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TUESDAY

Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—What is the status of the drilling operation on East 37th Street?

A—A spokesman for Patterson Petroleum said the rig is being moved off today so the well can be completed. Pipe has been run and early tests indicate that it will be a producing well.

Local

West parents

The West Elementary Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 5 today in the school auditorium.

Stanfield

Stanfield students and their families will eat at McDonald's this evening for their parent council fund-raiser for November.

Blood drive

Scurry County Advisory for United Blood Services and Cogdell Memorial Auxiliary are sponsoring a blood drive at Towle Park Barn today until 7 p.m.

MAWC

Due to the upcoming holidays, Martha Ann Woman's Club will have its game day and luncheon Wednesday. Serving begins at 11:30 a.m.

Smokeout

The Great American Smokeout headquarters is Lil Rascals. Information on "Adopt a Smoker," "Fresh Start" and other Smokeout materials will be available Thursday.

Nursing Center

Snyder Nursing Center Family Council will have its Thanksgiving supper at 7 p.m. Thursday. Friends and family are invited and encouraged to bring vegetables, a salad or dessert.

'Henry IV'

Western Texas College's presentation of part I of "Henry IV" by William Shakespeare will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday in the Fine Arts Theatre on campus. A 2 p.m. Sunday matinee is also scheduled.

Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for students.

Thanksgiving

The Learning Skills Center, located behind Humble-Smith School, will host its annual Thanksgiving dinner from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday.

Featured will be turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. Price is $5 per place. Call 573-9364 for carryouts. Prizes will be given away to lucky diners.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Monday, 66 degrees; low, 33 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Tuesday, 38 degrees; .35 of an inch precipitation; total precipitation for 1993 to date, 16.10 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, decreasing cloudiness. Low in the mid 30s. Variable wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 60s. Variable wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 5:45. Sunrise Wednesday, 7:13. Of 319 days in 1993, the sun has shone 312 days in Snyder.

Navy is ordered to reinstate gay

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court today ordered the U.S. Naval Academy to graduate a midshipman who was expelled after saying he was gay and directed the Pentagon to commission him as an officer.

The three-judge panel unanimously ordered the Navy to grant Joseph F. Steffan his diploma from the Naval Academy and to place him in the ranks of Navy officers.

Steffan was forced to resign from the academy in 1987 before he was set to graduate because Navy investigators confirmed that he had told a fellow midshipman that he was gay. Steffan sued the Navy but a lower court judge dismissed the lawsuit.

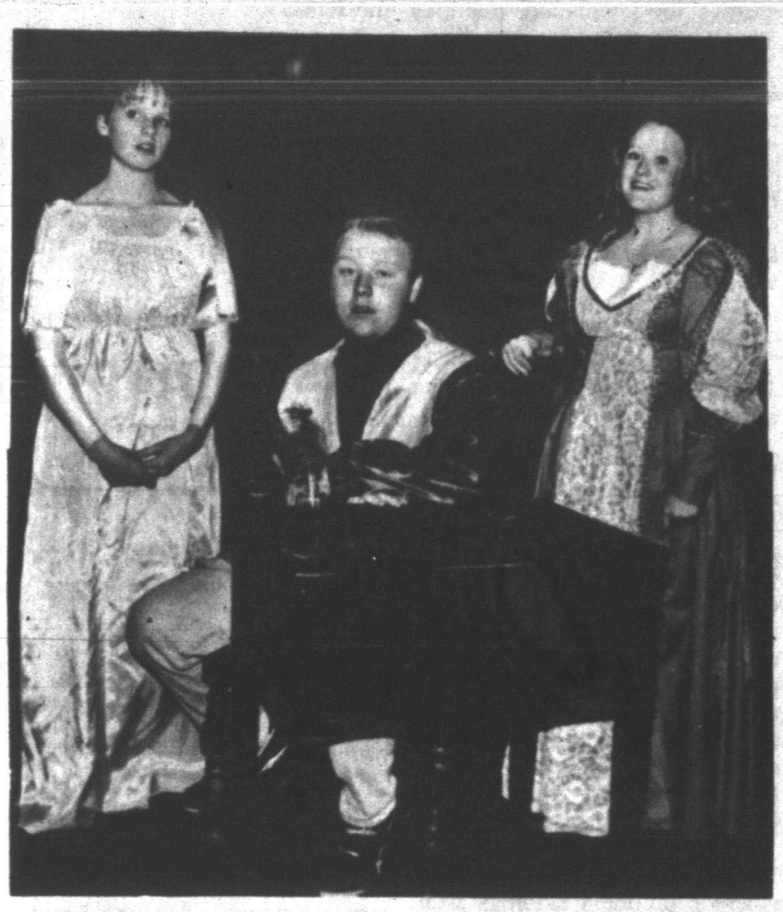
In today's decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said Navy rules requiring Steffan's expulsion from the academy "solely because he admitted his homosexual orientation are not rationally related to any legitimate goal."

"America's hallmark has been to judge people by what they do, and not by who they are," Chief Judge Abner Mikva wrote for the panel. "It is fundamentally unjust to abort a most promising military career solely because of a truthful confession of a sexual preference different from that of the majority, a preference untarnished by even a scintilla of misconduct."

The panel ordered the Navy to "grant Mr. Steffan his diploma from the United States Naval Academy, reinstate him to military service, and commission him as an officer."

The Navy had no immediate response to the decision.

Steffan resigned from the academy six weeks before he was scheduled to receive his diploma and be commissioned as a Navy officer. He left after a special review panel recommended that he be discharged for "insufficient aptitude for commissioned service."



MADRIGAL DINNERS — Snyder High School choral department will stage its second annual Madrigal dinners Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 6-7 at Snyder Country Club. Admission is $15 per person. Ticket reservations can be made by calling 573-6301. Singers from left are Jannica Northerns, Joe Hodge and Katie Thornton. (SDN Staff Photo)

NAFTA gains 4 votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of the North American Free Trade Agreement captured four more likely votes today as President Clinton and his free-trade congressional allies picked up steam a day before the climactic House decision on the pact.

With the announcements, an Associated Press count stood at 197 likely votes for the agreement, barely trailing the apparent 203 votes in opposition. That left 34 publicly undeclared lawmakers, with supporters needing 218 votes to prevail.

"We're not there yet. This is going to be a close vote," presidential adviser David Gergen said this morning as he used separate appearances on CBS and NBC to deliver a cautious but upbeat assessment of NAFTA's chances.

Gergen said the White House "estimates conservatively that we're within about a dozen votes. I think it might be a little closer than that. ... A number of people are privately committing, but they haven't yet come out publicly."

In a determined campaign to avoid a bruising political setback,

(See NAFTA, Page 8)

Cage season tips off for SHS girls tonight

The Snyder Lady Tigers and first-year head coach Steve Qualls will open the 1993-94 basketball season this evening with a home game against San Angelo Lake View.

Action begins at 6 o'clock in the SHS Gym with the junior varsity game. The varsity contest tips off at 7:30.

"We're really excited about getting the season going," Qualls said. "We're wanting everyone to come out and support us in our first game back in the gym."

The Lady Tigers will play their home games at SHS after several seasons at Scurry County Coliseum.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," said Qualls. "We've got some dads who will be grilling out in front of the gym. The concession stand will be open, so we're just looking for a lot of families to come out and watch us play."

Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for students.

Snyder boys will open their campaign with a 4 p.m. visit to Andrews on Friday, followed by Saturday's hosting of San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. at Snyder High.

Area Class A teams will also begin their seasons tonight.

Ira will travel to Grady for games beginning at 6:30, and Southland hosts Hermleigh in boys' and girls' play, tipping off at 6.

'94 officers okayed by chamber board

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board members elected officers for 1994 on Monday and scheduled a day-long budget workshop.

The group's first action Monday was to name Howard Limmer, owner of Limmer's Ladies Apparel, to replace former board member Les Woods. Afterwards, the board selected TU Electric manager Daryl Thomas as president-elect, Limmer as vice president and Snyder Savings & Loan vice president Jeffrey Martin as secretary/treasurer for 1994.

Pearlene Stewart is the current president-elect and will serve as president for 1994.

The officer selections came at the recommendation of a chamber nominating committee.

The board also accepted the resignation of board member Randy Perkins. In a letter to the board, Perkins said he was resigning immediately to accept a new career move, and wished the chamber the "greatest of success in the future."

Board members also scheduled a budget retreat for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 9 a.m. Willow Park Inn has tentatively been set as the location.

"We have a lot of work to do and we need input from all board

(See CHAMBER, Page 8)

MIKE POST

Post returns to gas plant

For more than two years, a cloud of uncertainty has become the norm for some 45 employees at the Snyder Gas Plant.

On Dec. 1, however, a long-term operator will be in place, and a long-time gas plant manager will be heading up the local operation.

Starting Monday, Mike Post will return to the Snyder Gas Plant as manager for the new operator, Torch Energy Advisors.

Post, Snyder mayor pro-tem, has resigned as facilities superintendent for Pennzoil, operator of the Kelley-Snyder Field's SACROC unit.

Post resigned as gas plant manager and joined Pennzoil in July after Texaco became the operator, following Oryx's announcement last December that it would resign as plant operator.

On Aug. 1, Texaco became the plant operator and named Mike Brumley of Dallas to head up gas plant operations here. Brumley, a former Oryx employee, will transfer with Texaco to Midland.

Owners of the Snyder Gas Plant have elected Torch Energy, the oil and gas subsidiary of Torch Mark, as plant operators. Torch Mark is a $6 billion insurance company headquartered in Birmingham.

Earlier, Mike Watford, president of Torch Energy in Houston, said he did not envision any major operational or personnel changes. Company officials met with the plant's staff last week. Torch has purchased Oryx's 11.75 percent ownership in the Snyder Gas Plant.

Post, 42, is a member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church. He was appointed as District 3 city council member in November of 1991 to fill the unexpired term of Joe Coronado. Post was re-elected to a full term in May of 1992. He had pre-

1986 through 1988.

Food drive collection bags in today's issue

Snyder Daily News readers will find Scouting for Food collection bags inserted into their paper today, a reminder that the annual drive is Saturday.

Participating in the local drive are Cub Scout Pack 61 and 77 and Boy Scout Troop 27.

Citizens are asked to place canned goods and other non-perishible food items in the bags and place them outside their homes at or before 9 a.m. Saturday.

Scouts will begin picking up the filled bags Saturday morning. Depending on the weather, it will take the volunteers until early to mid-afternoon to collect all the bags.

Residents outside the city are asked to place their food donations in a bag and take them to Gentle Dove Ministries or any of the local grocery stores. Ira and Hermleigh residents can place their bags in front of Ira Community Center or Hermleigh Community Center for pickup.

Last year's effort collected more than 8,400 pounds of non-perishible food, accounting for over half of the county's food bank needs for the year.

All the food is distributed locally through the food bank at Gentle Dove Ministries.

In addition to the bags distributed in the newspaper, Scouts will be handing out bags in selected areas of the community on Thursday and Friday.

Jury seated in civil case

A five-woman, seven-man jury was seated Monday to hear a civil damages suit in 132nd District Court.

The trial is Debra Gene Grice and Jimmy Allen Grice against William Halpain, doing business as the Texan Restaurant.

According to the suit, Mrs. Grice, a former employee at the restaurant, was injured on Feb. 20, 1991 when the commercial oven she was attempting to light exploded.

The suit contends that the oven was "dangerous, defective and unfit for use."

Halpain owned the North College Avenue restaurant at the time of the explosion.

The Grices are being represented by Lubbock attorney James Killion. Halpain is represented by local attorney Pete Greene. District Judge Gene Dulaney is presiding.

The 12-member jury was seated before lunch Monday. Testimony began Monday afternoon and was continuing at noon today.

BCD to consider funding request

The Board of County Development will consider a funding request during its November meeting, set for noon Wednesday in the chamber of commerce board room.

The Upper Colorado Soil & Water Conservation District is requesting $1,000 to help with various programs throughout the year. The request has been an annual one for several years.

Also on the agenda is an update on last Saturday's Texas Department of Criminal Justice Appreciation Day.

Quit smoking event tonight

Smokers who want help in kicking the habit are encouraged to attend a meeting this evening in the junior high school library.

The 7 o'clock program was scheduled for Snyder public schools employees and has been opened to the general public.

There is no charge for admission.

Matt Cross, of Cogdell Hospital's Heart Gym, will discuss a two-week "Fresh Start" program. Local insurance agent Steve Tyler will speak on insurance perks for non-smokers.

Tonight's program is coordinated by SISD school nurses Chris Bane and Angel Duncan.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Money and promises are a lot alike — both are easier to make than to keep."

Goods and services depend on finding the right marketing niche.

About a year ago, a wire service story told about a funeral home in Florida that established a drive-in window as a convenience for family and friends to pay their last respects.

The funeral home was new, so the owner was looking for something to give him a larger market share. He landed on the drive-through service that resembles other commercial drive-through operations.

It is set into a cubicle adjoining the funeral home. In it is placed an open casket and floral arrangements behind glass under a bank of colored lights.

Drivers follow neatly painted directions through the parking lot to the viewing window. Without leaving the car, viewers may sign a guest book and be on their way.

Since putting in the viewing window, the funeral home has jumped from the number four position in the area to the number two position.

According to the national funeral director's association, there are only about six such drive-by viewing operations in the nation and only one in 25 families choose that service.

Now, if they could just add one of those quickie car wash deals...

We're skeptical of some of the new innovations.

After-dinner mints are taking an unusual approach in a test market in Baltimore and Dallas.

A mouthwash company is trying to determine the use of mouthwash among those eating out at lunch.

Six restaurants in each of the two cities are giving patrons the gargle in small bottles and through restroom dispensers. The test was prompted by a survey which reveals that 68 percent would use mouthwash if it were conveniently available.

It's hard to imagine mouthwash in public rest rooms being discreet.

'Frontline' to air photo of Oswald plus new evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — A public television report on the Kennedy assassination includes a newly unearthed photograph showing Lee Harvey Oswald with David Ferrie, and an expert opinion that fingerprints on the assassin's rifle are Oswald's, the program's producers says.

The "Frontline" documentary set to air tonight also discloses new evidence indicating that the Central Intelligence Agency, contrary to its denials, debriefed Oswald upon his return to the United States in 1962 from the Soviet Union.

The program offers up fodder both for conspiracy theorists and supporters of the Warren Commission.

One of the many subplots of the assassination debate is whether Oswald knew Ferrie. Ferrie was a shadowy right-winger with ties to the Cuban exiles fighting to overthrow Fidel Castro, and to New Orleans mob boss Carlos Marcello, a known Kennedy-hater and a central figure in conspiracy theories that revolve around the Mafia.

Ferrie died in 1967 having steadfastly denied any involvement in the assassination or knowledge of Oswald.

The photograph, taken in June 1955 outside an airport near Alexandria, La., shows Oswald — then a teen-ager — participating in a Civil Air Patrol campout headed by Ferrie. The executor of Ferrie's estate identified Ferrie in the photograph.

Frontline producer Michael Sullivan said the picture "makes Ferrie's denials that he ever knew Oswald less credible. But it does not prove that the two men were with each other in 1963."

Chuck Farris, the man who took the picture, said he told the FBI that Oswald and Ferrie knew each other but did not tell them about the photograph.

For those who support the Warren Commission's conclusion that Oswald acted alone, the program details a new finding on fingerprints found on the trigger guard of the Mannlicher-Carcano rifle used to kill the president.

Vincent Scalice, former head of the New York City Police fingerprint unit, said a more complete set of photographs of the prints now enables him to conclude that they are Oswald's.

On the day of the assassination, Dallas Police discovered and photographed the prints and also found a clear palm print on the rifle barrel that they later identified as Oswald's. Both the police and the FBI concluded that the fingerprints were not clear enough to identify.

Scalice himself, serving as a consultant to the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1978, had initially reached the same conclusion as the FBI.

The new development was made possible by retired Dallas Police photographer Rusty Livingston, who had kept a set of the photographs showing the fingerprints. Both Scalice and the FBI official in charge of fingerprint analysis in 1963 said that they had only seen one or two of the four photographs. By using all four pictures, Scalice said, "we are able for the first time to actually say that these are definitely the fingerprints of Lee Harvey Oswald."

Livingston, who attended the Washington news conference where Frontline's findings were outlined, said he kept the prints as a souvenir.

"It was the biggest case I ever worked so I wanted a copy or a memento," Livingston said. "I've had these things in a briefcase in my closet for 30 years."

Scalice's opinion may not be the last word on the issue. Another fingerprint expert questioned by Frontline, still was unable to definitely match the photographs of the fingerprints on file with those made of Oswald when he was arrested.

Former CIA officer Donald Deneselya told Frontline that in 1962 he read "a debriefing of a Soviet report." He said the report provided details about a Soviet radio plant in Minsk. Oswald is believed to have been the only American to work at that plant. He said a CIA official named Anderson signed the report.

In examining newly released CIA documents, researcher John Newman found a margin note, "Andy Anderson OO on Oswald." The "OO" notation was the CIA symbol for its Domestic Contacts Division. Frontline argues that the notation, supports statements that Oswald was debriefed.

Astrograph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1993

You've just been through a very interesting learning cycle and you're not apt to repeat previous mistakes. Success in several venues is a strong probability in the year ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Associates might lack your drive and foresight today and not be motivated by the same situations from which you see you can derive benefits. If necessary, go it alone. Scorpio, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your intuitive perceptions and hunches are x-plus qualities that can be utilized to your advantage today. The ways they should be used will be rather obvious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A relationship can now be reinforced with a friend with whom you once had strong emotional ties. Now more than ever before you'll appreciate the values in this alliance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are presently in a good achievement cycle, so don't let your industriousness be appeased by nominal efforts. Aim for several objectives simultaneously.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A special talent or knowledge you presently possess has considerable value for yourself and others. However, it will be up to you to make potential prospects aware of it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Critical conditions might be subjected to unexpected changes and reversals today. Things could take an usual, positive turn, so be alert for opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a good day for you to enter into significant agreements. You'll be very thorough where details are concerned and this will help make the instrument fair for both parties concerned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you do not restrict your imagination today, you might discover better procedures for doing a repetitious task that has slowed you down previously. Be progressive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's best not to bring someone with whom you're involved socially into one of your commercial endeavors today. This relationship is a trifle fragile and may not fit into another venue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Desirable end results are likely today if you keep your focus on the objective you hope to achieve. Once you take an aim on a target, don't toy with alternatives.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Try not to let your emotions and feelings govern or cloud your judgment today. It's imperative you analyze situations from an objective, logical perspective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Continue to expand upon and develop situations that are meaningful to you in financial and material ways. These are your strong areas where you can generate substantial returns.

Burns signs contract

LAS VEGAS (AP) — George Burns and Caesars Palace are banking on his 100th birthday.

The 97-year-old comic had talked of playing the London Palladium when he reaches 100. But his manager, Irving Fein, said Caesars offered Burns a contract to play Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Jan. 20, 1996.

The financial terms were not disclosed.

Fein said Burns will perform overseas the following week.

Happy Anniversary Eddie & Andi Thornburg

TDCJ DAY — The Chuck Cooper family registered for door prizes at the fifth annual TDCJ Appreciation Day held Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. Chuck and Deborah's first grade daughter, Kimberley, placed their tickets in the box for the drawing. Assisting them is Jack Denman, a member of Snyder's Economic Development Committee. (SDN Staff Photo)

Two women arrested today for solicitation of murder

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two women were arrested today on a warrant for criminal solicitation of capital murder in the deaths of two college students shot execution-style in a vacant lot, police said.

Sherrie Lynn Sikes, 24, and Brandi Michelle Cirelli, 20, were arrested this morning at their Fort Worth apartment. About 4 pounds of marijuana was also seized during the arrests.

The two women are suspected of soliciting two men to kill Channing Elizabeth Freelove, 19. Ms. Freelove and her friend, Melanie Golchert, 18, were found shot to death early Saturday morning.

The victims may have been fleeing a $6,000 drug debt, police reports indicate.

Fort Worth police said this morning that two male acquaintances of Ms. Freelove told detectives that Ms. Sikes and Ms. Cirelli had asked them to "take care of Channing."

After they declined to do so, Ms. Sikes and Ms. Cirelli said they would find someone else to kill Ms. Freelove, the two men told police.

The two men are not suspects in the killings, police said.

Ms. Freelove earlier in the week had asked her parents for $6,000 to pay her drug dealer, according to police reports released Monday. She told them she had been dealing narcotics and that 10 pounds of marijuana had been stolen from her apartment.

Her parents did not give her the money, the reports said.

A week before her death, Freelove went to a friend and asked for help in getting the marijuana back.

"If I don't come up with the money or pot in two weeks, he's going to kill me," the 20-year-old woman, who asked not to be identified by name, recalled Freelove saying. "He's not joking; he's serious. This is my life."

The friend told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that Freelove told her she had to come up with $5,000 or $6,000.

"She said there was no way she could come up with the money in time," the friend said. "She was real anxious but she wasn't crying or yelling. She was just real serious about it."

"She wasn't sure what she was going to do. She was talking about moving to California," the friend said.

WFAA-TV in Dallas reported that a friend of the victims told police she heard Freelove on the telephone with her drug dealer, pleading for her life.

Freelove and her best friend Melanie Golchert, 18, were last seen alive Friday night when they told friends and relatives they were going out to celebrate Freelove's birthday.

But they apparently were moving instead, said officers. Freelove was dressed in jeans and a T-shirt and Golchert wore shorts. In the car that their bodies were found next to was clothes and a television. Tucked in the waistband of Freelove's jeans was a handgun, police said.

At Golchert's apartment near Texas Christian University detectives found 21/2 pounds of what was believed to be marijuana, $1,090 in cash and narcotics paraphernalia.

Berry's World

"This is called 'Packwood's Diary,' by ..."

DATE BOOK

Nov. 16, 1993

Today is the 320th day of 1993 and the 56th day of fall.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1747, in what came to be known as the Knowles Riot, Boston sailors, laborers and free blacks rose up against press gangs of the British navy, temporarily halting forced impressment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: W.C. Handy (1873-1958), composer; George S. Kaufman (1889-1961), dramatist-critic; Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), composer; Donna McKechnie (1942-), dancer, is 51; Jo Jo White (1946-), basketball star, is 47; Dwight Gooden (1964-), baseball player, is 29; Lisa Bonet (1967-), actress, is 26.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, Connecticut's Haven High School football team defeated Sylvia High by a score of 256-0.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "His reputation preceded him before he got there." — New York Yankee Don Mattingly, on facing Dwight Gooden in a 1989 spring-training game.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1972, Western and Central Europe were hard hit by a storm with winds near 93 mph. Millions of trees were uprooted in the Netherlands alone.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Nov. 13) and first quarter (Nov. 20).

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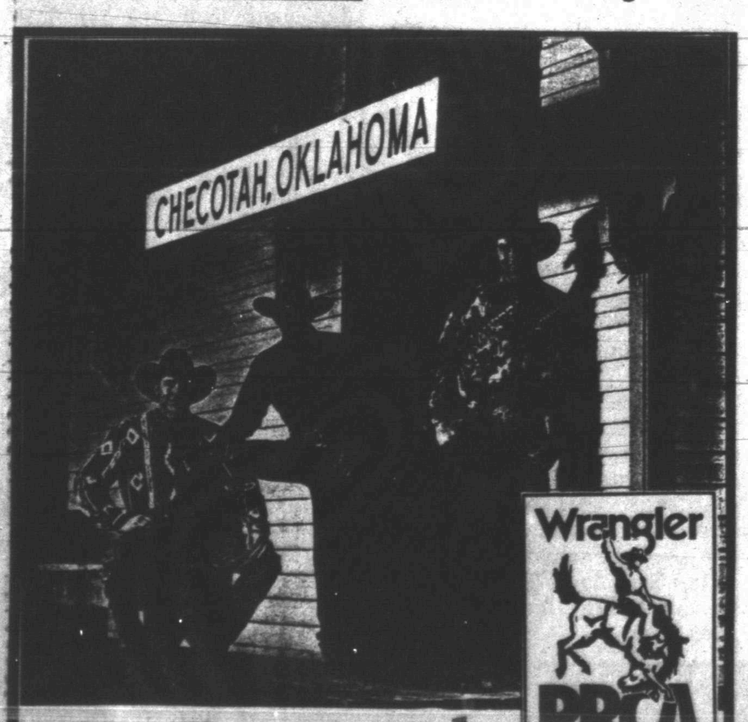

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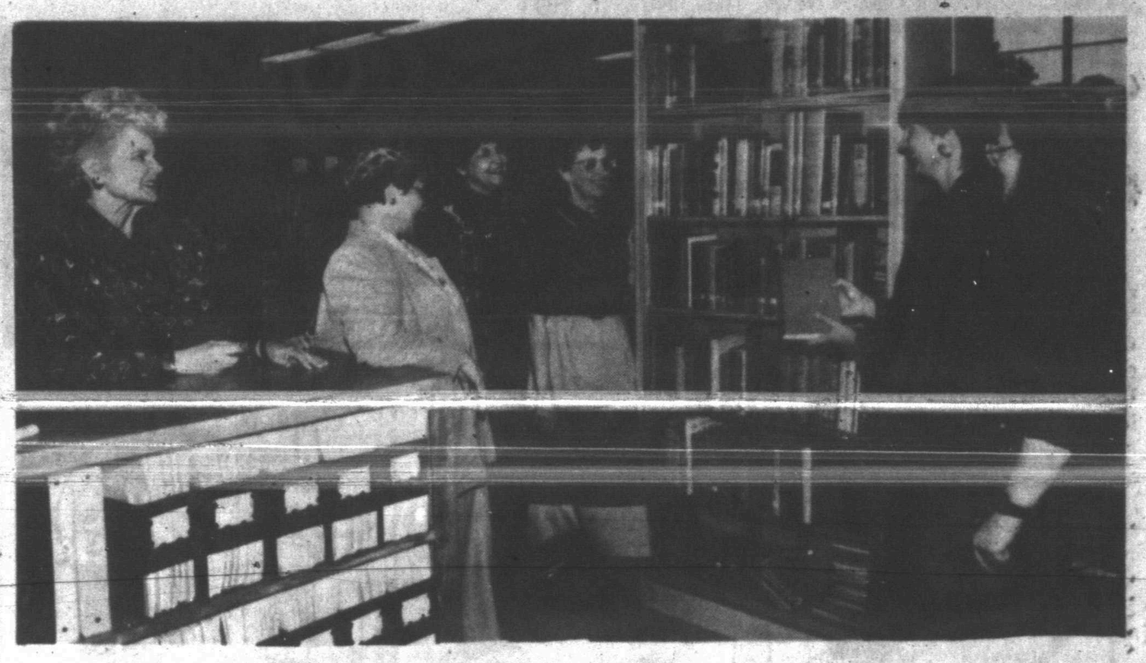
PLAN STYLE SHOW — Martha Ann Woman's Club's style show and luncheon, *Christmas Fantasy* is set for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20. Tickets, $9 for an adult and $5 for a child, may be purchased from any club member. From left, Keith Hackfeld of Bar-H-Bar Family Outfitters, MAWC style show chairman Linda Walton, and Howard Limmer of Limmer's Ladies Apparel, make plans for the holiday affair. Other merchants participating are Margaret's Dress Shop, Merle Norman, and children's stores, Bib & Tucker and Li'l Rascals. Margaret Drum will be the coordinator and narrate the program. (SDN Staff Photo)



LIBRARY PROGRAM — Noreen Taylor, second from right, presented a program at the Scurry County Library for Atheneum Study Club members recently. Pictured from left viewing the rare book collection are Anne von Roeder, Barbara McGee, Doris Spikes, Dorothy Kayser, Taylor, Susie Miller, and not pictured, Nona Williams and Jo Ann Nunley. Williams was hostess for the meeting. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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♣ K 5 4

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♥ K
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SOUTH
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♣ A Q J 9 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

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Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ?

A pre-emptor who bid again

By Phillip Alder

Today's deal from the world championship finals exhibits some of the changes in bidding at the top level. But before getting into the play, here are three questions: What would you bid as dealer with the East hand? What is the best defense against both five clubs by South and four spades by West?

In the NEC Bermuda Bowl, the Norwegian East passed and ended up doubling five clubs. The Dutch East opened two hearts, a weak two-bid! Eventually South reached five diamonds — but West didn't double.

In the NEC Venice Cup, the German East passed. After one club by South, one spade by West and a negative double by North (showing hearts), East raised to four spades, doubled by South. The defenders began with two rounds of clubs. Now the heart-queen switch by South would beat the contract by two tricks as the defense scores three trump tricks. However, understandably South played the ace and another spade for one down.

Finally, Karen McCallum opened four hearts, which, I hate to admit, would be my choice, despite the four low spades. Then, after five clubs came back to her, she made a Lightner double, showing a void somewhere.

Now West *might* have found the best lead of the diamond three. East ruffs, returns a low(!) heart and receives a second ruff. West waits for the A-Q of diamonds: three down. However, Kerri Shuman-Sanborn led the heart king. East played the three, suit preference for diamonds. Now a low diamond from West produced two down and 500 to the United States.

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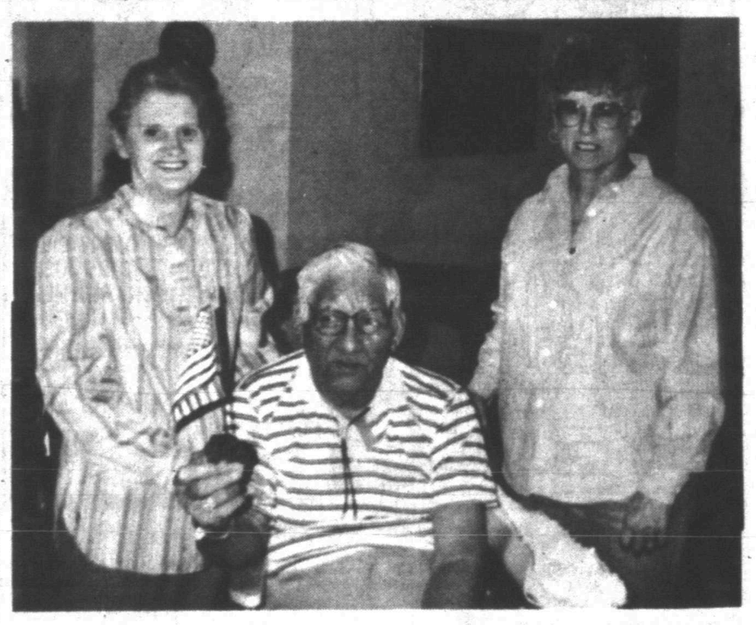

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS — The ladies' auxiliary of the VFW Post 8231 paid tribute to 21 veterans in Snyder's nursing homes. Pictured on Veteran's Day are Deanna McClure, activity director at Snyder Oaks Care Center, with veteran Salvadore Garza. Bernie Sealy, right, is the auxiliary's president. (Contributed Photo)

Beware holiday foods for the sake of small children

ATLANTA (AP) — Those munchy things around the house at holiday time can spell disaster for the little ones.

"Nuts, hard candies, and many of the hors d'oeuvres, such as cocktail wieners and meatballs, can be extremely dangerous for a child under four years of age because food items are very similar to the width and diameter of a child's trachea (windpipe)," says Maryann Johnston, emergency center nurse at Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University.

Avoid small foods and snacks such as peanuts, popcorn, grapes, small candies and crudites like carrots cut in "bite-size" pieces, she says. "The size of these items make them deadly plugs in a child's throat."

Parents of toddlers should cut food into small, narrow pieces for them. While a child eats, sit down with him and stress the importance of chewing food properly and that eating is not time for play, she adds.

Another dangerous substance found in abundance at holiday time is alcohol, which can have serious consequences for a small child, she says. These include eggnogs and spiked punch. Never leave an alcoholic drink unattended, and if you're the host, put all glasses and bottles with alcohol away before going to bed.

"Depending on the weight and size of the child and the quantity of the alcohol, the effects can range from drunkenness to seizures or even a coma," says Johnston.

If you suspect alcohol poisoning, call a poison control center immediately, she says.

An alternative is to organize celebrations with special food just for the children — cupcakes and non-alcoholic punch, for example. Johnston also suggests having a baby-sitter organize a party in a separate room, away from adult festivities.

For a brochure on holiday safety, send a self-addressed envelope to Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University, Child Safety Department, 1405 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA. 30322-1101.

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

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

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6:30 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; 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.

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-1141, 573-5867.

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

WEDNESDAY

Scurry County Penwomen; program, Garnet Quiett; hostess, Bertha Warren; 1:30 p.m.

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; program, Ellie Dryden; hostesses, Mmes. Carl Dillaha, R.L. Drum and R.H. Stewart; 4:15 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Country Club; noon.

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

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

Snyder Chapter No. 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912-35th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For information, call 573-3308 or 573-1141.

FRIDAY

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

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:45-11:45 a.m.; Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency waiting room; 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

SATURDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club's luncheon and style show by Snyder merchants; adults $9 and children $4.50; 11:30 a.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

Bunny hopper

KIMBERLEY, South Africa (AP) — The springhaas, or jumping hare, has a rabbitlike body and head, a long bushy tail and very long hind legs which allow it to leap 25 times its own length.

It inhabits the plains of eastern and southern Africa and feeds at night on crops and plant food.

Patchwork Sqs. meets in church family center

Patchwork Squares Home Extension Club met for its regular meeting on Nov. 8 in the family center of 37th St. Church of Christ with president Terri Williams presiding.

Members answered roll call with "little things I forgot to be thankful for." Plans were made to install officers at a county-wide Christmas luncheon. Williams reported proceeds of $231.25 from the recent bazaar.

Attending were Frieda Dever, Dorothy Campbell, Katrina Wemken, Dycie Kemp and Williams.

The group met for a workshop on Nov. 11 at 3734 Avondale.

To burn a barn

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The strangely named "Barnburners" were a faction in the Democratic Party here during the 1840s.

They were nicknamed after the legend of the farmer who was willing to burn his barn to get rid of the rats. Similarly, the Barnburners were said to be willing to destroy the Democratic Party to achieve certain reforms.

The Barnburners split from the Democrats in 1848 and nominated Martin Van Buren for president, which helped defeat Lewis Cass, the Democratic nominee.

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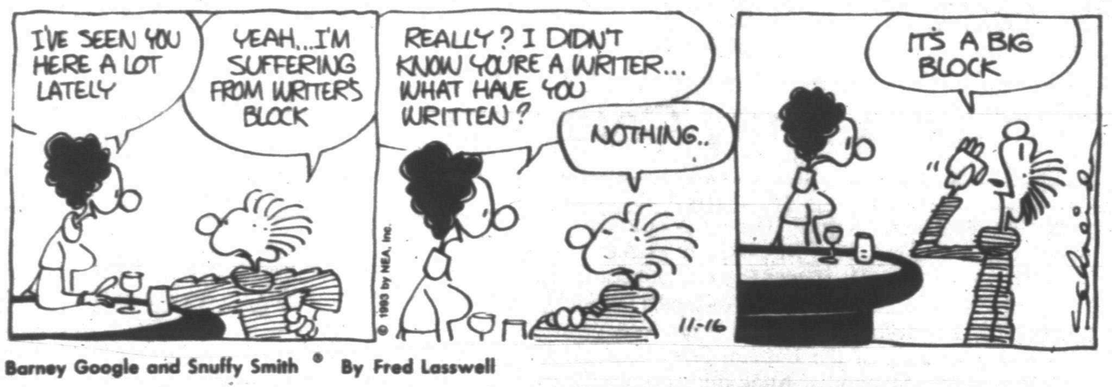

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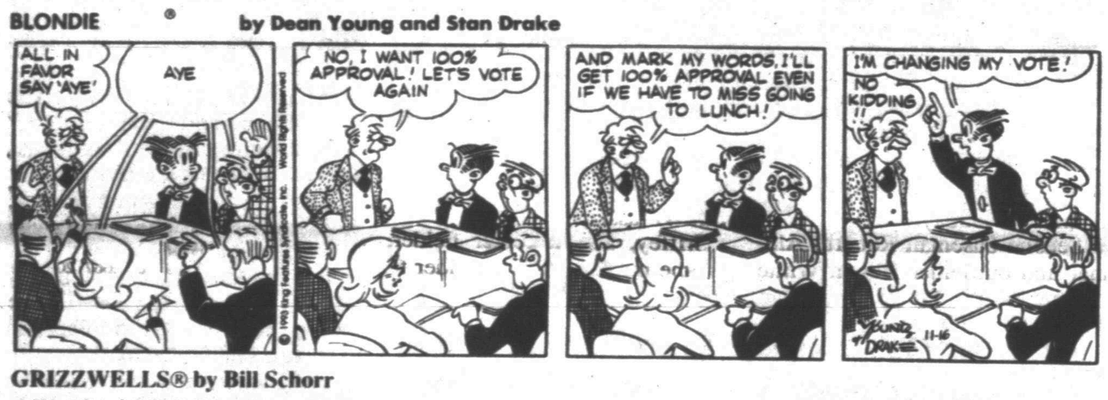

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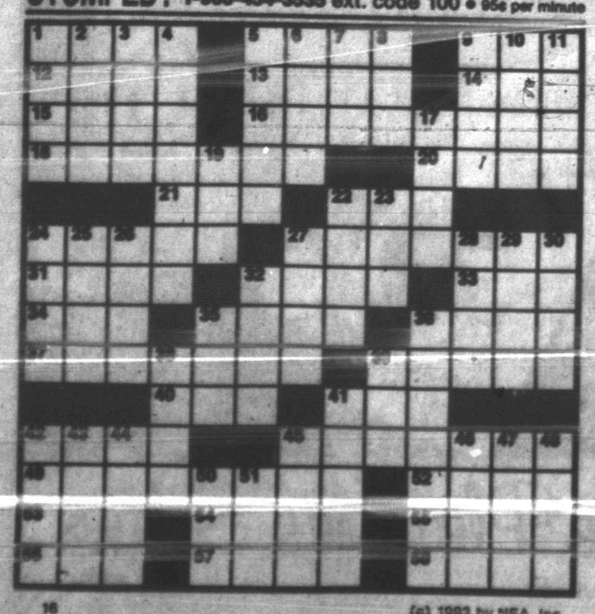

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Lady Tigers host Maidens in opener

The Lady Tigers of Snyder High School will begin the 1993-94 basketball season against San Angelo Lake View with a new coach, playing in a new place.

The SHS girls, under the direction of first-year coach Steve Qualls, will play their home games on campus after several years at Scurry County Coliseum.

"We're really looking forward to the move back to the high school," Qualls said. "People will be right down on the court, close to the game, and making a lot of noise. We're ready for that."

The Lady Tigers look to pick up the tempo in Qualls' newly installed offense.

"We'll be using movement and a lot of screens," Qualls said early

We're going to bomb it away, too," he said. "We've been running since the very first day, getting ready for this. We'll go up and down the floor fast and try to get off a shot before the other team gets set."

Qualls' Lady Tigers will be led by seniors Meriah Worthen and Annie Ragland.

"Meriah is a great athlete," Qualls said. "She's very knowledgeable about the game and she has all the tools. She is a great shooter and she handles the ball well.

"Annie is a good heads-up basketball player," the coach reported. "She can go up and down the floor forever. She sees the floor well and is probably the best shooter on the team."

Qualls is making his regular season debut with the Lady Tigers after a two-year stint at Tahoka.

Snyder's JV begins at 6 p.m. at SHS, followed by the varsity game. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for students.

Also beginning play tonight are Ira, which visits Grady for games beginning at 6:30, and Hermleigh, which is in Southland for games tipping off at 6 o'clock.

The SHS boys will open their season Friday at 4 p.m. at Andrews. The Tigers' home opener is Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against San Angelo Central.

Pittsburgh hammers Buffalo

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers answered the Buffalo Bills' insults with injuries.

Bruce Smith disrespected the Steelers on his radio show, saying their offensive line was inconsistent and Buffalo's receivers would dominate. Don Beebe poked fun at the Steelers' secondary, saying he'd have 128 career TD catches if he opposed them every week.

"They made some ludicrous comments," cornerback D.J. Johnson said. "(Defensive backs coach) Dick LeBeau told us about it and said, 'Do what you have to do about it.' "

The Steelers did. And after a 23-0 loss to Pittsburgh Monday that could be as damaging as any of their three Super Bowl defeats, the Bills (7-2) are hurting. Big time.

"I think some of their guys were thinking, 'Man, we might get hurt out here,'" Steelers cornerback Rod Woodson said.

They did. Jim Kelly, their Pro Bowl quarterback, left with a concussion and bruised left shoulder.

Andre Reed, their Pro Bowl receiver, broke his left wrist.

Beebe, their other starting receiver, also got a concussion.

Fullback Carwell Gardner left with a pulled hamstring.

"It hurts. It hurts your pride to lose like that," Bills center Kent Hull said. "But it's happened before to this team. What bothers me is that we have some people banged up and we have to get them healthy."

The Steelers (6-3) were more concerned with getting even.

They lost twice to the Bills last season and were 0-5 against them since 1985.

"If you want to get to the big dance, you've got to go through Buffalo," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said.

"There's no question that everyone remembers that this football team ended our season a year ago. The fact that we finally beat the team that won this conference three years in a row certainly means something."

falo, all right. They outrushed the NFL's top rushing offense 227-47, even without top running back Barry Foster, who went out in the first period with a badly sprained ankle, for much of the night. They outpassed them 173-110 and outgained them 400-157, led by Foster's backup, Leroy Thompson, who ran for 106 yards. Usually only NFC teams dominate the Bills like this.

Steelers apart from most AFC teams. They've modeled their physical, attack-style defense after those in the NFC, rather than the finesse-and-speed schemes favored throughout the AFC.

The Steelers' defense was a throwback to the Steel Curtain defense that forced the NFL to rewrite its rule book in the 1970s. The Bills' injury list attests to that.

"We didn't play well enough to be in this game," said Bills coach Marv Levy.

Buffalo, which had won five straight, was shut out for the first time in 133 games since a 28-0 loss to Miami on Dec. 12, 1985.

WTC faces dangerous Cisco JC cage squad in nonconference tilt

The Western Texas College Lady Dusters put their 3-1 season mark on the line tonight when they visit Cisco Junior College for a non-conference basketball game.

"I don't want to sound like Lou Holtz," WTC coach Ron Jones said, "but they are a good team, even though their record doesn't show it.

"They're 1-4, but they've lost twice to Eastern Oklahoma, the team that beat us. They're a good team, and I expect them to be ready to play."

The Dusters were 2-1 at last weekend's Western Oklahoma Classic, including a 91-82 victory over Garden City (Kan.) JC in Saturday's tournament finale.

In that contest, freshman Christy Cates scored 19 points and Carri Moss added 14 to lead WTC to the win. As a team, the Dusters drained 11 3-pointers and connected on 12 of 16 free throws.

The Dusters' next outing will be Thursday at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma, followed by an appearance at the weekend St. Gregory's Classic in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Their next home outing, a rematch with Cisco, is slated for Nov. 22.

Montross leading vote getter in preseason cage balloting

by The Associated Press

The voting was clear cut for the preseason All-America team, although things would have been different if several players hadn't left school early.

Eric Montross of North Carolina was one vote short of unanimous Monday by the 65-member panel which also selects The Associated Press Top 25. Duke's Grant Hill and Purdue's Glenn Robinson were both named on 61 ballots, while Jason Kidd of California had 56 votes and Billy McCaffrey of Vanderbilt 38.

The next-highest vote-getter was Aaron McKie of Temple with seven.

The list would have looked much different if first-team All-Americans Chris Webber of Michigan, Anfernee Hardaway of Memphis State and Jamal Mashburn of Kentucky, second-teamer Rodney Rogers of Wake Forest and 7-foot-6 center Shawn Bradley of Brigham Young hadn't decided to apply for the NBA draft.

Instead, it was the 7-0 Montross of the defending national champions who led the voting. He was a second-team postseason choice last year after averaging 15.8 points and 7.6 rebounds, while shooting 62 percent from the field.

Hill, a 6-8 swingman, was a preseason All-American last year, but he was bothered by ankle and foot injuries late into the season. He averaged 18 points and 6.4 rebounds and was voted third-team All-America. He had offseason surgery on his foot and is expected to see time this season at both point and shooting guard.

Few teams rely on one player as much as Purdue does on the 6-8 Robinson, who was a second-team postseason choice after his rookie season. He averaged 24.1 points and 9.2 rebounds. The talk has already begun that he won't be around for his senior season.

Cal closed last season by winning 11 of the last 13 games and Kidd was the catalyst at both ends of the floor as he set a school record with 222 assists and led the NCAA with 110 steals. His presence was dominating in the Golden Bears' win over Duke in the second round of the NCAA tournament. He averaged 13 points and 4.9 rebounds per game.

McCaffrey knew success, transferring to Vanderbilt from Duke after it had just won a national championship. He was Southeastern Conference co-player of the year with Mashburn and was a third-team All-American. He averaged 20.4 points and 3.6 assists while shooting 52 percent from 3-point range.

Except Hill, all of last year's preseason team — Webber, Mashburn, Hardaway and Bobby Hurley of Duke — was voted to the postseason first team. Hill was replaced by Indiana's Calbert Cheaney, the consensus national player of the year.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	6	0	1.000	—
Miami	3	1	.750	2
Boston	4	2	.667	2
Orlando	3	2	.600	2½
New Jersey	3	3	.500	3
Washington	2	3	.400	3½
Philadelphia	2	5	.286	4½
Central Division				
Charlotte	3	2	.600	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	—
Cleveland	2	4	.333	1½
Detroit	2	4	.333	1½
Atlanta	1	4	.200	2
Indiana	1	4	.200	2
Milwaukee	1	5	.167	2½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	6	0	1.000	—
Utah	5	1	.833	1
Denver	2	3	.400	3½
San Antonio	2	4	.333	4
Dallas	1	4	.200	4½
Minnesota	0	5	.000	5½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	5	0	1.000	—
LA Clippers	3	2	.600	2
Phoenix	3	2	.600	2
Portland	3	2	.600	2
Sacramento	3	2	.600	2
Golden State	2	3	.400	3
LA Lakers	2	4	.333	3½

Monday's Game

Houston 88, Philadelphia 84

Tuesday's Games

Houston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
LA Clippers at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Vizquel, Lofton among '93 gold glove winners

NEW YORK (AP) — Omar Vizquel and Kenny Lofton were the only first-time winners of the American League Gold Glove awards this year.

Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees caught up with George Scott for the most Gold Gloves by an AL first baseman, winning for the eighth time in awards announced Monday.

Second baseman Roberto Alomar and outfielder Devon White of the World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays, outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle and pitcher Mark Langston of California were among seven of last year's winners to repeat.

Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez and Chicago third baseman Robin Ventura filled out the team.

The National League winners will be announced today. The Gold Gloves are presented by Rawlings to the best fielders in baseball as chosen in a vote by major league managers and coaches late in the regular season.

Rawlings began the Gold Gloves in 1957 with one combined team. Winners in both leagues were started the next season.

Mattingly matched Scott as the top winner at first base in the AL with his eighth award in nine years. The only time Mattingly missed out was 1990, when he was injured and Oakland's Mark McGwire won the award.

Mattingly, known for his quick throws, led major league first baseman with a .998 fielding percentage this year. He made only three errors in 1,345 total chances, including 84 assists.

Scott won in 1967-68 with Boston, and again from 1971-76 while with the Red Sox and Milwaukee. Keith Hernandez holds the record for the most Gold Gloves by a first baseman, winning 11 straight times from 1978-88 with the New York Mets and St. Louis.

White and Langston each won their fifth Gold Gloves. White made only three errors in center field and Langston led AL pitchers with 47 assists.

Griffey, also a center fielder, became the first AL outfielder to win four straight Gold Gloves since Puckett in 1986-89. The acrobatic Alomar, who showed off his abilities in the World Series, and Ventura each won for the third year in a row.

Rodriguez became the first Texas catcher to win two straight Gold Gloves since Jim Sundberg won from 1976-81.

ALL-DISTRICT — Snyder's Christina Gonzales earned All-District 2-4A status during the recently ended fall team-tennis season. A picture was misidentified in Sunday's SDN as being Gonzales, when in fact, it was former teammate Leslie Sandoval. Gonzales is joined on the all-loop team by SHS mates Melissa Garvin and Katie Thornton. (SDN Staff Photo)

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
East						
Buffalo	7	2	0	.778	172	120
Miami	7	2	0	.778	201	159
N.Y. Jets	5	4	0	.556	217	158
Indianapolis	3	6	0	.333	145	210
New England	1	8	0	.111	113	200
Central						
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	215	136
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	168	181
Houston	5	4	0	.556	206	157
Cincinnati	0	9	0	.000	100	224
West						
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778	164	144
Denver	5	4	0	.556	229	175
LA Raiders	5	4	0	.556	172	178
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	165	169
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	157	183
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Dallas	7	2	0	.778	206	126
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	180	118
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	155	191
Phoenix	3	7	0	.300	183	176
Washington	2	7	0	.222	145	229
Central						
Detroit	7	2	0	.778	187	140
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556	199	161
Minnesota	5	4	0	.556	155	177
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	142	124
Tampa Bay	2	7	0	.222	120	251
West						
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	200	173
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	255	179
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	184	222
LA Rams	2	7	0	.222	131	205

Sunday's Games

Green Bay 19, New Orleans 17
Houston 38, Cincinnati 3
San Francisco 45, Tampa Bay 21
Miami 19, Philadelphia 14
New York Giants 20, Washington 6
Dallas 20, Phoenix 15
Kansas City 31, Los Angeles Raiders 20
Atlanta 13, Los Angeles Rams 0
Seattle 22, Cleveland 5
Minnesota 26, Denver 23
New York Jets 31, Indianapolis 17
Chicago 16, San Diego 13
Open Date: Detroit, New England

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh 23, Buffalo 0

Sunday, Nov. 21

Chicago at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New York Jets, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Detroit vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
New York Giants at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Open Date: Phoenix, Seattle

Monday, Nov. 22

New Orleans at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

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7th girls rip Big Spring

Morgan Kelley scored 11 points and Leslie Daniell added 10 as Snyder's seventh grade girls' A team hammered Big Spring, 42-8, in Monday's basketball season opener.

The Snyder B team was also a winner Monday, posting a 26-4 win behind Abby Scott's team-high 12 points.

Also scoring in the A victory were Mandy Hess, who chipped in eight, Shannon Hall, who was good for five, Elizabeth Beckham, who canned four, and Rene Trevino and Jami Burrow, who finished with two each.

Terra Lyons and Keila Helms knocked down four apiece for the B team and Sharika Woolford, Amy Church and Laurie Huddleston each contributed a bucket.

The SJHS seventh graders will visit Colorado City on Nov. 22 for games beginning at 5 p.m.

Special Olympians place at tourney

ABILENE — Stephanie Guerrero, Laura Vanous, Marvin Butler, Jonathan Barrow and Mikey Lindsey each captured a first place medal for Snyder at the recent Area 14 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament.

A total of 18 athletes from Snyder competed at the tourney.

Second-place honors went to Randy Underwood, Russell Lloyd, Tabitha Gomez, Aris Lockett and Ricky Berry, while Bryan Daniels, Ernie Cerda, Ellen Cardin and Blaine Burney each claimed a third-place award.

Tom Crawley and Susie Mullen took fourths here, and Michael Cotton and Shayne Harmon wound up fifth.

Coaches for the Snyder team are Juanita Glass and Tommy Cotton. Chaperones for the trip were Suzanne Barrow, Tim Wright, Brenda Burney, Jerry Tucker, Phyllis Leatherwood, Jeannie Cardin, Larry Cardin and Doug Harmon.

Harrisons pace 'Sharks at meet

Kara Harrison, Kameron Harrison and K.C. Harrison led the Snyder Tigersharks at Saturday's ABC Swim Meet at Odessa Permian High School Saturday.

Kara placed first and received her B certificates in both the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard freestyle. In addition, She took first in the 50-yard fly, second in the 50-yard breaststroke, second in the 100-yard freestyle, first in the 100-yard individual medley, fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and 5th in the 50-yard backstroke.

Kameron wound up with a third-place finish in the 50-yard backstroke, 4th in the 25-yard backstroke, fifth in the 25-yard fly, and sixth in both the 25-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle.

K.C.'s honors included a sixth in the 100-yard individual medley.

Also attending the meet for Snyder were Kallie Billingsley, Marci Kruger, Josh Ortegon and Amber Schwertner.

The Tigersharks' next meet is slated for Nov. 20 at the Lubbock YWCA.

Anyone wanting more information about the team may contact coach Mike Harrison at Western Texas College at 573-8511, ext. 283.

8th graders claim split

Snyder eighth graders earned a split with Big Spring in Monday's girls' basketball openers.

The Lady Tigers' A squad edged BSJHS, 20-19, and Snyder B fell to the Lady Longhorns, 25-17.

The A team victory was led by Melanie Kidd who scored 14 points. Lila King, Halea Huestis and Erin Scott each chipped in a bucket.

Brooke French canned a team-high six points in the B loss Monday, followed by Mandy Heaton's four, three from Mary Higby, and two apiece from Jenise Judah and Traci Eicke.

Snyder's next contest is slated for Nov. 22 at Colorado City.

Ira girls top Lady Hornets

IRA — Ira Junior High's girls notched a convincing 30-12 season opening victory over Highland Monday, while the IJHS boys fell to the Hornets, 26-22.

Terry Robinson canned 13 points and Melissa Brasuel added 11 for the Lady Bulldogs.

Ira led 22-16 in the boys' game, before being shutout 10-0 in the final period.

Todd Collom poured in 11 for Ira. Xavier Lara was tops for Highland with 12.

Both Ira teams will be in action Saturday when they host the Ira Junior High Tournament.

Games begin at 8:30 a.m. with the Loraine-Westbrook girls' game, followed at 9:45 by the same two schools colliding in a boys' contest.

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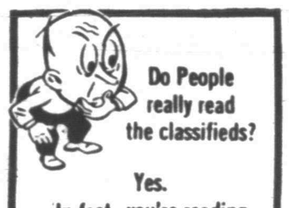

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Newspaper says patient had been injected with plutonium

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A Texas amputee was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic after claiming to have been injected with plutonium in a secret government experiment, but a newspaper found the story was true.

The Albuquerque Tribune reported Monday that Elmer Allen received the radioactive injection under a 1947 Manhattan Project experiment at San Francisco's University of California Hospital, where his left leg was amputated because of what doctors said was pre-existing bone cancer.

Allen, who died at age 80 on June 30, 1991, was the last of 18 people injected during tests of plutonium's effects on humans that began in 1945, the newspaper said.

The experiments have been previously reported, but no patients had been identified until The Tribune, through Freedom of Information Act documents, learned the names of five of the 18 who received the injections.

For Allen, it all began Sept. 3, 1946, when a train jolted, knocking the porter sideways and injuring his knee.

The knee never healed, and on July 14, 1947, the hospital pathology department concluded Allen had bone cancer. Four days later, doctors asked if they could inject Allen with a radioactive trace element.

"The experimental nature of the intramuscular injection of the radioactive tracer sample was explained to the patient, who agreed upon the procedure," his medical records say. "The patient was fully oriented and in sane mind."

In the years that followed, Allen seemed to grow physically strong in his hometown of Italy but he had lost his railroad job, and the injection and amputation played on his mind.

A friend, Joe Speed, says Allen told him "they put a germ cancer in his leg." He told his family he'd been used as "a guinea pig," daughter Elmerine Whitfield said Monday in Dallas.

He also began suffering epileptic-type seizures and began drinking heavily, she said.

Family doctor David Williams of Waxahachie said he diagnosed Allen as a paranoid schizophrenic, saying that condition might have been present all Allen's life.

"This paranoia was certainly helped and did center around his feeling that he had been utilized as a younger man with this exposure to plutonium," Williams said.

"It was difficult to tell whether to believe him or not. I wondered. I also wondered if it was a portion of his paranoia and whether or not it was a crutch for him not to function as he should have functioned," the doctor said.

He said he never saw physical effects attributable to plutonium, which can cause cancer.

"What I saw was a fellow who had a loss of limb and became an emotional cripple because of it," he said.

The other four patients identified by the newspaper:

—Albert Stevens, a house painter from Healdsburg, Calif., misdiagnosed with stomach cancer, who lived more than 20 years with what one scientist, unidentified by the paper, described as "many times the so-called lethal textbook dose" of plutonium; died Jan. 9, 1966.

—Town supervisor Fred C. Sours from Gates, N.Y., also deceased. Although the date of death was not reported, Sours' body was exhumed in 1978 for followup tests and reburied in 1981.

—Eda Schultz Charlton, homemaker, Canandaigua, N.Y.; died Jan. 24, 1983.

—John Mousso, laborer, East Rochester, N.Y.; died May 6, 1984.

Elmerine Whitfield said se didn't realize her father had been injected with plutonium until the family was contacted by The Tribune last year. She said Allen had an eighth-grade education and would not have understood what was happening to him.

"I think it's very, very unfortunate that the government would do things like this to people who don't know any better," she told The Associated Press.

She said her father's death certificate lists the cause of his death as respiratory failure caused by pneumonia resulting from emphysema. He had been smoker as long as she had known him, she said.

Stevens' son, Thomas, said he learned of the plutonium injections for the first time this spring when the newspaper called.

"It's inconceivable that anything like this could have occurred. You think of something like this happening in other countries," said Stevens, who didn't want his hometown in Michigan disclosed.

The Army's Manhattan Project, which created the atomic bomb, planned the injections because scientists wanted data on retention and excretion of plutonium to set safety standards and protect nuclear workers, The Tribune reported.

The newspaper said plutonium was injected into people who were 4 to 69 years old at hospitals in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Rochester, N.Y.; Chicago and San Francisco.

The patients supposedly were terminally ill when injected, but more than one-third lived more than 10 years, and four lived 30 years or more, the newspaper said.

The House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on energy conservation and power reported in 1986 that the government tested hundreds of people on effects of radioactivity. It called on the Energy Department to locate and compensate those used in the experiments.

Disabled suffer while waiting for Social Security to decide

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the year he waited for Social Security benefits, Fabius Buras had to stop driving, sell his beloved taxicab and turn to charity for food and money.

Depressed by the loss of his income after two strokes, Buras twice tried to kill himself.

Across the country, thousands of injured or ill workers like Buras are waiting for Social Security to decide their claims for disability benefits. Some go hungry, others lose their homes. Families fall apart, people die on the waiting list.

And though Congress recently boosted Social Security's budget by $320 million to pare the backlog and accelerate decisions, the agency's plans to hire more workers now appear tangled in the politics of streamlining government.

"It's really a very desperate situation. It's watching people do almost anything to keep themselves afloat," said Nancy Shor, executive director of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants Representatives, an association of attorneys who represent people with cases before the Social Security Administration.

Social Security asked the White House several weeks ago for authority to hire 1,000 workers, but its request comes at the same time the Clinton administration wants to cut 252,000 employees from the federal payroll.

"Unfortunately, it appears that no action is being taken because the Office of Management and Budget has insisted on imposing a governmentwide hiring freeze on SSA along with every other federal agency," said Rep. J.J. "Jake" Pickle, D-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee.

"I understand the need to restrain the growth in the size of the federal government," Pickle said. "However, in this instance people are being denied services to which they are entitled and for which they have already paid."

Office of Management and Budget spokesman Barry Toiv said the administration is "well aware of the concerns and we're looking very closely at the request."

But Rep. Andy Jacobs, D-Ind., chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security, said it's "outrageous" that OMB has failed to make a decision yet, given the mounting human misery.

Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark., said his office has been receiving increasingly desperate calls from people who face eviction, the loss of utilities, homelessness and inadequate medical care while they wait.

"People who have worked their whole lives only to become disabled should not have to face abject poverty," Pryor told OMB Director Leon Panetta in a letter Monday.

According to Social Security, people now wait an average of 110 days for a ruling on their initial claim for disability benefits, but the appeals process can delay the final decision for a year.

And even with the additional money from Congress, Social Security expects the average wait to lengthen to 145 days as the number of applications continues to grow. The agency also forecasts an increase in its backlog from 732,000 today to 1 million next year.

The number of disability claims began rising in the late 1980s, just after Social Security finished a restructuring that cut the agency's work force by 21 percent.

Although no one knows for sure what is causing the explosion in disability claims, the economy and the aging of the baby boom generation are thought to be part of the reason.

For Fabius Buras, who drove a cab for 30 years until his stroke, living without his income was almost more than he could bear.

"I was despondent as hell," he said. Buras found out last week that he would soon see his first disability check, almost a year after his stroke.

"Now that I know I've got this disability coming in, it's made a big change in me," he said. "I feel better about myself."

But for Dennis Dospoy, the wait drags on after 15 months. The 38-year-old mechanic and father of three from Lititz, Pa., has an arterial malformation on the right side of his brain.

His doctor said he risks his life if he works. His wife, Helen, is a deli manager and baby sits on her days off, but there are still weeks when they do not have enough money to buy groceries.

"It's terrible," said Dospoy's wife, Helen. "He's resentful because he can't work, and he can't get any help. He's worked since he was 13, and now he needs help."

Indictment likely for former aide

AUSTIN (AP) — A former top aide to U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison emerged from a grand jury appearance and called the investigation of the senator "outrageous."

Alicia Fechtel said Monday, "To my knowledge Kay Bailey Hutchison has done nothing illegal. I think it's outrageous. We are being attacked for things that we didn't either do, or things that we did do (which) were totally proper."

Ms. Fechtel was general counsel of the state Treasury

Mrs. Hutchison was indicted in September on charges that she used her previous position as state treasurer for personal and political gain, and then destroyed records as part of a coverup.

The charges were later dismissed after her defense team discovered a grand juror who was ineligible to serve because of a pending theft charge.

Prosecutors are seeking to have a second grand jury re-indict Mrs. Hutchison.

Ms. Fechtel's attorney, Ron Woods, said prosecutors are trying to trap Ms. Fechtel into making a statement before the grand jury that is different than her testimony before the first grand jury.

Then they will indict her on perjury charges "to destroy her credi-

know she is going to be one of the main witnesses for Kay at trial," Woods said.

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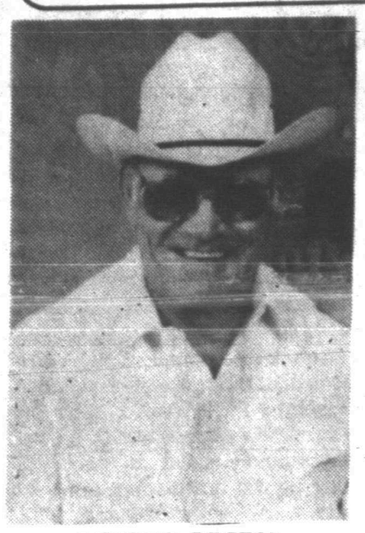

LESTER BRUNS

Lester Bruns

1927-1993

Services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the chapel of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Lester Bruns of Snyder. The Rev. Buck Hatfield, retired minister of Faith Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Roscoe Cemetery.

Mr. Bruns, 66, died at 11:34 a.m. Monday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Born Junly 12, 1927, in Nolan County, he married Lorraine Pollard on Jan. 29, 1984, in Big Spring.

He worked for a number of years as chief engineer on riverboats on the Mississippi River and other rivers in the south. He was a former member of the Snyder Police Deptment. Living most of his life in Snyder, he had worked for several years at Roe's Furniture and Appliance. He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of the home; one son, Delbert Bruns of Houston; one daughter, Shirley Ann Breedlove of Clyde; one sister, Gladys Kuss of Hermleigh; four stepchildren, Richard Simpson of Sweeny, Carolyn Snyder of Amarillo, Steven Simpson of Durham, N.C., and Dennis Simpson of Amarillo; four grandchildren; 12 step-grandchildren; and three great-step-grandchildren.

Aaron Smith

1991-1993

FLOYDADA — Graveside services were set for 2 p.m. today in Lubbock's Resthaven Memorial Park for Aaron Mitchell Smith, 2, who died Sunday at his home in Floydada. Officiating was the Rev. Howell Farnsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

He was the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gary of Snyder.

He was born on May 23, 1991 in Lubbock.

Survivors include his parents, Tracy and Dixie Smith of Floydada; a brother, Brock Smith of Floydada; his grandparents, Don and Lonette Smith of New Home, D.L. and Inez Miller of Floydada and J.V. and Violet Hopper of Brownfield.

Betty Harris

1931-1993

HOUSTON — Services are pending for Mrs. Betty Lynn Gatlin Harris, 62, who died this morning in Houston.

A native of Snyder, Mrs. Harris was a graduate of Snyder High School and McMurry University.

She is survived by her husband, Marion Harris of Houston; a son and daughter-in-law, Kelly and Marty Campbell of Houston; and three aunts, Opal Evans, Pauline House and Edna Mae Mearse, all of Snyder.

Robert Hudson

1902-1993

LEVELLAND — Services are still pending at George Price Funeral Directors in Levelland for Robert F. Hudson, 91, who was pronounced dead of natural causes at his home in Snyder by Justice of the Peace Wanda Rushing at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

Mr. Hudson is survived by a stepdaughter, Loretta Kellum of Snyder; and a nephew, Willie Taft of Levelland.

Deputies work sexual assault cases Monday

Scurry County sheriff's deputies made one arrest for aggravated sexual assault, began investigating a second case, and worked a burglary Monday.

Police also made an arrest and worked a burglary Monday.

Sheriff's deputies arrested 27-year-old John Timothy Timora at the sheriff's office at 5:30 p.m. Monday on a warrant for aggravated sexual assault. Bond was set at $20,000 for Timora, who is being charged with sexually assaulting last month a juvenile under the age of 14.

In a separate case, sheriff's deputies began investigating a reported sexual assault which allegedly occurred Sunday morning west of Snyder. The victim was a juvenile over the age of 14. Deputies said no arrest has been made and the investigation is continuing.

Deputies were notified at 7:45 a.m. Monday of some tubing tongs and other oilfield equipment stolen from the Murphy Yeager lease west of Ira. The sheriff's office is waiting on an estimated value of the missing equipment, which is expected to be several thousand dollars.

At 1:25 p.m. Monday, Snyder police officers arrested a 35-year-old man in the 300 block of 29th Street on a municipal warrant for failure to appear.

At 2:26 p.m., officers transported a 49-year-old man from Municipal Court to the county jail to lay out fines for public intoxication.

Employees of Lota Burger contacted police at 4:27 a.m. today in reference to a burglary. An undetermined amount of currency was reported taken. A report for burglary of a business was filed.

In what may be a related incident, the police department was advised of a forced entry at the office of Billy Roach Crop Insurance at 4102½ College Ave. The break-in was reported shortly after 8 a.m. today, but nothing was reported missing.

Officers worked a minor traffic accident at 8:11 p.m. Monday in the 2700 block of 25th Street. Involved were a 1990 GMC pickup driven by Michael Brown of 2211 33rd St. and a 1983 Mercury Cougar driven by Roger Pavlik of 2901 38th Street.

British court hears voice of defendant

PRESTON, England (AP) — Taped interrogations of one of two schoolboys accused of killing a toddler reveal an 11-year-old repeatedly changing his story while denying blame for the victim's abduction and death.

The boy, identified per court order only as Child A, is heard breaking down and crying on several occasions during the police questioning.

"Why can't I go home with me mum?" Child A asks in a sniffily voice.

The court was to resume listening today to the tapes, which total about 61/2 hours. Later this week the court will hear the nearly six hours of interviews with Child B.

The two 11-year-old boys are charged with the abduction and murder of James Bulger, taken from a Liverpool shopping mall Feb. 12. The 2-year-old was led about two miles across town to a lonely rail track, where his battered body was found two days later.

Both boys, who were 10 at the time of the crime, have pleaded innocent. But prosecutors say Child B has confessed to the crime while Child A told police he only watched. Since they are under 14 the prosecution must prove they knew right from wrong.

On the police tapes, Child A is heard telling police he and Child B saw James walking with his mother in the shopping center. "I never left with Baby James," the boy tells police.

But, presented with videos from mall security cameras showing two older boys leading James away, Child A recants and admits they left with the toddler.

Speaking in a clear, high-pitched voice with a heavy Liverpudlian accent, Child A tells police the Child B took the toddler and asks: "Why are you talking to me?"

The boy then tells police he left the toddler at a church.

American held in Iraq returns home

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AP) — An American oil worker held captive in Iraq for almost seven months returned home today with the U.S. senator who negotiated his release.

"I will say I was not mistreated and was nothing more than a political pawn ... They needed something to open a dialogue, something to gain recognition from the Western world, including of course the United States," said Kenneth Beaty, 45, of Mustang, Okla.

The Texas native, who arrived here this morning on an Air Force jet with Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., was freed Monday after Boren met with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, in Baghdad.

Boren stressed that his trip was for humanitarian purposes only, that his talks involved no negotiations with the Iraqi government on other issues and that no deals were made for Beaty's release.

"We made it clear all along the United States would not make concessions," Boren said. "There was no quid pro quo." He added, "I carried no message from the president of the United States on any other subject. I received no messages to bring back to him."

Beaty's release was widely seen as a goodwill gesture by Saddam Hussein's regime to get crippling U.N. sanctions lifted so it can start exporting oil again.

The U.N. Security Council is expected to review the sanctions next week. Aziz is to meet Nov. 22 with U.N. officials in New York.

Beaty, who was head of exploration for the Dallas-based Santa Fe Oil Co., was arrested April 25 when he strayed across the border into Iraq after checking an oil well in northern Kuwait. On May 3, a Baghdad court sentenced him to eight years in prison for trespassing.

His release had been sought on humanitarian grounds on account of heart problems.

Beaty, whose parents live outside of Borger, Texas, said he was hospitalized three times during his imprisonment. Boren said Dr. Ronald H. White, an Oklahoma City cardiologist who flew to Baghdad with the senator, examined Beaty and pronounced him in good health.

"I was treated well," Beaty said. "We did have radios, Trivial Pursuit cards; just read a lot mainly, said our prayers and hoped for the best."

President Clinton spoke with Beaty and Boren by telephone on the return flight. "We had a very fine conversation with him last night," Boren said.

Beaty was met at the Air Force base by his wife, Robin, and a small group of supporters who held aloft flags and a poster saying "Welcome Home, Kenny."

"I think our faith sustained us through all of this," said Mrs. Beaty, who worked tirelessly to secure her husband's release.

Beaty credited Boren's behind-the-scenes work since his April 25 capture for his release. "I think that was what tipped the scales, Senator Boren coming in an unofficial capacity," he said.

"He came to Baghdad and it was that quick, and here I am," an emotional Beaty said, calling his ordeal "a nightmare that my family went through."

The Beatys have two daughters, ages 6 and 9, who were waiting for their parents' return Thursday to Oklahoma.

State treasurer promises she will abolish office if elected

AUSTIN (AP) — State Treasurer Martha Whitehead promises if voters elect her next year, she'll work to put herself out of office by abolishing her agency.

"The people of this state are truly desperate to see this kind of reform happen," Mrs. Whitehead, a Democrat who draws a $79,247-a-year salary, said Monday. "I truly believe that state officials ought to be responsive to the clear message that the taxpayers are sending us: that we must indeed do more with less."

But Republicans greeted her announcement with suspicion.

"Beware of Democrats who offer to save money, because frequently their offers turn out to build bigger bureaucracies and cost more," said Karen Hughes, state GOP executive director.

Austin businesswoman Teresa Doggett added, "I'm sure that it's political ... I don't think the people of Texas will be fooled by it." She and Austin banker David Hartman have announced for the GOP nomination to challenge Mrs. Whitehead.

"The state of Texas needs the state treasurer to be the taxpayers' fiscal watchdog," Hartman said.

Mrs. Whitehead was named treasurer by Gov. Ann Richards after Republican former treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison was elected to the U.S. Senate.

When appointed in June, Mrs. Whitehead didn't endorse abolishing her agency, saying the treasurer has a "valid role." She said Monday that she has carefully studied the Treasury since then.

Mrs. Whitehead said the main functions of her agency — with an approximately $11 million-a-year operating budget and about 250 employees — should be transferred to the comptroller's office.

Those jobs include investments, cash management and being custodian for unclaimed property and money that's turned over to the state, she said. The comptroller is the state's chief tax collector and provides state economic forecasts, along with other functions.

Since the treasurer's office is in the state constitution, eliminating it would require a constitutional amendment to be approved by two-thirds of the Legislature and by Texas voters. Mrs. Whitehead said she would draft and support legislation to do away with the Treasury in the 1995 legislative session.

But Ms. Hughes said the Texas Constitution sets up both offices "to allow a system of checks and balances."

"It appears that this is a political ploy on Ms. Whitehead's part that may sound good, but actually would undermine sound financial management of taxpayers' dollars," she said.

David Beckwith, spokesman for Mrs. Hutchison, added, "No one person should have total control over collection, investment and (disbursement) of the public funds." And, he said, "There's no guarantee that this will save taxpayers a nickel."

Supreme Court rejects Texas inmates' appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused, without comment, to hear the appeals of three Texas death row inmates.

The court took the action Monday in the cases of Denton Crank, Roy Gene Smith and Monty Allen Delk.

Crank, 38, who won a late reprieve from lethal injection by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans in June, was convicted for the 1984 slaying of a grocery store employee in Houston.

Crank's attorney, Dan Wannamaker, had raised several appellate issues, including a complaint that jurors in Crank's trial were not allowed to consider evidence that his client was abused as a child. Wannamaker said Monday his client still has an appeal before the 5th Circuit.

Smith, 35, was convicted in the 1988 robbery-slaying of James Whitmire, a 67-year-old Houston man. A witness saw Smith going through Whitmire's pockets, and the defendant's girlfriend told police she heard the five gunshots that hit Whitmire in the head and chest.

Smith later used a portion of the $4.27 in change he had stolen from Whitmire to buy his girlfriend a hot dog. He also is serving a life sentence for killing Michael Musser, who was murdered in 1988 during a robbery attempt in Houston.

Delk was convicted in the 1986 slaying of Gene Olan "Bubba" Allen II. Allen's car was stolen and his body found on a remote road outside Palestine. He had been shot in the back of the head.

None of the three has a current execution date.

Strip-search of Jackson said likely

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police have a warrant to strip-search Michael Jackson to corroborate a 13-year-old boy's allegations he was molested, a source says.

Jackson's lawyers, meanwhile, said the pop superstar was not trying to duck the criminal investigation when he checked into a drug rehabilitation center overseas.

"If Michael Jackson wanted an excuse to stay out of the United States, all he had to do is stay on his tour," lawyer Bertram Fields said. "This is his home. He's coming back. ... He doesn't intend to desert the United States."

A source speaking on condition of anonymity said Los Angeles police had obtained a warrant to check the boy's description of spots on Jackson's genitals. In February, the singer revealed he had a skin condition known as vitiligo.

Chamber

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members, including those who are coming on the board and those who will be leaving the board," said Donna Gray, chamber board president.

During informational discussion, Ricky Fritz, chamber manager, reported that the Pasture Party, an annual fund-raiser, generated more than $1,600 this year.

The board briefly discussed hanging Christmas lights on the first available "good weather" day. The annual lighting ceremony is set for Friday, Nov. 26, on the square.

Board members were also updated on the Unified Economic Development Committee and Development Corporation of Snyder, which has recently been given rent-free space by American State Bank, in which to house an economic development office.

Present Monday were board [illegible] Huddleston, Paula McWilliams, Pam Browning, Joel Hook, Travis Bunch, Bobby Beard and Max von Roeder.

NAFTA

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the White House was wooing not just undecided lawmakers, but opponents as well. Their weapons: new wheat protections for western legislators, and agreements to protect producers of citrus fruit, sugar and winter vegetables in Florida's big 23-member House delegation.

"It's extremely close, and NAFTA is going to be ratified," predicted Bill Frenzel, a former House Republican from Minnesota advising the White House on NAFTA.

Foes of the agreement said they remained undaunted, and claimed at least 223 supporters — more than enough to kill the pact designed to eliminate tariffs and other restrictions on trade between Canada, Mexico and the United States over 15 years.

Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio, a leader of the NAFTA opponents, accused Clinton of "wining and dining people now at taxpayers' expense," a reference to the deals the White House has reportedly offered for votes.

"I think he's demeaning the debate by doing all of this" deal-making, Kaptur said in an interview.

A pair of free-trade supporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they hope to grab up to a dozen votes from Florida before the House vote Wednesday night. According to the AP survey, five Floridians said they support NAFTA or are likely to do so; 15 are ready to oppose it, and three are undecided.

The state's lawmakers scheduled a meeting today in the Capitol to hear from agricultural interests back home.

Congressional sources said the administration struck a deal with some lawmakers from Oklahoma and Texas to act against Canadian wheat imports in exchange for their votes.

The administration agreed to impose quotas on durum wheat if Canada does not change its pricing policies within 60 days, the sources said. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, cited that agreement in announcing his support for Clinton on Monday.

As both sides counted votes and lobbied behind closed doors, each used public events to turn up the pressure.

Clinton spoke to a group of small business owners defending NAFTA and reminding them that if it does not work, the United States could pull out by giving six months notice.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)

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AMR Corp	713/8	71	711/8	-1/4
Albtsn s	24	231/2	233/4	-1/4
Alldsignal	727/8	725/8	725/8	-1/4
Alltel s	271/4	267/8	271/8	+1/4
AmStores	421/4	421/8	421/4	+1/8
Amer T&T	571/8	567/8	57	+1/4
Ameritech	803/8	801/8	803/8	+1/4
Amoco	531/4	527/8	53	-3/8
AndarkPtr	457/8	443/4	443/4	—11/2
Arkla	81/8	8	8	+1/8
ArmcoInc	6	57/8	6	
AtlRichfld	108	1063/4	1071/8	-5/8
BakerHughes	223/8	211/2	215/8	-5/8
BancTexas	11/2	11/2	11/2	+1/8
BellAtl	611/4	61	61	+1/8
BellSouth	561/8	553/4	56	+3/8
Beth Steel	171/2	173/8	173/8	-1/8
Boeing	155/8	143/4	147/8	-1/2
Caterplr	88	861/4	873/8	—21/2
CenSoWst	29	283/4	287/8	+1/8
Chevron	907/8	901/8	901/4	-3/8
Chrysler	561/8	553/4	557/8	+1/2
Coastal	281/2	283/8	283/8	+1/4
CocaCola	421/4	415/8	42	+5/8
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DresserInd	201/2	20	201/8	-3/8
DuPont	481/2	48	481/8	
EstKodak	631/4	623/4	63	
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GenMills	623/8	615/8	613/4	-1/4
GenMotors	533/8	523/8	531/8	+15/8
GenMotors E	30	293/8	293/4	—11/4
GaPacif	741/4	733/4	74	-3/4
GlobalMar	43/4	45/8	43/4	+1/4
Goodrich	451/4	447/8	447/8	-3/8
Goodyear s	42	411/2	415/8	+1/8
GtAtlPac	283/8	281/8	281/4	+1/8
Gulf StaUt	19	187/8	19	+1/8
Halliburts	343/8	335/8	335/8	-5/8
Hanson ADS	201/2	203/8	203/8	+1/8
HoustInd	463/4	463/8	463/8	+1/8
IBM	511/8	503/4	507/8	-1/8
IntlPaper	651/2	641/2	643/4	-1/2
JohnsnJns	441/8	435/8	437/8	+1/4
K mart	233/8	23	231/4	
Kroger	187/8	181/2	183/4	+1/4
Litton	70	695/8	697/8	+1/2
vjLoneStar	2	17/8	2	
Lowes	503/4	503/8	503/8	+1/4
Lubys	223/8	221/8	223/8	+1/4
Maxus	61/2	61/4	63/8	-1/8
MayDS s	455/8	447/8	45	-1/2
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Praxair	165/8	161/2	161/2	-1/8
Primerica s	42	411/2	415/8	+1/4
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Tenneco	50	483/4	491/4	-7/8
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TexasInd	25	243/4	243/4	-1/4
TexasInst	623/4	615/8	613/4	—1
Tex Util	431/4	423/4	427/8	+1/8
Textron	563/8	56	56	-1/8
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TritonEngy	323/8	321/4	321/4	
US West	47	463/4	463/4	
USX Delhi	181/4	181/8	181/8	
USX-Marathn	18	173/4	177/8	
USX-USS	371/8	37	37	-1/8
UnCarbde	203/4	201/2	205/8	+1/4
UnPac	633/4	633/8	635/8	+1/8
UnitedTech	643/4	633/4	645/8	+3/4
Unocal	28	275/8	273/4	+1/2
WalMart s	295/8	293/8	291/2	+1/4
WstnGasRs	321/2	32	321/8	-5/8
WestghEl	137/8	131/2	133/4	-1/4
WinnDixie	551/8	541/2	543/4	+1/4
Woolwth	223/4	223/8	221/2	
Xerox Cp	82	813/4	813/4	-1/4
ZenithE	71/4	71/8	71/8	

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FBI 'mindset' for assault on Branch Davidian cult faulted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI fell victim to a "law enforcement mind-set" in ignoring expert advice and launching a tear-gas assault against a religious cult's complex that led to 85 deaths, an outside authority says.

The FBI could have avoided last spring's debacle near Waco if it had heeded its negotiators and behavioral experts who opposed pressure tactics, wrote Alan Stone, a Harvard University professor of law and psychiatry.

Instead, he wrote, the bureau succumbed to the "gut instinct" of the "law enforcement mind-set, the action-control imperative" in dealing with the Branch Davidians, led by David Koresh.

Stone's report was released Monday, five weeks after the Justice Department, an outside evaluator and nine other experts issued findings. He said he used their work and conducted additional studies to pursue unanswered questions. The department hired him and the other consultants to recommend how to deal with similar cases in the future.

On April 19 after a 11/2-month siege, the FBI used an armored vehicle to punch holes in the buildings and poured tear gas through the holes. Shortly thereafter, flames engulfed the complex.

"If you're really concerned there are 25 innocent children there, then it's never too late to back off," Stone said in an interview Monday, rejecting the notion that "the tragedy was unavoidable."

The cult residents, including 25 infants and children, died after the fire broke out. Stone conceded that the Branch Davidians set the fire and killed themselves.

Left unclear was whether the FBI, in urging Attorney General Janet Reno to approve the tear-gas plan, told her "that the agency had rejected the advice of their own experts in behavioral science and negotiation, or whether the AG was told that FBI negotiators believed they could get more people out of the compound by negotiation."

"By the time the AG made her decision, the noose was closed and, as one agent told me, the FBI believed that they had 'three options — gas, gas and gas,'" Stone wrote.

He called it "a misguided and punishing law enforcement strategy."

Stone also criticized the use of CS gas and questioned whether the FBI gave Reno sufficient information on its dangers.

Reno had no comment, but the FBI said Stone's report "went awry in suggesting the FBI failed to do everything within its power to bring the case to a peaceful conclusion without loss of life."

The siege began Feb. 28 with a raid by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that turned into a shoot-out that killed four ATF agents and six Davidians.

Regarding the CS gas, Stone did not accuse the FBI of deliberately withholding information from Reno but said the information she got "seems to minimize the potential harmful consequences for infants and children."

Criticizing the briefing the FBI gave him on the gas, Stone said that if Reno got the same information, "she was ill-advised and made an ill-advised decision."

Stone said a 1972 report found that a normal infant exposed to the gas in an enclosed home for up to three hours was hospitalized with numerous serious ailments, from his skin turning blue from lack of oxygen to an enlarged liver.

Although Stone raised the possibility that some of the children who suffocated could have been felled by the gas, Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said there was no evidence of that.

The FBI said it consulted a world expert on CS who told with numerous doctors about its effect on children, and noted that Reno and FBI officials extensively interviewed that person and two military experts.

In addition, the bureau said it negotiated for nearly two months and a number of people left the compound as a result.

A Justice Department chronology of the standoff said Reno approved the plan after the FBI provided a detailed report on the situation, but that Reno "did not read the prepared statement carefully, nor did she read the supporting documentation provided along with the statement."

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Bed rest is best for Coxsackie virus

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Have you any information about the Coxsackie virus that is never mentioned in this country but of which about 27 types have been reportedly identified? In Britain it is taken very seriously by the virologists. My son suffers from this condition, and it has resulted in his inability to walk more than a couple of blocks without utter fatigue, breathlessness and severe chest pain. Possible cardiovascular causes were naturally first exhaustively investigated and ruled out, with Coxsackie virus pinpointed as the culprit.

DEAR READER: There are, as you pointed out, more than 30 strains of Coxsackie virus (first discovered in the upstate New York town of Coxsackie), and each specie can cause disease, ranging from mouth ulcerations to paralysis.

In fact, infection with the Coxsackie A7 virus resembles polio. Coxsackie viruses commonly cause heart inflammation. Other virus-induced disorders include rash, lung disease, meningitis, conjunctivitis, chest pain, fatigue and headache. The viruses are often recognized in the U.S., as well as other countries.

The diagnosis is made by blood tests or by isolating the virus from tissues or body fluids.

There is no treatment for Coxsackie virus infection, which tends to run its course with time. Bed rest is helpful; complications are treated as they arise.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about trichomoniasis?

DEAR READER: Trichomonas is a tiny parasite that commonly lives in the genito-urinary tracts of both men and women. In males, the microorganism seldom causes symptoms, although some men may experience a discharge or vague genital discomfort. Rarely, the parasite may cause prostate infection. Whether symptomatic or not, male carriers can infect their sexual partners.

In females, trichomonas can be the source of a particularly troublesome frothy vaginal discharge (vaginitis) that causes discomfort and irritation. However, many infected women report no symptoms.

Trichomoniasis is diagnosed by examining a drop of genital secretions. The parasite is visible under the microscope. Also, it can be grown in a special nutrient.

Treatment with Flagyl (for both partners) almost always eradicates the parasite. Men and women with trichomoniasis should be tested for other sexually transmitted diseases (because they may occur in conjunction with the parasite), for which different treatment is prescribed.

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

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Older students don't think book reading very important

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seventeen-year-olds think it is more important to learn math and computer skills than to read. And only 42 percent spend time each week reading books other than homework, according to a survey on children's reading habits.

Nine-year-olds are twice as likely to read books as are 17-year-olds, the survey found. Some 86 percent said they do so at least a few times a week. The survey was released today by the American Federation of Teachers, a union, and Chrysler Corp.

"Reading is necessary for mastering all other subjects," said AFT President Albert Shanker. "The good reader is excited about what they read; the poor reader only sees words and letters. The more you read, the more background knowledge you possess."

The survey offered a few explanations for the decline in reading between ages 9 and 17.

"The preteen and teen years are ones of intense interest in social interaction, which puts more solitary activities such as reading at a severe disadvantage for capturing young people's attention and involvement," it said.

Only 14 percent of the youths said reading would be the hardest activity to give up in a week; 34 percent cited playing sports, and 26 percent cited talking on the telephone.

If given an extra hour each day, half said they would spend it with friends and one-quarter said they would play more sports. Twelve percent said they would spend the extra time reading books or magazines.

The survey also found that "young Americans are consumed with the importance of mathematics and computers, to the detriment of reading and writing."

Sixty-five percent said math skills are the most or second most important ones to learn; 34 percent said the same about reading.

Fifty-four of those who watched five hours of television or more each day read only occasionally; 63 percent of those who watched one hour or less characterized themselves as active or moderate readers.

Noreen Nilan, 16, said she really enjoys reading, but she is probably the exception among her classmates at Pomperaug High School in Southbury, Conn.

"I think that reading is a very important skill because the more you read, the more you're going to know about a lot of different topics," she said.

The telephone survey of 524 youths ages 9 to 17 was conducted June 25-28, 1993, by Peter D. Hart Research Associates Inc. It has an overall margin of error of plus or minus 5 percent.

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Dear Abby

Woman's Affair to Remember Is One She'd Like to Forget

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: This is a painful letter for me to write, but I have to tell someone.

A year ago, I met a wonderful man who had been separated from his wife for six months. Our relationship turned into a love like I had never known before. I had been a housewife and mother for 18 years, but all I could think of was this man — so I left my husband, got a job, and began planning a future with my new love, who said he wanted to marry me.

Well, one week before his divorce was to be final, he called to tell me that he still loved his wife and was going back to her that night. I haven't seen or heard from him since. I was totally devastated and didn't want to go on living. I couldn't eat or sleep and ended up physically ill.

I felt I had nothing to live for, but I'm now trying to pull myself back together. My life will never be the same, and I hope someone learns something from my experience. Thanks for listening.

LEARNED THE HARD WAY

DEAR LEARNED: Your letter reinforces an important lesson: An affair with a married person is risky business, and there are always injured parties.

It's generous of you to want to spare others the pain you have experienced. Good luck to you.

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DEAR ABBY: Hooray for your response to "Nervous in New York," the person who was worried about condoms in schools. I agree completely!

If kids think they are ready to have sex, they are going to do it. If a parent or guardian tells them they can't, it only makes them more determined.

I firmly believe that handing out condoms by request — with instructions on their use — is helping. By instructing and providing, we are saving these kids from disease and from unwanted pregnancies. Abstinence is the best way. But most people (kids) don't know that until it's too late!

BEEN THERE IN TACOMA, WASH. (AGE 21)

DEAR BEEN THERE: I agree. Teaching abstinence *is* the best way, but that which is taught is not always learned. Parents, teachers, preachers and health professionals can talk until doomsday about the temptations of the flesh — but when the hormones are raging and the opportunity presents itself, it's easy to forget the lecture.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter about the little girl who always said "I don't care" when she was offered something, brought back memories of my girlhood days. When I was 8 years old, we moved into a new neighborhood and I made friends with a girl my age down the street. Whenever she was offered something, she'd say, "I don't care" — which irritated my mother no end.

Finally, one day my mother asked my friend if she wanted some lemonade — and my friend replied, "I don't care." Then Mom very calmly said, "Well, when you care, please let me know" ... then she walked away. I'll never forget that. This was just one in a long list of lessons my mother taught me.

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Couple claim lottery win

AUSTIN (AP) — Freddie Reeves has moved back to Texas in a big way.

Twenty-eight years after leaving the state for an Army career overseas, Reeves moved back to Texas last month and is now the state's latest millionaire — thanks to Lotto Texas.

Reeves and his wife, Ora, on Monday claimed a $3.9 million lotto jackpot drawn Saturday by matching the winning numbers 2, 3, 9, 10, 37 and 38.

Reeves, 48, collected his first installment of a 20-year payoff in the form of a check for $199,082.97 on Monday. He will receive a check for $193,000 each of the next 19 years.

Meanwhile, no one has claimed a $17 million lotto jackpot drawn Nov. 6.

Lottery spokesman Steve Levine said the single winning ticket with the numbers — 6, 27, 31, 41, 45 and 46 — was sold in the Midland area in West Texas.

"Our doors are open," Levine said. "We are waiting."

After two tours in Vietnam, four in Europe and numerous domestic assignments, Reeves retired with wis wife to Sierra Vista, Ariz., on October 31, 1991.

On Oct. 5 of this year, the Reeves moved to Everman, Texas, near Fort Worth, to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

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THANKSGIVING VILLAGE — Hermleigh first graders in Lori Williamson's class made Thanksgiving villages last week. From left, back row, Shae Rinehart, Brenda Torres, James Coonrod, Tyler Rogers, Lennon Lane and Atasha Arrendale; middle row, Karl Smith and Terry Don Chambliss; front row, Amy Botts and Justin Kelley. (SDN Staff Photo)

"STAINED GLASS" CORNUCOPIAS — Hermleigh third graders in Cindy Rogers' class made these "stained glass" cornucopias last week. From left, back row, Amelia Hermosillo, Jimmy Luna, Bianca Sookraj, Roy Torres and Stephanie Chambliss; front row, Jessica Hernandez, Clarissa Sauceda, Danny Elder and Shawn Roemisch. (SDN Staff Photo)

Psychiatrist concerned by number of 'unattached kids'

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston psychiatrist says an alarming number of youths here and across the nation have lost the ability to give or receive love and "would just as soon kill you as look at you."

Ninfa Cavazos, a psychiatrist with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department, said she has seen increasing numbers of young people adrift in society, unconstrained by traditional bonds and values.

"The tendency seems to be ... an increase in crime in which violators show little, if any, remorse," she said. "Society has to deal with it."

Ms. Cavazos, who evaluates juvenile suspects as part of the process to determine if they should be tried as adults, said the worst crimes are committed by those who have lost all sense of conscience.

The attitude comes from a variety of influences but perhaps none more important than "bonding attachment deficit," she said. Such youths have failed to develop appropriate emotional bonds with their parents and, subsequently, lost the ability to give or receive love.

Many of these children choose to give their lives meaning and worth through gangs, which allow youths to exchange their individual egos for a group ego that appears more powerful, Ms. Cavazos said.

Beth Pelz, an assistant professor at the University of Houston-Downtown, said it is not gangs themselves that are causing so much concern, but "the violent character and senseless nature" of gang activities.

Ms. Pelz, who is working on a statewide, three-year study of Texas gangs, said human life is valued cheaply by many gang members because they see their own lives that way.

Gang members she has interviewed have an immature view of life and an incomplete understanding of death, she said. Killings and other acts of violence become kind of a game.

"It's just not real to them," Ms. Pelz said.

INDIAN PROJECTS — Hermleigh fifth graders in Cathy Beckman's class recently made diaramas to complement their studies about American Indians. Shown with one diarama are back row, from left, Shannon Barnes, Mary Spruill, Ramon Granado, Billy Lambaren, Salvador Luna, Kami Bates and Toni Martinez; middle row, Samantha Smith and Lisa Sanchez; front row: Bryan Thomason, Jaret Eckert, David Digby, Amber Harbin and Lori Eckert. (SDN Staff Photo)

Brosky's mother upset her son is now a public target

DALLAS (AP) — When Sheilagh Brosky looks back at how her son, twice-convicted former skinhead Christopher Brosky, has been treated since March, she loses faith in the justice system.

"The word I'm trying to get out is don't call it justice when it's not," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Justice is portrayed as a woman wearing a blindfold to be impartial. Here in Texas she wears a blindfold so she can't see what's being done in her name."

Ms. Brosky is angry because her son has become an easy target for public outcry for his part in the racially motivated drive-by slaying of a black man.

She's upset because Brosky was the least involved of the three people convicted for murdering Donald Thomas early June 7, 1989.

Little infamy has trailed gunman William George "Trey" Roberts III or driver Joshua Hendry. They both plea bargained, leaving Brosky, 19, to carry the case into the spotlight alone.

"Now that it's become 'The Chris Brosky Case,' people have forgotten this kid was in the back seat," said defense attorney Ernie Bates. "Even the participants disagreed whether he handled the gun or even said 'shoot.'"

The case has garnered much public attention and even helped a hate crime bill pass the state Legislature. At each mention, Brosky's name and face usually follow, his mother said.

"Don't you think it's a big responsibility for Christopher to carry, all the collective guilt for 160 years of inhumane treatment? That's exactly what has happened," Ms. Brosky said.

In March, an all-white Tarrant County jury convicted Brosky of murder. Their sentence of 10 years' probation sparked wide-scale protests, including a 10,000-person march in Fort Worth. Some jurors said they had intended to send Brosky to prison but misunderstood the sentencing instructions. The outcry led Tarrant County prosecutors to seek a second conviction.

Brosky was convicted last week by a Galveston jury for engaging in organized criminal activity. He was fined $5,000 and sentenced to 40 years in prison — the same number of years handed to Roberts. Brosky could be eligible for parole in three years and four months.

Brosky's attorneys are trying to get the second trial considered double jeopardy, which is against the U.S. Constitution. Their motion has been sent to the Texas Court of Appeals.

Bates said he plans to file this week a motion in arrest of judgement over the double jeopardy issue and two motions involving the Galveston trial. One is for a new trial and the other is a standard appeal.

All motions could be consolidated and heard at once, Bates said.

Bates said he cannot be satisfied with Brosky's chance to seek parole in early 1997 because he expects protestors to be waiting for him even then.

Ms. Brosky, who did not attend the Galveston trial because her son feared for her safety, said she'd like him deported to his native Canada once he's served his time to avoid possible problems.

"The bottom line is Christopher may have been a skinhead, but it's not illegal. It may not be popular, but it's not illegal," she said.

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