tournament. The Westerners were junior college national champions in 1974-75 under Mike Mitchell and in 1979-80 under Richardson.



Scurry County Country





SCS Notes

By Michael Squires
Range Conservationist

TREES — Don't forget that Feb. 5 is the last day to place orders for trees. The Soil Conservation Office has order forms available. The species offered are well suited for windbreak plantings, ornamental plantings, wildlife plantings and just about any other reason you may have.

The personnel at the SCS office will be happy to assist you in ordering and will answer questions you may have. Some of the trees are extremely fast growers while others are relative slow growers. We have evergreens and hardwoods.

Now is the time to begin planning for spring. The trees will arrive early March just in time for planting. We can also provide you with information on installing a drip irrigation system to water the trees. There ae only 24 days remaining to place an order so please don't wait too long.

TERRACES — Much of the cotton has been gathered and terrace building and rebuilding is getting underway. A well planned terrace system will greatly improve your cropland by controlling the water systematically and stopping or reducing the amount of topsoil lost through water erosion.

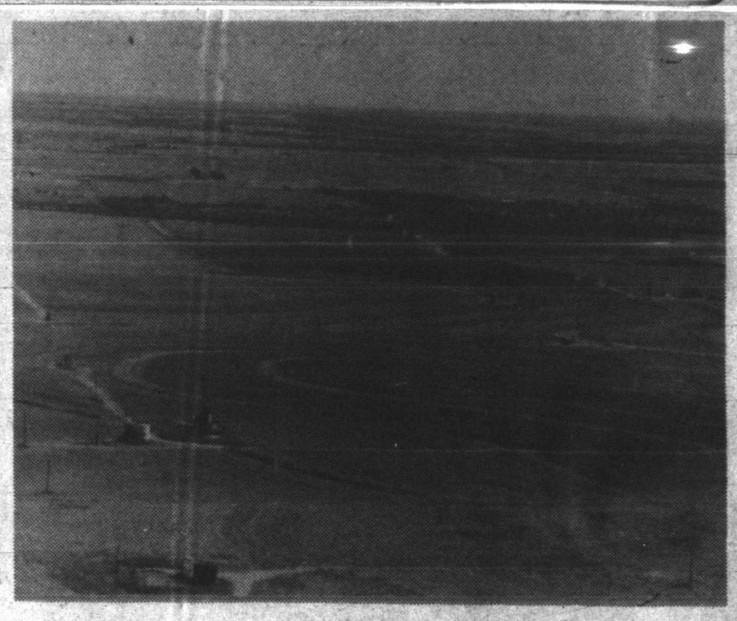
COMPLIANCE — Many producers have already visited with us at the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) making necessary changes to their conservation plans. When field checks are made to verify compliance with the 1990 Farm Bill it is very important that the operator be following his or her plan that is on file at the SCS office.

If you are not following your plan you need to come in and discuss the changes with the SCS personnel so that your plan can be updated. Changes are allowed; however, the change must be within allowable conservation provisions. In most cases it is quick and easy to update your plan. It is your responsibility as the operator to keep abreast of the conservation provisions and to keep your conservation plan current.

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SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE





TERRACES — Standard or contour terraces are the most frequently used terraces in Scurry County. They prevent or reduce the topsoil from being eroded from the field by controlling water from within and from outside the field. Many terraces have been planted to annual windstrips in order to reduce wind erosion. (SCS Photos)

ASCS Report

By Joe Hefner
County Executive Director

The deadline to sign up for disaster assistance on crop losses suffered in 1990, 1991 or 1992 under Phase II or Phase III of the Disaster Assistance Program is Feb. 12. Producers who have incurred crop losses for program crops of wheat, barley, and oats planted in the fall of 1991 for harvest in the spring of 1992 are eligible to apply for Phase II.

All other program or non-program crops for 1990, 1991 or 1992 could be eligible for assistances under Phase III.

To be eligible, a producer must have suffered a 35% loss for crops insured with FCIC or multi-peril crop insurance or a 40% loss for uninsured crops. Producers receiving 1992 disaster assistance must agree to purchase FCIC or multi-peril crop insurance for 1993 if their calculated loss is 65% or more.

Producers on a farm which previously qualified and received disaster program benefits for either the 1990 or 1991 crop and which do not apply for Phase II may apply for Phase III disaster benefits on any of the years 1990, 1991 or 1992 for which a disaster benefit has not already been received. Producers with qualifying gross incomes of $2 million or more are ineligible for disaster benefits.

Payments will be made as soon as all information is furnished and the application is approved, however they will be factored by 50.04%, the same factor used for Phase I benefits.

If you have determined that the total harvested, appraised and assigned production for your crops is less than the disaster level, you need to: a) call this office for an appointment, b) furnish proof of production, c) furnish 1990, 1991 or 1992 crop insurance information, if applicable, for all producers with insurance, including statements showing farm premium and amount of claim for the crop, d) complete necessary applications and paper work.

For more information on this and other programs, contact the Scurry County ASCS. All programs administered by USDA and ASCS are offered without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, disability, or national origin.



Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
County Extension Agent

NUTRITION FOR THE ATHLETE

It's becomming more apparent that a "healthy" body weight is very important for long-term well-being especially for athletes. While most people in Texas would do well to lose some weight, many need to gain weight.

Healthy people who can't keep weight on, some older individuals, certain athletes and people recuperating from serious illnesses, fall into the weight-gain category.

Some athletes, such as football players, need to gain weight and strength for competition, adding muscle mass, not fat. This can and should be achieved — without using steroids — by eating foods that meet all their nutrient needs and that add extra calories, as well as by maintaining a carefully executed exercise regimen.

If you are such an athlete, check with a physician or dietitian for a plan that meets your special needs. These tips can help you make wise choices about your diet:

—Eat a balanced, varied diet with less than 30 percent of calories from fat, about 15 percent of calories from protein and the remaining calories from fruit, vegetables, whole-grain cereals and whole grains that provide complex carbohydrates.

—Choose larger serving sizes and snacks frequently throughout the day to boost your calorie intake. Remember to select foods from the basic food groups which are low in fat.

—A diet that is balanced and includes variety and provides enough calories will, in most cases, give you all the protein you need to build muscle mass. Excellent protein sources include lean meat, poultry and fish; low- or non-fat dairy products; egg whites and no more than three egg yolks per week and dry beans and nuts in combination with grain and dairy products.

PROCESSED MEAT, AN EXPENSIVE SOURCE OF PROTEIN

Frankfurters and bologna are often more expensive sources of protein than beef roasts and steaks. That's because while they are cheaper on a pound-for-pound basis, their protein concentration is lower. It takes about four 1.5 ounce frankfurters, in fact, to supply as much protein as you would get in a 3-ounce serving of cooked, lean beef.

National Roundup

Tobacco yield up

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department estimates U.S. tobacco production this year at 1.68 billion pounds, 1 percent above 1991 and the highest since 1984.

"Increased acreage more than offset reduced yields," said a situation and outlook yearbook on tobacco released recently by the Economic Research Service.

"Larger production and bigger carrying stocks increased domestic supplies about 2 percent this season," it said. "Production may decline in 1993."

The report said U.S. cigarette consumption in 1992 may be down about 2 percent from last year.

"Cigarette smoking may decline further during the next 12 months because of increased prices, anti-smoking publicity, declining social acceptance, and further restrictions on where people may smoke," it said.

"Output may be down a little despite an increase in exports," it said. will set a record of about 185 billion cigarettes," it said. "Cigar and chewing tobacco use continues to decline. Output of chewing tobacco is down, but snuff production is up."

U.S. exports of unmanufactured tobacco during January-September 1992 rose about 12 percent from a year earlier, the report said, and for the entire year exports likely will exceed 1991's 226,500 metric tons.

"U.S. leaf exports are expected to increase slightly in 1993 because of growing foreign demand for American blended cigarettes, larger domestic supplies, and the weak U.S. dollar," the report said.

The 1992 flue-cured crop averaged $1.728 a pound at auction, 0.3 cent above last year, the report said.

"As measured by official grades, overall quality was higher," it said. "However, excessive rain hurt quality in Georgia and Florida. With larger marketings, cash receipts rose about 2 percent this season."

Cuban market

WASHINGTON (AP) — The European Community has captured more than 75 percent of the Cuban market for wheat and flour exports, says the U.S. Foreign Agricultural Service.

The EC set a record of 826,000 tons in such exports to Cuba during 1991-92, said a recent report by the service on grain export markets.

"Canada, historically the major supplier of wheat and flour to Cuba, has seen its exports decline steadily to a 10-year low of 219,000 tons in 1991-92," it said. "Despite the rapid growth in wheat and flour imports, Cuba has kept a positive balance of agricultural trade with the EC."

Canada has redirected its exports elsewhere in Latin America, the report added. "During 1991-92, Canada greatly increased its presence throughout Latin America in both traditional and new markets," it said.

Comment period

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department has extended to March 29 the comment period on its proposed temperature and labeling requirements for shell eggs.

"The 60-day comment period, which was to end Dec. 28, was extended at the request of an industry organization to allow additional time to evaluate the proposal," said Daniel D. Haley, administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

The new regulations would require that shell eggs be stored at 45 degrees Fahrenheit or below after being packed into containers going to consumers and that they also be transported in refrigerated trucks at 45 degrees or below.

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was high and active on a run of 1,281 head for the Jan. 6th sale. All stocker and feeder cattle $3-$6 higher. Pairs and bred cows fully steady and in demand. Packer cows and bulls $2-$3 higher.

—Lightweight stocker steers, 98-117.
—Mediumweight stocker steers, 88-97.
—Feeder steer yearlings, 78-87.
—Lightweight stocker heifers, 92-102.
—Mediumweight stocker heifers, 84-88.
—Feeder heifer yearlings, 78-82.
—Good bred cows, 600-770.
—Old and plain bred cows, 400-550.
—Good cow/calf pairs, 700-870.
—Old and plain pairs, 550-650.
—Good packer cows, 47-54.
—Low-yielding packer cows, 40-47.
—Good packer bulls, 58-65.
—Low-yielding packer bulls, 53-58.

FAVORITE BREAKFAST COMBINATION

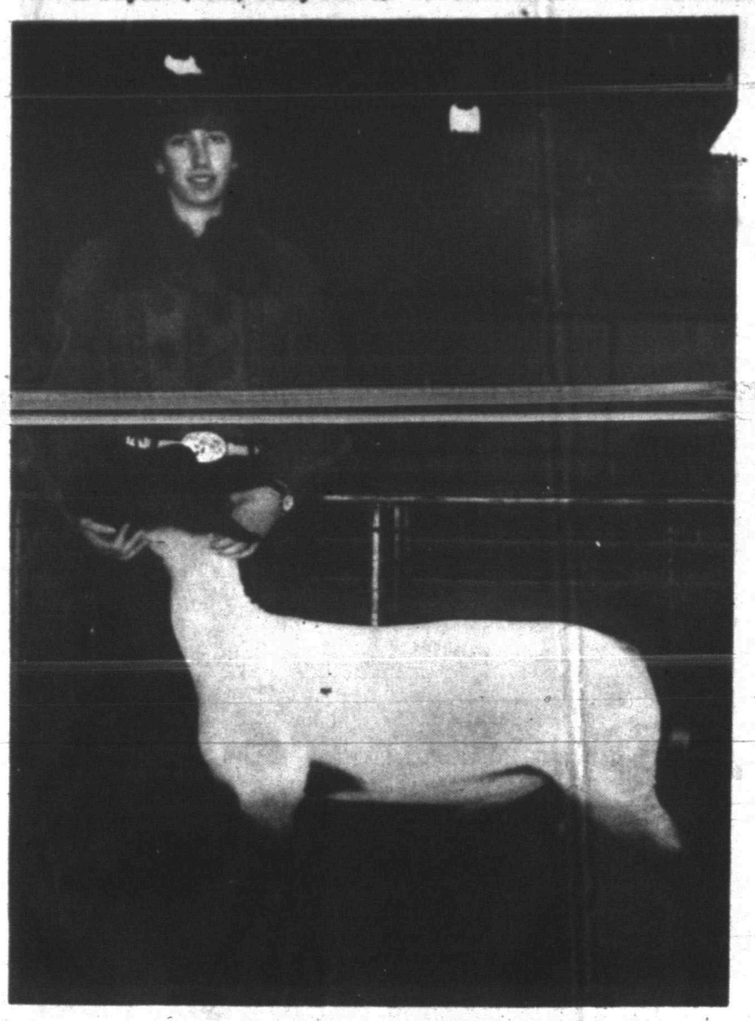
Waffles or pancakes with a glass of 2 percent fat milk is the favorite breakfast combination for children and teens under 18, says a survey conducted by MRCA Information Services. Oatmeal is the breakfast most often cooked in the microwave.

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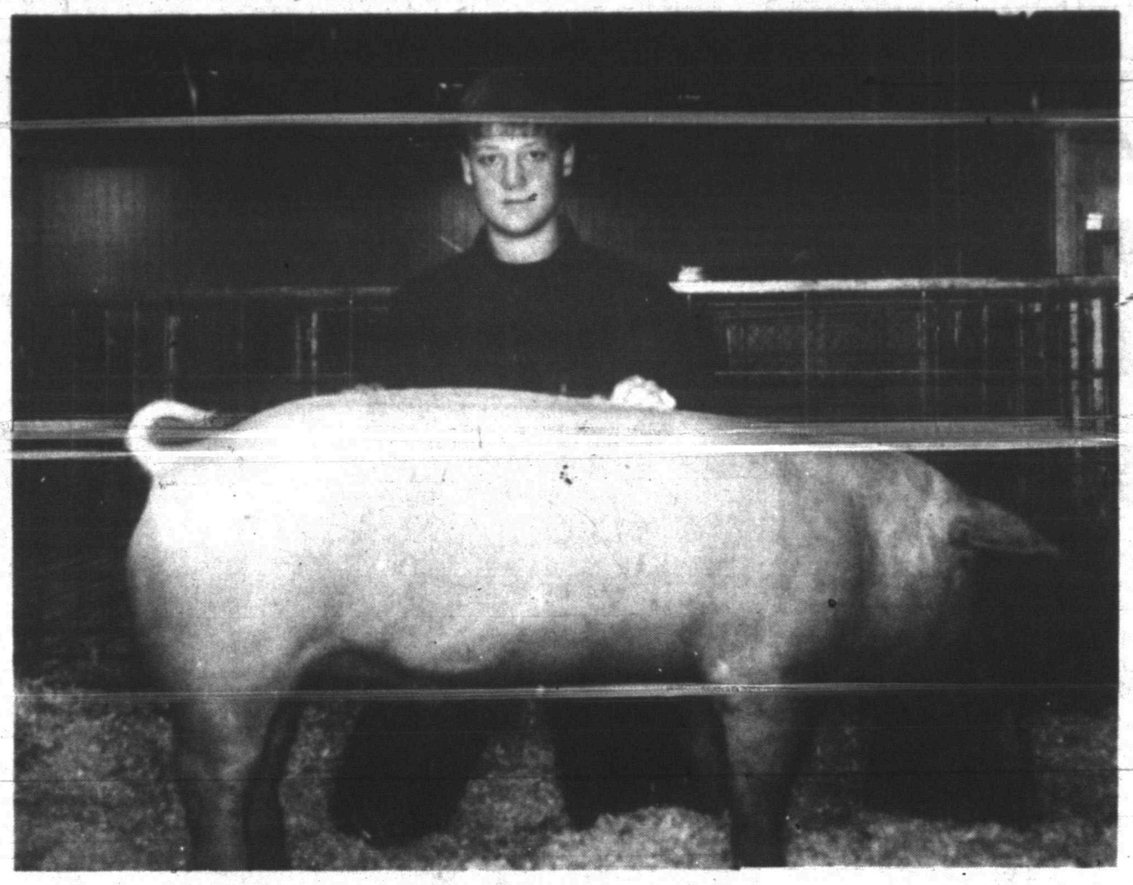
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RESERVE LAMB — Stephanie Uptergrove shows off her lightweight medium wool steer, which took reserve champion honors at Saturday's FFA Stock Show.



RESERVE CHAMPION — Justin White is pictured with his reserve grand champion pig, which was among over 80 entries at Saturday's annual Snyder FFA Stock Show.

Recycling legislation includes incentive fee on containers

AUSTIN (AP) — Even proponents of recycling legislation that would tax soft-drink and beer distributors say the proposal will have a difficult time passing in the Legislature.

Soft-drink and beer distributors, such as grocery stores, would be required to pay a fee up to 1 cent per container to help promote recycling under legislation touted Monday by Land Commissioner Garry Mauro.

"I believe at the very least this session we will begin to educate Texans and the Texas business community to the advantages of the market incentive fee," he said. "I believe eventually it will pass. It may not pass this session, but it will pass."

The fee also would be imposed on distributors of such beverages of milk, liquor, fruit juice and wine that come in containers that are not refillable.

Containers under 20 ounces would be taxed a half cent, while larger containers would be taxed 1 cent and paid quarterly by the distributors, under the bill by Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur.

The money would go into a fund to be administered by the Texas Water Commission for development of recycling programs and businesses in the state.

"In the past, it (the container fee) has been fought by the beverage industry," Parker said. "If the folks come in and oppose it, I would hope they would work with us to find some alternative way of supporting or underwriting seed money for use of recyclables."

The recycling bill also includes provisions to ban dumping yard waste at landfills, create economic incentives for developing recycling markets and collect abandoned auto batteries.

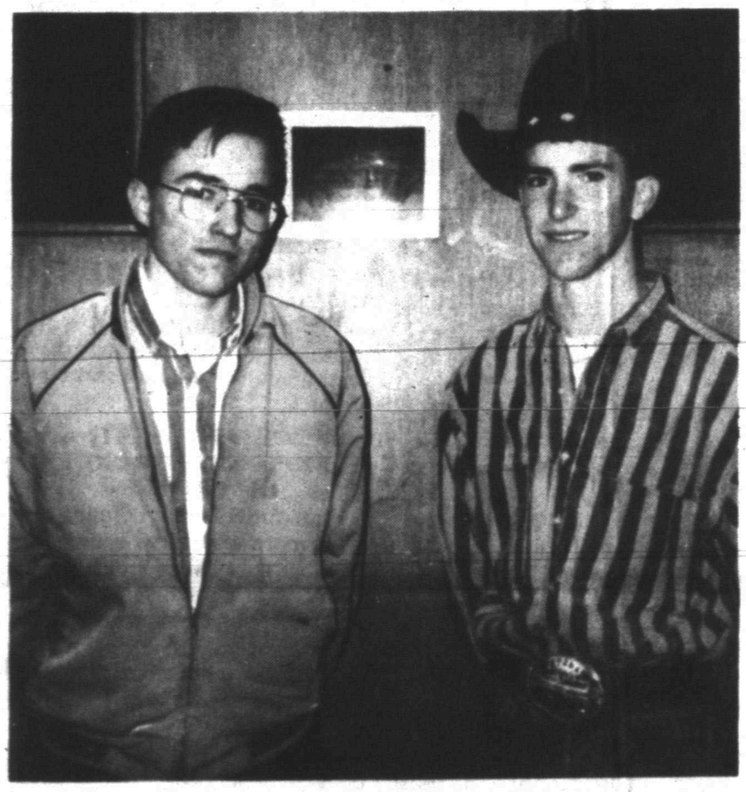
It also encourages the state to buy recycled products.

Mauro said the bill would help reduce solid waste going to public landfills, develop markets for products made from recycled materials and create new industries and jobs in Texas.

"It's a comprehensive act which attacks the problem of solid waste on all fronts simultaneously," Mauro said.

Mauro said he hoped the bill would succeed because public sentiment for recycling has "never been higher."

"We are not going to collect a tax for government to spend. We are going to work with the private sector and collect a fee that we will give back to the private sector to create infrastructure (for recycling)," Mauro said.



COMMERCIAL STEER PROJECTS — Bobby Cawthron and Dell Blackwell, left to right, took top honors in Friday's commercial steer project judging at the annual FFA Stock Show. Blackwell's project received the grand champion award, while Cawthron won reserve.

Burning cross stuns residents

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Daisy Brown was shocked that someone set a cross ablaze at her home's front yard in what must have been a delayed reaction.

Although she and her husband were the first blacks to move into the multiracial neighborhood, she said, "that was 18 years ago."

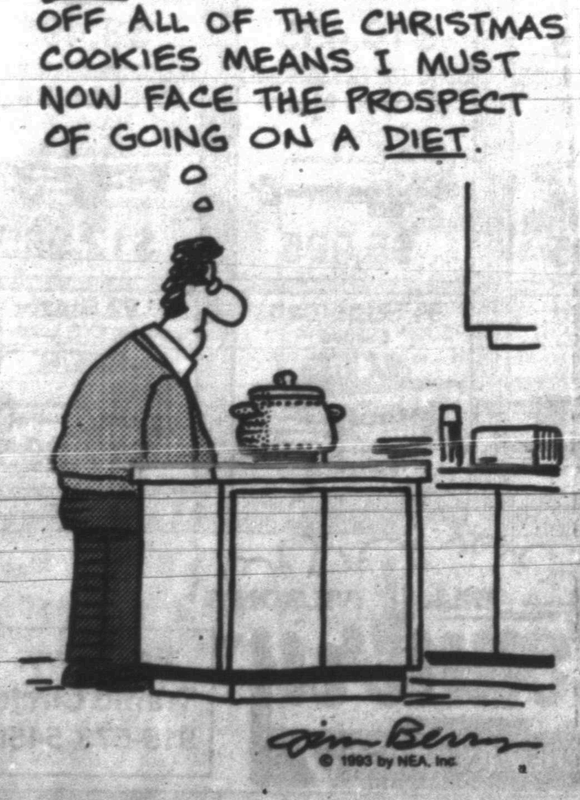
"The yard is always full of kids of every race, playing basketball," said Mrs. Brown, a substitute teacher with the Fort Worth school district. "They have fusses, but we've never had a problem with anyone out here. I've never ever seen a burning cross except on television or in the movies."

The neighborhood is south of Fort Worth in the Edgecliff Village area.

Her son, Terrance Brown, said he was returning home about 3 a.m. Sunday when he saw a fire and thought at first that his home was burning.

"But when I got closer, I saw the flaming cross in our yard," he said.

Berry's World



Perot revamps group

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot says his revamped supporters' organization will help balance the influence President-elect Clinton gets from entrenched Washington special interests.

But United We Stand, America, will also keep the former independent presidential candidate in the spotlight.

"I guess you'll be seeing more of me," Perot joked at the end of a news conference Monday where he outlined his plans for the nonprofit group.

He later began a series of TV appearances on behalf of the group, which he said will demonstrate support for government reform and deficit reduction.

Perot said Clinton shares that agenda but faces opposition from pressure groups that benefit from government largesse.

"I think his impulse and desire is to do the right thing," Perot said. "But if you're living inside the barrel and the only noise you ever hear inside the barrel is the special interests, the people lose their voice."

Memberships will cost $15 each and entitle people to vote on the group's leaders.

On CNN's "Larry King Live" Monday night, Perot said more than 66,000 people called the group's toll-free line on its first day with 80 percent of the callers signing up.

He also said he would write a new book featuring charts made for his campaign advertising.

In Little Rock, Clinton transition aide George Stephanopoulos said, "I don't know that we have to play to Perot but we certainly do have to address the concerns of those who voted for Perot and who are expressing concerns about the openness in government, their concern about limiting the influence of special interests."

The Dallas billionaire received 19 percent of the vote in November, more than any third-party candidate since 1912.

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