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Negotiations stalled...

Judge leaves contract talks to commissioners

By BILL McCLELLAN
SDN Managing Editor

Efforts between the mayor and county judge to work out a series of intergovernmental contracts have stalled because commissioners — at least some of them — say they prefer to do their own negotiating.

"It's the responsibility of the court," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey. "The ultimate decision is going to lie with us anyhow."

County Judge Bob Doolittle confirmed Friday that the idea of himself and Mayor Troy Williamson negotiating preliminary contracts has failed.

"Yes, some of the commissioners would like to talk with the members of the city council directly. If that's what they want to do, fine," said Doolittle.

But he made it clear that if he isn't involved, he'll move on to other business.

"The commissioners need to decide what they want to do, and once they do that I will agree or disagree, but otherwise, it's not in my hands," said Doolittle. "Believe me, I've got plenty of other things to occupy my time."

Doolittle met with the mayor Thursday afternoon and conveyed the commissioners' wishes to work with the city council.

Mayor Williamson, who had submitted some proposals to the judge and expected a response last Monday, said it is regretable that little progress has been made in the negotiation progress.

"It is very regretable, but we have a real problem," he said. The mayor added that he expects to address the issue during Monday's city council meeting.

The negotiations center around a series of contracts which will ultimately detail how each entity, together or separately, will provide for and fund such services as fire protection and ambulance coverage, landfill access and jail facilities.

The city and county have been working from the same basic "shared services" contract since 1984. Last August, the city notified the county that it was terminating the contract, effective Sept. 10, 1993.

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Ask Us

Q—What is the median household income for Scurry County?

A—According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median household income for the county is $24,046, based on 1990 figures.

Local

SCRTA meets

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday, March 1, at The Shack.

Emily Hataway will present the program.

SHS '52 & '53

A planning session for the 1952 and 1953 Snyder High School class reunion is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Monday at the home of Ned and Polly Underwood, 3009 Austin.

All exes are invited.

City Council

Snyder City Council will meet in special session at 6:30 p.m. Monday at City Hall to consider an evaluation report on the city landfill and an appointment to the Development Corporation of Snyder, Inc., board of directors.

Teachers

All employees of Snyder, Ira, Hermleigh and Windham schools are invited to hear a teacher retirement representative at 4 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium here.

The program, retirement planning regardless of years of service, is sponsored by Scurry County TSTA.

Civil case

A jury panel has been called for 9 a.m. Monday to hear a civil case filed by Julian Garcia against Neil Rinehart. Garcia is seeking damages for injuries sustained when his vehicle struck a head of livestock.

Representing the plaintiff is W. Richard Forcum of Lubbock, and attorney for Rinehart is Lance Hall of Sweetwater.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 73 degrees; low, 35 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 50 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 1.72 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, fair. Low in the upper 40s. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. High in the lower 70s. Southwest to west wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution advised on area lakes.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 6:35. Sunrise Sunday, 7:19. Sunset Sunday, 6:36. Sunrise Monday, 6:36. Of 50 days in 1993, the sun has shone 44 days in Snyder.

NAACP annual banquet set

Honored Abilenian to serve as speaker

Roberta Thompson, executive director of the Housing Authority of the City of Abilene, will be the guest speaker Saturday, Feb. 27, for the annual Scurry County NAACP Banquet.

The banquet is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Reta's Cake Shop and Texas Barbecue.

Thompson has a bachelor of behavioral science degree in psychology from Hardin Simmons University. She is also certified as a public housing manager and a social worker.

Over the years, Thompson has received many awards for her leadership. She was creator of the first Homeownership Program in the City of Abilene in 1990, mentor for the National Forum for Black Public Administrators Mentor Program in 1990-91 and remodeled the first Historical Residential Living Site in 1988.

She received the Board of Realtors 1991 Distinguished Abilenian Award and Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Service in 1989.

Thompson's list of affliations include the NAACP, charter member of Black Coordinating Council, charter member of City Employees Toastmasters Club, National Associaton of Housing and Redevelopment, Abilene Community Theater and Habitat for Humanities.

She is also the owner/chief executive officer of Bailey-Thompson Consultants and Associates.

Tickets for the banquet are $10 for adults and $6 for children 12 and under and may be purchased from Floyda Collins, Jearldene Anderson, Sedalia Malone, Alessa Fabre', Sammie Lee Harrison or Vernest Tippens.



ROBERTA THOMPSON

Economic meeting planned March 12 in county coliseum

A "Town Hall" meeting has been scheduled for March 12 in the coliseum to allow residents to voice their opinions on economic strategy for Scurry County.

The meeting is one step in the county's efforts to submit a five-year economic plan to the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

"Everyone will have an opportunity to say what they think should be priorities for Scurry County," said Commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., chairman of the Scurry County Overall Economic Development Program Committee.

Committee members were appointed by County Judge Bob Doolittle at the request of the West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG).

The committee is made up of 21 county residents, representing the county, city, education, financial institutions, the hospital, civic organizations, the chamber, board of county development, Area Foundation, Resource Conservation and Development board, DCOS, agriculture, utilities and business.

Gray said counties are required to submit a plan of economic development in order to be eligible for state and federal projects and grants through WCTCOG.

"This group was not appointed to do away with any other committee. We want to stress that," said Gray. "All we are trying to do is gather information and put it together for the council of governments so that Scurry County will have a plan and will be eligible for projects through them."

The committee's project proposal list includes some broad headings, such as industry attraction and retention, agriculture, elderly, health, environment, education and community development. Some of the suggestions made so far include downtown revitalization, youth center, coliseum promotion, tax abatement, a western heritage theme park, exotic animal processing, promotion of hunting leases, recycling, a composting facility for cotton gins and a county science fair. There are many others, from attracting industry, to small business training and scholarship enhancement.

Gray said March's meeting, set for 7 p.m., will give all residents a chance to either submit new ideas, or give their views on how the projects should be prioritized.

"We want everyone to have a chance to give their opinion. I firmly believe we have people out there that have good ideas that we haven't thought about," said Gray. "We welcome everyone to attend."

Following the meeting, the committee will prioritize the projects and submit the plan to WCTCOG by May 1.

The plan will be updated annually.

Russian airliner hijacked

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A Russian airliner, hijacked by a man who stalked the aisles carrying two hand grenades, landed at Stockholm airport Saturday with 47 people aboard, including the hijacker's wife and child.

The hijacker let 12 more people off the plane in the Swedish capital, but he told authorities the plane would either fly on to New York or everyone else would die. Malin Engstedt, speaking for Swedish civil aviation authorities, said no injuries were reported.

The twin-engine Tupolev-134 plane was commandeered on a flight from Siberia to St. Petersburg.

The hijacker agreed to stopovers in Europe after authorities convinced him the aircraft did not have enough fuel to fly to the United States directly.

The aircraft landed first in Tallinn, Estonia, then Stockholm, and it was believed the hijacker hoped to hopscotch his way to the United States.

Sixty-six passengers and six crew were originally aboard, but nearly three dozen people, including three Americans, were released in Estonia.

There, the Baltic News Service said the hijacker gave officials a three-page, handwritten letter stating, "We will land in New York together or we will die together."

The man relented and freed 12 more people in Stockholm, but police spokesman Ola Karlsson quoted the hijacker as saying there would be no further releases.

Stanley Olchovik of Fayetteville, N.C., said the hijacker freed him because he was an American. Olchovik described the hijacker as extremely nervous, and said he smoked heavily and walked up and down the aisle with the grenades in hand.

After hours of talks in Tallin, the plane was refueled and allowed to take off for Sweden, said Valentin Privalov, the deputy head of Russia's civil aviation air traffic control center in Moscow.

Two Swedish air force fighters escorted the plane to Arlanda airport, 27 miles outside Stockholm. Swedish authorities said the plane was being parked as far as possible from the passenger terminals.

Estonian police had surrounded the Aeroflot jet and closed the airport while a special team, led by Estonia's defense minister, conducted negotiations, at times aboard the plane.

Officials believed there was at least one other hijacker aboard the plane.



FILL 'ER UP — Cathy Peoples ladles some gravy for Boxie Weems during the World is Life Deliverance Church breakfast fund-raiser Saturday at East Elementary. (SDN Staff Photo)

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Being president is like dancing on a crowded floor. No matter where you move, you rub somebody the wrong way."

Tomorrow is George Washington's birthday. Almost any school kid can tell you that George Washington is known as the Father of our country, the first president of the United States, and a general in the Continental Army.

He's also known for his honesty. As the legend goes, George Washington, as a young boy, fessed up to his father about chopping down the cherry tree.

Well, the truth is that the story about little George not being able to tell a fib is nothing more than a fabrication by author Mason Locke Weems.

In 1806, while looking for new material to include in the fifth edition of "The Life and Memorable Actions of George Washington, the former minister turned book peddler conveniently included the story.

He wrote that Washington, while six years old, cut down an English cherry tree with a hatchet he had received as a gift. Questioned by his father, George confessed, "I can't tell a lie, Pa; you know I can't tell a lie."

It seems to us that Washington may not only have been the first president, but the first president to evade a direct question with an indirect answer.

Everybody knows that telling the truth is better in the long run. And everbody's mamma, including Sen. Phil Gramm, has preached that telling a fib only requires more lies and an extraordinary memory.

But there are those who defend the "white lie" and in some cases it's hard to argue ethics. For example, when the woman of your life asks if you think she is looking older, or fatter, or has more gray...it's easy to guess how a prudent man would answer.

Depository bank topic for county

County commissioners are expected to select a depository bank for county funds and sign a resolution in support of an underground water district when they convene in special session at 10 a.m. Monday.

Commissioners opened bids for a depository agreement at their last meeting but tabled a decision until additional study could be conducted.

Proposals were received from Snyder National Bank, the current depository, as well as West Texas State Bank and American State Bank.

Terry Hefner, Soil Conservation Service district conservationist, will present information regarding the formation of an underground water district with other counties in the area. The plan is being proposed to make sure that local citizens have control or input with regards to policies of managing underground water, she said.

Other business on the agenda includes approval of bills and minutes from the court's Feb. 16 meeting.

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President resigns after band incident

HOUSTON (AP) — The president of Texas Southern University said late Friday that he will resign his post, in an announcement that comes two months after the school's marching band was involved in a shoplifting incident in Japan.

William H. Harris said he will step down in August.

"There comes a time in our careers when we look back on our accomplishments and measure the distance that remains to fulfill our personal sense of purpose. Such reflections have led me to announce my intention to leave Texas Southern University as its President, effective at the end of August 1993," he said in a news release.

Harris said he made the announcement well in advance to give TSU's board of regents time to find a successor.

TSU's Ocean of Soul marching band, noted for its showy dance routines, was disbanded Dec. 17 in the wake of allegations that some members stole $22,000 worth of electronics during a trip to Tokyo to perform at the Coca-Cola Bowl.

Later, it was revealed that one-fourth of the band members were not students.

Harris dismantled the band and later placed 29 students on probation for their roles in the incident. He also announced that the band would be resurrected under a new name in the fall.

Harris' statement did not say whether his resignation had anything to do with the shoplifting scandal, and he did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press. University spokesman Chuck Smith said he could not comment beyond the announcement.

But Rufus Cormier, chairman of the school's board of regents, said by telephone Friday night that the board had not asked Smith to step down because of the shoplifting incident and did not think it was necessary.

"The answer is no ... as far as the board is concerned," he said.

Rig count drop seasonal, weather-related

HOUSTON (AP) — Bad weather and an ongoing seasonal slump forced the rig count down by 42, sending the weekly tally dipping back under the year-earlier mark for the first time in four months, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

The number of working oil and gas rigs nationwide stood at 656 this week. A year ago, there were 667 rigs working.

The rig count is the widely watched index of domestic drilling activity. The total represents the number of rigs actively exploring for — not producing — oil and natural gas.

The rig count has been plunging for six weeks, dropping 22 last week and more in the weeks before that. Baker Hughes officials had blamed the decline on the combination of an expired tax credit incentive and a normal seasonal slump.

But Ike Kerridge, who keeps track of the count for Baker Hughes, said he believes most of the wells now are completed that were drilled under "Section 29" tax credit incentives to drill for gas in tight sand formations. The incentive expired Dec. 31.

"I think this week's drop was sharper than we expected," he said.

Bad weather, particularly in Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas, apparently contributed to this week's steep tumble, he said. But the normal seasonal decline could continue for several months, Kerridge said.

"The normal low would come in April, so we're not quite there. But I would hope it (the decline) would moderate, not like the last few weeks," Kerridge said. "Unless it's weather related, the declines ought to moderate from this point on"

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The count peaked at 4,500 in December of 1981 during the oil boom. Last summer the count dropped to a record low of 596. The previous low was 663 in the summer of 1986.

Until this week, the count had remained above the total for the same period a year earlier since mid-October. Before then, the count had not surpassed the previous year's mark for more than 18 months.

Of the rigs running this week, 306 were exploring for oil, 313 for gas and 37 were listed as miscellaneous.

Wyoming, where Kerridge said it has been extremely cold, led the major oil-producing states in rig losses this week, dropping 14. Texas was down 11, Oklahoma lost 10 and Kansas had seven fewer rigs working. Counts for Colorado and Louisiana each were down by two.

New Mexico was the only state where the rig count got a boost this week, rising by three rigs.

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WTC plans 'brown bag' concert

The general public as well as Western Texas College students, faculty and staff are invited to a "brown bag" concert on campus Friday, Feb. 26. Those attending are urged to bring a sack lunch.

This concert will be the first of three performed during the spring semester. Each of the three concerts will be in the Fine Arts Theatre in Room 102.

The concert will last approximately 30 minutes and will consist of 10-12 pieces of "art music" including classical guitar, singing and piano. Students of Jon Palomaki, music instructor, will be featured.

Other performance dates will be March 26 and April 23.

Glasswork exhibit set at college

Bill Bagley, an art professor from Texas Tech University, is currently exhibiting his glasswork at the Fine Arts Gallery on the Western Texas College campus.

The show, entitled "Bagley Glass," will be on display through March 5.

The exhibit included both blown and fused glass works. The public is invited to view the art pieces.

Senior Center Menu

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Macaroni-Beef-Tomato Casserole w/Cheese
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Cottage Cheese & Peach Salad
Toasted Garlic Bread
Peanut Butter Cookies

TUESDAY
Grilled Ham w/Pineapple Sauce
Hominy-Cheese Casserole
Cooked Cabbage
Carrot Raisin Salad
Fruited Gelatin Chiffon

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Spoonbread
Giblet Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Herbed Green Beans
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Banana Pudding

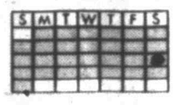
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Today is the 51st day of 1993 and the 62nd day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1962, U.S. astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the earth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Prescott (1726-1795), American Revolutionary officer; Ansel Adams (1902-1984), landscape photographer; Robert Altman (1925-), producer-director, is 68; Sidney Poitier (1927-), actor-director, is 66; Bobby Unser (1934-), auto racer, is 59; Mitch McConnell (1942-), U.S. Senator, is 51; Phil Esposito (1942-), hockey player-executive, is 51; Sandy Duncan (1946-), actress-singer, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, the New York Islanders set an NHL record when they defeated the Colorado Rockies, 3-2, for their 15th consecutive victory.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Yosemite Valley, to me, is always a sunrise, a glitter of green and golden wonder in a vast edifice of stone and space." — Ansel Adams

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, lightning struck a large tree, formed a fireball, and then rolled into a house in St. George, Kan. The lightning strike was so bright that students at a school two blocks away thought lights had been turned on and off.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (Feb. 21).

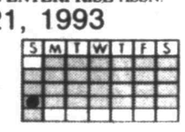
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Spring is the season when the swallows return to Capistrano and your promises to work in the yard this year come home to roost.

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Feb. 21, 1993

Today is the 52nd day of 1993 and the 63rd day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1965, Malcolm X was assassinated in New York City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: W.H. Auden (1907-1973), poet-dramatist; Hubert de Givenchy (1927-), fashion designer, is 66; Erma Bombeck (1927-), author-columnist, is 66; Nina Simone (1933-), singer-pianist, is 60; Barbara Jordan (1936-), U.S. politician-lawyer, is 57; Rue McClanahan (1936-), actress, is 57; Alan Trammell (1958-), baseball player, is 35.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1952, at the Oslo Winter Olympic Games, Dick Button won his second consecutive gold medal in figure skating.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Among those whom I like, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: All of them make me laugh." — W.H. Auden

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1971, a series of tornadoes leveled the community of Inverness, Miss., destroying 125 homes and 40 buildings.

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TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET

Our minister says, after watching us during services, he's going to tape his sermons and sell them as cures for insomnia.

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On Dean's List

SAN ANGELO — Sophie Villibord West of Hermleigh, an English and French major at San Angelo State University, has been named to the Dean's List (3.50-4.00) for the fall semester. She is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree.

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Happy 50th Birthday Gary



TOP THREE — Chris Halbert, left, won the spelling bee at Snyder Junior High School Friday morning. Katye Galloway, center, finished in second place. Stephanie Whittenburg, far right, earned third place honors. Halbert is a seventh grader and Galloway and Whittenburg are eighth graders. (SDN Staff Photo)

Memo reveals irregularities at U.N. World Health Agency

GENEVA (AP) — An auditor's secret memo reports irregular payments, including one he called "quite deplorable," to some delegates who re-elected the Japanese head of the U.N. World Health Organization.

The memo and other documents obtained by The Associated Press follow reports by diplomats and disaffected WHO officials that aides to Director-General Hiroshi Nakajima influenced votes with public funds.

WHO directs the global fight against AIDS and advises on primary care for billions of people. Its annual budget is $800 million.

Documents reporting that Japan backed the campaign with threats and incentives to Latin American, African and Asian nations triggered international criticism at a time when Japan seeks a permanent seat on the Security Council.

Nakajima won a second five-year term on Jan. 20 by a vote of 18-13 in the WHO Executive Council.

The result must be confirmed by all 183 WHO member nations in May.

Asked Friday to comment, Nakajima said he had ordered a full audit of pre-election contracts to be made public by May. The Japanese government has denied any wrongdoing.

Lawrence Eagleburger, the U.S. Secretary of State until late January, said Japanese tactics had compromised WHO. If still in office, he said, he would have objected strongly.

"If the election was as it looks, it ought to embarrass a lot of countries which should know better," said Eagleburger, in an interview.

The United States and the European Community support Mohammed Abdelmoumene, an Algerian neurosurgeon, who was Nakajima's deputy. They say Nakajima is an incompetent administrator and a poor leader who has demoralized the WHO staff.

As many Japanese officials as delegates were on hand for the Jan. 20 meeting. One delegate said he was flanked by at least three Japanese during most of his time in Geneva.

Diplomats said friendly delegates were told to vote for Nakajima on the first round, using secret ballots to break other commitments.

All seven Africans had agreed to vote on the first round for Ilikoyo Ransome-Kuti of Nigeria, African diplomats said. He got no votes, not even from G. Komba-Kono of Sierra Leone, who nominated him.

When Komba-Kono lost his government job after the vote, Nakajima aides named him to a WHO post in Bangladesh. D.G. Aitken, assistant director general for administration, withheld approval. Staff members said he questioned the move's propriety.

In letters dated Jan. 26 and Jan. 28, Executive Council president Jean-Francois Girard of France told Nakajima the WHO legal counsel found financial irregularities before the election. He gave no details but demanded a review and ordered Nakajima to keep him informed.

In a Jan. 25 memo marked "strictly confidential," WHO internal auditor Helge Larsen gave Nakajima examples of what he called a larger picture of irregular contracts awarded to delegates.

He singled out a $150,000 contract to A.R.A. Bengzon, the Philippine delegate, to write a history of health care under President Corazon Aquino.

"Quite apart from the fact that the amount seems totally out of proportion to the services to be rendered," he said, the agreement was "in flagrant breach of a whole series of WHO manual provisions."

The contract lacked a required explanation of why Bengzon was hired, how remuneration was calculated and how payment compared to the open market, he said.

Larsen also questioned contracts to the Seychelles delegate and a Sierra Leone official.

He wrote that routine audit requests had "generated a violent reaction" from Edward Uhde, director of budget and finance, a former U.S. Marine who Nakajima brought to WHO.

Accountants were questioned about what they had told the auditor, Larsen reported. He said file documents were placed in Uhde's "personal custody," and computer records were blocked.

He apologized for "the potentially damaging consequences ... to WHO's image and reputation" but said, "I find the (Bengzon) case quite deplorable."

In 1893, J. Frank Duryea drove the first gasoline automobile in the United States, at Springfield, Mass.

Cisneros returns to Texas to campaign for Clinton plan

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros told former city colleagues Friday that San Antonio stands to benefit from President Clinton's economic plan and its "booster shot" of spending.

Cisneros, in a speech to the San Antonio City Council and Bexar County Commissioners Court, also urged the local leaders to support Clinton's plan to cut the deficit with budget cuts and tax increases.

"No one would undertake the pain for the sake of pain," Cisneros said. "The only reason for undertaking something like this is because the country and its future require it."

Cisneros said San Antonio can expect to receive more federal money from the economic stimulus part of the package designed to create jobs immediately with an infusion of $30 billion.

The city will receive an additional $12.6 million in federal Community Development Block Grant money distributed by HUD under the plan, said Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor. That is in addition to the approximately $18 million the city already was getting for the current 1992-93 fiscal year.

Cities use the grant money for housing, infrastructure and other improvement projects.

Elsewhere in Texas, Houston is slated to get $20.8 million; Austin, $4.6 million; and Dallas County, $10 million.

Cisneros said in the long-term the Clinton plan will provide money for 100,000 additional police officers, work force retraining, a federal service program for college scholarships, the earned income tax credit, full funding of Head Start and welfare reform.

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Medical directives to physicians on Tuesday's agenda

Snyder Nursing Center is sponsoring a Community Educational Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fine Arts Theater at Western Texas College.

Topics will include:

—Living wills/advance directives.

—Durable power of attorney for health care.

—Guardianship.

—Speakers will include:

—Bob Doolittle, county judge, necessity of wills and role of county judge in guardianship.

—Dr. Carl Dillaha, importance of advance directives to physicians.

—Dana Cooley, assistant district attorney, guardianship vs power of attorney.

Mike Hartman, attorney-at-law, directives to physicians and planning durable power of attorney for health care.

For more information contact Margaret Bodet, administrator, Snyder Nursing Center, at 573-6332.

The Patient Self-Determination Act, which became effective in 1991, governs health care facilities funded by Medicare and/or Medicaid. This act requires all health care facilities to advise patients upon admission of their right to make decisions concerning their medical care.

All persons, regardless of where they live, have the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment and the right to execute advance directives which indicate their wishes to receive life sustaining measures or to say "no" to any treatments they do not want.

Bodet said Snyder Nursing Center is sponsoring Tuesday night's meeting in order to discuss these issues and present options available regarding medical care and treatment decisions.

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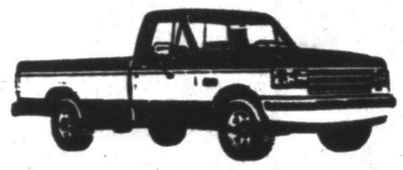
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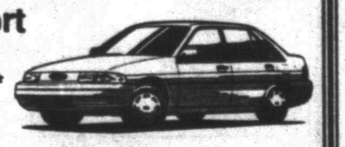


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Family remembers wrestler's love

DALLAS (AP) — Just like any other Friday night, wrestling fans slowly filled the Dallas Sportatorium to see their idol, Kerry Von Erich.

Ever since the most popular member of wrestling most prominent family returned to his hometown more than three months ago, he's been drawing fans to the arena.

Only this time, they gathered around the ring in silence. Many were wearing black. Some carried candles. Others had their faces buried in handkerchiefs.

It was their way of coping with the loss of Kerry Adkisson, 33, who fatally shot himself once in the chest Thursday under mysterious circumstances.

Some say drugs were to blame — he was fighting addiction and a possession indictment while already on probation. Others point to the grief caused by his brothers' deaths.

Kerry is the fifth of the six Adkisson brothers to die, the third to have taken his own life. The three suicides have occurred since 1987. Only second-oldest child Kevin remains for parents Doris and Jack Sr., who first made the "Von Erich" name synonymous with professional wrestling stardom.

Friends, family and even foes shared warm memories of Kerry — who was nicknamed "The Modern Day Warrior" and "The Texas Tornado" — during a 30-minute ceremony.

The service — before more than 3,000 fans, double the usual attendance — took place about an hour before his scheduled match against the wrestler known as the "Angel of Death."

Kevin, Doris and Jack Adkisson did not attend, calling it an exploitation of Kerry's memory, although many of the seats were given out free.

His fans didn't question any motives. They actually appreciated the chance to pay tribute to a man they genuinely adored.

"He just touched everybody that knew him — he was that type of person," said a grief-stricken Doris Seabolt, who remembers the brothers as children cheering patriarch Fritz Von Erich in the ring.

"He was just Kerry, just special. I have four children and I couldn't love them any more than I love Kerry."

As fans trickled into the arena several hours before the ceremony, they found the house lights off and ushers asking them to remain quiet.

Many of the fans approached the ring to gaze at a large color picture of Kerry, which was surrounded by several bouquets of flowers. Later, one of his silk, sequined robes was draped over a chair.

Some fans took pictures. Most just held each other and let their emotions flow. As they shared favorite memories, a smile would crease their face only to be followed by a slow-rolling tear.

Kerry's death hurts more than the loss of his brothers, some say, because his life had been such a celebration. He was devoted to his family — which he often said included his friends — and to his fans, who often became close friends.

The two people who received most of Kerry's love were his daughters Holly, 8, and Lisa, 6. He was divorced from their mother, but spent a great deal of time with the girls.

"Every Friday night the fans would be cheering 'Kerry, Kerry, Kerry,' and his two little girls would be standing next to the ring yelling, 'Daddy, Daddy, Daddy,' " said Dawn Batiz, a longtime friend of Kevin's who says she became close to Kerry within the last month.

Sometimes, when picking up his daughters from school, Kerry would stop in and read to the class, said Bill Colville, who knew Kerry for more than 20 years and spent the last 13 as his bodyguard.

Colville relived many other instances Kerry spreading his love. There were typical promotional appearances and other unplanned events — like trips to the mall or Six Flags — that turned into autograph sessions, but what stands out to Colville were the countless hospital visits the two made.

One was a few years ago, when Kerry had a torn knee ligament. But before being examined by a doctor, Kerry insisted on going room-to-room at the hospital.

"He was hurting. He leaned on me the whole time," Colville said. "He went to see every child, talk to every parent and then ... went to every surgery room. He would go in and introduce himself and ask the people who were waiting if they wanted to pray.

"There was nothing fake about him. Everybody loved Kerry."

But Kerry Von Erich's life was a dichotomy. Beyond the cheers, there was suffering.

"No one knows what Kerry was thinking," Colville said. "Obviously, he had bigger concerns and fears than he led me to believe.

"I talked to him 30 minutes before he went to the ranch. We knew he was worried about things, but there were no (signs)."

One of the things Kerry had internalized was the loss of his foot as the result of a 1986 motorcycle accident. He had a prosthesis attached, but only told a few close friends. It only became known after his death.

To fight the pain, he began taking pills. He eventually became addicted to the painkillers and spent time in a rehab center.

Just over a year ago, Kerry pleaded no contest to charges of using a forged prescription for Vicodin, a painkiller, and Valium, a tranquilizer. He received 10 years probation.

Another mounting problem over the years was the deaths of his brothers.

David died mysteriously during a trip to Japan in 1984. He was 25. Three years later, Michael overdosed on tranquilizers at age 23. Seventeen months ago, 21-year-old Chris shot himself. (Another brother, Jack Jr., was electrocuted at age 7 in 1959.)

Kerry was still popular in Dallas, but not nearly as big as he was in the early 1980s when his family's television show was syndicated in 66 U.S. markets and in several other countries.

That was also when Kerry was at his best in the ring. In May 1984, more than 32,000 fans filled Texas Stadium to see him earn the National Wrestling Alliance World Heavyweight Championship. He lost it a month later.

His most recent problem came Wednesday when a Dallas County grand jury indicted him on one count of possession of a cocaine. He allegedly had 28 grams of the drug when he was arrested Jan. 12 in Irving.

Still, most people who spoke with Kerry in his final week thought everything was normal. However, in retrospect, there may have been signs.

"Last Friday, he wanted me to wait for him at his dressing room," said Gilbert Mascorro, a regular at the Sportatorium for more than 35 years who watched all the Von Erich brothers grow up.

"When he walked in, he just put his arms around me and started crying. It didn't worry me because there was no sign that he was depressed."

Von Erich told Mascorro the tears were because of the death of Mascorro's wife, Eloise. But she has been gone for almost four years and Kerry has seen Mascorro quite often since then.

Mascorro now wonders if it was Kerry's way of crying out for help.

Terry Sims wonders, too. He was called out of a meeting by Von Erich on Monday just to be given a hug and a few words of encouragement.

Was Kerry Adkisson, the Modern Day Warrior, up against something he couldn't face? Or was it the accumulation of years' worth of tragedy, pain and agony that finally caused him to cave in?

Those answers are likely to be buried Monday with Kerry.



WINNER AT FORT WORTH — Katie Voss, a member of the Scurry County 4-H Club, placed first in the Hereford Steer Class at the 97th annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth earlier this month. Voss was among more than 7,100 Texas youngsters exhibiting agricultural educational projects at this year's stock show which concluded Feb. 7. Junior premiums totaled almost $60,000 this year. (Contributed Photo)

McCathern will serve as WTSCA head during 1993

Jan McCathern, speech director for WTC, has been named president for the West Texas Speech Communications Association for 1993.

She has earned that position after serving in several posts with the association in the past, to include scholarship chairman and "time and place" chairman.

As president, Mrs. McCathern conducted a high school speech clinic for the Panhandle region Jan. 20. At this clinic, she gave seminars on extemporaneous speaking, interpretive reading, cross examinations (CX) debate, and Lincoln-Douglas (L-D) debate.

Connick, Jr. to lead parade

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Harry Connick Jr. may have two Grammys, but he says the greatest honor of all is leading one of the biggest parades of the Mardi Gras season.

The 25-year-old singer-songwriter-pianist will preside as the god of wine and revelry in the Krewe of Bacchus' 25th anniversary parade on Sunday, two days before Mardis Gras.

"No award in the world could mean more than this," Connick, who grew up in New Orleans, said Thursday.

Judge throws out AG's suit against Houston hospital

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge threw out a lawsuit Friday in which the state accused Houston's Methodist Hospital of not providing enough medical care to the poor while profiting from its tax-exempt status as a charity institution.

State District Judge Peter Lowry granted a summary judgment to Methodist Hospital, saying, "The attorney general does not have the power to tell charitable organizations how to allocate those resources."

Paul Stallings, an attorney representing Methodist Hospital, said, "We're elated. The hospital has always acted ethically, legally and in accordance to the mission of its founders."

Assistant Attorney General Renea Hicks said, "What we have here is one of the richest hospitals in the country ... that the court has said has no obligation to provide any charity care."

Hicks said he would confer with Attorney General Dan Morales to determine whether to appeal Lowry's decision.

The state argued that Methodist was reaping the benefits of a tax exemption for charities, but wasn't providing enough charity medical care.

"If it (Methodist Hospital) is a charity, then every corporation in America that makes money is a charity," Hicks said.

The state argued that Methodist has received more than $157.8 million in benefits between 1986 and 1990 because of its non-profit, tax-exempt status.

Senior Center monthly birthday party planned here Wednesday

A birthday party honoring all senior citizens born in February will be held Wednesday in the Senior Center.

McDonald's furnishes supplies for the party each month. The observerance begins at 10 a.m. in the center's dining room. The Kitchen Band will be entertaining there with a program starting at 10:30.

Dominoes will be the feature of Monday's Game Day in the center, with games starting at 9:30 a.m. The modified exercise class will begin at 11 a.m. each weekday morning and everyone is invited to join the group.

Benny Benitez will be playing for country/western dancing in the center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Browning band will be performing at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the dining room. More music is on the schedule Friday when the weekly Sing Along gets underway at 11:30 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m. Friday.

Senior citizens who give volunteer time to the center and other community programs will be honored at the annual Recognition Banquet planned for April 2 in Scurry County coliseum. Volunteer hours must be reported by Feb. 26 to be counted for the year and forms for reporting hours are available in the Senior Center office. Senior citizens who are not now giving volunteer time and who would like to become involved as volunteers are invited to contact Norma Laywell for details.

The Senior Center is located at 2603 Avenue M and is open Monday through Friday. For more information call 573-4026.

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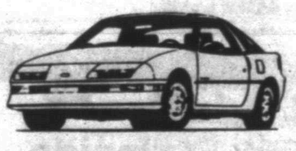
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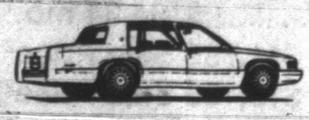
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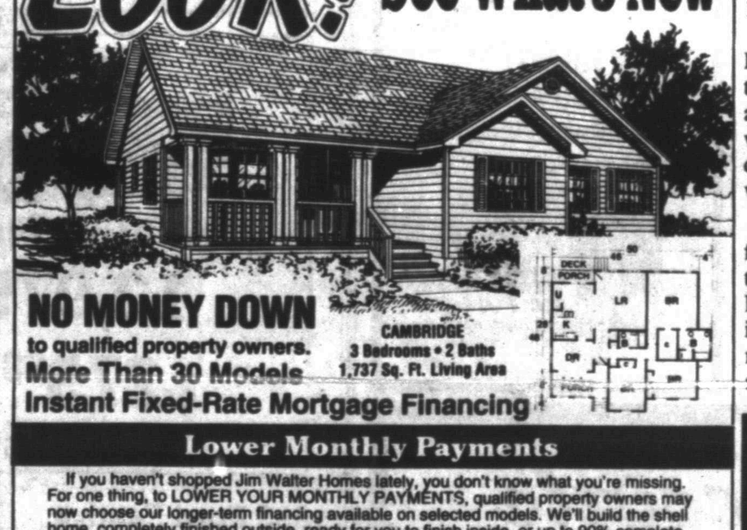


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Two 10-year-olds arrested in slaying of younger child

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Police questioned two 10-year-old boys Friday in connection with the brutal killing of a 2-year-old who wandered away from his mother in this northwest port.

The killing has shocked Britain and sparked a national debate, with calls for tougher sentences of youths, a crackdown on TV violence and expressions of fear that the nation is in decline.

The boys underwent what police called slow and gentle interrogations about the murder of 2-year-old James Bulger.

Security camera footage showed the child being led away by two boys after he wandered from his mother in a crowded shopping center a week ago. He died within hours of his disappearance, according to authorities, and his battered body was discovered near a railway track on Sunday.

A coroner's report on the cause of death has been withheld, but police said there was no evidence of sexual abuse.

Detectives announced the arrests at a Friday morning news conference.

Police and clergymen renewed appeals for calm on Friday. On the streets of Bootle, a dockside district of Liverpool, residents demanded revenge.

"You know what you do with them two evil boys you've locked up?" Agnes Mulville, 68, told a policeman. "You set them in the middle of these shops here and give them over to us."

Detective Superintendent Albert Kirby of Merseyside police said it was too early to say whether charges would be filed against the two boys.

"We've got a lot of talking to do with the lawyers, and with the social services as to what we can actually do and where they will ultimately go," Kirby told reporters.

He said interrogators "have to be very gentle, very soft with them, and you have to remember that they are 10 years of age ... It's just going to be a very long and slow interview."

Under British law, 10 is the minimum age for criminal charges, but prosecutors must prove a child was aware he or she did something wrong.

Police, courts and newspapers are forbidden by law from identifying child suspects or criminals.

In the streets of Walton, a working class Liverpool district where the boys live, the names have spread fast among neighbors.

A 12-year-old boy who was arrested and questioned by police about the killing earlier in the week and then released, has had to leave the district with his family and go into hiding.

On Thursday night, national television showed new pictures of the toddler, who was called Jamie by his family, leaving the shopping mall hand-in-hand with two boys.

College sets speech event

The Brock Memorial Speech Tournament will be next Saturday, Feb. 27, on the Western Texas College campus, marking the fifth year it has been held here.

The tournament is for area high schools from class 5A to 1A. There will be from 300-400 competitors from 15-25 schools.

Director of the tournament is Jan McCathern, speech teacher.

There will be 11 events in which schools can compete: informative speaking, persuasive, speaking, prose interpretation, poetry, current issues and events, cross examination, Lincoln-Douglas debate, duet acting, literary criticism, keyboarding and spelling.

While on campus, the students are encouraged to visit all WTC department areas. Money from entry fees also go toward campus scholarships.

The event is named after former WTC executive vice-president Ben Brock, who was very active in high school UIL events.

Antitrust exemptions may prove costly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts by hospitals and doctors to gain exemption from antitrust laws could be a step backward in controlling medical costs, Federal Trade Commission Chairman Janet S. Steiger said Friday

Her agency sought to thwart a hospital acquisition in southwest Florida. The FTC, by a 5-0 vote, charged that Columbia Hospital Corp.'s acquisition of Medical Center Hospital in Punta Gorda, Fla., would eliminate competition and violate antitrust laws.

The agency had obtained a court order Feb. 1 temporarily blocking the acquisition.

Steiger said the government will need "a vigorous antitrust presence" to ensure the success of any health care plan designed to spur competition.

Hospitals have sought exemption from the antitrust laws, arguing that they discourage mergers that can reduce duplication and help communities pare their overall health bills.

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This Old Gal Has Many Men To Help Her Through the Day

DEAR ABBY: Some years ago, you published a piece from a senior citizen who was bragging about the boyfriends she had in her everyday life. It included such characters as "Ben Gay," "Arthur-itis" and others.

Both my wife and I enjoyed it immensely, and we try to quote it on occasion. Unfortunately, we can't remember the entire piece. Would you kindly run it again? Others may enjoy it, too.

THE CLARENCE JACOBSENS, ELMONT, N.Y.

DEAR MR. & MRS. JACOBSEN: The piece was sent to me several years ago from a reader who clipped it from a church bulletin — author unknown. And here it is:

OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

Old folks are worth a fortune: With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous old gal. I'm seeing five gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day, I'm really tired and glad to go to bed — with Ben Gay. What a life!

P.S. The preacher came to call the other day. He said that at my age, I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do — all the time. No matter where I am — in the parlor, upstairs in the kitchen or down in the basement — I ask myself, "Now, what am I here after?"

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DEAR ABBY: We are three sisters and a brother — all married and living in the same town. (It is not a very big town, and we see each other often.)

For Christmas and Mother's Day, we all pitch in and buy Mom something special — this way we are able to get her a nicer gift. I happen to be the sister who collects the money and does the shopping.

My two sisters are very prompt in paying their share, but our brother is very hard to get any money out of. (He still owes me for two Christmases and one Mother's Day.) If we exclude him and leave his name off the card, it would hurt Mom's feelings, so we need to know how else to handle this. Maybe one of your readers had this problem and has a solution. How would you handle it, Abby?

THE ELDEST SISTER

DEAR ELDEST: I would keep "reminding" Brother until he pays his share. I would also tell him that if he doesn't pay up, I will not put his name on the card — then Mom will really be hurt.

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DEAR READERS: Catch of the day, from The Wall Street Journal:

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DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Betty M., California Cowgirl" about horse sense really wrung my tail.

First of all, if it was up to us horses, we wouldn't be in fires at all — we wouldn't even be in barns; we'd be in herds roaming the plains the way we did 10,000 years ago, until you cave dwellers locked us up.

Incidentally, Abby, how long do you think you'd last on the open prairie, stark naked, in a blizzard at 20 below? If you got turned around, could you find your way home? Guess my horse sense comes in handy then.

You might also wish I was with you if you ever have to weave your way through an area that has a few hidden quicksand pits and an occasional poisonous snake. Let's face it, Abby, alone you'd be a goner.

You human beings, claiming to be the smartest mammals, really crack us horses up. You drive around in vehicles you can't control, running into trees, walls and each other. Even worse, you drive drunk. You fall off ladders and out of buildings. You smoke cigarettes in bed and burn yourselves up. (At least we run out before we come back in.) You use drugs, you deal drugs; you buy guns and then shoot yourselves or somebody else.

Half of you are starving, and you're living next to millionaires. You hate each other because you're different colors. You spill oil in the ocean, ruin your forests, and now you're messing up the ozone.

I guess I'd rather settle for my kind of sense.

SONNY SANGAREE, AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE, PEMBROKE, N.H.

DEAR SONNY: Can't say that I blame you. Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on people.

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DEAR ABBY: I must respond to all those holier-than-thou readers who regard unmarried couples who are living together with such contempt.

After dating for three years, Ryan and I moved in together to minimize living expenses. We planned to get married after I graduated from college.

Well, my family practically disowned me when we told them we were living together! (His folks were more broad-minded about it.)

After Ryan and I had lived together for a year, I found out he had a terrible temper. The day he grabbed me by my blouse and threw me against the wall so hard I thought my shoulder was broken, I walked out on him. I thank God I didn't marry Ryan. What a fix I'd have been in if, after we were married and had a child, I had learned that he was capable of physically abusing me!

Abby, the next man I fall in love with, I will make sure I live with, before making a lifetime commitment.

Living together before marriage may be a "sin," but it's the only way you can really get to know a person.

GLAD I DID IN ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR GLAD: I'm glad you did, too. I never thought I would reverse myself on this issue, but I now believe that couples who are serious about marriage should take a few weekend trips together to test their compatibility. (I can't believe I wrote that!)

P.S. This doesn't mean hopping in the sack with every Jim, Joe or Harry, but living together first is a sure way to avoid a possible disaster.

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Britain pressed to curb youth crime following boy's slaying

LONDON (AP) — The violent death of a wide-eyed, 2-year-old boy — killed after walking away from a shopping mall with two youngsters — has raised the volume of calls for the government to take tougher action against young criminals.

Two 10-year-olds were arrested Friday and were being questioned in the toddler's killing. James Bulger was kidnapped after wandering briefly from his mother in the busy Strand shopping center on Feb. 12. His battered body was found on a rail track in Liverpool two days later.

The killing shocked Britain and enraged the people of Liverpool, 170 miles northwest of London.

In the same week that James's small body was found, a 13-year-old boy was charged in London with murdering a man in his 60s.

In Reading, western England, two "joyriders" aged 17 and 19 were sentenced to five years' youth custody for killing a cyclist while they raced stolen cars.

"Children are running wild in a way that they would not have been allowed to do in the past," said Conservative lawmaker Michael Stephen.

He and other members of Parliament joined police in urging the government to change the law to lock up persistent offenders.

Prime Minister John Major told Parliament on Tuesday it was time to crack down on such offenders, and promised proposals soon.

Home Secretary Kenneth Clarke told a meeting of police officers last year a case exists "for increasing court powers to lock up, educate and train them for their own and everyone else's interest."

Under British law, 10 is the minimum age at which children can face criminal charges. Prosecutors must prove they were aware what they did was wrong.

Under the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, courts can require parents to pay fines and can pass tougher community sentences on 16-17 year olds.

But children under 15 still cannot be kept in custody. Courts usually caution them and hand them over to a local government agency, but they often escape.

"Something has to be done, and that something has to be custody because the alternative is to take decisions that will allow them tomorrow or tonight to burgle someone's house and steal someone's car," John Hoddinott of the Association of Chief Police Officers told a House of Commons committee.

In the gray wasteland of east London tenements, it is not hard to find youngsters who have tangled with the law.

"Sure I've been in trouble with the police," admitted Danny, a canny, fresh-faced 16-year-old.

"I was arrested the first time when I was 14, for stealing a motorbike." Two other arrests, for robbery and attempted burglary followed.

"Mainly, I did it because I was broke, and for fun," the dark-haired youngster said. Police cautioned him each time.

Danny refused to give his last name "cuz I don't want no trouble."

Other teens talk freely of fights, robberies, shoplifting.

Government figures show 2,300 boys aged 10-13 and 17,200 aged 14-17 were sentenced in 1991 for indictable offenses.

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Lady Cards begin softball campaign

HERMLEIGH — Hermleigh girls' softball coach Kelly Irvin, has more questions than answers about her softball team heading into Monday's season opener, but she is optimistic.

"We ought to be pretty good," says Irvin. "We've got several girls who have played in Snyder's girls' softball league, so that'll give us a little bit of an advantage over somebody that's starting with girls who haven't ever played."

The University Interscholastic League and the State Board of Education approved implementing girls' softball programs last year and Hermleigh is the only area school to field a team for the 1993 season.

Across the state, 213 teams will play in 32 districts, all in the same classification, with the top two teams in each district earning playoff spots.

HHS softball

Date	Oppt.	Site	Time
Feb. 22	Westbrook	H	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 8	Merkel	H	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 16	Westbrook	H	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 19	Winters	H	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	Merkel	T	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 13	Winters	T	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 19	Westbrook	T	5:00 p.m.

The state championship tournament is scheduled for May 21 and 22 in Austin.

The Lady Cardinals will compete in District 1 along with Merkel, Winters and Westbrook.

"Winters has a good program," Irvin said when questioned about rival teams in the district. "They play all the time. Merkel has 43 girls out for softball, so they'll be tough. Westbrook is kind of like we are, right now, kind of getting started."

Hermleigh's core of experienced players include pitchers Jennifer Herl, Stephanie Buchanan, Bridget Moore and Robin Beckham, and position players Connie Payne, Donnis McHaney, Tammy Holder and Lori Anderson.

"I really don't know where everybody will play," Irvin said. "But we've got some good athletes who will do a good job wherever I put them. I'll know a little more after our first game."

Top hitters include Herl and Payne.

"Jennifer and Connie have both done real well in our limited practice time," Irvin reported. "Lori Anderson has also done real well hitting."

The Lady Cards' season begins Monday when they face Westbrook in a non-district home game. Hermleigh's home field will be the softball diamond at North Park in Snyder.

District games begin March 8 with a home contest against Merkel. Home battles follow against Westbrook and Winters before hitting the road for an April 5 meeting at Merkel.

All Lady Cardinal games will begin at 5 p.m.

Cubs vs. Codgers...

SHS Tigers nudge Exes, 6-3

Freshman Jeremy House threw a strong 2 1-3 innings and Curt Rinehart fanned the side in the top of the seventh as Snyder's 1993 Tigers defeated a group of SHS exes in an exhibition baseball game Friday to benefit the Snyder baseball program.

The game, called by one fan the Cubs vs. the Codgers, featured sterling pitching performances on both sides.

"We only had four hits," said Tiger coach Albert Lewis. "They can still bring the ball."

The losing pitcher was 1992 SHS graduate Daniel Espinosa, who was victimized by a pair of throwing errors by catcher Johnny Overton in the second inning that resulted in a 4-1 lead by the young Tigers.

The Exes drew first blood, however, when second baseman Shawn Ragland hammered a 3-1 Lee Idom fastball out of the park in the top of the second.

Snyder's young pitching staff gave up just five hits and was backed up by a defense that committed just two errors.

Starter Idom went three innings for the Tigers, Reagan Key went 2-3 and Rinehart tossed the seventh.

Outfielder Clint Wilson drove in a run for the Tigers with a double, the team's only extra base hit, and catcher Brad Hart added an RBI single.

Rightfielder Les Rinehart drove in two runs for the exes.

"The kids really got after it," said Lewis. "We've been really impressed with their efforts so far."

The Tigers were to have faced Midland Lee Saturday at 1 p.m. at Moffett Field in their last scrimmage before Tuesday's season opener against San Angelo Central in Snyder.

Jacobi leads SHS boys to 4th at P'view event

PLAINVIEW — Snyder senior Chad Jacobi shot a 76 in 30-35 mph winds Friday, to lead the Tigers to a first-round 326, good for fourth place in the Plainview Invitational golf tournament.

The event's final 18 holes were to be played Saturday at Plainview Country Club.

In addition to Jacobi's 76, tied for seventh in the individual standings, Snyder got an 80 from freshman Page Patterson, in his first tourney on the Tiger A team, and an 83 by freshman Carl Strelecki.

"I was really pleased with the first-round scores of our freshmen," said SHS coach Bob O'Day. "They put in a real solid round.

"Chad had a good round, too, but he's capable of doing better. He hit a ball out of bounds on the 13th and cost him a couple of strokes, or he'd be right up there in the medalist race."

Andrews, paced by individual leaders Ronnie Lopez and Marcus Maynard, shot a team-total 296 for first place Friday.

Lopez turned in an even-par 72 and Maynard shot a 73 for the Mustangs.

Host Plainview was second with a 308, Amarillo High carded a 310 for third, followed by Snyder's 326, and identical 340s by Plainview B and Canyon.

Snyder's B squad was ninth at the break, registering a combined 351.

Sophomore Bryan Word's 85 and an 87 from freshman James Pilgrim were tops for the Tiger B team.

Plainview Invitational
Boys golf
Plainview Country Club
18-hole results

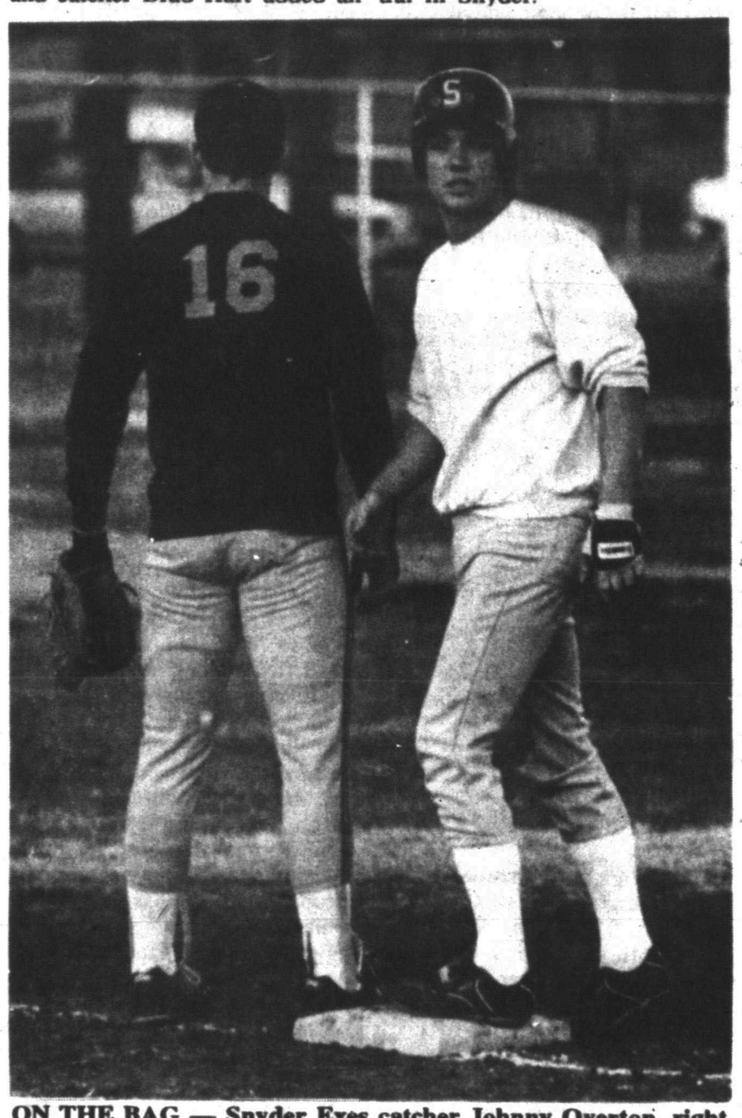
Team scores: 1. Andrews 296; 2. Plainview 308; 3. Amarillo 310; 4. Snyder 326; 5. (tie) Plainview B 340; Canyon 340; 7. Tascosa 341; 8. Palo Duro 343; 9. Snyder B 351; 10. Frenship 371; 11. Dumas 396 12. Frenship B 434.

Individual leaders: 1. Ronnie Lopez, Andrews, 72; 2. Marcus Maynard, Andrews, 73; 7. Chad Jacobi, Snyder, 76.

Snyder A scores: Chad Jacobi 76; Page Patterson 80; Carl Strelecki 83; Adam Scott 87; Jeff Armstrong 89.

Snyder B scores: Bryan Word 85; James Pligrim 87; Cody Wunderlich 90; Matt Parker 90; Shane Robison 101.

Snyder individual score: Banyan Winkler 93.



ON THE BAG — Snyder Exes catcher Johnny Overton, right, looks to the dugout for a signal following his first-inning base on balls in the 2nd Annual Tigers vs. Exes benefit baseball game, Friday at Moffett Field. The Tigers won the contest 6-3. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rockies suffer season's first injury

by The Associated Press

The Colorado Rockies were on the field for just a few hours, and already a player got hurt. Meanwhile, the Florida Marlins' practice fields weren't quite ready.

Most teams were trying to get settled as camps continued to open across Florida and Arizona, but things were special for the National League expansion clubs.

The Marlins got to meet each other and the Rockies held their first workout under manager Don Baylor.

Unfortunately for the Rockies, their first workout brought their first major injury. Pitcher Clint Zavaras, a non-roster invitee, tore the anterior cruciate ligament and cartilage in his right knee while covering first base during groundout drills.

"I just turned it," Zavaras said. "I was covering the bag and rolled my knee. It hurt bad for a couple of minutes."

He was scheduled for arthroscopic surgery on Monday in Denver, and the team said his rehabilitation time would be determined after the surgery.

Among the first things that Baylor did at High Corbett Field in Tucson, Ariz., was to have the players stand up and introduce themselves.

"It was almost like first grade," Baylor said.

At Winter Haven, Fla., the bulldozers were still moving over the grounds of the spring training field as the Marlins arrived to take their physicals.

"It's amazing what's happened here," Marlins manager Rene Lachemann said. "When I left here on January 20th that field was a 25-foot pile of sand and there was what looked like a lake next to it. What they've done is amazing."

Benito Santiago, the San Diego all-star catcher signed by Florida as a free agent, was looking ahead to Saturday's opening practice.

"I'm so excited," he said. "I can't wait until we get here tomorrow and start to work out."

At other camps, attention was on players coming back from injuries. Outfielder Darryl Strawberry, recovering from surgery performed last fall to repair a herniated disk in his lower back, did some light running and took some batting practice at the Los Angeles Dodgers' camp in Vero Beach.

Lady Tigers register 415 at Big Spring

BIG SPRING — Sophomore Brooke Lowrance shot a 91 to guide the Snyder Lady Tigers into fifth place in the 14-team Big Spring Invitational golf tournament at the halfway point Friday.

Lowrance, the team and District 2-4A defending medalist, led the SHS girls, who combined for a 415.

Amarillo High's 365 was tops in the team category, followed by Abilene High with a 377, a 394 from Hereford and Pampa's 410.

Debra McIntire of Dumas was the individual leader after 18 holes. Her 85 led Coutney Shankle of Amarillo and Abilene's Jennifer Neal by a shot.

Amarillo's Courtney Griffin led a group of three with 89s.

The second round of the 36-hole event was played Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course here.

Big Spring Invitational
Girls golf
18-hole results

Team scores: 1. Amarillo High 365; 2. Abilene High 377; 3. Hereford 394; 4. Pampa 410; 5. Snyder 415; 6. Tascosa 420; 7. Lamesa 421; 8. Midland Lee JV 426; 9. Ft. Stockton 430; 10. Big Spring 439; 11. Dumas 449; 12. Palo Duro 472; 13. San Angelo Lake View 479; 14. Big Spring JV 485.

Individual leaders: 1. Debra McIntire, Dumas, 85; 2. Courtney Shankle, Amarillo, 86; 3. Jennifer Neal, Abilene, 86; 4. (tie) Courtney Griffin, Amarillo, 89; Chevrie, Abilene, 89; Thompson, Hereford, 89; 7. Brooke Lowrance, Snyder, 91.

Stewart leads Buick at 138

LA JOLLA, Calif. (AP) — Payne Stewart used a new putter, and better course conditions for a 6-under-par 66 and a three-shot lead Friday at the halfway point of the Buick Invitational.

"I'm liking what I'm seeing," Stewart said after his bogey-free effort on the North course at Torrey Pines.

"I feel very comfortable with my game," he said. "I'm swinging the way I want to swing, playing the shots I want to play. I'm hitting shots the way I visualize them."

"It didn't rain as much. The winds were different and not nearly so strong," said Stewart, who completed 36 holes in 138.

Dave Rummells, who improved 13 shots from an opening 77 in brutal, windy, rainy conditions on Thursday, was second alone at 141.

Bowling News

COMMERCIAL
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Team	W	L
WTP Energy	86½	48½
Bar-H-Bar	76	49
Drillers	74	51
Wayne Diesel	72½	60½
Stephens Office Supply	71½	58½
Key Kennels	65	65
McDonald's	56	69
Reef Chemical	55½	78½

High scratch game: Greg Hodge 242; **High scratch series:** Lynn Smith 575; **High handicap game:** Robert Early 263; **High handicap series:** Jim West 670.

Converted splits: Joe Digby 6-7-10; Frank McCravey 3-10; Charlie Collins 2-7; Rick Mammolite 2-7-10; Monte West 3-10; Chet Corser 3-10; Jason Arnette 2-7; Ed Baese 5-6-10; Earl Hilton 3-10; Strick Posey 2-7.

JACK-N-JILL
2-17-93

Team	W	L
Snyder Paint & Body	56	36
Sonic Drive-In	55½	36½
Spanish Inn	55	37
Granite Construction	51	41
Misfits	50	42
Better-N-Nuttin	48½	43½
Great Western Club	45	47
Payne Trucking	44½	47½
The Phantoms	44½	47½
K&M Pumping	42	50
Ezell-Key Grain Co.	42	50
Redman Pipe & Supply	37	55
West Texas State Bank	37	55
Warren Superchargers	32	60

High scratch game: Charlie Teague 214, Helen Kellner 201; **High scratch series:** Charlie Teague 554, Daphene Thompson 528; **High handicap game:** Jack Stack 239, Norma Seabourn 240. **High handicap series:** Bob Sealy 643, Vicky Renshaw 616.

Splits converted: Mary Batchelor 4-5-7; Roger Batchelor 5-7, 3-10; Bill Jackson 3-10; Vicky Renshaw 3-10, 3-10; Jimmy Fletcher 3-10; Cindy Loper 5-7, 5-7; Linda Head 5-6, 3-10; Melba Surratt 5-10; Norma Seabourn 3-10; Helen Kellner 3-8; Billie Pippin 2-7; Grace Beauchamp 5-10; Beth Kellner 2-7; Chuck Lindsey 4-5-7; Jim Griswold 3-10.

200-500: Charlie Teague 214, 554; Jack Stack 205; Ronnie Clawson 527; Bob Sealy 553; Vicky Renshaw 523; Helen Kellner 210, 512; David Lee 518; Daphene Thompson 528; Bernie Sealy 505.

Most pins over average: Charlie Teague 50; Norma Seabourn 55.

Most pins over series: Norma Seabourn 83; Daphene Thompson 78.

WISHBALL
2-18-93

Team	W	L
Snyder Lanes	49	21
Lawrence IGA	40	30
A&W Root Beer	38	32
The Stars	35	35
Melco	34½	35½
Wishful Thinking	31½	38½
J&S Auto Glass	27	43
The Shack	27	43

High scratch game: Monte West 203, Lynn Smith 203; **High scratch series:** Rick Mammolite 605; **High handicap game:** Russell Lloyd 243; **High handicap series:** Keith Bryant 658.

Splits converted: Cary Coffee 3-10; Monte West 3-10; Lynn Smith 2-7; Tommy Early 4-5; Roger Pavlik 5-8-10; Jack Beall 2-7-8; Russell Lloyd 3-10; Wayne Monroney 2-7; Jarry Surratt 3-10; Buddy Adams 2-4-7-10; Woody Taylor 2-10; Dan Hanak 5-7.

500: Tommy Early 518; Monte West 200, 203, 543; Lynn Smith 203, 563; Rick Mammolite 238, 605; Russell Lloyd 203, 544; Jack Beall 548; Keith Bryant 529; Woody Taylor 510; Bo Lowrance 500; Wayne Monroney 521; Joel Loper 511.

Cosbie hired at Stanford

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Ex-Dallas Cowboy Doug Cosbie on Friday became the latest NFL product to join Bill Walsh's Stanford coaching staff.

Cosbie, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, will assist offensive line coach Monte Clark and work with the Cardinal's special teams. Walsh also announced the resignation of running backs coach Bill Ring, who is returning to private business and will be replaced by special teams coach Bill Singler.

"It's a great opportunity to learn from Bill and Monte Clark and coach at a university like Stanford," said Cosbie, who spent 10 years as a tight end with the Cowboys. "I grew up going to Stanford football games, so this is sort of a homecoming for me."

Cosbie attended high school in the area and played football at Santa Clara from 1975-78. After his pro career, he returned to the Broncos as an assistant coach for three seasons but found himself without a job when Santa Clara canceled its football program earlier this month.

"I am excited that we were able to attract Doug Cosbie to Stanford University as a member of our coaching staff," Walsh said. "His career as a premier NFL player for the Cowboys is well known, as is his great competitiveness and ability to be a team leader."

In 10 seasons with Dallas, Cosbie had 300 receptions for 30 touchdowns and played in three NFC championship games.

Clark, a former 49ers and Detroit Lions head coach as well as NFL player, was hired by Walsh in January. Walsh's defensive coordinator and four other coaches either coached or played in the NFL.

Basketball tourney set at HHS

A men's outsiders' basketball tournament is scheduled for March 19-20 at Hermleigh High School.

Entry fee for the tourney is $100 per team and is due by March 12.

First through third-place teams will receive T-shirts. The event is sponsored by the Hermleigh Booster Club.

For more information, or to register, contact Chip Roemisch at 863-2241.

Groundhog tournament set at SCC

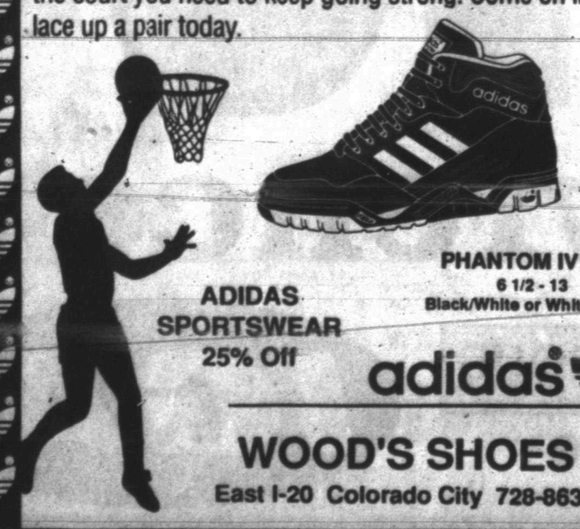
Snyder Country Club's annual season-opening Groundhog Golf Tournament is scheduled for Feb.27-28.

The 2-man scramble will begin both days with 1 p.m. shotgun starts.

For more information, contact club pro Rick Mammolite at 573-7101.

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Rookies who have started in the NBA All-Star Game

Player	Team	Year
Shaquille O'Neal	Orlando	1993
Michael Jordan	Chicago	1985
Isiah Thomas	Detroit	1982
Magic Johnson	L.A. Lakers	1980
Elvin Hayes	San Diego	1969
Rick Barry	San Francisco	1966
Luke Jackson	Philadelphia	1965
Jerry Lucas	Cincinnati	1964
Walt Bellamy	Chicago	1962
Oscar Robertson*	Cincinnati	1961
Wilt Chamberlain*	Philadelphia	1960
Tom Heinsohn	Boston	1957
Ray Felix	Baltimore	1954
Bob Cousy	Boston	1951

*Won MVP award

Source: NBA — NEA Graphic

Shaquille O'Neal of the Orlando Magic was chosen as the starting center for the East squad in this year's NBA All-Star Game. It was the first time a rookie was picked to start the game since Michael Jordan in 1985. O'Neal was to be joined by Charlotte Hornets forward Larry Johnson as the first players from any of the four most recent NBA expansion clubs to make the All-Star team.

Annual NBA showcase...

Shaq, LJ lead East All-Stars

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Around Shaquille O'Neal's neck was a thick, gold, rope chain. The necklace had to be strong, as it had to support a huge, gold medallion that featured a Superman-style "S."

Larry Johnson's jewelry was less expressive — a thin, gold chain holding a locket. His smile was more flashy; he exposed a gold tooth every time he parted his lips.

Shining brightly, Shaq and LJ arrived in town Friday.

"Shaq and LJ already are superstars," said Detroit Pistons' Isiah Thomas, who'll be making his 12th consecutive All-Star game appearance Sunday when he, O'Neal, Johnson and the rest of the Eastern Conference take on the best of the Western Conference in the league's 43rd midseason showcase.

"They're superstars not only because they're good players but because of the charisma they bring into a room," Thomas added. "You either have that or you don't."

Seattle Supersonics' Shawn Kemp, San Antonio Spurs' Sean Elliott, Danny Manning of the Los Angeles Clippers and Indiana Pacers' Detlef Schrempf are also first-time stars. Orlando Magic's O'Neal and Charlotte Hornets' Johnson shine the brightest.



"Larry's the present and the future at his position," said Phoenix Suns' Charles Barkley, who heads the West squad. "And Shaq ... he's an awesome physical specimen."

Thomas, Barkley and Michael Jordan are at least 30 years old.

O'Neal and Johnson both admitted to being a little nervous as their first All-Star game approaches. Both said they were emphasizing fun over pressure to please the masses who voted them into the East's starting lineup.

"The All-Star game is like Disneyland," O'Neal said. "There's a lot of attractions and I'm just one of them."

At 20 years old and in his first year of pro ball, O'Neal is the main attraction.

He's a 7-foot-1, 301-pound package of power and pizzazz who got caught up in some controversy through no fault of his own by being the fan's choice over New York Knicks' Patrick Ewing.

"It's good for the league," Johnson said. "People realize that Magic, Bird and those guys weren't going to be around forever. I think they realize that Michael, Charles and those guys aren't going to be around forever, either. So I think it's good for the league's image to see two young guys starting."

East coach Pat Riley of New York said today's younger players don't seem willing to sacrifice for the good of the team.

"One of the most difficult things to teach players is to do the things they don't want to do in order to achieve what the team wants," Riley said. "Today, it's all about recognition, about making their mark, about taking care of themselves.

"The marketing, that's what it's all about. And that sometimes gets in the way of a player's development when it comes to the essence of winning."

Riley said he wasn't talking about O'Neal and Johnson in particular.

"No, I'm just talking about young players in general," Riley said. "The Magics and the Birds who made this decade what it is ... Cousy and Russell and all those guys in the '60s ... the young athletes today have a tendency to forget about the guys who paved the way for all of this.

"It's really about respect."

"I realize what was going on in this game before. I appreciate everything. I know my place," Johnson said. "Let's put it this way: If I've got an open 8-footer and (Jordan's) got an open 10-footer, I'll pass it to Mike."

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	34	16	.680	—
New Jersey	30	21	.588	4½
Boston	26	24	.520	8
Orlando	24	23	.511	8½
Miami	18	31	.367	15½
Philadelphia	18	31	.367	15½
Washington	15	36	.294	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	35	17	.673	—
Cleveland	34	19	.642	1½
Charlotte	26	23	.531	7½
Atlanta	24	27	.471	10½
Indiana	23	28	.451	11½
Detroit	21	29	.420	13
Milwaukee	20	31	.392	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	34	15	.694	—
Utah	33	18	.647	2
Houston	30	21	.588	5
Denver	20	30	.400	14½
Minnesota	12	35	.255	21
Dallas	4	45	.082	30

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	38	10	.792	—
Seattle	33	17	.660	6
Portland	31	16	.660	6½
LA Lakers	26	23	.531	12½
LA Clippers	26	25	.510	13½
Golden State	23	30	.434	17½
Sacramento	17	34	.333	22½

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at Utah, 6 p.m.

WJCAC basketball

Women

Team	Season		League	
Howard	27	0	9	0
Odessa	23	5	7	2
South Plains	19	7	4	4
Frank Phillips	12	12	3	6
NMJC	16	12	3	7
Western Texas	13	14	1	8

Thursday, Feb. 18
NMJC 92, WTC 67
South Plains 69, Frank Phillips 67

Saturday, Feb. 20
WTC at Weatherford
Odessa at Clarendon

Monday, Feb. 22
Clarendon at Frank Phillips
South Plains at Howard
NMJC at Ft. Bliss

Men

Team	Season		League	
Odessa	26	2	10	1
Howard	24	3	9	2
NMJC	18	10	6	5
South Plains	18	10	5	6
Midland	18	8	4	6
NMMI	11	16	2	9
Frank Phillips	4	19	2	9

Thursday, Feb. 18
South Plains 95, Frank Phillips 83
Odessa 84, Clarendon 75
Howard 91, NMMI 68

Monday, Feb. 22
NMJC at Midland College
South Plains at Howard
NMMI at Ft. Bliss
Clarendon at Frank Phillips

Pay $75 million...

Local group purchases Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Thanks to a group of local investors, the San Antonio Spurs will be around next year to defend the Alamo — the Alamodome that is.

An investment group spearheaded by golfwear millionaire Bob Coleman on Friday bought the Spurs from owner B.J. "Red" McCombs for $75 million, ending two years of speculation about a takeover.

Coleman, whose multi-million dollar San Antonio company Texace Corp. is a leading manufacturer of golf hats and visors, vowed to keep the team at home, where it will debut next year in the city-owned posh, new Alamodome.

"It's become apparent to Red and to all of us that we need a broader base of ownership involved to make sure that the Spurs remain competitive and to provide long-term stability for the franchise here in San Antonio," said Coleman, 60, who is expected to become managing general partner of the team upon completion of the sale.

The Spurs, led by David Robinson, are currently one of the hottest teams in the NBA. And Friday's pact could turn into a sweetheart deal for the new owners if first-year head coach John Lucas can translate his regular-season success into a run in the playoffs.

Despite the Spurs' recent rise, McCombs said, "It's a happy day for me."

McCombs said he began to consider selling the team about five years ago, when the team's poor performance on the court translated into sluggish gate receipts.

"I at no time wanted to see the franchise put in jeopardy and not be able to sign a player because of money," McCombs said. "We really needed a stronger base."

Coleman said he would join Robinson and forward Sean Elliott in Salt Lake City this weekend for the NBA All-Star game to begin seeking approval of the sale among league officials.

"We're delighted that strong local ownership will remain in place," NBA commissioner David Stern said in Salt Lake City. "The success of the team on the court and the opening of the Alamo Dome next year augurs well for the team in the future."

Coleman didn't anticipate any problems with getting NBA approval.

"I don't think any of us have hired any illegal aliens or failed to pay Social Security on their work, so I think we are OK," he said.

The investor group, which assumes 100 percent interest in the team with the sale, includes at least a dozen individuals and companies, including Southwestern Bell and San Antonio-based insurance giant USAA.

The group put down $1 million cash on Friday and will pay the remaining $74 million upon league approval, Coleman said.

McCombs took over the team on May 27, 1988, after purchasing a 37 percent stake from Angelo Drossos for $47 million, giving him 80 percent the team.

Team president Gary Woods, who owned 15 percent of the Spurs, and a few other minority owners also agreed to Friday's sale.

"There was the potential the team would be taken out of San Antonio," Woods said. "We wouldn't even consider that. The team had to stay here."

The Spurs have won 24 of 28 games since Lucas was hired as head coach Dec. 18, including Thursday night's 103-98 defeat of the Philadelphia 76ers. Their home winning streak is 15 games, and the Spurs have won nine of their last 10 games.

McCombs and Woods will have no stake in the Spurs after the sale, but they will continue making all team decisions for the rest of this season.

"We don't plan on any changes in the team organization ... and we've asked Red and Gary to stay on and run the team through the conclusion of this season," Coleman said. "They have agreed to do so, and we're grateful."

McCombs, a San Antonio car magnate, jokingly responded, "Bob, I'm glad you guys gave me a job. I haven't had a job since 1973," when he became involved with the Spurs.

McCombs added that "there have been a thousand rumors" about the team being sold prior to Friday.

"We have calculated that the team has been sold 10 times in the past two years," McCombs said. "But never at any time was there anything even presentable to selling the team outside San Antonio."

Potential team owners must meet NBA financial qualifications, one of which is to have a net income of $1 million yearly.

Coleman said he spearheaded the effort because, like McCombs, he thought the franchise needed better stability.

"Now, our goal is to watch (NBA Commissioner) David Stern present the NBA championship trophy to Red McCombs and John Lucas in June," Coleman said.

Utah teammates pace West's All-Star attack

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone and John Stockton have played in the All-Star game four times before, but they say their fifth appearance could prove the most memorable.

Sunday's edition of professional basketball's mid-season showcase will be Salt Lake City's first. The 19,911-seat Delta Center will be packed with fans cheering on the Utah Jazz and Olympic teammates.

"Oh, yeah, the home crowd will give us an extra lift," Malone said. "It's neat to be able to play at home, in front of our fans for a change."

Malone, who enters the game as the NBA's third-leading scorer at 28.2 points per game, also looks forward to starting the game with NBA assist leader Stockton.

The last time the two were All-Star starters together — 1989 in Houston — Malone scored 28 points and was named the game's MVP. Stockton, with 17 assists and 11 points, was runner-up.

"I think it's going to be great to have (Stockton) with me on the floor. It's a great feeling," Malone said.

"Anything I can do with Karl is a pleasure for me," Stockton added. "He's been huge for this franchise and huge for my career."

Stockton, marking his fifth-straight appearance in the big show, also started the 1990 game, the one Malone missed because of injury.

This year, Malone and Stockton join Charles Barkley of Phoenix, Portland's Clyde Drexler and San Antonio center David Robinson as Western Conference starters.

Others on Suns coach Paul Westphal's roster include Sean Elliot of the Spurs; Tim Hardaway, Golden State; Shawn Kemp, Seattle; Dan Majerle, Phoenix; Danny Manning, the Los Angeles Clippers; Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston, and Portland's Terry Porter.

They face an Eastern Conference squad starting Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen of the defending NBA champion Chicago Bulls, Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal, Isiah Thomas of Detroit and Charlotte's Larry Johnson.

New York Knicks coach Pat Riley also will call on Cleveland's Brad Daugherty, Larry Nance and Mark Price; Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins and Joe Dumars; Patrick Ewing, New York, and Detlef Schrempf, Indiana.

But to the Delta Center crowd, no stars shine brighter than Malone and Stockton.

In the seven seasons they've started for Utah, the pair have become Jazz icons — a potent combination of uncanny passing and brute force that accounts for roughly 40 points, 13 rebounds and 15 assists per game.

In the years Utah has played Stockton and Malone together, the club has made the playoffs every season and posted four consecutive campaigns of 50 or more wins.

SDN sports week

Monday, Feb. 22

Tennis
Snyder Junior High hosts Big Spring.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Baseball
Snyder varsity hosts San Angelo Central at 6 p.m..

Thursday, Feb. 25

Basketball
WTC Lady Dusters at South Plains College at 7:30 p.m.

Baseball
Snyder varsity at San Angelo Tournament.

Friday, Feb. 26

Golf
Snyder boys at Ft. Stockton.
Snyder girls at Ft. Stockton.

Baseball
Snyder varsity at San Angelo Tournament.
Snyder JV at Brownfield at 5:30 p.m.

Tennis
Snyder varsity at Colorado City Tournament.
Snyder B team at Garden City Tournament.

Track
Snyder boys at Ft. Stockton meet.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Golf
Snyder boys at Ft. Stockton.
Snyder girls at Ft. Stockton.
First round of Groundhog Tournament at Snyder Country Club. 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Baseball
Snyder varsity at San Angelo Tournament.

Tennis
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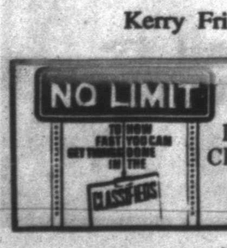
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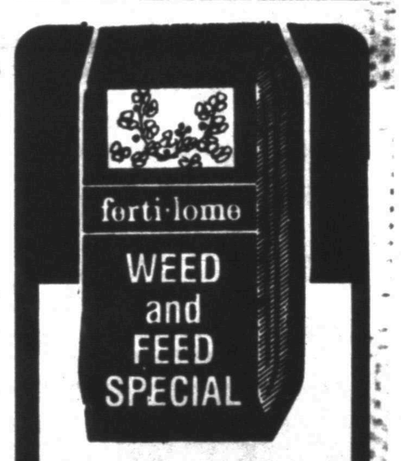
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Clinton won't ok tax hikes without cutbacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is trying to fend off the tax-and-spend label with repeated assurances that tax increases in his $500 billion economic plan will move forward only in tandem with spending cuts.

The president wound up a two-day trip to Ohio and New York on Friday by assuring townspeople in Hyde Park, N.Y., that "I will not — I will not — support any tax increase without spending cuts."

"But I think we would also be very foolish to say that we don't need to invest more in our children and in our technology and in our economic future and putting the American people back to work," he insisted.

Clinton was taking a one-day break from his cross-country sales trip Saturday to pitch his plan straight from the White House in a national radio address. He also was welcoming a crowd of youngsters to the White House for a live 90-minute children's TV special on ABC.

Sunday, he's back on the road for a two-day trip to California and Washington to promote his economic plan to West Coast residents.

In every appearance, Clinton stresses his plan's spending cuts and popular new programs in job training and education.

But he is coming under increasing criticism from Republicans who complain that almost all the deficit reductions he has proposed for the next two years would come from tax increases rather than spending cuts.

At a forum in Chillicothe, Ohio, Clinton confronted concerns that Congress will be only too happy to raise taxes but won't go along with deep spending cuts.

"I have no interest in raising a penny in taxes if we're not going to do the cuts," Clinton said. The audience, packed into a high school gymnasium, responded with applause.

Presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey said Clinton's itinerary was designed to touch a cross-section of America — the industrial Midwest, small-town America, and high-tech and defense industries on the West Coast.

Clinton is shopping for support from "neutral observers," including backers of independent Ross Perot, Lindsey said.

Clinton said he was heartened by the messages he got from bystanders who gathered along roadways as he shuttled between airports and appearances.

He acknowledged that some homemade signs "weren't so favorable, but that's all right. That's what this country is all about."

Among those he didn't mention: "Hey Slick. Read Our Lips. You Lied," and "We Support More Taxes. Not!"

Clinton took off on a brief diversion Friday with a discussion of prospects for a national sales tax after he was asked about the issue at the Chillicothe town meeting.

He said the United States may have to consider a national sales tax, a radical change in the way the government raises money, "not too long into the future." But later, he said he meant in 10 years or so.

"I didn't mean to float a trial balloon or anything," he said

U.S. said 'plucking the bird' of violence to reduce power of Somalian warlords

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. special envoy Robert Oakley said Friday that freezing the military might of Somalia's warlords has reduced their political support, part of what he calls his "plucking the bird" strategy for calming the devastated nation.

Oakley defines his approach as building up the authority of clan leaders and village elders, while using force to quash any military challenges from the nation's once all-powerful warlords.

The strategy has begun to transform the political terrain in Somalia without instigating a major clash, the 61-year-old career diplomat said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"You take one feather at a time and the bird doesn't think there's anything terrible going on. Then one day he finds he can't fly," Oakley said. "We did that from the beginning."

"It's not perfect, but it's not bad in a little over two months in making clear that political power no longer comes from the barrel of a gun," he said.

Operation Restore Hope has halted the clan warfare that raged for almost two years after the 1991 ouster of dictator Mohammed Siad Barre.

With U.S. forces planning to turn control of the mission over to U.N. peacekeeping troops, attention has focused on how to keep the peace so relief agencies and the United Nations can start rebuilding.

Relief officials have praised the U.S. accomplishments, but some fear a return to chaos, clan feuds and looting once the American soldiers leave. Coalition forces have seized only a few thousand weapons in a nation teeming with arms from the Cold War support of both Soviets and Americans.

Oakley said Operation Restore Hope has accomplished its chief goal of enabling humanitarian aid to be distributed to the starving, saving lives.

In addition, he said, the coalition forces wanted to create stability so the United Nations could oversee Somalia's transition from civil war to a structured society.

Since the start of the mission in December, Oakley has explained to faction leaders that the U.S.-led troops wanted to avoid a fight but would use their superior weapons and training if necessary.

The point was emphasized when U.S. helicopters destroyed several vehicles belonging to one warlord who ignored a warning to halt his advance on rival forces.

At the same time, the coalition forces assisted relief efforts and worked with clan elders and other local leaders, involving them in the first steps toward rebuilding their communities.

"We've worked very hard to avoid any immediate, direct, angry confronations with the military leaders here because we didn't want to generate any popular hostility," said Oakley, a former ambassador to Lebanon, Somalia, Zaire and Pakistan.

"On the other hand, we felt it was essential for the future of Somalia that these people be brought down in size and influence, politically as well as militarily, so that war could not resume," he said.

Some members of the United Somali Congress — divided between factions loyal to rival warlords Ali Mahdi Mohamed and Mohamed Farrah Aidid — are seeking to reconcile the party even though Ali Mahdi and Aidid show no interest.

Russian feud flares after Yeltsin's proposal rejected

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's leaders plunged into new political feuding Friday after the parliament speaker rejected President Boris Yeltsin's proposal for resolving their power struggle.

Proposals submitted by Ruslan Khasbulatov, speaker of the Congress of People's Deputies and Yeltsin's main rival, differed on nearly every point from those Yeltsin proposed for negotiation Thursday.

The speaker called Yeltsin "worn out" and the talks "fruitless," inviting a harsh reply by Yeltsin spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov. The recriminations cast hopes for a compromise in doubt.

Yeltsin and Khasbulatov have argued for months over which branch is more powerful, executive or legislative. The dispute stems in part from the power vacuum left by the Communist Party, and is fueled by opposition to Yeltsin's economic and political reforms.

They agreed Tuesday to try to work out a solution without resorting to a nationwide referendum, now set for April 11. The proposal and counterproposal followed.

Khasbulatov's remarks Friday indicated he may be backing away from the agreement, or at least trying to generate support for his side.

"The political Olympics of the past year have revealed who are the new political leaders and who are the worn out ones," Khasbulatov told local legislators in Novisibirsk, Siberia, about 1,800 miles east of Moscow. His remarks were carried by the Interfax news agency.

"(They) have made their name criticizing everything and everybody with the slogan of destroying the totalitarian system. (These) destroyers ought to go back to the past. Today we need creators."

Kostikov blasted Khasbulatov for making remarks with a "clearly destructive and confrontational character," according to a statement sent to news agencies.

"Khasbulatov has made an attempt to undermine the fledgling negotiations and prevent the division of legislative and executive power that has been awaited so long by society."

The presidential spokesman accused Khasbulatov of "practically reneging" on Tuesday's agreement and said the speaker should be disciplined by Russia's standing legislature, the Supreme Soviet.

Khasbulatov heads the legislature. The speaker and all members of the 252-member Supreme Soviet are chosen by the 1,041-member Congress.

On national TV Thursday, Yeltsin spelled out his proposal for temporary separation of powers until a new constitution is adopted. He offered to give up his right to introduce legislation if parliament stops meddling with his Cabinet.

Yeltsin asked that the referendum be called off if agreement was reached, and that the Congress convene an extraordinary session with the sole purpose of validating the agreement.

Khasbulatov's counterproposal said lawmakers should amend the Soviet-era constitution to call elections for a new president and a single legislative body of 500-600 members. The Congress also should consider a new Cabinet, he said, according to Interfax.

"The Congress is the supreme power, to which the president, the Supreme Soviet and the Cabinet are subordinate," Khasbulatov said.

Contract

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mayor and county judge have met several times to discuss rewriting the contract into a series of individual contracts, which will spell out in more detail what is expected of each entity. The perception was, according to Mayor Williamson, that once he and the judge reached agreement, they were to take the proposals to the city council and commissioners for their input and revision, and eventually, their approval.

Recently, Williamson submitted written proposals to Doolittle regarding solid waste disposal, jail, 911 services, animal control, seal coating, mosquito spraying and fire service. He asked Doolittle to respond by Feb. 15, last Monday.

Doolittle said he has made notes on the proposals, but has not formally sent them to the mayor, because commissioners want to take over the negotiations.

"I've got some definite opinions, and I've voiced them to the commissioners. They know what they are," said Doolittle.

"They (the commmissioners) need to decide what they want to do about the things that the mayor has set out in his letter."

Williamson noted that Doolittle is the chief elected official of the county, and should be allowed to negotiate.

"I'm waiting to receive something from the county and my interpretation of who should be responding would be the county judge," said Williamson.

At any rate, he's waiting to hear something.

"I am waiting essentially for what the county wants the city to bid on. Most of the services are city services provided outside the city limits. So they need to tell us what they want, and we bid on it. That's what we've been attempting to accomplish to this point."

Commissioner Trevey said some members of the court may meet with the council as early as Monday evening.

"We are in anticipation of meeting with the city council Monday night so that we can get some groundwork laid," he said. "We probably can't do it at the meeting, but perhaps two of us and two of the council can get together after the meeting and sit down and get some good, solid groundwork."

Commissioner Jerry Ganaway, reached Friday afternoon, said he has been out of town and was not familiar with the latest developments in the negotiations.

Officials say Corpus Christi may be chosen home port

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Corpus Christi or Miami will become the permanent home port for three replicas of Christopher Columbus' ships, city officials have been told.

Spanish foundation authorities said Friday that the Texas port city has submitted the best proposal out of about 10 U.S. cities.

"We know Corpus Christi has the best proposal in the United States," said Jorge Espinoza, a spokesman for Spain '92 Foundation in Washington, D.C. "It is the one we like best."

The foundation operated the vessels during their U.S. tour in 1992 and has collected proposals from cities and private groups that want the ships permanently.

Espinoza emphasized that no decision has been made on the ships' fate. He said that decision will be made by the State Society for the Quincentenary in Spain.

"Nothing has been decided," Espinoza said. "But it has to be soon."

Galveston had also bid to be the ne home of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria. The Corpus Christi bid was assembled last year by the Corpus Christi Bay Area Economic Development Corp.

Sources in Spain say the list has been narrowed to Corpus Christi and Miani, Mayor Mary Rhodes siad.

"It looks like it's between us and Miami," Ms. Rhodes said. "We think we have a good shot at it. We are confident."

U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, met with Spanish officials in Spain last week.

"I think a decision will be some time next week," Ortiz said. "Everything we hear is very positive. I think we are the number one contenders.

"Most of the people we talked to were in favor of sending the ships to Corpus Christi."

Missouri has something for Reagan

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — If former President Reagan ever finds himself short of cash in his retirement, he might want to call Missouri's Department of Economic Development.

Among the assets being held by the department's Unclaimed Property Section is a $6 cashier's check written to "Gov. Ronald Reagan."

It's unclear when the check was made out; Reagan was governor of California 1967-74.

David Thompson, director of the Unclaimed Property Section, said it was turned over in 1987 by the Southern Commercial Bank in St. Louis.

The Unclaimed Property Section has collected about $60 million in abandoned bank assets since 1985. The money remains there indefinitely until claimed.

Postcards are sent to the last known address of owners — but only if the assets are worth at least $50. No attempt has been made to send Reagan his $6 check.

"It's just on the records like anyone else's would be," Thompson said.

Man accused of photographing sex act with tot

HOUSTON (AP) — A Rice University graduate student faces aggravated sexual assault charges after a photo processing lab developed pictures of the man having sex with a 2-year-old girl, police say.

Police were told about the pictures and were waiting when Ivo Nabelek, 26, arrived at the store to pick up the photographs, Houston Police Department spokesman Robert Hurst said Friday.

Nabelek, a music student, also has been charged with possession of child pornography and sexual performance by a child. He was jailed in lieu of $80,000 bond.

Investigators identified both the man and the child through the sexually explicit photographs. Nabelek allegedly assaulted the toddler, the child of a friend, on Feb. 11 and then took the film to a discount store to be developed.

Nabelek was arrested Tuesday, four days after a self-employed Houston photographer was arrested when officers found thousands of sexually explicit photographs and videos of children in an apartment.

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Police note five arrests

Snyder police made five arrests Friday and early Saturday.

Police arrested a 66-year-old man for driving while intoxicated at 9:54 p.m. Friday in the 4100 block of College Avenue.

At 11:18 p.m., police arrested two men, ages 20 and 22, for disorderly conduct, fighting, in the 1900 block of 27th Street.

At 2:17 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 40-year-old man for driving with a suspended license at 24th Street and Avenue Q.

And at 2:33 a.m. Saturday, police arrested a 20-year-old woman on outstanding DPS warrants at Avenue R and 10th Street.

In other activity, police were notified at 4:23 p.m. Friday of the theft of a firearm from Wal-Mart. A report for felony theft was filed in the case.

At 11:41 a.m. Friday, police worked a traffic accident in the 2900 block of College Avenue. Involved were a parked, unattended 1974 Ford van owned by Holsum Bakery of San Angelo and a 1992 International Truck-Tractor driven by Dale Odell of 2102 North 7th in Abilene. The truck was towing a 1985 semi-trailer owned by General Beverage of Texas, located in Abilene.

'Cut Your Own Taxes and Save'

Adjust income to lower your taxes

By George W. Smith

Now it's time to start whittling away at your gross or total income. Income adjustments are the first step to reducing taxable income.

Since these adjustments are taken as a reduction against gross or total income to arrive at adjusted gross income, they are far more valuable than itemized deductions. After claiming the adjustments, taxpayers still have the option of either itemizing deductions or claiming the standard deduction.

Consider these adjustments carefully since adjusted gross income also controls the amount of your deductions for medical expenses, casualty losses, charitable contributions and miscellaneous itemized deductions.

Performing artists

Unreimbursed business expenses of a performing artist may be deductible as an adjustment to gross income and need not be itemized if all the following criteria are met:

1) Services are performed for two or more employers during the year (but services for which less than $200 is received are not taken into account).

2) Business expenses attributable to those services exceed 10 percent of the gross income from those services.

3) Adjusted gross income is $16,000 or less without including expenses as a performing artist.

Payments to an IRA, KEOGH account, or SEP

Subject to certain limitations, you may not be entitled to a full IRA deduction if either you or your spouse actively participates in a qualified retirement plan. However, you may continue to make non-deductible IRA contributions. Income earned from IRA, Keogh, and SEP funds (such as dividends and interest income) is tax deferred.

Self-employed health insurance

Self-employed individuals may deduct as an adjustment to income a portion of health insurance premiums paid for themselves, their spouses and their dependents. The deduction is limited to the lesser of 25 percent of such costs or net earnings from self-employment. The portion of medical insurance premiums not deducted as an adjustment to income is treated as a medical expense that may be taken as an itemized deduction on Schedule A.

A penalty for withdrawing funds from a time deposit account or CD prior to maturity is an adjustment to income.

No deduction is allowed unless the self-employed person provides medical insurance for employees (if any) on a non-discriminatory basis. In addition, no deduction is allowed if the self-employed individual is eligible to participate in a health plan of an employer or a spouse's employer.

The 25 percent deduction does not reduce self-employment earnings for purposes of figuring self-employment tax or contributions allowed to a Keogh or SEP plan.

Self-employment tax deductions

If you have income from self-employment and owe self-employment tax, you can deduct one-half of that tax on line 25 of Form 1040.

Penalty for early withdrawal

Although federal requirements mandating premature withdrawal penalties for time deposit accounts and certificates of deposits have been lifted, financial institutions may still levy their own penalties. A penalty for withdrawing funds from a time deposit account or CD prior to maturity is an adjustment to income. Reporting the interest and accounting for the penalty on the tax return is a two-step process. The financial institution will provide you with Form 1099-INT, which will show gross interest earned and the penalty charged for the year.

First, report the full amount of interest that was credited to your account during the year as income. Then report the penalty you were charged on page 1 of Form 1040 under Adjustments to Income. That amount will be subtracted from your total income to arrive at adjusted gross income.

Alimony payments

Alimony or separate maintenance payments that are required to be paid to your spouse or former spouse are deductible as an adjustment to income. Property settlements are not alimony. You must include your spouse or former spouse's Social Security number on your return.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

"Caring" seems to be the buzzword of the '90s. Although everybody cares about something, corporations and service organizations trumpet the "caring" theme ad nauseam. This is supposed to mean that companies, who usually care only about profits, are marketing themselves as being institutions that care about the environment or humanity in general or, I suppose, people's feelings. It's all too much.

The other day, I bought a garden rake that had a notice, printed in large yellow letters below the manufacturer's name, saying: "We Care." I didn't read any further because "We Care" is an incomplete sentence — not grammatically but realistically. Care about what? As far as I am concerned, the people who make garden rakes care about selling as many as they can. When they IMPLY that they care about recyclable plastic or made in the USA or that every red-blooded American needs a rake to be patriotic, I get turned off.

Hospitals also care, again by implication. They hint that they care about the unfortunate patients who have to use the facility, but what they really care about is the bottom line. I don't blame them, mind you. But I do object to the unfinished message, which gives about as much useful information as the classic parent-child dialogue: "Where did you go?" "Out." "What did you do?" "Nothing."

I don't want to sound picky and phlegmatic like Andy Rooney. He's always complaining about something on "60 Minutes." With so much wrong with our society and culture, there's a constant supply of material for Mr. Rooney, who makes a handsome living, I am sure, carping and pointing out this and that discrepancy, such as why common supermarket objects are so tightly wrapped in plastic that you need a meat cleaver to get them out. No, I don't view myself as a Medical Rooney-come-lately. However, I am greatly put off by all this publicized caring. It just isn't going to take the place of quality. You can care until the world turns flat but until you do something to change a product or a service for the better, it'll still be inferior, despite all the caring.

I would like to see the "I Care/We Care" sentence completed, by federal law if necessary. No one should be allowed merely to say those two words. We should insist on an appropriate object to the predicate.

The doctor who says he cares may care all right — about whether you'll pay your bill or if he'll get home on time. Hospitals may care about patients and not about filling beds and better utilizing their services so they won't have to lay off any more workers. If so, they should just say it. Until they do, we shouldn't be seduced into believing that organizations and individuals, who usually don't give a hoot, have suddenly seen the light and care. This is not a religious conversion; it's a way to market and sell. Because all of us view ourselves as caring adults, we are being fooled into believing that "caring" manufacturers and institutions are somehow better than what we had before. This isn't necessarily true.

I care about whether my patients get better and feel healthier. I care about my family. I care about whether anyone reads my columns. I hereby challenge the "I Care/We Care" folks to be as specific. Caring can get you into a ton of trouble unless you define what it is you care about.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had recurring bumps on my legs since 1989, diagnosed as erythema nodosum. I've been treated with several different medications, including massive doses of steroids. Have you heard of my condition and, if so, what kind of specialist would you recommend?

DEAR READER: Erythema nodosum, a skin disorder marked by recurring crops of red and tender nodules on the front of the shin bones, has many causes. The condition is often seen as a complication of strep throat, sarcoidosis, tuberculosis, fungus diseases, ulcerative colitis, and a wide variety of other infections. It is also a consequence of drug reactions, notably to sulfa, oral contraceptives and iodides.

You are likely to suffer repeated attacks of erythema nodosum until your physician finds a cause and is able to prescribe appropriate treatment. For example, painful skin lesions caused by hidden strep infection may require up to a year of antibiotic therapy.

Obviously, each of the other causes I listed must be treated with suitable drugs. In my view, steroids (cortisone) are not appropriate unless a specific cause for the erythema is discovered; cortisone drugs can be extremely dangerous in the presence of infection because they disrupt the immune system.

I urge you to seek a consultation with a specialist in internal medicine. You need further testing, such as blood analyses and a chest X-ray, to establish a diagnosis. Knowing you have erythema nodosum is not enough; you need more.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have asthma and am treated with a Proventil inhaler. Recently I've been given Azmacort to use also and have been told it is a steroid inhaler. What conditions, if any, can be caused by prolonged use of a steroid inhaler?

DEAR READER: Steroid drugs, such as cortisone and prednisone, may cause troublesome complications when given in pills or injections for extended periods. Such side effects include diabetes, osteoporosis, cataracts and susceptibility to infection, to mention a few. Nonetheless, steroids are useful in treating asthma.

Fortunately, when administered as an inhaled mist, steroids do not affect the body as a whole; side effects are absent or minimal. The major complication of inhaled steroids is an increased risk of yeast infection in the mouth. (However, this can easily be treated with nystatin mouthwash.)

With the prolonged use of your two inhalers, your asthma should be adequately controlled without side effects.

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

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Airlines studying various cutbacks

by The Associated Press

Airlines are giving new meaning to the old joke that their food is lousy and portions too small.

They've switched from hot meals to cold snacks. They pour the soda into cups instead of giving you the can. They're doing away with garnishes such as hard-boiled egg slices and rosette-sliced radishes.

Major domestic carriers are cutting back on food costs after suffering billions of dollars in losses in recent years for reasons ranging from fare wars to fuel inflation.

Airlines hope meals are one area where they can make little changes that will save big money without angering too many passengers.

Some say that by switching from hot meals to sandwiches they actually can offer more food for less. Airlines are scrapping meals altogether on some flights. On others they're swapping sandwiches for apples and crackers, or serving less hot food to reduce spoilage.

"People never cared very much for the food anyway," said Rose Pace-Bagdanic, president of Pace Travel Inc. in Austin, Texas.

USAir expects to save about $1 million per year by pouring an 8-ounce cup of soda for each passenger, rather than giving whole 12-ounce cans.

American Airlines has started slicing melons rather than cubing them, speeding preparation and saving on labor.

The most dramatic cutbacks are on flights dominated by business travelers.

"Most passengers on a vacation do care (about the food), but the corporate traveler could care less," said Joan Duran, president of La Rochelle Travel Inc., a New Rochelle, N.Y., travel agency.

Southwest Airlines's no-frills, low fare strategy has helped make it the only profitable major airline in the country. Food service on Southwest doesn't get any fancier than a little bag of trail mix or cookies.

For most airlines, the challenge is to save on meals without appearing to skimp.

With fares virtually identical on most routes, airlines try to distinguish themselves with fancy perks. Most are found behind the curtain in first class or business class.

Virgin Atlantic Airways has a masseuse on board some flights and Continental Airlines touts a more comfortable seat in business class. Video screens mounted on armrests are becoming more common.

"They can offer the consumer more in other areas," said Richard M. Copland, co-owner of Hillside Travel Inc. in New York. "People are looking for value."

Jim Eraso, president of Key Biscayne Travel Service Inc. in Florida, said service seems to be deteriorating. "It seems like the only thing you're paying for is the seat and a drink," he said.

Only about 5 percent of a major airline's operating expenses go to food, but that can mean hundreds of millions of dollars a year for larger airlines.

American serves 169,000 meals per day. The meals averaged about $8.50 per passenger last year, highest among the major airlines, said Avitas Aviation, a Reston, Va., airline consulting firm.

American expects to cut $16 million in food costs this year.

United Airlines hopes to save money by selling its internal food service kitchens, buying meals from outside contractors instead.

Bill to protect consumers likely to pass

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to protect consumers from the lingering consequences of erroneous credit reports could ride a new populist mood to passage by Congress this year, sponsors predicted Friday.

A similar bill was scuttled last year when opponents attached a "poison pill" provision that would have pre-empted stronger state consumer protection laws.

But Rep. Esteban Torres, D-Calif., told a news conference, "We're in a new political era. We're on a roll."

He and co-sponsor Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Texas, said many of the House members who opposed the measure in 1992 no longer are in Congress.

"Our bill represents sensible and overdue reform," said Gonzalez, chairman of the House Banking Committee. "The horrible consequences of the mistakes of the credit bureaus can be a nightmare."

The measure, which was reintroduced Thursday, would provide consumers who request them a free annual copy of their credit reports. The bureaus routinely charge consumers $25 now.

Also, the bill would require credit bureaus to set up toll-free telephone service for consumers to call to correct mistakes. And bureaus would be required to correct errors in 30 days and would have to allow consumers to block the sale of information about them to marketing firms that make unsolicited offers.

The bill gives the Federal Trade Commission more power to enforce protection for consumers, and it authorizes federal lawsuits by individuals who have been harmed.

Michelle Meier of the Consumers Union told reporters the proposal is an important step in helping consumers trapped in the nightmare of false reports that can make it impossible for them to get a loan, buy a house or sometimes even get a job.

"Consumers who discover errors in their files are held hostage by credit bureaus, which can drag their feet for months when it comes to correcting errors," she said.

Brian Rogers, an investment manager from Baltimore, described such an experience.

He said a credit bureau confused his wife, Mary, with another Mary Rogers, and it took two years to clear up the error.

"There was no great damage, just an inability to get retail credit," Rogers said. "But it was extremely frustrating. There are thousands of consumers with more serious problems."

One of the worst examples cited at Friday's news conference was a company that falsely labeled thousands of Vermont residents tax deadbeats.

A subcontractor for TRW Inc., one of the big three national credit reporting firms, falsely recorded tax bills for an estimated 3,000 property owners in several Vermont towns as property tax liens.

TRW later promised improvements, settling a separate lawsuit by 19 states that accused the company of damaging people's credit ratings — usually by mixing up names.

The House Banking subcommittee that helped draft the proposed legislation said it received about 1,500 complaints in two years from consumers who said they were victims of mistaken credit reports.

The Federal Trade Commission said it has received up to 9,000 such complaints a year, more than against any other industry.

The National Association of Attorneys General endorsed the proposed legislation in a statement.

Patrick brothers' honors announced

Jon Patrick has been honored for the second consecutive year as a member of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He is a junior at Snyder High School and participates in marching and symphonic bands, the French Club and varsity basketball. He is also listed on the "A" Honor Roll and was recently named junior class favorite.

David Patrick has also been honored as a member of the 1991-92 "Who's Who Among American High School Students." In addition, he has been named a 1992 All-American Scholar.

He is a a freshman at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview and is involved in WBC's marching band and orchestra. He is also a pitcher for the school's baseball team. For the fall semester, Patrick was mamed to the school's Dean's List.

Jon and David are the sons of Dorthy and Lane Beaty and Jim and Shari Patrick and the grandsons of Leta Lloyd and James and Cary Patrick.

Fragments of Hitler's skull said discovered in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Commonwealth TV showed two bones on Friday that it said were pieces of Adolf Hitler's skull. A report said they were kept for years in Russia's state archives in a box labeled "blue ink."

News reports said Soviet agents obtained the fragments to prove to Soviet dictator Josef Stalin that his fears that Hitler was still alive after World War II were wrong.

The latest news reports were more detailed and persuasive than some other accounts of a frantic Soviet search for Hitler's remains in 1945 and 1946.

But they still left major questions unanswered, such as how the agents concluded that the skull fragments were Hitler's and why it was kept secret.

The two flat bones shown on TV were each about the size of a man's palm. The daily Izvestia said the fragments had been kept for years in Russia's state archives — in a cardboard box marked "blue ink."

An official at the Russian state archives confirmed to The Associated Press that the bone fragments are held there but would say no more.

Izvestia said its account was based on files of the People's Commissariat for Interior Affairs, or NKVD, the forerunner of the KGB and current Security Ministry.

The newspaper said the NKVD interrogated Hans Bauer, Hitler's personal pilot; Heinz Linge, his valet; and Otto Gunsche, an aide. Investigators spent months trying in vain to obtain confessions that Hitler was alive.

The NKVD was competing with Smersh, the Soviet military counterintelligence agency, which was first to inspect Hitler's bunker and command posts.

Most historians believe Hitler committed suicide in his Berlin bunker on April 29, 1945, with his wife, Eva Braun. Aides reportedly doused the corpses with gasoline and burned them to prevent them from falling into Soviet hands.

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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Feb. 21, 1993

In the year ahead, you may enter into a very exciting cycle where your romantic and social interests are concerned. You might also try several new involvements that you've never participated in before.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Respond to your inner urges today to develop something new that has been on your mind. Even if you can't explain it to others, it's important that it makes sense to you. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Pisces' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might meet someone new at this time who has the potential for becoming a good friend. You will both sense that this is a relationship well worth developing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Timing is extremely important today where your career is concerned. If there is something important that you are interested in promoting, pick the right moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Something might occur today that will test your faith in your basic beliefs. This demonstration will give you greater self-assurance, and you will achieve desirable results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A joint endeavor that you are involved in might require a bit more from you than you had initially anticipated. If you want it to be successful, you must be prepared to go all out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A partnership arrangement that you enter into today will have good chances for success, provided that each party involved can make a solid contribution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Instead of delegating critical assignments to others today, do what needs to be done yourself. You have the capabilities to succeed where a surrogate may fail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you find yourself more socially in demand than usual today, attribute it to your rise in popularity. Your star is ascending, so capitalize on it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today might start out a bit slowly, but if you are well-focused and well-motivated, you will make up for lost time and be able to fulfill your intentions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Ideas or plans that you develop with collaborators are the ones that are apt to be the most effective and successful today. Be a team player.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your financial base can be strengthened today if you make this a priority concern. Don't be impatient or get discouraged if your anticipations aren't gratified immediately.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today, your probabilities for getting what you go after look very encouraging. However, don't expect everyone you're involved with to be excited about what stimulates you.

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Your Birthday

Feb. 22, 1993

In the year ahead, as you gather expertise and knowledge in your field of endeavor, you will enhance your earning potential. Do all you can to be the best in your chosen field.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Two friends who are very fond of you are eager to help you gratify your hopes and expectations at this time. They won't need a written invitation to assist, just a small hint. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for Pisces' Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you might inadvertently learn about some secret information that has been withheld from you, and it concerns your career. It's something you can use advantageously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A close friend with whom you haven't been in touch lately is as eager to hear from you as you are to hear from him or her. Open up the lines of communication today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your efforts are likely to go more smoothly today if you limit the discussion of your intentions to those who are directly involved in your project.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In order to get others to do things for you today, you must first show a willingness to cooperate with them. Mutual assistance is the key to success.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't be afraid to experiment with new methods or procedures today if something you've been working on hasn't lived up to your expectation. New twists could do the trick.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Concern and compassion for others are two of your greatest assets today. It looks like you will use these strengths in ways that could gain the allegiance of an ally you presently need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Favorable changes are indicated at this time regarding a situation that you have been unable to finalize to your satisfaction. This could come about in a very unusual way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are an effective teacher and a good student today. There should be parity between what you learn from others and what they learn from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Improvements in your financial affairs are likely at this time. Some of the monetary benefits can be brought about by your own ingenuity, others by sheer luck.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In involvements with your peers today, don't be bashful about running things if you feel your ideas are superior to theirs. Chances are you could be right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In order to be on the receiving end today, it looks as though you might first have to prime the pump a bit. If used wisely, seed money will produce good results.

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Miss Michigan crowned Miss USA 1993

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Miss Michigan USA Kenya Moore, a 22-year-old Wayne State University student, captured the Miss USA 1993 title Friday night.

Miss Moore, of Detroit, was the second black to win the title in the history of the pageant. The first black winner was Miss USA 1990 Carole Gist, also from Michigan.

The first runner-up was Erin Nance, 20, Calhoun, Ga. Miss Kansas USA Tavia Shackles, 21, Shawnee, Kan., finished third.

Miss Moore wore her new crown a little lopsided and dabbed tears from her eyes as she waved to the crowd following her coronation.

The winner receives $200,000 worth of cash and prizes, and competes in the Miss Universe pageant in Mexico City in May.

The crowning took place in front of about 4,000 people at the Century II convention center and an estimated television audience of 300 million in 30 countries. It culminated two weeks of competition that included interviews and evening gown and swimsuit judging.

The 51 contestants represented each state in the nation and the District of Columbia. Earlier in the evening, their ranks were pared to 12 quarterfinalists.

This year's judges were: Ron Greshner, a former New York Rangers hockey player; Cristina Saralegui, a talk show host for the Univision network; model Carol Alt; Beverly Hills entrepreneur Fred Hayman; Leah McClosky, the talent development director for IMG Models; Richard Alleman, Vogue magazine travel and features editor; cosmetics company owner Tova Borgnine; actress Mitzi Kapture; actor Richard Moll of the television show "Night Court;" and country music singer Charley Pride.

Budget director: higher 'sin' taxes will be needed to pay for health-care plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration's budget chief predicts that higher alcohol and tobacco taxes will be needed if the nation's health-care system is to be overhauled.

Just two days after Clinton unveiled a massive package of tax increases and spending cuts, budget director Leon Panetta said Friday the still-evolving health program would probably require even more taxes.

"It's a little bit early to say, but I suspect that some of the sin taxes probably are going to be used for that," Panetta said in an appearance before the Senate Budget Committee.

"Sin taxes" are imposed on alcohol and tobacco products. They were not among the $246 billion in revenue increases Clinton proposed this week as part of his economic recovery package.

Panetta's statement was significant because just a day earlier, Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen conceded that alcohol and tobacco taxes might have to go up to finance Clinton's health program but declined to say if he agreed that was necessary.

Panetta said some Clinton advisers believe that the health care reform package will produce enough savings not only to expand coverage to the uninsured but also to reduce the budget deficit.

"I don't particularly share that view," said Panetta.

The budget director said he believed that any savings from health care reform would "largely have to be committed to expansion of coverage of health care itself."

A task force headed by the president's wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, hopes to propose a reform package sometime in the spring.

Clinton wants to change the nation's $800 billion-a-year medical system in hopes of driving down its costs, which currently are rising at several times the rate of overall inflation.

But he also wants a system that will extend coverage to the 36 million Americans who have no health insurance — which is likely to cost tens of billions of dollars annually.

Jury selection drags on in King beating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Picking a jury in the Rodney King beating trial of four policemen is proving more difficult than the judge expected.

U.S. District Judge John G. Davies had predicted one or two days of jury selection would be needed for the federal civil rights trial of four white officers accused of beating King, who is black.

But the process has now consumed four days because of numerous challenges by attorneys. It will resume Monday.

Everyone questioned Friday had seen at least part of a notorious videotape of King's March 1991 beating by officers.

They were also aware of the previous state trial for the defendants, Officers Laurence Powell, Theodore Briseno and Timothy Wind and Sgt. Stacey Koon, and the riots which followed their acquittals on most state charges of excessive force.

Eleven people were dismissed Friday either for bias or personal hardship. One was a policeman's daughter who expressed outrage that anyone would prosecute officers.

"There's a lot of cop bashing," she said. "The general attitude down here is blame the cops, blame the cops."

"Is it your opinion you couldn't be a fair juror?" asked Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven Clymer.

"You got it," she said and was excused.

So far, one black person and 11 whites have survived the initial questioning, and 21 other people have been dismissed.

About 40 potential panelists in the courtroom are still to be questioned, and another 150 prospects haven't been called into court yet.

Among others dismissed Friday were a black man and a Hispanic woman. Davies refused defense attorneys' requests to dismiss the two for bias so the attorneys' used their peremptory challenges, which allow them a limited number of times to remove a potential juror without stating a reason.

The black man acknowledged he had dropped out of a semester of college that had been paid for by a scholarship so he could participate in the case.

The woman said she saw historical significance in being a juror and that she thought King had been "seriously beaten."

Attorney Ira Salzman said outside court he felt the man "had an agenda" and the dismissal was not based on race.

His departure left only one black person in the jury box, a young female postal worker. The other 11 are white. The jury in the officers' first trial in state court had no blacks.

Government prosecutors used peremptory challenges to remove a woman who told of seeing her son restrained by police during a drug episode and a male prospect who said he had positive experiences with policemen and tended to think of them as truthful.

Other prospects were dismissed for personal reasons.

Lanier wants to raise age to 21

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Mayor Bob Lanier is pushing for a city ordinance that would back up a state legislator's effort to outlaw teen-age topless dancing in Texas bars.

City Attorney Benjamin Hall said that Lanier has asked him to develop a draft ordinance within 10 days that would raise the minimum age of topless dancers and strippers from 17 to 21.

State Rep. Sue Schechter, D-Houston, unveiled a similar state proposal in the House several weeks ago. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, is sponsoring a Senate companion bill.

Handicapped American rides across China on motorcycle

BEIJING (AP) — Nearly 12 years ago, Dave Barr's legs were blown apart by an anti-tank mine.

Today, the American adventurer is roaring through China on his beloved 1972 Harley-Davidson Super Glide, spreading a message of hope for the nation's oft-neglected disabled.

In China since August as part of his quest to cross six continents, Barr extended his stay to be the subject of a Chinese documentary and will head north to Mongolia after the winter.

"I felt it would be my duty ... to give myself as an example to others with disabilities to do something for themselves," Barr, 40, said in a recent interview.

Barr grew up in the Los Angeles area a motorcycle fanatic. He went to Vietnam as a Marine and then spent several years as a professional soldier for Israel, Rhodesia — now Zimbabwe — and South Africa. He was fighting for South Africa in neighboring Angola when he was injured by the mine.

Barr says soldiering was what he did best, but emphatically denies he was a mercenary. He said he first left the United States because he had become depressed by the lingering division over Vietnam and saw in Israel a country that "seemed together with a purpose."

He required 20 operations after the Aug. 29, 1981, explosion that left one leg amputated below the knee and the other amputated at mid-thigh. When he returned to California more than a year later to visit his parents, Barr hauled his old motorcycle out of storage, made a few adjustments to the brake and starter, and took it for a spin.

"On my first ride, the idea was born to ride around the world in the name of the disabled," he said.

That's a powerful message in this country with more than 50 million disabled people, where families have traditionally hidden them out of shame. Very few handicapped Chinese are admitted to colleges or professional schools and most are lucky to get even menial jobs.

Although he acknowledges that treatment of China's disabled has recently improved — economic reforms have bettered their living conditions and senior leader Deng Xiaoping's paraplegic son has championed their cause — Barr says much more needs to be done.

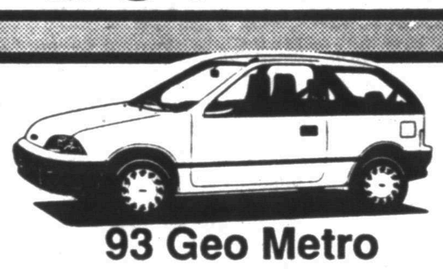
"The Chinese government has plenty of money to buy new planes, but not enough money to buy new legs for people with amputations," said Barr, who has a prothesis for each leg. "A lot of people are running around who don't have artificial limbs because they can't afford it. The government doesn't seem very willing to help."

Wheelchair ramps, toilets with support bars and rehabilitiation facilities also are desperately needed, he said.

"We've made advances in the field," says Shan Zhongming, spokesman for the China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped. "But since our economy is not highly developed, our pace is not as fast as in Western nations."

Barr has received national media attention during his 2,700-mile trek from southern Yunnan province to the Great Wall near Beijing. Several dozen handicapped Chinese accompanied him on a 90-mile stretch of his journey, ending with an evening of celebration in which they joined him in dancing and bear hugs.

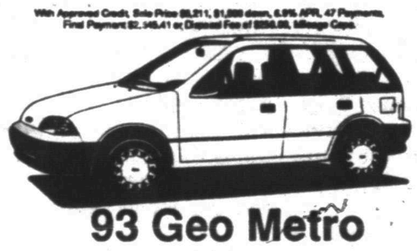
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Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

No one hates to lose a basketball game or be on the receiving end of a referee's "bad call" more than Melanie Jones, wife of Ron Jones, head coach of the Western Texas College girls' basketball team.

"It's like a morgue around our home when we lose a game. We go over the game in our minds, thinking about what might have been if this or that had been different," Melanie said.

That stage passes though, and then they both start looking toward the next game.

The roots of her love for the game can be traced to her childhood. "I grew up with a basketball in my hands," said Melanie, who played a guard position during high school. She regrets that she was not able to play in college, but at 5-1, she admitted "I didn't think I had much of a chance to play."

However, playing on a junior college or college team is still an experience Melanie thinks every player should take advantage of. Perhaps that is why she was disappointed when several Dusters quit the team during the Christmas holiday.

Since Ron began coaching the Dusters — the family moved to Snyder from Guthrie, Okla., in August — she and her husband have at times been like a "father and mother to the girls (team members) who often don't have anyone else to go to for advice."

Melanie's greatest asset, besides her love and knowledge of basketball, may be her ability to understand the players.

She said they enjoy socializing with the girls, but must be watchful that all activities, on and off the court, remain within National Junior College Athletic Association rules.

In other respects, she said it has also been a "learning year." Topping the list includes the realization that it's better for the players to live on different floors in the dorm to avoid spending almost all their time together.

They also have had to deal with homesickness, especially at the beginning of the school year.

Melanie also helps out with weekly team chores such as the laundry.

She enjoys attending local games, as does her daughter, Jenny, who always brings friends along.

"I try to observe how the other coach prepares the team," Melanie said. She is an enthusiastic fan of both her husband and the team and often gets very vocal at games.

"Sometimes referees' calls drive me up a wall. I thought they would be different here but they are not," she said.

The family stays on the go so much during basketball season that "we eat on the run and don't worry about balanced diets," Melanie said.

As of this week, the Dusters' record stands at 13 wins and 14 losses. Melanie believes they will win more games in the future, something that she thinks will bring more local fans to the coliseum.

Regarding this season's losses, Melanie repeated what Ron has said, "I hope they enjoyed beating us this year because we will win in the future."

She said they are looking forward to having more time to recruit for the coming school year. "WTC needs more players," she said. "It's hard for the girls to play 40 minutes without a break."

Last year recruiting was somewhat rushed, because they started late. Ron was hired in April, but they did not get their degrees until July and were unable to move to Snyder until August.

Leaving Jenny with her grandparents, Melanie accompanied Ron on his first recruiting effort for WTC.

After signing players he already knew about, Melanie said they scouted for others in Texas and Oklahoma. Recruitment rules only allowed Coach Jones to offer each prospective player an informational packet about the college and general information about present players. Melanie said Ron uses the coliseum as a strong selling point.

They also recruited in Amarillo where they attended an all-star game and met Milton Ham, athletic director and golf coach at WTC.

When recruiting, she said Ron thinks ahead to what he will need in the future.

"We're somewhat handicapped because we are competing against four-year schools, but I think prospective players should consider a junior college first where they are likely to get more playing time. After all, why sit on a bench if you don't have to?"

She said they also compete against Midland and Odessa, two area junior colleges, for players.

"Ron asks my opinion but he knows what he wants in a player," Melanie said.

They also viewed video tapes of prospective players which are offered through a recruiting service.

"I like to watch kids play basketball because I see their future potential," she said.

Melanie enjoyed accompanying her husband on recruiting trips, but now that she is pregnant she isn't sure she'll be able to go next time. She has a July due date.

Melanie has only praise for her husband's coaching ability.

"Ron is a good motivator," she said, "But if players aren't also self-motivated they won't amount to a hill of beans."

"He pushes his players hard, but they have to be good to beat good teams," Melanie said. "He also stresses fundamentals."

She said Ron's first year in high school basketball was tough because the girls had a 8-16 record, but the next year they won state.

While Melanie and her family are delighted to be in Snyder, they had reservations because they weren't sure they wanted to live in West Texas. They chose Snyder

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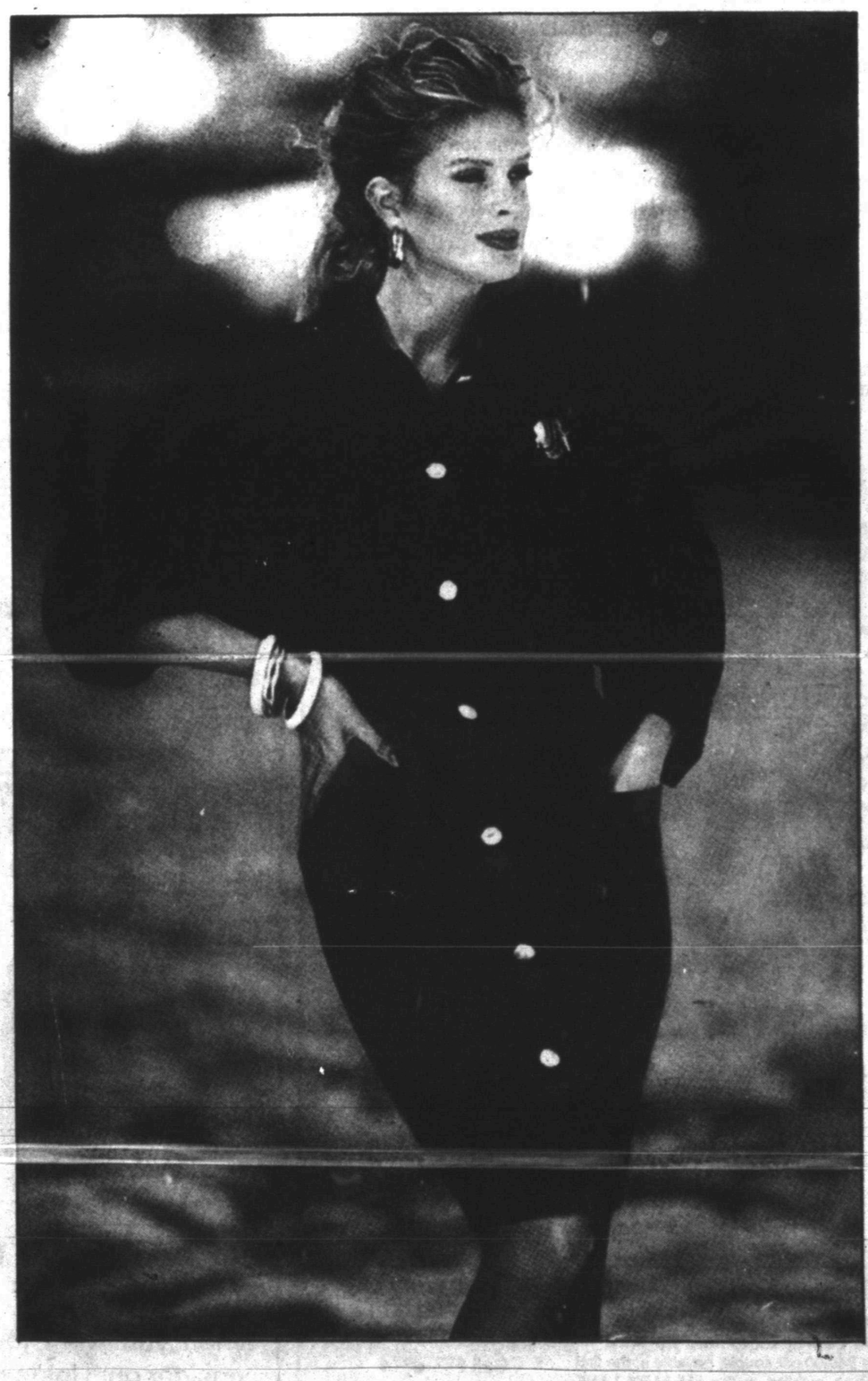


LOVES BASKETBALL — Melanie Jones, wife of Ron Jones, Western Texas College girls' basketball coach, is a big fan of basketball and the WTC Dusters. A former high school roundballer, she makes seasonal scrapbooks of each team her husband coaches. New to Snyder this school year, they previously lived in Guthrie, Okla. They have a daughter, Jenny, and are expecting their second child in July. (SDN Staff Photo)

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though because they believe it is in the best league for junior college basketball.

Leaving Guthrie proved to be hard for this native who had been accepted for her first elementary education teacher's post. She is currently substitute teaching and works part-time at Travis Flowers. She earned her degree at the University of Central Oklahoma in July. She had previously spent a decade working at a flower shop, but switched to elementary education because, she said, "I love children more and the pay is better."

Relocating to Snyder was her first move, and it was difficult because she had to leave her home church which she had attended since she was two. Finding "good churches" in Snyder helped make the transition easier, she said.

Leaving Ron's 4-A high school girls' basketball team, which had a 13-0 record, was also difficult. "We were so close to them we were more like a family," Melanie explained.

Besides being one of that team's biggest fans and boosters, Melanie also served as the team photographer. She photographed all the games and put together a scrapbook for each season. She still enjoys looking at photos of former players.

Before they moved she was presented with a trophy for being the team's "Number One Camera Lady."

Melanie said they also had to endure endless jokes from family and friends who called them "traitors."

Since settling in Snyder though, Melanie said they have discovered how "unbelievable friendly people are. They wave even if they don't know you."

She does admit to having been homesick, though, for the first month or so.

Having always lived in the country, she said they are enjoying the fruits of city living such as cable TV and pizzas to go.

She likes to read sports related materials and good stories like the "Waltons". She used to jog at night, but is not able to now because of her pregnancy.

At first, she said her neighbors didn't know who she was or what she was doing, but after they got used to seeing her out jogging at night they'd wave to her.

She and Jenny accompany Ron when he golfs, but she said she doesn't really play.

In addition to basketball, other activities Melanie participated in while in high school included volleyball, track and 4-H Club. She also showed calves and joined the student council where she held "lots of offices and was very involved with fund raisers."

She also had a dog named "Hoops."

She grew up with an older brother and twin younger brothers and was a tom boy who enjoyed sports. "I wasn't afraid to sweat," she said.

Melanie's family wasn't wealthy, but she said she "had a good upbringing, went to church and didn't think I was disadvantaged."

Her father is a farmer and her mother a former meter maid. They had a store at one time, but the big flood of 1986 "wiped them out," she said.

Melanie can't imagine life without basketball nor can she envision being married to someone who isn't involved with the sport on some level. But if she had listened to her father many years ago she would never have married Ron.

"My dad told me to stay away from Ron because he was a 'college kid'," she said. "But Ron eventually won him over by doing chores for him."

Surprisingly, Melanie never was able to see her husband play college basketball. She saw pictures of him on the court though. Her parents had a store in Mullhall and she met Ron when he was in the area visiting.

"Ron was a good player and a leading scorer. I think he could have played pro ball," she said.



ENTHUSIASTIC FAN — Melanie Jones, an enthusiastic Western Texas College Dusters' fan, gets very excited and vocal at home games. She is married to Ron Jones, who coaches the WTC girls team. They have lived in Snyder since August, along with a daughter, Jenny. (SDN Staff Photo)



KNIGHT-WITHERS PROMISE VOWS — Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Willett of Rising Star announce the marriage of their daughter, Dena Knight, to Joey Withers, formerly of Snyder. They were married Dec. 18, 1992, in a double ring ceremony by Justice of the Peace Monty Jones in the home of Tim Riley in Rising Star. Withers is the son of Pauline Withers of Snyder and the late Quest Withers. Mr. and Mrs. Withers are at home in Rising Star. (Contributed Photo)

Answer to moths, light mystery

Picture a boat in a fog. When a lighthouse beam comes into view, the sailor uses the light to steer the boat. He may not know where the light is on the land. But he does know that land is near. Some people think that moths like light because it helps them steer in the dark like the lighthouse helps the sailor in the fog.

Moths have antennae that are sensitive to light. Street lamps and spotlights create a problem. They are closer to the ground than the natural lights in the sky. A moth may "see" the light made by, say, a spotlight by your house. But rather than steer by it, the moth will probably fly right into the light by mistake. Moths aren't used to flying out of the darkness. Light confuses them and causes them to flit around the bulb. You might say it drives them ... buggy!

The name "dinosaur" was first used in print in 1842 by English anatomist Sir Richard Owen, who combined two Greek words — "deinos," or terrible, and "sauros," or lizard, notes National Geographic.

Recipe Box

By NANCY BYAL, Food Editor
For AP Special Feature

The chilies rellenos at your favorite Mexican restaurant may be hard to beat, but we think we've done it. Our recipe has the same delicious cheesiness, without all the fat and calories. By using low-fat dairy products and an egg substitute, you can cut 93 calories and 12 grams of fat from this popular egg dish. Just stir up the filling, stuff the peppers and bake. It's as easy as eating out.

CHILIES RELLENOS CASSEROLE

Nonstick spray coating
Two 4-ounce cans diced green chili peppers, drained
8 ounces low-fat Cheddar cheese, shredded (2 cups)
8-ounce carton frozen egg substitute, thawed, or 4 eggs
2 cups skim milk
1 cup packaged biscuit mix
1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
Salsa (optional)

Spray a 3-quart rectangular baking dish with nonstick spray coating. Sprinkle with chili peppers and Cheddar cheese; set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl use a wire whisk or fork to beat egg substitute or eggs until combined. Add milk and biscuit mix; beat until smooth. Stir in cottage cheese. Spoon egg mixture atop chili peppers and cheese.

Bake, uncovered, in a 350-degree F oven about 45 minutes or until puffed and a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving. Top each serving with salsa, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 290 cal., 12 g fat, 31 mg chol., 24 g pro., 22 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 1,089 mg sodium. RDA: 18 percent calcium.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Snyder Nursing Center, Community Educational Meeting; WTC Fine Arts Building; living wills, power of attorney for health care, guardianship, topics; Bob Doolittle, Dana Cooley, Dr. Carl Dillah and Mike Hartman, speakers; 7 p.m.

Scurry County Genealogical Society; TU Reddy Room; Frances Billingsley with the Scurry County Clerk's office will give a program on records that are available for genealogical study, what they tell the researcher, and regulations for release; all interested are invited to attend; 7 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; Martha Ann Woman's Club; 7 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church; 5:30 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 Sharron 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.

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Salad Luncheon Game Day/Luncheon; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $6 per person, ($1 for anyone desiring tea or coffee only); free nursery provided with reservations, Holly, 573-1876, or Doris, 573-3996; luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building, W. 37th St.; Sylvia Carpenter, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 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.

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

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave M, 8 p.m. For more information call 573-2101, 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.

Hermleigh School Menu

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Fruit
Biscuits, Gravy
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Milk

THURSDAY
Fruit
Pancakes, Syrup
Milk

FRIDAY
Out for School Holiday.

LUNCH

MONDAY
Steak Fingers, Gravy
Tater Tots
Bean & Pea Salad
Hot Biscuits
No Bake Cookies
Milk

TUESDAY
Pinto Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Corn Bread
Pear Crisp
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Lasagna
Mixed Vegetables
Tomato Wedge
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Milk

THURSDAY
Chili
Cheese Sticks
Relish Cup
Crackers
Fruit Cup
Milk

Anglican clergyman William Archibald Spooner was born in London in 1844. Spooner, who became Warden of New College, Oxford, gained a reputation for transposing words or parts of words — errors that became known as "spoonerisms." Spooner died in 1930, but spoonerisms — such as the one Harry von Zell committed on radio when he introduced the 31st president of the United States as "Hoobert Heever" live on.

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MR. and MRS. GARY D. BASS
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Bass, Hale wed in Alabama church

PALM BAY, Fla. — Major Gary D. Bass of Prattville, Ala., and Dora Ann Hale of Palm Bay, Fla., were united in marriage on Dec. 29, 1992, in the Grace Bible Church in Palm Bay.

The bride is the daughter of William J. Mapes of Snyder and the late Muriel Mapes. She is employed by Harris Data Services Corporation in Montgomery, Ala.

The groom's parents are Mary Portwood of Andalusia, Ala., and Bennett Bass of Red Level, Ala. Bass is a graduate of the University of New York and is employed by Alabama Army National Guard in Montgomery.

The couple makes their home in Prattville.

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Frito Pie
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Peaches
Choice of Milk

TUESDAY
Beef Chimichangas
Refried Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Red Velvet Cake
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY
Lima Beans
Fried Okra
Corn
Corn Bread
Peach Cobbler
Choice of Milk

THURSDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Green Beans
Parsley Potatoes
Biscuits
Jello w/Fruit
Choice of Milk

FRIDAY
Hot Dogs w/Chili
Potato Chips
Cheese Wedge
No Bake Cookies
Choice of Milk

Gentle Dove Ministry Menu

MONDAY
Chicken, Rice

TUESDAY
Beans & Weiners

WEDNESDAY
Beef Noodle Soup

THURSDAY
Macaroni & Cheese
Squash
Peas

FRIDAY
Chili w/Beans

All meals served with dessert, bread, tea or coffee.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 2-20-93
♠ 7 6
♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ K 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

WEST
♠ 8
♥ J 10 9 2
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 9 8 6 3

EAST
♠ Q J 10 9
♥ A 6 5
♦ Q 10 2
♣ Q 10 5

SOUTH
♠ A K 5 4 3 2
♥ K Q
♦ A 8 5
♣ J 7

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

It's still no passing fancy

By Phillip Alder

The death knell of bridge has been sounded several times. When the game was invented, many claimed it would be a quickly passing fancy. Nowadays, with fewer young players coming into the game, some are saying that bridge will die with the elderly in 20 years or so. Yet somehow I have a feeling it will be going as strongly as ever come 2013.

We have heard about passing in the auction. But what about passing in the play? If you thought that was impossible, look at today's deal.

The contract was four spades. West led the heart jack: three, ace, queen. Back came the heart six to declarer's king. South cashed the A-K of spades, receiving a shock when West discarded a low diamond on the second round. Suddenly South was faced with four losers: two spades, one heart and one diamond. However, he didn't throw in the towel. He realized he might win 10 tricks after all.

Declarer played a club to dummy's king and ruffed a heart in hand. Then he played a club to dummy's ace and ruffed a club in hand. Next he cashed the diamond ace before playing a diamond to dummy's king. That gave declarer nine tricks. He could lead dummy's last heart or last club and leave East with no answer. If he didn't ruff in, South would ruff for his 10th trick; whereas if East did ruff in, South would discard his diamond loser and be assured of one more trump trick with his remaining 5-4 doubleton.

This play, which generated an extra trump trick, is called a *coup en passant*.

Readers are invited to send card-play questions to Phillip Alder, in care of this newspaper. They can be answered only through the column.

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Four people were hanged in 1865 in Washington, D.C., after being convicted of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Schiebel's program gives cancer information to ABWA

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women's Association met for its January meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Martha Schiebel presenting an educational program on cancer.

Mrs. Schiebel, introduced by program chairman Vern Beasley, enlighted the group on signals of cancer. A former teacher and nurse, she urged members to have a mammogram once a year and to know the seven warning signals of cancer: 1) change in bowel or bladder habits; 2) a sore throat that does not heal; 3) unusual bleeding or discharge; 4) thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere; 5) indigestion or difficulty in swallowing; 6) obvious change in wart or mole; and, 7) nagging cough or hoarsness.

In addition, she said the American Cancer Society has available wheel chairs and crutches for cancer patients.

Memorials may be made to ACS at the West Texas State Bank.

Vocational chairman Carol Young introduced Maxie McNew, retired school cafeteria manager. Now involved with the Senior Center, Mrs. McNew answers the phone and takes names for defensive driving.

In addition, she helps with the home delivered meals, blood pressures, and works with many community projects in conjunction with the center.

Beasley also gave the Martha Ann Woman's Club report emphasizing the annual MAWC Silver Tea set for May 1. She stated that there were 10 clubs in the Woman's Club, an increase over last year.

Ruby Devers, Grace Bryant and Barbara Scrivner took part in introducing the Woman of the Year, Jessie Scarbrough.

Genetha Payne, president, noted the February meeting would be a mother/daughter or friend night, and the March meeting would be the annual business associate night.

Members Inez Teaff, Carol Young and Beverly Morrell were recognized for having January birthdays prior to the benediction by Inez Teaff.

Napoleon Bonaparte was sent to St. Helena in 1815 and spent the remainder of his days in exile.

Snyder School Menu

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Oatmeal
Toast
Apple Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Pancakes
Syrup
Grape Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Rolls
Orange Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Buttered Toast
Jelly
Pineapple Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Breakfast Burrito
Apple Juice
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Chicken Patty Burger
Burger Fixins
French Fries
Fresh Apple
Choice of Milk

TUESDAY
Tacos
Lettuce w/Tomato
Pinto Beans
Almond Butter Bar
Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Green Beans
Diced Pears
Hot Roll
Choice of Milk

THURSDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Southern Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Choice of Milk

FRIDAY
Fish Wedge
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed Vegetables
Pineapple Tidbits
Choice of Milk

SPECIAL EVENT — "Pizza Party" Tuesday at Central Elementary only. Homemade fresh pepperoni pizza. Come join us for lunch.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed seven tables of bridge at the Snyder Country Club.

N-S

1. Rube McKinley, Bessie Collins.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dot Casey.
3. TIE: Tizzy Hall, Dorothy Rosson and Margaret Birdwell, Sue Carter.

E-W

1. Verdie Kimbro, Polly Ballard.
2. Shirley Stewart, George Stewart.
3. Lucille Joyce, ElWanda Nall.

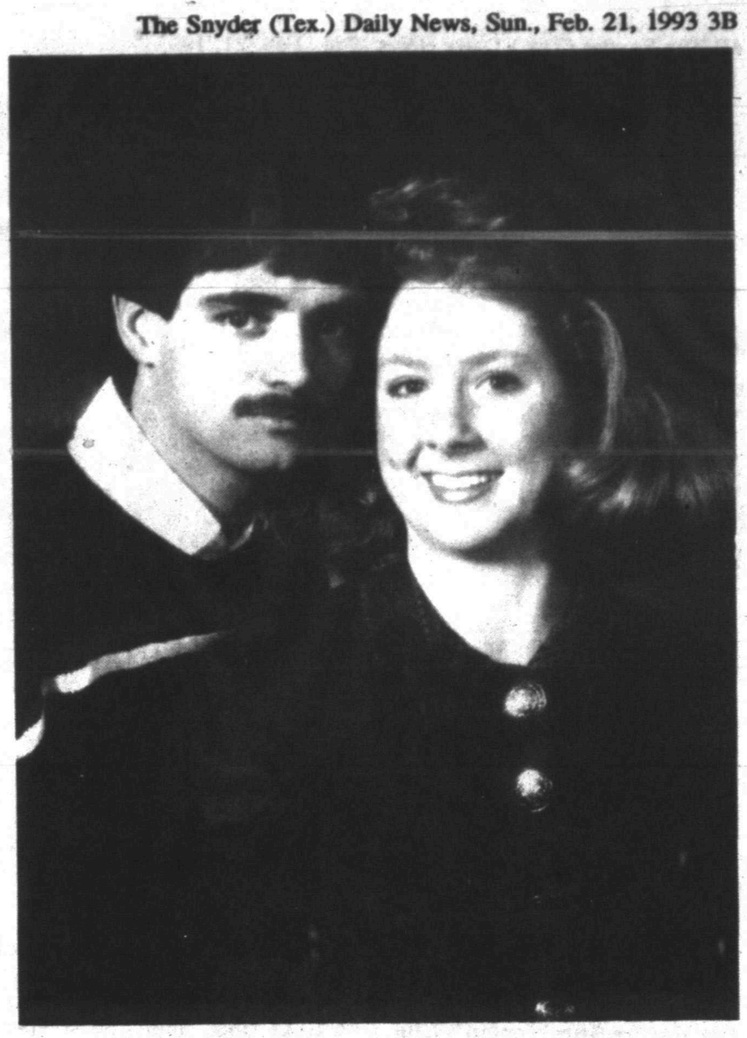
SUNDAY

No Sunday Game.

TUESDAY

Four tables were directed by Dot Casey.

1. Dot Casey, Bessie Collins.
2. Dorothy Rosson, Renal Rosson.
3. Louise Thompson, Jane Hinton.



MAY NUPTIALS PLANNED — The parents of Kelli Lynn McLarty and Joe Todd Pollard announce their engagement and approaching marriage. Kelli is the daughter of Lynn and Debbie McLarty and Joneil and Judy Smallwood, all of Snyder. The prospective groom is the son of Bob and Janelle Pollard, also of Snyder. The couple plans a 7 p.m., May 29 wedding ceremony to be held in the First Baptist Church. (Wadleigh Studio Photo)

Bridal Registry

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Bride-Elect of
Jamey Baldwin

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Terry Stephens

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Bride-Elect of
Erick Lewis Kelley

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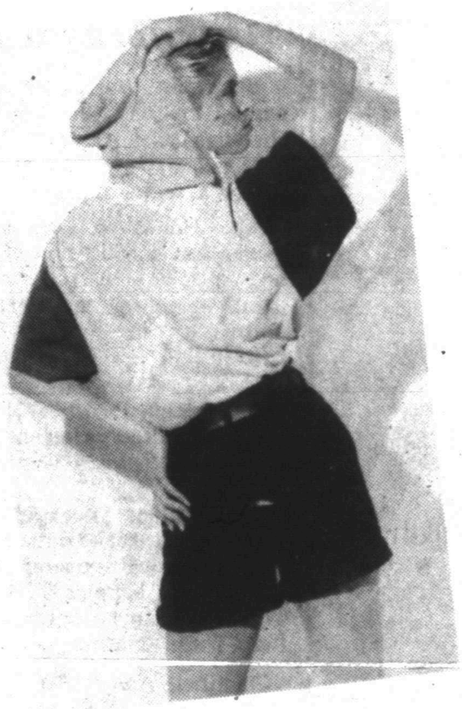
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"WESTERN ROMANCE" DINNER HELD — Snyder Christian Women's Club had a western theme for its recent guest night luncheon held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club with Coke Hopping, center, reciting cowboy poetry. Others on the program are, from left, Richard and Jeffri Long; Cindy Nix, soloist; and Larry Ball of Midland, guest speaker. (SDN Staff Photo)

Blackwell honored by DAR

Dell Blackwell was chosen by his peers and teachers to be the recipient of the Good Citizen Award, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Jr. Chapter.

The senior student's performance was rated outstanding in the areas of creativity, self discipline, growth potential, leadership and patriotism, self confidence, concern for others, energy, emotional maturity, personal initiative, reaction to setbacks and respect from faculty.

The recipient, son of Darryl and Dee Blackwell of Snyder, was recognized at the organization's recent luncheon meeting at the Snyder Country Club. Martha Millhollon, registrar, was chairman for this year's award.

Paula Gilbert, DAR secretary, gave a national defense report.

Mary Strelecki and Mary Dulaney were hostesses to 18 members and two guests.



GOOD CITIZEN AWARD — Senior Dell Blackwell was the recipient of the Senior High School Citizen of the Year award, an honor bestowed annually by the local Daughters of the American Revolution organization. Shown with Blackwell are Charlene Light, SHS counselor, and Maribeth Vestal, right, DAR regent. (SDN Staff Photo)

Vickie Jones Nail Specialist

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Ms. Fabray is 72

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Call her a prime-timer, chronologically challenged or a recycled teenager, but no, no — Nanette Fabray is not a senior citizen.

The Emmy-winning actress, singer and dancer, now 72, said one of life's most chilling moments is getting that first letter addressed to "Dear Senior Citizen."

Fabray said she took the advice of her friend, Phyllis Diller, and got plastic surgery after she started developing "turkey wattles" on her neck.

"Sometimes you need to be told it's OK to make some changes in your physical appearance if that makes you happier," she said Wednesday in an appearance at the Captiol Theater.

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Scurry County Library News and Views

BOOK FEATURE

"All Thumbs Guide to Home Energy Savings," by Robert W. Wood.

Robert Wood is a retired electromechanical technician, and has written more than 15 how-to books. With the concise, step-by-step instructions provided by Woods, you can effectively slash your home energy costs. Tips on heating, air conditioning, water, gas and electricity are included, giving you the ability to bring soaring utility bills under control.

This book makes it easy to locate and eliminate energy leaks in your home using simple, inexpensive methods.

NEW NON-FICTION

"New Old House," by Martha Stewart.

"Conran's Living In Small Spaces," by Lorrie Mack.

"Your Kitchen," by Better Homes and Gardens.

"The Woodfinishing Book," by Michael Dresdner.

"Curtains, Draperies and Shades"

NEW FICTION

"The Tale of the Body Thief," by Anne Rice.

"Father's Day," by Alan Trustman.

"Windover," by Jane Aiken Hodge.

"The Silken Web," by Sandra Brown.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m.: Tues. & Thurs.

Reminder: The library staff asks everyone to please return books to the library. There is no fine on overdue books.

Master has first showing outside Italy

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — The Kimbell Art Museum is showing an exhibition of the work of the late Renaissance Venetian master Jacopo Bassano (c.1510-1592) organized to commemorate the 400th anniversary of his death.

The museum says the Fort Worth showing is the first exhibition of this artist's work ever held outside Italy. It was organized in collaboration with two Italian institutions: the Museo Civico of Bassano del Grappa, and the Soprintendenza ai Beni Artistici e Storici del Veneto.

Bassano del Grappa is the town near Venice where the artist was born — he took his name from it. He lived and painted there most of his life, but the museum points out that his innovations in composition and use of light and color had a wide and profound influence on the development of European painting.

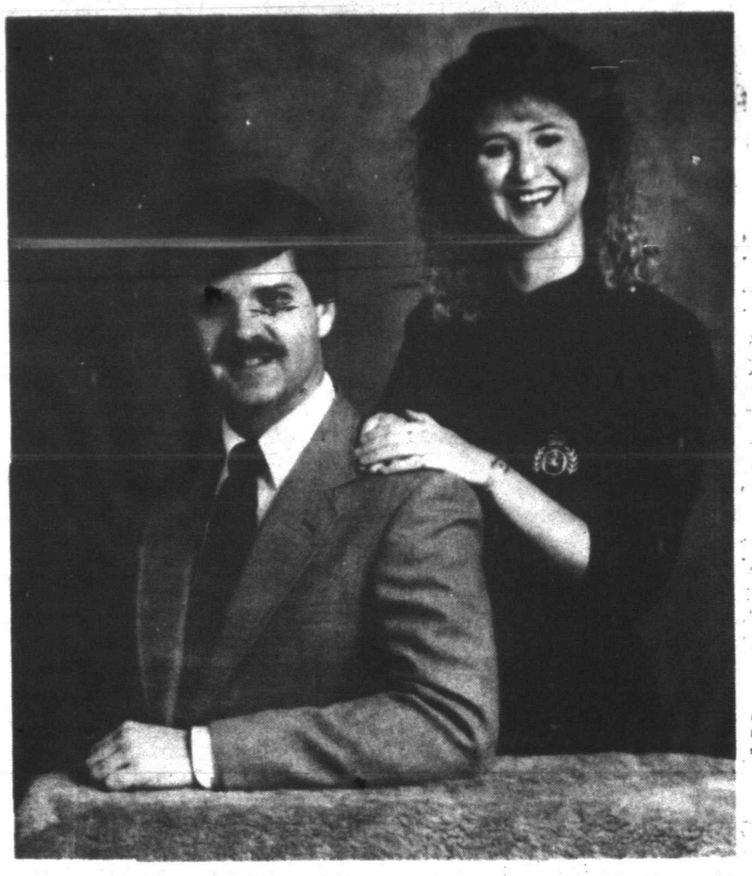
The exhibition will be on view through April 25.

Union Jack

LONDON (AP) — Just as Uncle Sam personifies the United States, the cartoon figure of John Bull has typified England and the British people for generations.

John Bull is a corpulent, bluff, irascible character who wears a low top hat, swallow-tailed coat, waistcoat bearing the British flag and breeches tucked into boots. John Bull was described by John Arbuthnot in a series of pamphlets in 1712, and his picture was first drawn by Sir Frances C. Gould.

Canada and China established diplomatic relations in 1970.



WEDDING PLANNED — J.T. and Charlotte George of Dallas announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Cindy, to Robby Trevey, son of Othell Trevey of Snyder and the late R.J. (Buddy) Trevey. The wedding is set for 2:30 p.m., May 15 at the Elmwood United Methodist Church in Dallas. (Contributed Photo)

Asphalt driveway needs maintenance

To maintain an asphalt driveway that was originally installed with at least a 4-inch depth over a good subbase, what is usually required is simply periodic filling of minor cracks that may develop and cosmetic sealing.

Driveways exposed to a lot of extreme weather, or those with a relatively shallow (1/2-inch) thickness will require more attention. Here are specific repair techniques for common driveway problems:

To repair cracks, use blacktop driveway crack filler. This material comes in a cartridge and is used for cracks up to 1/4-inch wide. Brush or vacuum loose material out of the crack, then lay in a continuous bead of filler.

Allow it to set for about 10 minutes, then stroke over it with a putty knife to level and firm the bead to the crack's edges. If the crack is more than 1/2-inch deep, it should first be packed with sand to within 1/4-inch of the surface.

A large pothole in the driveway is repaired with cold-mix, an asphalt-based filler that has larger aggregate than driveway patching compound. Typically, it comes in a 60- to 70-pound bag.

Use a cold chisel and hammer to chop out crumbling pavement until the pothole is rimmed with a clean, firm edge. If possible, undercut the hole slightly to lock the patch in place. Dig down until you get to a solid surface and remove loose debris from the hole's bottom. Shovel the mix into the hole, mounding it so it's about 1/2-inch higher than the surrounding surface. Compact the mound by tamping with a block of 2 x 4.

You can also pack the cold-mix by placing a scrap piece of plywood over the mound and driving back and forth over it with the front wheels of your car. Deep potholes should be filled and tamped in layers. Add some mix, tamp, then add more mix and tamp.

A coat of waterproof blacktop sealer, applied every two or three years, will protect the driveway from the sun, rain and snow, and will improve its appearance.

The sealer comes in 5-gallon cans and usually needs only to be stirred before use. Read the product label to determine how much area it will cover. Usually this ranges between 200 and 300 square feet, depending on the porosity of the surface.

Apply the sealer with a long-handled applicator that has a squeegee on one side and a brush on the other. Roller applicators are also available.

First, pour enough sealer from the can to work a 3- or 4-foot-wide strip across the driveway. Using the squeegee side of the applicator, spread the sealer across the driveway, working it into all tiny cracks and crevices.

When the strip has been covered, flip over to the brush side and use it to level the coating and smooth the ridges left by the squeegee. Work the brush at right angles to the path worked by the squeegee.

Don't leave puddles of sealer and don't spread it too thin. It's best to apply two coats. Read the label to determine how long to allow the sealer to dry before recoating.

Part of lawsuit against Johnson deleted by judge

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — A judge threw out part of a lawsuit accusing Magic Johnson of infecting a woman with the AIDS virus, ruling the basketball star wasn't obliged to tell her of his previous sexual conquests.

The $2 million lawsuit filed in October claims Johnson either knew he was infected or should have told the unidentified woman that he ran a high risk of having the virus when they had sex in 1990.

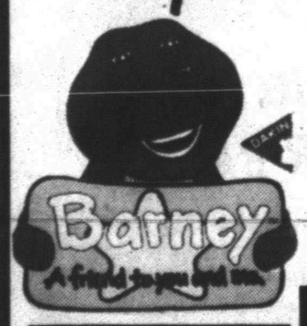
"A defendant who has had unprotected sexual encounters with multiple partners does not have a legal duty to inform a plaintiff of his or her past sexual activity," U.S. District Judge Richard A. Enslen said Thursday.

Johnson has said he had sex with the woman once but didn't have or didn't know he had the virus at the time. The trial is set for March 1994.

The former Los Angeles Lakers Star announced in 1991 that he was infected with the AIDS virus.

The French National Assembly voted in 1792 to abolish the monarchy.

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Some judges preside over phone-in appeals

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Two judges who weren't buying a lawyer's argument turned to each other and grimaced, enjoying one of the advantages of the nation's only court that routinely hears arguments via telephone hookup.

Teleconferencing in California's 5th Appellate District courtroom lets lawyers argue their cases from the comfort of their offices hundreds of miles away.

The judges in the nine-county central California district sometimes preside over a near-empty courtroom, with only a clerk on hand to place, monitor and record the calls.

Teleconferencing saves time, hundreds of thousands of tax dollars, and removes the sting from a judge's glare. Or vice versa.

"Normally, you may be intimidated by three justices glowering down at you," said James Goff, a lawyer in Orange County, 250 miles to the south. "But now you can glower back and it's OK. They can't see you."

"If my knees are quivering, at least it doesn't show," said lawyer Ruth McCluskey of Modesto, 100 miles to the north.

San Francisco Bay Area lawyer Paul Mudrich said the biggest advantage is being able to dig quickly through files without appearing to fumble.

Some lawyers also said they have smoked cigarettes, made faces or whispered with assistants. That helps them feel more relaxed and project confidence, they said.

Three judges in the courtroom and up to five lawyers in their offices communicate with help from amplifiers and other gizmos that eliminate the deep-well sound often associated with speakerphones.

"It's sort of disconcerting, sitting in an empty courtroom talking to the air," Associate Justice Nikolas Dibiaso said. "But it works real well."

Lawyers and judges agreed the technology isn't suitable for criminal jury trials and other conferences that require visual aids. But they feel it is suited for appeals court, where arguments tend to be dry and procedural.

"Sometimes," said Associate Justice Steven Vartabedian, "you actually listen better when you don't have distractions."

The 1st Appellate District in San Francisco and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in San Jose recently installed identical equipment, made by Gentner Communications Corp. in Salt Lake City, but don't use it as extensively.

Associate Justice James Ardaiz in Fresno said the idea will probably catch on nationwide within 10 years because it relieves taxpayers of the burden of paying travel expenses for court-appointed lawyers.

"I don't think you can justify paying $800 to $1,000 to bring these people in when there's another way," he said.

Chief Deputy Clerk Victoria Hernandez estimated the initial $10,000 investment has saved the state up to $11,400 a month for the past 14 months.

Some lawyers said they miss making eye contact, reading the judges' body language and trying to psych out other lawyers. But they said those factors are outweighed in most cases by the time and money saved.

"Rather than spending four hours on the road, I can be preparing my oral argument," Steven Shayer said from Bakersfield, 100 miles to the south.

As for the lack of eye contact, he said: "You can't see the justices, so you can't see if they're with you or not. But I have had experiences where you're standing in front of them, and you still don't know if they're with you."

According to George Bernard Shaw: "A life spent in making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing."

U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed in 1846 at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

Old enemies try to reassure each other

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — As fighting rages in former Yugoslavia, ancient Balkan enemies are trying to reassure one another that they believe war is no way to resolve differences in Europe's powder keg.

Yugoslavia's southern neighbors have watched with alarm as war in the former Communist federation grew bloodier and spread toward them from Slovenia through Croatia into Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Now many fear the next battlefields could be Serbia's mainly Albanian-populated Kosovo province, and Macedonia, whose declaration of independence from Yugoslavia has been largely ignored.

Should violence flare in those regions, ethnic loyalties could spark conflict with and among neighboring Albania, Bulgaria and Greece. Then, even would-be regional superpower Turkey might be dragged in.

Leaders of these countries have been shuttling from capital to capital in recent weeks with messages of peace.

The main topics of discussion are the possibility of foreign military intervention to end Bosnia's war, the recognition of Macedonia, and the status of Kosovo — all thorny issues that could rekindle ancient hatreds and nationalism.

Despite their minority status in Kosovo, Serbs regard it as the heart of their medieval kingdom and vow never to give it up. Serbian police control the province, sometimes clashing with the ethnic Albanians. Many observers fear that if the war ends in Bosnia, Serb irregulars will continue their nationalist campaigns in Kosovo. Macedonia, surrounded by Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria and Albania, is a traditional flash point and has a large ethnic Albanian minority.

In the last few days, Turkey's President Turgut Ozal has toured Bulgaria and Macedonia and is due in Albania and Croatia. Bulgaria's President Zhelyu Zhelev has visited Albania and Macedonia.

Greece's Foreign Minister completed economic cooperation accord with Romania. Germany has asked Greece to use its influence with Serbia to help halt Bosnian bloodshed.

"This is an exchange of information and reassurances which are very useful at this stage," said Kamal Shaheedi of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

While Shaheedi acknowledged the dangers of a broader Balkan conflict, he said he thought it unlikely.

"I don't see Albania moving into war over Kosovo, nor Greece being dragged into a war from which it has nothing to gain," he said.

Yet two axes, currently consisting only of economic cooperation and friendship pacts, appear to be forming: one north-south, allying Eastern Orthodox Serbia, Romania and Greece; the other east-west, running through Turkey, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania.

Turkey, a secular country whose population nevertheless is overwhelmingly Muslim, is outraged at what it sees as world failure to aid Bosnia's Muslims.

It has rallied other Islamic nations to the Bosnian cause and supports military intervention to help Bosnia's Muslim government beat back Serbian fighters who have overrun 70 percent of Bosnia.

Romania and Greece — Turkey's arch-rival and fellow NATO member — oppose foreign intervention.

During his visit to Sofia, Ozal again said Turkey would supply troops to an international intervention force in Bosnia, but only at U.N. request.

Artist Marc Chagall was born in 1887 in Vitebsk, Russia.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Tracy Phillips, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Barbara B. Bigham, 1992 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Earnest-Janet Schattel, 1993 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Terry W. Franks, 1993 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

Shirley E. Drum, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Tim Huddleston, 1993 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

Bill Ludecke, 1993 Chevrolet from Big Country Chevrolet.

Tracy Dennis, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Leland Wallace, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Kevin E. Moore, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mobil Exploraton & Producing, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Morris Allen Browning, 1993 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jane Ann Craig and Lonny Neal Craig, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Vicki Lea Pechacek and Daniel Wade Pechacek, divorce granted.

Marriage Licenses

Michael Lowell Howard to Carol Sue Beck, both of Snyder.

Jeffrey Ferron Laurens to Ethlyn LaJoyce Freeman, both of Snyder.

Terry Lynn Green to Makala Dale Roberts, both of Snyder.

Charles Teague to Lois Juanita Greer, both of Snyder.

Larry Glen Oden to Carolyn Diane Dunham, both of Snyder.

Benito Rodriquez Jr. to Luz Maria Rivera Cerda, both of Snyder.

Randy Ray Gordon to Tina Marie Covington, both of Snyder.

Warranty Deeds

Ruthann Stewart to Charles C. Stewart, Lots 17, 18, 19, 20 and 29 in the Belmont Place Addition.

H.F. Russell, et ux, to Michael W. Tomlinson, et ux, the east 8.4 feet of Lot 7, and all of Lot 8, in Block 2 of the Sunrise Addition No. 2.

Timothy McCall, et ux, to Sylvia Jean Sapsky, all of Lot 11, in Block 3 of the Park Place Additon.

Melvin A. Pratte, et ux, to H.F. Russell, et ux, all of the north one-half of 54/100 acre tract of land out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Carmen Hobbs to Brenda Winter and Terry A. Hobbs, the southwest one-fourth of Section 151, Block 3, H&TC survey, containing 160 acres of land, more or less.

Mattie K. Hobbs to Wendell J. Kimbrough, all of Lot 6 of the Scott replat of Block 5 of the Adams Addition.

Estate of Walter M. Suttle to Frances M. Suttle, all of Lot 18 in Block 2 of the Noble Heights Addition.

The Estate of Clint Allen Head to Bobby F. Head, et ux, a stake for corner, said stake is North 756 feet and south 68 degrees E. 30 ft. from the southwest corner of Tract 33, Section 39, Block 1, Kirkland Fields Survey. Also 60 acres of land in the form of a square in the southwest corner of the southwest one-fourth of Section 289, Block 97, H&TC survey. And all of Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 of the McCowen Subdivision of part of Tract 33, Section 39, Block 1, Kirkland and Fields survey.

Independent Executor of the Estate of Clint Allen Head to Bobbie Lou Head McMillan and husband, Laddie T. McMillan, all of Lot 14 in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

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SDN Opinion Page

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Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

I have this pair of tailored slacks that has been making life miserable for me.

It has this faulty zipper, see — well, I didn't mean for you to actually *look*. Anyway, this zipper just, uh, opens whenever it feels like it.

It doesn't unzip, exactly. It opens from the bottom up. Fortunately, it hasn't gotten stuck that way...yet. So far, I've been able to zip it down, then back up, and everything is fine.

This has occurred on at least three occasions, and each time I think "okay, these are the blue ones. I'll either get them fixed, or toss them." Then I get home in the evening, take 'em off, and forget about it. Until the next time.

It's two weeks ago. I'm at work. Down to deadline. I'm behind, trying to hurry. I'm coming out of my office when I feel the front of my pants separating. Lucky timing. I cut to the right, down the hall and into the men's room. Nobody had a chance to see. I can even laugh about it.

Then, last week I was at the police station, making notes off the daily blotter, when somebody came in the front door. All of a sudden I felt a cool breeze in a place I know I'm not supposed to feel a breeze, you know?

So there I was trying to act nonchalant, but fumbling all over the place, trying to cover myself with my notepad. I could picture the police lieutenant walking up, looking at me and shaking his head in disgust. "Hey scumbag, I think maybe you and I ought to have a talk in the back. We got a place for degenerates like you."

But the person coming through the door wasn't a cop; he was the news director at the radio station. I don't know if he realized my problem or not, but I'm sure he thinks I'm the rudest guy he's ever met.

And this past week. This past week was the worst of all. I was putting up a page in the composing room when my hand brushed the front of my slacks. And I knew.

There I was, Mr. Editor, trying to show some authority, people all around me, and my pants were unzipped. And I don't even know how long they had been that way.

Is there a worse feeling in the world?

Well, let me ask you this. Have you ever tried to work your way around a counter, turn a corner and get past a soft drink machine — all the time hugging the wall — and make conversation? It's hard to look natural doing that.

As I made my way by the soft drink machine and into the men's room I remember thinking, "It probably doesn't look that bad. Probably, no one could tell it was open." And then I looked in the mirror, and I realized that, no, anyone would have to have been BLIND not to have noticed.

Now today — you guessed it — I've got those same slacks on again. And because I know that the zipper will eventually do its thing, I keep checking. Just reaching down and making sure. And I'm starting to get some strange looks from my co-workers.

They don't know if I'm turning into a pervert, becoming senile already, or watching way too much baseball lately.

And I would try to explain, but I'm afraid all that would do is rule out the baseball solution.

So I keep quiet, and keep checking.

And when I get home, I promise, I swear on a stack of old button-up Levi's, these things won't touch the ground before they land in the trash.

Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

Those of us old fogeys who are beginning to get set in our ways and whose minds are beginning to harden into cement, ought to be strapped to our chairs and be forced to watch the recent "Oprah Winfrey" Prime-Time Special: her interview with pop/rock icon, Michael Jackson.

I am well aware that the majority of my readers are country and western fans, but if those same readers have any kids at all, they must surely realize that this young man has more impact on teen culture than any other single individual in the world today.

And if they are aware of that, then surely they have thought things like, "Yuk. He's so WEIRD. Why'd he go and change the color of his skin like that? Is he ashamed of being black? He's so white he looks like a mime. And what's with that nose job and make-up? And why does he have to grab his crotch so much? And what's all this I hear how he sleeps in an oxygen chamber in order to stay young, and how he tried to buy the bones of the Elephant Man, and how his sexuality is, well, unknown? What kind of an influence is that on my teen-ager?"

Yep. You ought to have watched Oprah.

I watched the special with my teen-agers. I'm usually a fairly tolerant child of the sixties about such things as long hair and torn jeans. But I confess I had many of those same thoughts, especially about that skin thing. So I was curious.

Michael Jackson rocketed to stardom at the tender age of six, as lead singer for his brothers' group, the "Jackson Five." By the time he was nine years old, he could go nowhere without being mobbed by rolling seas of hysterical fans.

His father, an abusive, greedy perfectionist, drove the boys relentlessly, constantly. They never stopped working. (If they did, they were beaten.)

Michael saw a tutor for three hours a day for his schooling; other than that, he worked. Grueling rehearsals, grinding concert tours, harrowing recording sessions landed the Jackson Five, and Michael, at the top of the charts half a dozen times in a row. Michael had no friends and could never even visit a playground; if he did, the fans and the media would mob him.

When he hit tender adolescence, he was no longer the cute little kid; even worse, he had terrible acne. His father taunted him, called him ugly and laughed at him so much that Michael eventually turned to washing his face in the dark so that he would not have to look at himself.

Music was his salvation. In his early twenties, he branched out on his own and hit his stride. A natural, gifted dancer and songwriter with a keen sense of showmanship and an inborn drive for perfection, Michael crafted for himself, not a spot at the top of the charts, but a chart all his own: the first and second-highest selling albums of all time, the most Grammies won by any entertainer in history, the longest number-one chart-buster, and so on. He launched the most successful world-wide concert tour ever known, drawing crowds in the hundreds of thousands all over Europe, Asia and Australia.

He became a prisoner of his own fame, unable to set foot outside his own house unprotected or undisguised. It was said that he had wild animals roaming his ranch and had built his own private amusement park. Horrified by the lies made up about him in the tabloid press, he became as reclusive as the great Elvis ever was, refusing all interviews for fourteen years.

Until Oprah. And that one was wide open: live TV in his own home (at one point, the hot lights set off his smoke alarm), with wide-open, unrehearsed questions.

Here are some of the surprising answers:

He is turning white because of a genetic skin disorder that slowly destroys all skin pigmentation. This happens in blotches, which is why make-up is required — to even out the skin tone.

The picture of him in an oxygen tank was taken after he was severely burned making a Pepsi commercial. He had taken the million-dollar settlement and created the Michael Jackson Burn Center. The oxygen tank was part of the equipment in the center, and he climbed in one time, out of curiosity.

Yes, he dates girls, but they never go anywhere because of the mobs, so they are never photographed together. Right now he is seeing actress Brooke Shields, who should understand a little something about being a child star.

He never tried to buy the bones of the Elephant Man.

He's sorry about all the crotch-grabbing, it's a music thang and a dance thang. One of them thangs.

Yes, he has his own private amusement park, and every three weeks, he brings 100 terminally ill children out to his ranch, entertains them, lets them ride the rides all they want, and shows them movies in his own movie theatre. At the back of the theatre, special rooms with picture windows have been built to accommodate the bed-ridden children, so that they can take part, too.

He is very proud to be a black American. He didn't turn white on purpose.

He has donated tens of millions of dollars to causes of all kinds, the most recent, a Michael Jackson Foundation to Heal the Children, aimed at immunizing children all over the world and keeping them drug-free.

He does have wild animals on his 2,700-acre ranch, but they have their own habitats in which to roam.

His whole philosophy of life is to try to live as Jesus taught, and "not to ever, ever judge people. Don't judge."

I don't know about you, but I'm properly ashamed of myself. For Michael's sake, and for the sake of our children, I'll try not to judge so quickly any more.

THE TAX ADVISER

By George W. Smith

Q: I received a check from the IRS saying that this was interest earned on a late refund that I received. They pay more than the banks do. I received my tax refund about four or five months later than usual but only after I called and asked where it was. Is this something special? Do I have to pay tax on it? — R.Y., Amarillo, Texas

A: Generally, the IRS will pay interest on any refund on a properly filed tax return that is paid to the taxpayer later than 45 days after the due date of the return. The interest rates are adjusted quarterly. Yes, apple pie is very American and the interest is taxable.

Q: Before we were married, my husband had a child by a woman on welfare. He pays child support every month of which only a portion goes to the mother. The majority is maintained by the state because she is on AFDC. My husband and the mother of his child were never married. Can he claim his child support payments as a deduction on his tax return? Can he claim the child as a dependent? — B.B., Lakewood, Colo.

A: A payment that is fixed or treated as child support is neither deductible by the payer nor includable in income by the recipient. The parent who has custody of a child for the greater part of the year is generally treated as the parent who provides more than half of the child's support and consequently takes the deduction for the child. There are exceptions, but that's the general rule.

Q: Can interest that I earned on a distribution from my profit-sharing plan during the 60-day rollover period be included in the IRA rollover? I'd rather not pay taxes on it at this time. — J.R., Provo, Utah

A: There's no such thing as a free lunch. Any interest earned prior to the completed rollover of your profit sharing distribution will be subject to ordinary tax treatment on your personal income tax return.

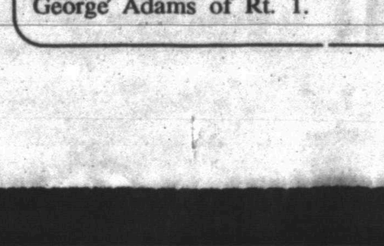
Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas last in spending per resident

Of all 50 states, Texas is last in overall per capita spending by the state government. The state spent $1,558 per person in 1991—the national average was $2,204 per person. Alaska was first at $7,883 per resident.

Per capita spending by state

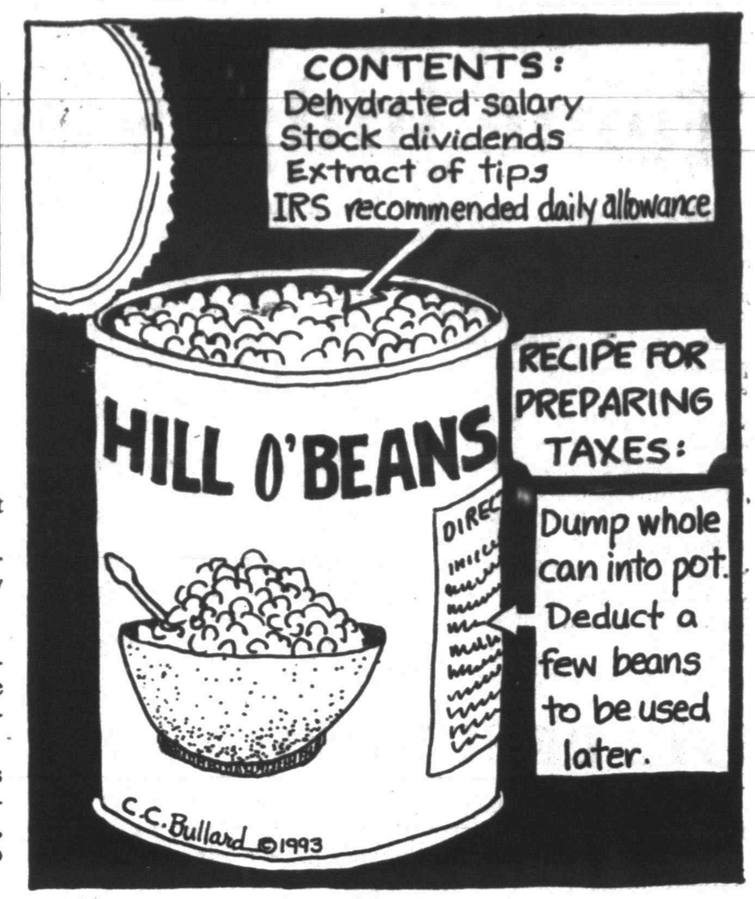
- $3,000 or more
- $2,500 to $3,000
- $2,000 to $2,500
- $1,500 to $2,000



Selected categories of spending

Texas' rank		Per capita spending Texas	U.S.
50th	Total	$1,558	$2,204
38th	Public education	428	520
31st	Higher education	282	285
44th	Public welfare	311	495
45th	Highways	151	187
32nd	Hospitals	76	97
28th	Corrections	61	76
48th	Health	46	85
46th	Police	12	22

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census and John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.



Editorial Roundup

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on tax abatements:

A Michigan judge's decision ... that General Motors cannot close its Willow Run assembly plant because of an implied promise between the manufacturer and the community undoubtedly will send shivers down the spines of business officials who have taken advantage of tax abatement offers.

The tough game of economic development in the '90s means cities are stepping to the plate with as much firepower as they can muster. ...

The case opens up a Pandora's box of questions about the use of abatements by taxing entities.

What manufacturer in his right mind would locate in a city where he might become a financial prisoner, despite changes in the local economy that would normally indicate a relocation is needed?

Will manufacturers have to sign written performance guarantees based on a future no one can predict?

Or will tax abatements become an economic development tool whose time has come — and gone?

San Antonio Express-News on school finance:

Maybe, just maybe, Texas will escape the embarrassment of having its public schools closed.

Voters will have their say on May 1....

The proposed amendment would allow the redistribution of funds from property-rich districts to poorer districts. Such redistribution could not exceed 2.75 percent of state and local school revenue, or about $400 millon.

Also, the county education district tax rate couldn't exceed $1 per $100 of property valuation without local voter approval.

Another proposed amendment would allow school district voters to exempt a district from state-imposed programs that are not funded by the state.

The weakness of the proposal is that it continues to rely on the beleaguered property owner to pay for the schools. Districts that lose money to redistribution will want to replace it. The state's leaders have some persuading to do.

Pecos Enterprise on Clinton cuts:

President Bill Clinton has fulfilled one campaign promise and that was to cut the White House staff by 25 percent. In addition, he has cut out many "perks" — fringe benefits — that members of the White House staff have gotten over the years, all to save money.

In addition, Clinton has directed members of his administration to cut expenses in their various departments.

His lead is something that members of Congress should follow. Staffs at congressional offices have grown as well as have other expenses. Members of Congress should take up the challenge and live frugally as Americans are being asked to do.

The Dallas Morning News on Dr. Death:

These have been busy times for Dr. Jack Kevorkian. ... On Monday, he assisted a 70-year-old man who had been disabled with emphysema and congestive heart disease for 10 years. It was his 13th "victim" — the fifth in recent days.

It is easy to loathe a doctor who violates the Hippocratic oath so boldly. But if the truth be told, Dr. Kevorkian is not the issue here: he is merely a symptom of a larger problem. ...

Today, people fear becoming entrapped by a technologically sophisticated medical system that exhausts their financial resources while ignoring their suffering and individuality. ...

The debate over physician-assisted suicide really should be about the need for more effective pain relief for the terminally ill. ...

The terminally ill must know they can demand proper medical relief for their pain and depression. ... Everyone has the right to die pain-free and with dignity. No one should have to resort to calling on doctors like Jack Kevorkian.

Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

5 YEARS AGO

Toby Roy Neves, son of Ruby and Roy Neves of Snyder, graduated from Texas A&M University with a master of science degree in petroleum engineering. His thesis was entitled "The Elimination of Liquid Build-Up in Low Productivity Gas Wells."

Snyder High School senior Jeff Adams was nominated for admission to the Air Force and Naval academies by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford. Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Adams of Rt. 1.

10 YEARS AGO

Debra Quintela and Nolan von Roeder were named Mr. and Miss Snyder High School in a coronation ceremony at Worsham Auditorium.

Promotions at Snyder National Bank included Kate Owens, secretary to Roger Mize, from assistant cashier to assistant vice president. Another was Janelle Orr, SNB 14-year employee, elected to assistant cashier.

Spelling Bee first and second place winners, respectively, were: Ira — Amy Shoults, Kyle Sorrells; Northeast Elementary — Sonja Way, Sylvia Alaniz; Stanfield — Tom Egelston, Melody Pickering; East — Holly Joplin, Rhonda Echols; Central — Bryan Lovett, Jessie Maldanado; West — Robert

15 YEARS AGO

Hugh (Brud) Boren and Don West announced that West had become an associate and partner of Hugh Boren and Son Insurance Agency. West formerly managed Perry's Variety Store.

Rita Eicke and Chris Chamblee sang in the all-state choir concert which closed the Texas Music Educator's Association Convention in Houston. Teachers attending were Bill Lyon, Don Eiring, Ronnie Mayfield, Clifford Franklin, Dorothy Kayser, Anice Hawkins and Mary Lou Scott.

20 YEARS AGO

Emmitt Hataway, representing the Scurry County Farm Bureau, presented showmanship trophies to Richard Daves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Daves of Ira, and Allen Pollard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pollard of Snyder. Richard won the FFA showmanship trophy and Allen won the 4-H showmanship trophy.

25 YEARS AGO

County commissioners approved the purchase of a 50x100-foot tract of land at the southwest corner of the Boy's Club. The county paid $150 to the property owner, Mrs. Myrtis Mae Arnold.

Texan's gourmet popcorn hit with sports fans

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas (AP) — Not necesarily everything that Bill McCool touches turns to gold. But they do turn golden.

Golden caramel, to be exact.

McCool, or Billy Bob to his friends, makes and sells popcorn for a living. Coated with a golden, sweet, sticky mixture of brown sugar, white sugar and syrup, his three varieties of popcorn are downright "habit forming," he says.

Perhaps that's why the food and beverage concessions at Texas Stadium offer his caramel-coated kernels at each and every Dallas Cowboys home football game.

As do the concessions at Reunion Arena, and those at the Charlotte Motor Speedway race track in Charlotte, N.C., as well.

"It's really interesting," McCool says, sitting in his office behind Movies and Cream — a video rental/popcorn/frozen yogurt outlet in Sulphur Springs that he also owns and runs. "We've done well with our products. We've also covered a lot of ground marketing them. I've enjoyed it, though."

McCool, however, shows no signs of stopping. His next goal, he says, is to sell packages of popcorn with the official logos of some of the National Football League's teams.

If he can cut through all of the red tape involved in the licensing of professional sports, he says, he plans to market cans of his popped corn complete with team logos, team pictures and team helmets.

"I really think that this thing could work," McCool says. Although his initial proposals were turned down by NFL Properties — the group in charge of all NFL licensing — he says that the sport is the perfect arena for his unique product.

"I haven't seriously pursued it yet," he adds. "But with all of the teams out there and all of the fans, I think that this type of thing can work. You never know."

As part of his arrangement with Texas Stadium and the Dallas Cowboys, McCool has been able to attend virtually all of the team's home games. As a result, he's had the chance to see how things work in a fast-paced food and beverage operation.

"I watch everything they do over there," he said. "To make things work, you have to watch, and think them through."

So far, he said, his attention to detail has resulted in fairly good sales of his caramel, nutty caramel and gourmet brands of specialty popcorn at several outlets throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

In fact, his penchant for noticing the little things has even helped his day to day production activities in the converted warehouse that serves as his popcorn kitchen.

"We have two poppers that can be run by just one person," McCool explained, walking though the spotless interior of his production area. The two poppers, sitting on a large, stainless steel table, are both fitted with chutes that send the popped kernels into a central cooling area.

"With the way we have things set up, we can pop about 100 pounds of raw popcorn in an hour," he said.

Study shows...

It's not what we don't eat, but what we do that counts

Despite all the headlines, with the exception of the colon cancer-fat link, researchers have yet to prove that cutting dietary fat inevitably lowers cancer rates.

Now, several leading scientists think they know why: It's not only what we don't eat, but what we do that counts.

Take breast cancer: One of the reasons white women have a much higher risk than Hispanic and black women "may come down to diet," says Edith Zang, Ph.D., of the American Health Foundation.

When Dr. Zang analyzed the diets of these three groups, among other things she found was that while total fiber intake was similar, the fiber sources were totally different. "Whites ate more grains; black and Hispanic women ate more fruits and vegetables. And the Hispanic women ate more citrus fruits and beans, which have known anti-tumor properties."

Dr. Zang's findings may help explain another new cancer/diet study. At Harvard, researchers unexpectedly found fiber didn't affect breast-cancer rates in almost 90,000 nurses — but the Harvard group didn't distinguish among fiber types, says Zang. "All fiber isn't alike. Vegetable and fruit fibers contain vitamins A and C, which are known to protect against cancer. But grains — the prime fiber source for most whites — don't have this benefit."

The National Cancer Institute has teamed up with the newly crea ed Produce for Better Health Foundation to co-sponsor a "5 a Day" program promoting fruits and vegetables. You can request a helpful brochure from the NCI hotline — 800-4CANCER — and they will also answer questions.

Sunken ferry survivors recount mishap

PETIT GOAVE, Haiti (AP) — Survivors of a ferry that sank in a storm, killing up to 1,700 people, spent a harrowing night clinging to anything that floated and surrounded by bodies and bleating, bellowing livestock.

"The sea was full of people. I kept bumping into drowned people," said Madeleine Julien, a 29-year-old merchant who kept afloat by hanging onto a bag of charcoal.

Haitian officials told the U.S. Coast Guard that 820 to 2,000 passengers were on the 150-foot ferry Neptune when it capsized and sank Tuesday night.

Haiti's poor communications system kept word of the disaster from reaching Port-au-Prince until Wednesday night. It was Thursday before officials realized the scope of the disaster.

As of Thursday, only 285 survivors were accounted for by the Red Cross. It was possible others were picked up by fishermen or reached shore on their own.

There was no official count of those aboard the overloaded craft. Port authorities reported 800 tickets sold for the overnight, 180-mile trip from the town of Jeremie to the capital, Port-au-Prince, according to Capt. Larry Mizell, the Coast Guard liaison in Port-au-Prince.

One survivor, Benjamin Sinclair, told The Associated Press that as many as 1,500 people were crowded aboard the triple-deck ferry, filling the decks and the roof of the top deck.

Many of the survivors said they were in the water from 11 p.m. Tuesday, when the Neptune capsized, until noon Wednesday.

A Haitian vessel and three U.S. Coast Guard cutters on Thursday night delivered the first bodies plucked from the sea — 137 of them — and then headed back for more.

The vessel went down 60 miles west of the capital, offshore from Petit Goave, the Coast Guard reported. The Coast Guard Operations Center in Miami said no distress calls were received from the vessel.

A Coast Guard search plane located bodies and debris Thursday afternoon in an oil slick about two miles northeast of the town. Fishermen said there were strong, erratic currents in the area which may have swept bodies out to sea.

The cargo included 75 oxen, some sheep and goats, and sacks of coffee and charcoal. Survivors interviewed in Petit Goave on Thursday said they held onto anything that floated, including the oxen.

Sinclair, a 32-year-old bus driver, said he also clung to a bag of charcoal until fishermen picked him up at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

He said the vessel was cruising in a rainstorm and, as conditions worsened, passengers panicked.

Julien said the storm tossed the Neptune and people on the roof were flung screaming into the pitch-black waters. She said she was separated from six family members, who likely drowned.

She and other survivors said there were no life jackets or lifeboats on board.

The Coast Guard said Haitian officials reported that the ferry sank during a squall after passengers rushed to one side.

Military authorities in Jeremie said one of the decks had collapsed.

The steel-hulled Neptune was owned and operated by Haitians, military authorities said.

The Coast Guard, notified of the tragedy at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, sent five cutters and several aircraft to help recover bodies.

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'Babylon 5,' science fiction movie, bedeviled by details

NEW YORK (AP) — Great special effects do not make for great science fiction. Writing is what makes TV series cook.

Writing is the single biggest problem haunting "Babylon 5," an otherwise promising, two-hour science fiction movie that bows next week in syndication.

Here's the premise: In 2257, the edges of five great galactic empires converge in deep space, on the neutral ground of a space station that is part free port, part "Casablanca" and mostly weird.

These great civilizations don't like or trust one another even a little. Space stations Babylon 1 through 3 were sabotaged and destroyed. Babylon 4 "vanished without trace 24 hours after it became operational," a character intones.

No wonder its inhabitants seem so edgy!

What's fun and and exhilarating about "Babylon 5" is that it's trying very hard to convey a sense of colliding cultures, of day-to-day life at a literal and figurative crisis point in galactic history.

With that back story, viewers could feel as if they were attending the Potsdam Conference of deep space. First, however, they must get past clunky dialogue and some cartoon-style characters.

The rich storytelling possibilities in "Babylon 5" don't show up in the premiere. The movie is mostly breathless exposition about a five-mile-long microcosm that is filled with hostile, alien life forms.

There are nice touches:

—The prosthetic makeup is superior. Lizard folk look, well, "lizardy" and believable.

—The effects are full-bodied and thoughtful: Starships leave warp space and decelerate into a "vortex grid" — just the kind of thing you'd want to catch you after traveling faster than the speed of light.

—A Japanese stone garden is described as a "pool for Zen skinny-dipping."

—When a lizard-man propositions a genetic mix to a human, female telepath, he "doesn't get it" in a major way. "Would you prefer to be conscious or unconscious during the mating? I would prefer conscious but I don't know what your ... pleasure threshhold is."

That's mainstream TV for the '90s, folks.

The problem with "Babylon 5" is the clinkers found among the diamonds.

—A sexy love interest throatily murmurs to her main squeeze that she's "picked up some Carnellian bedsheets — they're supposed to be completely frictionless." Imagine! A bed you can't get into!

—At least two of the alien races speak with Hungarian accents. Go figure.

—Babylon 5 can provide alien habitats for its visitors. But in the service of special effects, their rooms have transparent walls much like a zoo. Note to writers: Even the exhibitionist Vroom of Betelgeuse need privacy sometimes.

Perhaps the biggest danger facing "Babylon 5" is not its failures of imagination, but of its leading actors.

As the station's commander, Michael O'Hare brings a fine, deep whiskey-and-cigarettes voice to his role, but little else. He's clearly not comfortable with the material, even though his character holds a secret that can blow open the galaxy.

In point of fact, the alien characters are much more interesting than the humans.

Peter Jurasik, best known as the oily stool-pigeon Sid on "Hill Street Blues," is superb as the decadent ambassador of the waning Centauri Republic, Mira Furlan is cool and mysterious the enigmatic envoy of the despised Minbari Federation, and Andreas Katsulas, as lizardy ambassador G 'Kar of the Narn Regime, is the slimiest schemer since Dr. Smith of "Lost in Space."

"Babylon 5" comes to us from Lorimar, Warner Bros.' TV division, via something called PTEN, or Prime Time Entertainment Network. It is supposed to be a one-shot deal.

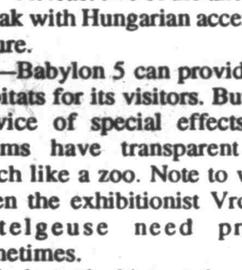
Lorimar, though, obviously wants critical approval and fan buzz to persuade them to make it a series, hoping for the syndication success that Paramount Studios has had with "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Let's hope "Babylon 5" can break Paramount's monopoly on the future. It is a promising debut, and if it comes back as a one-hour series, it can come back better.

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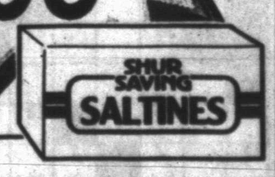


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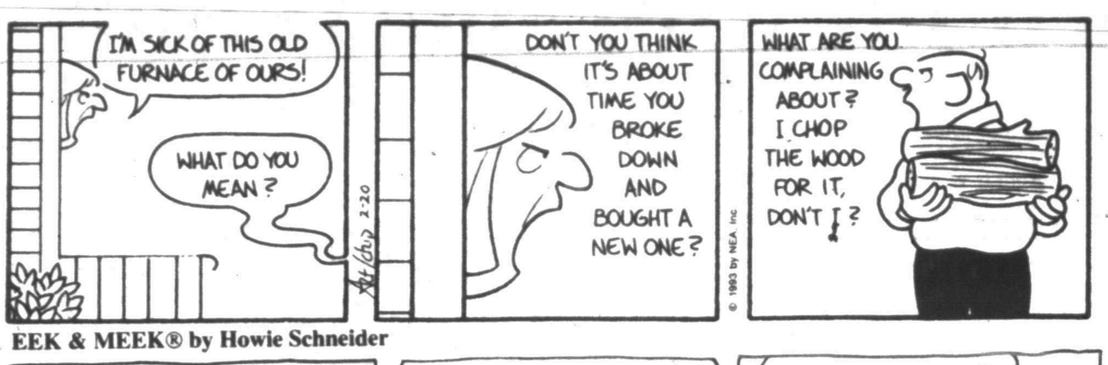


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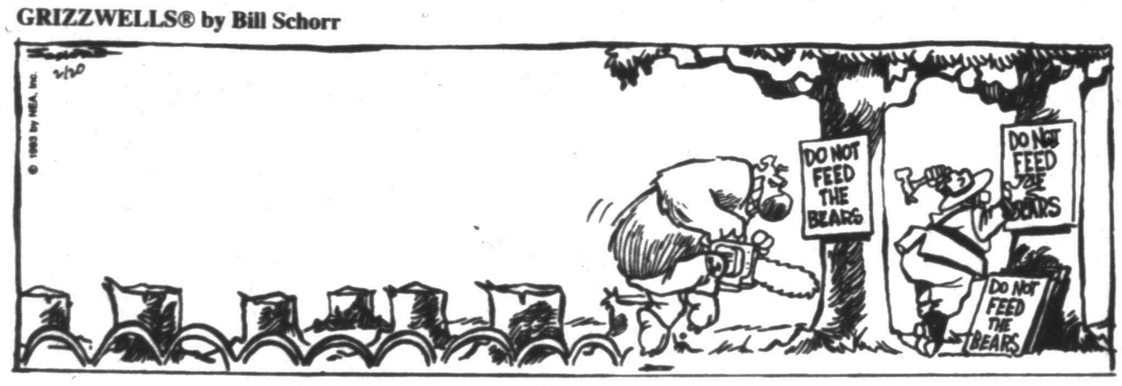
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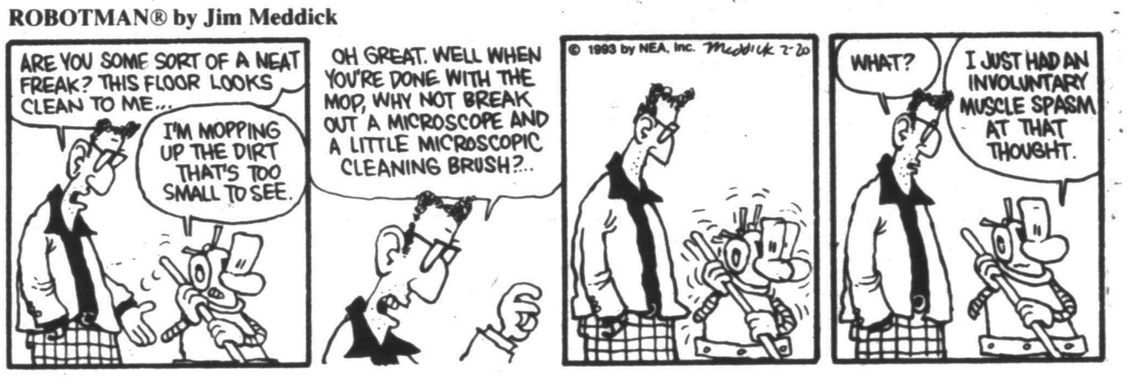
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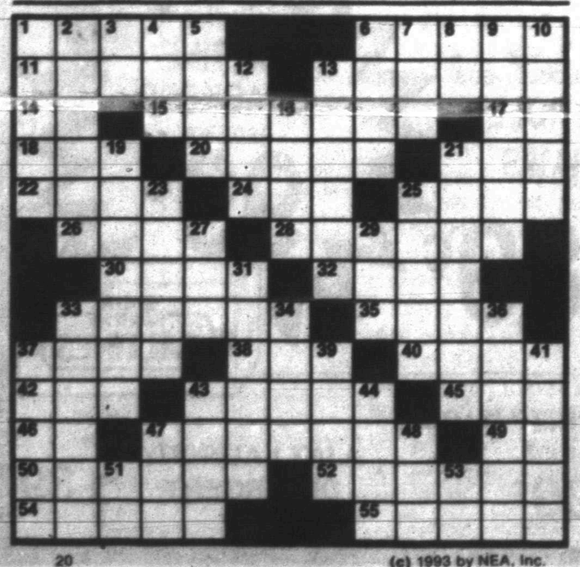
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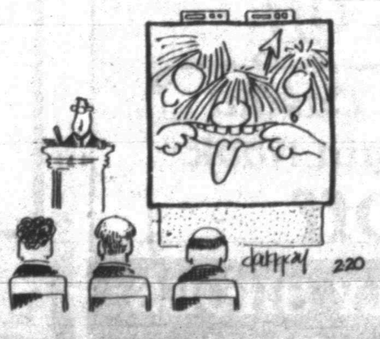
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Clinton's plan also has big spending increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — The talk has been focused on tax increases and budget slashes, but President Clinton's economic recovery plan also includes nearly $200 billion in new spending and tax breaks that shed light on his economic philosophy.

As he said during his campaign, Clinton believes that making Americans healthier and better educated and modernizing the tools of production will add muscle to the economy in the long run. He called it an "investment" program, and he said it was aimed at the future.

The result: an economic plan that would increase federal expenditures for high-performance computers, urban mass transit systems and food programs for the poor.

"Our future was shortchanged for too long," White House budget chief Leon Panetta told the House Budget Committee on Thursday, a day after Clinton presented his overall package. "We owe it to our children to change course now."

For years, the Republican mantra on the federal deficit has been that over-spending is the villain that has created record amounts of red ink. Predictably, some GOP lawmakers complained that Clinton's spending boosts would only make it harder for him to accomplish the major thrust of his plan: deficit reduction.

"That's going to add adverse effects to our economic future," Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., complained Thursday. "Rather than stimulate economic growth, that's going to inhibit growth."

But that's not how it's viewed by Clinton, who proposed his investment initiatives in two packages.

In one, he would dispense $30 billion worth of spending increases and business tax breaks over the next two years in hopes of creating jobs. Most of the money would go to public works, environment and technology projects; housing and community development; and education and health programs.

As part of this short-term program, $736 million would go to help municipalities buy modern buses, trains and make other mass transit improvements. The program that helps feed low-income women and children would get an additional $75 million, and the National Science Foundation would get an extra $188 million for additional research.

For two years, he would also grant a tax credit to large businesses investing in new equipment.

Then, from 1994 to 1997, he'd dispense another $160 billion in spending increases and tax breaks.

Among his expenditures: $646 million for high-speed trains and rail systems that use magnetic levitation; $654 million to upgrade telecommunications equipment among businesses, governments and other entities; and $241 million to upgrade old public housing units.

He would also provide $60 billion in tax reductions, mainly for business and investors, designed to encourage research and equipment purchases, to spawn new companies in inner cities.

5 arrested in Houston gambling ring

HOUSTON (AP) — Five people have been arrested in connection with a $1 million gambling ring suspected of altering some printed sports statistics, authorities say.

Houston vice officers said the ring centered on sports pools in which gamblers paid money for squares on a sheet of numbers. The numbers would correspond to game statistics.

Chronicle Executive Vice President and Editor Jack Loftis said two instances in which 1992 football statistics were tampered with had been discovered.

Loftis said the instances were not immediately made public in hopes of catching the culprit.

"In both of those cases, the Chronicle corrected the statistics in the next day's paper to set the record straight," Loftis said in Friday's editions. "Although we were never able to absolutely determine how the statistics were altered, we did take measures to prevent it from happening again."

An internal investigation conducted by The Houston Post determined that none of the statistics in its sports section were manipulated, said Vice President and Editor Gerald Garcia.

"In every instance we have checked, information published in The Post was accurate and consistent with what was sent over the wire," Garcia said.

Mike Read, The Post's director of newsroom technology, said the one mistake found was determined to be a typographical error.

"The information I received was that altering of the stats in both papers was occurring," vice officer Jim Hobson told the Post in Friday's editions. "I cannot prove that. All I can prove is that I have stats from both papers and they differ."

Although investigators said they found inconsistencies in the newspapers' stats, vice Lt. D.L. Smith said Thursday a solid link to the betting operation was never established.

Smith also said investigators are not pursuing the tampering angle further since the gambling operation is out of business.

The five people, none of whom worked for either newspaper, were arrested last month on gambling charges and are free on bond awaiting trial. Police also seized the suspects' computer equipment in the raid.

Hobson said the ring allegedly sold squares in a sports pool for as much as $1,100 a square.

Whoever owned the square that corresponded to the chosen statistic would win the cash pool.

Ring members could have profited from tampering with newspaper statistics by buying squares for themselves and matching the stats to their numbers, Smith said.

Chronicle Executive Sports Editor Dan Cunningham said the first incorrect statistic was quarterback Warren Moon's passing yardage in the Houston-Pittsburgh season opener Sept 6. The second, he said, was passing yardage by Dallas in the Dec. 6 game against Denver.

Twin Plant workers' study released

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Researchers studying female maquiladora workers have been surprised by preliminary conclusions that the women face few special physical and mental health problems.

Researchers expected maquila employees' health would be poorer than that of women working in service jobs such as bank tellers and store clerks, said Silvia Guendelman of the University of California at Berkeley.

Ms. Guendelman, an assistant professor of maternal and child health, said maquila workers have more benefits, such as bonuses and vacations, than other workers.

But they also "earn less, work more, had less decision-making autonomy on tasks (and) have less social supports," she said Thursday.

"Based on this, one would expect their health outcomes to be worse than women in service jobs, but we found they had less" physical health problems, she said.

The study focused on several hundred women employees at maquilas, or twin plants, in Tijuana, Mexico, comparing their problems with those of women in service jobs.

Ms. Guendelman presented a preliminary conclusion Thursday at a border-health conference.

According to the study, the maquila workers were equally as satisfied with jobs as women in service jobs.

The study concluded the strongest predictor of a Mexican woman's health was her "perception of poverty, which made women more nervous or depressed."

Work dissatisfaction was second on that list, Ms. Guendelman said.

The study also found depression was generally common among Mexican women regardless of occupation, as was a feeling of having no control over the course of their lives.

Ms. Guendelman, who said the results should point to new directions for research, cautioned against trying to apply her study to all 350,000 women working in maquiladoras along the border.

But Carlos Castillo, epidemiologist with World Health Organization in Washington, said the research was important and should be expanded.

Families settle years of legal action

HOUSTON (AP) — The wealthy Sakowitz and Wyatt clans have reached a truce after five years of legal wrangling, ending a much-publicized family feud.

The families agreed not to reveal the terms of the truce.

"The Sakowitz and Wyatt families announce today that all matters in dispute between them have been settled, and all pending litigations involving those disputes will be dismissed, with no admission of fault or wrongdoing by any person," reads a statement released Thursday evening by Robert Sakowitz and Doug Wyatt.

"All parties have agreed to keep all terms of the settlement confidential."

The first legal action in the dispute came in 1987, when Doug Wyatt filed a lawsuit against his uncle Robert. Sakowitz presided over the chain of Sakowitz stores until they collapsed in 1990.

Wyatt accused Sakowitz of looting the now-defunct chain of upscale stores, enriching himself and cheating other heirs of family patriarch Bernard Sakowitz, and demanded restitution.

Sakowitz denied any wrongdoing and counterattacked by accusing his nephew, a Houston lawyer, of belonging to a cult that professes hatred of Jews and exalts homosexuality. Wyatt said there is no truth to the allegations.

A jury exonerated Sakowitz on each of seven allegations of financial wrongdoing on Oct. 9, 1991.

But Doug Wyatt successfully asked Judge Pat Gregory to set aside the ruling and approve a new trial.

Enraged at the reversal, Sakowitz and his attorney, David Berg, accused Gregory of misconduct. Prior to granting the retrial, Gregory started work on a book about his most famous cases, including Wyatt-Sakowitz. Gregory's partner in writing the book was Michelle Smith, a freelance journalist who is a friend of the Wyatt family.

Sakowitz said this gave Gregory a financial interest in the case and tainted his judgment. Sakowitz successfully appealed to the federal courts to temporarily stop any retrial.

With the case in legal deadlock, the two sides started settlement negotiations in October 1992.

Study: pear-shaped women more fertile

LONDON (AP) — A new study suggests fertility is not only affected by weight, but by how it is distributed.

According to a Dutch study of 500 women, women who tend to gain weight in the waist — developing an apple shape — take longer to conceive than their pear-shaped counterparts — women who tend to gain in the hips.

Doctors have long known that women who are too skinny or obese have more difficulties getting pregnant than women of average weight.

"Our study shows women who are of normal weight and apple-shaped have a lower probability of conception than normal-weight women who are pear-shaped," said Dr. Boukje Zaadstra.

She is an epidemiologist at the Institute of Preventive Health Care of the Netherlands Organization for Applied Scientific Research in Leiden, Netherlands.

Dr. Alan DeCherney, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at Tufts University, said the study confirms earlier observations. "Look at all the old fertility goddesses, they are all pears," he said.

Boy leads police on high-speed chance through six counties

ARCHER CITY, Texas (AP) — A 12-year-old boy who fled school on report card day was in police custody after stealing two vehicles on a chase through six counties.

Archer County Sheriff P.L. Pippin said the sixth-grader had been involved in less serious offenses before Thursday's eight-hour ordeal that stretched from Wichita Falls to Weatherford.

"He's been incident-prone," Pippin said.

The problem began when the boy left elementary school at about noon in a Jeep Wagoneer parked at the nearby high school.

Wichita County sheriff's deputies spotted the vehicle hours later at a mall parking lot.

Authorities found the boy inside the mall at about 5:30 p.m. and were returning him to his father when he ran a second time, Pippin said.

The boy drove to Olney and turned east on Texas 114, Pippin said. The chase — involving police, sheriff's departments and Department of Public Safety troopers — went through Jean, Loving, Jermyn and Jacksboro at speeds up to 100 mph.

In Mineral Wells, the pursuit was abandoned for the safety of the boy and other motorists, Pippin said.

But at about 8 p.m. a group of truck drivers on I-20 in Parker County spotted what they thought was a possible drunken driver and reported it to police, said Weatherford police Sgt. Ray Moss.

The truckers boxed the vehicle in and had gotten its speed down to about 30 mph, Moss said, when the boy slipped away.

The boy, forced onto an access road, ran into a telephone pole and then tried to run, Moss said. But officers caught him and took him to Campbell Memorial Hospital for stitches on his chin.

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